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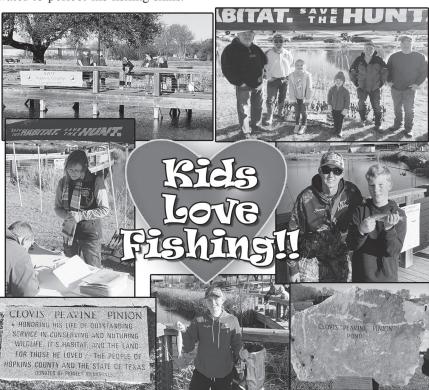
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The annual Larry Buster Memorial Kid Fishing Day was held on Saturday February 8, 2020 at Peavine Pinion Pond in 'City Park', or Buford Park in Sulphur Springs. The crowd grew to 200 as the morning went on and parents brought kids out to fish. For those who did not bring their own fishing equipment, free use of rod and reel was provided as well as bait which was whole kernel corn. Kids who signed up for prizes giveaways also received a fun packet about fishing. Seventy rod and reel prizes, donated by local individuals and businesses, were given out. Hot dogs and soft drinks were provided by members of Kiwanis Club and National Wild Turkey Federation. Expert assistance in baiting a hook and reeling in a catch was given by Jimmy Reardon of JDR Fishing Adventures, a non-profit he formed to teach kids to fish. At age 18, Jimmy is a licensed fishing guide and spends a lot of time on Texas lakes, creeks, ponds, rivers and just about any body of water to perfect his fishing skills.



The fishing pond was named for the late Clovis 'Peavine' Pinion, a local broadcaster who had a love of fishing and teaching kids to fish. He hosted the daily Hunting and Fishing Show of KSST Radio for over 40 years, and was beloved by everyone in the community. His slogan was, "every day that you fish adds a day to your life". It is in his memory as well as that of Larry Buster that the successful Kids Fishing Day event continues to be provided for youngsters. Thanks is given to every individual who lent a hand or donated money to this great cause.

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## Travis "Trabo" Booth

Funeral service for Travis "Trabo" Booth, 65 will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday February 14, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bryce Jester officiating. Interment will follow in Peerless Cemetery with Eddie Wood, Stanley Joe McQueen, Wesley McQueen, Hayden Booth, Johnny Booth, Mason Booth, Jason Pennington, Chris Vargas, serving as Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearer Cody Booth-Vargas. Visitation will be held at Murray-Orwosky Chapel 5 PM to 7 PM Thursday February 13th. Travis "Trabo" Booth passed away on Monday, February 10, 2020 in Tyler, TX.



## Regena Jo Jackson

Regena Jo Jackson passed away on February 2, 2020 in Dike, TX. She was born on November 12, 1951 to Jo and Charles Wagner. Regena married John Edward Jackson (Johnny) on December 20, 1968. He preceded her in death on December 14, 2017.

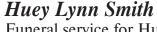
Regena and Johnny had two daughters, Christy Barger and husband Clifford of Dike and Jo Anne Jackson and husband James of Winnsboro. With her kids, Regena is also survived by her and Johnny's four grandkids, Jacob Shearer and wife, Kristyn of Hawkins, Stacy Barger and fiance Trevor of Cooper, Kasey Sanders and Dusty Sanders of Winnsboro, three great grandkids, Keegan Shearer, Stella Williams, Ivy Wallance and two more on the way. She is also survived by her three brothers, Charles, Wayne and Alex Wagner and one sister, Karon Hapke.

Besides her husband, Regena was also preceded in death by her mom and dad.

## Armond Clinton Beaty

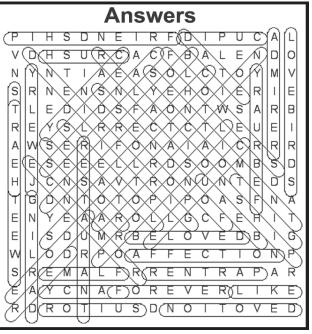
Armond Beaty passed away on February 7, 2020 at the age of 88, from heart failure at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, with family members by his side. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs. Armond Beaty was born January 15, 1932 in Dexter, New Mexico to Clifton Augusta Beaty and Mary Brian Beaty. He married Wanda Faye Hill of Tahoka, Texas. They were married in Clovis, New Mexico, February 16, 1954. he attended public schools in McFarland, California, El Centro Junior College, Dallas, Texas and Sam Houston State University. Armond retired from the Army after twenty years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean War and retired as a Master Sergeant E8. He then worked for the Dallas Police Department as a Police Officer.

He is survived by daughters, Sharon Lea Hough and husband Greg of Brashear, and Karen Lynn Uliasz and husband Gary of Mesquite; grandchildren, Gene Ray Tabor, Ashley DeVore and husband Jay, Clifton Beaty, Drew Uliasz and wife Jade; great-grandchildren Zoe Beaty, and Carter DeVore; brother, Robert Lee Stockwell of Carlsbad, New Mexico; sisters, Laun Beaty, Luella Seeley, Lueva Hunt, and Louise Beaty all of California, one step brother Urban Stout and one step sister of Las Vegas, Nevada, and one adopted sister of Las Vegas, Nevada. Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, his son James Clinton Beaty, and step brother Paul Stout. Private family graveside service was under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www. westoaksfuneralhome.com



Funeral service for Huey Lynn Smith, age 82, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Blackman officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Dillon Smith, Chris Alford, Luke Wright, Wes Cox, Richard Franks, and Brandon Huffines served as pallbearers. Visitation was held at 1:30 p.m., prior to service. Huey passed away on February 5, 2020 at Carriage House Manor. He was born on June 16, 1937 in Mahoney, Tx, the son of Lawson Monroe and Alma Lillian Cain Smith. He served in the United States Air Force and later worked as a mechanic for Rockwell International. He married Louise Wilhite Smith on September 1, 1977 in Sulphur Springs. She survives. He formerly served as a deacon for Trinity Baptist Church

and formerly attended Southside Church of Christ. He was also a former singer with Trinity Gospel Singers. In addition to his wife Louise, Huey is survived by son, Mike L. Smith and wife Lynn of Arbala; daughter, Sharon Smith Alexander and husband Wayde of Sulphur Springs; step-sons, Charles Houston Cox and wife Carol of Manchester, Tn, Rickie Glen Cox and wife Garlene of Kilgore, Tx; grandchildren, Dillon Smith, Magan Smith, Chandra Alford Arvie, Christopher Alford, Laci Alexander Livingston, Andrew Alexander, Brandy Cox Wright, Crystal Cox Sam, Wesley Cox, Wendy Cox Stucky, Liz Lockhart, Shaina Cox, Stephanie Hudgens; nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Charlene Rees, brother, L.M. Smith Jr., and one great grandson, Brayden Withrow. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com





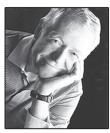
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for 47 days with 37 events. Posters and program books become valuable historic souvenirs.

It is an elegant affair, with an elaborate debutante ball and other formal galas where women wear the fanciest evening gowns money can buy. "The bottoms of their dresses cover an area about 8 feet wide," says Bobby Peregoy, President of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA). "A lot of the men wear clothing from Colonial days. It's something you can't see anywhere but Laredo."

Hotels and motels in Laredo put displays of dresses and costumes in their lobbies. The official George and Martha Washington portrayers go to Laredo from Philadelphia to stage a state dinner for dignitaries. The meal covers 5 courses prepared by a celebrity chef. Later George and Martha visit with school kids and put on a show about events during Washington's presidency.

"The 7 week celebration attracts well over half a million people to Laredo," says Bobby. "The economic benefit has been estimated at upwards of 20 million dollars." The highlight of the event occurs February 22nd and is called the abrazo (Spanish for embrace) when a delegation from Mexico and a delegation from Laredo meet in the middle of the International bridge over the Rio Grande to exchange abrazos. "That ceremony is led by 4 young children: a little boy and girl from Mexico and a little boy and girl from the United States. The children exchange the first abrazo. That's followed by adults from both countries giving each other a hug. It's the only event of its kind where a federal port of entry is closed down during the ceremony. It is truly a sight."

The abrazo is followed by a parade with 200 entries. "We'll have over a hundred floats along with all of our marching units, bands, Shriners, the military just a whole bunch of folks getting together and having a good time."

The WBCA has headquarters in a building patterned after Washington's Mount Vernon home. It has a fulltime staff of 5 and 38 board members. The executive committee meets every week during the year.

Among the events during the celebration are a Comicon (where Bobby tries to make people laugh), a jalapeno festival, an air show, classic car display, a golf tournament and a carnival that lasts 11 days. If you want to find out more, visit www.wbclaredo.org.

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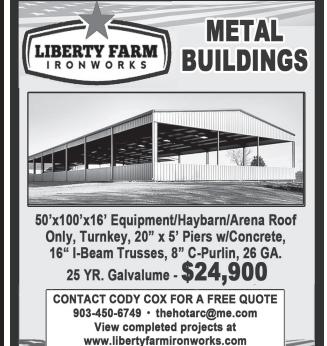
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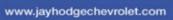


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