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On-line, we learn that 'Dutch ovens, as they are called in the United States today, have been used for hundreds of years, in many different cultures, and under many names. This most basic piece of cookware was originally designed with feet to sit above hot ashes in a wood or coal burning fireplace. The lids of Dutch ovens were at one time slightly concave so that hot coals could be placed on top to provide heat from above as well as below. In France, these multi-use pots are known as cocottes, and in Britain, they are known simply as casseroles.'



Hopkins County history and lore places the late John "Buffalo" Chester as the local authority on Dutch oven cooking. During his lifetime, Chester put some new-found excitement into the age-old practice of Dutch Oven cooking for his friends in Hopkins County, frequently holding gatherings and cooking at events which attracted large crowds. During the Hopkins County Stew Contest, his pioneer-themed campsites were among the favorites to visit. Anytime Johnny had a fire going and a Dutch oven in the coals, people would gather because there was always fun, laughter, great food and a good amount of friendly joking going on. Yours truly attended these funfests as often as I

could while Johnny was well.. I learned the initial phases of Dutch oven cooking. My signature dish, actually the main recipe I ever prepare outdoors is this: brown pork pieces in the pot along with sliced onions and peppers, then cooked low and slow over the coals to produce an all-purpose main dish. It's smothered texture and deeply flavored gravy is perfect for "sopping" with whatever bread or tortillas you have in camp, or with rice or potatoes. You don't have to be a gourmet cook to go Dutch oven style. I know because canned biscuits also do well in there! (watch and don't let em burn!) Actually, gourmet dishes are easily attainable depending on your level of interest, and Rick Wilson has taken Dutch oven cooking to a new level!



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It's time to enjoy Indian Summer weather, decorate your porch for Fall and set aside time to reflect on the blessings 2020 has brought us individually. We've learned a lot and been forced into some healthier habits! Let's count our blessings, celebrate good friendships and get the good out of what's left of this novel year. Til next week, I will watch for you at The Corral Gate.

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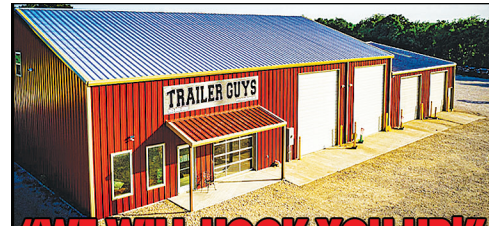
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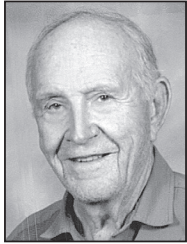
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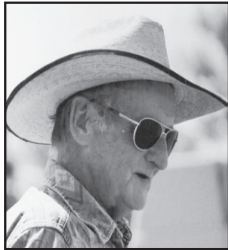
### **James "Jim" Edward Bagwell**

James "Jim" Edward Bagwell of Sulphur Springs passed away Sept. 10, 2020. He was born July 11, 1928 to Eric Edward and Norma Deakins Bagwell in Sulphur Springs.

Jim was a 1950 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor degree in Geology. He worked in the oil business in West Texas as a geologist until retirement, when he moved back to his hometown. Jim was an avid builder and flyer of radio-controlled, model airplanes and left behind an impressive collection of the planes he enjoyed over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Celia Bagwell of Sulphur Springs; stepsons, Bobby Littlefield and wife Sylvia of Waco, Steve Littlefield and wife Monica of Sulphur Springs, and Terry Manning and wife Carran of Cayuga; and a number of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are many longtime friends, including Bill McLarry and Mary Jo Wood.

Jim donated his body to Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. A memorial for Jim will be held at a later date.



### **Larry Mabe**

Funeral services for Larry Mabe, age 75, of Greenview, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2020, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Mark Garrett officiating. Interment followed at Greenview Cemetery and Clint Glasner, Joey Hegseth, Milton Ragan, Corey Voorheese, Jeff Seiber, and Blake Dicken served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Don Petty, James Watts, J.W. Ragan, Ernie Weaver, and grandsons. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Mabe passed away Friday, September 18, 2020 at his residence.

Larry Mabe was born September 20, 1944, in Commerce, Texas, to O.E. Mabe and Vivian (Watson) Mabe. He married Lana Weaver at County Line on August 24, 1962. She preceded him in death in 2019. Mr.

He is survived by his children, Eric Mabe of Miller Grove, Vicki Lee and husband Keith, of Greenview, and Lance Mabe and wife Kelly, of Shirley; grandchildren, Chance Lee, Chase Lee, Chandler Lee, Chandra Lee, Kaden Mabe, Kallie Mabe; and sister,

Chrysteen Watts. Mr. Mabe was preceded in death by his parents, wife and sister, Sylvia Millsap.



### **James "Jimbo" Harred**

Funeral services for James "Jimbo" Harred, age 49, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2020, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jimmy Rogers officiating.

Interment followed at Nelta Cemetery and Jordan Harred, Toby Poe, Chris Owens, Willie Krechek, Jason Maroney, and Greg Fitzgerald served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Anderson, Brandon Bryant, Ron-Jacob Bautista, William Coggins, Ronnie Green, and Gary Crawford.

A come and go visitation was held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2020, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Jimbo passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020, in Houston. He was born on August 3, 1971, in New Jersey, the son of Kenneth Patrick and Cecilia "Sally" Bautista Harred.

He was self employed and worked in home restoration construction. Jimbo loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by mother, Sally Harred of Sulphur Springs; sons, Jordan Harred of Conroe and Jacob Harred of Houston; and daughter, Kaitlyn Harred of Houston. He was preceded in death by his father.

### **Randall Bryan Wright**

A memorial visitation for Randall Bryan Wright, age 47, of Como will be held on Thursday, September 24, from 12-2 pm. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Randall passed away Friday, September 18, at his residence in Como. Randall was born on August 25, 1973, in Sulphur Springs to Randy Wright and Janie Shaw. He was a 1992 graduate of North Hopkins High School and was a truck driver.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Janie Shaw Lewis and husband Jimmy of the Tira Community; daughter, Maranda Lee Faith of Greenville; sisters RaDona Adams and husband Brian and Alicia Joslin, all of Sulphur Springs; brothers, Jeremy Shaw Wright and Christopher Walker of Gainesville, Georgia; nephews Blake Adams and wife Chelsea, Cooper Adams, Quinton Joslin, all of Sulphur Springs; Hayden Joslin of Lubbock; and special friend, Tamara Wallace of Conroe, Texas. Randall was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com)



### **Juanita Hammond**

Funeral services for Juanita Hammond, age 87, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2020 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jason Dietze officiating and Rev. Charles Moore assisting. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Heath Hammond, Adam Hammond, Luke Hammond, Logan Schumacher, Colton Freeman, Carmen Ortega, Ben Hammond, and Gabriel Lozano serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Moore, Eddie Ardis, Roger Charlton, Bob Gideon, the FUMC Messengers Class, Charles Horchem, Aaron Lohmann, and Joey Beaver. There was a come and go visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Juanita was born on August 8, 1933 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Wayman Trammel Wofford and Johnie Lee Welch Wofford. She married Huel Hammond on January 2, 1954 in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 2014. She is survived by sons, Harlan Hammond and wife Paula of Sulphur Springs, Lee Hammond and wife Sharon of Wayne, IL, grandchildren, Christy Schumacher, Heather Lohmann and husband Aaron, Ben Hammond and wife Anna, Heath Hammond and wife Brittany, Adam Hammond and wife Kami, Sarah Beaver and husband Joey, Luke Hammond and fiance Faith, Elyssa Hammond, and 14 great-grandchildren.

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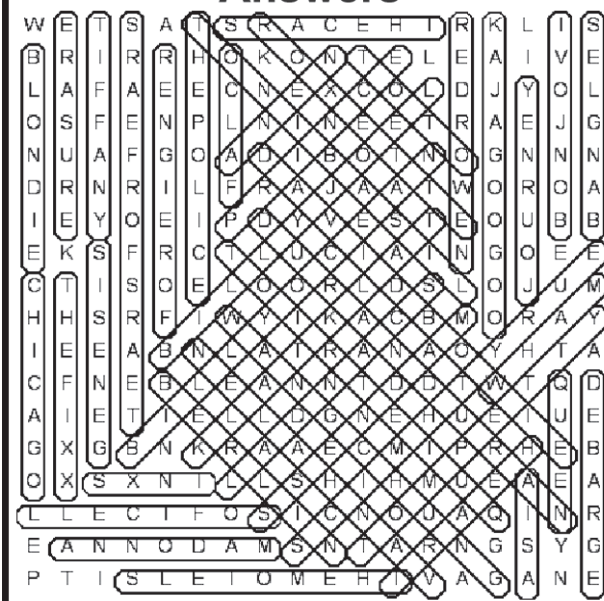
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Denver, Co. 80201**Answers****A VISIT WITH MRS. NOAH****Tumbleweed Smith****Tumbleweed Smith**When I first contacted Linda Behrend at her ranch near New  
Ulm, the first thing she said was, "Hi, Mr. Tumbleweed. I'm  
Mrs. Noah." She was busy taking food to her goats, pigs, chick-  
ens and a miniature pony.Her place is called Curly Q Ranch Refuge. A sign near her  
place advertises it as a zoo. It's rightly named. Visitors get to  
help feed the animals. Some 50 are on the property including 15  
cats, 15 exotic chickens, 2 dogs, a few deer, some ducks, a parrot,  
2 longhorns and 2 mini ponies. During our conversation she was  
holding a baby raccoon, which made whimpering sounds while sucking on Linda's  
finger. "She fell out of a tree and was nearly snatched up by a dog. Fortunately a  
woman saw it and rescued it. This little critter is a lucky little girl." She has some  
picky goats. "If I slice something for them with a knife that I used to slice something  
else they won't touch it. They are particular what they choose to eat."Although Linda didn't grow up with a desire to save critters, a little fawn showed up  
on her property and she was hooked. "It looked so helpless," says Linda. "Its little  
foot was no bigger than the nail on my little finger." She took the fawn to a wildlife  
rescue operation and ended up working with the organization. When a 59-acre piece  
of property went on the market, she and her husband grabbed it. Her husband said he  
wanted a pig, so that's when things got serious. People bring animals to live the rest  
of their lives at their place. Most are rescue plus they buy some. They're full right  
now.She names all the animals. A pig is called Petunia and visitors seem to love it. Linda  
had 3 pet raccoons named Ricardo, Juan and Pedro. "They wild up and I set them free.  
Once, after I let them go, I saw them on a light pole and called out their names. They  
came down and crawled on my shoulders for a short time, then scooted off. I never  
saw them again."Curly Q Ranch has 3 ponds that have goldfish and turtles in them. Guests can over-  
night in some cabins ([bluebonnetcabins.com](http://bluebonnetcabins.com)). "They love to just be in the woods and  
relax, feed the fish, talk to the animals and enjoy nature. So many of our guests come  
from major metropolitan areas and find a whole different world out here."Linda has the amazing ability to communicate with the wildlife that surrounds her.  
"They're therapy for me. I completely lose all thoughts of problems when I'm with  
the animals. And they're so funny. We have a duck we call Airplane. When it was  
small it had too much protein and its wings stick out. Looks like a plane. And our  
chickens have feathers on top of their heads that look like majorettes' hats. Our parrot  
likes to mimic all the sounds it hears. We feed our raccoons in a 5-inch bowl and they  
crowd around it. It's one adventure after another around here. I didn't know what was  
required legally to take care of all these animals, so I studied and got licensed as a  
rescue operation." When Linda and her husband aren't taking care of animals they  
have a company that makes custom mattresses.

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