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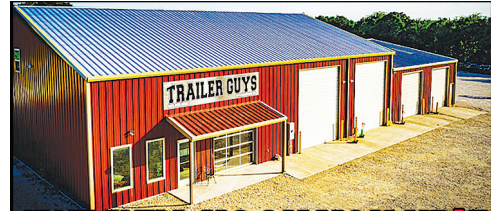
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Karon has been deeply touched on the Seniors behalf, as so many are isolated and lonely this year. For most, visitors are few and far between due to COVID-19 precautions. For many, their social lives revolve around phone calls, Meal a Day deliveries and daily duties of their pets! Although the shut-ins will still be carefully 'shut in' for safety, the gifts personally selected for them will provide a bright spot in an often arid holiday period. Can you reach out to help?

Find out how, through the Sulphur Springs Seniors Center at 150 MLK Drive, Sulphur Springs, Texas. A phone call to 903-885-1661 can put you in contact with Karon Weatherman or one of her volunteer staffers. A letter addressed to the Center can put you in touch while staying safe at home, yourself. I am sure that Karon would reply by return mail with information about adopting a Senior from the Golden Agers Tree. Or you can communicate with Karon by email at mealaday@yahoo.com. There are precious senior-aged men and women in our town, limited not only by health concerns but now by the pandemic. You can help ease their loneliness with a few personal items from their 'wish list' to make their life easier and their holiday brighter! And by helping out, YOU will receive the biggest blessing of all!

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Golden Agers Tree

If you would like to make a Senior's Christmas "A Little Brighter" Choose a name off of the tree and go shopping for them.

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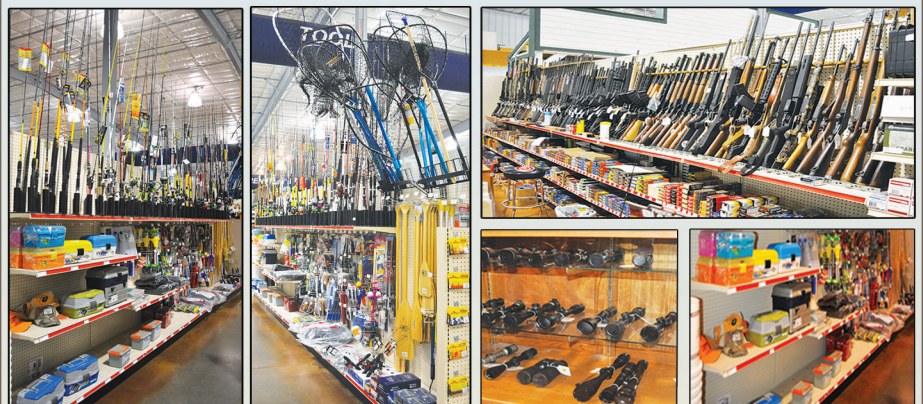
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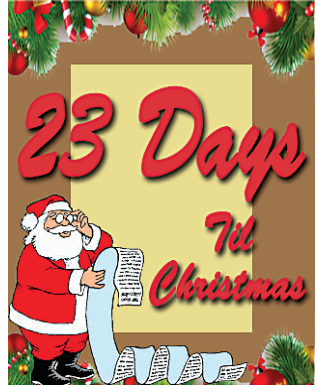


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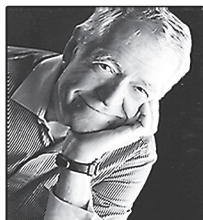


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Texas is right in the middle of the southern border of the United States with a lengthy coastline along the Gulf of Mexico. The state is 850 miles wide and nearly that tall. Separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande, the Texas/Mexico border is the longest international border of any state in the US.

West Texas has desert, cactus, mountains, canyons and a sky beyond measure. The only 2 national parks in Texas (Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains) welcome visitors who love to see the fall color at Guadalupe Mountains' McKittrick Canyon and hike the mountain trails at Big Bend.

Ranching is a major West Texas enterprise and cowboys do things the way they've been doing them for centuries (with a few exceptions like the helicopter for herding cattle). Oil is king out west. The Permian Basin is one of the richest sources of oil and natural gas in the world.

Some say the Panhandle is flat, but it houses the Palo Duro Canyon, the second deepest in the country, right behind the Grand Canyon. It's 100 miles long and nearly a thousand feet deep.

The Hill Country is in the center of the state full of hills and valleys, rivers and creeks, a favorite place to view wildflowers in the spring and experience a variety of cultures. You'll find Germans, Wends, Czechs and Poles, singing societies and brass bands and see stone houses and barns and solid rock fences. You can stop at a wayside tavern or an old general store.

Moving eastward, lush green forests cover 43 counties, nearly 11 million acres. East Texas pines and hardwoods produce 500 cubic feet of timber each year. The forests are renewable and every year Texans plant more trees than are harvested. East Texas is also a land of lakes, some you can barely see across, others full of shadowy inlets where boaters could get lost without a local guide. The first oil in Texas was drilled near Beaumont. NASA, in Clear Lake, is the home of Mission Control for moon and shuttle missions.

South Texas begins at San Antonio, home to the state's most familiar landmark, the Alamo and the Texas city most visited by tourists. Its River Walk has restaurants, shops and live entertainment.

Palm trees and citrus are the major features of the Rio Grand Valley. The tropical climate, year-round flowering plants, wide boulevards and interesting canals bring residents of northern states to spend winters there. Nearby South Padre is an ever-growing destination for fishing, boating, beachcombing and relaxing.

There's just no other place like Texas. I'm glad I live here.

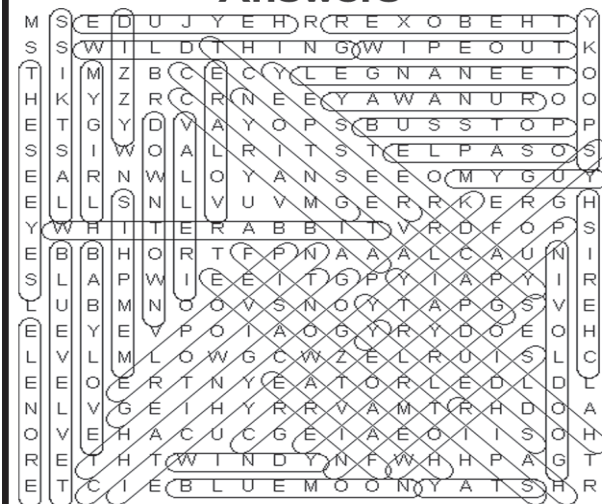
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Wayford Clyde "Butch" McIllwain – December 31, 1941 to November 21, 2020

Last Saturday, Butch McIllwain, took his last earthly breath and woke in the presence of his Lord, surrounded by all his beloved family and friends in heaven.

You see, wherever Butch was, that was where the party was. God gave him a wit and a love for people. If you were having a get together, it didn't start until Butch arrived. He used his personality, wit, creativity and charm to advance his custom wallpaper business into the success it was, creating lavish designs for many stars, including Oprah Winfrey. His love of the beach, started at this point when Bolivar Designs located to the Galveston area.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents Pete and Imogene McIllwain, brother, Terry McIllwain, sister and her husband, Juanita and Jim Hargis, brother in law, Ray Miller and Russ Richards.

Butch is survived by Norma McIllwain, sister, Wilma Sue Milligan and husband RB Milligan Jr, brother Eugene McIllwain, and Dusty and wife Nancy McIllwain. He is survived by many adoring nieces and nephews. He was lucky enough to get to spend his last week on earth at the beach he loved.

The family wishes to thank Choice Home Hospice for their wonderful care over the past few weeks. He loved you all, but we especially want to thank Lori and Linda.

Donations can be made to The Mahoney Cemetary Fund c/o Pinkie Cooper, 3240 CR 3504 Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Michael Wess Jordan

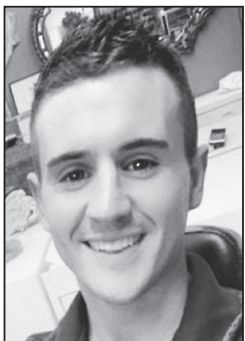
Michael Wess Jordan, 73, of Mt. Vernon, Texas, passed away on November 23, 2020.

Michael is survived by his wife Janet of 49 years, son Josh Jordan and his wife Kayce, daughter Julianne Evans and her husband Jason, brother Jack Dale Jordan and his wife Jo, and grandchildren Emerson Jordan, Gillis Evans, Katherine Jordan and Jordan Evans. Michael was preceded in death by his sister Micki Jordan and his parents, Joe and Jean Jordan. Mike was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, Texas. Growing up he was a great athlete, playing most every sport. He attended East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce) where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration. Never one to shy away from hard work, Mike started out selling office equipment out of college and then soon bought his first nursing home. From there he continued his success in the healthcare industry and eventually grew his family's home healthcare business, Jordan Health Services, into one of the most successful home healthcare companies in Texas.

Outside of work, Mike enjoyed spending time with his family and carrying on family traditions. One of his favorite family traditions was cooking his fried quail breakfast every Christmas morning. Other than his family, Mike's other passions were

hunting, fishing and shooting. He was a competitive skeet shooter for many years and enjoyed traveling and taking hunting trips with friends. His travels took him all over the world, eventually visiting six continents.

Visitation was from 5:00 until 7:00pm at Harvey Funeral Home on Friday, November 27th. Funeral services for Mike will be at First United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon on Saturday, November 28th at 1:00pm. A private funeral will be held at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cumby for family at 10:00am on Saturday before the funeral services.



William "Ryan" Miller

A memorial service for William "Ryan" Miller, age 29, of Yantis, was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Community Bible Fellowship Church with Rev. Paul Pogue officiating. Ryan passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Medical City of Plano.

He was born on December 6, 1990 in Sulphur Springs, the son of William Ray Miller and Tracy Michelle Mays Potter. He married Victoria Jessalyn Arredondo on May 5, 2019 in Hopkins County. One of his greatest passions was sports. He grew up playing baseball and football and in 2008 he played on the defensive line that took the Sulphur Springs Wildcats to win the state championship. He then went on to lead his son Braylon to homerun king. He was a dance dad for Brillee and Brailee Ray was his best friend. He loved his family and he loved God.

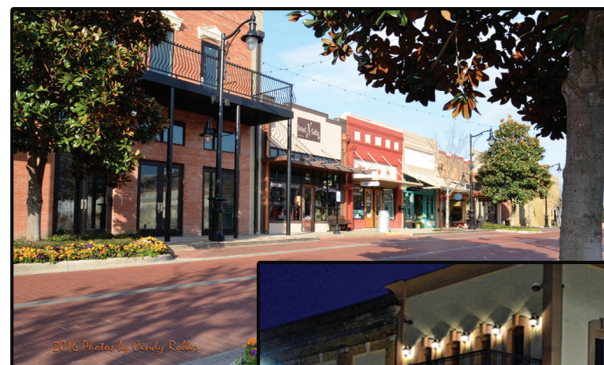
Ryan is survived by wife, Victoria, children, Braylon, Brailee, and Brillee, mother, Tracy Potter and husband Daniel of Emory, brother, Wesley Ray Miller and wife Montanna of Sulphur Springs, niece, Henley Miller, nephew, Daxton Miller, sister, Josie Miller of Idaho, grandmother, Anne Crow of Como, aunt, Shelia Tew and husband Tommy, special cousins, Andrew Albritton, and Thomas Albritton and wife Aspen.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Ray Miller.

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