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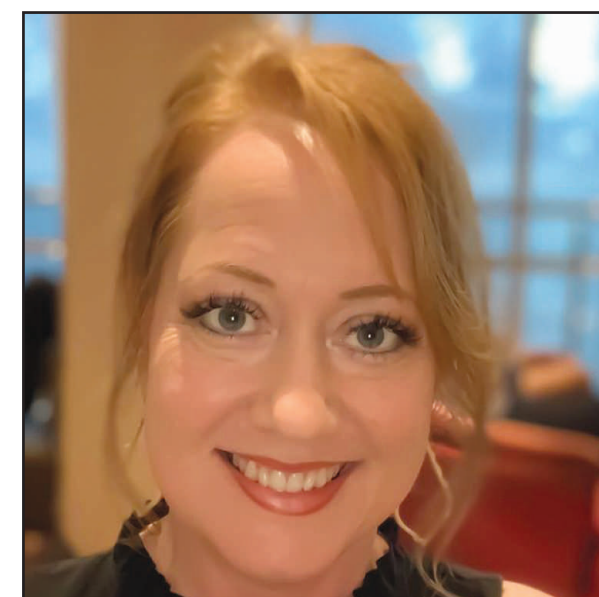


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The "Winter Dance Party" tour began January 23, 1959 and was to make 24 stops across the Midwest in as many days. Buddy and the boys were excited to go. From the start, however, transportation became the major problem for the troupe who all rode together from city to city via a series of reconditioned school buses. Most of the time, there was no little or no heat aboard, and coupled with frigid winds and below-zero weather, conditions inside were bad. Mechanical break-downs occurred and the troupe was responsible for making it to their next stop in whatever ways they could. Also, the distance between venues was often 300-400 miles, and at times they barely made it in time to set up and play! The drummer was hospitalized with frostbite on his feet, two singers were down with the flu, and all were suffering from frustrations of cold and travel. The last straw was the Clear Lake, Iowa Dance Party on February 2. After the show that night, Holly chartered a private plane which would carry four persons, piloted by a 21-year-old. After takeoff just after midnight on February 3, the Bonanza flew into snowy conditions with poor visibility and crashed in less than an hour. All aboard, Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the 'Big Bopper' J.P. Richardson, as well as the pilot, were killed instantly. The aching loss was felt by millions, and reverberates for millions more who hear Don McLean's tribute, "American Pie" or, "The Day the Music Died".

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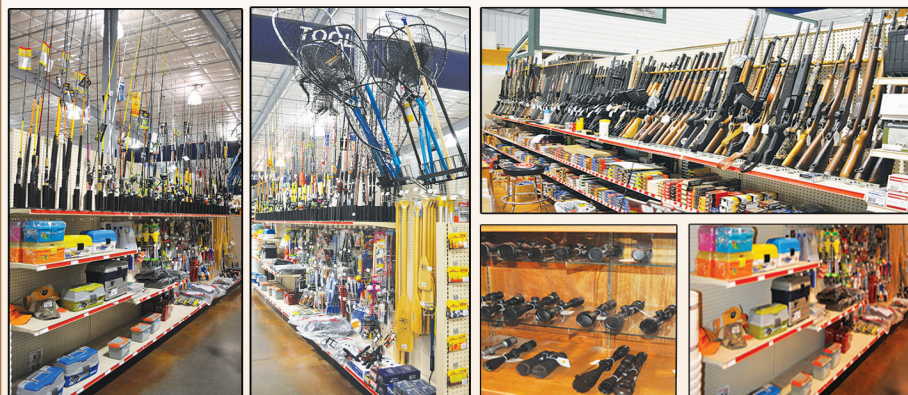
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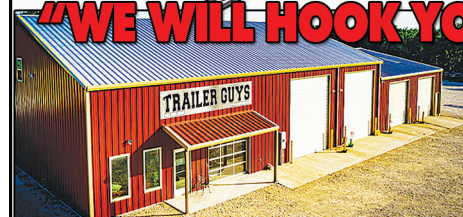
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## Heart Disease: It Can Happen at Any Age

Heart disease doesn't happen just to older adults. It is happening to younger adults more and more often. This is partly because the conditions that lead to heart disease are happening at younger ages. February is Heart Month, the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart.

### 6 Things That Are Bad For Your Heart

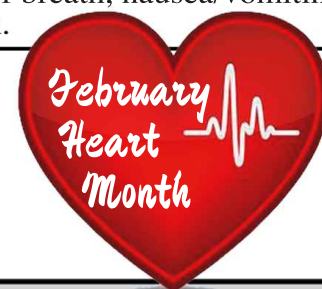
- High blood pressure
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### 4 Ways to Take Control of Your Heart Health

- Unhealthy eating patterns.
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- Manage your health care
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- Stay active

## Symptoms of a Heart Attack

- Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.
  - Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
  - Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
  - Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
- As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.



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### **Gregory Andrew Woods**

Graveside services for Gregory Andrew Woods, age 47, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Hawkins Cemetery with Bro. Johnny Wheat officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Garrett Woods, Grant Woods, Ernest Boyd, Robert Woods, Chris Betts, Shane Creech, and Rusty Farrar. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Greg passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. He was born on September 21, 1973, the son of Rebecca Ellison Woods and Ray "Porter" Woods. He was a member of Lake Highlands Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs. He was active in the Day Hab of Sulphur Springs and My Bowl special bowling team.

Greg is survived by his mother, Rebecca Woods, brother, Jackie and wife Stephanie Dobbs Woods and their children, Garrett and Grant Woods all of Mineola, brother, Travis Woods and his daughter Adelyn Woods both of Winnsboro, as well as many other family and friends who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Woods. Memorials may be made to Lake Highlands Baptist Church, 1500 College St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

### **Harold Wayne "Luke" Friddle**

Graveside service for Harold Wayne "Luke" Friddle, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, TX were held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday January 31, 2021 at Greenpond Cemetery with Michael Coker officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Friddle passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021 at his residence.

Harold Wayne "Luke" was born on May 14, 1942 in Sulphur Springs to C.B. and Drucille (Harris) Friddle. He was a lifelong self-employed farmer. Luke tuned pianos by ear. He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his brothers, Mark Friddle and Paul Friddle; sisters, Jo Nell Watson and Ellaine Bentley; three children and numerous nieces, nephews and family.

Luke was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dwight Friddle, Dan Friddle and Ronald Friddle; sister, Bonnice Friddle.



### **Wanda G. Brice**

A graveside service for Wanda G. Brice was held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at IOOF Cemetery. Wanda died on January 28, 2021 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Wanda was born on February 12, 1934 to Grady and Genevieve (Lanier) Teague in Sulphur Springs, TX. She loved growing flowers and caring for them.

Ms. Brice is survived by her children Debbie Brice, Brenda Brice, Don Brice, Rickey Brice, Gene Brice, Cynthia Brice; 20 Grandchildren; Numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Pallbearers for Ms. Brice will be Sammy Mercer, Anthony Burkhart, Matthew Brice, Blake Brice, Shane Brice, Dustin Hodges. she was preceded by her parents and son James Brice.



### **Robert Henry Potts** March 19, 1963 - January 24, 2021 (age 57)

Funeral service for Robert Henry Potts, age 57, of Point, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Bull Creek Cowboy Church in Point, Texas. Interment will follow at Dougherty Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 26 from 6-8 pm at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Robert Henry Potts was born on March 19, 1963 in Dallas, Texas to Henry and Maxanne (Orsborn) Potts. He died on Sunday, January 24, 2021 in Dallas.

Rob married Jean Ann (Jacks) Potts on June 2, 2019 in Alba. He was a loving Father, Grandfather, beloved son and beloved husband.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Ann Potts; parents, Henry & Maxanne Potts of Emory; son, Marcus and wife, Shayna of Emory; daughter, Katie Casali & husband, Philip of Missouri; son, Hunter and fianc , Kate Rabenaldt of Emory; daughter, Makenzie Potts of

Tyler; daughter, Peyton Potts of Emory; son, Johnny Sillers and wife Cortney of Gun Barrell City; daughter, Jayci Sillers of Tyler; grandchildren, Madison Thigpen, Skyler Casali, Gunner Thigpen, Tristen Potts, L.J. Sillers, Amelia Casali, Gavin Potts; sisters, Deann Dickens and husband, Randy of Emory, Lisa Rohus and husband, Steve of Whitehouse; nephews, Aaron Cooke and Hayley, Tyson Cooke and Holli, Tucker Phillips and Cole Phillips; brother-in-law, Billy Jacks and wife, Melissa from Tampa, Florida, Jonathon Jacks and wife, Shanna of Farmersville; father-in-law Jim Jacks and mother-in-law Bonnie Jacks of Emory.



### **Maria Pereira**

Maria Pereira, age 89, of Sulphur Springs passed away on January 23, 2021 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs, TX. No services are planned at this time.

Maria was born on the Azores Islands of Portugal. She married Jose Pereira and to that union two sons were born. Maria was a mother, homemaker and worked as a hotel custodian.

She is survived by hers sons, Joseph Pereira and wife, Faye of Sulphur Springs, Albert Pereira and wife Robyn of Shelton, CT; grandchildren, Noelle Pereira, Jesse Pereira; great grandchildren, Colton Pereira, Hunter Serrantino, Brody Serrantino, Sienna Serrantino; seven brothers and one sister.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

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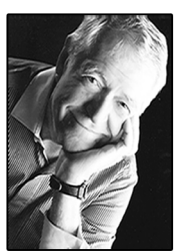
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**The Tree Man Of Cedar Park**

Tumbleweed Smith

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Raymond Herrington grew up at Pleasant Valley near Marble Falls. He had an active childhood. "We hunted a lot," says Raymond. "We really did. We had lots of swimming places with the river and creeks right there. We'd go squirrel hunting during the day and hunt coons at night. It was just fun growing up with my 5 brothers and one sister."

He did some cedar chopping. "I was raised around a bunch of cedar choppers. The area around Marble Falls had some good red heart cedar, then a big bunch of choppers left Marble Falls and went to Medina, which had some good cedar, too." Raymond did some posthole digging for fences that are still standing. "Yeah I worked along Highway 71 when they were just cutting that highway through there."

After graduating from Marble Falls High School in 1949, Raymond was doing survey work along the Rio Grande when he was drafted into the Army. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri he was sent by troop ship to the front lines in Korea. He had some serious bouts with seasickness. Raymond says it was so cold some soldiers experienced frostbite on their feet. "They really know how to make it cold over there. My legs froze some. I always kept socks underneath my arms or next to my body to keep them warm. Every once in a while I'd change socks because they'd get wet from all the snow and ice. Some of these old boys would take off their boots and I've seen them take their little toe that was frozen and black and twist that thing off and pitch it to the side, then put their boots back on. There was very little blood, if any, when they took off their toe. Seeing that is something I will always remember. I never lost anything on my feet because I took care of them."

Raymond is 90. He was with the Austin Fire Department 12 years and later had a career as an auditor with the highway department. "I went to just about every court house in Texas and made friends all over the state. I must have been a good listener because I heard lots of stuff. I feel they told me things they wouldn't tell anybody else."

Raymond keeps a garden of flowers and vegetables and does gold leaf paintings from 15 karat gold he gets from Germany. He is known as the tree man because he creates decorative tree sculptures out of wire. He gives most of them away. "They just set them on a dresser or shelf somewhere. Some women hang their earrings on them. I can make them any size, usually 8 to 10 inches high. They're mounted on polished wood."

He learned how to twist wire from a good source. "Jack White taught me how to do it. He lived next door." Jack White was a recognized master artist and was named the Official Artist of Texas in 1976. His paintings hang in the Smithsonian.

Raymond lives in an assisted living facility in Cedar Park that has play stations for bowling, baseball and boxing. "We've advanced from just bingo and dominoes."

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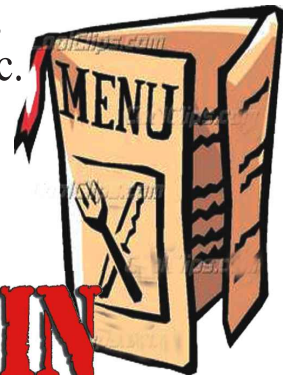
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