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### CHANGE OF DATE FOR BENEFIT DANCE FOR JERRY KNIGHT, LOCAL MUSICIAN

Due to after-effects of a week of wintry weather, the date of the Benefit Dance for Jerry Knight has now been changed to March 4, 2021. According to organizer John Rugg of the Country Drive Band, the date change was made because Door Prize items were delayed by mail delivery, and persons providing cakes for the Silent Auction were scrambling for ingredients for baking. "We feel the March 4 date will be a lot more convenient for everyone who wants to attend. Please plan to come and share love and encouragement for Jerry and Gloria". For full details on the Benefit, contact John Rugg at 972-922-1933 or Enola Gay at 903-438-3568. If you cannot attend but would like to send a donation, the Benefit mailing address is P.O. Box 626, Hawkins Texas 75765, care of John Rugg. Make checks payable to Jerry Knight.



Jerry has long been a staple player in country bands across NE Texas. If you have been to a dance or local event with a country band, you've probably seen and heard Jerry Knight. He also loves to do country gospel music and frequently performs 'Three Old Rusty Nails' by request. Jerry is a loving and giving friend to everyone, and that's why it was so hard to hear the news about his lung cancer diagnosis in Fall 2020. Now, in early 2021, the cancer has metastasized and no treatments are available at this time. Fans and friends are invited to the Benefit Dance for Jerry Knight on Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 6:30 til 10pm. The location is Hickory Village Complex, 1581 US 69 North in Mineola, Texas, just one mile south of KMOO Radio or 7/10 mile north of Loop 564. Donations will be accepted for his ongoing physician and transportation expenses as he bravely battles the cancer.



Pioneer Crossing manager  
**Jamie Dodd**



Manager Jamie Dodd of Pioneer Crossing Senior Living Community in Sulphur Springs is very thankful for the community's generous help for her residents. The all-senior living community had been without water since the first wave of icy weather hit the area. Pipes were frozen up and the facility was on a waiting list for repairs and maintenance, however residents were without much-needed tap water for daily needs like drinking and cooking. Late Friday afternoon, a call from a resident to KSSST Radio got the ball rolling to get help from the community.

About dark on Friday February 19, a donation of several cases of drinking water from Fix n Feed was delivered to Pioneer Crossing and distributed by a small group of individuals to the doors of residents without water. Due to Facebook posts, by Saturday morning more help began to pour in, and dozens more cases of drinking water began arriving on the doorstep of the community room at Pioneer Crossing. Members of local law enforcement took the water right to the doorways of residents, many of whom still had treacherously icy sidewalks. On behalf of the 80 grateful residents of the Pioneer Crossing community, Ms. Dodd extends a most sincere thank you to everyone who helped including the Sulphur Springs Police Department, Hopkins County Sheriff's Department, Grocery Supply Company, Fix n Feed, Wesley Oaks Assisted Living, Laura Coats, Jeremy Sims, Lucinda Connally and other helpful individuals and organizations of the community who responded to the local need.

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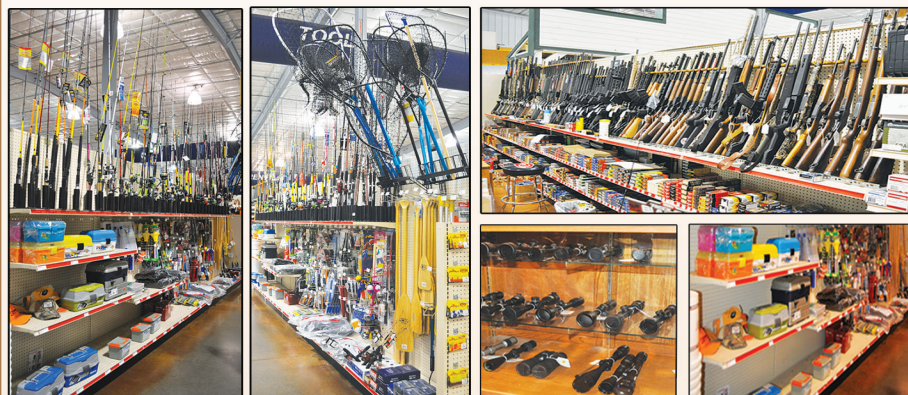
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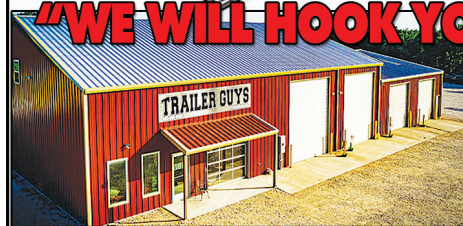


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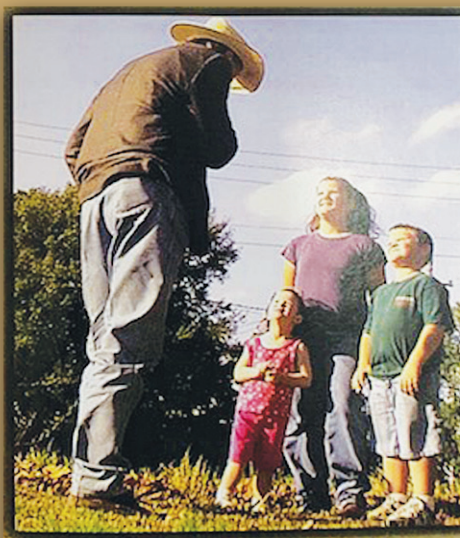
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## Max Walker

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Jerry Max Walker, 80, of McKinney, Texas, passed away February 10, 2021.

Max was born to William Bascom and Lorraine Tatom Walker January 14, 1941, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. They were members of First Baptist Church. He attended Sulphur Springs High School, graduating with the class of 1959. He earned a degree in business from East Texas State University and worked for ARCO in the oil and gas industry as a title analyst.

Max married Rochelle Frances Russell in 1970. They had three children, Stephanie, Jeff, and Todd, and resided in Dallas, Texas. They were members of Park Cities Baptist Church, in Dallas, Texas, where Max sang in the choir and served as a deacon.

One of the things that Max loved most was playing the piano and singing classic hymns. He also really enjoyed politics and volunteered at the polls.

Max is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Rochelle Walker; his children Stephanie Walker Eades and husband Jason, Jeff Walker and wife Jennifer, and Todd Walker; his grandchildren Jessica Eades, Tatom Eades, Grayson Walker, Drew Walker, and Adelaide Walker; and his great grandson Carter Eades. He is also survived by numerous Tatom and Walker cousins.

Max will be laid to rest at Restlawn Cemetery in Sulphur Springs, Texas. The family will hold a private memorial service.



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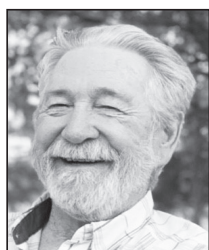
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### Virginia Boyd

Funeral service for Virginia Boyd, age 96, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, February 26, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Mike McNair officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. There will be a come and go visitation from 8:00A.M to 1:00P.M. on Friday, February 26, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Boyd passed away on February 19, 2021 at her residence. Virginia was born on July 18, 1924 in Clarksburg, WV to Richard A. Hornor and Lavoo Maulsby Hornor. She married Richard Persinger in December of 1945 in Tyler, TX; he preceded her in death. Virginia later married Merrell Boyd in 1982 in Paris, TX, he also preceded her in death. She graduated from West Virginia Business College. Her first job after graduation was working at The Pentagon in Washington D.C. Her last job was at Medical Surgical Clinic as Insurance Specialist. Virginia was a member of the Shannon Oaks Church. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and most of all "MaMa." She loved to travel and was an avid Bridge player.

She is survived by her cat, Precious; daughter, Mickie Powers and husband, Bob; son, Richard Persinger II and wife, Shay; son-in-law Verg Ables; grandchildren, Mike Eddins and wife, Veronica; Brent Eddins and wife, Edie; Brian Persinger and wife, Wendy; Amy Poteet and husband, Brett; Sarah Marzellas and husband, Daniel; great grandchildren, Lia Perez and partner, Dylon Lowe; Vicky Perez and partner, Andrew; Abby Eddins; Katie and Ellie Poteet; Braydon and Jayce Persinger; Blake Marzellas; great-great-grandchildren, Arie Lowe, Sebastian Lowe. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Richard Persinger and Merrill Boyd; daughter, LuAnn Lavoo Ables; sister, Richadetta Michell and husband, Sam. Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### Jerry Lancaster

Memorial service for Jerry Lancaster, age 73, of Sulphur Springs, TX, will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Hopkins County Civic Center with Israel Lewis officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Bruce Ferrell, Mickey Barker, Roy King, Johnny Froneberger, John Poskey, Nicky Mullens, Kyle Roberts, Jonathan Holt, David Holt and Ryan Golden. Mr. Lancaster passed away on February 16, 2021 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital – Sulphur Springs.

Jerry was born on October 30, 1947 in Sulphur Springs to William and Oleta (Patton) Lancaster. He married Cindy Blount on May 14, 1983 in Sherman, TX. Jerry is a Veteran of the U.S Navy. He was stationed in the Philippines and Corpus Christi during the Vietnam war. Jerry worked as a project manager for commercial construction. He was a proud member of the SSSS class of 1966 and a member of the Wednesday night Old Geezers Club. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Monica Lancaster and Brooke Golden, and husband, Ryan; son Cole Lancaster and fiancée, Keri Tubb; grandchild, Rogan; bonus grandchild, Amelia Stuckey; sisters, Jan Elliott and husband, Robert, and Ann Belcher and husband, Jim. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry Lancaster. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



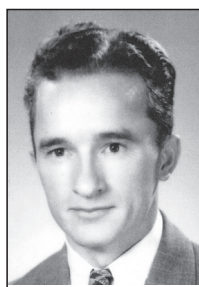
### Brenda Kay Maynard

Brenda Kay Maynard entered the pearly gates of Heaven on Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021. She passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 63. Brenda was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas on February 2, 1958 to Shirley Ann Williams Story and Wiley Bob Howard. Brenda was a lifelong nurse who loved her patients as her own. Brenda was also an avid dog lover. Brenda lived her life for her son, Bryan Tennison, grandkids Haven Tennison and Bryson Tennison, and her great-grandson Beaux Tennison. Brenda had accepted the Lord in her heart and knew exactly where she would be going when her time on earth was finished.

Brenda is survived by her son, Bryan Scott Tennison (Laura Williams) of Sulphur Springs, grandsons Haven Lynn Tennison (Georgia Delong) of Sulphur Springs and Bryson Scott Tennison (Ireland Gafford) of Greenville and Great-Grandson Beaux Tennison of Greenville. She is also survived by sisters Ruth Thedford (Daniel Thedford) of Cooper and Teresa Aaron of Forney, brothers Billy Ray Howard of Sulphur Springs and

Michael Lynn Story (Amanda Story) of Sulphur Springs, and numerous nieces and nephews. Brenda was preceded in death by her father, Wiley Bob Howard, husband Tony Maynard, and son Ricky Lynn Tennison.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the home of Mystie Howard-Wilson. Please message us if you need her address.



### Earl Lee Downs

Earl Lee Downs, age 99, passed from this life on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Earl, and twin brother Arthur, were born on August 25, 1921 in Corley, TX in Bowie County to Hermon and Annie Bassham Downs. In 1931, two years into the Great Depression, the Downs family with their nine children moved from Corley to Pittsburg and eventually to Earl's childhood home on County Rd 1582 in Avinger TX. Earl Attended Pruitt Lake School until they consolidated with Avinger ISD where he and his twin graduated. Earl joined the Navy during WWII on August 28, 1942 but was transferred to the Coast Guard. During his years of service, like many soldiers, he regularly sent his service check to his family during these difficult times. Younger sister Huleen, his only surviving sibling, remarked that Mama Downs really depended on Earl's check back then and could make that money go further than anyone she knew. He served until Oct 12, 1945 when he was honorably discharged. He rarely, if ever, spoke about his service experience. Earl met Waulinda Kathlene Dortch, both students, at East Texas Teachers College in Commerce. They married on August 31, 1947 at Shooks Chapel Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs TX and began their family. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education in

August of 1950, a Master's Degree soon after. Earl began teaching, which would become his lifelong passion, at Beaumont School District from 1950-1952. He then moved to Sulphur Springs with his family and served as Principal and basketball coach for Yantis School District from 1952-1954. From there he began working for the Sulphur Springs School District as 5 th grade teacher at Austin Elementary.

A graveside services with Military Honors was held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2021 at Shooks Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that memorial gifts be directed to Hopkins County Senior Citizen Center Meal A Day program.



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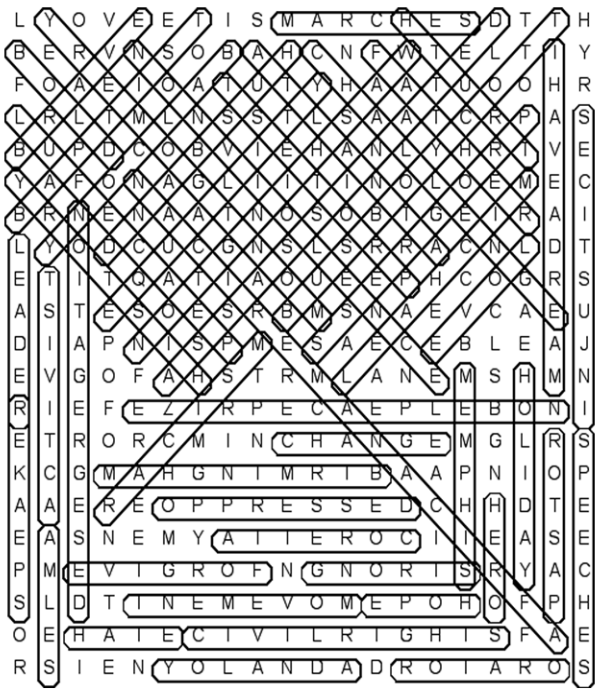
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When Tex Midkiff of Yantis was attending Stephen F. Austin University in Huntsville he worked as a prison guard. Occasionally he would take some prisoners serving time for drug offenses to high schools and let the inmates tell about their experiences. They urged the students not to get involved with drugs so they wouldn't end up in prison. Some of the inmates weren't much older than the high schoolers.

Tex graduated with honors in criminal justice studies, then spent some time as a professional poker player. His time as a prison guard led him into security work all over the United States and some foreign countries. He was in that field for thirty years.

"At one time I had about 4,000 security guards working for me. Some worked as personal body guards but mostly I provided guards for Fortune 500 companies."

Tex grew up in Palestine, where he loved to see the seasons change.

"Around Palestine during the spring, the dogwoods come out and it looks like popcorn on trees in the dark forest. Fishermen always say when the dogwoods come out it's time to start catching crappie."

Tex has had a house on Lake Fork since 1996. He loves to fish.

"Lake Fork is the best bass fishing lake in the United States. My cousin caught the state record crappie at Navarro Mills in 1968 and it's still a record today. It weighed four pounds and ten ounces."

Tex writes a monthly column for a newspaper in Yantis. He wrote about his cousin's record catch. He gave the column a catchy phrase: I ATE THE LARGEST WHITE PERCH EVER CAUGHT IN TEXAS.

Tex got interested in writing when he was in high school and wrote poetry and short stories. He has written four books and is working on one about Texas country musicians. He is writing it with popular Texas DJ and show producer Enola Gay of KSST Radio in Sulphur Springs. Tex sometimes writes about women, but admits he doesn't understand them. He told me a story about his wife.

"She needed to go to Dallas to see her nephew in the hospital and she wasn't sure how to get there. She and her sister were going in her sister's car and it didn't have a GPS. I put the hospital's address in a portable GPS I had and gave it to her. A couple of hours later they called and said they made it to the hospital just fine. Then an hour or so after they left the hospital my wife called and said they were heading in the wrong direction, going north instead of east. She said she punched home on the GPS. I told her we used that GPS when we lived in Kansas City."

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