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A Mother's Day Blessing, The "Backroad Band" Plays A Picnic, Next To The Reilly Springs Jamboree June 19!



I was so blessed over the Mothers Day weekend, as I hope all you Moms out there were also! Between the floral delivery from the girls, dinner out with Garland and my son's eight-hour gift of honey-do tasks around the house and yard, I stayed busy just sitting back and smiling. Earlier this month, my friend Julie sent me an invitation to her family gathering, and so I decided I would go

Steve Reno and Cathy Moss with Back Road Band on Saturday morning. There was to be

live music, too, with Cathy Moss and Back Road Band providing bluegrass and gospel entertainment, and Julie's grandson Carson McIlwain as special guest. Julie Miller's family had reserved the Park Pavilion in Sulphur Springs, so there were lots of little kids, Grandmas and lots of food. You know the kind of spreads these family events usually yield! This one proved true; there was food on top of food! Julie herself supplied eight of the desserts. Let me see if I can remember them all...she brought a Fresh Apple Pound Cake, a 3-layer Hummingbird Cake, lemon bars, some cookies, a cherry cobbler, a lemon meringue pie and a chocolate pie....and then there was the Vinegar Pie. Yet unsliced when I arrived, I recognized it by it's distinctive crusty surface. When I exclaimed, 'that's a Vinegar Pie' Julie remarked, 'well that's your recipe!', And indeed, Vinegar Pie is a delicious, easy and fail-proof one-crust pie with a deep, satisfying flavor. It's my family's favorite, including the little kids too! Don't let it's name fool you, either. Vinegar Pie is super simple and inexpensive to make and anybody who has a kitchen will have all the ingredients on hand, even if their cupboard is almost bare. Google the recipe and try it! I think the Southern Living recipe is the one closest to my Mom's.



According to Cathy Moss, Steve Reno and the Back Road Band members have been playing music together for more than ten years. Hailing from Winnsboro, Mineola and Perryville, this bunch of Senior couples and singles blend fiddle, banjo, guitar and stand-up bass with close vocal harmonies on their bluegrass and country-gospel selections. An easy ambience as they work together make them sure favorites. For me, it's a sincere respect for the Bluegrass genre and it's traditional sound and message that make their performances touching and refreshing. When can you see them in person? The Back Road Band will be appearing in concert at the Reilly Springs Jamboree on Saturday June 19, 2021 at 7pm at the Reilly Springs Community Center. That location is just across from the Reilly Springs Cemetery at 109 CR 1439 in southeastern Hopkins County. Cost is \$10 at the door and see Josh Davis in concert Saturday May 15. Til next week, I hope you receive just the right amount of sunshine and rain to make you grow, no matter where you are planted! I will watch for you at the Corral Gate!

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Galveston is a coastal resort city and port off the southeast coast on Galveston Island and Pelican Island in the U.S. state of Texas. The community of 209.3 square miles, with a population of 47,743 in 2010, is the county seat of surrounding Galveston County and second-largest municipality in the county. It is also within the Houston–The Woodlands–Sugar Land metropolitan area at its southern end on the northwestern coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Galveston, or Galvez' town, was named after the Spanish military and political leader in the 18th century: Bernardo de Gálvez y Madrid, Count of Gálvez (1746–1786), who was born in Macharaviaya, Málaga, in the Kingdom of Spain. The Port of Galveston was established in 1825 by the Congress of Mexico following its independence from Spain. The city was the main port for the fledgling Texas Navy during the Texas Revolution of 1836, and later served temporarily as the new national capital of the Republic of Texas.

During the 19th century, Galveston became a major U.S. commercial center and one of the largest ports in the United States. It was for a time, Texas' largest city, known as the "Queen City of the Gulf". It was devastated by the unexpected Galveston Hurricane of 1900, whose effects included massive flooding and a storm surge which nearly wiped out the town. The natural disaster on the exposed barrier island is still ranked today as the deadliest in United States history, with an estimated death toll of 6,000 to 12,000 people. The city subsequently reemerged during the Prohibition era of 1919–1933 as a leading tourist hub and a center of illegal gambling, nicknamed the Free State of Galveston until this era ended in the 1950s with subsequent other economic and social development.

Much of Galveston's economy is centered in the tourism, health care, shipping, and financial industries. The 84-acre University of Texas Medical Branch campus with an enrollment of more than 2,500 students is a major economic force of the city. Galveston is home to six historic districts containing one of the largest and historically significant collections of 19th-century buildings in the U.S., with over 60 structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places, maintained by the National Park Service in the United States Department of the Interior.

Indigenous inhabitants of Galveston Island called the island Auia. Though there is no certainty regarding their route and their landings, Cabeza de Vaca and his crew were shipwrecked at a place he called "Isla de Malhado" in November 1528. This could have referred to Galveston Island or San Luis Island. Stephen F. Austin followed his predecessors in the use of "San Luis Island," but introduced "Galveston" to refer to the little village at the east end of the island.

The city of Galveston is situated on Galveston Island, a barrier island off the Texas Gulf coast near the mainland coast. The city is about 45 miles southeast of downtown Houston. The island is oriented generally northeast-southwest, with the Gulf of Mexico on the east and south, West Bay on the west, and Galveston Bay on the north.

Since the early 20th century, Galveston has been popularly known as the 'Oleander City' because of a long history of cultivating Nerium oleander, a subtropical evergreen shrub which thrives on the island. Oleanders are a defining feature of the city; when flowering they add masses of color to local gardens, parks, and streets. Thousands were planted in the recovery following the Hurricane of 1900 and Galvestonians continue to treasure the plant for its low water needs, tolerance of heat, salt spray and sandy soils.

The Galveston County Daily News, founded in 1842, is the city's primary newspaper and the oldest continuously printed newspaper in Texas. It currently serves as the newspaper of record for the city and the Texas City Post serves as the newspaper of record for the County. Radio station KGBC, on air from 1947 to 2010, has previously served as a local media outlet. Television station KHOU signed on the air as KGUL-TV on March 23, 1953. Originally licensed in Galveston, KGUL was the second television station to launch in the Houston area after KPRC-TV. One of the original investors in the station was actor James Stewart, along with a small group of other Galveston investors. In June 1959, KGUL changed its call sign to KHOU and moved their main office to Houston. The local hip hop name for Galveston is "G-town."

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Freddie Wayne Miller

Graveside service for Freddie Wayne Miller, age 84, of Miller Grove, TX will be held at 10:30A.M. on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Miller Grove Cemetery with Pastor Wayne Darty officiating. Mr. Miller passed away on May 9, 2021 at his residence.

Freddie was born on April 25, 1937 in Middlesboro, KY to Sadie Miller. He was raised in Artemus, KY. He served in the National Guard when he was 16 and served in the United States Navy at age 18 for four years. Freddie then worked as a factory worker. He had a lifelong love of animals and loved spending time with his dogs, Jessie and Silla, and his cats Bell and Lucy. Freddie also loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children, Tammy Anthony, Terry Miller and Garry Miller; grandchildren, Jesse, Meranda, Billie, Dustin, Chad and Garrett; great grandchildren, Mikayla, Gracyn, Lily, Luke, Levi, Brody.

He was preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, Billy and Mary Miller; Son, Jeffery Miller.

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



Danny Lynn "Stoney" Argenbright

Funeral services for Danny Lynn "Stoney" Argenbright, age 64, of Nelta, were held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 8, 2021 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Troy Young officiating. Interment followed at Nelta Cemetery with Chad Argenbright, Corey Argenbright, Kaden Argenbright, Corbin Argenbright, Coleman Massey, and Lucky Massey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Tarpley, Bret Bassham, Tracy McLane, Dave Smith, J.D. Fite, Deryl Strain, Bandy Stokes, Max Palmer, and all his mining family. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2021 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Danny passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at his residence.

He was born on September 10, 1956 in Sulphur Springs, TX the son of Gwyneth and Neoma Jean Stapp Argenbright. He married Donna Strain on August 29, 1977 in Oklahoma. Danny was a heavy equipment operator for the coal mine for many years. He loved spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing.

He is survived by wife, Donna Argenbright of Nelta, sons, Chad Argenbright and wife Kara of Sulphur Springs, Corey Argenbright of Nelta, daughter, Candy Argenbright of Birthright, grandchildren, Kaden Argenbright, Corbin Argenbright, Coleman Massey, Lucky Massey, Clayton Massey, Danni Massey, Payton Argenbright, mother, Neoma Jean, sisters, Barbara Dawdy of Greenville, Lucretia Pool and husband Jackie of Dike, and brother, Larry Argenbright and wife Rhonda. He was preceded in death by his father. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Wanda Lou Lewis Clayton



Wanda Lou Lewis Clayton was born at home on February 6, 1932, in Tira, Texas. As the oldest of ten children, she helped raise the younger siblings. She graduated high school, and married the love of her life, W. R. Clayton on September 8, 1948. They were married nearly 55 years.

She has always been everyone's Meme. She began to keep children in the home when Tim was young, to play with. She served in the children's department in every church where she lived, and taught at Lake Highlands Kindergarten, and Woodbridge Kindergarten until her retirement. She was so proud of both of her sons, and all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always kept the grandchildren for at least one week during the summer, which was always a special time for all. She even used her gift of service in her final years, at Wesley Oaks Assisted Living Center, where she loved, laughed,

and "took care" of everybody. They even joked that she was the Activities Director's Secretary. Meme loved working in the garden all of her life, and even kept the weeds out of the flower beds at Wesley Oaks when she was able. Family was central to Meme: she loved and enjoyed the reunions and get-togethers with her brothers and sisters, and the Tira Reunion was always a highlight to her. Meme lived a wonderful life as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by sons: Larry David Clayton (Suzann Burrell Haas-Clayton) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Timothy Steven Clayton (Leslie Clayton) of Corpus Christi, Texas; brothers: Gary Lewis (Rachel Lewis) of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Richard Lewis; sisters: Dorothy Lewis Hargrave of McKinney, Texas, and Judy Schaare Lewis of Irving, Texas; Grandchildren: Michele Stinecipher, Jeffrey Clayton, Leanna Miday, Krystal Whalen, LT Com. Andrew Clayton, USN, Kate DiCocco, and Ethan Clayton; Great-Grandchildren: Preston Clayton, Matthew Clayton, Brady Clayton, Hannah Miday, Maddox Clayton, Camilla Clayton, Ivan Koenig, Ava Koenig, and Ewan Clayton; Step-Children: Christopher Haas, Jennifer Jefferson, Jonathan Haas, Amanda Haas, Step-Grandchildren: Jackson Haas, Elizabeth Haas, and Emily Haas; Many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband; by brothers, Don Lewis, Gene Lewis, Tommy Lewis; and by sisters, Brenda Lewis and Bobbie Lewis.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment followed at Tira Cemetery. There was no formal visitation. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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THAT GOOD TIME OF YEAR **Tumbleweed Smith**

I looked out the window and it was spring. The lawns were coming back to life and leaves were appearing on previously bare branches. The mesquite trees were beginning to show their special shade of green.

Tumbleweed Smith Most people's favorite season is the one in which they were born. I was born in late spring so the season of renewal is my favorite time of year. I love to see the earth come back to life, when it purges itself from winter's darkness and feels cleansed, blessed again. It's when we witness the season of hope. Spring is when you want to get out and do things you may have never done before, like grabbing a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and going to the creek or going outside to watch a bug for about an hour or just stretching out and staring at your shoes while you contemplate things.

You wear fewer clothes in the spring. Shorts and t-shirts replace sweaters, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. And you might even go around with no socks or shoes.

The outside beckons you and you think about taking a walk. The bicycle that's been unused awaits a rider and looks inviting. You feel the tires to make sure they're ready. You take it outside and test everything, maybe oil the chain. The fresh air makes you frisky and you become a child again.

You get out the ice cream freezer, clean the barbeque grill and imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze. No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas fields of blue and yellow and red appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Flowers are arranged between the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets. Texas is the birthplace of spring.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds flash their white tail feathers while cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully in the perfect blue of an April sky. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe.

The 24-hour celestial parade is a wondrous event. We wake to a dawn of sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid afternoon they become active and bounce around like giant white pillows. At sundown the sky is streaked with crimson and orange. And darkness brings out its own special magic with silver sparkles in the black sky. Spring makes you glad to be alive.



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