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Our newest employee is Chris Hayner. Chris is our Maintenance / Safety Ranger. He is re-joining our team after his first stint in the position from 2018-2020. Chris is a true American hero serving our country in the U.S. Army. Chris retired in 2015 from the U.S. Army as a Light Infantry First Sergeant (1SG) after serving 20 years, which included deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I (Iraq) and Operation Enduring Freedom 12-13 (Afghanistan). He is a 2016 graduate of Texas A&M Commerce with a BAAS in Organizational Leadership. Chris enjoys working on his small ranch in Klondike, hunting, teaching his sons the value of hard work, and coaching youth sports. Chris resides in Klondike, Texas with his wife Kimberly and two sons (Bo & Cole).

Education is a cornerstone of what we do at a Texas state park. Teaching the public about the values inherent in protecting and enjoying the natural world in an ecologically friendly manner is our overarching mission. Running point for this program is our newly hired educator, Alicia O'Connor. Alicia has been a schoolteacher and coach for the past twelve years. She has now found another path for educating others in our "classroom of nature." Alicia's hobbies include fishing, hunting, and traveling with her family. One of her all-time favorite activities is teaching others about archery. Alicia has had the distinct pleasure of coaching many successful archers in the National Archery in the Schools Program in a competitive tournament format.



Park Ranger Chris Hayner and sons



Park Ranger/Educator Alicia O'Connor

Remember the 25th Anniversary Celebration planned at Cooper Lake State Park on Saturday October 16, 2021. There will be something for everyone to enjoy during the day, and a country music concert on the outdoor stage that evening with the Reilly Springs Jamboree featuring Gary Jones and Runnin Creek. Although the Jamborees at the Reilly Springs Community Center for this Fall are suspending due to COVID concerns, we still plan to do this open-air show for you. Hope to see you there! Til next week, I will watch for you at the Corral Gate!

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Peggy Jo Walker

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Peggy was born on October 29, 1944 in Winnsboro, TX, the daughter of John Lewis Cates and Ruby Doris Knotts Cates. She married Buddy Walker on August 8, 1964 in Sulphur Springs and he survives. Peggy worked as an account representative at City National Bank before she retired. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Key Walker and wife Holly of Greenville, TX, grandchildren, Reese Walker, Sydney Walker, Jaxey Walker and Jude Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Kelly Anne Walker Jones. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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Roy Borden

Graveside service for Roy Borden, age 71 of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, was held at 2 p.m. Monday August 23, 2021, at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Borden passed away on August 17, 2021, at Pleasant Springs Nursing and Rehab.

Roy was born on November 29, 1949, in Deport, Texas, to J.T. and Reba (House) Borden. He married Debbie Ruth Shelton on January 31, 1970. Roy worked as foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad. He was a fisherman for New Boston Bass Club. He is survived by his son, Michael Borden; daughter, Misty Evans; granddaughter, Skylar Rayne Goldsmith; and sister, Sheila Borden.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

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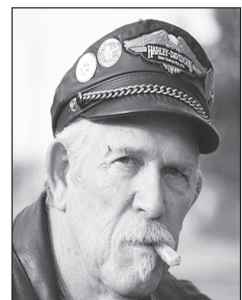
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She was married at a young age to Fernando Padron Fuentes Sr., and had three children, Dr. Fred Fuentes (Aminta), Veronica Knotts (Jeff) and Victoria Miller (Bryce). She was the proud grandmother of 10 amazing grandkids: Devien Malik Fuentes (Yeimi), Jonathon Andrew Medina, Colin McCaye Miller (Maya), Annika Leanne Medina, Tanner Bryce Miller, Belen Alexis Fuentes, Owen Robert Miller, Lucy Elizabeth Miller, Ayden Blair Fuentes and Ariana Rose Fuentes. She is preceded in death by her youngest grandson, Henry Miller; her oldest sibling, Delia Ann Gomez; and her parents, Delia Godoy Lemos and Robert Herrera Lemos.

Grandma Yolanda, Mylonda, La Huera, Ma and Mom! That's what we called her. She was described by her friends as "a little firecracker" among many other funtittles including "Mrs. Tell it like it is", "Spicy" and "The best little grandma in the world." She was full of love for her three children and bragged to anyone who would listen about their lives and successes. At 4'7", she was a small one, but let me tell you, she was fierce. She was a consummate advocate for "the underdogs" of the world, for the disenfranchised, for people living with disabilities, and for people that were being discriminated against. She simply would not stand for "mean people" and was quick to let them know that they were wrong. She taught her children and grandchildren to never tolerate racism, sexism, or any attempt to minoritize another person. She wanted everyone to have equal access to life's opportunities and riches.

A celebration of life ceremony took place on Tuesday, August 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Central Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where she was a member. An additional service took place in Corpus Christi for family and life-long friends at Abundant Life Fellowship. Service time will be promptly at 3:33 p.m.



Larry Wayne Perry April 11, 1941 - August 20, 2021 (age 80)

Larry Wayne Perry, Sr., age 80, a longtime resident of Birthright, TX, passed away Aug. 20, 2021 in his home. Family and friends are welcome to attend a graveside service on Sept. 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM at North Hopkins Cemetery with Buddy Wiggins officiating. He was born the son of Joel L. Perry and Eliza Louise Miller Perry in Van Alstyne, TX on April 11, 1941. He was married to Virginia Albertson Parker, who preceded him in death in November of 2020.

He was well known in the Birthright community and often answered to Unc' and Papa Harley. He worked as an electrician at Ocean Spray until he retired, but as most know, there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. He was a master of all trades and could build anything with his bare hands.

He is survived by his siblings: Jim Perry of Atoka, OK, Margie Smith of Birthright, TX, Debbie Willis of Sherman, TX, Jimmy Melton of Detroit, TX and Dean Melton of Detroit, TX. Surviving children are Larry Wayne Perry, Jr., Scott Perry, Joel Ross Perry, Rita Perry Reifel, Lisa Perry Tidwell, Misty Perry Primeaux, Everett Perry, Jason Perry. His grandchildren are Aimee Hunter Blackburn, Nathan Perry, Rebecca Anne Perry, Ross Perry, Trenton Tidwell, Haylee Tidwell, Lane Perry and Abigail Blackburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Joel and Eliza Perry; wife Virginia Parker, brothers: Joel Perry of Yuma, AZ, Robert Perry of Birthright, TX, Billy Martel of Birthright, TX, Dennis Ray Perry of Van Alstyne, TX and daughter: Linda Jo Lebaron of Sherman, TX.

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