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"Dayton is growing extremely rapidly," he says, "probably faster than most long time residents would like."

When he moved to Dayton 20 years ago it was a city of 5,000 people.

Tumbleweed Smith

"When the latest subdivision on the south side of Dayton is complete, predictions are the population will reach 133,000 people."

That subdivision, called RIVER RANCH, is quite large. "It's projected to have 14 to 15 thousand single family homes in it. Dayton is no longer a small town. The long time residents of Dayton who value small town amenities are losing out because that small town charm is rapidly going by the wayside. Dayton is going to be a city. When you think about it, even if the population grows to 120,000 that's larger than the population of Beaumont."

RIVER RANCH is not the only subdivision being built. There are others. New shopping centers, grocery stores and all types of businesses needed in a medium sized city are going up. Al says the growth is due to the latest loop around Houston: Highway 99, The Grand Parkway.

"It was like they took the vehicle that was full of fuel and put a super charger on it. The loop is getting us closer to Houston, but it's also bringing Houston closer to us."

Property values have increased in and around Dayton. So has traffic.

"Try driving down Highway 90 between Dayton and Houston from 4:30 to 6:30 in the afternoon. It's non-stop traffic."

Al bought 4 and half acres of land 15 years ago.

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Several years ago the city of Dayton made sure it had room to expand.

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Janice Petty

A funeral service for Janice Petty, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, was held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Jenkins, Dr. Jeff Gravens and Cole Newsom officiating. Interment followed at Ridgeway Cemetery with Cole Newsom, Cade Newsom, Rhett Newsom, Peyton Howard, Mark Maddox, Garrett Lockhart, James Calderbank, Bobby Beck, Sam Johnson and Tracy Johnson serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Petty passed away on November 8, 2022, at Carriage House Manor.

Janice was born on October 1, 1936, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Corbett and Louise (Stewart) Parker. She married Jakie Petty on January 6, 1962, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Janice was a home maker. She also worked at Dr. Lester Hodges medical office; she was a salesclerk at Marshall Department Store. Janice was also a co-owner of the Shoe Inn shoe store.

She is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Tate and Vicki Newsom and husband Jack, Lesley Ann Grant and husband Chuck; sons, Keith Maddox and wife, Toni, Mike Petty and wife, Kara; grandchildren, Josh Morris, Brooke Howard, Cole Newsom and wife Erica, Cade Newsom, Michael Ray Petty, Mark Maddox, Kaitlin Maddox and Aaron Mushinski, Bailee Calderbank

and husband James, Emily Petty and Lance Burdick, Garrett Lockhart and wife Katy, and Addey Ann Owens; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Bonnie Huffstetler. Janice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jakie; and two sons, Johnny Petty and Jakie Petty Jr.



Robert Dylan Schepp

Robert Dylan Schepp ascended to Heaven on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Medical City Hospital in Plano, Texas. A memorial service for Dylan, age 16, of Como, Texas, will be held at 1 PM Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, Texas, with Bro. Mack McClain, Dr. Andrew Hodges, and Paul Ray Vititow officiating.

He will be laid to rest following the service at the Pickton Cemetery with Cole McGuire, Brinlyn Schepp, Jake Murray, Rhett Newsom, Diego Perez, Tripp Smith, Hayden Potts, Lawson Forbes, Wayne Hinton, Sam Ridner, Wade Whiteman, and Carston Moore serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Lee Pogue, Archie Lindley, Todd Hicks, Larry Vititow, Logan Pogue, Evan Darlin, Brantli Schepp, and his J3 Cattle Company friends.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Dylan was born Nov. 28, 2005, in Quitman, Texas, the son of Robert "Kent" Schepp and Jennifer Davis Schepp.

Dylan attended Como-Pickton ISD for many years and was a home-schooled student, who had just completed his junior year. Dylan loved his job at J3 Cattle Company, where he enjoyed working with cattle, but his favorite was just being a "Cowboy." Dylan's hobbies included roping, fishing, and basketball. He was a member of the Pickton United Methodist Church.

Dylan leaves behind his parents; five sisters, Cherish Schepp and Johnathon Andrews of Como, Lexi Schepp and Ross Beshear-Pickens of Sulphur Springs, Whitney Bosold and Christian of Winnsboro, Taeler Schepp of Winnsboro, and Reani Schepp and Cole McGuire of Winnsboro; paternal grandmother, Polly Swatsell of Como; maternal grandmother, Della Fay White of Winnsboro; a loving girlfriend, Hadlee Hrabal; nieces, Byntli Simmons, Lynnon Seiler; and nephews Brilyn Sands, Brinlyn and Brantli Schepp, and Rome Beshear-Pickens. Dylan also leaves behind his boss, who was a special friend and so much more, Todd Hicks.



Christine Snow Morris

Visitation for Christine Snow Morris, age 94, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held on Saturday, November 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Funeral services immediately followed at 11:00 with Pastor Fred Lewis officiating. Mrs. Morris passed away on Nov. 9, at her residence.

Chris was born on April 24, 1928, in Hawkins, Texas, to John L and Corine Craig Snow. She moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas on Dec. 7, 1941, and told stories of listening to the bombing of Pearl Harbor on the car radio. She graduated from Sulphur Springs High School as the Salutatorian of the Class of 1945. She married Ivie Coppedge in 1947, and he preceded her in death in 1965. She married TG Morris in 1967, and he preceded her in death in 1993. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs.

"Mam-mother" loved cooking and was known for her famous chicken fried steak, macaroni cheese and German Chocolate cake. Chris was the ultimate caregiver and while taking care of her 112-year-old mother, earned Caregiver of

the Year honors by the Sulphur Springs Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her sister, Fannie Snow Brower of Fort Worth; stepdaughter, Judy Morris Draper of Poolville; and stepson, Steve Morris of Bastrop. She is also survived by granddaughter, Melissa Coppedge McCaffrey and husband, Mike, of League City; grandson, Jeff Coppedge and wife, Alisha of Sulphur Spring; Brandon Key and wife Jeanne of Poolville; Carrie Morris and Teresa White; great-grandchildren, Kelly Keys Kirkham and husband Clay, Cori McCaffrey Rodriguez and husband Miguel, Gracie Key, Taylor Coppedge, Maddy Pendergrass, Abby Coppedge, Cade McCaffrey, Christin McCaffrey, Carter McCaffrey, Ashlyn Arnold, Kristen Doublebouer, Ian Doublebouer, and great grandson, Julius Rodriguez. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Chris was preceded in death by her son, James Coppedge in September, 2022; her stepson, Mike Morris; and her parents, John and Corine Snow.

Veterans For Peace

Veterans for Peace is an organization founded in 1985. Initially made up of US military veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan and the Iraq War, and as well as peacetime veterans and non-veterans, it has since spread overseas and has an active offshoot in the United Kingdom (which has effectively replaced the former 'Ex-Services CND' organization). The group works to promote alternatives to war.

The organization has opposed the military policies of the United States, NATO and Israel, and has opposed military actions and threats to Russia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Libya and Syria.

We draw on our personal experiences and perspectives gained as veterans to raise public awareness of the true costs and consequences of militarism and war - and to seek peaceful, effective alternatives."

Veterans For Peace was founded and incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state of Maine on July 8, 1985. It was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) tax-exempt educational organization that year. It was also recognized as a United Nations non-governmental organization (NGO) in 1990. VFP's first permanent representative to the United Nations was Benjamin Weintraub of Staten Island, New York, who was seated in 1990. Chapters and members are active in communi-

ties throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Viet Nam. National conventions are held annually and members communicate through quarterly newsletters as well as daily list serve news, online discussion groups as well as the national and chapter websites. Veterans for Peace has a national office in Saint Louis, Missouri and members across the country, both organized in chapters and at-large.

At least one unrelated anti-war group from the Vietnam War era had a similar name: "Veterans for Peace in Viet-Nam" participated in a number of demonstrations in 1967.[6] And another demonstration in Washington, DC.

VFP first began organizing major anti-war protests in 1987 when, on Easter Sunday, hundreds of its members marched on President Reagan's "Western White House" in California, and Vice President Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine, protesting U.S. support for the Nicaraguan Contra counter-revolution.

Starting in 2003, Veterans for Peace became a major participant of protests against the Iraq War.

In 2004, its Southern California chapters began installing Arlington West, a weekly "temporary cemetery" in tribute to those killed in the war in Iraq, each Sunday in Santa Barbara and Santa Monica, California.

In August 2005, Veterans For Peace Member, Desert storm veteran Dennis Kyne lead a group of veterans in

support of Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a US Army soldier killed in Iraq who embarked on an extended anti-war vigil near the ranch of US President George W. Bush in Crawford, Texas. On August 5, 2005 Sheehan spoke at the organization's 20th annual convention in Dallas, Texas, just a day before traveling to Crawford to begin her vigil. Members traveled from California to install an Arlington West display at "Camp Casey", the site of Sheehan's protest.

In March 2006, Veterans For Peace and coalition partners Iraq Veterans Against the War, Gold Star Families for Peace, and Military Families Speak Out joined with Hurricane Katrina survivors and the relief and rebuilding organizations Savin' Ourselves After Katrina, Common Ground Collective, and Bayou Liberty Relief, as well as a number of African-American churches along the Gulf Coast on a march from Mobile, Alabama to New Orleans, Louisiana. Originally titled the Veterans and Survivors March, it quickly took on the moniker of Walkin' to New Orleans, in tribute to the famous song by Fats Domino. The marchers traveled the Gulf Coast advocating an immediate end to the war in Iraq and redirection of funds to help rebuild areas Katrina damaged not only in New Orleans, but also in Mississippi, and Alabama.

According to Vets for Peace - Peace Action Network, "The military has a clear and dan-

gerous presence at Milwaukee's Summerfest" (June 26 - July 6, 2008). "One exhibit is especially offensive: kids as young as 13 years old can aim automatic weapons from atop a humvee at a large screen to virtually kill people."

Veterans for Peace participated in an anti-war demonstration held on the White House sidewalk in December 2010; dozens were arrested, including Ray McGovern, Daniel Ellsberg, Chris Hedges and a number of Veterans for Peace members.

In 2016, the US Peace Memorial Foundation awarded the US Peace Prize to the group "In recognition of heroic efforts to expose the causes and costs of war and to prevent and end armed conflict."

Veterans Affairs
Members and chapters actively participate in efforts to save VA health-care and defend veterans rights; to provide counseling through the GI Rights Hotline to active duty military needing assistance; and providing alternative information to counter military recruiters in the schools. Central America

In the 1980s, VFP opposed US-sponsored wars in Central America. On Easter Sunday, Apr 19, 1987, VFP members marched on President Reagan's Western White House in California, and Vice President Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine, protesting U.S. intervention in Central America. From May 4-18, 1987, sixteen members of VFP representing eight states traveled through Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua conducting site visits and in-

terviews with high level government, military, religious and private sector elders, and talking with many average citizens. Following their return, they published a 40-page delegation report that was distributed to 5,000 opinion leaders in the United States including members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the heads of many government offices and agencies, church, labor, and educational leaders, and media pace setters. In 1988, many VFP members participated in the Veterans Peace Convoy which was intended to truck medical and humanitarian aid to the suffering children of Nicaragua. Though the convoy was stopped by U.S. Customs and Treasury officials in Texas at the Laredo border checkpoint, on June 15, 1988, the vehicles were off-loaded into containers at a Texas port facility and about 95% of the cargo

reached its destination in Nicaragua. In July 1988, VFP member Joe Ryan, an environmental scientist, of Tallahassee, Florida, established VFP's Nicaragua Environmental Science Project. Ryan spent two years working in Nicaragua training pollution control teams how to correct water contamination problems. The project was credited with significantly reducing the nation's infant mortality rate. Also in July 1988, VFP member Randy Parent of Caribou, Maine, drove a truckload of smelting and casting equipment to Guatemala where he established the Pro-Tierra Machine Tool Project to train members of several indigenous tribes how to make farm tools for the 100,000 members of the Pro-Tierra land reform movement. VFP regularly sends election observers to Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

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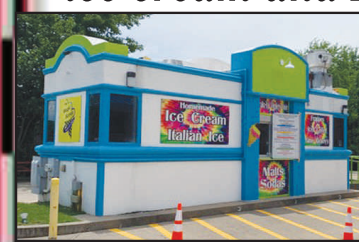
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