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The Crossroads folks call it their annual Thanksgiving Meal Kit Giveaway. The kit is actually a full sack of groceries, a frozen

turkey and a 5-pound bag of potatoes.

This past year they supplied an itemized list of groceries and the increase in prices from the year before. The 2021 price for the meal was \$45.78. The 2022 price was \$56.16, an increase of 23% or \$10.38.

This is the itemized list:

French's Fried Onions: 2022: \$4.14 2021: \$3.46, 68 cents more up 19.7%

Jet Puffed Marshmallows: 2022: \$1.62 2021: \$1.08, 54 cents more up 50%

Aluminum Roaster Pan: 2022: \$2.54 2021: \$1.98, 56 cents more up 28.3%

Cranberry Sauce: 2022: \$1.98 2021: \$1.50, 48 cents more up 32.09%

Green Beans (Wholesale): 2022: \$1.13 2021: \$.96, 29 cents more up 18.3%

Green Beans (Retail): 2022: \$1.42 2021: \$1.25, 17 cents more up 13.6%

Canned Yams: 2022: \$2.77 2021: \$1.98, 79 cents more up 39.9%

Stove Top Stuffing: 2022: \$2.28 2021: \$1.98, 30 cents more up 15.2%

Turkey Gravy: 2022: \$1.34 2021: \$1.12, 22 cents more up 19.6%

5 lb. Bag of Potatoes: 2022: \$2.75 2021: \$1.94, 81 cents more up 41.8%

Pumpkin Pie: 2022: \$4.98 2021: \$3.98, one dollar more up 25.1%

Dinner Rolls: 2022: \$1.73 2021: \$1.38, 35 cents more up 24.4 %

Mushroom Soup (Wholesale): \$1.15 2021: \$.87, 28 cents more up 31.5%

Mushroom Soup (Retail): 2022: \$1.26 2021: \$.99, 27 cents more up 27.3%

Turkey (Per Pound): 2022 \$1.52 2021: \$1.35, 17 cents more up 12.6%

The estimated cost of this year's distribution was \$14,321.86. My wife and I always help out on this project along with other Rotarians. The Boy Scouts and Young Marines are also there helping unload the boxes of turkeys, lugging the bags of potatoes into the assembly line and sometimes handing the items to the people in cars. The line of vehicles, by the way, stretches for blocks.

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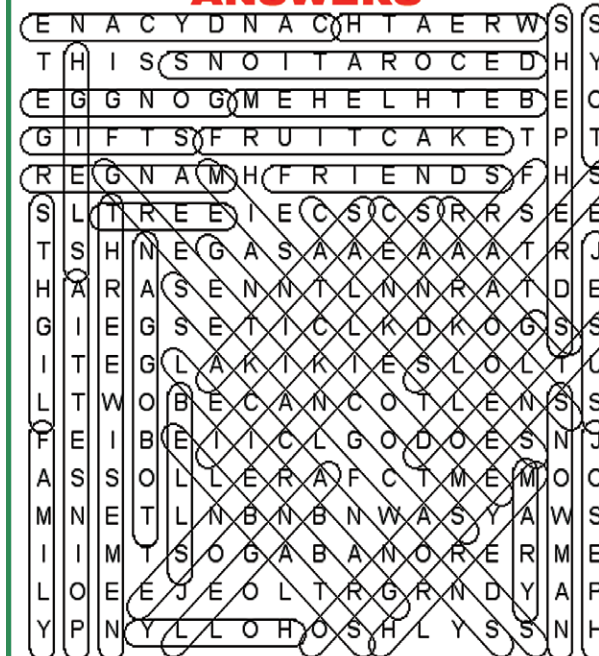
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Stephen Wilburn

Funeral service for Stephen Wilburn, age 75 of Sulphur Springs, Texas were held at 2:00P.M. Friday, December 16, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Robert Dorsey and Rev. CJ Duffey officiating. Interment followed at Old Saltillo Cemetery with Gerald Wilburn, Raymond Wilburn, Chris Wilburn, Adam Wilburn, Phillip W. Wilburn and John Wilburn serving as pallbearers and Gordon Frazier serving as honorary pallbearer. Mr. Wilburn passed away on December 13, 2022, at his longtime home.

Steve was born on February 12, 1947 in Saltillo, Texas to J.W and Golden (Swinford) Wilburn. He married Elizabeth Phillips on June 16, 1967, at Central Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

After high school, he briefly worked at Rockwell Industries before joining his brothers James and Phillip at Wilburn Dairy Services. In 1978, Stephen founded Stephen Wilburn Dairy Services. He loved tinkering on old trucks, fishing, watching westerns and fixing anything he could. Stephen, from an early age, was of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Tammy Wilburn; son, Danny Wilburn and wife, Amanda; grandson Colton Morrow and wife, Kim; adopted grandson Jason Morrow and wife, Judy. Numerous great- grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul Wilburn, Billy Wayne Wilburn, James Wilburn, Dewey Wilburn, and Phillip H. Wilburn.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Kristi Rae Melton

Funeral services for Kristi Rae Melton, age 55, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Harmony Cemetery with Jarrod Turner, Brent Turner, Blake Turner, Drew Holloway, Rick Grigsby, and Kevin Ward serving as pallbearers. Visitation was at 1 p.m., prior to service time.

Kristi was born on January 24, 1967, in Greenville, Texas, the daughter of Montie Ray Wood and Sandra Gail Wood Tate.

Kristi spent her career in the transportation industry. Kristi loved crafting and everything floral. When she entered a room, everything just lit up with her quick wit, contagious laugh and bright smile.

Kristi is survived by her mother; her daughter, Haley Nicole Melton; granddaughter, Paisley Grace Melton; and sisters, Cheryl Lynn Grigsby and husband, Rick, and Lori Suzanne Holloway and husband, Eddie Joe.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Dial Allan Moffatt

Funeral services for Dial Allan Moffatt, age 76, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Shooks Chapel Cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Dial passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at his home. He was born on January 18, 1946, in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Dial Anderson Moffatt and Emma Aldine Davis Moffatt. He married Susan Diane Batson on June 29, 1968 in Waco, Texas.

Dial, also known as Coach, PaPa, Bubba and Buddy, was an economics teacher and a football coach for Garland, Malakoff, Rockwall and Sulphur Springs ISDs. He loved sports of all kinds and was a lover of history as well as an avid reader.

In addition to his wife, Suzy, he is survived by his sons, Derek Jefferson Moffatt and wife Jennifer of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jared Andrew Moffatt and wife Amy of Van, Texas; sisters, Patricia Lawrence and husband Trice, and Sue Northrup and husband David; grandchildren, Aidan Moffatt and wife Hannah, Hope Marsh and husband Cameron, Michael Moffatt, Grant Moffatt, Royce Moffatt, Jayton Moffatt, Mason Moffatt, Austin Moffatt and Jaxon Moffatt; and nieces and nephews.

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