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**Tumbleweed Smith** Now that former two-lane highway is a four-lane thoroughfare and Andy wouldn't think of trying to cross it because there's a constant stream of vehicles whizzing by. And the area where his house once stood by itself is now an established neighborhood of homes and stores.

Andy used to keep a pet king snake in his front yard. He didn't like water moccasins. Once he found one on his front porch and it slithered into the space between the porch and the house. So he mixed some concrete and poured it in that space. "That snake is buried in concrete," says Andy.

He was a heavy equipment operator and then worked 25 years for an oil distributor. "I retired in 1979 at age 53," says Andy. "That's pretty good, I think." Then he started a business of his own. "My wife and I were setting here one day and she asked me if I thought we could make any money selling swings. I told her I would give it a try and started making swings. It snowballed. We had a good business."

His swings were sturdy, made of 2 by pine lumber. "I built a regular swing, then one that had the state of Texas on it. I built an A & M swing and one with a longhorn steer. Made quite a lot of money back in them days. Lakes around here were just going in and people would show up here after dark wanting swings to take to their property. I had my shop full of swings."

He could make 3 or 4 swings in a single day, working from 6 AM to 6 PM. "My wife would come out and tell me it was time to eat and I'd tell her I'd be there when I found a stopping place." He did all the work himself each one was handmade. "Some people put them in an A-frame or hung them from a tree limb. The swings had armrests with eyebolt screws in them where they could attach a chain and hang them from the front porch ceiling. They sold pretty good."

The swings came in different sizes. "Well you take a 5-foot, 3 people could sit comfortable in it. A 4-foot 2 people, well 3 if you put 2 grownups and a kid, you know. I never painted a swing because I ain't no painter."

He's not building them now, but his swings will soon be back on the market. "My buddy up at Mike's Café is going to start making them again here pretty quick using my patterns. He's getting all set up now."

He made the swings 30 years. When he started, Andy sold his swings at prices ranging from 12 to 15 dollars. When he quit making them the prices ranged from \$100 to \$150. He thinks the swings he made are still in good shape, comfortable and people are continuing to enjoy them.

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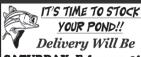
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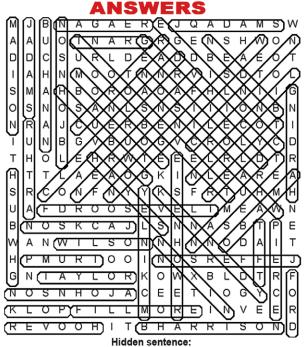
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#### **WALK LIKE MADD**

Walk Like Madd is our signature fundraising event to help us raise both awareness and funds to end drunk driving and fight drugged driving. Many who participate have a common bond, they know someone who has been injured or killed in a drunk driving crash, or they feel strongly about creating a future of No More Victims.® In 2022, around 90 cities across the nation hosted Walk Like Madd events. With every step taken and each dollar raised, we support MADD's lifesaving mission to keep our families and communities safe.

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### Delray Jenkins

Delray Jenkins, born November 11, 1941, in Sulphur Springs, TX to Charlie Erbin Jenkins and Lilly Eula Hanson Jenkins, went to his heavenly home, Saturday, February 18, 2023, in Tyler, TX.

Delray was a quality control inspector for Bechtel Corporations for greater than 30 years. He was an avid rancher, an amazing father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved the sport of rodeo and could frequently be found watching the PBR. He adored his family, family dinners, and making his famous meatloaf, spaghetti, and tacos. Delray was a hard worker and a man of his word.

Delray was preceded in death by his son, Steven Ray Jenkins, parents, Charlie and Eula Jenkins, loving wife of 25 years, Pamela Gibson Jenkins, brothers, Eldoris, Randy, and Robert Jenkins, and sister, Velda Price.

He is survived by his daughter, Renee' Jenkins Weeks, husband Rusty, of Sulphur Springs, son, Clint Sanderson, Jackie, of Big Sandy, grandchildren, Dusty Campbell and wife Sabrina of Troup, Danielle Lee and husband Andy of Pittsburg, Samantha Lewis and husband Jacob of Greenville, Ezmi and Ande Rambo, four great-grandsons,

Christopher, Brayden, and Colton Campbell, Copper Ray Lee, brother, Moody Jenkins, multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins, and special friend, Myrna Cook.

Memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2023, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Donnie Powers officiating. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m., prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sulphur Bluff Volunteer Fire Department or the Sulphur Bluff Cemetery Association. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



### Kelly (Ward) Carrington

A funeral service for Kelly (Ward) Carrington, age 59 of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 10:00A.M. on Monday, February 20, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bruce Reeves officiating and Noel Bailey, Terry Slack, and Leon Goff assisting. Interment followed at Camp Shed Cemetery in Cooper, Texas with Tony Pope, Derik Moore, Brad Floyd, George Robinson, Chris Graves, Charles Martin, Mitchell Pope, Bailey Floyd, Jack Floyd and Denzel Clark serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Carrington passed away on February 15, 2023 at her residence.

Kelly was born on January 7, 1964 in Grandview, Mo at the Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base to Robert Larry and Barbara (Riley) Ward. She married Shane Carrington on January 2, 1988 in Greenville, Texas. Kelly worked as a supervising laboratoryscientist for over 30 years. She loved working with pediatrics. Kelly enjoyed her hobbies, such as traveling, reading and sewing, and being with family, especially her grandchildren. She was a devoted member of the Southside Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Shane; daughters, Rachel Robinson and husband, George, Hannah Graves and husband, Chris; grandchildren, Ruby, Truett and Dale Robinson; parents, Larry and Barbara Ward; sisters, Karren (Ward) Pope and husband, Tony, Karla (Ward) Moore and husband, Derik; in-laws, Ted and Judy Carrington; sister-in-law, Robin Floyd and husband, Brad; nieces and nephews, Mitchell Pope, Rebecca Pope, Kennedy Moore, Alexa Moore, Emily Floyd, Bailey Floyd and Jack Floyd; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and beloved family members. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### Travis L. Cook

A graveside service for Travis L. Cook, age 81 of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Greenpond Cemetery with BJ Teer officiating. Pallbearers were Tony Cook, Lance Cook, Butch Burney, Aaron Dodd, Jonathan Cook, Ty Brown and Michael Boles and Kade Wimberley and Chris Hart as honorary pallbearers. Mr. Cook passed away on February 13, 2023 at Sunny Springs Nursing Home.

Travis was born on August 9, 1941 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Ogal Mack and Rudine (Stinson) Cook. He attended Como High School where he was valedictorian class of 1959. Travis attended East Texas State University. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Travis worked as an accountant at Rockwell Intl and Flowserve. He was a member of the Pickton Masonic Lodge and a member of the Greenpond Baptist Church, where he served on various committees.

He is survived by his daughter Karen Burney and husband, Butch of Sulphur Springs; sons, Tony Cook and wife, Susan of Sulphur Springs, Lance Cook and wife, Kristy, of Frisco; grandchildren, Brandi Boles, Aaron Dodd, Alyssa

Wimberley, Bradyn Hart, Courtney Brown, Jonathan Cook, Hanna-Mary Cook, Lucy Cook and Molly Cook; great grandchildren, Amerson Boles, Avalyn Boles, Casen Dodd, Aizley Dodd, Waverly Brown, Madden Brown and Carter Gandy.

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