

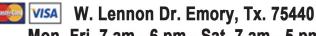








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Tumbleweed Smith

For 33 years Stanton has had a soup cook-off to raise funds for the restoration of the city's historic monastery and convent complex. have been privileged to judge it a few times and have always had a good time there. costs nothing to enter the contest. Attendees Tumbleweed Smith pay \$5 and that gives them the privilege to

sample the soups and vote in the People's Choice category. The

winners get handsome wooden plagues in the shape of Texas. Stanton residents bring in cakes, pies and cookies and auctioneer Matt Kiker uses his skill to sell them to the highest bidders. One cake brought \$3,000. The final tally for the action was nearly \$27,000. Not bad for a town with a population of 3,000.

I tasted all 23 entries. After the judging I went around and asked the cooks to tell me what kind of soup they made. Many of the entries were creamy soups with ingredients ranging from the usual potatoes, celery and bacon to a French Onion soup made with Texas Onions. One was made with Wagu meat and one was made with beer. One entrant said the secret ingredient was love. Stanton's Volunteer Fire Department claimed the judge's first prize for an Andouille-Potato soup. Second place was a soup called Cheeseburger in Paradise. A lasagna soup placed third. The People's Choice Award went to Robbie Gibb for his Jalapeno-Crawfish Chowder.

Restoration of the monastery/convent has been a 50-year effort and it has finally got to the point where the public can tour it and hold weddings and other events there. Reginia Hunt has been hired as the first executive director. "In 1882 Carmelite Monks arrived with a vision of creating a German-Catholic Community here," she says. "They finished the monastery in 1884."

It was just a tiny railroad section station called Grelton and because of the Catholic settlers, the railroad changed the name to Marianfield (Field of Mary). In 1890 as the town grew and more protestants moved in the name was changed to Stanton to honor Lincoln's Secretary of War.

A severe drought in 1886 followed by blizzards the following year brought hard times to both the monastery and the community. Many people left. In 1891 only 5 priests were in residence. The end of that year an order of nuns, The Sisters of Mercy, rented the monastery and later turned it into a convent. The Sisters bought it in 1896 and left in 1938 following a tornado that damaged some buildings.

When the complex was vacated, it began to turn into an eyesore. Over the years it was used for many things including private residences, a restaurant and haunted house. But restoration is continuing. "Over the years the soup cook-off is our largest fundraiser," says Reginia, "but we do clay shoots, get donations from individual donors and grants. People in West Texas are very generous."

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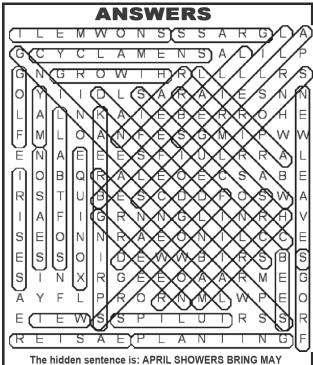
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Obits



Richard Shanks

Mr. Shanks was born in Beeville, TX on May 12, 1939, to John Frank Shanks and Henrietta Parkinson Shanks. He passed away on March 15, 2023, in Sulphur Springs, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin Robert Bruce Shanks, and older brother, John Lee Shanks. He is survived by wife Glenda Butler Shanks and children, Stephanie Jalane Shanks, and Jonathan Bruce Shanks, three grandchildren, Rebecca Ann Shanks, Jonathan Lucas Shanks, and Jacob Charles Shanks, and two nephews, John Leonard Shanks, and Mark Galen Shanks.

Mr. Shanks graduated from A.C. Jones High School in Beeville, TX and attended North Texas State University where he received both his Bachelors' and Masters' Degrees. His first teaching job was in Sulphur Springs, Texas where he met and married his wife of almost 60 years. Then he taught in Tucumcari, New Mexico; Eunice, New Mexico; San Benito, Texas; Palacios, Texas, and Grapeland, Texas. He taught private lessons in several schools in the Houston area after his retirement and was band director at Northwest Academy of FBC Houston and most recently Bright Star

Christian Academy in Sulphur Springs. He taught Music Appreciation at Paris Junior College, was a member of the orchestra at First Baptist Church, and tuned pianos concurrently. Through the years he was a member of many music and service organizations including Texas Bandmasters Asso. He was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Richland Cemetery. Visitation began at 1:00 p.m., prior to service time.



Tiggin Aaron

Funeral services for Tiggin Aaron, 13, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Cross Spur Cowboy Church with Mike Eason officiating. Graveside was at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Sulphur Springs, Texas with Chris Penson, Hunter Stonaker, Garrett Williams, Tagus Horton, Ty Pate, Cooper Pate, Jeremy Sullivan, and Seth Layton serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Jaden Price, Layton Keller, Lane Keller, T.K. Kennington, and Kase Horton. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19, 2023, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Tiggin passed away March 12, 2023, at Cooks Children's Hospital surrounded by family. He was born December 22, 2009, in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Jesse and Ashley Aaron.

Left to cherish his memory are his Mom and Dad of Sulphur Springs; Sisters, Isabella and Ellie; Grandparents, Larry and Susan Aaron of Sulphur Springs, Stacy Layton of Lehigh, OK; Great-grandparents, Bob and Mary Layton; Uncle, Seth Layton and cousins, Roick, Liam, and Holden; Uncle Jeremy Sullivan and wife Pam and cousin Afton; Aunt,

Mandy Keller and husband

Jonathan and cousins Lane, Layton, and Abby; Aunt, Mendi Hurley and husband Johnny and cousins Macie, McKenzie and husband Alain, and T.K.; Aunt, Melissa Aaron and husband Jameson and cousins Jaden and Kinslei; Aunt, Sally Finch and husband Chuck and cousins, Tagus Horton and wife Megan, cousins Kase and Harper, Ty Pate and wife Katelynn, cousin

Beau, Cooper Pate and wife Tannah, cousin Parker; and numerous other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by Grandparent, Bobby Layton; Great-grandparents, Jess and Gloria Carder, Burt and Doris Aaron, Paul and Wanda Calver, and Barbra Layton; Great-grandparents, Ellis and Jaunita Calvert.



Cory Glover

Funeral services for Cory Glover, age 44 of Sulphur Springs, Texas were held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Dr. Jeff Gravens and Bro Tim Potts officiating. Interment followed at Richland Cemetery with Carlos Amaya, Clay Smith, Canyon Smith, Brad Stephens, James Branch and James Schumacher serving as pallbearers and his indoor soccer kids serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Glover passed away on March 12, 2023 at Christus Mother Frances — Tyler.

Cory was born on April 17, 1978 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Joe N and Linda (Gooding) Glover. He married Callie Smith on October 23, 2010 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Cory earned his associated degree and worked for Bank-Tec South as an IT Specialist. He was actively involved with Sulphur Springs Indoor Soccer as a coach.

He is survived by his wife, Callie; daughters, Maci Glover, Vada Glover, Quinn Glover, Olivia Glover and Lettie Glover; parents, Linda and Joe Glover; mother and father-in-law, Julie and Barry Smith; brother-in-law, Clay Smith

and wife, Dichele; cousins, Rene Stephens, Mailee Kirkbride, Wayne Gooding, Katie Branch, Ulette Williams, Allysa Jackson, Robert Hilger, John Davis, Diane Good, Katie Branch and step-siblings, John Swann, Stephen Swann and Gina Lancaster; uncles and aunts, Nita and John Merrill and Jerrold and Teresa Gooding.

Cory was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack and Vada Gooding, Christine and Thad Glover; uncles, Don Gooding and Dee Wayne

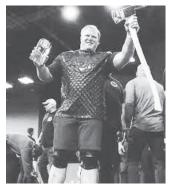
Gooding.

Andrew Burton Wins 2023 World's Strongest Firefighter Competition The contest was held at the 2023 Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, OH.

Andrew Burton, a Sulphur Springs native, is the 2023 World's Strongest Firefighter (WSF) champion. The 2023 WSF competition was held in Columbus, OH, on March 3-4, 2023, as a part of the 2023 Arnold Sports Festival. Over 120 competitors competed, and divisions included the Men's Open, and Women's open.

After preliminary events reduced the field down to 18 (12 Open men, two middleweight men, two women, defending champion Daniel Camacho, and one additional entry), Burton, representing Rockwall Fire Station 1 in Lavon, TX, outlasted the other 17 firefighters across four events to emerge as champion. The top 10 finishers are listed below:

2023 World's Strongest Firefighter Results





Andrew Burton
Brooks Larkin
Nathan Warfel
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Peter Juhasz
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Casey Shoe
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Harry Walker





The firefighters who advanced were placed into one group, and coefficient percentages were used to provide balanced weights and scoring. 2022 champion Camacho finished 13th overall. Laura Moran was the highest-finishing woman. Julianne Durante won the women's division in the preliminary round before the finals. Harry Walker placed first in the Men's U105 group. Both received trophies for their efforts. The event was streamed live on the Strongman Corporation YouTube channel:

Ambulance Tire Deadlift

The Saturday finals began on the Expo stage with the Ambulance Tire Deadlift — a tribute to the Hummer Tire Deadlift that was an Arnold Strongman Classic tradition. The most reps lifted in 60 seconds determined the winner.

Sandbag Carry

The second event required the firefighters to carry sandbags across the stage and back for a total of 40 feet each. The fastest time was rewarded with first-place points. If the competitor couldn't complete the task, the distance was scored instead.

Axe Hold

Event number three required athletes to hold an axe in each hand out to their sides at shoulder height for max time. Their heads and backs had to stay against a board that was behind them. Weights hung on the handles of the axes to add extra resistance.

Fire Hydrant Load

This is the Firefighter equivalent of the Atlas Stones. The athletes had to lift weighted fire hydrants up to a platform and stand it up vertically before they could move on to the next one. All hydrants had to stand atop their platforms at the end of the event to be scored. The contestant with the quickest time won the event.

After the finals were concluded, Burton received the champion's trophy from Arnold Schwarzenegger. All athletes also shook hands with him, and he also handed each a challenge coin in recognition of competing. For more information about the WSF, go to the Arnold Sports Festival website.





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