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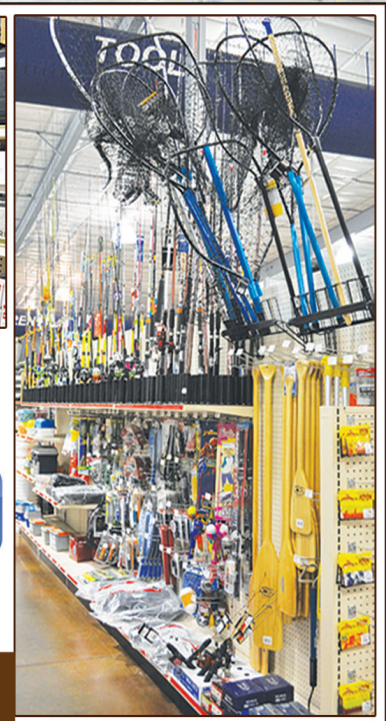
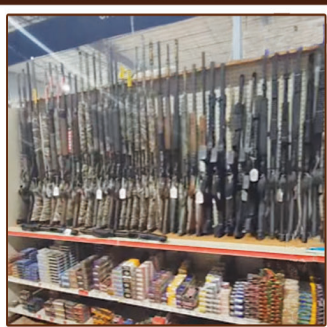


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Neoma Jean (Stapp) Argenbright

Funeral service for Neoma Jean (Stapp) Argenbright, age 99, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at League Street Church of Christ with Jerry Savage and Kirk Reams officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with Brian Argenbright, Brad Argenbright, Chad Argenbright, Corey Argenbright, Sonny Dawdy and Jacob Reams serving as pallbearers. A visitation was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Argenbright passed away at Hopkins Place on Monday, December 18, 2023.

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

The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Elizabeth Darlene Miller

Funeral service for Elizabeth Darlene Miller, age 96, of Carrollton, TX will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Olive Branch Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Leon Gossett officiating. Interment will take place at Sandifer Cemetery in Como following the services. A come and go visitation was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Tapp Funeral Home. Mrs. Miller passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at her home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Darlene Miller, best known as "Darlene" was born March 20, 1927, in Fannin County, Texas. She was the daughter of a loving mother, Ruth Harris Roberts and Aaron Roberts, Jr. In her lifetime, she chose to exemplify love, and compassion to everyone. She was known for her kindness and encouraging words to others. She gave her life to Christ at an early age and was a faithful and true servant of God.

She was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Missionary Church of Sulphur Springs and upon her move to Dallas, became a member of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Darlene was a graduate of Douglas High School, where she was Valedictorian of her 1944 class. In her young life, she was employed at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital, and for many years at Sellers cafeteria.

Darlene married Lenzy Miller, Jr and to this union two daughters were born, Darnese and Anita of Carrollton, Texas, a grandson Joshua of Dallas, Texas. She cherished her life with her daughters and adored her grandson.

She also leaves behind a loving sister Dorothy Smith/Cecil of Kansas City, Missouri, and a niece, Venita Smith of Kansas City, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, two brothers, Claude, and Leon Roberts of Kansas City, Kansas.



Edward "Eddie" Price

A funeral service for Edward "Eddie" Price, age 70, of Sulphur Springs, was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Trinity Harvest Church of God with Bro. Jason Connor and Donna Albert officiating. Interment followed at Rockdale Cemetery with Cleveland Hooten, Daymon Burke, Marc Burke, Bill Sloan, David Toles and Toby Lewis serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Tony Colley, Todd Parnell and Steve Albert. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Price passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Eddie was born on March 5, 1953, in Dallas to Edward and Margaret (Barnish) Price. After high school, he spent over fifty years working in heating and cooling, with the last twenty-plus years at A&S Air Conditioning in Sulphur Springs. He married Neena Parnell in Sulphur Springs on May 14, 2016. He enjoyed working with his cattle, riding his motorcycle and was extremely talented at working with his hands. His work ethic was unmatched as he built his own house by himself over a span of four years, just working on it during the weekend. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Neena Price; daughters, Shelby Lerner and husband Steven, Katie Price, Shauna Upton and husband Matthew; grandchildren, Morgan Lafratte, Lane Upton, Gracie Michon; brother-in-law, Tony Colley; sisters-in-law, Cathy Colley, Glenda Burnett and a host of nieces and nephews that adored him.



Ronnie Causey

A funeral service for Ronnie Causey, age 77, of Bullard, formerly of Sulphur Springs, was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Visitation was held one hour before the service. Mr. Causey passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at his home in Bullard, TX.

Ronald Leon Causey was born July 29, 1946, in Greenville, TX to Raymond Leon Causey and Nannie V. (Wingo) Causey. He served his country in the United States Air Force. He married Peggy Jean Williams in November of 1997 in Sulphur Springs. Ronnie was a truck driver for 54 years and a member of Central Baptist Church. Ronnie is survived by his wife, Peggy Causey of Bullard; daughters, Christi Blanton and husband, Brian of Ennis, Leah Brown and husband, Terrance of Cedar Hill; step-children, Sherri Dike and husband, Harold of Edom, Scott Rushing of Tyler and T.J. Hoekema and wife, Jessica of Seabrook; grandchildren, Kevin Sullivan, Crystal Dykes, Noah Roberson, Triniti Brown, Tisa Sudduth, Kaylie Tracy, Amber Cavasoz, Jesse Dike, Marie Guerra, and Jasmine Guerra; numerous great-grandchildren; sisters, Linda Dixon and Susan Harmon; brother, Larry Paul Causey; and last but not least, Gabby, his little Yorkie and best friend.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents.



There are very few people in the world today who do not know what the Christmas holiday is all about. Christmas, as we know it today, is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, which happened over 2000 years ago. The word "Christmas" translates to "Mass Of Christ". However, we can all be sure that the celebration of the Christmas holiday did not start right away. So how did the actual celebration of the Christmas holiday begin?

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Songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock produced a Christmas CD sometime back. One song on it was titled **THE TUMBLEWEED CHRISTMAS TREE**. Part of the lyrics goes like this: "Daddy put it on the dinette table, mama made the newsprint angels, ornaments of tin foil scraps and buttons on a string, took us all night to decorate it. When we got done I have to say that it was the prettiest tumbleweed I've ever seen."

Andy said the idea for the song came from something his grandmother did. "She and her friends in the Eastern Star made Christmas trees out of tumbleweeds one year. I thought that was kind of interesting, that the weed might be a good symbol for being so poor that you couldn't afford a regular Christmas tree and had to make do with a tumbleweed." Andy had read a national story about the oil activity in No Trees so he decided to set his song there.

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"I walked in and there was the tumbleweed tree I had described in my song. It had a newsprint angel, ornaments of tin foil scraps, buttons on a string. I was so moved by it I told Milsy that I was honored that she had done the tree. She said her mother in law always makes their newsprint angels and went on to describe the decorations. So all that stuff I made up was really happening."

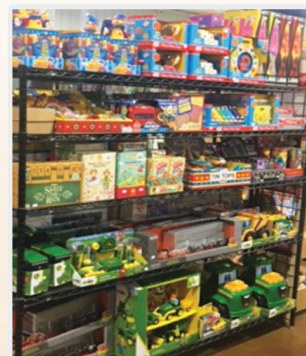
Andy said his appearance on the Today Show was fascinating and full of coincidences. His song is played a lot around Christmas. "It's not like it bought me a new house or anything; in fact it barely bought me a tank of gas. But it is a song that people know and like."

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