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Since then it has grown quite a bit. "Last year we had 750 people at our one-day bee school."

More are expected this year when it takes place April first at the high school in Brenham. The location keeps changing because the number of attendees keeps growing. "We have about 45 speakers who come in. Some 60 people in our group put it on. The classes are in the band hall and auditorium and we'll have about 45 vendors in the gym."

For the 85 dollar cost those attending get a book on beekeeping and a meal. "And Blue Bell Ice Cream for Dessert. We are in Brenham, after all." The curriculum is varied. A dozen sessions are going on simultaneously. "We have a morning session that is just for beginners. Out of 750 last year 80% were brand new beekeepers. We do have classes for immediate and advanced students also. It's more than just about honey, which is what everybody thinks about. But that's a minor part of what they contribute.

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Michael, who has 150 bee hives, says people come to the school from all parts of Texas and other states, even from Canada. There is a big interest in bees. "Eight or nine years ago there were 13 bee clubs in the state of Texas. Now there are 65. People have become aware of their importance."

Attendees learn that fungicides and insecticides have caused a decrease in the number of bees. The life span of a queen used to be 7 years. Now it's 3. Bees don't hibernate during cold weather. "They create a cluster with the queen in the middle. They vibrate their wins to create heat. The queen is laying eggs all the time and is the mother of all bees in the hive. She will lay up to 2,000 eggs every day. A worker bee gathers nectar and pollen and lasts about 6 weeks. Drone bees do nothing but mate and they mate one time in their life and die. They mate with the queen outside the hive. It's a fascinating ongoing process."

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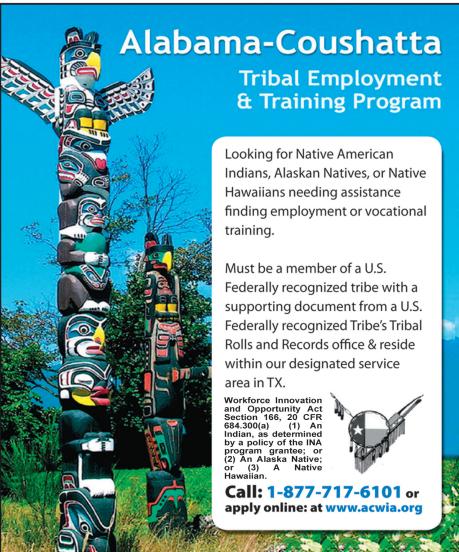
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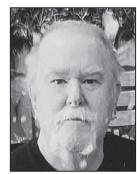
| Kelly Everett Brown

Funeral Services for Kelly Everett Brown age 40, of Sulphur Springs, TX will be conducted at 10: a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Gene Mattison officiating and Russ Brown, Kevin Brown, Larry Osentowski, Joshua Anderson, Colby Anderson, Seth Osentowski and Justin Ashby serving as pallbearers. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery. Kelly passed away on March 9, 2024 in Tyler, Tx.

Kelly was born on February 16, 1984 to Earl and Doris Brown in Kaufman, TX. He was a graduate from Canton High School in 2003. From there he served his country in the United States Army, serving two tours in Iraq after being deployed from Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, Co. He then worked at various jobs before working for Hertz car rental. He is survived by his mother, Doris Brown; brothers, Russ Brown, Gregg Brown (Amy) and Kevin Brown (Alicia); sisters, Amy Anderson (Larry), Amy Brewer (Johnny) and Shennel Crawford as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Kelly was preceded in death by his father, Earl Wayne Brown and one brother, Gerald Crawford.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Archie Rule Sutton

Archie Rule Sutton was born on November 27, 1958 in Manhattan Beach, CA to Russell and Constance "Connie" Sutton. He was born on Thanksgiving Day and Connie went home and fixed Thanksgiving dinner for the family after having Archie. Archie never met a stranger, anywhere we would go, there would always be someone that he knew. He was the life of the party and a big kid at heart.

Archie worked for the City of Sulphur Springs for close to 30 years as a mechanic and retired to follow his dreams, ride his Harley, and spend time with his family. Archie married Debbi Elaine Lauer on August 25, 1980 in Westminster, CA. They would have been married 44 years this coming August. Archie loved his family, and they always came first. He loved going to drag races, rebuilding cars with his son Travis, and taking the car they built to the races. Anytime Archie could, he would be fishing, he loved it, but most of all he loved his family. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. Archie passed away on March 8, 2024 at Christus Trinity Hospital in Tyler, TX.

He is survived by son, Travis Sutton and wife Marilee and grandkids, Alex and Alice Sutton; son, Victor Pearsall and wife Jamie and grandkids, Bryce and Cody; son, Chris Pearsall and wife Kasey and grandkids, Jordan, Alexis, Hailey, and Kaleb; daughter, Sarah McCord and husband Anthony Troy McCord all of Sulphur Springs; brother, Russell Sutton and wife Sherri of Williams, OR; sister, Elizabeth Kester and husband John Kester of Williams, OR; and numerous nieces and nephews who he loved so very much.

Archie was preceded in death by both his parents; sister, Edna Pegrum; nephew, Robby Hosack; and sister-in-law, Terri Stone.

Memorial Services for Archie Sutton will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home at 2:00 P.M. and visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Sheila Woodworth March 3, 1960 — March 9, 2024

"I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from Him. He alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken." Sheila Renee Woodworth, age 64, of Cumby, TX, stepped into eternity with Jesus Christ her Lord in the late morning hours of March 9, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born to William Alkire and Wanda Vanginault Alkire, March 3, 1960 in Cleveland, Ohio. She made her public profession of faith in Christ Jesus on May 25, 1967 at West Bethel Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio and was baptized one month later.

Sheila married Michael Eugene Woodworth, son of Eugene and Margaret Woodworth of New York, on November 21, 1987 at Reilly Springs Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and stayed home to raise their children, Adam and Liz. She was an artisan of stained glass, loved singing hymns and taking part in Church activities.

She was preceded in death by both her paternal grandparents, Earl and Leota Alkire of Lost Creek, West Virginia, and both her maternal grandparents, Henry and Ina Vanginault of the Reilly Springs community. She was also preceded in death by her father,

William Alkire.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Woodworth, to whom she was married 36 years. She is also survived by their daughter Liz Woodworth, and son Adam Woodworth with his wife, Ashton and the grandchildren; Kate, Seth, Gideon, Titus and Jane. Sheila is further survived by her mother, Wanda Alkire, and her siblings, a brother David Alkire and wife Penny; two sisters, Brenda Hooker and husband Jack; and Wendy Alkire. Sheila is also survived by numerous nieces & nephews, as well as leaving behind her faithful dog, Sadie, who she considered a big part of her family.

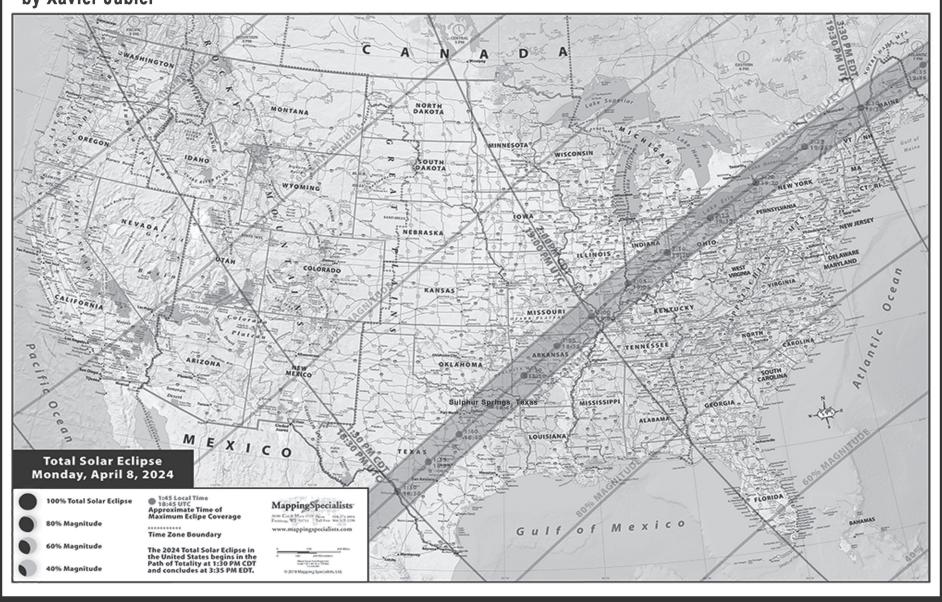
Funeral arrangements are with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, TX. Visitation is set for Wednesday, March 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and funeral services on Thursday, March 14th, at 10:00 AM. She will be laid to rest at Reilly Springs Cemetery. Pallbearers are, Amos Hooker, Asa Hooker, Evan Hooker, Jeremy Alkire, Caleb Newby, and Tyler Donnenwerth.

2024 ECLIPSE IN TEXAS

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will occur along a narrow path of totality in Texas. To experience the total phase of the eclipse, you must be located within this path, with the duration of totality lasting the longest at the centerline. But where along the path should you plan to go? Below, we've outlined some of the unique features, landmarks, and viewing options along the path of totality for Texas. We've also provided a detailed map of the path of totality in Texas as well as totality start times and durations for Texas cities that are located inside the path of totality on April 8, 2024.

Remember that you must use special eclipse safety glasses or viewers at all times during the partial phases of a total solar eclipse. The NationalEclipse.com Eclipse Store offers a wide variety of certified safe eclipse glasses and viewers.

Note that times and durations can vary widely even within the same city and some cities are located only partially within the path of totality. All times and durations noted on this page are only representative samples and should be used for general comparison purposes only. To determine the precise start time, end time, and duration of totality for your exact location on eclipse day, use the interactive Google eclipse maps developed by Xavier Jubier



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