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Tumbleweed Smith After a career in law enforcement Pody opened a barbeque restaurant.

"We started off cooking two briskets a day maybe; then a gentleman by the name of Daniel Vaughn came by who was writing a book titled THE PROPHETS OF SMOKED MEAT. He was just driving through here because he likes country music and Charlie Robinson is one of his favorite singers and songwriters. Charlie Robinson did a song called THE LIGHTS OF LOVING COUNTY and Mr. Vaughn was going to Loving County to take some pictures that would match some of the lyrics in the song. He stopped in here, took some pictures and the next thing I know I'm in his book. Two years later he gets the job at Texas Monthly as barbeque editor. Then he comes back and puts us in the top fifty barbeque restaurants in Texas."

Pody has made the magazine's top fifty list a few times. His creamy hominy ranks 4th in the side dish category.

"We put chopped brisket in it and we use green chiles from Hatch, New Mexico. We call it green chile hominy. Our customers really love it and they'll come by and buy a quart to take home with them."

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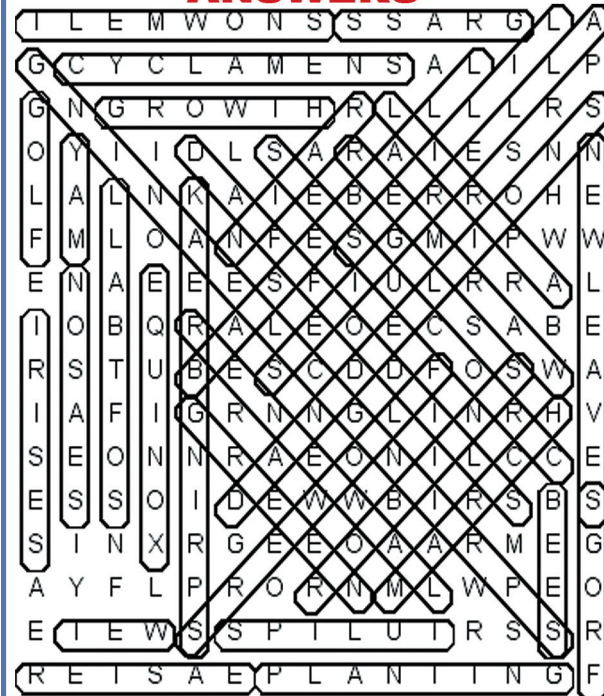


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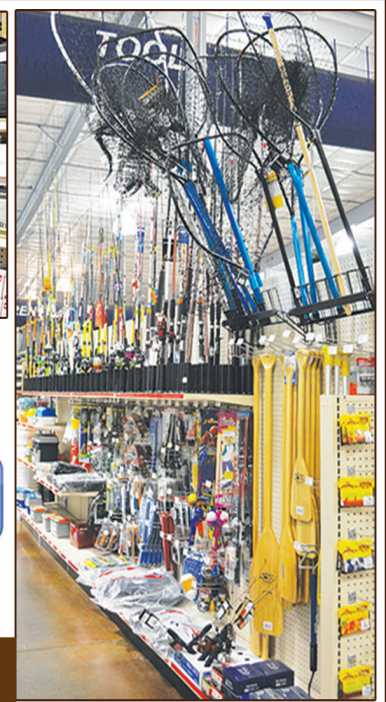
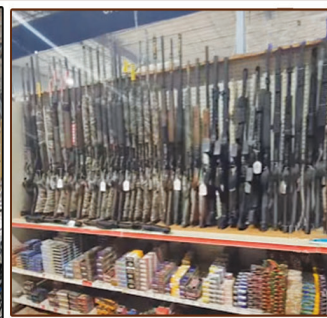
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Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Kinworthy

A memorial Service for Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Kinworthy age, 62 of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Burns officiating. Ronnie passed away at his home on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Ronnie was born on July 9, 1961, in Escondido, CA to Jackie and Mary Kinworthy. He married the love of his life, Karie, on May 30, 1981. Together, they built a life filled with enduring love, devotion, and affection that stood as a testament to their unbreakable bond. Ronnie was an avid outdoorsman, finding joy in hunting and fishing, particularly along the coast. He found solace in spending time at the coast and visited every opportunity he could. He loved to be on the boat with Chris and catching catfish. Their shared passion created cherished memories. Ronnie adored spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Kyler Jack, and Sailee Jo. They were the light of his life.

Ronnie worked as a Park Ranger for Texas Parks and Wildlife at Cooper Lake for over 15 years. He enjoyed working outdoors and was known to be a prankster among his co-workers. He loved to laugh and to make others laugh. Ronnie enjoyed cooking, grilling, and trying new recipes; the spicier the better.

Ronnie was full of life and will be deeply missed by all that knew and love him. He was a man of faith and his greatest accomplishment in life was giving his life to the Lord. Even through the ups and downs the last years have brought, he stood strong and never wavered in his faith. He is survived by his loving wife, Karie Kinworthy; son, Chris Kinworthy and his wife, Katie; sisters, Rhonda Blakenship and her husband Eric and Shanna Gluck; grandchildren, Kyler Jack Kinworthy, and Sailee Jo Kinworthy, as well as a host of loving relatives and friends. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Randy Kinworthy.

The family would like to give special thanks to Hope Hospice and a very special nurse, Heidi Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Parks and Wildlife – Coastal Fisheries Management.

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



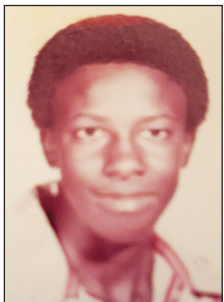
Pat Thompson March 17, 1950 – April 1, 2024

Billy Patrick "Pat" Thompson was born on March 17, 1950 in Sulphur Springs, TX to Fred J. and Helen C. (Gideon) Thompson. Pat graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1968 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State University in 1972. Pat loved all sports and enjoyed playing golf and softball in his younger days.

Pat married Sonya Lynn Spence on April 29, 1986 in Sulphur Springs, TX. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs. Together they were house parents for seventeen years at the South Texas Children's Home.

Pat is survived by his wife, Sonya of Sulphur Springs, TX; son, Josh Thompson of Sulphur Springs, TX; daughter, Ashley and husband Cole Wright of Killeen, TX; grandchildren, Jackson and Claire Wright; brother, Garry Thompson of San Antonio, TX, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A family led Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, TX with Larry Jordan officiating.



James Alvin Harris

A funeral service for James Alvin Harris, age 67 of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 11:00A.M. on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at East Caney Baptist Church with Rev. LaVelle Hendricks officiating and Sister Cynthi Hollins providing music. Interment followed at Easy Caney Cemetery with Yitro Israel, Adrian Harris, Johsua Harris, William Johnson, Matthew Harris, Brandon Harris and Caleb Harris serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Harris passed away on March 27, 2024 at his residence.

James was born on July 10, 1956 to AJ Harris and Luevella (Washington) Harris. He attended Saltillo Schools. He accepted Christ at an early age. James was a somewhat quiet but friendly person. He was kind and seemed to have never met a stranger. He was always willing to help anyone that he could. James was loved by many especially family. He was a carpenter by trade. He loved fishing and hunting. In high school James excelled in basketball and baseball.

He is survived by his mother, Luevella Harris, sisters Joyce Young, Houston, Nedra Whitehurst, Dallas, and Teresa Thorton, Sulphur Springs. Brothers Stanley Harris, Billy Harris, Kelvin Harris (Sharon), Dewayne Harris, Marcus Harris of Sulphur Springs, Aunt Carol Bell, Sulphur Springs; Uncles Tom F Washington Jr, Mt Pleasant, Lynn Washington, Sulphur Springs and Jimmy Washington (Mary), Garland and a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews. James will be deeply missed.

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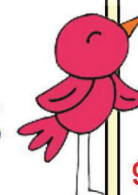


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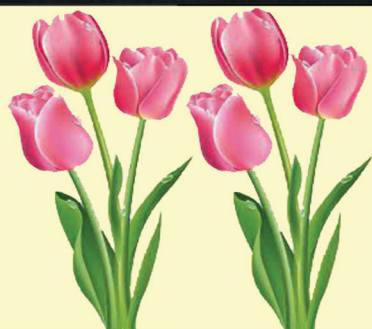
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