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GREG BROOKS IS A DISC GOLF GURU



Tumbleweed Smith

Greg Brooks of Big Spring says he got interested in throwing Frisbees when he was in college.

"We would just go out and try to impress the girls. They'd be out there sunbathing and we'd thrown the discs pretty close to where they were sunbathing."

He says throwing a Frisbee evolved into trying **Tumbleweed Smith** to hit a tree or a telephone pole with a Frisbee. That then evolved into putting chain baskets on poles and trying

to get the disc in the basket (pole hole), which brought about changes in the design of the disc. That was the beginning of disc golf. Greg is a devout participant.

"I used to be a fly fisherman but when I found disc golf I dropped fly fishing in a flash and haven't picked it up since. Disc golf is a low impact sport and that's one of the best things about it. You can just get out in the park all day long. It's a great excuse to get out in a green area. Another thing I love about it is it's a multi generational sport. I taught my kids and got them interested and now we go to tournaments in Montana, Utah, just all over. My younger son has been world champion Those tournaments were in Miami, Florida, three times. Nashville, Tennessee and London, Ontario in Canada. We've traveled all over just to play disc golf."

He says a world-class disc golf course requires about thirty acres. He designed and developed three courses in Big Spring. Two have eighteen holes, the other has nine. The holes are from two hundred feet to seven hundred feet from the t- box. Some have a par three, some par five. Scoring is the same as in ball golf.

In addition to the courses in Big Spring Greg designed courses in Fort Stockton, Lamesa and Colorado City. He has staged nearly fifty tournaments.

"It's easier than ball golf. The learning curve is shorter and easier than in ball golf. Also it's easier to get a disc in a basket. From thirty feet out I can get it in the basket probably fifty percent of the time. I play three or four hours every other day, weather permitting. It's a good activity."

Some of the eight-inch discs are for distance. Others are for mid-range or for putting. They cost between ten and twenty dollars. Disc golf players carry disc bags like ball golf players carry bags for clubs. Experienced disc golfers usually carry ten to twenty discs on the course.

"The world record for throwing a golf disc is just under twelve hundred feet, the length of four football fields. In a good day I can throw one three hundred feet."

Greg says throwing a golf disc is different from throwing a Frisbee. There is a professional disc golf association. The Frisbee developed from people throwing pie tins back and forth. A man named Frisbie had a pie company in Connecticut where college students called the disc Frisbee, a change from the original name (Pluto Platter).

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A.J. Yates

Funeral service for A.J. Yates, age 22, of Miller Grove, TX will be held at 11:00a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at County Line Baptist Church in Point, TX with Steve Bergstrom and Wayne Darty officiating. Interment will follow at Greenview Cemetery with Ethan Shelton, James Shelton III, Jesse Yates, Paxton Biggs, Rhett McAnalley, and Blake Holloway serving as pallbearers.

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Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, TX. Mr. Yates passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Medical City Arlington.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www. murrayorwosky.com

Gary Lynn Bolton

Funeral Services for Gary Lynn Bolton, age 73, will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. David Burns and Bro. Wayne Darty officiating. Interment will follow at Brashear Cemetery with Cody Jennings, Kevin McDonald, Daniel McDonald, Colton McDonald, Chad Bolton and Carl Smith serving as pallbearers and Mark Lynch and Johnny Ethridge serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Gary passed away peacefully on April 27, 2024, in Tyler, Texas, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 9, 1950, in Clarksville, Texas, the son of Maxie Lyons Bolton and Lois Erlene Van Buskirk Bolton. Gary graduated from Sulphur Bluff High School in 1968 and married his high school sweetheart, Linda Caudle, on August 9, 1968.

Gary was a resident of the Hopkins County Area for over 60 years and was a member of Brashear Baptist Church for 47 years. Over the years, he was self-employed as a dairyman, dump truck driver and carpenter and retired from Ocean

Spray. Gary loved the outdoors, and enjoyed taking care of his cattle, gardening, playing golf and fishing. He could build or repair almost anything, from houses and barns to vehicles, farm equipment and boats. He was a quiet, humble family man who had a profound impact on all who knew him.

Gary is survived by Linda, his wife of 55 years, daughters Sherry Sturgis and husband Todd of Sulphur Springs and Stacey McDonald and husband Paul (Marty) of Cumby, grandsons Cody Jennings and wife Toriegh, Kevin McDonald and wife Kyndall, Daniel McDonald and Colton McDonald and wife Lauren, great-grandchildren Wyatt, Bryli, Autym and Lorie Jennings, Bentley Horsely and Faithlynn McDonald, his mother Erlene Bolton, brother Michael Bolton and wife Nancy, and brothers-in-law Roger Caudle and Jimmy Caudle. Gary was preceded in death by his father Maxie Bolton and his brother Mark Bolton.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the first responders from Hopkins County and Cumby Volunteer Fire Department, the trauma and neuro ICU staff at Trinity Christus Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler and the staff and volunteers at East Texas Hospice in Tyler for their diligent care and attention to our Daddy during these last few weeks.



James Ray Smith

A funeral service for James Ray Smith, age 79, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, TX with Andy Wright and Mike Eason officiating. Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery with David Smith, Steven Smith, Calvin Brey, Jimmy Boswell, Rodney Boswell, and Danny Darlin serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Smith passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

James Ray Smith, who was known to his loved ones as "Pops", was born on May 4, 1944 to Jim Sidney and Della Mae Smith. He was lovingly raised by Dewey and Della Mae Haney. He married Ann Smith on July 18, 1969. They had two sons, David Smith (Renee) and Steven Smith. His family was his greatest pride and joy. James had six grandchildren

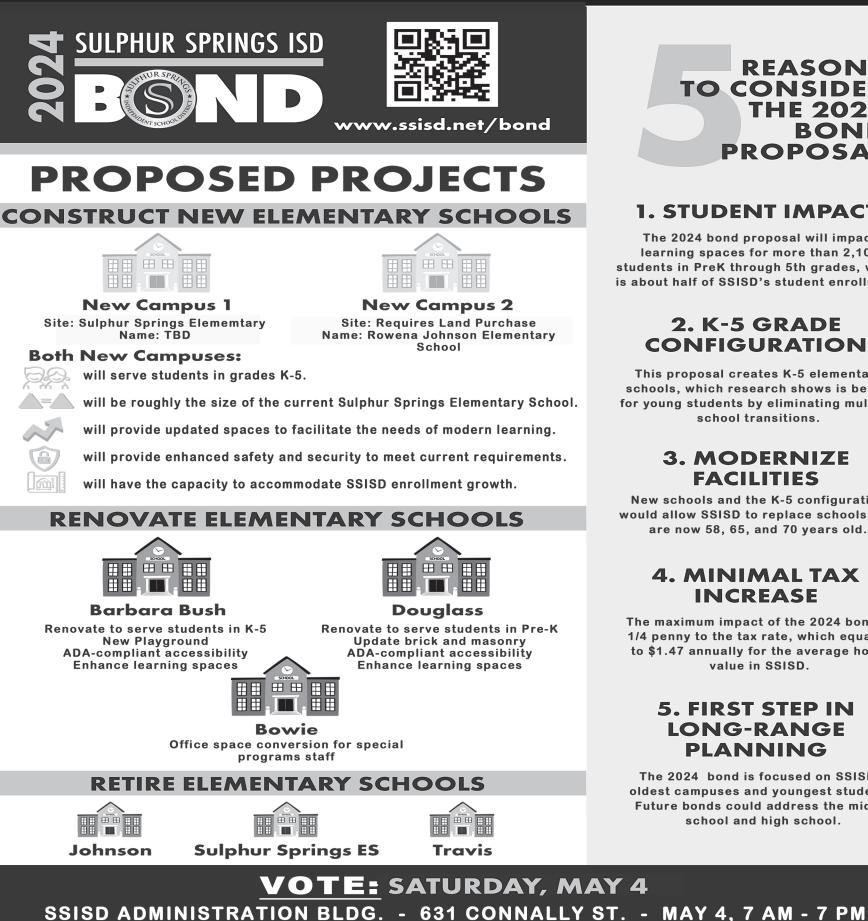
Calvin Brey (Megan), Carie Overstreet (Bubba), Amanda Walker, Andy Brey, Constance Smith, and Kadence Smith. He was blessed with four great -grandchildren Colby & Callie Walker and Cross & Maggie Brey.

He is survived by one brother, Dewey Haney; sisters, Dorothy Haney and Shirley McFarlin; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Sidney Smith; his mother, Della Mae Haney; his dad, Dewey Haney; sister-in-law, Donna Barnett; and Lanny Ferrell whom "Pops" loved like a son.

"Pops" was a lifelong cowboy, known for his gentle horse-breaking technique. He had an "ain't no issue" mentality and overcame many obstacles through the years. He was a best friend to his boys and an adviser to all. He will be remembered by his family and friends as the best husband, daddy, father-in-law, and "Pops" in the world.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal: love leaves a memory no one can steal.

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REASONS **TO CONSIDER THE 2024** BOND PROPOSAL

1. STUDENT IMPACT

The 2024 bond proposal will impact learning spaces for more than 2,100 students in PreK through 5th grades, which is about half of SSISD's student enrollment.

2. K-5 GRADE CONFIGURATION

This proposal creates K-5 elementary schools, which research shows is better for young students by eliminating multiple school transitions.

3. MODERNIZE FACILITIES

New schools and the K-5 configuration would allow SSISD to replace schools that are now 58, 65, and 70 years old.

4. MINIMAL TAX INCREASE

The maximum impact of the 2024 bond is 1/4 penny to the tax rate, which equates to \$1.47 annually for the average home value in SSISD.

5. FIRST STEP IN LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The 2024 bond is focused on SSISD's oldest campuses and youngest students. Future bonds could address the middle school and high school.

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