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Damon Albus makes high quality custom hats and leather goods in Abilene. He has customers in several states and a few foreign countries. I asked him how he got started. He told me his story.

"I was homeless, I had no money, and I was confused, scared and naked. Then my Mama took me home from the hospital."



Tumbleweed Smith

Obviously, Damon has a good sense of humor. He loves to tell stories about some of his experiences. "Mom and Dad was in the candy business growing up, the Tom's candy distributorship. They had that here in town. Their area covered Stamford, down to Winters and over nearly to San Angelo and Sweetwater. They put candy in convenience stores, service stations, all kind of stores that sold candy. That's a bunch 'o candy. The old cheese crisps and Tom's peanuts and all that." Damon helped his parents in the candy business. "Being the youngest of three, I tended to get the jobs that were third on the list. I would shuck candy. All candy's got an expiration date on it, but that don't mean the candy ain't good any more. So after the expiration date, it had to come off the shelf. All the route jobbers would gather up the stale candy, the out of date candy and just dump 'em in a big ole box. Those boxes were about the size of two hatboxes. So, what you were supposed to do is take that candy and throw it away. Mom, being a recycler, didn't like the idea of throwing away the candy.

"One day, Dad got an idea, Let's take all this candy out of the wrapper and feed it to the cows. So my job as a very young child, four, five, six years old is I got to shuck candy.

"I had three boxes. I've got the stale candy on my left. I've got two empty boxes, one right in front of me and one to the right. You take the candy, razor blade, slit the wrapper, dump the candy in the box in the middle, and the wrapper in the third box. Before long, you got a box plumb full of candy with no wrappers.

"We would load those boxes up in the truck and I can remember that when we would show up, the cows would hear the pickup and see it. You didn't have no trouble callin' cows, they'd come a runnin'. Me and the brothers would get out and have to shoo them cows away. We would holler and wave out arms, anything to get 'em away from the gate just so we could get in. We'd just pour that candy out like Collin cubes and you talk about come to eat.

"They would attack that candy like nobody's business. We'd dump out 300 pounds of candy once a week or so and it saved on the cubes. So, we had the fattest, the best hair, the best-looking cows from anywhere around and Dad would say it's that candy, it's what did it.

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### **Rex Graham**

November 12, 1949 — May 25, 2024

A graveside service for Rex Graham, age 74, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the DFW National Cemetery. Mr. Graham passed away in his home on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

### **Martha Gail Pacheco**

December 6, 1941 — May 24, 2024

Martha Gail Pacheco, age 82, passed away at her residence in Sulphur Springs, TX on Friday, May 24, 2024.

The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### **Shirley Lou Anderson**

February 24, 1936 — May 21, 2024

A funeral service for Shirley Lou Anderson age 88, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Lantz, Jason Dietze, and Brant Small officiating. Interment followed at Shooks Chapel Cemetery with Laine Anderson, Dustin Small, Brant Small, Landon Johnson, Troy Nunnery, Sean Dennis, and Chris Anderson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were the Staff of Carriage House Manor. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Anderson passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs.

Shirley Lou Anderson was born on February 24, 1936 in the Crush Community to W.L. "Turk" and Clara Lucille (Glover) Morgan. She married Herbert Anderson in Arlington, TX on July 23, 1955 at the home of

her sister. They were married for almost 68 years before his passing in 2023. From this marriage, they had four children. Shirley was a devoted member of the Methodist faith and attended Shooks Chapel Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church. She was a true Southern Belle, always making sure food was on the table for all to gather and enjoy. Shirley was a dedicated Sunday School teacher as well as a beautiful gospel singer. She loved knitting/sewing and created many masterpieces that will be cherished for years to come. Shirley found it very relaxing to work in her yard. Her flowerbeds were beautiful and immaculate at all times. Shirley will be missed dearly by all that knew her.

Shirley is survived by her children, Emily Small and husband Doug, Morgan Anderson and wife Kim, Angela Johnson and husband Tim; grandchildren, Dustin Small, Brant Small and wife Melissa, Brittany Nunnery and husband Troy, Laine Anderson and wife Julie, Kaylee Anderson, Lexi Anderson, Logan Delphon, Lynsey Dennis and husband Sean, and Landon Johnson; fifteen great-grandchildren, and brother, James P. "Turk" Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.L. and Clara Morgan; husband, Herbert Anderson; daughter, Cindy Castro and sister, B.J. McLarry.

In lieu of flowers, please consider mailing a donation to the Shooks Chapel Cemetery at 209 South Moore, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.



### **Molly Anne Gulledge**

December 16, 1943 — May 23, 2024

Molly Anne Gulledge was born on December 16, 1943 in Hopkins County, TX to C.F. and Frances (McFarland) Coker. She married James "Jim" Gulledge in Como, TX on June 29, 1968. She was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA. Molly enjoyed Mission work for many years with an emphasis on child evangelism. Prior to her full-time Mission work in Bossier City, she owned a beauty shop in Yantis, TX.

Molly is survived by her husband, Jim Gulledge; children, Michael Gulledge and wife Donna, Julia Ganaway and husband Bobby; grandchildren, Kaleb Ganaway, Kyle Ganaway, Kolby Ganaway, Jakob Gulledge, Shelby Oatsvall; and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C.F. and Frances Coker; grandson, Zac Gulledge; and brothers, Joe Coker, Jimmy Coker, Jerry Coker, and Michael Coker.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Shady Grove Missionary Fund in Bossier City.



# Extreme Weather in 2023 and 2024

*Extreme weather events are becoming more common thanks to climate change, and are 'affecting every corner of the world.'*

The number of global extreme weather events has seen a "staggering rise" in the past 30 years, said the United Nations, and experts warn climate change is "supercharging" the problem, said The Associated Press. "The risk of extreme events is growing, and they're affecting every corner of the world," Sarah Kapnick, the chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said to NPR. Below is a chronological look at the extreme weather events that have unfolded in the last year.

## April 2023

A deadly storm system tore through the Midwest, South and mid-Atlantic from March 31 through April 1, bringing with it tornados that left at least 32 dead. By April 7, almost as many people had been killed by tornados in the first three months of 2023 as are usually killed by tornados in an entire year, CBS News said.

Tornados continued throughout the month and a storm in Oklahoma killed at least three people.

## May 2023

Wildfires raged in Alberta, Canada, reducing air quality all over the world. While wildfires are common in spring, this was an "unusually active" start to the season, said the NOAA in an X post. Smoke from the fires traveled into the U.S., and several states issued air-quality warnings.

Cyclone Mocha hit Myanmar and Pakistan in the middle of the month. Hundreds were killed, and hundreds of thousands were left homeless.

Typhoon Mawar unleashed its power on Guam, causing widespread power outages in the region. The storm was deemed a Category 4 hurricane.

## June 2023

June began as smoke from Canadian wildfires blew across the U.S., starting in the Northeast before spreading and causing hazardous air quality in several regions.

Later, India experienced a strong heat wave that led to several power outages and nearly 170 deaths. Heat waves are only declared in India if the "temperature is above 45 C (113 F)," said the AP. Hospitals struggled with the loss of power and cooling systems.

June also saw tornados tear through Mississippi, causing one death and several injuries, said the AP. Close to 50,000 homes were left without power.

Tropical storm Bret then formed in the Atlantic Ocean in an "unusually early and aggressive start to the Atlantic hurricane season," the AP reported. "No June on record has had two storms form in the tropical Atlantic."

## July 2023

July 3 through 6 were the four hottest days on record globally. On July 6, the global average temperature "climbed to an unprecedented 17.23°C (63.02°F)," said Axios. Various regions experienced heatwaves, including Europe, China, and parts of the U.S. The heat was magnified by El Niño and extremely warm oceans.

Climate change meanwhile amplified India's monsoon season, when intense flooding killed at least 100, the Post said.

## August 2023

August was marked by extremely high global temperatures that led to a number of disasters. The Hawaiian island of Maui experienced a terrible wildfire that killed over 110 people.

California was then inundated by Tropical Storm Hilary, the first such storm to hit the southern part of the state in 84 years, the AP said. At the end of the month, Florida was hit by Category 3 Hurricane Idalia, which caused up to \$371 million in agricultural damage.

## September 2023

In September, Australia saw heatwaves that were "very uncommon for September," said Reuters. The heat "also elevated the risks of fires."

Later, Libya experienced torrential rainfall that caused devastating floods.

And lastly, tropical Storm Ophelia thrashed the Eastern Seaboard at the end of the month, prompting strong winds and floods.

## October 2023

This month saw heavy rainfall all over. Following the New York City downpour, there was still a high risk of flooding. In addition, much of Northern Europe saw heavy winds and flooding. In the U.K., three people died due to the weather. "This is not usual autumn weather," Andy Page, the chief meteorologist of the U.K.'s weather forecaster the Met, said to the AP. "This is an exceptional event."

The Caribbean saw Hurricane Tammy, the seventh of the Atlantic hurricane season. The Category 1 storm brought hurricane warnings to many regions, the Orlando Sentinel said.

## November 2023

November saw less extreme weather, but was still marked by high temperatures, rainfall and drought. Florida saw heavy rain leading to flooding and wind gusts of up to 60 miles.

In Asia, it was a record November for heat. "These temperatures were as much as 20 to 35 degrees above normal," said The Washington Post.

## December 2023

The year closed out with a series of storms. The east coast of the U.S. saw heavy rainfall resulting in flooding and power outages. In the Northeast, 400,000 people lost power. Florida and South Carolina also endured heavy rains. "It's not just the areas that we normally see flooding, that are flood-prone," a spokesperson for Georgetown County, South Carolina Jackie Broach, told The Associated Press. "It's areas that we're not really expecting to have flooding issues." In China, there was a rare case of snowfall.

## January 2024

The year had a stormy start with over 40 states under blizzard, wind, snow or flood alerts. Many U.S. locations experienced snow and power outages. In addition, "extremely cold Arctic air and severe winter weather swept southward into much of the U.S. in mid-January 2024, breaking daily low temperature records from Montana to Texas," said The Conversation. Despite these cold bouts, January was the eighth consecutive month with record-high monthly temperatures, Time said. It was also the warmest January ever on record.

Climate change can cause massive temperature fluctuations, bringing a polar vortex on one day and unseasonable warmth on another.

## February 2024

This month saw a downpour of rain across California thanks to a "seemingly relentless barrage of atmospheric rivers," said The Washington Post. The resulting rainfall brought extensive flooding. Northern California saw heavy snowfall as well. "It is the wettest month in 26 years," the National Weather Service said in a statement.

Further south, Chile saw extensive wildfires which killed over 123 people, said Reuters. This makes the fires the country's worst national disaster since the 2010 earthquake. Wildfires are only expected to become more frequent as climate change worsens.

## March 2024

March brought forth an earlier spring in many places. "The nation's snow cover is at its lowest extent on record for March 1," said The Washington Post. In addition, pollen levels began their uptick earlier than usual as some locations saw early blooms. "It's early March and we are already seeing trees bloom," said WKYT.

Much of Texas to the U.S. midwest saw severe weather, including hail, thunderstorms and tornado warnings. "Any severe thunderstorm will carry a threat of large hail, damaging wind gusts over 60 mph and possible tornados," said FOX Weather. Warmer temperatures increase the risk of thunderstorms and warmer spring weather is rapidly overtaking the already mild winter temperatures.



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