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Tumbleweed Smith

He bought some downtown property and turned it into a place for festivals and parties. He started a Boogie Woogie Festival, one of the top attractions in Marshall, held every September. Top musicians from several musical genres perform. Alan also bought the historic Ginocchio restaurant. The building used to be a hotel.

"The Ginocchio, right across from the depot is one of the last standing railroad hotels in the country. It was a fine hotel, supposedly one of the finest hotels between New Orleans and Denver a hundred and twenty years ago. Charles Ginocchio, an Italian merchant was selling goods to the rail travelers and evidently was a darn good one, 'cause he ended up building this hotel and one near Fort Worth. The building had fallen into hard times in the more recent years so we bought it out of foreclosure and after two years of renovation, the building is just gorgeous. With the curly pine, the stained glass, the tile, the Edison arches, it's a combination of fine dining, history and we try to pair it with good food, good service and good beverages."

He's had the Ginocchio six years. It was his first venture into the restaurant business.

"If you count when I was slingin' burgers at the Dairy Queen in high school, that was the closest I got to a restaurant. I was supposed to be a passive landlord and I had other partners who were going to run it. That didn't work out so I'm an accidental restaurateur.

The restaurant building was virtually unused for twenty years so it required extensive renovation.

"We really had to take the building almost apart. We had rotten floor joists and things like that that needed to be replaced. It was very much more time consuming and expensive than we originally imagined."

The Ginocchio has its original bar, a gift from Don Henley of the Eagles who had previously bought it. The restaurant features fine dining.

"Chef Renaldo is one of the best chefs that I've ever experienced and I eat well. He's got lamb, he's got steak he's got seafood it's pasta. You order Fettuccine Alfredo, he makes the sauce to order."

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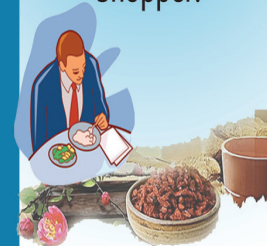
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Tim Kelty

Funeral Services for Tim Kelty, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, were held at 10:00am on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs with Rev. Fred Randles, Dr. Jeff Gravens, and Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery with Zac Kelty, Jared Glenn, Sam Lynd, Drew DeLong, Tanner Cordova, Lee Clarac, Dalton Irby, Mickie Rajovic, Blake Isham, and Mac Conner serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00pm on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mr. Kelty passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. Timothy Maurice Kelty was born on September 29, 1937, in Sulphur Springs to Maurice and Odene (Nolen) Kelty. He married Nita Goldsmith at First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs on September 29, 1990. Tim graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State College in 1960, majoring in history, with a minor in music. He taught at Sulphur Springs ISD from 1960-1964, and many stories are still shared by his former students today. An avid lover of music, he served many churches through the years, leading and assisting

in music ministry, including Tabernacle Baptist Church of Pickton, and First Baptist Churches in Cooper, Mt. Vernon, Winnsboro, and Sulphur Springs. He was a long-time member of and carried a huge heart for First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs.

Tim accumulated a long list of civic, business, and service accomplishments over his career. He formed and owned several businesses, including Timko Konstruction and Hometown Real Estate. He has been in the real estate business since 1967. He served on many boards over the years, including Guaranty Bank and Trust and the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital District Board. He was chosen as Hopkins County's Citizen of the Year in 2017 and selected as a Distinguished Alumni by Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2022.

Tim is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Nita, and children Karol Ann DeLong (Chris), Thomas Kelty (Debbie), Greg Martin (Allison), Brad Martin (Kristen), and Leah Conner (Tod). He is also survived by his grandchildren, who were sources of great pride, and if you knew him, you surely heard about them all: Zac Kelty, Makenzie Glenn (Jared), Marissa Kelty, Chaney Lynd (Sam), Drew DeLong, Mariah Kelty, Makenna Kelty, Miley Kelty, Sloane Martin (Tanner), Spencer Clarac (Lee), Skyler Irby (Dalton), Emily Martin (Mickie), Mallory Isham (Blake), Abbey Martin, Sadie Conner, Kelty Conner, Lucy Conner, and Mac Conner. Also, great-grandchildren, who provided him with more pictures to show and stories to tell: Leila Kelty, Regan Kelty, Maks Glenn, McKoy Glenn, Copley Lynd, Henry Lynd, Piper Cordova, and Copeland Clarac.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Odene and Maurice Kelty, his son Mike Kelty, and his great-grandson Jace Glenn. Our hearts take comfort in the knowledge of their reunion.



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Vicki "Nina" Watkins Dais

Funeral Service for Vicki "Nina" Watkins Dais, age 69, of Belton, Texas will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Garrett and Steve Crites officiating. Interment will follow at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Anthony Pennington, Taylor Milam, Tristan Pennington, C.J. Donald, Kaleb Donald, and Corey Donald serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Dais passed away at her home on Friday, July 5, 2024.

Vicki Lynn Dais was born on November 29, 1954 in McKinney, Texas to Jackie and Mary (Mitchell) Watkins. She married Mark Dais in Dallas, Texas on April 17, 2004. Vicki was an Optician for many years. She was an active member of the Harker Heights American Legion 573. Vicki was a passionate singer & actress. She was a member of the Community Players, the Forney Opry, and was known by many as the Loretta Lynn of Reilly Springs.

Vicki is survived by her husband, Mark Dais of Belton; father, Jackie Watkins of Reilly Springs; daughters, Malinda Donald of Belton, Misty Pennington (Daniel Glidewell) of Cartwright; grandchildren, Anthony Pennington, Taylor Milam, Tristan Pennington, C.J. Donald, Kaleb Donald, Corey Donald, Keeley Glidewell, Addison Glidewell, Kara Mansfield; great-grandchildren, Brynlie, Rowley, Reece, Oliver, Kennedy, Ryder; brothers, Lloyd Watkins (Cindy) of Greenville, Mark Watkins (Christi) of Sulphur Springs, Daryl Watkins (Marty) of Sulphur Springs; sisters, Susan Cody of Garland, Jenny Cockrum (Terry) of Cumby; and twenty-one nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Wheeler, Ted Wheeler, and Glenda Watkins.



Sara James

Sara James, 63, was reunited with her loved ones and friends at the Pearly Gates of Heaven on July 6, 2024. Sara James was born on November 3, 1960 in Macon, Georgia, to the late Matilda R. and William E. James. She attended Georgia Southern University where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. For 27 years, she taught science at SSISD before retiring from the public school district. She then joined Bright Star Christian School and continued teaching for another 10 years. Her beloved students knew her as Ms Blakemore or Ms James.

She was also a member of First United Methodist Church and Sojourners Sunday School class. Sara had many past times but her favorites were church, science and art. In her spare time, you would find her either painting or visiting with family and friends.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Gene McKelroy of 14 years. She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca (Marc) Shoaff and her grandchildren, Aiden and Zoey, sister Tawn of Macon, Georgia, sister-in-law, Janie of Blairsville, Georgia as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel James.

The family would like to thank all the devoted friends and caregivers for their support over the years. A Celebration of Life will be at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will be at the reception following the church service in the Fellowship Hall. Entombment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family is creating a Sara James S.T.E.A.M. Scholarship Fund, Donations may be made at Alliance Bank in Sulphur Springs, TX. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Micah Loyd Stotts

A celebration of life gathering for Micah Loyd Stotts was held at 2:30 p.m. at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on Saturday, July 6, 2024. Visitation was one hour prior from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Interment followed at Pippin & Hill Cemetery in Miller Grove, Texas. Micah passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Micah was born on June 16, 1981, in Sulphur Springs. He grew up in Miller Grove, where he cultivated his love for cattle, farming and agriculture. Micah graduated from North Hopkins High School in 1999. He attended Texas A&M University – Commerce and Tulsa Welding School before pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities. Most recently, Micah traveled throughout Texas and surrounding states for Big B Crane Company.

Micah loved spending time with family and friends and enjoyed discovering and creating delicious food. He had a passion for good country music, most of all, Keith Whitley. Micah never met a stranger. He could grow your heart with his infectious smile and will be missed by all who love him.

Micah is survived by aunts and uncles, Johnny and Kathy Lennon, Rex Lennon, Doris Stotts, Daymon Stotts, and Gerald and Doris Stotts; cousins, Mikyela Tedder, Trent Ashby, Laura Lennon, Loyd Lennon, Anna Black, Mardra Ashby, Carrie Cherney, Emily Whitworth, Ricky Smiley, Donna Fletcher, Lisa Willis, Ray Crabtree, Darryl Stotts, Randall Stotts, Shawn Stotts, Kristi Mayo, Jeff Stotts, Dayna Schuknecht, Brian Harrison, Brad Harrison, Larry Paul Stotts, and Clay Stotts; chosen family, Beverly Hill; and family, Tracy Clem and family, Marion "Shane" Roddy and family; and beloved companion and faithful friend, Haggard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Freddy Stotts and Lois Marjean Lennon Stotts; grandparents, Loyd and Margueritte Lennon, William and Cleo Stotts; aunts and uncles, Judith Lennon Ashby, Sid Ashby, Ann Smith, Sue Wallace, Larry Stotts, and Raymon Stotts.

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There, he attended the Fayetteville Military Academy and after studying law was admitted to the Tennessee Bar. Around the year 1833 he left Tennessee and moved to Arkansas, where he was an Indian trader. According to some sources, he and a business partner laid out Van Buren, Arkansas.

EXPLORING DALLAS -- Bryan visited the Dallas area in 1839, and in 1841, he established a permanent settlement, which eventually became the burgeoning city of Dallas.

ESTABLISHMENT OF DALLAS -- Bryan was very important to early Dallas — he served as the postmaster, a store owner, a ferry operator (he operated a ferry where Commerce Street crosses the Trinity River today), and his home served as the courthouse. In 1844, he persuaded J. P. Dumas to survey and plot the site of Dallas and possibly help him with the work. Bryan was instrumental in the organizing of Dallas County in 1846 and in the election by voters of Dallas as its county seat in August 1850 (over the towns of Cedar Springs and Oak Cliff). When Dallas became the county seat, Bryan donated the land for the courthouse. In 1843, he married Margaret Beeman, a daughter of the Beeman family who settled in Dallas from Bird's Fort. The couple had five children.[1] Another Beeman, John, arrived in Dallas in April 1842 and planted the first corn.

GOLD RUSH -- In 1849, Bryan went to California during the gold rush but returned within a year. In January 1853 he was a delegate to the Texas state Democratic convention. In 1855, Bryan shot a man who had insulted his wife and fled to the Creek Nation. The man he shot made a full recovery, and Bryan certainly would've been informed, but still Bryan did not return to Dallas for about six years. During that time he travelled to Colorado and California, probably looking for gold. He returned to Dallas in time to take part in a brief military expedition against the Comanche Indians in 1860.

LATE LIFE -- Bryan joined Col. Nicholas H. Darnell's Eighteenth Texas Cavalry regiment in the winter of 1861 and served with the unit until late 1862 when he was discharged due to his old age and poor health. He returned to Dallas in 1862 and again became actively involved in community affairs. In 1863, he was a trustee for the Dallas Male and Female Academy. In 1866, during a Dallas flood, he was very prominent in aiding those affected. He also chaired a citizens' meeting that pushed the Houston and Texas Central Railway to complete the railway through the city, and presided at a rally that sought to get full political rights for all ex-Confederates. In 1871 and 1872 Bryan became one of the directors of the Dallas Bridge Company, which built the first iron bridge across the Trinity River. He also stood on the platform at the welcoming ceremonies for the Houston and Texas Central Railway when the first train pulled into town in mid-July 1872.

By 1874 Bryan's mind was clearly impaired; though, it is not known exactly how. "I am the son of John Neely Bryan, now before the court," Edward T. Bryan testified on Feb. 1, 1877. "My father is insane." He was admitted to the Texas State Lunatic Asylum in February 1877 and died there on 8 September 1877. He is believed to be buried in an unmarked grave in the southeast quadrant of the Austin State Hospital Cemetery. In 2006, Bryan's descendants placed a headstone in the cemetery that reads "PVT 18 Texas CAV CSA Dec 24 1810 Sep 8 1877 Founder of Dallas Texas."

In 1954, a white granite marker honoring the Dallas founder was erected by the James Butler Bonham chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Pioneer Cemetery (Pioneer Plaza).

A large marker bearing the name "Bryan" and displaying two "Citizen of the Republic of Texas" medallions honoring John Neely Bryan and his wife stands in Riverside Cemetery at Wichita Falls, Texas. It overlooks the graves of Margaret Beeman Bryan (1825-1919), her son John Neely Bryan, Jr. (1846-1926), and other family members.

A Texas Historical Marker "Beeman Memorial Cemetery," located east of downtown Dallas just off of Dolphin Road, states that John Neely Bryan is buried in the Beeman family plot of his wife, Margaret, and other Beeman family members. This cemetery is somewhat hard to locate, but is located just behind a large Jewish Cemetery (Shearith Israel) on Dolphin Road just south of Military Parkway.

The Bryan Pergola, standing on the Grassy Knoll in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas, is named after John Neely Bryan (1810-1877), the recognized founder of the City of Dallas.

Dallas Independent School District named an elementary school after him, John Neely Bryan Elementary.

CULTURAL REFERENCES -- The concrete pergola upon which Abraham Zapruder was standing during the John F. Kennedy assassination as he made the Zapruder film was originally placed in Dealey Plaza in honor of Bryan, and is named for him. -- The Grassy Knoll and Bryan pergola in Dealey Plaza. -- Historical Marker for Bryan.

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