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In 2017 Scott Reeves and his wife, Kelly opened an antique store on the square in Carthage. "In addition to the antiques, we added a little home decor," says Scott. "People kept telling us that we needed to put a soda fountain in because there used to be several around the square."

He found one in Illinois. "I bought it through EBAY and the guy was selling two of them. He didn't want to sell just one, so I bought both of them. Drove to Illinois. They weigh a ton. I picked them up, drove back to Carthage, figured out which one we were going to use and put the other one on EBAY again. I sold it to someone who lived sixty miles away from where we bought it originally. We delivered it and had a couple of unplanned trips to Illinois and that's how it got here." That changed the store. "So now it's evolved into a real soda fountain, we pump the syrup and put the seltzer water in. We serve malts and milkshakes and use a green three head milkshake maker from the sixties. We added a lunch counter about three years ago. Now we offer soups and sandwiches for lunch and the ice cream and the gifts and the toys and all that kind of stuff." They have sixteen flavors of ice cream and rotate flavors seasonally. The ice cream cones are made in the store. Ice cream cones are the most popular items they sell at the soda fountain. Milkshakes and malts come in second.

The place is called Sunflower Mercantile. "Sunflowers are my favorites," says Kelly. We started thinking about names that would go with sunflowers so we thought mercantile was kind of an old time name so that's how it came about."

Scott spent forty years as a minister of music. Kelly, who used to be a dental hygienist, selects the gift merchandise for the store. "I guess I've always loved shopping. I love going to market, finding new things and bringing things in that I think other people will enjoy." Scott says it's just a fall back to the way things used to be.

They had no retail experience, but are learning on the job. "We have people from Louisiana that come over here and shop, that eat here and enjoy the small town." Says Scott. "They say it's like Mayberry."

Scott says it seems like they're building a legacy. "I would love, one day, to have people look back and say 'Remember when we use to go to Sunflower Mercantile and talk to those people there and get our ice cream,' because it is so much fun talking to all the kids. We've had people from Australia, New Zealand, Turkey and it's just a neat experience and so fun to visit with everybody." They live in a building just off the square in Carthage. "We live upstairs and lease out space downstairs. This is the cheapest house we've ever lived in. It pays us." Scott and Kelly are talking about building an apartment in the space above the store to use as an Air B&B.

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world aimed to reduce the working day from ten to eight hours. At its first congress in 1886, the American Federation of Labour called for a general strike in Chicago on May 1 to demand an eight-hour day, which culminated in what is known today as the Haymarket affair.

The first Labor Day celebration was the Labor Day parade in New York City on September 5, 1882. Its origins stem from the Central Labor Union's and other labor organizations' desire to create a holiday for workers. Oregon was the first state to pass it as a legal holiday in 1887, and by the end of the same year, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York had passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. President Grover Cleveland made it a federal holiday in 1894.

According to the US Department of Labor, it is not completely clear who first suggested the Labor Day holiday. Some sources say that Matthew Maguire proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. Others argue that Peter J. Mcguire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested a holiday for the 'laboring classes' in 1882.

Labor Day is on the first Monday of September every year and is a national holiday in the US. It has its origins in the labor movement and is a day to celebrate American workers. People celebrate Labor Day with picnics, sports events, and street parades. The American football season begins on—or around—Labor Day. Labor Day has become the unofficial end of summer—after Labor Day Weekend, kids are back to school.

For many, it is the last chance to take a break before school starts again for the fall session, and people take advantage of the long weekend to take a last summer trip. As a result, there may be extra traffic on highways and at airports. Labor Day has deep roots in the 130 years of the labor movement and its efforts to improve working conditions in America. With the growth of the Industrial Revolution came the demand for labor and trade unions. Around the 1850s, eight-hour movements across the

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Mark Bain



A visitation for Mark Bain, age 65, of Sulphur Springs, was held from 6:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. A private family burial took place at Rockdale Cemetery with Sam Doom, Bo Dyer, Aaron Dyer, Kenny Hayes, and Richard Landreth serving as Honorary Pallbearers and Rev. Paul Ray Vititow officiating. Mr. Bain passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Mark Bain was born to William Jack and Ruby Jean (Owens) Bain on July 12, 1959, in Harlingen, Texas. After completing high school, Mark went on to work as a truck driver and a production manager for A.P. Green. He was a member of the Cedar Crest Christian Church.

Mark is survived by his daughter, Melissa Doom (Sam); son, Brian Bain; grandchild, Hazel Doom; brothers, Mike Bain (Cindy), and Clint Bain (Danna); uncle and aunt, Jimmy and Wanda Winfrey; nieces and nephews, Kristi Hayes (Kenny), Bo Dryer (Madison Ward), Aaron Dyer (Randee); and extended family, Kim Moore, Bill Lile and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ruby Bain, and nephew, Brody Dyer.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Rockdale Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 2002, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483.

Jackie Boles, Sr.



A funeral service for Jackie Boles, Sr., age 83, of Posey, Texas was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Joe Knight and Bro. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper, Texas with Randy Mobley, Jeff Irvin, Keith Boles, Scotty Moore, Steven Moore, Cameron Connot, and Scott Jordan serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers included David Phillips and his wife Dannie and Bonnie Moore. Visitation was held one hour prior from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Boles passed away at Heritage House of Paris on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Jackie Boles, Sr. was born on January 21, 1941 in Cooper, Texas to E.W. Lige and Jean (Maynard) Boles. He married Mary Martin in the Posey Baptist Church on July 10, 1971. Jackie proudly served on the North Hopkins School Board for 19 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He also served in the National Guard and was a dairy farmer for 25 years.

Jackie is survived by his wife, Mary Boles of Posey; daughter, Shaunda Knight and husband Joe of Greenville; son, Jackie Boles, Jr. and wife Kari of Sulphur Springs; daughter, Kelli Crawford and husband Jerry of Sulphur Springs; twelve grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Irvin and husband Bobby of Cooper, Linda Mobley and husband Ronald of Sulphur Springs; sisters-in-law, Peggy Boles and Becky Boles of Cooper; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.W. Lige and Jean Boles; brothers, Jerald Boles and Mike Boles; sister, Vickie Morris; grandson, Matthew Virgel; and granddaughter, Star Nuckolls.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you consider a donation to The Matthew Virgel Scholarship Fund; C/O Knightsong Ministries, 1195 CR 4201, Greenville, TX 75401. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Alexander Frick

Alexander Frick, age 84, of Sulphur Bluff, Texas passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024, at his home with his family. Alexander was born in Schaan, Liechtenstein on May 1, 1940, to Alexander and Hildegard Frick, and he was the 12th Alexander in a long-honored family history. He married Sandra "Sandy" Kay Hickey on January 1, 2004, in Red River County, Texas and they shared their lives together living on the farm that Alexander built and managed.

Alexander is survived by his wife of twenty years Sandy Frick. Siblings: Peter Frick, Magdalena Matt, Hansjorg Frick, Rony Frick, Marie-Louise Frick, Barbara Fuchshuber, Florin Frick, Marie-Theres Eberle. Children: Louisanne Schenk and Mauro Bernasconi, Xandie and Maria Frick, Sylvester Frick, Samantha McCrary, Kayla and Mark McCrary

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There will be a Celebration of Life at the home of Alexander and Sandy Frick on September 21, 2024. The gathering will be come and go from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We invite contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in lieu of flowers.

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Wesley (Sonny) Thaxton Collins

Wesley (Sonny) Thaxton Collins passed away at his home in Sulphur Springs, Texas on August 21, 2024 at the age of 80. In his passing he was surrounded by his loved ones, peacefully and without pain.

Wesley is predeceased by his daughter, Sharon Denise Collins; his mother, Nora Montgomery; his sisters Aileen, Kathleen and Linda.

Wesley is survived by his loving wife, Margret Collins, of 61 years. They were married in McKinney, Texas on June 28, 1963.

Wesley is lovingly remembered by his sister's Dorris, Betty, and Kristen, his children Pamela Anderson of Watauga, Texas; Brian Collins of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Angela Harris of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, his grandchildren Trevor Collins, Tyler Collins, Jonathan Collins, Autumn Anderson, Haley Anderson, Ashlynn Harris and Chloe Harris, as well as his great grandchild Aaliyah Collins.

Wesley was born in McKinney, Texas on March 5th, 1944. He received his GED from the State of Texas on September 23, 1991. He went on to earn many certifications and awards such from the United States Army Infantry School in November of 1963; Department of the Army Certificate of Training on August 19, 1966; the Victory New Testament Fellowship on January 8, 1970; his Ministerial Credential on February 22, 1971; and his Certification of Ordination on August 16, 1980.

Aside from his service in the Army and all of his certifications, he worked as a Mechanic Assistant Superintendent at 4 golf courses over the course of 30 years.

Wesley had many enjoyments in life. From his hobbies of gardening, carpentry, fishing and traveling; to his deep enjoyment of helping others shown from his missionary work in Mexico.

His role in life was to serve God and to protect and provide for his family. He is deeply cherished by his family, friends and anyone he helped.

Jerry Mac Gray

Jerry Mac Gray went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 22, 2024, at his home in Rockwall, Texas at the age of 84. He was born on his grandfather, J.R. McMahan's farm, in Weaver, Hopkins County, Texas on September 9, 1939, to Silas Alexander Gray and Amanda Ellen McMahan and was the fourth of five boys.

Jerry graduated from Saltillo High School in 1957. While in school he developed a strong passion for music. After teaching himself to play guitar he began performing on shows hosted by radio stations throughout northeast Texas, including KSST in Sulphur Springs as well as stations in Mount Pleasant, Tyler and Paris. He also performed at the Lowry Variety Show in Mount Vernon and at Bob Shelton's Reilly Springs Jamboree where he rubbed elbows with future country stars including George Jones. In February 1959 Big Town Mall opened in Mesquite. It was the first enclosed shopping mall in the Southwest and Jerry performed for the grand opening. He remained a fan of classic country music his entire life and enjoyed talking about the old stars.

While attending to his mother in the hospital he met Frances June Johnson who was working as a nurse's aide. They would marry on December 21, 1963, and spent the next 60 years together. They were blessed with two sons, Anthony and Jeffrey. Jerry spent over 60 years working. Most of those years were spent in the auto-parts industry as a manager at Jacks Auto Supply, Western Auto, and most recently AutoZone retiring at the age of 82.

In addition to his interest in music, Jerry was also a Dallas Cowboys fan. But his true joy came from his family, and spending time with his sons and grandchildren. Jerry had a gentle spirit and set an amazing example of a life devoted to hard work and the care and support of his family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Gene and Murrell. He is survived by his wife, Frances Johnson Gray, his sons Anthony (wife Francie), Jeffrey (wife Rebecca), his grandchildren, Brock, Presley, and Jacey, his two brothers Dean (wife Sandra), and Paul Gray, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Jerry will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM, which will be followed by the funeral service, and held at The Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75243. A private burial will follow.

James Laird Helfferich

May 23, 1938 ~ August 25, 2024 (age 86)

James Laird Helfferich passed away on August 25, 2024. Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home, there will be a visitation one hour prior to the service and Interment will follow the service at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Full obituary is forthcoming.



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