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## FLOWERS ALONG THE HIGHWAY

Tumbleweed Smith

Elaine Donaldson of Sonora loves flowers. "A lady I used to work with at the bank says that when I go out to talk to my flowers I fondle them," said Elaine with a hearty laugh.

Elaine has always been active in Sonora. In the late 1950s, as a high school student, she was a guide at the newly opened Sonora Caverns. She ran the Devil's River Inn for a couple of years and took guests to the caverns. She is manager of the museum and serves as secretary-treasurer of the Mason County Historical Society. But she loves tending to plants.

When she was a child, she spent some time in a neighbor's greenhouse. "In the summertime when school was out, I would go to the greenhouse and play with the plants and water them. That's when I started propagating plants. I think it was ivy that I propagated first. I took several long runners off an ivy plant and put them in a jug of water. It didn't take long for them to root. I thought, hey this is fun. I'm going to keep doing this. So many years later I'm still doing it. I just like growing things. There is an arrowhead plant that grows kind of like ivy and I've got so many cuttings that I'm going to have to give some of them to somebody. I give a lot of my stuff away. Then some of it my daughter in Del Rio takes, and later brings it back to me to revive."

She has very few plants in the ground. Most are in pots. She'll put her potted plants in her greenhouse in mid November. She grows bougainvillea. "And the guy at the greenhouse in San Angelo told me I couldn't do it because it was so hard. But I take a piece of chicken wire, attach it to a shallow dishpan then stick those bougainvillea cuttings through the holes in the chicken wire and that's how I grew them. I had pretty good luck doing it that way."

A nurseryman told her how to grow big Boston ferns. "He says you water them every single day and fertilize them once a week. And that's what I do. They get huge." Elaine inherited her love of flowers and plants from her father who collected bluebonnet seeds.

"You know when you plant bluebonnet seeds they might not come up for two or three years depending on the condition. So he would keep those seeds, put them in a bucket and he would drive along the highways in Sutton and Schleicher counties throwing the seeds out. So our highways in both counties were solid bluebonnets for several years. He worked for the highway department so he and the men working with him spread the seeds."

Her dad was recognized for what he did.

"He was given the very first Lady Bird Johnson Keep Texas Beautiful Award. It was a pretty big deal. President Johnson was there along with Lady Bird. It was at the LBJ State Park and a lot of people were there."



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The remaining letters spell the name of a movie for which Louise Fletcher won an Oscar.

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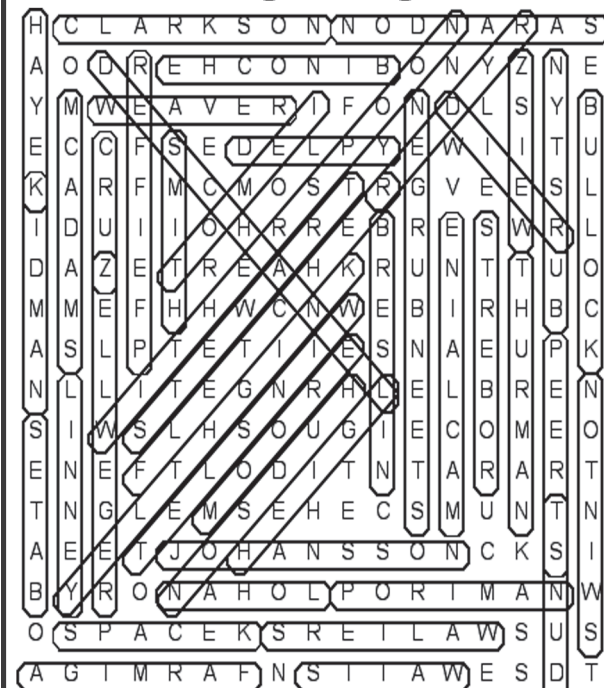
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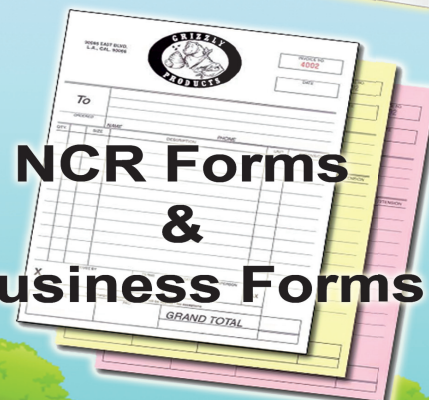
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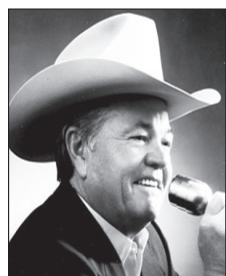
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### **J. Refugio Robles Trejo**

Funeral Mass for J. Refugio Robles Trejo will be at 11:00 am on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at St. James Catholic Church with Father Raymundo Garcia officiating. Jose Miguel Robles, Jose Heriberto Robles, Julio Cesar Robles, Juan Eduardo Robles, Ignacio Robles, Vicente Olvera, Israel Rivera, and Victor Zuniga will be serving as pallbearers. There will be a viewing at the family's residence from Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm until Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10:00 am Formal Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at North Hopkins Cemetery. Jose passed away on January 16, 2025, in Paris, Texas. Jose was born on June 23, 1965, to Francisco Robles and M. Jesus Trejo in San Jose Iturbide, GTO, Mexico. He worked in road construction for many years with AK Gillis Construction and adored spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria Angelina Vargas Soto; sons, Jose Miguel Robles and his wife, Mayra, Jose Heriberto Robles and his wife, Mariana, Julio Cesar Robles, and Juan Eduardo Robles; daughter, Blanca Abigail Robles and husband Vicente, and his grandchildren, Briana Olvera, Matias Robles, Gael Olvera, Rafael Robles, and Joan Olvera. Two brothers Edmundo Robles Trejo and Jose Herminio Robles Trejo of GTO, Mexico and eight sisters; Maria Guadalupe Robles Trejo of Sulfur Springs, Margarita Robles Trejo, Magdalena Robles Trejo, Bertha Robles Trejo, Marcelina Robles Trejo, Luisa Robles Trejo, Emma Angelica Robles Trejo and Ana Cecilia Robles Trejo all of GTO, Mexico.



### **David Fowler**

A funeral service for David Fowler, age 88, of Sulphur Springs was held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Garrett and Joe Don Pogue officiating. A private interment was held at Restlawn Memorial Park with Mike Moore, Kirby Hudson, Todd Williams, Jr., Coby Reed, Logan Pogue, Carston Moore, Joe Don Pogue and Gene Marts serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Lee Pogue, Archie Lindley, Kaden Moore, Ryan Rackley, Straton Darling, Brandon Fowler, Ty Fowler, James Edwards, Ed Cox, Carroll Anders, Quon Clayton, Harold Petrea, Evin Darling, Mike Odell, Bob Cody, all the other Sulphur Springs Livestock employees, and the Hopkins County Trustees. Visitation was held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. David passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

David Max Fowler was born April 9, 1936 in Bailey, TX to David Taylor Fowler and Mozell (Lumpkins) Fowler. After graduating high school, he served in the US Army for a brief time. He was an auctioneer and owned Sulphur Springs Livestock. David was a member of the Livestock Marketing Association, NETBIO, and attended Grace Family Church.

David is survived by his son, Nick Fowler and wife, Rachel, of Glenwood, AR; daughters, Tammy Hudson and husband, Kirby, of Hugo, OK and Kim Moore and husband, Mike, of Sulphur Springs, TX; grandchildren, Brandon Fowler, Ty Fowler (Brittany), Bailey Conley (Colt), Logan Pogue (Michelle), Kelsy Williams (Todd), Chesley Reed (Coby), Kasey Rackley (Ryan), Kaden Moore, Carston Moore; lots of special great-grandkids; and sister, Terri Jo Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Mozell Fowler; and granddaughter, Haley Pogue.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Keitha, Carla, Sabrina, Jenny, Rebecca, Jaylee, Cece, and Shaundra for taking such great care of David during his illness.



### **James Gregory Marshall** February 4, 1956 — January 13, 2025

Visitation for James Gregory Marshall, age 68, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Mr. Marshall passed away at Sunny Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation on Monday, January 13, 2025.

James Gregory Marshall was born on February 4, 1956 in Mesquite, Texas to Cleburn Burns and Bobbie Jean (Trammell) Marshall. James worked as a handyman for many years.

James is survived by his sisters, Sherry Jean Marshall and Nancy Lee Pounds (Mark); nieces, Brandie Marshall (James), Brie Vazquez (Bobby), Allie Walker (Chris), Andrea Vazquez (Kevin), and Chelsey Busse (Seth); nephews, JR Marshall, Jeremy Pounds (Alyssa); and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleburn and Bobbie Marshall; brother, Weldon Marshall; sister, Roberta Vazquez; and nieces, Jessica White and JoAnne Riley.

### **Fred Fielden** September 9, 1965 — January 13, 2025

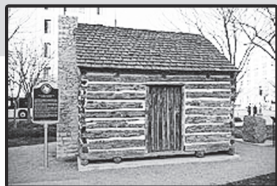
Funeral service for Fred Fielden, age 59, of Sulphur Bluff, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Interment followed at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Mr. Fielden passed away at his home in Sulphur Bluff on Monday, January 13, 2025.



# John Neely Bryan

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John Neely Bryan (December 24, 1810 – September 8, 1877) was a Presbyterian farmer, lawyer, and tradesman in the United States and founder of the city of Dallas, Texas.

**EARLY LIFE** -- Bryan was born to James and Elizabeth (Neely) Bryan in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

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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