



SPENDINGTIME IN THE MARITIMES



Tumbleweed Smith

Canada is so beautiful. So many flowers. So many trees. So many lakes. So many islands. We're just back from a trip to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We had tried to get to the Maritimes before but either there was a disconnect with the type of transportation or a storm had destroyed the port; this time we took dead aim.

Tumbleweed Smith For years I had wanted to visit Peggy's Cove. For some reason I pictured it as a colorful little fishing village with a dark body of water surrounded by colorful homes of fishermen whose boats were nearby. The image I had carried with me for years couldn't have been further from the actual thing. Peggy's Cove has a lighthouse which I expected to see. The community is actually one large boulder the size of a couple of football fields. When we were there hundreds of tourists arrived by tour busses and they were crawling all over the big boulder. One stone outcropping has a stone carving of the story of Peggy. Legend says she was the only survivor of a shipwreck and fell in love with the man who rescued her.

We went to Hopewell Rocks on the Bay of Fundy. It is a place where you can actually walk on the ocean floor in the morning. But the area is closed off by early afternoon because the area is under forty feet of ocean. We loved the village of Lunenburg where the houses are painted in bright yellow, red, blue, orange, black, green and other colors. The town is on the water and big sailboats were in the harbor. It is a resort city with galleries, shops and restaurants.

We actually planted potatoes. The Maritimes have hundreds of types of potatoes, even blue ones. We did the planting at a place where a relative of the author of ANNE OF GREEN GABLES operates a museum, store and snack shop. There are several ANNE OF GREEN GABLES stores in the area and a theater in Charlottetown is advertising an ANNE OF GREEN GABLES musical.

In Canada, their provinces are like our states. In the province of Nova Scotia (New Scotland) we learned about the Acadians, a group of peaceniks who loved to let the good times roll and refused to join the French or English who were at war over the territory at the time. So, the Acadians (Cajuns) were deported to all sorts of places including the eastern seaboard of the United States, Louisiana and the Texas coast.

One of the prettiest drives was The Cabot Trail, named for the Italian man Giovanni Caboto who explored the region. The trail has curves, tall green mountains, deep dark woods and fascinating views of the ocean. In the Maritimes, you're never far from water. The 3 provinces are called Maritimes because they are located by the sea. The word Maritime means 'of the sea.'

The Maritimes are places of contemplation, where you see the natural beauty of dramatic coastlines and seashore communities, each one with its own personality. They are not rowdy places. They are quiet.

Tumbleweed Smith Wins Broadcaster Award At Country Music Association of Texas Annual Awards Ceremony

October 19, 2025 – In ceremonies held at The Woodlands, Texas on **October 15, 2025**, The Sound of Texas' Tumbleweed Smith was presented the Broadcaster Award. This was part of the Country Music Association of Texas annual awards ceremony at the Dosey Doe Barn. He was recognized for his reporting and preservation of Americana Western music which includes the genres of, Western Swing, Cowboy Western and Texas Country Music. The New Millennium Shopper congratulates our friend, Tumbleweed Smith, for this important achievement.

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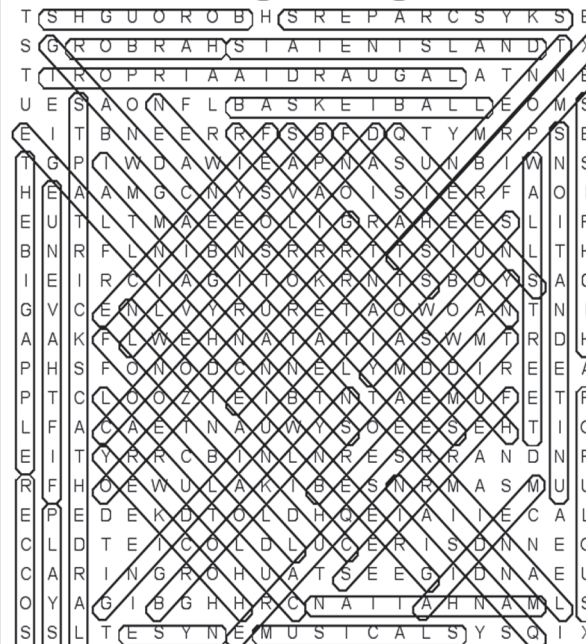
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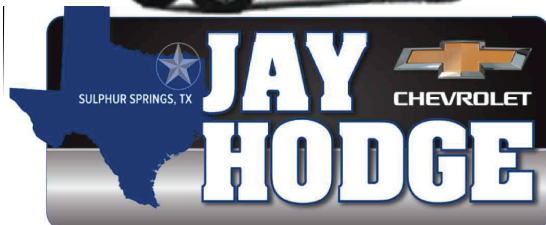
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Frances Weaver

A graveside Service for Frances Louise Weaver, age 90, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Greenview Cemetery with Pastor Don Stephens officiating. Bubba Kimmel, Justin Darrow, Lynn Prater, Jared Prater, Chris Anderson, and Chris Lewis will be serving as pallbearers. Jeremy Darrow will be serving as honorary pallbearer. Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Frances passed away on October 15, 2025, surrounded by her family in Winnsboro, Texas.

Frances was born on December 7, 1934, to Cleo Silvester Stephens and Mary Willie Edwards Stephens in Kensing, Texas. She married her first husband John L. Prater, and he preceded her in death on August 15, 1954. Frances married John Green Weaver on September 15, 1956, in Cooper, Texas and he preceded her in death. She enjoyed sewing quilts and making dolls. Frances loved spending time with her family especially all her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Johnny L. Prater and his wife, Becky, and Dwayne Weaver; daughters, Gail Darrow, Sandra Boyd, and Jan Kimmel; one brother, Doyle Stephens; sisters, Loyce Boucher, June Clark, Bena Green, and Carolyn Tome, as well as 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, John L. Prater and John Green Weaver; sister, Melba Woodson; brothers, Donald Gene Stephens, Dale Stephens, and Ernest Stephens.

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Barbara Romack

Barbara Jeanette (Allen) Romack, devoted mother, grandmother, and wife passed from this life on October 14, 2025. Born in Hopkins County, Texas on December 6, 1940, to Howard Allen and Hazel Nichols Allen, she was raised under the watchful eye and loving care of her grandparents, Melvin, and Viola Nichols. Barbara attended Pickton High School, where she excelled both academically and athletically. Barbara was named Valedictorian of her class and was also a force to be reckoned with on the basketball court. After high school, Barbara worked for Ramey Law Firm. After receiving her degree from East Texas State University, Barbara began her professional career serving as the highly respected Director of Medical Records for Hopkins County Memorial and Presbyterian Hospital of Winnsboro before retiring.

Barbara married Hal Romack with whom she raised two sons, Greg, and Jeff. They were the proud owners of Romack Supply Company in Winnsboro, Texas for many years. She and Hal loved traveling together, exploring the continental United

States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Mexico. As long as their health permitted, Barbara and Hal were faithful members of Caney Baptist Church in Pickton, Texas.

She also loved jewelry and had a keen eye for vintage collectibles. Her collections of Murano glass and Lady Head vases were unmatched, but her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and extended family. For many years, Barbara and Hal opened their home to host a Thanksgiving Brunch for family and friends.

Proceeded in death by her husband, parents and brother, Michael Ezell. She is survived by her two loving children, Greg Romack of Sulphur Springs and Jeff Romack and wife Kelly of Heath, Texas. Barbara, affectionately known as "Bebe" also leaves her precious grandsons, Landon Romack (Nicole) and Connor Romack (Logan) and the newest blessings, great-granddaughters Palmer Raye and Sophia Rose, all of Heath, TX. She is also survived by her sister and best friend, Patsy Bolton of Sulphur Springs and numerous nieces and nephews who loved her so. Following a private interment at Caney Cemetery, Pickton, Texas, a memorial service to honor Barbara was held at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 2:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Caney Cemetery Association, c/o Sonja Bolton, 123 Charles St., Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482.

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Gayland Berry Obituary

Gayland Fitzgerald Berry was born to Freddie Berry Wade and Charles Young on December 1, 1968, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Cherry Grove Baptist Church under the pastorage of Elder Curtis Rose.

He was employed at Berger as a supervisor for several years and worked at Saputo until his health failed.

Gayland transitioned into eternal rest on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview, Texas.

He leaves behind his mother, Freddie Berry Wade; his father, Charles Young (Elaine); brother, Eric Berry (Tammie); sister, Tonya Berry; niece, Tia Berry; nephew, Tobias Berry (Julia); two great-nephews, Malcolm, and Myles Berry; child, Detrick Clayton; bonus daughter, Nevaeh and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A funeral Service for Gayland was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

Interment will follow the service at North Caney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday October 20, 2025, at West Oaks Funeral Home. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Willie Mae Harris.

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2. Micronutrient Awareness : Food First

Supplements can help, but whole food remains your best source. Focus on dark leafy greens, eggs, legumes, nuts, and seeds. Buy seasonal produce at farmers’ markets or local stores. If needed, a quality multivitamin or foundational supplements (like magnesium, B complex, vitamin D) can fill gaps, but only after diet is addressed.

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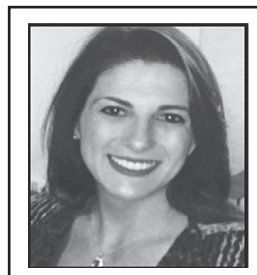
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5. Community & Collective Health

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Final Take

You don’t need to spend a fortune to live well. With smart hydration, nutrient awareness, DIY practices, occasional clinical boosts, and community support; wellness becomes a tool, not a luxury. The path to vibrant health starts at home, in your habits, and in your choices. And sometimes, the best investments are the ones you already have inside you.



Gabriela Camacho

Obits *Continued*



Marion H. Wheeler, Jr.

Funeral service for Marion H. Wheeler Jr., age 80 of Yorba Linda, California will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at East Caney Baptist Church. Interment will follow at East Caney Cemetery with Bryan Kendrick, Rodney Johnson, Adrian Golden, Joey Stephens, Nathaniel McAllister, Keyvon Poole, D’Vaunte Johnson, and Kevin Spain serving as pallbearers. James Emanuel, James Chance, Benjamin Hodge III, Joseph Thomas, Julius Armstrong, Tyrone Daniels, and Tony Wheeler will be serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, October 24, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

A man who finds and fulfills his purpose during his lifetime is truly blessed. Such a man was Marion Holland Dexter Wheeler, Jr. He was primed to become a champion of the underdog, a soldier fighting on behalf of his people. In 1962 Marion journeyed with his parents, Reverend Marion H. Wheeler, Sr. and Nora Lee Wheeler (“Ma Dea”), to witness the historic March on Washington, headlined by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivering the renowned “I Have A Dream” speech. The passion of the determined crowd, the majesty of the esteemed speakers, and soul stirring music delivered by icons, including gospel legend Mahalia Jackson, lit a fire of hope in Marion’s heart that burned brightly until

the Master called Marion home on October 8, 2025.

Born in Henderson, Texas, February 9, 1945, the son of a Baptist preacher and his wife, Marion transcended his humble beginnings. He met and modeled his style of dress after the distinguished men of the clergy that his father introduced him to. One morning Marion awakened to see Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. standing in the living room of the modest church parsonage where the Wheeler family dwelled. At age sixteen, funded by dollar, nickel and dime donations from church members and neighbors, Marion traveled to Germany as an exchange student. It was his first plane ride, first trip out of the country and the beginning of a lifelong thirst for travel.

Marion earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech, military science, and English from Western Michigan University where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Upon graduation. After serving three years in the Army, Marion applied to law school and was accepted at the University of California, Boalt Hall, now known as Berkley Law. At Berkeley Law Marion earned more than a law degree. He met and married the love of his life, Amanda Renee Green. “For better or worse, in sickness and in health” they journeyed together for fifty years. Their union was blessed by the birth of two children, Damon Emerson Wheeler, who died in infancy, and Nigel Kali Green Wheeler, who despite his earlier declaration that he would never become a lawyer, is the General Counsel for the North Carolina Hurricanes hockey team. Marion and Amanda have been blessed beyond measure by the birth of three grandchildren, Emerson, Sebastian and Callahan.

Marion’s background in speech paved his way as a sought-after public speaker. He delivered messages to diverse civic organizations and, not surprisingly, from church pulpits.



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