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Greg Smith of Brady makes shaving soap and after-shave in a variety of flavors. "Grandpa's Barber Shop is a traditional, clean, old school kind of barbershop scent," he says. "We've got Cherry Pipe which is a sweet cherry and tobacco scent. Weekend Rodeo is a pretty popular one. It's a mixture of tobacco and leather fragrances. We have a scent called Mr. Pepper and it flies off the shelf. It, of

course, has the Dr. Pepper soft drink flavor."

He tries to think of flavors that would be commonplace in Texas. "A lot of artisans both nationwide and worldwide are making soaps and after shave but there's not that many in Texas. So I did some research and homework and am trying to build up an interest in it. A few years ago I became fascinated with the new wet shaving hobby, a resurgence of classic shaving with a lot of younger guys. To me it's a rite of passage when a man stands with his face lathered up and his young son standing by his side. That's happening to me right now. My little boy sees me shave all the time and wants to do the same thing. Maybe we can spread this special kind of shaving."

"I have shipped His sells his items way beyond Brady. stuff nationwide and worldwide. I've sent stuff to Naples, Italy and have seen my stuff show up on Internet in Yorkshire, England. We've sold it in Colorado, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, just all over from little old Brady. Every day I'm kind of shocked that people are actually buying and using something that I make. There's a shop in California called West Coast Shaving. My Mr. Pepper scent does well there. I keep an eye on West Coast Shaving's website and when I send a shipment of Mr. Pepper shaving soap, it's sold out within 48 hours after posting it on their website."

He gets his flavors by mixing various fragrance oils. His after-shave comes in the same flavors as his shaving soap and has some soothing ingredients. "I use witch hazel, alcohol, tea tree oil, aloe vera juice, lotta stuff to calm your skin down after abusing it with a razor."

His soap sells for \$12.75 and comes in a flat round box. "That's a 5 ounce container and will stretch further than any canned shaving goop and will deliver a better quality shave just because it's slicker and better for you. Also you've got to remember it's soap that you're putting on your face. Not only are you shaving with something that's better than canned stuff you're also cleaning your face. When you're shaving you get kind of sucked in to thinking about it and get into a meditative state sometime. There's something about it that's way more calming than trying to rush through with a cartridge razor or electric razor."

Greg makes his shaving items in his spare time. He has a regular 9 to 5 job as technology director for the hospital in Brady. You can find his items at westcoastshaving.com or his Facebook page Central Texas Soaps. He hasn't started making razors or shaving brushes yet, but he's looking into that.

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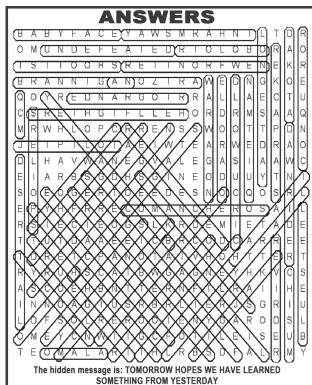
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Grace Horton

March 3, 1945 — October 23, 2025

Memorial service for Grace Horton, age 100, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be held at a later date. Mrs. Horton passed away at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Grace Horton was born on March 3, 1925, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Henry and Vera (Smith) Edwards. She married Kenneth T. "Pat" Horton in March of 1945. After graduating high school, she started nursing, but later joined her husband, Pat, in the dairy business. During her free time, she loved to paint. She was a proud member of the Weaver Baptist Church.

Grace is survived by her sons, Jim Horton and wife, Donna of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Jerry Horton of Sulphur Springs, Texas; grandchildren, Heath Horton, Cory Horton, Ashley Davidson and husband, Ryan, Kelly Horton, and

Tracy Price; great-grandchildren, Dylan Horton, Hunter Horton, Hayden Horton, Colten Horton, Calloway Davidson, Freya Davidson, Wyn Layton III, and Jarred Eskew; and son-in-law, Toby Price.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth T. "Pat" Horton; her parents, Henry and Vera Edwards; and her daughter Judy Price.



Edna Earl (Davis) Harrod

Edna Earl (Davis) Harrod, age 87 of Mount Vernon, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Edna was born August 6,1938, in Purley, Texas, to Coy R. and Maude Seple (Corley) Davis. She graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1956. She then pursued further education at Draughon Business College in Dallas, Texas, where she met the love of her life, Gene Davis Harrod. They married on August 16, 1957, in Mount Vernon, Texas.

After raising two daughters in Euless, Texas, she and Gene moved back to Mount Vernon to be closer to family. Edna worked at Shelton's Propane until she retired so that she and Gene could travel. Edna loved the Lord and was a long-time member of Purley Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene D. Harrod; her parents, Coy and Seple Davis; brothers, Robbie G. Davis,

Billy M. Davis, and a son-in-law, Gary Burnaman.

She leaves to cherish her memory her two daughters, Genea Burnaman and Ginger (Gary) Lyon; grandchildren, Ashley (DJ) Jester, Seth (Lauren) Burnaman, Jared (Grace) Lyon, Jeremy (Kirsten) Lyon; seven great grandchildren; sister, Linda (Jack) Williams; sisters-in-law, Chloeanne Davis and Dortha Davis; nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Funeral services were scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Purley Baptist Church. Visitation was 30 minutes before service time. Pallbearers were D.J. Jester, Seth Burnaman, Jared Lyon, Gary Lyon, Jack Williams, and Mike Davis. Rev. Pablo Guzman will be officiating.



Gerald Edwin Thomas

June 30, 1936 — October 17, 2025

On Friday, October 17, 2025, Gerald Edwin Thomas, age 89, passed away peacefully in his assisted living care facility, Hopkins Court, in Sulphur Springs, Tx with his daughter by his side.

Gerald was born on June 30, 1936, in DeQueen, Arkansas to Reed and Belle Thomas. He was a proud graduate of the University of Arkansas and spent many years taking his family to all the Razorback football games.

Mr. Thomas followed in the footsteps of his father when he opened Thomas Spreading Service on Gilmer Street in the late 1960s. He and his wife Janice ran the business and considered the farmers of Hopkins County their family. Gerald also dabbled in the cattle business, raising several hundred head of Brangus and Angus cattle. He shared this adventure with his children who loved to feed the baby calves and help with driving the tractors during the hay season.

In the late 1980s Mr. Thomas closed the business on Gilmer St. and opened a successful interior design shop, Interior Resources, in Texarkana, Tx. This time Janice took the lead, and Gerald became the behind-the-scenes support by installing shutters, curtains, moving carpets and fabrics. Again, they were very successful in their new adventure and met many people, some of whom became lifelong friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Reed and Belle Godwin Thomas, his wife, Janice Nichols Thomas, and his son Jason Nichols Thomas. He is survived by his daughter, Angela Gae Campbell and her husband Matthew, two sisters, Sandra Dunn and Carolyn Stovall, daughter in law, Michelle V. Thomas, five grandchildren: Sarah Kate DeLee and her husband Caleb DeLee, John Thomas Campbell and his wife Megan Campbell, Pryor Nichols Thomas and his wife Aubrey Cates-Parr Thomas, Clayton Reed Thomas and Charlotte Lillian Thomas and four great granddaughters Lilah Wren DeLee, Mila Jay DeLee, Vivian Kate Campbell and Josephine Tyler Campbell.

Wellness Care: A Smarter Investment in Our Future

In recent years, the concept of wellness care has shifted from a niche interest to a national conversation. Yet, despite the growing awareness, many still confuse wellness care with simple disease prevention. True wellness care goes beyond avoiding illness, it's about cultivating long-term physical, mental, and emotional health through proactive, sustainable choices.

For too long, our health systems have been built on a reactive model: we wait until people get sick before we step in. We pour resources into treatments, hospital stays, and medications, often addressing symptoms instead of causes. This approach is not only costly, it's short-sighted. Wellness care offers a different path. By investing in nutrition, exercise, stress management, and preventive screenings, we can reduce the burden of chronic disease and improve quality of life for millions.

Consider this: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 90 percent of the nation's \$4.5 trillion in annual health care expenditures go toward people with chronic and mental health conditions, many of which are preventable. Heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension can often be mitigated through lifestyle changes and early intervention. Wellness care Gabriela Camacho focuses on empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools to make those changes before illness strikes.



But wellness is not just an individual responsibility; it's a community effort. Employers who implement wellness programs see reduced absenteeism, higher productivity, and greater employee satisfaction. Schools that promote physical activity and balanced meals nurture healthier, more focused students. Cities that design walkable neighborhoods and support local farmers' markets create environments where healthy living becomes the easier

Mental wellness deserves equal attention. In our fast-paced, hyperconnected world, stress and burnout have become common ailments. Encouraging mindfulness, social connection, and access to counseling services should be central to any comprehensive wellness strategy. The mind and body are not separate entities, each influences the other profoundly.

Critics sometimes dismiss wellness care as a luxury for those with time and money. That perception must change. True wellness is about accessibility and equity. Communities should have affordable access to nutritious food, safe spaces for exercise, and preventive medical services. Policymakers must prioritize funding and education that make wellness a reality for everyone, not just a privileged few.

Wellness care is not a passing trend, it's a necessary evolution of how we think about health. By shifting from treatment to prevention, from isolation to community, we can build a healthier, more resilient society. The return on this investment is measured not only in dollars saved but in lives improved, productivity gained, and years added to our collective well-being.

The time has come to redefine health care as wellness care. The future of our nation's health, and our economy, depends on it.







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