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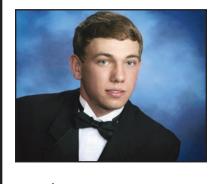
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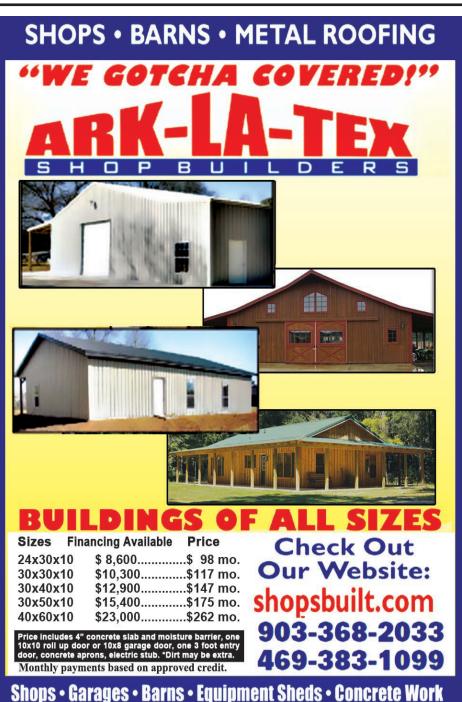
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The Reilly Springs Cemetery is central to the community, bordered on two sides by county roads and by private land on two sides. Much of the land is still held by descendants of founding families, and though no longer farmed on a large scale, you'll see well-tended yards and productive gardens everywhere as you locate a place to park your car.. Just a stone's throw from the cemetery's brick wall enclosure stand two white frame churches and a sturdy brick community center,/schoolhouse... a little cluster of structures which is truly the heart of Reilly Even newcomers who come to the memorial services on the third-Sunday of May seem to sense the deep history that whispers through the shade trees and beckons along the winding lane. Next door to the south, the Reilly Springs Baptist Church congregation conducts a weekly schedule of meetings. The neighbor to the north side, the Reilly Springs Methodist Church is no longer an active church, but it's pine-paneled sanctuary is opened for the cemetery services each year. Directly across from the cemetery, the old schoolhouse, which housed a school system from 1942-1956, keeps it's doors open as the "home of the Jamboree", playing host to stew suppers and cake walks and a monthly country and gospel music show from the same historic stage that Cash, Carter and Jones once stood upon, Walking around inside this building, you almost expect to hear the strains of it's fiddlers or the laughter of it's students. It's wide hallway is where the "dinner on the grounds" was spread on tables for the long line of hungry folks, offering a hand of friendship and nurturing to it's visitors whether they are old or new acquaintances. Hospitality is like a brand in Reilly Springs, whose historic springs once served as a welcoming stop-over for thirsty travelers passing through the country.





Kerry Bailey succeeded Bobby McDonald in 2017 as President of the Cemetery board and served as emcee of the service. After Bill Owens got everyone singing, Kerry introduced the speaker for the Memorial service. Ted Boggs is the man who constructed the cemetery's brick wall and whose dear mother is resting just inside the front gate. Ted spoke about how he claims Reilly Springs citizenship due to his mother's historic train journey there in about 1918. Nine-year-old Helen Stoezel and her brother Walter were New York orphans who were adopted and raised by the Attlesee family of Reilly Springs, Texas. Their late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stoezel, had been Austrian immigrants and business owners who owned a brownstone home at 1526 Biaz Avenue in New York City. After their parents' untimely deaths due to illness, Helen and Walter found themselves placed in an orphanage run by the Children's Aid Society, and eventually placed on an Orphan Train heading to the Southern states. This placed them among the over 120,000 children who found permanent homes in this way in 45 states, Canada and Mexico. Ted is proud of his history and the family who made a quality life possible for his mother and uncle. He kept his audience transfixed as he related the heartbreaking yet heart-warming saga of their early lives. After the service was dismissed, some shook hands with Ted and others filed outside to talk and visit. Several wandered into the cemetery to pay respects and others were attracted by the aromas of lunch being spread. I'll bet every one of them took something of real value home with them, and that they will keep fond memories of Reilly Springs, Texas, USA.



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When I visited Mike Norris at his boot and shoe

Then he takes it over to a huge electric sander to shave off the edges. He says he's just giving it a good trim. Then he takes it over to an ancient machine called a stitcher. He can't say enough good words about it.

"This sews the sole onto the boot. You have the glue to hold it in place, but this finishes the job. Before this was developed, bootmakers had to do this by hand. If they were lucky they might get about two pairs of boots a day. The sole is about a quarter of an inch and you have to put a needle thru the sole and the welting. I love the sound this machine makes."

I recorded that sound. It reminds me of a steam engine starting up, then gets into the rhythm of a sewing machine. He says you have to be careful as you feed the boot through the fast moving needle. It could do some damage. Some of Mike's customers wear boots costing thousands of dollars.

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Mike's father was a bootmaker who learned the trade in San Angelo. He moved to Midland after world war two. Mike grew up in the shop. "Many times I just got in the way. But my sister, brother and I all grew up working with my dad. Twenty years ago my sister and I bought this building here. Now we stay behind about two to three weeks." Mike's dad was his hero.

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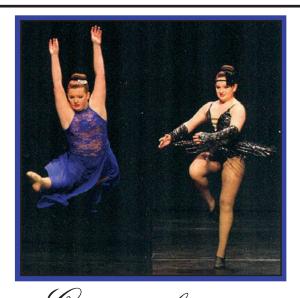
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By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War 1, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

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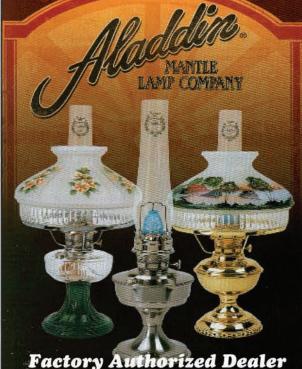
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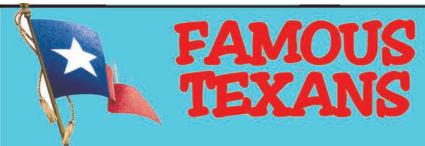
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Landry won two Super Bowl titles (VI, XII), five NFC titles, 13 Divisional titles, and compiled a 270-178-6 record, the third-most wins all-time for an NFL coach. His 20 career playoff victories are the second most of any coach in NFL history. He was named the NFL Coach of the Year in 1966 and the NFC Coach of the Year in 1975. His most impressive professional accomplishment is his 20 consecutive winning seasons (1966–1985), an NFL record that remains unbroken and unchallenged. From 1966 to 1982 Dallas played in 12 NFL or NFC Championship games, a span of 17 years. More impressive is the Cowboys' appearance in 10 NFC Championship games in the 13-year span from 1970 to 1982. Leading the Cowboys to three Super Bowl appearances in four years between 1975 and 1978, and five in nine years between 1970 and 1978, and being on television more than any other NFL team is what spawned the title of "America's Team", a title Landry did not appreciate because he felt it would bring on extra motivation from the rest of the league to compete with the Cowboys.

Born in Mission, Texas, to Ray (an auto mechanic and volunteer fireman) and Ruth Landry, Tom was the second of four children (Robert, Tommy, Ruthie, and Jack). Landry's father had suffered from rheumatism, and relocated to the warmer climate of Texas from Indiana or Illinois. Ray Landry was an athlete, making his mark locally as a pitcher and football player. Tom played quarterback (primary passer and runner, and also punter) for Mission High School, where he led his team to a 12-0 record in his senior season. The Mission High School football stadium is named Tom Landry Stadium and is home to the Mission Eagles and Mission Patriots which also bears the Pro Football Hall of Fame logo.

Landry attended the University of Texas at Austin as an industrial engineering major. Landry had given thought to enrolling at Mississippi State University, where his friend John Tripson was an All-American, but he knew that he would be away from his friends and family. The main driving force in keeping him from enrolling at Mississippi State University was the notion

that it would be too long a travel for his parents to see him play college football.

He interrupted his education after a semester to serve in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Landry was inspired to join the armed forces in honor of his brother Robert. Robert Landry had enlisted in the Army Air Corps after the attack on Pearl Harbor. While ferrying a B-17 over to England, Robert Landry's plane had gone down over the North Atlantic, close to Iceland. Several weeks passed before the Army was able to officially declare Robert Landry dead. Tom Landry began his basic training at Sheppard Field near Wichita Falls, Texas (now Sheppard AFB), and his preflight training at Kelly Field (now Kelly Field Annex), located near San Antonio, Texas. Landry's first experience as a bomber was a tough one. A few minutes after takeoff, Landry realized that the pilot seemed to be working furiously, and Landry had realized the plane's engine had died. Despite this experience, Landry was committed to flying. At the age of 19, Landry was transferred to Sioux City, Iowa, where he trained as a copilot for flying a B-17. In 1944, Landry got his orders, and from Sioux City he went to Liverpool, England, where he was assigned to the Eighth Air Force, 493rd Squadron in Ipswich. Landry earned his wings and a commission as a Second Lieutenant at Lubbock Army Air Field, and was assigned to the 493d Bombardment Group at RAF Debach, England, as a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber copilot in the 860th Bombardment Squadron. From November 1944 to April 1945, he completed a combat tour of 30 missions, and survived a crash landing in Belgium after his bomber ran out of fuel.

He returned to his studies at the University of Texas in the fall of 1946. On the football team, he played fullback and defensive back on the Texas Longhorns' bowl game winners on New Year's Day of 1948 and 1949. At UT, he was a member of the Texas Cowboys and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity (Omega Chi chapter). He received his bachelor's degree from UT in 1949.

In 1952, he earned a master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Houston.

Landry married the former Alicia Wiggs on January 28, 1949. The Landrys were married for 51 years, until his death, and had three children: a son, Tom, Jr., and daughters Kitty and Lisa. CAREER

Professional playing career

Landry played in the AAFC in 1949 for the New York Yankees, then moved in 1950 across town to the New York Giants. In 1946, the New York Giants had drafted Landry in the seventh round of the college draft. He was drafted as a "Futures" pick, which was a rule in place at the time that allowed NFL teams to draft underclassmen, and hold their rights until the player had completed his college requirement. In 1948, the New York Yankees of the AAFC also drafted Landry.

Landry had just finished his final college football game, when Jack White, who was an assistant coach for the Yankees, took Landry aside. He offered Landry a contract to play for New

York in the AAFC. The contract was for \$6,000, plus a \$500 signing bonus. Landry used the bonus money to pay for a wedding with his college sweetheart, Alicia.

Landry's career got off to a start after the Yankees' starting punter was injured in the preseason, and Landry performed well in his place. The Yankees shared Yankee Stadium with Major League Baseball's Yankees, and Landry remembered in his autobiography how in awe he was seeing names like DiMaggio, Rizzuto, and Ruffing above the lockers. Landry's career began as a back-up to Yankees star running back Buddy Young. His first start would come against the AAFC's powerhouse, the Cleveland Browns, coached by Paul Brown, and a roster full of future hall of famers like Lou Groza, Bill Willis, and Otto Graham. Landry did not have a good debut as a starter; Mac Speedie, the receiver he was assigned to cover, set an AAFC record for receiving yards in the game. After the game, Landry learned his wife had given birth to their first child, a son.

After the 1949 season, the AAFC folded, and the Yankees were not among the teams absorbed by the NFL. The New York Giants exercised their territorial rights and selected Landry in a dispersal draft. Under the guidance of Giants head coach Steve Owen, Landry got his first taste of coaching. Instead of explaining the 6-1-4 defense to the players, Owen called Landry up to the front, and asked him to explain the defense to his teammates. Landry got up, and explained what the defense would do to counter the offense, and this became Landry's first coaching experience. The 1953 season would be a season to forget, with the lowest point coming in a 62-10 loss at the hands of the Cleveland Browns. This loss would ultimately cost Coach Steve Owen his job, and would again have Landry pondering his future. In 1954, he was selected as an all-pro. He played through the 1955 season, and acted as a player-assistant coach the last two years, 1954 through 1955, under the guidance of new Giants head coach Jim Lee Howell. Landry ended his playing career with 32 interceptions in only 80 games, which he returned for 404 yards and three touchdowns. He also recovered 10 fumbles (seven defensive), returning them for 67 yards and two touchdowns.

For the 1954 football season, Landry became the defensive coordinator for the Giants, opposite Vince Lombardi, who was the offensive coordinator. Landry led one of the best defensive teams in the league from 1956 to 1959. The two coaches created a fanatical loyalty within the unit they coached that drove the Giants to three appearances in the NFL championship game in four years. The Giants beat the George Halas-led Chicago Bears 47-7 in 1956, but lost to the Baltimore Colts in 1958 and 1959.

In 1960, he became the first head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and stayed for 29 seasons (1960–88). The Cowboys started with difficulties, recording an 0–11–1 record during their first season, with five or fewer wins in each of their next four. Despite this early futility, in 1964, Landry was given a 10-year extension by owner Clint Murchison Jr. It would prove to be a wise move, as Landry's hard work and determination paid off, and the Cowboys improved to a 7–7 record in 1965. In 1966, they surprised the NFL by posting 10 wins, and making it all the way to the NFL championship game. Dallas lost the game to Lombardi's Green Bay Packers, but this season was but a modest display of what lay ahead.

Throughout his tenure, Landry worked closely with the Cowboys general manager, Tex Schramm. The two were together during Landry's entire tenure with the team. A third member of the Cowboys brain trust in this time was Gil Brandt.

l XIII rematch, Cowboys linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson famously stated, "Terry Bradshaw couldn't spell c-a-t if you spotted him the C and the T." Landry recalled in his autobiography how he cringed when he heard that, because he did not feel that Bradshaw needed additional motivation in a big game like the Super Bowl.

Jim Erkenbeck and special-teams coach Mike Solari. Some suggested that Schramm's moves divided the coaching staff, a plan to first undermine and then dismiss Landry.

Two weeks later on February 26, 1989, Landry was dismissed as head coach, shortly after Bright sold the team to Jerry Jones. Bright had suffered major losses in his banking, real estate, and oil businesses in the last three years; during the savings and loan crisis, Bright's Savings and Loan was taken over by the FSLIC, forcing Bright to sell the team. During a more solid economic climate, Bright possibly could have held on and Landry may have remained as coach. However, in 1990, Bright said he wanted to fire Landry himself as early as 1987, but Schramm told him that there was not a replacement ready to take over yet. Jones hired Jimmy Johnson, his former teammate at the University of Arkansas, who had been serving as coach of University of Miami football team. Schramm was in tears at the press conference which announced the coaching change, and he was forced out as general manager shortly afterwards; Schramm and Landry had been together for 29 years since the Cowboys' inception in 1960. When Landry met with his players two days later to tell them how much he would miss them, he began to cry, and the players responded with a standing ovation. Courtesy of Wikapedia

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Edwina Hays

Cremation arrangements for Edwina Hays, age 92, of Emory, have been completed with Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory. There has been no memorial service scheduled.

Mrs. Hays passed away Monday, May 22, 2017, in Sulphur Springs, at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital. She was born May 10, 1925, in Epps, LA, to Albert Anton and Ella Maria Catalina Anderson. She married Douglas Hays in Dallas, in 1946. During her working career, she was owner/operator of a grocery store and gas station. She was affiliated with St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Emory.

Survivors include: Daughters: Ginger Potter (Rick) of Emory, Janice Hays of Emory. Sons: Ronnie Hays of Fredericksburg, Jim Hays (Sharon) of Emory, Alert Hays (Tina) of Yantis. Grandchildren: 9. Great-grandchildren: 2.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 2 brothers.



Bobby Shelton

Mr. Bobby Shelton, age 48 of Gilmer, passed away on Saturday, May 20th, 2017 in Winnsboro, Texas. He was born on August 17th, 1968 in Dallas, Texas, to the late Bobby Shelton and Leslie Lewton Farley. Mr. Shelton worked as a Hopkins County EMS-Tech and served on the Perryville Volunteer Fire Department as an Assistant Cheif.

He is survived by, father, Bobby Shelton of Grandbury; mother, Leslie Farley of Gilmer; sons, David Santanello of New Orleans' Bobby Shelton, III of Georgia, Kyle Shelton of Winnsboro and Noah Shelton of Winnsboro; daughters, Tina Pemberton of McKinney and Kathleen Woodard of Longview; sister, Melanie Splawn of Gilmer; aunt and uncle, David and Sandra Lewton of

Gilmer; seven grandchildren, Ian, Bryar, Colt, Braxton, Brody, Ryley and Hayden..

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 26th, 2017 at Enon Baptist Church at 2:00 pm, with Rev. Ray Thompson conducting. Interment will follow at Mt. Lebonon Cemetery in Gilmer, with Scarecrow Willis, Dee Daily, Daniel Alexander, Terry Alexander, Brent Smith, Jeff Sanderson, Neal Adams, Michael McClory serving as pallbearers.



Kenneth Chambers

Mr. Kenneth Chambers, age 72 of Leesburg, passed away on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 in Tyler. He was born on April 30th, 1945 in Ellis County to the late Ocie Chambers and Annie Chambers.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Chambers of Leesburg; sons, James Earl Chambers of Beeville, Kenneth Wade Chambers of Kaufman, Bradley Eugene Chambers of Gatesville; daughters, Janet Leigh Chambers Spivey of Leesburg, Johnnie Diann Broach of Mabank,; brothers, Clifton Chambers and Robert Chambers; sisters Patricia Price and Cindy Chambers Hathcock; grandchildren, Chadwick Tyler Spivey, Kendra Pece, Charli Parent, Briana Waters, Jessie Hicks and Chandler Bounds; and

eight great Grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 1:00 pm, Leon Bradshaw and Bill Miller conducting.

Myra Jean Ray

Myra Jean Ray, 84, of Allen, Texas, a good and faithful servant, went to be with her Lord on May 21, 2017. She leaves behind her son, Terry Lee Ray, and his wife, Rebecca Ray, of Plano; her granddaughter, Tara Ray Catlin, her husband, Ray Catlin, of Coppell, and their four children, Caden Bear Benedict, Gabriel Lee Benedict, Cade Edmond Catlin, and Corie Elizabeth Catlin; her grandson, Zachory Perry Ray of Garland and his two sons, Corey Landon Ray and Caige Michael Ray; two sisters, Margie Isom (husband James) and Nell Admire of Bridgeport; as well as many treasured nieces, nephews, extended family and countless friends.

Her absence will be felt by many and we are truly grateful to have been blessed with her life. Jean is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Ray, grandson, Corey Lee Ray, and brother, Everett Lee Hicks.

A Native Texan, she was born to the late Eugene Hicks and Clara Barrett Hicks in Como, Texas, where she was raised. Jean married the love of her life, Lee Ray, in 1948. They shared a beautiful life together, spending the majority of their 59 years of marriage in Winnsboro, Texas, where Lee served two terms as Mayor and Jean as active First Lady. They traveled the world together and shared a romance that was fit for the Hollywood screens. While in Winnsboro, Jean taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church where she was an active member for many years. Jean was also a member of the Sisterhood of the Order of the Eastern Star in Winnsboro, Chapter #967. Lee and Jean moved to Allen, Texas in 1998 where they attended Prestonwood Baptist Church, serving as greeters and ushers, until Lee's death in 2008. Jean then joined First Baptist Church Allen where she became an active member of her bible study class, in which she accumulated many dear friends. Jean touched many lives along her way. She had a compassionate heart, a strong love for people and doing for others that brought her much joy. Jean was a lady in every sense of the word and attracted others with her striking beauty, grace, quick wit, and Southern charm.

A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church in Allen, Texas at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Visitation was held on the same day at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro, Texas from 2:30-3:00 p.m. with the interment immediately following at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.



Jimmy Don Burns

Graveside services for Jimmy Don Burns "Big Belly" were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Greenpond Cemetery with Bro. Tommy Johnston officiating. Pallbearers were David Burns, Joe Burns, Tommy Sanders, Tommy Glenn, Roy King and Scotty Reed. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Jimmy Don passed away Sunday, May 21, 2017 at his residence.

Jimmy Don was born on January 26, 1945 in Sulphur Springs the son of Floyd Burns and Myrtle Murphy Burns. He married Patti Baxley on July 7, 1989 in Sulphur Springs. She survives. Jimmy Don worked for TXU/Oncor for 32 years. He was a member of The First Baptist Church and The Tommy Glenn Bible Study Class.

In addition to his wife Patti, he is survived by one daughter, Stacey Burns Eppars of Como, brothers, Gary Burns and wife Myra of Yantis, Denny Burns and wife Glenna of Como, sister, Phyllis Jan Campbell and husband Tommy of Como, grandchildren, Brandy Sharp, B.J. Sharp, Case Williams, Chancey Sharp, Raelynn Moore, and Lilly Scroggins.

Memorials may be made to the Radio Bible Class at First Baptist Church, 116 Oak Ave, Sulphur Springs, TX, 75482 or to Greenpond Cemetery Association, c/o James Diamond, 1309 Azalea Lane, Sulphur Springs TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



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