

WHO supports Simple Sparrow Care Farm

Learn care. Grow compassion. Heal the world.

Founded in 2017, Simple Sparrow Care Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit trauma-informed care farm that continues to serve the most vulnerable and at-risk individuals utilizing farm nature for educational, therapeutic and/or vocational outcomes. The Women Helping Others in October learned about their notable work supporting survivors of human trafficking, foster/adoption communities and people suffering from depression or anxiety.

The care farm has proven effective for affordable alternative mental healthcare as well as outdoor education. People are taught how to care for land gardens, and animals so they are better able to care for themselves and others.

"Potato farms grow potatoes; care farms grow care," Founder Jamie Tanner said.

Simple Sparrow Care Farm collaborates with community partners to service people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to Learn + Grow + Heal.

Eric Tanner bought his wife, Jamie, a small 2-acre farm in 2013. Jamie had grown up with an incarcerated parent but was blessed to have a loving family and a grandmother who taught her how to care for land, gardens and animals. She always felt safe and happy on a farm and wanted to give that experience to her own children. After years of hosting friends and family for events and meals, it became evident that others benefited from farm life too.

Jamie started bringing animals to local schools to talk about compassion, care and mindfulness. She also invited therapists and their clients who benefited from farm therapy to Simple Sparrow Farm for private sessions.

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

Anne Marshall

The community responded with overwhelming support. Today, Simple Sparrow continues to partner with licensed therapists, hosting therapy sessions at the farm for greater relational and mental health outcomes.

In addition to providing access to mental health care services at the care farm, Simple Sparrow also provides spiritual care from qualified theologians and pastors. Simple Sparrow also provides training for professionals, students and laity in trauma-informed care, basic homestead farming techniques and non-profit management.

Jamie is in the process of completing a doctorate of education in ministry at Dallas Theological Seminary. She aims to equip more care farmers in holistic practice, blending creation stewardship theology with a trauma-informed approach.

WHO volunteering with Holiday Meals Delivered

WHO is actively planning its support of Holiday Meals Delivered, formerly known as the Georgetown Christmas Day Program, which has been serving holiday meals to local families since the late 1990s.

This program provides families from moderate to low income and those on a fixed income with a hot Christmas meal, gifts, toiletries, homemade cookies and delivered by a caring, friendly volunteer driver on Christmas morning.

It is anticipated that approximately 500 families from low-income families will be served a hot meal or gifts this year. Donations are appreciated. Please go to holiday-mealsdeliveredinc.com to learn more or to volunteer.

Maurice Wayne Marr

Maurice Wayne Marr Jr., 67, of Georgetown, died Friday, November 10, 2023, at Rocky Hollow Lake House. Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Chapel Georgetown followed by a private burial in Rosebud, Texas. Reverend Bob Lane will officiate. Dr. Marr was born April 11, 1956, in Dallas, Texas to Maurice and Mary Virginia Geryk Marr. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio and Texas Tech University with a PhD in Finance and Statistics. His career started at Virginia Tech, spent time at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Washington D.C., and taught finance at Tulane and Clemson University. Wayne founded the Financial Economics Network and then co-founded SSRN (Social Science Research Network). His career included working at TEKsystems/Dell and Computer Sciences Corporation while acting as the CEO and Director of the Financial Economics Association headquartered in Austin. His career took him north as Dean of the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Management and concluded serving as Vice Chancellor at UAF. After retiring back to Texas, he served as the Public Director of Seed CX until 2017. Wayne was an avid hiker, enjoyed country western music and dancing, and was a passionate member of the 413 Parkinson's Boxing. He is survived by his wife Barbara, mother, Virginia, son, Eric and wife Genevieve and their children, Meadow and Summer. Extended family include Pamela and Gary Jackson and children, Cynthia and Keith Doty and pups.



Yvonne Catherine Davidsen

Yvonne Catherine (Carey) Davidsen passed away late Sunday morning on November 5, 2023, in Georgetown, Texas.

Yvonne was born to Alfred and Hilma Carey on March 29, 1936 in Ottumwa, Iowa. She grew up on Mary Street in Ottumwa and was known to family as "Vonnice". She was very proud of her Swedish "Bergstrom Sisters" heritage on her mother's side. While in high school, she played viola and held leadership positions in student council. Her home church was First Lutheran where she participated in Luther League and it was where she met Deloy. Right after high school, she attended Iowa State Teachers College (ISTC) and taught elementary school with a specialty in reading.

Deloy and Yvonne were married at First Lutheran Church in Ottumwa on August 11, 1957. They settled in Marshalltown, Iowa in 1966. Yvonne and family were active members of Elim Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches, and the local fine arts community. They remained there until July 2019, when they decided to be closer to family and moved to Georgetown, Texas.

For 25 years, Yvonne served as School Volunteer Coordinator for the Marshalltown School System. She was awarded an Iowa Women of Achievement Tribute for her program and was part of The Iowa Governor's Planning Committee on Volunteerism.

Yvonne was an avid reader, scrap booking, journaling and making travel photo albums. She enjoyed craft projects and at one point sewed a lot of her own clothes. Her favorite memories were family camping trips, local picnics at Pine Lake, and planning out "Nana and Papa's Summer Camp" for her two granddaughters which included garage sales, crafts, games and many Iowa field trips.

She loved teddy bears, hearts, butterflies, Abe Lincoln, playing cards, giraffes, Mary Engelbreit, hot tea, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wrigley's Doublemint chewing gum, Blue Bunny ice cream cones and the color red.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents and oldest daughter, Cheryl.

She is survived by her loving husband, Deloy; her daughter, Debra Hauser and husband Scott of Georgetown; her "brother" (cousin), Bruce Pilcher and wife Cheryl of Independence, Missouri; granddaughter, Kimberly of Atlanta, Georgia; granddaughter, Elizabeth and husband Andrew Odonnell with great-granddaughter, Ava Faye of Georgetown, Texas.

In honor of Yvonne's love of reading, the family is suggesting donations be made to Georgetown Public Library <https://folgeorgetown.org/donation> or buy a book for a child. Condolences can be made on www.ramseyfuneral.com



Francis V. Navarrette

Francis V. Navarrette passed away peacefully in her sleep November 10, 2023, in Weir, Texas. She was born June 4, 1928 to Floyd and Clemencia Valdez in Florence, Texas. Francis married Dario L. Navarrette September 30, 1949.

She lived and worked on the farm for many years. She was later hired on at Southwestern University working at the Commons cafeteria. After retiring from Southwestern University, she worked in the cleaning department at Sun City. She was a member of the Weir Community Club, aka Weir Super Gals who would hold Senior Citizen Luncheons once a month and helped people in the community. During Christmas time, Francis made many dozen tamales which were enjoyed by many.

Francis was preceded in death by her parents Floyd and Clemencia Valdez, two brothers, Lorenzo Valdez and Teodoro Valdez, two sisters, Margaret Reynaga and Lupe Valdez. She is survived by two sisters, Bella Caballero and Pauline Juarez, two sons, Dario Jr. (Chief) Navarrette, Norbert Navarrette and wife Julia and one daughter Carol Navarrette, two grandsons, Dylan Navarrette and wife Liz and James Navarrette and one granddaughter, Veronica Garner and husband Robert, three great grandsons, Diego and Paxton Navarrette and Austin Garner and two great granddaughters, Azrielle Navarrette and Savannah Cool.

A Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023, at The Gabriels Funeral Chapel in Georgetown, from 6-8 p.m. with the rosary beginning at 7 p.m.

The graveside services will take place the following afternoon, Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Georgetown Memorial Cemetery at 1 p.m..



New 130 Toll Road is no longer free to use

November 16, 2023

Murray Jackson Trial, cont'd. - The Defense Continues: The following witnesses were placed on the stand Friday: Mrs. Fannie Campbell, R. W. Bursleson, Rudolph Danak, Blake Meeks, Circleville. Joe Johns, Circleville. Anton Johns, Circleville. Mark Meeks, Circleville. Sam Threadgill, Circleville. Sam Threadgill, Jr., Circleville. W. E. Jordan, Taylor. Henry J. Lindsey, city marshal, Granger. Mrs. J. H. Dozier, Taylor. Arnot Engwood, Taylor. C. E. Miller, Taylor. H. H. Nelson, Hutto. Porter Prewitt and perhaps others.

District Attorney Dan Moody engaged only a few of the witnesses in more than passing cross-examination, but those whose testimony was reviewed were held in the witness box for some time. Among those closely questioned on cross-examination were Sam Threadgill, Mrs. J. H. Dozier, H. H. Nelson and Porter Prewitt; those witnesses testified as to time and place they saw the defendant on the afternoon and night the assault was made.

The best witness called Saturday morning was Henry Peck Marshal, who gave his residence as Jonah. He testified he saw truck and Ford car at Jonah; acquainted with Jackson, Rall and Gossett, saw none of them, did not know parties in back of small truck, one of whose feet hanging out back, others sitting in bed. Cross-examined by District Attorney Moody, witness stated the small truck was a 1921 model Ford truck, bed part unpainted, saw all faces in the car but did not know them; testified he knew the kind of car because he noticed wheels.

Brady Marshal testified he saw cars and Ford cars, did not see anyone he knew. [To Be Continued]

November 9 & 13, 1980

There was jubilant celebration at the Reagan-Bush campaign headquarters on Williams Drive as the pair was swept into office early in the evening. Displaying a cake replica of the White House and a victory sign are I. J. Wilkerson, Ed Mattocks, Neill Wilkerson, Peggy Duncan and Becky Booth.

At The Palace: A story of natural love Blue Lagoon, with Brooke Shields

The Eagles are 12AAAA champs!

Yesteryears

BARBARA YELVERTON

Autumn Leaves by Melvin Maddocks - About this time of year the nose wrinkles up, sniffing the air interrogatively, as Henry

James once put it - trying to remember the smell of burning leaves.

When was it - 12 years ago now that bonfires were first forbidden?

Cigarette smokers still fill restaurants with their clouds. Carbon monoxide still floats over the highways at commuter hours. But we have saved the world of suburbia from air pollution by banning the burning of leaves.....Stuffing a wad of mucky leaves into a plastic bag just doesn't do it.

Daniel and Lois Vasquez recently opened their custom framing shop on 812 Main Street. The shop features imported wood materials in his hand-crafted work.

November 11 & 7, 2007

Better keep the pocket change full and jangling.

Toll Road 130 from US Highway 290 to State Highway 71 is no longer free to customers without a TX Tag. A driver who gets on 130 north of Georgetown and drives to Highway 71 without getting off will pay \$4.50.

Jarrell High School Students of the Month are Carissa Brauer, Laura Villafra, Cesar Tejada and Erendida Moran.

Dr. Jim Donovan and his wife, Carol are leaving to set up a family practice clinic in Hilo, Hawaii. This is through the medical school in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. He has practiced with the Georgetown Medical Clinic since 1984. The Donovans expect to be gone for the next 24 months. He says the need for medical care is so great that residents place ads in local newspapers for help.

Dean William Swift, 84, passed away on October 30. Dean Swift was Southwestern's Dean of Students for almost a quarter of a century.

Zion Lutheran Church served 4,600+ plates at their annual sausage supper.

In the last game ever to be played at B. E. Birkelbach Stadium after 50 years, the GHS Junior Varsity Silver team raises their helmets in triumph as they celebrate a 35-25 season ending victory over McNeil.

Bill Kettenacker

Bill Kettenacker was born May 6, 1952. He died suddenly at home November 9, 2023.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, November 18 at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 410 East University Blvd, Georgetown, Texas.

Bill is survived by his wife of 30 years, Carolyn; his sister, Ann Kettenacker Monroe (Mike); sister-in-law, Linda Golden (Randy); brother-in-law, Scott Storm (Beth) and his favorite niece, Courtney Golden; and nephews Trevor Golden (Hana); Chris Storm (Alanna) and Matt Storm (Holly) and great nephew, Walker Golden and great niece, Grace Golden.

Bill had a fantastic wit ("Bill-isms" are popping up all over now!) and love for his family, friends and "HEB girlfriends". We all miss him so much already. Only Bill could get away with his many "Bill-isms" and teasing always delivered with a grin and then often a hug.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, Bill request we support the amazing work at:

Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, 76708 or MCH.org



Obituaries may be e-mailed to obit@wilcosun.com Monday at 3 p.m. for Wednesday, Wednesday at 3 p.m. for Sunday.

The new stadium is slated to open next year on campus at GHS.

November 11 & 14, 2015

Salado's Stagecoach Inn is getting a resurrection from Georgetown developer and former city councilman Clark Lyda.

The restaurant and a meeting space are being renovated and the hotel is expanded to 120 rooms.

Veteran John Joiner, 88, salutes during the National Anthem at the 2015 Veterans' Day observance in Sun City. He served in the Navy during WWII. Nearly 1,000 other attendees joined him.

Members prepared 425 pounds of meat

in readiness for their annual chili supper at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Walburg.

Kate St. Clair and friends are filming a movie based on her *Spelled* novella about teenage witches. The book is set in the small town of Cody, which is inspired by Georgetown. The novella won a silver medal in the Independent Publisher awards, and the work earned Ms. St. Clair the Next Generation Young Author Award of the year.

Jan Bezner, Marilyn Herd, Ramona Krenek and Laurie Bowen dressed up and posed for a picture during the 3rd Annual Ladies' Nite Out event.