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Death Notice

Hensley

StgMaj. Troy L. Hensley, USMC (ret.) passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at his home after an extended illness.

In addition to his wife Vicky; he is survived by his daughter, Kameta Boucher of Jacksonville, Florida; his daughter Sheila (Chris) Taylor of Abilene, Texas; and his son, Troy Hensley Jr., of Chula

Vista, California; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Harold Hensley of Lubbock; and sister Eva Lou (Dickie) Hoffman of Graham; cousins, Patsy Robertson of Abilene, Steve Henley of North Carolina, Zane Hensley of St. Augustine, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews, along with his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Janet and Lenny Schroth of Monaca, Pennsylvania.

A celebration of his life will be held at Fort Chadbourne, Bronte, Texas, on March 19, at 2 pm.

Scholarships available for EMS education

The Texas Department of State Health Services is providing Emergency Medical Services scholarships to help interested Texans complete education and training to begin careers in the EMS field. The Texas Legislature provided \$21 million to fund the scholarships for students using approved EMS education programs and licensed EMS providers, with special attention given to rural and other underserved areas of Texas.

Full-time, part-time, and volunteer opportunities abound in Texas as the demand for EMS professionals increases across the state. Texas currently lacks sufficient EMS personnel working in ambulances, especially in rural areas. These parts of the state face other challenges EMS personnel are often older, with an average age of 50, and age can have an effect in these physically demanding positions. Other challenges to rural EMS coverage include a lack of available candidates, difficult work conditions, and geographic obstacles.

EMS careers offer competitive salaries and benefits, and people can begin working in as little as 15 weeks. Whether working as an emergency medical technician, advanced EMT, or paramedic, the EMS field offers people the chance to help others in their communities while advancing their careers in healthcare.

“Every 10 seconds, a Texan needs help,” said DSHS State EMS Director Joseph Schmider. “If you want to help your neighbor, we are looking for

you. And if you’re looking for an exciting career or volunteer opportunity, consider Emergency Medical Services.”

Texas Regional Advisory Councils manage EMS and trauma services, and those interested in pursuing a career in EMS should contact their RAC for information about scholarships, jobs, and volunteer opportunities in their area.

Roughly 72,000 certified EMS

personnel operate on over 5,000 ambulances, but many more are needed, especially in rural areas. In addition to recruiting Texans to the EMS workforce, DSHS is also taking measures to increase retention among existing personnel. A federally funded public awareness campaign designed to grow and retain the EMS workforce in Texas will launch soon on radio, television, print, online, and social media.

More information about career opportunities in EMS and scholarships for education and training can be found at dshs.texas.gov/team-texas-ems.

O.H. Ivie ushers in February with four lunkers in four days

O.H. Ivie kick-started the second month of the 2023 Toyota ShareLunker collection season recently with a pair of Legacy Class Lunkers, followed by one on Friday and another on Sunday to close out the week. This run of Lunkers boosted O.H. Ivie’s season-leading total to six entries. With Lake Nacogdoches’ ShareLunker 634 from Jan. 23 added to the mix, the overall season total stands at seven.

Dalton Smith of Columbia, Kentucky, reeled in 14.76-pound ShareLunker 636 and Caden Cowan of Stephenville, Texas landed 13.31-pound ShareLunker 637 on Thursday. Brady Mabry of Crawford, Texas netted 14.01-pound ShareLunker 638 Friday and Yah-Tsheng Moua of Spokane, Washington, caught 13.05-pound ShareLunker 639 Sunday to close out the weekend.

“I received a call that Dalton had caught a potential Legacy Class ShareLunker and was bringing his catch to a certified scale,” said Natalie Goldstrophm,

Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. “Once we heard the certified weight, we started our trip to pick up Smith’s Lunker. Before we got out of the parking lot, another call came in about a second Legacy Class ShareLunker caught by Caden and his was at the same marina. To get two Legacy Class Lunkers from the same lake in one day within an hour of each other is hard to believe — to have four Legacy Lunkers caught in four days is incredible.”

Smith is no stranger to O.H. Ivie and catching fish over 14 pounds. Smith recorded not one, but two Legend Class Lunkers on Dec. 30, right before the 2023 collection season opened. The first fish of that preseason December event topped the scales a 14.69 pounds and 26.50 inches, followed by the second at 14.27 pounds and 25.50 inches. Smith’s trip to O.H. Ivie Thursday netted him his first Legacy Class Lunker.

“The lake has been fishing pretty tough due to some abnormally warm weather,” said Smith. “With the cold front coming in, I knew things could turn around, so when the ice melted this afternoon, I headed out to the lake. I immediately went to some spots where I knew Lunker-sized fish were that just weren’t biting. Today she bit on the first cast that I threw to her, she jumped, and I fought her for a good while before I netted

her.” Smith celebrated the catch and began making the necessary phone calls to officially weigh and submit the fish to the ShareLunker program.

“I’ve always thought highly of the ShareLunker program with everything they do for the genetics and conservation here in Texas,” said Smith. “I was really looking forward to catching a Legacy Class fish and have the experience of being a part of this program.”

Cowan, who is friends with Smith and fished against him in college, saw Smith at the boat ramp bringing in the Lunker. Cowan then carried in a Legacy Class fish of his own a few minutes later, a personal best, after battling elements of the ice storm since Monday afternoon.

“I arrived at the lake and there were six other guys there,” said Cowan. “We were iced in, so we fished all week together and each night we hung out and talked about catching a ShareLunker. The night before the catch, Dalton [Smith] and I spoke about how we were going to catch a ShareLunker — the next day we both got it done.”

Following his quick conversation with Smith on Thursday at the boat ramp, Cowan immediately headed towards his spot on the lake.

“Once I arrived at the location, I landed my fish on an A-Rig in 14-feet of water and quickly

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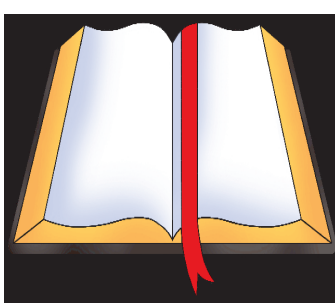
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 (325) 365-2687
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 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm

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 Chris Walls, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
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