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At The Corral Gate



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In the small towns of Northeast Texas, historic homes beautify the landscape and edify the population. Many historic homes and buildings bear a symbol of state significance in the form of a Texas Registered Historic Marker. However, only structures of architectural integrity can receive the highest honor, as a Texas Recorded Historic Landmark. In Hopkins County just two locations bear that designation; the Hopkins County Courthouse and now, the Ashcroft House at 333 College Street in Sulphur Springs.



The Unveiling



The Ashcroft House
John Sellers and Monzingos

Montie and Vivian with
Constance McGill

Local historian and Sulphur Springs City Councilman John Sellers is Hopkins County Marker Chair for the Texas State Historical Commission, and served as emcee of the event. His remarks, taken from a journal of the home's construction, mention that it took 17 men to install the six tall columns at the entryway. The interior design boasted a circular foyer, a sweeping grand stairway, an elevator and hand-painted wallpaper imported from France. During the 1950's, one of Hopkins County's most celebrated talents, Forest Gregg, occupied an apartment at the residence when he transferred from a county school to Sulphur Springs High School in order to play on the football team. All fifteen rooms and grounds at the 333 College Street address have been lovingly restored to original grandeur.



Dedication Day

Montie and Vivian previously owned homes in the Munger Place Historic District in Dallas and on Lake Ray Hubbard at Rockwall. During their working careers, both were math professors with Vivian teaching at Eastfield College and Montie at SMU. Years ago, the couple became members of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society as Vivian's family has deep roots in the Saltillo Community. Not to stand still for long, Montie is now working on two more historical research projects, the Old Saltillo Cemetery and the Jefferson Road which linked Sulphur Springs to Northeast Texas and Louisiana prior to the founding of the Texas Highway Department in 1917.

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Jarrod K. Friddle

Funeral service for Jarrod K. Friddle, age 40, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, July 13, 2018 at League Street Church of Christ with Honorable Robert Newsome officiating. Interment will follow at Gafford Chapel Cemetery with Paul Robertson, Ray Embro, Austin Newsome, Ryan Johnson, Antwone Young and Chris Winters serving as pallbearers and Kyle Nichols, Jason Moore, Kevin Bailey, Lonnie Taylor, Chad Ross, Louis Lufkin and the Burn Barrel Crew serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Friddle passed away Monday, July 9, 2017 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Jarrold Kyle Friddle was born on October 1, 1977 in Tyler, Texas, the son of David Friddle and Opal Price. He married Carrie Katchinska on June 23, 2012 in Commerce, Texas. Jarrod's passion for helping others compelled him to become a police officer. He was an amazing husband, father, son, brother and friend. His

children were his whole world.

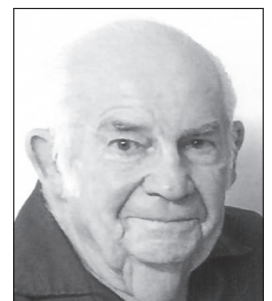
He is survived by his wife, Carrie; children, Lyla Friddle, Mason Friddle, Jackson Friddle, Braden Katchinska and Allison Katchinska; parents, David Friddle and wife, JoDana, Opal Price; brothers, Joel Friddle and wife, Karmon, Kurt Cargile and wife, Sarah, Chris Winters and wife, Mandy; nephews, Jordan Friddle, Kason Cargile, Landry Moss; niece, Mackenzie Putnam; parents-in-law, Ronnie & Carmeletia Winters; aunts, Mary Robinson and Deborah Penkava and husband, Paul.

Jarrold was preceded in death by his grandparents, RV and Margie Price, James Duval Friddle and wife, Shirley; niece, Jayla Friddle.



Bradley Allen Vaughn

Memorial service for Bradley Allen Vaughn, age 34, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. There will be no formal visitation. Bradley passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



David Cleburn Northcutt

Funeral services for David Cleburn Northcutt, age 85, of Emory will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 14, 2018 at First Assembly of God Church in Emory, with Bro. Monte Parker officiating. Interment will be at Smyrna Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, July 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



Pat Butler

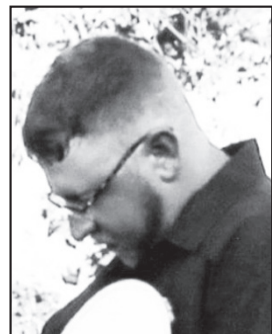
Funeral service for Pat Butler, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 12, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Andy Wright officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Pat passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at his residence.

He was born on July 22, 1931 in Sulphur Springs, TX, the son of John Hester and Texalena Stone Butler. He was the owner of Desoto Janitorial Supplies. He married Jo Beth Alexander on June 7, 1952 in Dallas, TX. She preceded him in death on May 24, 2011. Pat was a member of Posey Baptist Church.

He is survived by sons, James Butler, Wes Butler and wife Lesia, daughters, Debbie Simonton and husband David, Brenda Hobbs and husband Darrell, grandchildren, Stephanie Weaver, Shelby Robertson, Teri Morgan, Melissa McCoy, Betty Jo McDowell, Jenny Winter, Brady Butler, Sheila Harwell, Brandi Rhudy, Brooke Doughtie, Jordan Hansen, Elizabeth Butler, 23 great-grandchildren, brother, Frankie Butler, and sisters, Nell Stewart, Glenda Shanks and husband Richard, and Linda Haney and husband Jimmy.

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Posey Baptist Church, 4620 FM 71 W, Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482.



Robert Coleman

Robert Coleman, age 31 of Winnsboro, passed away on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 in Tyler. He was born on August 12th, 1986 in Longview to Virginia Coleman Bessey. He had lived in the communities of Longview and Ore City before settling in Winnsboro. Robbie worked with the local dairies delivering supplies and providing equipment repair.

He is survived by, his mother Virginia Coleman Bessey and Tommy Dillard of Longview; grandmother Ellie Bessey of Merrill, Wisconsin; daughter, Addison Jane Coleman of Longview; sister, Brandy Baldrige and husband Billy of Winnsboro; brothers; Kevin Bessey and wife Kendra of Houston, Quentin Trautner and wife Stephanie of Winnsboro; aunt, Jackie Spier; uncle, Eddie Story and his wife Donna, uncle, Danny Dunn and his wife Sandra; Nephews, Chance, Kason, Cayman; nieces, Laney, Kinley, Clara, Coralee; cousins Jennifer, Jimmy, Donnie, Cheyenne and their family's second family; Steve and Twila Olive, Wendy and Morris Landrum, and the Jongsma family, Lacey Walker, Tara Instine of White Oak. Robbie's greatest

passion was going to fish and he would drop everything to go fishing and camping. He never met a stranger and could talk to anyone or anything. Always known as a man who would help and give to anyone that asked, Robert Steve Coleman, Jr. is still helping others, through the gift of Organ and Tissue Donation. Arranged through the Southwest Transplant Alliance, Robbie was able to help more individuals even after his death. Robbie's family takes great comfort in knowing, a twinkle in someone's eye, a smile from a child, a bear hug from someone who has received an organ transplant, may very well be the ongoing legacy Robbie has left. This gift was arranged through Southwest Transplant Alliance, 5489 Blair Road, Dallas, TX 75231

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 2018 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 2:00 pm.

THE IDLE AMERICAN

A ROTTEN DAY....

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

“Ya can’t fix stupid.” It’s a line tossed about daily with abandon.

In my case--and this is an admission made “frog-throated” and typed with shaky fingers--I plead guilty. The sting is even greater when our judgment--in certain moments when efforts are squeezed to save a few bucks--is sorely lacking, maybe totally absent. Sequentially, I “flubbed.” One would think I’d never traveled before....

The account deserves a

“start at the very beginning,” as The Sound of Music lyrics suggest.

Anticipating the need for a rental car after a flight to Denver, I scanned computer websites. “Aha,” thought I. “We can save a couple of dollars a day with this one (Call it “Henhouse,” or some other unlikely name). I reasoned that it would be at an “off-airport” location, but nowadays, aren’t they all?

On “take-off day”--in the vernacular of veteran fliers--a telephone call received

en route to the airport should have served as a warning. “Henhouse Rental Car is no longer in business at the Denver Airport,” a soothing, apologetic voice expressed. “But, your contract will be honored at nearby Fox Car Rentals.”...

Making sure I had the rental contract in tow, we proceeded to Dallas. My wife Brenda asked, “Who was that?” I mumbled that it was simply our “rental car confirmation,” perhaps a truth stretch, but not an outright lie.

Upon arrival, we hailed down the Fox bus, paying little attention to other than our luggage. It was a sunny morning, and we went straight to the rental counter.

It wasn’t on the “main rental car street,” where the Budgets and Avises and Hertzses and Enterprises gleamed in the sunlight. Fox, in back, had a “Sanford and Son” appearance, but hey, we all have to start somewhere, right?....

Please keep the word “sunlight” in mind. After a week at Crested Butte, we opted to drive back to Denver in the

afternoon before our flight. I got a great Priceline deal for a hotell just 15 miles from the Denver Airport, and we arose at 2:30 a.m. to make the 6 a.m. flight to Dallas. Checking out at 3:15, all we needed to do was fill the car with gas, then DRIVE TO THE RENTAL CAR RETURN.

Topping off the tank at 3:15 a.m., we had almost two hours to find the rental car return. Off we went into a sea of darkness, after noting the way well lighted to the Budgets and Avises and Hertzses, but Fox? Hidden in a lair, not to be found.

The smart phone went dumb on us, but we weren’t frantic--not yet, anyway. We called the help line, and the guy said if we were driving in front of the “rental car majors,” Fox should be

across the street. “There’s an active runway across the street,” I answered. Turns out, the “help line guy” was in Oklahoma City.....

When we found the return place, it looked like the place where they impound cars. Our flight was “missed by a mile.”

The man at the counter “felt for us,” saying such happens quite often. “Did you bring the car back full of fuel?” he asked. I whimpered that it was full two hours earlier, but the needle had dipped a bit in our wanderings.

“I’m gonna say it’s returned full,” he smiled....

We boarded the rickety van, where three others were seated. The driver started the engine, but a guy urged her to stop; he had left his eyecar majors,” Fox should be

waited, two more people boarded, and we headed for the terminal, last to get off, of course.

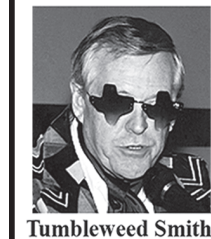
The lady at the Southwest counter could not have been nicer. “I’m gonna get you folks on our 9:30 flight,” she promised. Maybe the tears on our luggage, “frog-throatedness” and shaky signature helped!

Whatever, when normal take-offs and landings come out even, does much else matter?...

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Answers

GUNS AND GRUB IN MASON



Tumbleweed Smith

I met Crockett Keller years ago when he had a place south of Mason that served food and entertainment. He reminded me a little bit of the cartoon character Yosemite Sam. Although Crockett didn’t have a bushy red mustache, he did wear a hat with an 8 inch brim and a six shooter before it was legal to openly carry.

He still hears a hat with the huge brim. “People know me by my hat,” he says. “When I don’t have it on, they don’t recognize me. I can go incognito.”

He sells those hats at his combination gun store and restaurant on the Mason courthouse square. It has a unique name. “Keller’s Store on the Square, Guns and Grub, Biscuits and Bullets.” He opened it just over a year ago. Guns are in the front part of the store and the restaurant is in the rear. “We like for people to come and have a good time, create good positive energy, nothing negative.”

The building has been a saloon, saddle shop and bakery. “It’s a big place with a lot of history. It dates back to 1879. You can see bullet holes on some of these walls. We have chairs for 25 people in here not counting the couch.”

He brought something new to Mason: fresh fish and oysters. “I go shopping on Monday. That’s when I buy the oysters. You have to prepare oysters if you’re gonna have gourmet oysters and I’m talking about oysters that are the best in the world. They have to re-hydrate themselves so I do that between Monday and Thursday night. We don’t serve oysters Tuesday or Wednesday. They’re not ready until Thursday night. But after 2 or 3 days they’re all re-hydrated up, they’re nice and fluffy and they’re good.” He serves oysters even in months that have no r in their name. “The r stands for refrigeration.”

Mason gets lots of visitors and when some of them walk into the store, he says they have the same reaction. “They say, ‘wow, guns and food. Who wudda thought.’ Then after they have a meal of fresh fish they say, ‘guns and good food, who wudda thought.’” I will say here without reservation the best striped bass I’ve ever had was at Guns and Grub. It was perfect. The texture and taste were superb. Next time I’m there I’m going to have oysters. The restaurant also offers shrimp, beefsteaks and pork. We had a ball with Crockett and other customers and stayed there way past closing time.

The store sells a variety of things “Of course we have guns and ammo, the big straw hats, some antiques, some art work from local artists who consign their pieces here, we sell photography and post cards, some jewelry, painted skulls, a few old clocks, just kind of a menagerie of interesting stuff.”

Crockett spent ten years going to gun shows and likes the antique weapons. “I’ve had a couple of Gatling guns, I have one now. I have Spencer repeating rifles, an old Winchester that’s a nice gun and I have some muzzle loading Kentucky rifles. He offers courses in gun safety and licensing. “It’s like they said over a hundred years ago, you know. God created men and Samuel Colt made them equal.”

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