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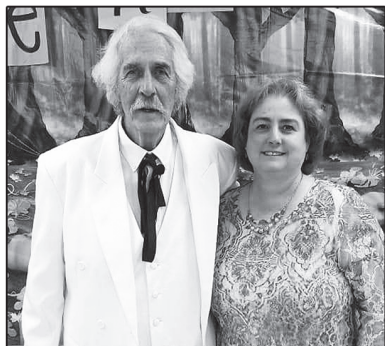
**Time to Do Something Good For Hopkins County**

If you live in Sulphur Springs, you are probably aware of the plight of those who frequent the current Senior Citizens Building. It's too small! Hopkins County is blessed with a multitude of Senior Citizens, most of whom are staunch contributors to the quality of life here. These people serve their families as volunteer drivers, caregivers and parenting grandparents. They serve the public as volunteer instructors, helping organize Veterans and other social activities and actually making up a sizable percentage of the volunteer force for local festivals and parades on an annual basis. Also, many Senior Citizens are still working at jobs in the public while carrying out their personal goals of volunteerism. This segment of the population deserves a place to meet together, enjoy interesting programs and get real help with things like driving school, social services, Medicare open enrollment, local choices of medical care, and just enjoy an inviting place to get out of the house. We need our Seniors Center! And in recent years, it has been outgrown. Of course, it's still open 5 days a week with a full schedule of activities for local elderly. And it's kitchen also serves daily as the headquarters for Meal-a-Day food preparation, packaging and delivery to close to 100 individuals daily. Also the facility is rented frequently on weekends and evenings as a meeting room for local non-profit organizations. Thus far, the total of donations and funds raised for the new building is \$41,000. A plot of land for the building has been donated. Can you help too? If you'd like to donate, you can mail a check to Seniors Center Building Fund, 150 MLK Drive, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.



Millennium Shopper writer, Enola Gay, and Salesperson, Jan Massey, with Lary V. Davis.

Back in 2016, Senior Center Director Karon Weatherman started coming come up with ways to raise money for a new building. She produced a "Celebrity Movie Calendar" for 2018/2019 which features local Seniors in costume with movie backdrops. The calendars were sold as a fundraiser, and a supply of them are still available. Get yours for 2019! Other money-makers have been a country dance, a quilt raffle, a pecan sale, individual donations and most recently, "An Evening With Mark Twain" which drew an appreciative audience and a healthy donation for the building fund!



Larry V. Davis with Karon Weatherman, Senior Citizens Center Director

Larry V. Davis was born not far from where he now lives, near the Cumby, Texas area. His parents were farmers, and his mother passed away when the children were young. His dad moved them to Fairlee where he continued cotton farming, but finally realized he could not support the family. He gave his sons choices, including going to Boles home, where Larry and two of his brothers went. The Davis girls were adopted by relatives. Taking a situation and turning into a positive became a hallmark of Larry's life, because not only did he excel at Boles Home, he joined the Choir which was actually a public promotions team. The Choir traveled all over the United States during his four years of high school, and Larry received a practical education "on the road" as well as in the classroom. Through the groups' travels by bus, he learned to be responsible for himself, to meet people well, and he polished the skill of public speaking as the Choir's appearances were fundraising concerts that benefited the school back home. During his tenure as a member, the choir performed in several states and once for President Kennedy at the White House. After graduation from Boles Home, Larry's life began to take on extra color through his travels. He worked for radio and newspaper, tried ranching for awhile out West, and owned a successful investment company in the East. While still a young man, Larry began to develop a character based on the fascinating life and legend of Mark Twain. Taking advice given to Twain himself, he "hired a hall to give a lecture" for the public. Based on Twain's writings, he powdered his black hair, donned a white linen suit and presented programs of wit and wisdom to audiences everywhere. Of course, he found no shortage of material within the over 40 volumes of Twain's works plus his collections of letters. Today, Larry V. Davis has been presenting Mark Twain to audiences for almost 50 years. Through the aging process, his physical appearance has become more and more like photos of Twain, including the signature white hair. Davis will next present Mark Twain on the stage of the Greenville Municipal Auditorium on January 19 as the Greenville Entertainment Series begins it's 2019 concert season.

Larry V. Davis is also an author. His latest work is a self-published novel "Mayor Bulldog Gunny" available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other on-line sources. He is also available to speak to educational, municipal and non-profit organizations and at fundraising events. Reach him at 903-994-4484.

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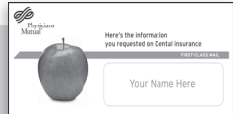
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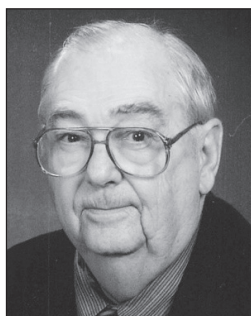
Funeral services for Alice Ramona Gill Francis, age 77, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Spence Chapel, First Baptist Church with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., prior to service time at Spence Chapel. Alice passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at her residence.

Alice was born on January 12, 1941 in Galveston, TX, the daughter of Dennis Raymond Pogue and Jimmie Love Meek Pogue. Alice was an accountant and a member of First Baptist Church and the David Baucom Sunday School Class. Alice is survived by her children, James Haskell Gill, Jr. and wife Twila, Gina Hicks and husband Mickey, Richard Francis and wife Janeen, Frank Francis and wife Faith, brother, Dick Pogue and sister, Juanita "Dimples" Hooks, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, James Haskell Gill, Sr., and Richard Robert Francis, son, Anthony Scott Gill and daughter, Amy Gill Wood.

In lieu of flowers the family request donation to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



### Joe Raymond Pogue

Funeral service for Joe Raymond Pogue, age 89, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Spence Chapel at First Baptist Church with Bro. Fred Lewis and Bro. Tommy Johnston officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove North Cemetery with Cor deVries, C.J. Duffey, Gary McClung, Gordan Ford, Clayton McGraw, and Oscar Aguilar serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the Radio Bible Class, Don Patterson, H.W. Halcomb, William Sparks, Fred Dial and Floyd Nelson. Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m., prior to service time. Joe passed away on Monday, November 12, 2018 in Dallas, TX.

He was born on February 4, 1929, in the Pleasant Grove North Community, the son of Hurley and Doll Lemon Pogue. He married Theresa Glenn on May 29, 1958 in Sulphur Springs and she preceded him in death in 2008. Joe was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Radio Bible Class. Joe served in the United States Navy, storekeeper 2nd class from August 1950 to June 1954, stationed at Monterey and San Diego and one year aboard ship. He served on the Red River Council for the Mental Disabilities from 1980-1983 and 1987-2014, the Community Chest from the 1980s to present, Ark-Tex Council of Governments at COG, Ark-Tex-La Civic Center from 1978-1979, Sulphur Springs Masonic Lodge #221 for 60 years and the Sulphur Springs Masonic Chapter and Council, DeMolay Commandery in Greenville. He serviced as County Judge from 1979-1982; 1987-1994. He was the Sulphur Springs School Tax Assessor from 1963-1965, Hopkins County Tax Assessor for 3 years and Hopkins County Auditor for 3 years. He owned Fashion Fabrics on the south side to the square for 3 years. He worked for his uncle Raymond for 6 years at Pogue Oil Co. and then worked for Kenneth Ward and Sulphur Springs Auto for 3 years. He served on the Board of N.E.T.O. and the Texas Association of Counties Insurance Board.

He is survived by sons, Earl Pogue, Matt Pogue and wife Teresa, granddaughter, Ali Danielson and husband Deano, great-grandchildren, Talon and Brynlee Danielson, brother, Francis Pogue and wife Rose, nephews, Joe Don Pogue and Lee Pogue, niece, Debbie Mitchell, and grand-pup, Roxie. In addition to his wife, Joe was also preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Radio Bible Class at 116 Oak Avenue, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 or a Charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



### Daniel Schwertner

Memorial service for Daniel Schwertner, age 84, of Sulphur Springs, TX, will be held at later date. Mr. Schwertner passed away on Monday, November 12, 2018.

Daniel was born on August 6, 1934 in Rowena Texas, the son of Adolph and Annie Schwertner. He married Diane Johnson of Como, TX on October 20, 1954 and she preceded him in death. Daniel served in the National Guard and was a owner operator truck driver. He was a member of Cedar Crest Christian Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Jan Bain; grandchildren, Melissa Doom and husband, Samuel, Brian Bain; great grandchildren, Hazel Doom; best friend, Leslie Mowat; sister, Margie Wheeler; brother, Junior Schwertner.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sister, Janie Nixon.



### Teresa Nowell

Graveside service for Teresa Nowell, age 61, of Greenville, TX will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Emblem Cemetery, Emblem, TX with Rev. Lucas McManus officiating and William Bird, Ed Bird, Walter Nowell and Eastin Bird serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Nowell passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Hunt Regional Hospital, Greenville.

Teresa Jo Nowell was born on December 5, 1956 in Orange County, CA to Jim and Marie Adams. She married Walter Nowell on September 1, 2006 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Walter Nowell; sons, James Anthony Crider, Darrell Lynn Wallace, William Issac Bird; grandchildren, Ziggy Crider, Jimmy Crider, Chole Crider, Eastin Bird, Bailea Bird; brother, Gary Adams. Teresa was preceded in death by her parents.



### Joyce Bennett

Graveside service for Joyce Bennett, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, TX, was held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Restlawn Cemetery with Mitch Griggs officiating. Mrs. Bennett passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at her home.

Joyce Bennett was born on February 16, 1940 in Brawley, CA to Charles and Anna Belle Hickman. She married David Bennett on March 26, 1960. They were married 58 years. Joyce was a homemaker and of the protestant faith.

She is survived by her husband, David; children Karen Qualls and David Bennett and wife, Sharon; grandchildren, Ginger Berry, David Berry, Maxwell Hall, Ashley Mowat, Austin Darby, Autumn Bennett; great grandchildren, Maddix Garvin, Jentri Mowat, Xander Mowat.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ray Hickman, Harold Hickman; sister, Wanda Hanson; son-in-law, Joshua Qualls; grandchildren, Chloe Hall and Addison Bennett.





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## Events Happening At The Senior Citizens Center November & December

Thursday, November 29th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Affiliated Driving School will be offering another class. This class gets you 10 % off of your Liability Insurance for 3 Years. It also is good for a Ticket Dismissal. Cost is: \$ 15.00 for Liability Discount and \$ 25.00 For Ticket Dismissal.

If we don't have enough sign up for the class it will be cancelled. Please call and let me know if you are interested in signing up. Henry Barber is a WONDERFUL Teacher. He keeps it fun and interesting.

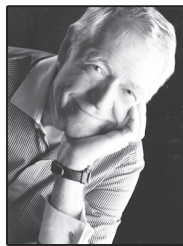
Golden Agers Gift Tree is up at the Senior Center. The tree will be up until all of the Names have been chosen off the tree. If you would like to Adopt a Senior Citizen for Christmas please let me know. You can just come in and look for who you want to adopt. The Gifts need to be wrapped and back to the Senior Citizens Center for delivery between December 3rd - December 14th. You can also delivery the gifts to the Seniors yourself.

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## FUN WITH PIGEONS

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

It was raining when I visited Mike Sutton of Andrews. He has a series of tin-roofed buildings where he keeps hundreds of homing pigeons. Rain on a tin roof makes a pleasing sound, which mixed well with the cooing of the pigeons.

"We have a 600 mile race here once a year and we have four or five 500 mile races," says Mike. We had a race from Shreveport, Louisiana and two of my pigeons were turned out on a Saturday morning at seven o'clock and they got here in Andrews at five PM. That's 503 miles."

He takes them further from home each training session. "I start at a mile, let them come home, then I move up to five miles and let them come home. I'm training a new group right now and they went eleven miles yesterday. Next weekend I hope to get them out to twenty-five or thirty miles. I need to get them out to about sixty miles before the races. Our first race will be 100 miles but they don't need to be trained that far. Once they come home from sixty miles they can come home from just about anywhere."

There are several theories why homing pigeons always return home. "Some say they use a magnetic field. There are some who say they use their strong sense of smell. They have put contact lenses on them to cover their eyes so they couldn't see, then turned them loose and they still came home."

In a race, times are registered by computer, a big change from earlier days when the birds carried bands on their legs that had to be removed, causing some pain.

"I put a chip in their legs and I have a scanner. When they cross that scanner it scans their number into a clock, which indicates the time they got here. After the race is over and all the birds have come home we take this computer clock over to the clubhouse and we have a computer over there. We enter everybody's clocks into the computer and the computer generates a race sheet that tells who won the race."

Mike says racing pigeons started in Europe. "China has come into pigeon racing in the last few years and now has some 300,000, more pigeon fliers than any other country. They go to Europe and buy birds. Last year a bird was sold for 400,000 dollars to a Chinese man. There's a race or two now that pays 50,000 dollars to the first place bird."

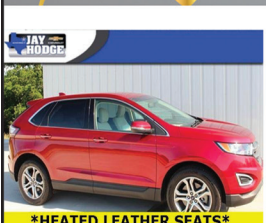
Mike paid five dollars for a pigeon that beat one that cost his competitor 20,000 dollars. Mike also has some roller pigeons.

"They are birds that fly real high and turn summer salts on the way down. They tumble head first and they're fun to watch."

Mike has been fooling with pigeons sixty years. He has some show pigeons.



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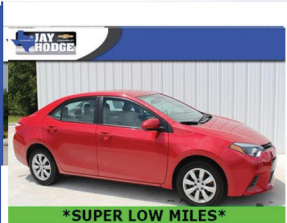
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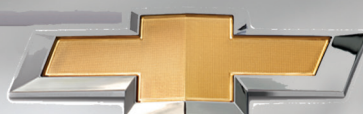
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