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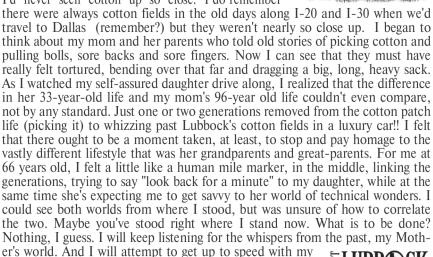
Seeing Lubbock, Texas from my rear-view mirror was not a thrilling sight... I really wanted to stay and see some more of the town! I really loved the long weekend I got to spend there recently, on a 'pleasure trip', that only a Grandmother could love, keeping my two youngest grandchildren while their mom hopped a plane to New York City! See, back in 2013, Angela's friend Rio attended her Salado wedding, and now it was time for turn-about. Angela met with her friend Jessica, another SSHS alumnus and 'the Trio" was reunited once again, this time in the Big Apple for just the weekend. I was happy to 'run the household' in my daughter's absence, and boy did I learn a lot! For example, her home's hi-tech security system contacted me vocally when I was going in and out the front door and left it standing open. There on the doorstep, Angela's voice spoke like on a loud speaker, saying "Mom?". Well, at first I thought it was my phone talking to me, and so I waited for her image to appear on Facetime (I haven't got that down real good yet either) But no!...in another startling intrusion by their tech-connected world, my daughter was checking to see why I kept going in and out the front door. Understandably, she was worried there was something wrong! But how did she see that all the way up there in New York City? Leaning down to speak into the doorbell, I explained to her I had kept forgetting things and was going back in yet again and that the kids were safely buckled in the waiting car. She paused, then with a giggle said "Well, OK then!" and must have signed off because my cheerful query about if she was having fun in New York went unheard. She simply hung up the doorbell! And that was not the first "first" for me in Lubbock!

I actually saw prairie dogs! In my childlike amazement, I cried out, this time from her passenger seat, "Did you see that?" From behind the wheel, Angela absently said, "see what?" I said, "Oh, those cute little prairie dogs?" I mean we were in the thick of Lubbock traffic, waiting at a light beside a busy intersection and shopping area. And prairie dogs were actually allowed to operate their colonies, co-existing within yards of passing cars! And nobody but me was



looking! Her "Oh yeah, Mom, we have prairie dogs" revealed that she'd already seen plenty of that, while I was craning my neck to watch the possibly hundreds of mounds as we passed. My two grandchildren, safely buckled into their car seats, never took their eyes off their mobile movie screens to look at the prairie dogs. Hmmm...kids are sure different today!

And another astounding thing they take for granted in Lubbock are the cotton fields. Fields of fluffy cotton on low-growing plants, just a dozen feet away. I'd never seen cotton up so close. I do remember



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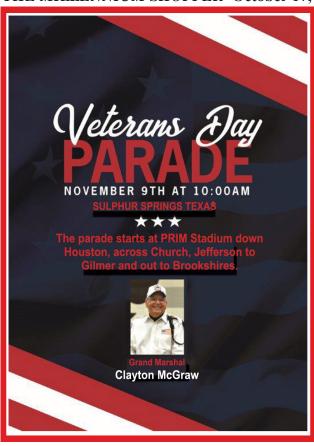
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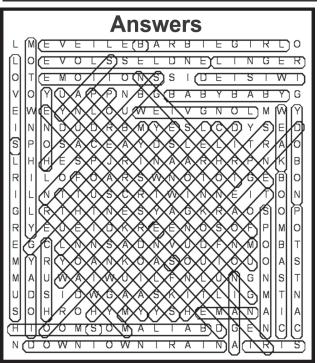
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To Angela and Mark the amount was more like \$200,000. They couldn't find a bank that would loan them the money. Thoughtful golf club members wanted to help so they paid their dues 5 years in advance to cover the down payment. "We bought it in October," says Mark. "That's not exactly the height of the golf season and for the first 3 months we used our credit cards to pay expenses. By the 4th month we were able to pay bills with the income from golfers." They should have the place paid for in 3 years

This is a dedicated, hard working couple. They sold their house in town and added living quarters to the pro shop. "We've been able to live here and raise a family and provide a fun golf course," says Angela. "We have tournaments for dads and daughters, grandsons and grandfathers, just all sorts of things. We even have a fenced area with chickens, ducks and a goat. We don't charge for kids under 12 and we let the high school golf team use our course."

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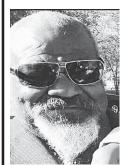
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Sam Porter, Jr.

Funeral services for Sam Porter, Jr., age 77, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at East Caney Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Sam passed away on October 11, 2019 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab.

He was born on April 9, 1942 in Sulphur Springs, the son of Sam Porter Sr. and Mary Lee Ross Porter. Sam married Virginia Joyce Hall on April 13, 1962. She preceded him in death June 16, 2017. Sam attended school in the Hopkins county area. He was a member of Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Sam retired from Hopkins County Precinct 2 after working many years in Como, TX. He is survived by children, Karmon Porter Fralin (Anthony), Bobby Ray Porter (Louella), Jana Kay Porter, Michael D. Porter, grandchildren, Anthony Fralin Jr., Katia Fralin, Justin Porter, Draylon Porter, Jerry Wilkerson Jr., Britnee Porter, Whitney Porter Kendrick, Keistan Edwards, Delisia Smith, sisters, Freddie

Porter Jernigan, Sharon Porter, brother, Willie Ray Porter, and a host of great- grandchildren.



Frankie Elizabeth Hagan Sanders

Frankie Elizabeth Hagan Sanders went home to be with the Lord October 11, 2019. She was born January 31, 1927 in Sherman, Texas. Her parents were Arthur Franklin Hagan and Della Mae Hall Hagan. They moved from Sherman to Hopkins County, Texas in 1936. She married Harvey Francis Sanders on February 3, 1943 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. They lived in and around the Brashear, Texas area for all of their adult lives.

Family includes Linda Sanders, Reta Linette and Tommie M. Banks, John (Butch) Duncan, Tia and Jason Holley, Brittany and Colton Gammill, Hagan, Piper, and Phoenix Gammill, Mackenzie and Richie Martinez, Richie Jr., and a host of nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

She was proceeded in death by her beloved husband, parents, sister and brother-in- law, Loreta and Samuel Flemens, and nephew, Rex Arden Flemens. Frankie will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She loved Jesus and being a servant to

others. She was a long-time member of Brashear Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 14, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Rev. David Burns officiating. Interment followed at Brashear Cemetery with Tim Baxter, Ray Wilemon, Rodney Caudle, John Duncan, Ronny Hoops, and Colton Gammill serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Lake Country CASA, 218 Connally Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.



Jean Wafford

Funeral Service for Jean Wafford, age 77, of Como were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 14, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Black Oak Cemetery with Bryan Braley, Keith Braley, Kenny Braley, Ray Clark, Corey Freeman, and Ray Eauclaire serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Rex Clark, Ryan Fick, and Benjamin Eauclaire. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Wafford passed away Friday, October 11, 2019 in Gun Barrell City.

Jean Wafford was born on July 15, 1942 in Little Elm, TX to Jessie Arnold "Jack" Clark and Stella Alice (Roberts) Clark. She married Wayne Wafford in Sulphur Springs in 1984. She worked on the production line at E-Systems.

Mrs. Wafford is survived by her daughter, Roxanne Phillips and husband, Steve, of Gun Barrell City; grandchildren, Ray Eauclaire and Benjamin Eauclaire, both of Gun Barrell City, Corey Freeman and wife, Heather, of Como; great-grandchildren, Raven and Jessie; sister, Linda Braley and husband, Roger, of Farmersville; nephews, Bryan Braley, Keith

Braley, Kenny Braley, Ray Clark, and Rex Clark; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Bobby Clark and Dale Clark; and sister, Ruth Ann Clark.



William Ray Strebeck

William Ray Strebeck, age 75, of Emory, passed away Friday, October 11, 2019 at his residence. Visitation for Mr. Strebeck was Tuesday evening 6-8 PM at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory. Funeral service was scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel, interment followed at Turner Cemetery. William was born July 24, 1944 in Gober, to the parentage of Joe and Fannie Gowin Strebeck.

His survivors include his wife, Donna Sue Strebeck of Emory; daughter, Pattie Sue Harford and husband Steve of Emory; son, Chuck Strebeck and wife Tina of Emory; sisters, Melba Wright of Alba; Patsy Whitworth and husband Hollis of Alba; brother Bobby Strebeck and wife Sue of Arlington; grandchildren, Derek, Katelyn, Kara, Emily; great-grandchildren, Lindei Grain Tanana Markink

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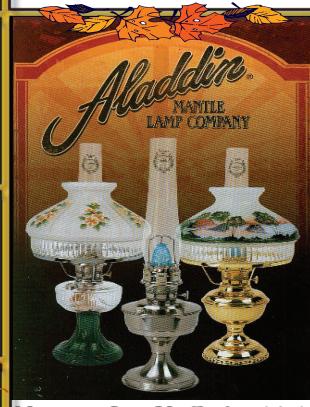


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