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At The Corral Gate



October is a whirlwind month for all of us. The energizing thoughts of Fall urge us into heightened activity both indoors and outdoors! Like, smells from the kitchen as delicious baked goods, pumpkin pies, cookies and muffins cool on the counter. And cute fall decor is popping up in doorways and entrance ways at businesses, homes and churches. Fall carnivals and exciting fund raising events abound. Harvest season is here, and the amazing colors of pumpkins and gourds remind us each that the Lord created color as one of the many delights that our senses can enjoy. I took a drive out in the country during October, winding down some country roads in the Pickton area which I'd never traveled before. Now, I've heard of the magical creature known as a Unicorn all my life, and I know stories of Unicorns still delight children today. But in all the roads I've taken, including Italy, the Caribbean, even Hawaii with all its magical Hawaii-ana fables. I have never seen a real live Unicorn with my own two eyes. And I still haven't! but I did uncover evidence that they do exist. Skeletons of three small Unicorns are on display under trees along the roadside in Pickton, not too far off Highway 11. These skeletons are intact, and obviously placed upright for display by somebody who wanted to share the eye-popping surprise with others. Some other well-preserved skeletons are there too, including full-size horses still hitched to a wagon they brought to their final resting place. If you go out there, keep your eyes peeled! There may be other surprises there on the edge of the woods!



Look closely! There are Unicorns and other surprises here!

Well, after viewing these scenes, I just had to tell somebody! I drove the short distance into Winnsboro. That's when I remembered it was Trail Ride Weekend! I caught up with two families who were enjoying the Western atmosphere. One family was in a wagon, with Mom driving the team of Friesian horses, with the kids lolling about in the back. They waved lazily as they passed me by. Also, I met another family, and their three children had just gotten back in from the trail ride and were walking their horses to get a drink of water when I came alongside. Everyone in Winnsboro is very friendly to visitors year-round, but especially during the month-long Autumn Trails festival of events during October every year. A new addition was the first-ever Cowboy Poetry Gathering, which was held on October 18 and 19, 2019. Watch for a return by cowboy entertainer Michael Martin Murphy and other excellent talent in the Cowboy and Western genre. Plan to attend in Winnsboro next October!



Autumn Trails brings Mom, Dad and the whole family to the Trail Ride!

Another of the delights of Autumn in NE Texas is the World Champion Hopkins County Stew Cook off held in Sulphur Springs. This year, a new record was set as 187 pots over open fires turned out enough stew to feed the thousands of people who filled the city's Buford Park, not far from downtown. Traditionally, Hopkins County Stew is a chicken stew, but beef lovers are not left out. A contest category for Beef Stew is also a huge part of the major cooking event. 2019 happens to be the 50th Anniversary of the first-ever contest held, so a Grand Champion cook was selected at the history-making event. Now, I couldn't help but snap a photo of this trio of cooks. From their expressions, I guess their stew didn't place in the contest! Oh well, there's always next year ladies!



As we go into a new month and new season, let's remember that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 2, so plan to Fall Back and set your clocks back an hour this weekend. Following the time change, Veteran's Day is next. If you know a Vet, thank him or her. Again. Thank them annually, if not more often. As we see the world in chaos, we must still be thankful to live in America, the Land of the Free! Let's show it by flying our flag and with a pat on the back and a handshake for the Veterans, both active-duty and retired, that we have in our midst. That's good practice for Thanksgiving just ahead, on Thursday November 28, a time to celebrate the blessings of being American! Til next week, I will watch for you at the Corral Gate!



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David Dugan

Graveside service for David Dugan, age 57, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, at Brashear Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Clem, Brian McDaniel, Bobby Yancy, Larry Suits, Scott Darcy, Oral Anders and Brett Carroll and Joe David Ragan. John David Dixon, Austin Carroll, Aaron Carroll, Black Pickenpaugh, Chandler Endsley and Jackson Molok serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Dugan passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs, TX. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Howard Laythan Evans

Howard Laythan Evans, 88, of Cumby went to be with our Lord on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Jones-Walker Funeral Home, Commerce with Byron George officiating. Burial will follow at Sunny Point Cemetery in Cumby. Visitation was Wednesday, October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Jones Walker Funeral Home.

Howard was born June 16, 1931, in Cumby, Tx. to Robert Linton & Vera Preston Evans. He married the love of his life Glenna Webb, 65 years ago on Oct 6, 1954.

Howard served 2 years in the U.S. Army and was based in Spokane Washington and was a recipient of the Good Conduct Metal for his service. He was also a mechanic, owned Evans Texaco and was a rancher. Howard loved his family, friends, raising cattle, riding his 4-wheeler and his Ranch which he fondly named "H & G Ranch". He would do anything for anybody. He was of the Christian Faith.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Evans; sons Jimmy Evans and wife Gena, Dewayne Evans and wife Twonette and daughter Brenda Campbell and husband Joe; grandchildren Amy Carter and husband Vincent, Eric Williams and wife Tamara, Justin Evans and wife Brandi, Joseph Evans and wife Amanda, Stefany Walton and husband Jason and Emma John Evans; great-grandchildren Morgan, Savannah and Hudson Carter, Shyla Williams, Jackson, Jace and Jessie Evans, Jayden, Jett and Jenson Evans, Jace, Matthew and Lilly Walton and sister-in-law Jerry Evans, brother-in-laws Ronnie Winters and J.B Webb and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers: Vincent Carter, Linton Evans, Michael Evans, Phillip Evans, Ken Cuddy, Keith Webb, Gary Williams and Bobby Yarbrough. Honorary Pallbearer: Don Fausnight He is preceded in death by his parents; his son Robby Lynn Evans; brothers Robert (Bob) Evans, Clifford Evans and Charles Evans and his great-granddaughter Ellie Sue Walton.



Leopoldo Romero Sosa

Funeral mass of christian burial for Leopoldo Romero Sosa, age 71, of Como, will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019, at St. James Catholic Church with Father Juan Carlos Sardinias officiating. Interment will follow at Sanchez Cemetery with Manuel Romero, Jose Romero, Erick Romero, Danny Romero, Mario Romero, Javier Romero, Giovanni Romero, and Nickolas Romero serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 1, 2019, at West Oaks Funeral Home with Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. Leopoldo passed away on October 26, 2019, in Tyler, TX.

He was born on November 14, 1947, in El Ahijadero Michoacan, Mexico, the son of Juan Romero and Fortunata Sosa. He worked in agriculture all his life. He enjoyed working on the farm and tending to the cattle. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church. He is survived by wife, Basilia Romero of Como, sons, Manuel Romero and Shanna of Como,

Jose Leopoldo Romero of Como, Erick Romero and Laura of Sulphur Springs, Danny Romero and Veronica of Sulphur Springs, Mario Romero and Crystal of Como, grandchildren, Chloe Romero, Emma Romero, Isabella Romero, Alexa Romero, Luna Romero, Giovanni Romero, Nickolas Romero, Easton Romero, Logan Romero, brothers, Mariano Romero, Jose Luis Romero, Juan Romero, Javier Romero, and sisters, Eugenia Bucio, Guillermina Bucio, and Gladys Solorzano. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Teresa Romero and Adelaida Ibarra. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Charles Glen Smith

Funeral services for Charles Glen Smith, age 82, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3, 2019, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Garry Jordan officiating and Cody Lee assisting. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery in Delta County with Cody Lee, Mason Smith, Jason Davis, Kenny Smith, Tracy Smith, and Randy Smith serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Smith and Andy Lowen. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m., prior to service time. Charles passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019, at Christus Mother Frances in Tyler.

He was born on March 5, 1937, in Hunt County, the son of William Burton Smith and Mildred Marie Alley Smith. He was a tool engineer for Rockwell Int for 42 years. He married Melvanda James on March 8, 1958, in Commerce, TX. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2018. He enjoyed spending time with his family, woodworking, playing golf, fishing, and working in his yard. He is survived by son, Steve Smith and wife Sherri of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Yvonne Lowen and

husband Andy of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Cody Lee and wife Kelli of Sulphur Springs, Maci Smith of Austin, Mason Smith of Austin, and great grandchildren, Uriah and Paisley Lee. In addition to his wife, Melvanda Smith, Charles was preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Wesley Ryan Peugh, and brothers, Richard and Kenneth Smith. Arrangements are under direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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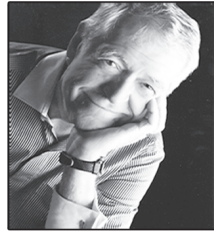
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TEXAS HAS FEW FEMALE GAME WARDENS



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When Cynde Aguilar was growing up in Colorado City she had thoughts of becoming a teacher. But when her mom became a police dispatcher she had second thoughts. "These law enforcement guys were so nice," says Cynde. She attended Angelo State University in San Angelo and obtained a degree in criminal justice. During her senior year a recruiter from Texas Parks and Wildlife went to the campus and Cynde visited with him.

"To be a game warden you have to have a 4-year degree," she says. "I was a couple of weeks away from graduating so I threw my name in the hat. I was one of over 900 applicants and they took 40 of us and the rest is history. I attended the 7-month game warden academy in Austin. When it was over they put you where there's a need and I got sent right back here to San Angelo. I call it back home because I've lived here longer than I lived in Colorado City. I've been here 15 years. I was the first female in this region which stretches all the way from here to El Paso, to Del Rio, to Lubbock. I've been accepted here and that makes me really love this job. There's something new every day."

Texas has 533 game wardens. Thirty-three of them are women. "The turnover rate isn't high at all. So once you get this job, you stay." Most people think game wardens are only involved with hunting and fishing. "But what they don't know is we're state police officers and do everything law enforcement agencies do like arrest people for all kinds of crimes. I do a lot of BWI's, boating while intoxicated. We also are called to do some federal work through the department of interior. We help out in natural disasters like hurricanes. We helped with the raid on the FLDS ranch in Eldorado and when the space shuttle Columbia exploded we got called to help pick up the pieces. We do undercover work. I have been sent to South Carolina, Louisiana and all over Texas."

It is highly unusual to find Cynde in her office. "The greatest thing about our job is we work outdoors. They give you a boat, a truck, a kayak, a 4-wheeler and you get out and go to work. I like being out there, meeting people and educating them about rules and regulations. I go to schools and tell kids about hunting and fishing laws. That's what I enjoy doing most. We're conservation officers. We protect the natural resources of the state of Texas. That's the bread and butter of our job."

Cynde has come across some unusual situations late at night. "Hunters go hunting then they like to drink at night and that's fine. So when we go onto their camp or whatever and show up announced, we catch them off guard. They're not always happy about that. So when you have eight intoxicated grown men and you have a woman come in demanding to see things like the deer and licenses, it's kind of scary. But I've gotten used to it."

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Halloween Safety Tips...



- Choose light-colored costumes made of flame-retardant materials.
- Avoid oversized shoes, which can make walking difficult, and wigs and billowy costumes, which can easily catch fire and burst into flames.
- Choose makeup over masks and if your child must wear a mask, encourage them to take it off between trick-or-treat stops.
- Use props made of cardboard rather than wood or metal and insist your trick-or-treaters carry a flashlight.
- Establish boundaries and a curfew for your trick-or-treaters and enforce them.
- Accompany younger trick-or-treaters.
- Encourage your trick-or-treaters to go only to homes that are well lit and accept treats only at the door; they should never go inside a home.
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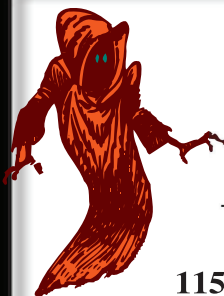


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