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Enola Gay

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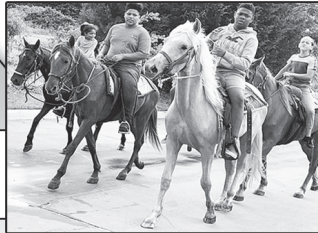
Hopkins Place in Sulphur Springs hosted a Mothers Day Parade on Friday May 8, 2020 so that the residents could watch out their windows. At least twenty cars, a group of four youth on horseback and a Shetland pony made the circular route around the local nursing home facility. Ms. Hopkins County Senior and the Dairy Festival Queen were among people from the community who waved as they circled past in their cars. Though a simple gesture, the Mothers Day Parade was very much appreciated by all the moms LOVE and KINDNESS cannot be conquered by a virus!

Hope you gave someone a smile this Mother's Day!



Ms Hopkins County Senior Vender Wright led the parade

Four young horsemen waved as they rode past in the parade



More than a dozen cars carried handwritten signs of Happy Mother's Day!



This pony's appearance was a big hit in the parade



Pretty Dairy Festival Queen was there too



My mother loved flowers, and she cultivated them all my life wherever we lived. I say MY life, because when I was one year old we moved from dry, brown Odessa to lush, verdant Longview where I grew up and went to school. Back in West Texas, she mostly had rock gardens with cactus, but acclimated quickly to the tall trees and abundant rainfall of East Texas. My mom embraced her new surroundings, and discovered she had a green thumb, and could root just about anything! She found wild blooming color and transplanted into the yard. She especially loved the graceful but hardy iris of early Spring and cultivated at least a couple dozen different colors and shades. When she moved to Sulphur Springs to live near me, we re-dug several of the bulbs into my yard. Mother also expressed her artistic flair through needlework, and this embroidery is one of her creations that I treasure.



Iris embroidery by Billie Bright

Despite the current health crisis, if we look around, we find so many blessings. If you are mobile and pain-free, or even if your pain level is tolerable and you can still enjoy hobbies and grandkids, count yourself fortunate. There are others we know who are much worse off than we. And your positive, caring attitude toward them may be just the boost they need! Til next week, let's follow the Golden Rule and be thankful for the sunshine and healthful air out here in the country. I will watch for you at the Corral Gate!

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### **Elmer James "E.J." Arnecke**

Funeral mass for Elmer James "E. J." Arnecke, age 83, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Yorktown, TX. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery. E. J. passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, TX. He was born on November 8, 1936 in Weesatche, TX, the son of Otto and Louise Weise Arnecke. He married Helen Respondek on November 23, 1957 in Yorktown, TX. E. J. achieved the highest level, Fourth Degree, and also served as Grand Knight for a term in the Knights of Columbus. He worked for General Telephone Electronics which later became Verizon for 37 years. In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by sons, Bryan Arnecke of Houston, TX, Dr. Darren Arnecke of Sulphur Springs, TX, William Arnecke of Austin, TX, daughters, Dr. Bernadette Arnecke of Phoenix, AZ, Stephanie Murdock of Spring, TX, Beverly Rowe of Brookfield, CT, Christine Westby of Houston, TX, fifteen grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Melvin Arnecke, and sister, Elizabeth Arnecke Baacke. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com).



### **Mary Beatrice Dougherty**

Private graveside service for Mary Beatrice Dougherty, age 95, of Sulphur Springs was held Saturday, May 9, 2020, in Dougherty Cemetery. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Dougherty passed away peacefully in her sleep at her residence with her family beside her in Sulphur Springs, TX. Bea was born on April 27, 1925 in Emory, TX to W.J. and Nealie Fitzgerald Pennebaker. She married Leo Dougherty in Emory, TX on July 17, 1944. She was a loving wife and mother. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and a member of the Church of Christ. She is survived by her daughter: Susan Miesse and husband Mike; her three grandchildren: Christopher Miesse, Courtney Singleton and husband Brian, and Jordan Miesse; and her 10 great-grandchildren: Jackson Miesse, Jocelyn Miesse, Juliette Miesse, Peyton Miesse, Paige Miesse, Parker Singleton, Presleigh Singleton, Prestyn Singleton, Emerson Miesse and Malone Miesse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, David Dougherty, her sister Geneva Regan, and her brother Jim

Pennebaker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Southside Church of Christ missionary work, P.O. Box 271, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### **Rose Spencer Enix**

Rose Spencer Enix, age 96, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020, in Sulphur Springs, TX. She was born the daughter of Johnny and Annie Kitts Spencer in Hopkins County on June 6, 1923.

A life-long resident of Hopkins County, Rose graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1941. She married Edward Enix on June 14, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1980. She was a homemaker and worked for Ike Clark then H.D. Lee Company for several years before she went into business with her sister Ola and opened the Cottage of Clothes dress shop. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Rockdale Baptist Church for many years.

Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. She is survived by daughter, Sharollette Hyde; son-in-law Dwight Therwhanger; sister Mary Bonham; brother Charles Spencer and his wife Glenna; two grandchildren, Heath Hyde and his wife Kristi, and Dustanna Rabe; two great-grandchildren Reese Rabe and Hayden Hyde; and longtime companion Bill Johnson, as well as a host of very special cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, daughter Suzanne Therwhanger, sister Ola Worsham, and brother J.W. Spencer.

Due to the gathering restriction, a come and go visitation was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., at Rockdale Cemetery.



### **Jennifer Beth Walls**

Private graveside services for Jennifer Beth Walls, age 47, of Emory were held on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Arbala Cemetery. There was no formal visitation. Jennifer passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 at her residence. Jennifer was born on September 13, 1972 in Garland, TX, the daughter of Buddy Charles Walls and Mary Elizabeth Burns Walls. Jennifer was a homemaker and a Christian. She is survived by her husband Raymond Shackelford of Emory, son, Jeffery Prine and wife Daniell of GA, daughters, Ashton Odell of Dew, TX, Megan Tillison and husband Austin of Forney, sisters, Amy Walls of Arbala, grandchildren, Abigail Odell, Kendall Odell, Wyatt Tillison and William Tillison. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Kristy Green. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



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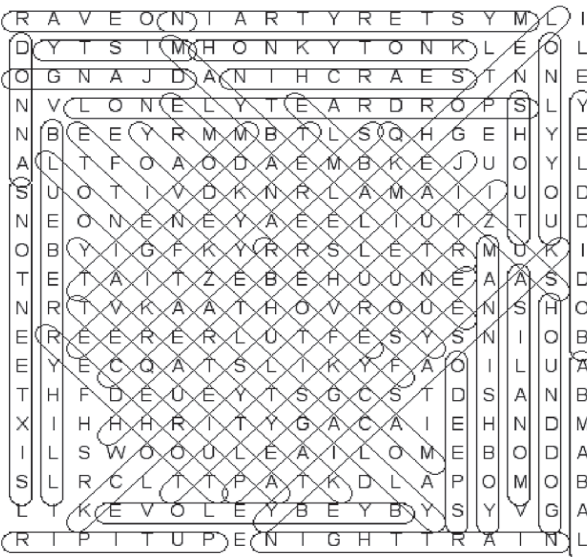
Roberta Kay Vazquez, age 58, of Sulphur Springs, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. There was a come and go visitation held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 9, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home. There was no formal funeral services. Roberta was born on February 7, 1962 to C.B. and Bobbie Marshall. She married Eusebio Vazquez on January 1, 1989 in Sulphur Springs. For 31 years their love was unlike any other. There were ups and downs but love always pulled them through. She leaves behind her husband, Eusebio Vazquez, daughter, Brianna and Bobby Robbins and their children, Austin, Dakota, and Montana, daughter, Alejandra and Christopher Walker and their son, Collin, daughter, Andrea and Kevin Bilharz and their daughter, Addisen. She also leaves behind her siblings, Weldon Marshall, Sherry Marshall, James Marshall, Nancy Marshall Pounds and husband Mark, along with many nieces and nephews that loved her very much. She was preceded in death by her parents and nieces, Jesicia Coker and JoAnne Riely. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



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By this time of year I've usually done several speeches at various events around the country. All of my scheduled winter appearances took place, but because of the Corona Virus, most of the ones scheduled for this spring have been canceled or postponed. With this extra time at home I've had the opportunity to create a new one-man show. It's all about women characters I've interviewed during the past 50 years. Although the show will have a couple of trial performances between now and the end of the year to get some possible kinks worked out, the official debut will be February 9th of next year when I speak to the Second Tuesday Club in Midland.

The title of the new show is OUTRAGEOUS TEXAS WOMEN OF CHARACTER. So far I've gone through about 10,000 programs to pick out some of the most hilarious women who tell about their personal experiences. I still have 3,000 more programs to check. No telling what I might find.

I've met women with names usually associated with men's names like Gary, Charlie, Travis, Cecil and Tony (I've also interviewed men named Beverly, Vivian, Sherrill, Carroll and Laurie).

Some of the women I've interviewed have unusual pets: monkey, bobcat, raccoon, mountain lion, coyote, chimp, rabbit, donkey, pig, chicken, wolf, kangaroo, peacock, porcupine, bat and turtle.

Some have unusual occupations: raising fighting roosters, blacksmithing, working on a pipeline, truck driver, alligator hunting guide, stunt pilot, goat farmer, bagpipe player, cow-girl, water witch, totem pole carver, faith healer, worm raiser and horsebreaker.

I interviewed Mrs. Pancho Villa (I've been doing this a long time), a lady who makes fruitcakes using a cement mixer, a champion hog caller, a woman who uses her red umbrella to coax oil out of the ground, 84 year old triplets who were married in a car, a lady who swears greasewood tea cured her leukemia, a champion shrimp eater (she weighs about 100 pounds), a woman who makes baskets from armadillos, another who has a landing pad for UFOs, one who drinks burro milk, a woman who uses ducks to guard her property, a woman who repairs accordions, a female who won a tobacco spitting contest, another who makes mesquite bean jelly, sisters who play harmonicas, a couple of female champion chili cooks at Terlingua, a woman who shears sheep, a llama kisser, a female steamboat pilot and many other fascinating Texas women.

I've interviewed some Sisters on the Fly, a group of women who have small travel trailers and caravan around the country. They say it's like girl scouts but with martinis. Their motto is "We make make girls out of women."

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