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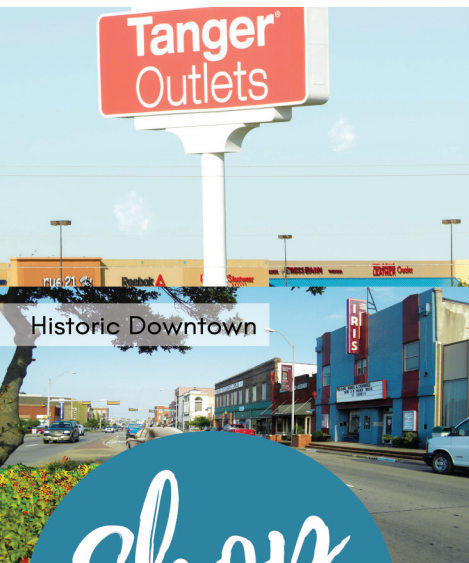
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Property Taxes	Bryan believes our property taxes are too high and wants better caps in place.	Dan Flynn touts property tax relief as one of his accomplishments but no one has received real relief.
Taxpayer Funded Lobbying	Bryan Slaton opposes taxpayer funded lobbying, and believes we need to ban it.	Dan Flynn voted with nearly every Democrat against the ban on taxpayer funded lobbying.
Campaign Funds Use	Bryan uses all the donation he receives on legitimate campaign expenditures.	Dan Flynn has been rated the second highest spender of his campaign funds on personal lifestyle expenses (Netflix, vehicle taxes, etc).

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At The Corral Gate



The Texas Rangers legendary law enforcement agency has headlined during Summer 2020. Statements ranging from 'the Texas Rangers didn't invent police brutality, they perfected it' to 'they helped pacify an extraordinarily wild and savage place' and everything in between have been fired about in recent weeks regarding a force thought of as heroic. During June, we launched into the Texas State History Museum's collection of Texas Ranger legend, 1823-1845. The collection is the source of the histories mentioned here. Recently, a writer applied to the Rangers controversy an excerpt from English author T.S. Elliott's poem, The Hollow Men. "Between the idea And the reality, Between the motion And the act, Falls the Shadow". As when it was penned, the words allow one's own interpretation. Today, we continue a look at the Rangers' many roles, starting with Indian fighting, mid-1800's.

"On the Offensive"

With the U.S.-Mexican War behind them, the Rangers returned their focus to patrolling the frontier and tracking American Indians, this time with a more aggressive approach. In 1858, Texas Ranger John Salmon "Rip" Ford led 100 Rangers in a six-month campaign against Comanches. The Rangers were joined by an equal number of Tonkawas, who were traditionally enemies of Comanches. Working together, the Rangers and Tonkawas tracked Comanches with orders to punish them for the devastating raids they had conducted in Texas. Ford and his men pursued Comanche raiders to Indian Territory, crossed the border without permission, and then followed them to their permanent camp on Little Robe Creek. There the 200 fighters from Texas attacked 600 Comanches. Despite the uneven numbers, the Rangers' superior firepower helped them win the battle. They killed 80 Comanches and lost only one of their own in the fight. For many, the victory confirmed that Texas needed to rely on its Ranger force, and not the U.S. Army, for protection. Heedless of the lives lost, the Rangers' new, more aggressive approach became standard practice for the next twenty years. It only ceased when the U.S. Army and the Texas Rangers forced nearly all American Indians out of Texas.



"Prairie Patrolmen"

The Texas Legislature approved the first permanent Ranger force in 1874. The Rangers and the U.S. Army drove the last Comanche and Kiowa out of the state soon after. In response, increasing numbers of settlers headed to the Texas frontier and created a new set of conflicts for the Rangers to police, as they moved into the twentieth century. As more and more settlers poured into the frontier, conflicts inevitably arose. When tensions flared over the control of salt lakes near San Elizario in 1877, the Rangers were ordered to keep the peace. They did the same during the Fence Cutting Wars in the 1880s. In that conflict between ranchers who wanted to keep the range open and those who wanted to fence in their land and livestock, the Rangers tracked down and arrested accused fence cutters. The Rangers also assisted local law enforcement when the Sabine County Sheriff asked for help bringing in the Conner Gang, which was terrorizing the entire county. The Rangers became such a regular presence in rural areas that one publication nicknamed them "prairie patrolmen."

Recent controversy is not the first outcropping during the Texas Rangers' illustrious 184-year history. Example, in the late 1910's, the role of Rangers in Texas was once again called into question as violence and scandal breached public trust and challenged their role as frontier heroes. We'll gallop ahead into the turn of the century in next week's look at The Texas Rangers. Til then, let's look for the finer things in the natures of others, and count our many blessings. I will watch for you at the corral gate.

Captain W.J.L. Sullivan and the other members of Texas Rangers Company B were called to San Saba County in July 1896 to stop a group of men called the San Saba Mob, which had committed 43 murders. Sullivan investigated the killings, but the subsequent trials resulted in hung juries. 1975/070-4530, William Deming Hornaday photograph collection. Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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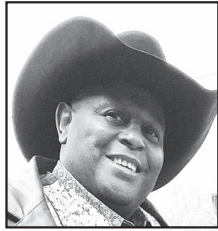
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A. D. "Smiley" Bell

A. D. "Smiley" Bell was born July 14th, 1958. He was born to A. J. Sr and Helen (Dunlap) Bell. He was previously married with 2 children Breanna Yager and Colby Mills. Smiley died peacefully on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas after a long battle with bone cancer. Smiley loved rodeo and anything to do with country life while he was in good health and also loved reading the bible and spending time with family and friends.

Smiley attended school in Mount Vernon, TX. He was preceded in death by his father, A. J. Bell Sr., and several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his mother Helen Bell, sister Mary Bell, and brother A. J. Bell Jr (Jana Bell). He is also survived by a nephew Robert Bell, nieces Mary Helen Bell, Tamiko Bell (Miko, Miko Tiko, Malnutrition), Destiny Bell, and several great nephews and great nieces.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, TX. Interment followed at Denton Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Visitation was held from noon to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home as well as from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020 at Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Brandon Whisenhunt

A memorial service for Brandon Whisenhunt, age 37, of Palestine, formerly of Sulphur Springs, was held at Backstory Brewery in Sulphur Springs, TX on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 5 to 7 PM. Honorary Pallbearers were Colton Golightly, Heston Golightly, Hayden Golightly, John David Moore, John Amy, Jason Fite, Jason Hardison, Matt Fogus, Brody Potts & Levi Baublet. We enjoyed celebrating Brandon with the ones that he loved.

Brandon Heath Whisenhunt passed away on June 15, 2020 at his home. Brandon was born in Sulphur Springs, TX on April 22, 1983 to Tommy Ray Whisenhunt and P.K. Harris. Brandon served in Afghanistan as an Infantryman in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 2006. Brandon loved life and enjoyed every minute he was given on this earth. Those that knew him best will always remember his fun loving personality, loyalty to his country and those that he loved. If you were friends with

Brandon, you were family.

Brandon was survived by his mother, P.K. Harris of Mount Vernon; by one sister, Keely McClary, Brothers, Colten Whisenhunt & Chad Whisenhunt, Nephew, Maddox McClary. Fiance', Ashley Burns of Palestine, TX; Step-Daughter, Krystal Burns; and by a host of other relatives and very special friends. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Gervacio Bautista

A funeral mass for Gervacio Bautista, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Juan Carlos Sardinias officiating.

Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery with Gabriel Lozano, Ruben Blanco, Jaime Bautista, Miguel Ibanez, Ranulfo Ibanez, and Diego Aquino serving as pallbearers. There was a come and go visitation from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home with a Rosary which began at 5:00 p.m.

Gervacio passed away on June 16, 2020 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born on June 19, 1938 in Papantla, Vera Cruz, Mexico, the son of Juan Bautista and Cornelia Vicente. He worked as a rancher and was a member of St. James Catholic Church. He is survived by wife, Cecila Bautista Ramos of Sulphur Springs, sons, Javier Bautista of Vera Cruz, Mexico, Jaime Bautista of Sulphur Springs, daughters, Maria Bautista of Sulphur Springs, Dora Alicia Ibanez of Sulphur Springs, Maria

Elena Bautista of Mexico, Ana Lucia Bautista of Mexico, sisters, Eva, Patricia, and Berta Bautista, grandchildren, Denise Bautista, Scarlett Lozano, Nimbe Lozano, Cecile Lozano, Indira Lozano, Ruben Blanco, Brenda Blanco, Giselle Blanco, Omar Blanco, Miguel Ibanez, Karla Ibanez, Luis Hernandez, Adriana Bautista, Dinorha Bautista, Javier Bautista, and great-grandchildren, Aislin Gonzalez, Emma Gonzalez, Aviel Aquino, Damian Trejo, Leandro Trejo, and Adelini Aquino. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.



Mary Catherine Bunch Leverett

A funeral service for Mary Catherine Bunch Leverett, age 83, of Winnsboro was held at 10:00 A.M on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at First Baptist Church – Main Sanctuary, Sulphur Springs with Bro. David Burns officiating and Dustin Cowden assisting. Interment followed at Brashear Cemetery with Craig Buck, Daniel Romans, Ray Glenn Jordan, Mickey McCord, Terry Strickland and Ray Wilemon serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 6 to 8 PM, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Leverett passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Autumn Winds Nursing Home, Winnsboro, TX.

Mary Catherine was born on November 16, 1936 in Direct, TX to Theo and Edith (Wilkerson) Lay. She married Ernest Bunch in Divide, Texas on December 22, 1951, he preceded her in death in 2007. She then married, Richard Leverett in Wylie, TX on May 14, 2011, he preceded her in death in 2014. Mary Catherine was a member of Brashear Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Marcia Blevins of Brashear, Paula Rodriguez and husband, Roy of Brashear; son, James Bunch and wife, Vicky of Terrell; grandchildren, Ashley Freitas, Johnnie Blevins Warner, Russell Blevins, Clay Bunch, Jenny Bunch Cousins, Stuart Rodriguez, Heather Willey; thirteen great grandchildren; brother, J.T. Lay; sister, Norma Gilbreath. Mary Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands and sister, Martha Bell Qualls. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

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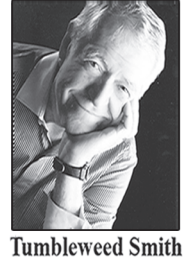
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MEAT BLOCK PHILOSOPHY



Tumbleweed Smith

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One Saturday morning shortly after I got out of the Army I rode with my dad to his grocery store in Fort Worth. Saturdays were the busiest day of the week and it was my dad's busiest time. The store opened at 7 but he was there Saturday mornings at 4 or so with his butcher knife and meat saw, filing the meat case with delicious looking cuts of meat. This particular morning he took time to listen to me tell about my Army experiences and what might be ahead for me in the future. He leaned against one meat block and I leaned against the other and we talked for hours. It was the best visit with my dad I can recall.

He encouraged me in everything I did. When I raced Blaze, my Shetland pony against neighborhood Cushman motor scooters, he cheered me on. He was in the stands Friday nights when I played trumpet in the high school band at halftime during football games. When I was in plays at Baylor he came to see me on stage. When I started a business, he loaned me money. When I started writing he gave me a typewriter table and a file cabinet.

His name was H. L. Lewis. He told people the initials stood for Hard Luck. Actually, they stood for Herbert Lee. He was valedictorian of his high school class in Athens and was well respected by his fellow students. He was the pied piper, someone you just wanted to be around. People came to him at the grocery store for all sorts of advice, which he dispensed while cutting meat. He had a kind look in his eyes. He could calm a crying baby within seconds. He always seemed to have a verse from literature that applied to whatever the topic of conversation.

When Gib Lewis was Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives he used to go to my father's store for a visit just to get his battery charged. He leaned across the meat counter and listened to my dad, who talked while slicing steaks. Gib left with a smile on his face and a spring in his step.

My Dad's father had a grocery store in Athens and butchered his own cattle. Daddy and his brother would put a side of beef on a wagon and peddle it to residents. They stopped at a house, asked the housewife what cut of meat she would like and they sliced off a roast or a steak. My dad became an artist with a butcher knife. He knew how to cut at just the right angle on a hind or fore quarter to bring out the best flavor of the meat. People came from as far away as Austin to shop for meat.

He was active in grocery store associations both on a state and national level. He was a deacon, Sunday School teacher and Mason. He organized a Kiwanis Club, later served as a Lieutenant Governor for the Texas-Oklahoma district. He was on the school board. He traveled the world and left my mother in good shape financially.

After selling the store he worked for the bank where he was a board member. He took courses in finance at TCU and made all As. He passed away at the age of 64 and there was standing room only at his funeral. I have always wanted to be like him.



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