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### "Rangering steps into the 20th Century"

During the past few weeks, we've briefly examined the deep and wide history of Texas Rangers law enforcement in our state. It's a proud heritage, yet one that's received some heavy blows during this restless and even lawless new decade. Might it be possible that Texans may someday reach for Ranger protection from rioting in their own hometowns? If so, we may again hear the call, "One Riot, One Ranger". At the present time, midway through the year of 2020, the history of the Texas Rangers continues to be written.

"Nothing else comes close: the most famous quote ever attributed to the Texas Rangers is 'one riot, one Ranger.' " Legendary Captain Bill McDonald is usually credited with the saying. As the story goes, sometime during the 1890s there was going to be a prize fight in Dallas . . . or maybe it was West Texas . . . or possibly it was somewhere along the Rio Grande. We may not be sure of the exact location, but we are sure it was somewhere in Texas. Anyway, frantic citizens had put out a desperate plea for a company of Rangers to stop the fight. Imagine their shock when one solitary Ranger, often said to be McDonald, got off the train. Looking at the lone Ranger, the townsmen wanted to know when the rest of the company would arrive. Then came the legendary reply: "There's just one prizefight, isn't there?"



"Ranger Captain Bill McDonald"

### Toward Professionalization

Under the new leadership of Captains William L. Wright, Thomas R. Hickman, and Frank Hamer, the Rangers reformed and performed as a more professional force in the 1920s. During this time they returned to their law enforcement duties, patrolling for smugglers and cattle rustlers on the border.

In 1932, just as their star was on the rise again, the Rangers made a major political miscalculation that had devastating consequences. The Rangers backed incumbent governor Ross Sterling against Miriam "Ma" Ferguson. When Ferguson was elected, she fired every Ranger on the force for supporting her opponent. The Rangers had to rebuild their ranks from scratch. The new recruits weren't yet up to the task, and Texas experienced a new era of lawlessness throughout the 1930s.

Nevertheless, the Rangers continued to professionalize their ranks. In 1935, the Rangers moved under the Texas Department of Public Safety, making them just one part of a larger law enforcement agency. They became the detective arm of the Department of Public Safety, and uniformed law enforcement duties were assigned to Highway Patrol officers.

### Just one Ranger needed?

Here's proof. As most American Indians were forced out of Texas and onto reservations in the 1880s, Texas Rangers took on more regular law enforcement duties. Here Ranger O.C. Dowe (left) poses with two bootleggers and the illegal alcohol he confiscated from them. Courtesy University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History; courtesy Marfa Public Library



Tx Ranger n' bootleggers

### "Onto a modern stage"

At the same time the Rangers were moving away from their past as frontier lawmen, Hollywood elevated the frontier Ranger persona to new heights with The Lone Ranger television show in 1949. The series, followed by several films, created a new popular image of the Rangers as noble lawmen assisting those in need and meting out justice. This romanticized version of the Rangers came to define the Rangers and overshadow their previous misdeeds.

The Texas Rangers have survived ambush, bombs, mobs, knifings, snipers and every kind of criminal that Texas has thrown their way, and yet they're still here. I'll wager they'll survive this bump in the road as well. Right now, their images may not be standing in public places, but they still stand tall and proud. The Rangers give me lasting pride. To quote a song title, "I reckon I'm a Texan til I die". Til next week, stay cool and look out for your neighbor. Summertime has arrived. Hope you find a shady place!

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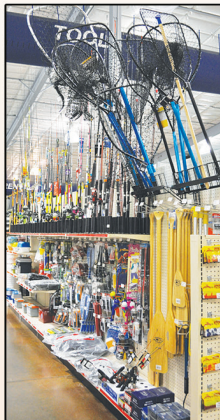


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### **Charles Sharber**

Funeral service for Charles Sharber, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Sharber passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Tyler.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com)

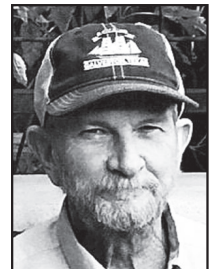


### **James "Jimmy" H. Helterbrand Sr.**

January 19, 1951 ~ June 23, 2020 (age 69)

A memorial service for James H. "Jimmy" Helterbrand Sr., age 69, of Sulphur Springs, TX formerly of Garland, TX, was held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Burns officiating. There was no formal visitation. Jimmy passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. He was born on January 19, 1951 in McAlester, OK, the son of James Henry and Rosa Lee Dupire Helterbrand. He married Bonnie Stibbins on April 17, 1970 in Garland, TX. Jimmy worked in construction all his life and retired as a superintendent. He also worked for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department retiring after 24 years. He was a firearms instructor. He was a lifetime member of the Mesquite Lodge #928 and a lifetime member of the Shriners. There will be a special celebration of life at Hella Shrine Center in Rowlett, TX at a later date. Jimmy is survived by wife, Bonnie Helterbrand, son, James Helterbrand Jr. and wife

Amanda of Brashear, daughter, Sondra Helterbrand Ramirez of Whitehouse, TX, brother, George Helterbrand and wife Debbie of Junction City, KS, grandchildren, Samantha Helterbrand, Madison Ramirez, Courtnie Helterbrand, Tyler Helterbrand, Jocelyn Helterbrand, Wyatt Helterbrand, great-grandson, Ryden Lovvorn, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Cheyenne Ramirez. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



### **Joe Mac Ivy**

5/11/1950 - 6/19/2020

Joe Mac Ivy, 70, of Point, Texas, passed away at his residence surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at First Baptist Church Point at 11:00 a.m. with Mr. Kris Ivy, Mr. Jay Sikes and Mr. Richard Kellam officiating. Burial followed at Lone Star Cemetery in Point. Visitation was Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Point. Services were under the direction of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home.

Joe was born in Greenville, Texas on May 11, 1950 to Arthur and Inez Rusk Ivy. He married Debbie Harris on May 23, 1980 in Point, Texas. He retired from Design Engineering where he worked at Raytheon and Texas Instruments. He was a member of First Baptist Church Point and also a member of The Stone Groove Band.

Joe is survived by his wife, Debbie Ann Ivy; sons, Matt Ivy and wife, Mary Ann, Kris Ivy & wife, Shea; daughters, Ashlie Stephan and husband, Nick, Michelle Willis and husband, Ronnie; brother, James Ray Ivy and wife, Mary Ann; sister, Marcoleta Stephens; grandchildren, Justin Redmon and wife, Lyndsey, Dalton Redmon, Cameron Redmon, Dana Willis, Chloe Ivy, Cadlyn Ivy, Austin Ivy and soon to be Madelyn & Easton Stephan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were Keith Steele, Steve Haupt, Randy Lane, Joel Cooley, Max Herron and Norman Cason. Honorary pallbearers were Lyndie Rivers, Gerald Fajardo and James Duran.



### **Paul Teut**

A memorial service for Paul Teut, age 60, of Yantis, will be held at a later date. Paul passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning, June 20, 2020 at his residence.

Paul Teut was born February 20, 1960 in Iowa City, IA to Eldon and Creta Teut. He worked in quality control in the food industry.

Paul is survived by his sons, Jeremy Durig of Yantis, Taylor Teut of Denison, IA, Tim Teut of Ames, IA; his parents; grandchildren, Jamison, Jeremiah, Joshua, and Joseph Durig; sisters, Carla and Jean; and brothers, Mark and Todd.

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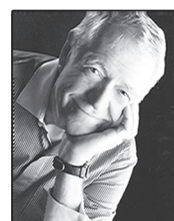
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We had made arrangements to meet Debbie Hicks, the interpretive resource manager of the park. I'm glad we did because the drive to the park is long enough for you to think you'll never get there. But the highway has lots of curves and passes through some beautiful hills and valleys.

"We are definitely off the beaten path. The road got paved 6 years ago. Before that it was a caliche road so it was a long time getting here. You had to drive between 10 and 15 miles per hour. Once the road got paved that opened up the public even more. Our visitation last year was 78,000 and included visitors from Iran, Peru, Spain, Norway, Australia and New Zealand. Also, when you pass that first cattle guard in the park, this is open rangeland. No Fences. Cows are on the highway."

Debbie told us that the trail to get to the falls is challenging. That didn't scare us since my wife Susan and I are in good shape. I'm glad she warned us because it is a treacherous journey to the falls. We climbed into Debbie's pickup and drove to the falls' trailhead. Debbie told us we had a mile and a half hike ahead of us.

"There's very little shade out there," she told us. "And the last 45 yards of that trail is at a 45 degree angle. There's cable to hold onto but the rock is so slick from all the foot traffic it's like walking on glass." Gorman Falls is the main attraction at the park, which covers 5300 acres. It's a popular destination for hikers and mountain bikers. "It's ups and downs and switchbacks and it's just wonderful. We have a rugged park here with different types of terrain and difficult trails. We have a lot of caves."

The park has 61 campsites. Motorhomes must be self contained. The Colorado River offers all kinds of activities including fishing for white bass and crappie. "There's fly fishing, boating, kayaking, you can swim in some parts of the river itself. We're ten miles from the mouth of Lake Buchanan, which is the beginning of the upper Highland Lakes. Some folks will put in at the boat ramp that we have here, go down to Lake Buchanan, spend the day and come back up."

While the park is mostly for active people, some folks go there for peace and quiet like they find at the Spicewood Canyon overlook. The wind rustles by and birds chirp. It's a serene spot.

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