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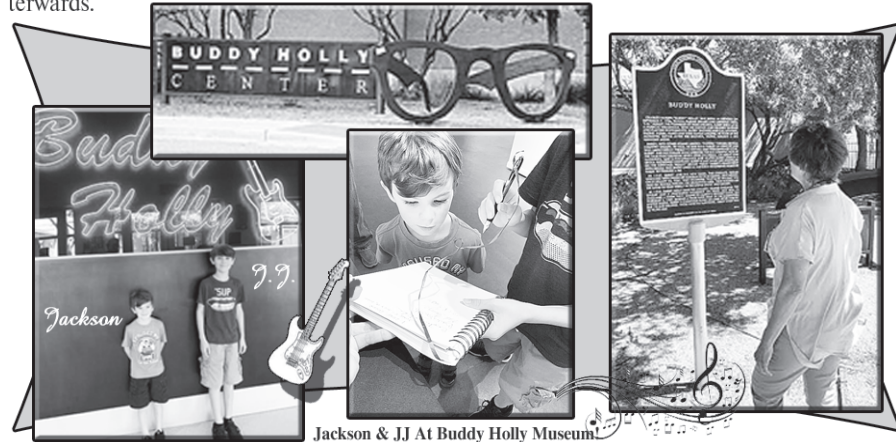
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I had the pleasure of taking two of my Lubbock grandsons to a place I've always wanted to visit, The Buddy Holly Museum. I was secretly hoping that seeing this Texas talent up close and personal might influence 10-year-old JJ, who has an electric guitar, or maybe his 7-year-old brother Jackson, but evidence of that remains to be seen. We took the excursion on a sunny May afternoon and surprisingly, after the boys signed in, they pretty much invested their attention during the entire 90 minutes we spent there. The cost was minimal, and so we had plenty left over for the anticipated visit to their favorite ice cream parlor afterwards.



Jackson & JJ At Buddy Holly Museum!

The Buddy Holly Center, located at 1801 Crickets Avenue in Lubbock, Texas. It is a performance and visual arts center dedicated to his music and others of the Lubbock area and broader West Texas. The building it's located in what was originally the city's 1928 Ft Worth/Denver South Plains Railway Depot. Though quite compact, the Center displays an amazing amount of memorabilia from the brief life of Buddy Holley. (his name was misspelled as Holly on his original recording contract, and the spelling stuck!) Inside is a nifty gift shop with a wonderful staff and free admission. There is also a multi-media museum, where for a minimal fee, you can peruse displays of artifacts and tributes as well a tiny theater where you can watch a fascinating 20-minute presentation of his life. The museum's artifacts are part of a private collection and no photography is allowed. Personally, I was blown away seeing his actual glasses recovered from the plane crash site. Those glasses, like many of his personal items, are in glass displays well visible just inches from your nose. I was impressed by the reflections of his childhood days and the profound influence he had upon other entertainers, both during his life and posthumously. This innovative youth broke some of the established rules in music while being deeply grounded in old-fashioned ways of his parents' generation; he had fallen in love right after beginning his journey and started a life with Maria Elena in the traditional style of marriage in America, a life which ended all too soon. If you loved Buddy Holly before you visited the Center, you'll love him even more upon leaving. The Buddy Holly Center is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.



Next door to the Center is The Allison House, boyhood home of J.I Allison, drummer for The Crickets. At this home, the teens rehearsed and wrote some of their hits, including "That'll Be the Day". After you've visited the center itself, you can head down to the late great musician's final resting place. Nestled between the graves of his mom and dad, Buddy Holly can be found. Perhaps the most interesting part of this experience is seeing what the other visitors have left there for the legend himself, like guitar picks, pennies and personal messages. If you find yourself in Lubbock, Texas, be sure and take the time to pay homage to this late, great Texas talent!



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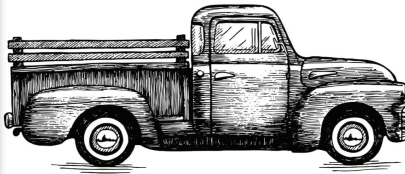
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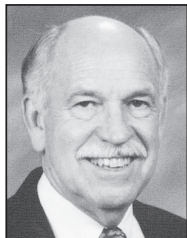
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Harvie Howard Chapman

Harvie Howard Chapman, Jr. died on July 25, 2020 in Tyler, Texas. Harve was born on April 14, 1929 in Tira, Texas to Mabel and Harvey Chapman. He grew up in Sulphur Springs, the youngest of seven siblings. His father, Harvey Chapman died when Harve was young, and Harve became very close to his mother at an early age. Mabel raised him to value responsibility, frugality, and hard work—but also to be generous in love and faith.

His earliest job was helping his mother with her vegetable garden. At six years old, Harve converted his red wagon into a “vegetable cart” and peddled produce around the neighborhood. Thus began a career in advertising and sales.

The family budget was tight. But after graduating from Sulphur Springs High School in 1946, Harve was determined to attend The University of Texas at Austin. So he reached out to the publisher of the local paper, Sulphur Springs News-Telegram, who happened

to be looking for someone to manage local circulation. The job was Harve’s. Thrilled by the open door into his desired career path, Harve embraced every opportunity at the paper, including covering local sports stories and developing and selling display advertising. After a year of hard work in the newsroom, Harve set off to his dream school. He became a proud Longhorn in 1947 and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism from the University of Texas in 1951. He went to work with Tracy-Locke Advertising & P.R. in Dallas where he served for several years as account manager on food accounts including Mrs. Baird’s Bread and Borden’s Milk & Ice Cream, eventually becoming a VP. In 1986, after 35 years in the Metroplex, Harve moved back home to Sulphur Springs. That fall, he was hired as President of Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce.

During his time in Dallas, Harve was married to Ping Lorimer for 38 years and became the father of two daughters. Ping passed away in 1992.

The very next year, the good Lord brought him to Martha Kate Brem (widow of Kenneth) one of Harve’s high school friends. Love blossomed and Harve and Martha Kate married on February 14, 1994.

Harve is survived by Martha Kate, five children, nine grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, including: Daughter Cindy McDaniel and Pat McDaniel (Coppell, TX) who have three children: Ryan McDaniel (Denver, CO); Kelsey Sauncy & husband Clay (Austin, TX) and great grandsons Dutch & Wade Sauncy; Colin Chapman McDaniel & wife Lindsay (Dallas, TX), plus great granddaughters Norah, Emory & Lyla McDaniel. Daughter Sherri Pickens-Salas and husband Reuben Salas (Tyler, TX) and their daughter Paige Engel & husband Cameron (Tyler, TX). Their extended family includes Martha Kate’s three children: Daughter Lisa Young and son Key Young and wife Ashley (Dallas, TX) and great granddaughter Penelope Young. Daughter Lori Wilkinson who has two children: Ashley Goodman and husband Josh (Texarkana, TX), plus great granddaughters Reagan and Gabby Goodman. Shelbi Hemphill and husband Adam (Fate, TX) and two great grandchildren Mason and Lucy Hemphill. Son Dale Brem who has one son, Eric Brem (Dallas, TX). Other survivors include several nephews and nieces.

Harve was preceded in death by three sisters. Billiefae Chapman in 1939, Eva Ruth Long in 1999 and Edna Earl Grant in 2016; three brothers Thomas Bert Chapman in 1993, John Murray Chapman in 1997, and Floyd Reid Chapman in 2002.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Church Library / Messengers Class at First United Methodist Church, 301 Church Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482. A memorial service for Harvie Howard Chapman, Jr. was held at First United Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs on Friday, July 31st at 2pm. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Nancy Emerson

Graveside service for Nancy Emerson, age 89, of Sulphur Bluff was held at 10:30 A.M on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery with Buddy Gore and Ina Gore officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Emerson passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Honey Grove Nursing Home.

Nancy was born on December 11, 1930 to William and Elzada Rawlinson. She married L Roy Emerson on June 28, 1950. She was a member of Sulphur Bluff Baptist Church. Nancy was a loving wife and mother. She was a friend to everyone who knew her and a good cook.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Schultz and husband, Chuck, Donna McDaniel and husband, Les, Roy Wayne Emerson and wife, Dianne; grandchildren, Christy Bolton, Stephanie Livingston, Jon Bolton and wife, Lindsey, Madison Emerson; numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; sisters Helen Starrett and husband, Doyle, Betty Alexander; numerous nieces and nephews; special family friends, Elaina, Emily and Eli McQueen.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sons, Billy Martin Emerson, Larry Roy Emerson, Jerry Don Emerson; great grandson, Aaron Eddington; sisters, Inez Rawlinson, Christine Ford; brothers, W.T. Rawlinson, Charles James Rawlinson, Thomas Ivan Smothers.



Laura Ruth Melton

Graveside service for Laura Ruth Melton, age 99, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Ridgeway Cemetery with Buddy Wiggins officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Melton passed away Friday, July 24, 2020 at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs, TX.

Laura Ruth Melton was born on December 19, 1920 in Hopkins County to Vander and Parlee Fisher. She married Albert William Melton in Hopkins County, TX on June 18, 1940. During World War II, Ruth rode the train to Key West, Florida, where she joined her husband A.W., in training for the U.S. Navy. Ruth and her husband returned to Hopkins County after the war and raised their family in a farming community just west of Sulphur Springs, where they operated a poultry and cattle operation. Ruth was a homemaker/housewife and was active in numerous community clubs and activities. Her life-long hobbies included bird watching, gardening, and running their cattle operation.

Laura Ruth Melton is survived by her children; Linda Cross, Phyllis Edmonds, and Allan Melton; grandchildren, Christopher Cross, Laura Williams, Heather Forrester, and Kendall Melton; great grandchildren, Kristen Wolf, Mackenzie Petit, Keely Melton, Olivia Woods, Austin Melton, and Jace Williams; great great grandchildren, Emeri Perkins, Lily Wolf, Logan Wolf, Ramsey Petit, and Cooper Petit; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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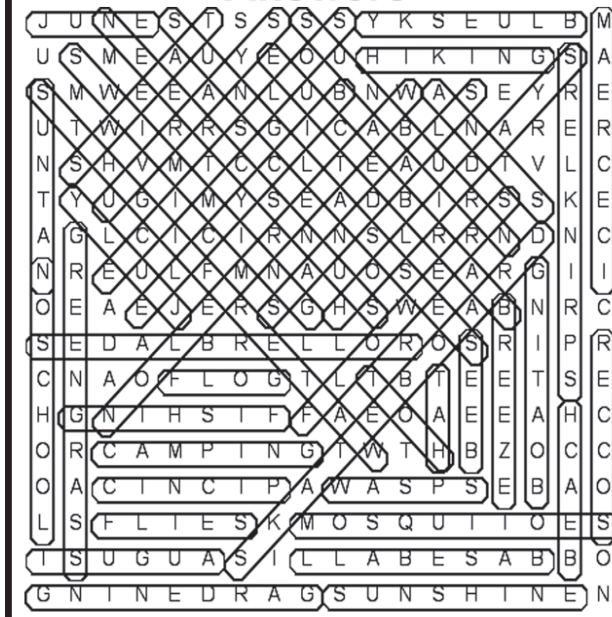
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Answers**SAN SABA'S HOTEL DOFFLEMYER**

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In 1913 a builder, W.C. Dofflemyer constructed a building in downtown San Saba made of blue limestone, a material found in the southern part of the county. The first floor of the two-story structure was used as the San Saba National Bank. The second floor served as a gentlemen's club, a place where the city's social gatherings such as galas and dances took place. Now the upstairs serves as a boutique 6-room hotel. The bottom floor is a deli and pecan store. The deli serves breakfast and lunch. Clay Nettleship, an oil and gas attorney who is the 5th generation of his family to live in San Saba, bought 4 buildings on a downtown city block. One of them was the Dofflemyer Building. He converted it into a hotel 4 years ago.

"Back in the 70's the upstairs had been made into a 4-bedroom apartment and was a mess when I bought the building," says Clay. "We've had great acceptance and stay full most of the time. I really wish I had 10 or 20 more rooms. We're real proud of it. I think it's a great addition to our city. We have tried to retain the historical architectural integrity of the building while adding modern conveniences. The rooms have sort of an industrial feel to them. The ambience is a blend of past and present, historic and contemporary. Each room is uniquely decorated."

A steakhouse is planned a block from the hotel called the Pecan House Grill. Fourteen years ago Clay and a group of local businessmen formed a foundation to renovate, rejuvenate and beautify downtown.

"People began leaving and moving to other parts of town to open their businesses so a good portion of the downtown area needed a facelift and was practically empty. We began raising money to do historic renovations to public buildings, those that are not in private hands. So we have done complete renovations of 3 different buildings: a visitors center, garden club meeting facility and the building that houses the ambulance."

The major fundraiser for the foundation is an event called the Catkins Ball. "Catkins are pecan blooms that appear in the spring. Since San Saba is known as the Pecan Capital of the World we have lot of pecan trees around here. We also have several stores that sell all kinds of pecan goodies. At the ball, sixty percent of the guests are from out of town. We have anywhere from 600 to 650 people attending. One year it's formal, one year it's casual. It lasts from 6 PM to 1 AM and we have a dinner dance, casino and auctions. We usually have it in the spring every year."

On the same block of buildings that Clay bought is the Wedding Oak Winery. He's a partner in that enterprise, which has been named one of the top five wineries in the state and now has tasting rooms in Burnet and Fredericksburg. Another winery with the strange name of Old Man Scary is next to the Wedding Oak. Hotel guests enjoy the opportunity to sample local wines just a few yards from their hotel.

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