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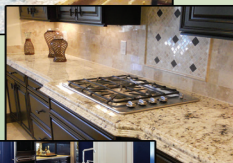
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AT The Corral Gate!

By Enola Gay

Jenny V. Glasscock, Colorful Early Hopkins County Businesswoman

The Hopkins County community is populated with interesting and vibrant people. Their widely varied personal interests are shared generously with others. Many of these vibrant locals are members of the Genealogical and/or the Historical Societies. The combined efforts of both produce a number of valuable resources for the population in general. Members are tireless workers in preserving local history, each in their own unique way. Their dedication and expertise are tangibly evidenced in the Hopkins County Heritage Park/Museum and the Hopkins County Genealogical Research Library, both of which are open to the public and managed and maintained by volunteer members.

And as an annual highlight, membership of the two separate Societies comes together to meet jointly, sharing news about projects and enjoying fellowship. In recent years, an "entertainment" feature has been added to the assembly which literally brings history to life.

A member of both Societies, Mrs. Perry Altenbaumer enjoys por-



Paula Altenbaumer as Jenny V. Glasscock

traying women of note from early local history, a hobby she patterned after presentations by the late Lavyn Cisco. To become the personage she selects to portray, Paula researches available information, learning about her interests and values, her work and family. Photos on file in the Genealogical Library aid in cos-



Paula is a member of both Genealogical and Historical Societies

tuming, with personal mannerisms reflected during the entertaining showcase. Ultimately, the factual historical significance of the individual is proven, providing enjoyment, education and edification for the audience of history lovers. That is what happened on August 27, 2020 in the Winniford Building on the grounds of Heritage Park when Paula presented 'Jenny V. Glasscock, Pioneer Businesswoman in Bright Star, Texas.'

"Back when my husband was first attracted to Texas, he kept hearing about this thriving place called the 'Camp on the Sulphur', so after his Civil War service and after we got married, we made our way here to 'Bright Star' from Jefferson. It truly was an exciting place! People were coming into town from all directions, largely due to word of mouth about the healing springs found here. We eventually built a hotel on Main Street for people to stay in, and later a bath house next to it, right above the "boiling spring". My husband also put in a stagecoach line to provide transportation for travelers. The livery sta-

ble on this end was located near the corner of today's Davis and Main Streets, and we owned a similar livery and office in Mineola. It was actually my mama's money that first put my husband in business! I was in my 20's when we married, and he was 16 years older than me!"

"Actually, Thomas J. Glasscock first took over management of the El Rancho 2-story downtown hotel in 1868, and later built "The Glasscock Hotel" and furnished it elegantly. Frequent guests included traveling actors who appeared at the two opera houses in town. All guests got the hotel's royal treatment. The Glasscock Stage Line served to boost the economy by not just transporting visitors but providing a "fast mail route", where correspondence and deliveries between the two towns was received daily. Mail bags were taken to the Bright Star Post Office, then located where the "stand-pipe" was on Main Street. Dr. Davis could be heard shouting, welcoming passengers as they stepped off the stage, across from today's Pioneer Cafe. As the decade ended, the town which would become Sulphur Springs was thriving!"

NOTE Let me add an interesting feature about the stage line which was brought out by Pat Chase, a member who is familiar with



horse drawn transportation. There were two ends to the Glasscock Stage Line, and a driver from each end would take off at 7am daily with passengers. From Bright Star, the stage traveled to a location near Reilly Springs for a fresh hitch of usually four horses, then proceeded on to a rendezvous point. The other driver took off from Mineola and stopped near Quitman for a fresh hitch. (In muddy or boggy weather, the coaches might require a six-horse team. Also, cost was \$4 to ride the stage) The two coaches would rendezvous at Stormville, and passengers would switch to the other coach and continue on to their destinations. Where was Stormville? From the audience, W.G. White commented that it was near today's junction of State Hwy 154 South and FM 515.

Altenbaumer concluded her story. "Our only child, Cora Belle was intelligent and charming and the light of our

lives. She grew into an educated and accomplished young lady. She took the Equestrian Award at the Agricultural and Engineering Fair held in Bright Star in 1877. Tragically, Cora passed away only a few years later when she took pneumonia after having had the measles. We were not the only ones to mourn her. Her beau had given her a canary in a cage, which she loved and cared for daily. Soon after her death, the bird died, too, and was buried beside her. I didn't live long after that either. I took sick in 1890 and passed away the following year. I was only 48 years old! My husband remarried to a woman with several small children, but he didn't live long either. He died in 1898, and all that we had worked so hard for was divided between numerous relatives."

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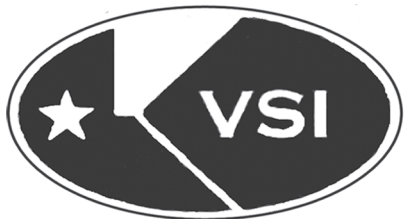


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Ronnie Irvin

A private family service for Ronnie Irvin, age 74, of Sulphur Springs was held on Monday, August 31, 2020 at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Dr. Jeff Gravens officiating and Rev. Fred Lewis assisting and Kevin Monk, Silas Graham, Rad Weaver, Carter Monk, Collins Weaver and Silas Graham Jr. serving as pallbearers. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Irvin passed away on his birthday, Friday, August 28, 2020 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Young Irvin, parents, Harlan Eli Irvin and Nedra Glenn Irvin, and man's best friend, his dog, Eli.

Ronnie was born on August 28, 1946 in Sulphur Springs to Nedra and Harlan Irvin. He graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1964. Throughout his life, Ronnie was known for his independent spirit and tremendous work ethic. He instilled in his family the belief that anything worth doing was worth doing right. He dearly loved his wife of 51 years, Sandra Young. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Ronnie was a cowboy in every sense of the word, making his life's work raising cattle and horses and farming his land, rodeoing and, when his back finally gave out, watching rodeo on television. He had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs. He maintained a relationship with Dr. Richard Jackson, former pastor of SSFBC, who married he and Sandra. Ronnie was an amazing athlete in his time and loved to read, especially Elmer Kelton.

He is survived by his daughters, Kristin Monk and husband, Kevin of Sulphur Springs, Jennifer Graham and husband, Silas of Dallas, Ashley Weaver and husband, Rad of San Antonio; grandchildren, Carter, Kathryn and Claire Monk, Harlan and Silas Graham and Cecelia and Collins Weaver; and sister, Nan Cannon and husband, Rip of Carrollton, TX; brother, Glenn Irvin and wife, Margaret of Sulphur Springs, TX.

The family would like to recognize Senzeni Achodo for her faithful caring service for the past two years, in addition to Danny Waldron, Tiffani Nelms, Corrice Dial and Dr. Maureen Gutierrez.



John Terry Rash

Mr. John Terry Rash, 93, of Grand Saline, passed away August 22, 2020, in Tyler. He was born January 25, 1927, in Colfax, to John Wesley & Mary Argin Rusk Rash. He spent his early years in Colfax and graduated from Van High School, Class of 1944. He served in the US Navy during WWII as a butcher on the USS Savo Island aircraft carrier. After he returned from his military service, he worked for Pure Oil Company. He moved to Grand Saline over 60 years ago, where he was a member of the First United Methodist Church. John was a member of the Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class and enjoyed volunteering with the Breaking Bread Food Pantry at the church. He served on the Grand Saline ISD School Board from 1977-1984. Mr. Rash served on the Woodside Cemetery Board of Directors for many years. John is preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Emma Margaret Ritchie Rash and Wilma Mills Rash; and two sisters, Elizabeth Moore and Marie Allen.

Survivors include his three daughters and sons-in-law, Fran & Mario Castro of Sulphur Springs, Jan & Cam McLarty of Tyler and Ann & Randy Wright of Alba; brother, Harold Rash of Athens; brothers-in-law, Bob Ritchie of Van and Max Allen of Flower Mound; eight grandchildren, Jessye, Chris, Lindsey, Clint, Craig, Emma, Chad and Lee; twelve great-grandchildren; his special friend, Shirley Alvey (special thanks to Shirley for the love and care she gave to John); and numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jessye Castro, Chris Trigger, Craig Stanford, Emma Ragsdale, Cam McLarty, Randy Wright and Mario Castro.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline or the John Rash #1 Fan Grand Saline Athletic Scholarship (P.O. Box 3274, Flint, TX 75762).



Jackie Karem Maddox

Jackie Karem Maddox of Seaford, Delaware, passed away August 28, 2020. He was born on January 30, 1936 in Sulphur Springs, Texas and was the son of Clyde and Ruby Maddox who preceded him in death.

After graduating from Sulphur Springs High School, Jack attended two years of college at East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas. He enlisted in the Navy in 1956. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded several commendations. He retired from the Navy in February, 1978. After leaving the Navy, Jack was hired by Leeds & Northrup Instrumentation Company in North Wales, Pennsylvania where he worked in the training department as a Training Specialist for twenty years.

Jack and his wife retired to Seaford, Delaware in 2000 where he became an avid golfer and enjoyed working in his yard, in which he took great pride. Jack was a long-time member of North Penn Baptist Church (now Crosspoint), Souderton, Pennsylvania and

Grace Baptist Church in Seaford, Delaware where he served in several capacities.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, his two children, Vicki Newsom (Jack) and Bryan Keith Maddox (Toni), a sister, Necye McCrory of Austin, Texas, a niece, Lauralee Courtney and a cousin Wilma Shipley of Burnet, Texas. Jack is also survived by four step-children he loved as his own: Kristi Wile (Daniel), Rodney Bosh (Janine), Daniel Bosh (Christina), and Sherry Thompson, all in Pennsylvania. Together, Jack and Eva have 16 grandchildren, Brooke, Cole, Cade, Kaitlin, Mark, Michael, Matthew, Aaron, Rachel, Rebecca, Ashley, Tarah, Tyler, Tarin, Jackie and Jason. In addition, they have 10 great grandchildren – Peyton, Haydon, Rhett, Savannah, Presley, Gavin, Oscar, Lucy, Maggie, Frankie, Riley, Jayce, and Logan. Interment will be at Millsboro Veterans Memorial Cemetery with Military Honors.

Obits



Lou Jane Longino Bonner

Lou Jane Longino Bonner passed from this life on August 25, 2020, in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 7, 1925 in Sulphur Springs and held the traditions of her hometown in all of its aspects—religious, cultural, economic, educational and social—near and dear to her heart and life.

The loving daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. S. Byrd Longino, she was the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Carothers and the late Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Beasley Longino.

An honor graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, Mrs. Bonner was a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, MO, and earned her B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University. At Stephens she studied speech and dramatic arts under the famed stage actress Maude Adams.

Following her graduation from SMU and his tour of duty in the South Pacific during World War II, she married Dan E. Bonner, also born and raised in Sulphur Springs, on September 7, 1946, at First Methodist Church. Following their marriage, the Bonners lived for a short time in Dallas while he completed his degree at S.M.U.

She was the mother of three sons, Dan, Jr., Stephen and Byrd, all of whom graduated from Sulphur Springs High School. Mrs. Bonner was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sulphur Springs all of her life, and provided leadership in many facets of the Church's ministries, including United Methodist Women, the Crusaders Sunday School Class and many church committees and boards. For many years, she was superintendent of Sunday School for various children's departments. Mrs. Bonner was an ardent member and supporter of the PTA throughout the SSISD. As the daughter of a physician, Mrs. Bonner was a member of the Hopkins-Franklin Counties Medical Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, her parents, her brothers Dr. Joe Longino and Dr. Steve Longino and their wives, and her beloved son, Stephen Longino Bonner. She is survived by son Dan, Jr and Sue Bonner of Georgetown, daughter-in-law Cathy Bonner of Sulphur Springs, and son Byrd and Patty Bonner of San Antonio. She is also survived by grandchildren Naomi Yost (Chris) of Round Rock, Carroll Crowson (Grady) of Waco, Angela Bonner of Austin, Edwin Bonner (Megan) of Lincoln, NE, Lou Caroline Collins (Kevin) of San Antonio, and Rosalie Bonner of New York City, as well as eight loving great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. The family wishes to express special thanks for the love and support of caregiver, Magda Perez of San Antonio.

Services were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Timothy Ray Mabe

Timothy Ray Mabe of Wills Point, Texas, passed away August 24, 2020. Tim was born January 5, 1953 in Commerce, Texas to John Franklin and Ruby Jewel (Smith) Mabe. He was preceded in death by his parents, beloved brother-in-law Joe Higginbotham, and father-in-law Colonel Jack Cobb.

Tim grew-up surrounded by the love of his parents, siblings, and extended Mabe family in Brashear, Texas. After graduating from Sulphur Springs High School, Tim was called into the ministry. He attended Dallas Theological Seminary and began his pastoral work at Scatter Branch Community Church. He went on to pastor at First Baptist Church of Pecan Gap and Shady Grove Baptist Church. Tim received his Bachelor of Arts in History from East Texas State University in Commerce and started his teaching career at Greenville Christian School. He went on to teach English and coach in Campbell, Texas. Tim's thirst for knowledge led

him to The University of Dallas where he received a Masters in Humanities. Upon receiving his masters, he became a professor of English and Humanities at Trinity Valley Community College. Tim also enjoyed his many years as pastor at Locust Grove Baptist Church in Hiram, Texas where he remained on as associate pastor.

On September 12, 1987, Tim and Jill Mabe were married. In addition to raising their six children, they were blessed with thirteen grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Jill; his children: Emili and husband Jody Jarvis, Jodi and husband Don Madden, Kathryn Mabe, John David Pope, Julie and husband Chris Orona, and Scott Mabe; his grandchildren: Austin, Hannah, and Aiden Jarvis, Grace Bailey, Jackson Petty, and Zach Madden, Landon Mabe and Holden Killian, John Michael and Addison Pope, and Braden, Aubrey, and Jillian Orona; sister: Pat Higginbotham; brothers: Mike and wife Linda, and Scott and wife Connie; mother-in-law: Jacque Cobb; sisters-in-law: Joy and husband Roger Tadlock, and Judy Land; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews and a host of friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Tim loved God, his family, and his vocation of teaching. Full of joy, he delighted in being called Papa by his grandchildren. He was an avid bird watcher, voracious reader, and believer of firm handshakes. He loved and cherished those around him unconditionally.

"This is my mind and heart to you, "You're here and I'm glad." – Tim Mabe

Funeral service was at 2:00pm, Sunday, August 30, 2020, at Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 S. 4th St., Wills Point, TX, 75169 and interment followed at Locust Grove Cemetery. Pastor Tim lay in state from 1:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturday, Aug. 29, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with his family receiving friends from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The service for Bro. Tim was streamed live from Russell Memorial United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to one of these organizations: Texas Baptist Homes for Children at www.tbhc.org, American Transplant Foundation at www.americantransplantfoundation.org/give/ or Hope Pregnant Center at www.hopepc.com



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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

They tried ever so hard to make major league baseball's opening day seem as normal as possible, for the radio listener or TV viewer anyway.

Globe Life Field in Arlington--the \$1.2 billion enclosed structure barely completed for the scheduled home opener in March--languished for almost four months. When it finally opened, fans were denied admission. So, it was up to "describers" behind microphones and cameras to showcase the goings on of the delayed first game.

For the Texas Rangers, seasoned media veterans came through, thanks to the creative genius of public address announcer/sound effects maestro Chuck

Morgan and hall-of-fame broadcaster Eric Nadel. Their combined experience spans 80 years....

We fans in radio and TV land had to settle for "virtual." Do things get much more "virtual" than Governor Greg Abbott's ceremonial first pitch in Austin winding up in a catcher's mitt a couple of hundred miles away?

There were sounds from old broadcasts, organ music from Abilene and Morgan's patented annual season opener: "It's baseball time in Texas!" "All" of this for radio and TV fans, since the only "live folks" at the stadium were players, game officials, emergency personnel,

stadium employees, media reps and camera guys. Wayda minute! There were three fans who were special guests of the Ranger organization....

The trio included Dr. and Mrs. Jim Hilliard as well as their son Samuel's fiancé.

Sam, 26, grew up in Mansfield and is left fielder for the Colorado Rockies. Growing up, he attended dozens of Ranger games with his dad, who was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) two years ago. The trio was invited to attend all five games, including the two preliminary exhibitions. Their highlight was seeing Sam make a sliding catch in left field in the season opener. Kudos to Rangers' brass for welcoming these special guests....

Now, about the organ music from Abilene. Dustin Tatro's music had to travel even further than the governor's opening pitch.

Thanks to technology, the 26-year-old EMT and organist "played the pipes" as he does each Sunday at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

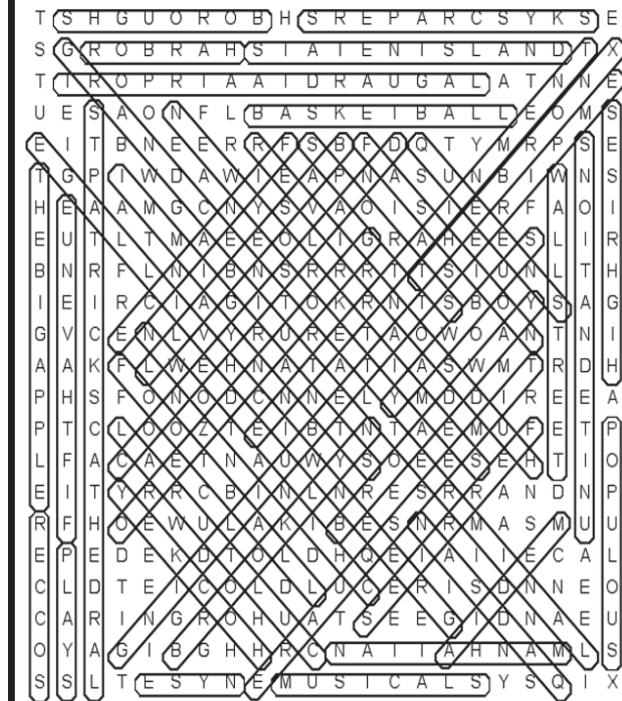
He provided some 500 baseball melodies, sending them to that mysterious cloud "storage bin" in the sky. So, when music is called

for, Morgan and the Fox Sports guys can extract it from the cloud in a few button-pushing seconds. (He'll commute from Abilene for "live" play when fans are allowed to attend.)....

Dustin gave up baseball as a six-year-old Little Leaguer, thus allowing more time to practice on keyboards.

He doesn't regret it. "At least I made it to the majors, even if as an organist," he joked....

Answers



MOTHER AND SON COLLEGE STUDENTS

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

June Stanley lives at Covington, a little place near Cleburne. She's a retired teacher who started teaching late in life.

"My son was 17 and wanted to quit school, just drop out," says June. "I had always stayed at home and taken care of my children all the time they were growing up. I dropped out of school and got married when I was 17. My son told me 'Mama, that's what you did.' I told him I didn't have to support a family either. I had a hard working husband who did that. I told him he was young and

would have a family one day and couldn't make much of a living without at least a high school education. I told him he needed to get a GED." He told me if he would go get a GED I had to get one, too since I didn't have a high school diploma.

"We went to Hill College in Hillsboro where you can take a GED test every month. We both took the test and passed. I found out that the program has a graduation exercise at the end of the year. All the people who passed the GED can dress up in cap and gown and walk across the stage and get a diploma. I told my son I would pay the twenty dollars to rent the cap and gown so I could see him get his diploma. He told me he wanted me to be a part of that, too and since he was working he would pay the twenty dollars for my cap and gown. So we go to the graduation together and they call us up on stage and I get my diploma and he gets his. We're sitting there and I'm looking at my diploma and he starts elbowing me and said I had to go back up on stage. He told me I had won a scholarship and he was keeping it a surprise. That's why he wanted me to go with him."

June enrolled in Hill College. So did her son.

"We'd pass each other in the hall and you'd think a 17 year-old would turn his head and ignore his mother but it was just the opposite. In those hallways and libraries and snack bars it was 'Hey.Mom, come over here and sit at our table. Before the semester was over I was Hey Mom to everybody."

After Hill College, her son became a paramedic and June enrolled in Tarleton State University in Stephenville where she earned a degree in education. During her years at Tarleton, she rented an apartment in Stephenville and shared it with her 15-year-old daughter, June's husband left home early and came home late and they didn't want their daughter home alone after school. She was an honor student at Stephenville High School and returned to Covington to graduate with her class.

"Those were some of the best times in my life, being with my kids while going to school together," says June. June taught elementary school in Itasca, later at Blum. After teaching in public school she did home schooling for several kids. Her husband, a carpenter, built her a schoolhouse in their back yard.



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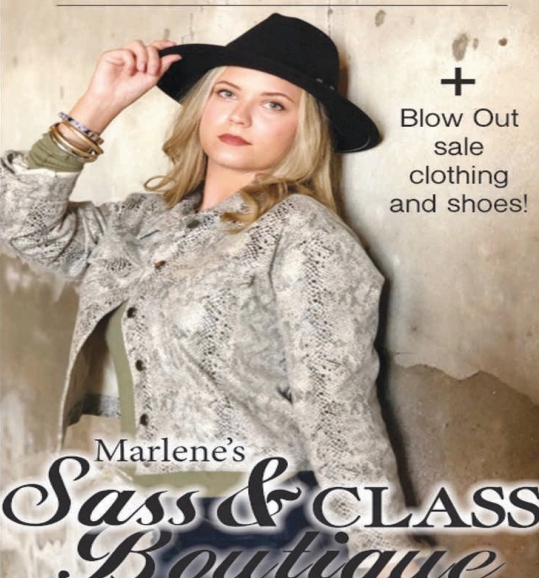
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