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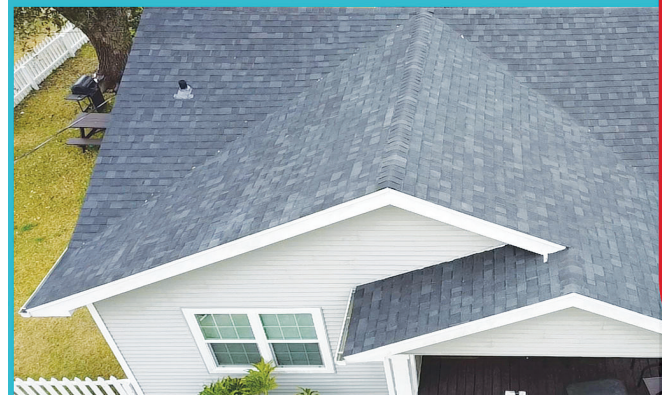
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Well, because the decade of my 60's is fast drawing to a close, I thought a final fling at Beaver's Bend was in order, so I accepted the invite from daughter Bobbi and family. Garland and I drove up one day and came back the next, to celebrate Jade's upcoming entry into University of Oklahoma, and her final days of summer. That kid is going to do well. She is an early-rising, hard-working go-getter and a sweet and beautiful 20-year-old. I am proud for her and the many others who are fortunate enough and smart enough to plan the 'full college experience', in America, an experience I hope will continue to be there for any youth who wishes to earn it. Good luck, Jade!

Sisters Jordan and Jade were dwarfed by Big Foot



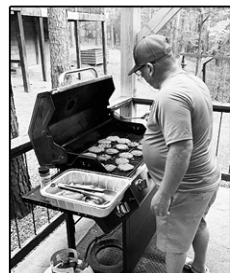
Beaver's Bend is smack dab in the middle of Big Foot country! Remember the comedy-horror flick 'The Legend of Boggy Creek'? I once met Charles B. Peirce, the movie producer/director who created the cult movie. In fact, I stayed a weekend in his Hot Springs condo as a guest of Hollywood actor Bill Thurman, who hails from Pine Forest,

Texas in Hopkins County. Thurman always quipped that he left the family farm because he was 'tired of using the end of a northbound mule for a compass'. Thurman was a frequent visitor back home during his later years. His acting career included memorable roles in 'The Last Picture Show in Texas', 'Where the Red Fern Grows', 'Silverado' and 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind', and other films. He was a good friend to me and many others whom his friendship enriched.



The beautiful Southern Comfort cabin sleeps 12 but we only needed half that many beds this trip. The decor is definitely rustic but distinctly Western with longhorns, cattle brands and posters of the old West upon the walls. The outdoor kitchen also included a hot tub and fireplace, which would be a big attraction come winter. But even in August, the whispering pines brought breezes across the deck and balconies almost all the time.

Son-in-law Travis Rowland kept the grill going so the 'glamping' trip included great meals of course! Mostly, I sat around. And enjoyed the bird calls and the occasional deer sighting. And wishing all of you could be there to enjoy it too. Totally immersed in good times and good memories, I was only able to bring back this one photo of me, sending "Cheers to You!"



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Wilma Folmar

January 11, 1941 - August 15, 2021

Funeral services for Wilma Folmar, age 80, of Yantis, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Yantis with Bro. Danny Parker officiating. Interment will follow at Yantis Cemetery with Keith Gilbreath, Tony Gilbreath, Dwayne Gilbreath, Phillip Gilbreath, Heath Gilbreath, and Tray Gilbreath serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Clopton, Kevin Clopton, and Kell Clopton. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Wilma passed away on Sunday, August 15, 2021. She was born on January 11, 1941, in Wood County, TX, the daughter of H.C. "Buck" and Doris Ruth Beville Gilbreath. It was there she met and married the love of her life Farlan Folmar on October 23, 1956. He preceded her in death in 2007. Wilma was a member of the First Baptist Church of Yantis. She retired from The Lee Company as production engineer and later retired from the City of Sulphur Springs as a health code inspector. She loved to travel, she loved gardening flowers in her yard, and just loved nature. She is survived by son, Mark Folmar and wife Lari, of Yantis, daughter, Stephanie Roop of Yantis, sister, Jo Ann Waller of Yantis, brother-in-law, Mike Folmar, sister-in-law, Gay Folmar, grandchildren, Michael Lynn Attaway, Rachael Folmar, and Ryan Folmar all of Yantis, and niece, Angie Waller. In addition to her husband, Wilma was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Vicki Lyn Folmar. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Yantis Cemetery Association, c/o Tonya Norris, P.O. Box 344, Yantis, TX 75497. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Donnie Lewis

October 7, 1949 - August 13, 2021

Graveside service for Donnie Lewis, age 71 of Sulphur Springs, TX will be held at 11:00A.M. on Friday August 20, 2021 at Restlawn Memorial Park with Robert Newsom officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Mr. Lewis passed away on August 13, 2021 at Christus Mother Frances – Sulphur Springs.

Donnie was born on October 7, 1949 in Paris, TX to John Paul "Son" and Florence Juanita (Landers) Lewis. He served in the United States Army. Donnie graduated from Sulphur Springs High School and achieved a BS degree in Criminal Justice from East Texas State University. He served with the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department before joining the Sulphur Springs Police Department where he dedicated over 25 years of service, 16 of those years as Chief Lewis. Donnie attended the North Central Texas Regional Police Academy, the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore and the FBI National Academy.

He is survived by his son, Aaron Lewis and wife Lana; daughter, Amy Reese and husband, Noah; grandchildren, Lincoln and Raegan Reese; niece, Kim Gideon and Cousin, Monty Herron.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents and twin brother, Ronnie Lewis.

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Sybil McClendon

February 6, 1923 - August 14, 2021

Funeral service for Sybil Lou McClendon, age 98, of Sulphur Springs, TX were held at 2:00P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs with Rev Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Dustin McClendon, Brent McClendon, Paul Eddins, Slayton McClendon, Keaton Tucker and Jason Maness serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held on hour prior to the service. Sybil McClendon passed away into the arms of her Lord on August 14, 2021 at 3:30am. She was ninety eight years old.

Sybil was born February 6, 1923 to Charlotte "Lottie" and Dan McDonald in Reilly Springs, Texas. She was one of nine children and one of a second set of twins. As a young woman, she loved playing basketball and spending time with family. After graduating from Reilly Springs High School, she began her business career with the Perry Bro's Stores. She was assistant manager at the Sulphur Springs store, then during World War II she was made manager of the Pittsburg, TX store. After leaving Perry Bro's she worked for Neal Ray's

Jewelry Store. After Hugh J McClendon returned from the service he settled in Pittsburg where he met Sybil. The two married on September 27, 1946 in Linden, Texas and resided in Sulphur Springs since 1949. In 1955, the couple bought and ran Quicky Foods Grocery Store for over fifty years where Sybil's role was that of Co-Owner and Operator. Sybil's favorite pastimes were playing golf as a member of the Ladies Golf Association at the Sulphur Springs Country Club, playing bridge, and she and Hugh always enjoyed horseback riding. She was active in several different clubs over the years including Mothers Culture Club, Dial Study Club, The Junior Waverly Club, and the Lena Day Garden Club. She was a member of First Baptist Church since August 1949, and a member of the Ann Gregg Sunday School class. She enjoyed working in her church where she taught Sunday School classes for twenty-eight years. She spent seventeen years teaching 14 year old girls, then taught a ladies class for eleven years. She also worked regularly in Vacation Bible School for fifteen years. Further, she was highly involved in the annual Reilly Springs Memorial Day, and all Vanderslice family commemorations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lottie and Dan McDonald; her daughters in law, Kay McClendon and Salli McClendon; husband, Hugh J. McClendon; five brothers: Neal, David, Eugene (June), Philip Morris (Pete), and Charles Keith; three sisters: Mrs. Ben Harris (Edith), Mrs. Billie Temples (Arlene), and Mrs. Ernest Mack Boyd (Sarah, her twin sister).

She is survived by her sons Mark McClendon and Jay McClendon of Sulphur Springs; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Joyce McDonald and Faye Tuttle; as well as many loved nieces and nephews.

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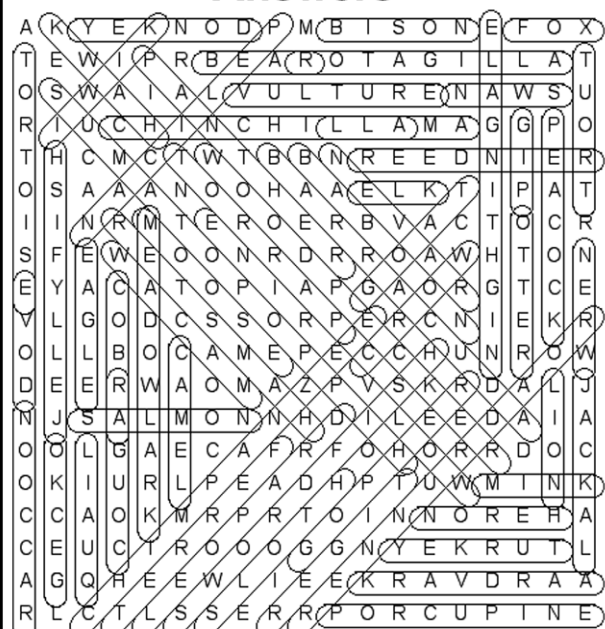
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The garden covers 110 acres and even during the pandemic attracts 200,000 visitors a year. Steve says there is so much to see and experience he recommends visitors spend at least three hours in the garden.

"We have a water conservation garden, a perennial garden, a fragrance garden. In all we have about 25 gardens that feature different kinds of plants."

Throughout the year, the garden has all sorts of events and educational opportunities. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra does a concert over a 3-day period. There are formal teas in the garden and the exhibits are always changing. Just recently there were woodpeckers, gardeners, a praying mantis and other figures made from Legos

"Right now we have an exhibit called Stick Work which consists of saplings from American Elm and Rough Leaf Dogwood that were woven or fashioned into a structure that you can walk through, look through and explore. It's very interesting."

Sculptures are throughout the garden and there are several water features such as lagoons, waterfalls and pools. A popular destination is the Japanese Garden.

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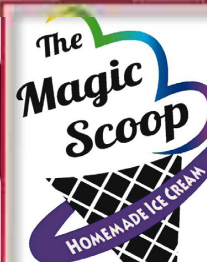
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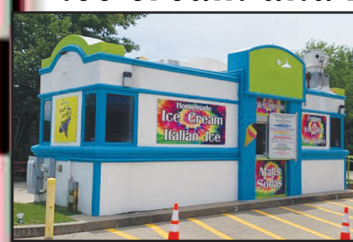
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