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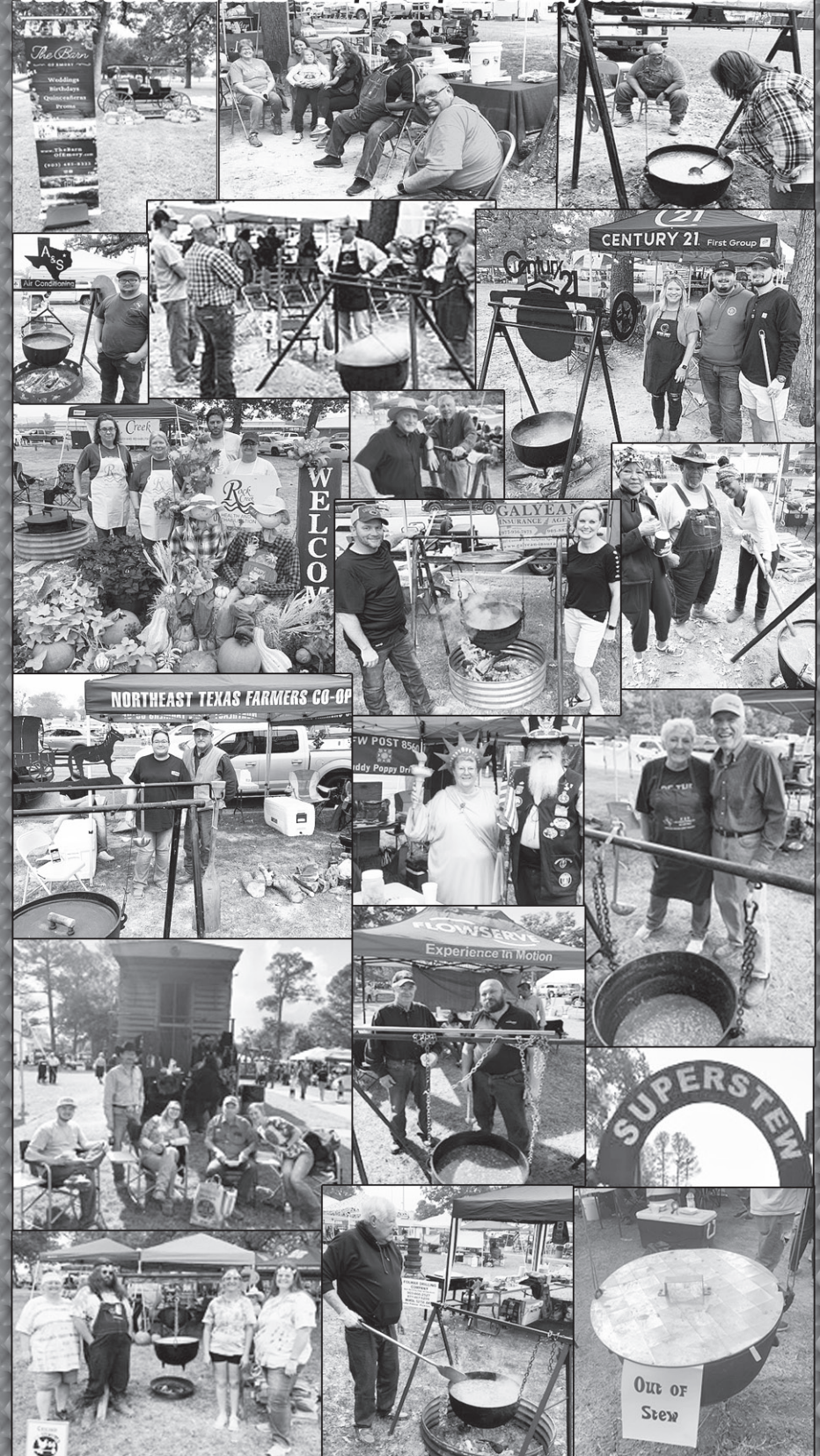
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On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, The Wall That Heals will arrive at the Sulphur Springs High School Track in a semi truck, escorted by Patriot Guard Riders, Christian Biker Club Riders, Law Enforcement, and Fire Department from a predetermined rendezvous site.

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The Hopkins County Veterans Committee has long desired to bring The Wall That Heals to Sulphur Springs in order to honor our area's surviving Vietnam Veterans, to remember the eleven men from Hopkins County who died in Vietnam and are engraved on The Wall's granite panels, to educate our students on the historical facts of Vietnam War and the controversy surrounding it, and to finally welcome home America's Vietnam Veterans the way they should have been. The Wall That Heals Hopkins County Committee is the collaborative effort of many individuals in various capacities to accomplish these goals.

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Barbara Conley Norris

Barbara Conley Norris was born on February 2, 1936, to Raymond and Ovetta Conley in Saltillo, Texas. She passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021, in Sulphur Springs, Texas at the age of 85.

Barbara graduated from Saltillo High School in 1954. She began her college career that summer at East Texas Teachers College in Commerce. She started working first in the cafeteria and later in an office at East Texas. She completed her course work in 2-1/2 years, and then, started her student teaching. Barbara began dating the love of her life, Rex Norris, and married him a couple of months later on September 21, 1956. She was a member of Retired Teacher's Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Eastern Star, and the Old Saltillo Methodist Church.

She began her teaching career in Daingerfield – Lone Star school district, and retired from there 36 years later. She loved her students especially the first graders. Every year in the fall her family heard "this is the cutest group ever".

She was a wonderful wife and mother, and there was little she could not do. Sewing, knitting, embroidery, porcelain painting, and gardening were her constant pastimes. Barbara could drive a tractor, run a chainsaw, and play the piano. She was often an assistant to Rex in their many endeavors.

After retirement she and Rex moved to her family's farm in Saltillo. There she spent time enjoying their three grandchildren. The two traveled in the US and Europe and spent time each year at their favorite place in Destin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bob Conley and George Payne; and her favorite son-in-law, Steve DeWolf.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 65 years, Rex; daughter, Tammy DeWolf; son, Randy Norris; grandchildren, Jake DeWolf, Riley and Jett Norris; nephews, Steve Conley, Ronnie Conley, David Payne, Mark Norris, and David Norris; and several cousins. Her much loved dogs and cats survive her.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 2 p.m. The visitation was held one hour prior to service at 1 p.m. Craig Clark officiated. Pallbearers were Ronnie Conley, Mark Norris, Steve Conley, Randy Norris, David Payne and Jake DeWolf. Interment immediately followed at the Old Saltillo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or 800-805-5856; or to the Franklin County Food Bank, P.O. Box 185, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457. Services entrusted to Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home.



Danny Lynn Smith

Funeral services for Danny Lynn Smith, age 73, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Eason officiating and Billy Clyde Walker assisting. Interment followed at Sherley Cemetery with Heath Gilbreath, Tray Gilbreath, Tony Tanton, Anthony Tanton, Cephis Gregory, Benny Darlin, Paul Horton, and Cody Qualls serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Gavin Gilbreath, Steve Nixon, Tanner Nixon, Brian Hallmark, Alvin Hallmark, Butch Gunyon, Robert Stephens, Mark Worley, and Brother Gerald Hood. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, October 23, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Danny passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. He was born in Sulphur Springs on August 8, 1948, to Ewell Vernon Smith and Laura Ruth Allen Smith. Danny married Linda Susan Campbell in September of 1974.

He worked for Masters' True Value for 20-plus years, then for Hopkins County Precinct 4 for another 15 years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved hunting with his bird dogs Jake and Star. Coon hunting was among his favorite hobbies. He was a horse trader and loved bartering. He was known as "the life of the party." He enjoyed laughing and joking with our

extended family, the Hallmark family as well as friends and other family members. He never met a stranger.

Danny is survived by wife, Linda Smith; son, Jason Lynn Smith; sister, Ann Tanton and husband Tony; stepmother, Birdie Smith; granddaughter, Mckenna Lynn Smith; several nieces and nephews; and his best friend and loving dog, Star. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Vernon Van Smith; and stepbrother, Scotty Smith.

Memorials may be made to the Old Sherley Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 493, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.



John Michael Johnson

Graveside services for John Michael Johnson, age 74, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Brother Fred Lewis officiating. Visitation for friends and family was held from 1 to 2 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home.

John passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, with family by his side and daughter Julie holding his hand. John was born on December 23, 1946, in Cooper, Texas, the son of Walter Raymond and Cloteen Oneala Loper Johnson. He was a self-taught architect and engineer that gave many years of service to Mid-West Steel Building, before his retirement in May 2020.

He was an avid fisherman and artist in his spare time who also enjoyed looking for bargains while perusing garage sales and estate sales. His son Jay lived with him in his later years so that John could take care of him. He rarely, if ever, missed an opportunity to spoil his granddaughter, Alex. John loved the Lord and was a member of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. He will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his son, Jay Johnson of Sulphur Springs, and daughter, Julie and Chris Morgan of Sherman. He is also survived by one brother, Alex Johnson; 4 sisters, Marna Beth Bates, Neva Arrington, Grace Foster, and Rama Lee Littlewalker, with one

granddaughter, Alexzandra Morgan. He was preceded in death by both parents and one brother, Victor Johnson.

Pallbearers were nephews: Jack Bates, Troy Wallace, Michael Foster, Jesse Foster, David McDonald, great-nephew; Avery Gibson, and cousin; Archie Taliaferro. Honorary pallbearer was niece Eva Green. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

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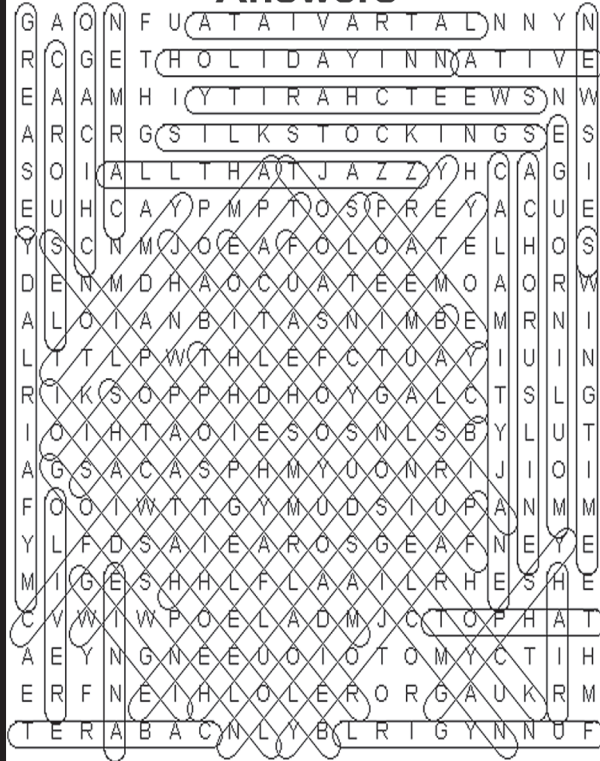
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The Double Mountain Chronicle in Rotan had such a good article about the Old Glory Musicals I just had to go experience one. I'm glad I went. I was impressed with the caliber of musicians and the taste of the pie (coconut and chocolate). Like so many small town musicals, it is a display of Americana. At Old Glory, the musicals take place the last Saturday of each month and draw a respectable crowd from a wide area. The old school is gone, but the lunchroom/auditorium remains. "It's called a cafetorium," says Mittie Dunham, who organizes the rotation of musicians. The building is now the Community Center and has a stage big enough to accommodate a symphony orchestra. Professional PA equipment provides good sound throughout the building.

"It's a fantastic venue," says Murray Bouquet from Abilene, who plays bass. "The musicians on stage are looking for an audience and we can always find one here." Sometimes there are as many as 16 musicians on stage. They play 30-minute sets and the night I was there 8 different groups performed. The event started at 5:30 and lasted 5 hours. The headline groups may have their own songs but other musicians on stage are talented enough to accompany the featured performers. "This is some of the best classic country and gospel music in West Texas," says Richard Venable of San Angelo, who has been a regular the past few years, driving the 300 mile round trip to attend. "They play music from the 50s and 60s which most of the audience grew up with."

I heard Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain, Crazy Arms, Fraulein, Folsom Prison and a whole lot more. David Bramlet, a minister who plays several instruments, compares the venue to something you might find in Nashville. "I love coming here, even though I run the monthly musical in Seymour. There are 5 musicals within a few miles from here and a lot of the same musicians show up at all of them."

Stonewall County Commissioner Jan Harris says most of the audience comes from outside the county. "People in Old Glory have always loved music and dancing." The Community Center has a senior dance once a month. An Old Glory Reunion takes place in the building every 3 years.

People don't just show up for the music. They go there for supper. There's a full menu provided by volunteers. "Pulled Pork or beef brisket on a bun, chicken salad sandwiches, ham and cheese sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, chili dogs and Frito pie," says Sybil Kendrick. "For desert we have brownies, coconut pie, chocolate pie and pecan pie. Where else can you have a barbecue sandwich, chips, a drink and a piece of homemade pie for 8 dollars? That's what we have here and sometimes we run out of food."

The walls of the facility are filled with memorabilia from when the Old Glory school was active. Some of the diplomas display the name New Brandenburg High School. New Brandenburg was the original name of Old Glory when it was founded by German families in 1903. The name was changed to Old Glory in 1917 during World War One.

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