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Tumbleweed Smith

"It's the happiest food in the world," says Howard Kruse, former President and CEO of Blue Bell Creameries in Brenham, "because when you're eating ice cream you're feeling good."

He developed the homemade vanilla flavor of Blue Bell Ice Cream. He determined the recipe, the process and everything involved in creating

Tumbleweed Smith it.

"It was developed in 1969. We wanted a product that had the taste of vanilla ice cream that you made in your back yard or on your back porch. We wanted the taste of what people considered homemade ice cream. So we went to work on that.

"It was different from the normal commercial vanilla ice cream and we were concerned because we didn't really know how the customer would accept it. We were hesitant to go forward with it too quick. We had our in-house taste teams and that type of thing.

"We decided what we would do was order the minimum number of cartons that we could order from the carton manufacturer. That was 5,000 half-gallon cartons. So we took a thousand of those and put them out in the market place and people liked it. So we decided to make another thousand. Well it went on up and we used all 5,000 cartons. Everybody liked it. That was enough of a taste test to say it's a go."

"We ordered another 5,000. The next order was 10,000. Then it was 25,000. Then it was truckloads then trailer loads of cartons as the product grew. It was well received and became the number one vanilla brand of ice cream in America. If you can imagine. From a little creamery in Brenham Texas. It has just been a sensational success in the ice cream industry."

Howard retired at age 74 after working at Bluebell 50 years.

"My entire work experience was with Blue Bell. I started there as a child making ice cream sandwiches, fudge bars and popsicles at 10 cents an hour. I, my brother and another boy worked 6 days a week, 8 hours a day. That's \$4.80 a week. My dad was manager and wanted his sons to develop a work ethic, learn how to relate to people and realize the value of an earned dollar. We just worked in the summers, when ice cream demand was highest. Winter was for school.

"My dad was one of seven children, the only one to go to college. He was born in 1895 here in Washington County and graduated from Southwest Texas Normal School at San Marcos (today Southwest Texas State). He taught for a year, then went to World War One. He came back home in 1919 and was asked to be the manager of Blue Bell. The creamery started in 1907 and had never turned a profit until my dad got there. He wanted it to be in the black and didn't cash his paychecks (\$60 a month) for 6 months or it would have been in the red. It was the Brenham Creamery then. Dad changed the name to Blue Bell in 1930 because most ice cream companies were named for a flower. The bluebell was a common flower on the Washington County farm where he grew up."



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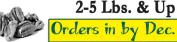
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Bennie Louis Frye Henry

Funeral services for Bennie Louis Frye Henry, age 87, of Sulphur Springs was conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. James Schoenrock and Dr. John Mark Henry assisting. Visitation was from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, one hour prior to service time. Interment was at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Spring Hill Cemetery in Springhill, LA with Ryan Henry, Stephen Henry, Richard Hatcher and Blaine Middleton serving as pallbearers.

Bennie was born on June 10, 1935, in Shongaloo, LA, the daughter of Will T. Frye and Nobie Cecil Braley Frye. She married Dr. James "Jimmy" Henry on April 9, 1954, in Jacksonville, Texas.

Bennie was a church secretary for many years and she was a clerk for the minister benefit department, but most of all she was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years; one son, Dr. John Mark Henry and wife, Cindy; daughters, Debra Ann Shelton and Sherry Sue Hatcher and husband Richard; brothers, Jerry Lloyd Frye and wife Melissa, Charles Ray Frye and wife Judy; sister, Faye Elizabeth Maness; 7 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, James Michael Henry; and son-in-law, John Daniel Shelton. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Betty Jo Baxley

Funeral services for Betty Jo Baxley, age 79, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 26, 2022 at West Oaks Funeral Home with L. D. Baxley, Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Travis Baxley, Austin Baxley, Joseph Baxley, Delane Baxley, Halston Potts and Blayke Pegues serving as pallbearers. Visitation was at 1:00 p.m., one hour prior to service time at West Oaks Funeral Home. Betty passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at her home.

Betty was born on September 10, 1943 in Dallas, TX, the daughter of Archie Lee Talley and Nina Faye Morgan Talley. She married Rev. Larry Dean Baxley and he preceded her in death. Betty was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and Dorcus Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her sons, Larry Dean Baxley, Jr. and wife Sherry of Como, TX, and Samuel Jay Baxley and wife Sharon of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Travis Lee Baxley and wife Alissa, Pamela Kay Baxley Potts and husband Halston, Austin Kenneth Baxley and wife Nan, Angela Grace Pegues and husband Blayke, Delane Ray Baxley, Dana Rege Baxley, Joseph Andre Baxley and Katarina Baxley Bella and husband Kyle, 6 great-grandchildren and her special pet friend "Buddy".

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Randall Talley.

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Benny Wayne Peek

Benny Wayne Peek, age 66, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at Carriage House Manor and the Cottages.

He was born on August 17, 1956, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to the late John Robert Peek and Opal Irene Moore. He attended Cumby School in his early days and then transferred to Sulphur Springs ISD, where he graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1975. Benny was employed by Flowserve, Inc. for over 38 years.

Benny is survived by his wife of 33 years, Vickie Peek; son, Robert Peek and wife, Tori, of Brashear, Texas; grandson, Brian Peek of Brashear, Texas; and brother, Joe Dan Peek and wife, Toni, of Dallas, Texas

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the animal shelter of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com

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History Of New Year's Day

New Year's Day is Year's resolutions and year aligned this dat- caused the Byzantine tables [for the house-elf. most of the world on 1 family. January, the first day of **History**

In pre-Christian Rome December, the ninth In Christendom, 1 Jan-tian

able feast of Easter.

to the solar year.

rian calendar as their stead. civil calendar, 1 Janu-

a festival observed in calling one's friends and ing. Still, private and year, which used the Ju- compare Puck] at night religious

January is also New lar, and around the year consensus on the ques- beginning of the liturgical the date that European Year's Day on the Ju- 2000 BC[5] began ob- tion of the timing for 1 year. lian calendar, but this is serving a spring festival January's new status.[8] At various times and in the Feast of the Circumnot the same day as the and the new year dur- Once it became the new various places through- cision, they exchanged Gregorian one. Whilst ing the month of Nisan, year, however, it became out mediaeval Christian Christmas most solar calendars around the time of the a time for family gather- Europe, the new year because the feast fell Great Britain and its Em-(like the Gregorian and March equinox. The ings and celebrations. A was celebrated on 25 within the 12 days of the pire at the time had re-Julian) begin the year early Roman calendar series of disasters, no- December in honour Christmas season in the tained 25 March as the regularly at or near the designated 1 March as tably including the failed of the birth of Jesus; 1 Western Christian liturgi- official start of the year northern winter solstice, the first day of the year, rebellion of M. Aemilius March in the old Roman cal calendar; The custom (though informal use of cultures that observe a The calendar had just Lepidus in 78 BC, es- style; 25 March in honour of exchanging Christ- 1 January had become lunisolar or lunar cal- 10 months, beginning tablished a superstition of Lady Day (the Feast mas gifts in a Christian common.) With the Calendar celebrate their with March. That the new against allowing Rome's of the Annunciation, the context is traced back endar Act 1750, Britain New Year (such as the year once began with the market days to fall on the date of the conception of to the Biblical Magi who and the Empire formally Chinese New Year and month of March is still kalends of January and Jesus); and on the mov- gave gifts to the Christ adopted 1 January as the Islamic New Year) at reflected in some of the the pontiffs employed able feast of Easter

cated to Janus, god of calendar, were originally cision of Christ

September through to occurrence.

March and on the mov- arius. These were first more than 1,600 years. The mainstream Roman endar. France changed placed at the end of the The Roman calendar be- Catholic Church cel- to 1 January from 1564, In the present day, year, but at some point gan the year on 1 Janu- ebrates on this day the most of Germany did so most countries came to be considered ary, and this remained Solemnity of Mary, Moth- from 1544, the Nethernow using the Grego- the first two months in- the start of the year after er of God.

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dar, the day was dedi- months of the Gregorian the Feast of the Circum- marked the Feast of the Twelfth Night, was cel- said day of December Naming and Circumci- ebrated as one of three 1751". gateways and begin- positioned as the sev- The Julian calendar, pro- sion of Jesus, which is main festivities among nings, for whom Janu- enth through to the tenth posed by Julius Caesar still observed as such the twelve days of Christ- day difference between ary is also named. From months. (Septem is Latin in 46 BC, was a reform in the Anglican Church, mastide. Roman times until the for "seven"; octo, "eight"; of the Roman calendar. the Lutheran Church, Acceptance of 1 Janumiddle of the 18th cen- novem, "nine"; and de- It took effect on 1 Janu- the Eastern Orthodox ary as New Year's Day tury, the new year was cem, "ten") Roman my- ary 45 BC, by edict. The Church (Julian calendar, Most nations of Europe celebrated at various thology usually credits calendar became the see below) and in Tra- and their colonies officialstages and in various their second king Numa predominant calendar ditional Catholicism by ly adopted 1 January as parts of Christian Eu- with the establishment in the Roman Empire those who retain the us- New Year's Day somerope on 25 Decem- of the two new months and subsequently, most age of the General Ro- what before they ad-

the Julian reform. How- Gift giving

The January kalend, ever, even after local Among the 7th-century (not being united) did the Julian calendar but ary according to that the start of the month of calendars were aligned pagans of Flanders and so on a variety of dates, not in the Gregorian, so calendar is among the January, came to be cel- to the Julian calendar, the Netherlands, it was Spain and Portugal from the difference increased most celebrated public ebrated as the new year they started the new the custom to exchange 1556. Sweden, Norway to twelve then thirteen holidays in the world, at some point after it be- year on different dates, gifts at the winter sol- and Denmark from 1599, days. The year 2000 was often observed with fire- came the day for the in- The Alexandrian calen- stice. This custom was Scotland from 1600, and a leap year in both calenworks at the stroke of augurating new consuls dar in Egypt started on deplored by Saint Eligius Russia from 1725. Eng- dars. midnight following New in 153 BC. Romans had 29 August. Several lo- (died 659 or 660), who land, Wales, Ireland, and Year's Eve as the new long dated their years cal provincial calendars warned the Flemish and Britain's American colo- Wales, the new year is year starts in each time by these consulships, were aligned to start on Dutch: "(Do not) make nies did so from 1752. zone. Other global New rather than sequentially, the birthday of the Em- visuals, [little figures of Great Britain and the ary, still based on the Year's Day traditions and making the kalends peror Augustus, 23 Sep- the Old Woman], little British Empire

celebrations lian calendar, to begin on or exchange New Year around the March new 1 September; this date is gifts or supply superfluthe year in the modern. The ancient Babylonian year continued for some still used in the Eastern ous drinks [another Yule Gregorian calendar. 1 calendar was luniso- time and there is no Orthodox Church for the custom]." However, on Christians celebrated

presents land), the Kingdom of

Child. In Tudor England, New Year's Day and, less fixed points relative names of the months. intercalation to avoid its Christian observance 1 January (as the Feast with the same Act, also As a date in the Chris- of the Circumcision, not discarded the Julian cal-New New Year's Day), along endar. The Act came into under the Julian calen- through to the twelfth uary traditionally marks Year's Day liturgically with Christmas Day and effect "following the last

ber, on 1 March, on 25 of lanuarius and Febru- of the Western world for man Calendar of 1960, opted the Gregorian callands from 1556 or 1573 tent. The years 1800 and according to sect, Italy include making New of January start the new tember. The indiction deer or iotticos or set Until 1752 (except Scot- the calendars.



Fireworks in London on New Year's Day at the stroke of midnight

By 1750, an eleventhe older Julian and the newer and more accurate Gregorian calendars also needed to be adjusted for. There was some religious dissent regarding feast days being moved, especially Christmas Day, and isolated communities continued the old reckoning to a greater or lesser ex-1900 were leap years in

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