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That’s John Ballew’s favorite phrase. Although he now lives in the Metroplex to be near his grandkids, he still calls Memphis home. He grew up there. It’s a town on the southeastern edge of the panhandle with a population of 1900. His family members were plumbers and John became a Master Plumber. He later became a history teacher and retired from teaching. He has a website titled MEMPHIS ON THE RED and it is the chronicler and encyclopedia of the town. It has historical vignettes and photos about his hometown. He went to the Southwest Collection in Lubbock and looked at thousands of past issues of the Memphis newspaper, which started publishing in 1909. John has 20,000 photos of Memphis history and posts them with captions 3 or 4 times a day.

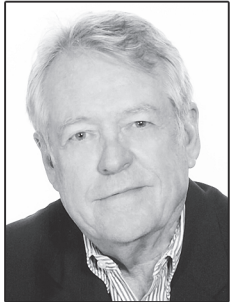
People in Memphis and those who have moved away appreciate what John is doing as evidenced by the 200 comments daily he gets on his website. The comments now number more than a million. Readers are always asking or telling him about historical things in Memphis.

He is known as Buddy in his hometown. I interviewed him years ago about his grandfather Raymond Ballew; a former bootlegger (arrested 128 times and served a term in prison) who was later elected sheriff, defeating the man who sent him to jail.

I asked Buddy if he could guide me to some interesting folks in Memphis to interview. He said he could. So on a Tuesday I went to Memphis, arriving there at lunchtime. He showed me the hunting lodge where I would stay. Memphis is the county seat of Hall County, which is attracting deer, hog and bird hunters.

After lunch we went to Plaska, a once thriving community a few miles from Memphis. I met Oren Molloy who owns the old Plaska General Store building. It was falling down when he bought it for a dollar but he and his dad spent 9 months making it into a comfortable hunting lodge that attracts people from every state and a few foreign countries. Then we went to the public library and met Kay McCarty. She volunteers there. She told me about her surviving a 90 feet fall from a Ferris wheel at the state fair when she was 13. She suffered head and hip injuries but fully recovered.

We visited Tony Pate who raises bird dogs (American Brittany) and sells them all over the country. I met mayor Joe Davis, who owns radio station KLSR (Lone Star Radio) a 100,000 watt station that covers a wide area. Joe runs it by himself. We then went to Kevin Huddleston’s well-appointed office. He spent 30 years as a pickup man in rodeos and is now a cotton broker. In between interviews Buddy took me over the brick streets to see the golf course, the CCC structures, the courthouse and amphitheater. During the hours we rode around Buddy told me stories about Memphis



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Mark Dean Brumley

Mr. Mark Dean Brumley, age 72, of Pickton, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at UT Health in Tyler of a massive stroke. He was born on May 12, 1951 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas to the late Dennis Brumley and Lois Newkirk Brumley.

Mark was a Heavy Equipment Operator/Truck Driver for Hopkins County Precinct 2 and Cattle Farmer in Pickton. He loved hunting and spending time with friends, family and his dogs (Doc Holiday & Sam Houston).

Survivors include his loving wife, Patti Brumley of Pickton; daughter, Shannon McCain, husband, Greg, and one grandchild, Ashton McCain of Houston; brother Gary Lynn Brumley and sister-in-law Lana of Pickton, brother Junior Brumley of Pickton; sister Pam Allen and brother-in-law Ricky, sister Hilda Cummings, sister Sally Gunn and brother-in-law Ronny of Pickton, sister Judy Watts of Quitman, sister-in-law Nancy Garner of Marble Falls, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services were held at 10:00 am Friday, June 23, 2023 at Winterfield Cemetery County Road 2400 Pickton, Texas 75471 with Gary McCain officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Winterfield Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.



Herbert Lee Anderson

Funeral services for Herbert Lee Anderson of Sulphur Springs, Texas were held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Ed Lantz, Jason Dietz and Brant Small officiating. Interment followed at Shooks Chapel Cemetery with Brant Small, Dustin Small, Landon Johnson, Laine Anderson, Troy Nunnery, Sean Dennis, Don Sapaugh and Lee Teetes serving as pallbearers. Honorary pall bearers were the City National Bank of Directors. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, June 26, 2023, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Anderson passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Herbert was born on November 9, 1934, in Sulphur Springs, Texas to O.H. Anderson and Annie Laura Bruton Anderson. He married Shirley Lou Morgan in Arlington, Texas on July 23, 1955, at the home of Shirley's sister and from this marriage they had four children. Herbert had a very successful and accomplished career, working as a dairyman. He served in the Texas National Guard, was a founding board member for City National Bank for over

35 years, original member of the Sheriff's Posse in Hopkins County, agriculturist of the year and served as the former state president of the Young Farmers Association. He loved horses and was a member of the AQHA and NCHA. Herbert was a faithful member of the Methodist faith starting from his childhood at Shooks Chapel Methodist Church. Although he had many hobbies and joys in life, his greatest blessing was his family, who he loved dearly.

Herbert is survived by his wife of almost 68 years, Shirley; children, Emily Small and husband Doug, Morgan Anderson and wife Kim, Angela Johnson and husband Tim; grandchildren, Dustin Small, Brant Small and wife Melissa, Brittany Nunnery and husband Troy, Laine Anderson and wife Julie, Kaylee Anderson, Lexi Anderson, Logan Delphon, Lynsey Dennis and husband Sean, Landon Johnson and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Cindy Castro; sister, Laura Jean Maxey; brothers, James Anderson and Cliff Anderson. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Daniel Preston Fisher

A memorial Service for Daniel Preston Fisher, age 30, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Daniel was born December 2, 1992 in Sulphur Springs to Tammy Perritt and Curtis Fisher. Daniel died Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at his Sulphur Springs residence.

If you knew Daniel, you would know his heart was big, and he was a loving son, brother, grandson, and cat parent. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Daniel had a passion for music and cooking. He was a talented pianist, composer, and lyricist.

Daniel is survived by his mother, Tammy Perritt Lawson, father, Curtis Fisher, stepfather, James Lawson, brother, Dustin Fisher, sisters, Leah Fisher, Melisa Lawson, Kelly Gill, Crystal Lawson, Jamie Lawson, grandmother, Barbara Grubbs and nephews, nieces, uncle, cousins, and close friends.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Robert Grubbs, Brenda O'Shields, and Benny Fisher.

In lieu of flowers, family request donation to West Oaks Funeral Home in his honor.

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July 4th - America's Very Important Holiday!!!!



INDEPENDENCE DAY (colloquially the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.

The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author.

While Jefferson consulted extensively with the other four members of the Committee of Five, he largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days between June 11, 1776 and June 28, 1776 from the second floor he was renting in a three-story private home at 700 Market Street in Philadelphia, now known as the Declaration House, and within walking distance of Independence Hall.

Originally entitled Yankee Doodle, this is one of several versions of a scene painted by A. M. Willard that came to be known as The Spirit of '76. Often imitated or parodied, it is a familiar symbol of American patriotism

Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, removing Jefferson's vigorous denunciation of King George III for importing the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4. The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed. By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

OBSERVANCE

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. An article in the July 18, 1777 issue of The Virginia Gazette noted a celebration in Philadelphia in a manner a modern American would find familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships in port were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, from his headquarters at Ross Hall, near New Brunswick, New Jersey, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute (feu de joie). Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

American children of many ethnic backgrounds celebrate noisily in a fantasy 1902 Puck cartoon.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter entitled The Psalm of Joy. The town claims it to be the first public July 4 event, as it was carefully documented by the Moravian Church, and there are no government records of any earlier celebrations. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.



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