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DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2024

Friday, Dec. 13th from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- FREE Activities for Kids throughout Downtown Terrell
- Carolers throughout Downtown
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- Heritage Market @ Adelaide & Moore
- Photos with Old Saint Nicholas
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The City of Terrell Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 14th

- Annual Stanley Ballard Sr. Christmas Parade
- Heritage Market @ 102 W. Moore Ave.
- Mercado Navideno Artesanal @ Lyric Building



A PIGEON GETS A MLITARY MEDAL



Tumbleweed Smith

The pigeon was really the first email. It was the first form of fast communication." Dennis Graham of Brownwood spoke those words. He gives speeches about pigeons, something he's been involved with since he was a boy. When his dad went on business trips, he took one of Dennis's pigeons with him and released it to fly back home.

Recently Dennis attended a national racing pigeon convention in Florida.

"Out of several thousand birds one of my pigeons finished in the top ten percent," says Dennis. "Winning birds are calculated by yards per minute. My birds flew about 1,700 yards per minute. The winner flew about 1,800 yards per minute. Pigeons are fascinating. When I tell people I have racing pigeons, they always ask how do you race a pigeon. Then I explain it to them, how the field has changed with the new technology that makes it easy to determine the speed of these unique birds."

Homing pigeons were used in World Wars One and Two for communication and reconnaissance missions. Dennis knows about GI Joe, the pigeon that saved some British troops during World War Two.

"British soldiers were going into this small town in Italy, Calvi Vecchia and they were going to move the Germans out. They accomplished their mission ahead of schedule. So now they're in this village, knowing that the allies, the US, were getting ready to bomb the city, unaware that the Germans had already been pushed out. The British troops released a US Army homing pigeon called GI Joe carrying a message that said 'don't bomb us.' GI Joe flew 20 miles in 20 minutes to carry the message, avoiding German bullets and falcons the Germans turned loose to get the pigeons and landed safely at the air force base with the message just as planes were getting ready to take off and bomb the city."

More than one hundred British troops were saved, along with the village itself. The pigeon was flown to London and at a presentation at the Tower of London was given The Dickin Medal of Gallantry. The citation credits him with "the most outstanding flight made by a US Army homing pigeon during World War Two."

The award is also known as the equivalent to the Victoria Cross or Medal of Honor for animals. GI Joe was the first non-British recipient of the medal. In 2019 he was posthumously awarded the Animals in War and Peace Medal of Bravery.

GI Joe died at the age of 18 and died in 1961. He was mounted and is displayed at the museum at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, home of the US Army Pigeon Service where pigeons are trained for combat. GI Joe's nametag was Pigeon USA 43SC6390.

Dennis says pigeons have done a lot thru history; Romans used them years ago for communication.



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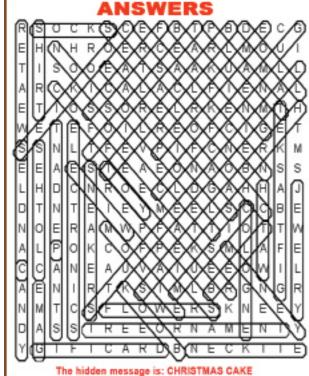
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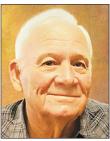


Bill (Willian Everett) Brannon Jr.

Memorial service for Bill (William Everett) Brannon Jr, age 75 of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at a later date. Mr. Brannon passed away on December 6, 2024 at Baylor Scott and White Heart Hospital — Plano.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Kenneth Paul Smith

Funeral Services for Kenneth Paul Smith, age 85, of Brashear, Texas will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. David Burns officiating. Barry Smith, Clay Smith, Canyon Smith, Aaron Smith, Kanen Smith, and Blake Smith will be serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Phillips, Bart Millsap, Randy Millsap, Patrick Dial and Jay Gaston. There was a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, also at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cumby, Texas. Kenneth passed away at his home surrounded by his family on December 7, 2024

Kenneth was born on October 21, 1939, to Melvin and Theodosia in the Seymore Community in Hopkins County, Texas. He married the love of his life, Mary Millsap on August 2, 1958, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Kenneth worked for many years as a feed mill manager for Farmer's COOP in Greenville and Sulphur Springs, he also owned Cumby Feed. He loved spending time with his family especially

his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Barry Smith and wife Julie, Paula Cummings and husband, John, Leslie Frobish and husband, Mike, Blake Smith and Marianne, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one sister, Shirley Watts as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lorita Daugherty.



Kenneth Deaton

Kenneth Deaton, age 79 of Sulphur Springs, passed away Thursday afternoon, December 5, 2024, at his home. There will be no formal services held.

Kenneth was born March 30, 1945, in Sulphur Bluff, TX to Vaughn Edgbert Deaton and Nina Faye (Garner) Deaton. Kenneth joined the National Guard after graduating high school. He married Brenda McFadden in Sulphur Springs on July 5, 1963. Kenneth was a dairy farmer for over thirty years. He also drove a truck and most recently, worked at Alliance Bank. He was a member of Greenpond Baptist Church.

Kenneth is survived by hisloving wife of 61 years, Brenda Deaton; daughters, Leslie Emerine and husband James, Tansy Potts and husband Jimmy; son, Darin Deaton and wife Kelly, all of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Casey Emerine (Emily), Taylor Emerine, Brady Potts (Casey), Tanner Potts (Shayelynn), Hannah Stewart (Zach), Madison Deaton, Morgan Deaton, Carson Deaton; great-grandchildren, Addie Emerine, Gentry Emerine, Kayden Emerine, Kambry Emerine, Laeton Potts, Braxton Stewart; and sister, Sarah

Cook and husband Jerry, of Como.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Maxie Deaton; sisters, Dorothy Chester and Cindy Hill; and infant son, Cary Deaton.



Rosella Green

Funeral Services for Rosella Faye Green will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow the service at Seymore Cemetery.

Rosella Faye Green was born on July 25th, 1940 to Henry Paul Ward and Tiney Maggie (Owens) Ward. She was the youngest of two children and adored her brother Kenneth Harvey Ward who was 10 years her senior.

She met the love of her life, James Thomas Green, while working as a Property Clerk for the Dallas Fire Department. They were married Jan 8, 1961. They had one child, Scarlett Faye Green.

Rose loved her family and rarely missed a ballgame or any other event that involved her daughter Scarlett. Scarlett considered her Mom, not only her best friend, but also the very best role model that she could have ever hoped to have.

Rosie, as her family called her, was always there to lend a hand if someone needed help. Her house was always open and welcoming.

Rose was one of the founding members of the LPBT (Ladies Pro Bowling Tour). She bowled for many years.

Rose was an avid hunter and fisherman. She could spot a deer or bird or catch a fish when no one else could. Lucky for Scarlett, her Mom's skills in

these areas were passed on to her.

Rose and James celebrated 63 years of marriage this year. These two are the absolute gold standard for love and teamwork. James spent every night of the entire 4 month stay at the hospital with her. This is just one example of the love and devotion that they shared.

Rose passed away on Dec 7th, 2024. She had fought and beaten several hard bouts with cancer in the last 45 years of her life.

Rose is survived by her husband James T. Green, her daughter Scarlett Faye Green and partner, Jamie Sue Mazzella, her "adopted" son Wayne Travis. She is also survived by her great niece, Brandee Tobias, and great great niece, Jasmine Jordan, along with many other wonderful friends and family members.

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