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Tumbleweed Smith Craig McKenney. "It sure did keep kids awake and watching both sides to make sure everything was ok."

That's just one of the stories told when an historical marker was unveiled honoring a bridge at Spade, southwest of Colorado City. "This is going to be our 45th historical marker here in the county." Says Mary McMullen, director of The Heart of West Texas Historical Museum in Colorado City. The marker tells about the community and the bridge that spanned across Wild Horse Creek.

It was a festive occasion to mark the 100th anniversary of when the bridge was built. Women dressed in pioneer clothing, complete with sun bonnets. Men also dressed like they did in olden days. Following the unveiling, there was a meal for invited guests including some descendants of former residents of Spade.

"There was frequently water in the creek," says Lee Ann Moore. "In fact, we would depend on that as a place to wash our clothes." She is one of the few current residents of Spade. When she learned that the bridge was to be removed and turned to scrap, she led a two-year effort to save it. "It's off the creek and was pulled onto the site of the old brick schoolhouse at Spade. The good thing about that is it's been preserved and we're really glad because it's a special bridge."

Lee Ann knows the history of the community. "Around 1910, 1920, we had 300 people, two stores, two churches, a gin, a lodge hall. We had a post office and we had a stagecoach stop." She worked with the County Commissioners. "We had twelve inmates go under the bridge and get all the trees down," says Mitchell County Commissioner Jesse Munoz. "We had a crane company come in. They backed an eighteen-wheeler underneath the bridge. The crane picked it up, turned it sideways and that's why it's here. You'd be surprised about how many people have offered to buy this bridge."

A representative of the Austin Bridge Company that built the bridge, Charles Spence, came to the event. "Before the highway department existed, Austin Brothers had made thousands of bridges because they had salesmen that would go to the county commissioners and they would say 'I need a 60-foot bridge, what will it cost me?' And that's how they started out selling bridges." There was a reenactment of a bridge salesman, by Mark Anderson, a descendent of one of the original families in Spade. "This particular bridge cost \$2300 in 1924." The bridge now sits on solid ground in a vacant lot with an historical marker in front of it. "I guess it could be called the bridge to nowhere," Says Lee Ann.

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Larry Clinton Gamblin

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Larry was born July 31, 1939 on South Davis Street in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Clinton Payne and Janna Lou Allen Gamblin. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Winston Waggoner.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Alice, son Gregg and wife Tammy, of Mt Vernon, Texas, daughter Cami and husband Ken Scheid of Gilmer, Texas. Papa Larry is also survived by grandchildren Will Gamblin (Ashlynn), Rynn Gamblin, Danielle Chambless, Joseph Scheid, Phillip Scheid (Sarah) and great-grandchildren Stetson Gamblin, Anna and Owen Scheid.

Larry's love for the land began as a very young child as he rode in a wooden crate atop a two-row cultivator while his dad and mom farmed 45 acres of cotton near Sulphur Springs. Larry attended schools in Seminole and Odessa before moving with his family to Dimmitt, Texas in 1955, where he began school at midterm as a sophomore. At that time, he lived 15 miles south of town and he rode the school bus for a short time, along with a girl named Alice Waggoner, who would later become the love of his life.

Larry and Alice were high school sweethearts and they were married on June 12, 1958, after Alice graduated high school and Larry attended Texas Tech University during his freshman year.

Larry was always eager and anxious to be working. His first drivers license at 16 years old was commercial so he could drive a butane transport truck to and from the plant to help with his father's butane delivery business.

Larry's love of agriculture and the fact that the area around Dimmitt, Texas was a farming-based community made it easy for him to choose that profession for 12 years, before selling the farm equipment and moving his family to Sulphur Springs, Texas. He then began another branch of agriculture in the dairy industry, beginning a partnership in which he owned and operated "Still Meadow Dairy" in the Pine Forest area of Hopkins County.

In 1974 Larry was elected chairman of the Hopkins County Dairy and Beef Producers Association and he was instrumental in representing dairymen in Washington D.C. at USDA Congressional Hearings.

Larry worked a few years with Farmers Co-op in calculating feed rations and sales for local dairymen, before enlarging his trucking business which hauled manufactured homes, beginning with Sulphur Springs Clayton Homes factory. Throughout the years Larry's creative approach to everyday life was shaped by his engineering capabilities, as he had endless ideas for projects and he could fix, design and/or build just about anything.

Larry enjoyed being an active member of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society for several years. Other activities he loved and enjoyed were hunting and working with horses. Larry's prayer many mornings included thankfulness to God for the opportunities and challenges of a new day. He was a faithful member of the body of Christ and worshiped and served with the League Street church of Christ congregation.

A memorial service will follow at a later date.

Memorials may be made to either Ghana/Togo Missions, PO Box 69, Kilgore, TX 75662 or In Search Of The Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, OK 73083.

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

Don Royce Horner

Arrangements are pending for Don Royce Horner who passed away in Honolulu, HI on Jan. 9, 2025.

He was born in Shirley, TX on Sept. 10, 1940 to Mabel & Raymond Horner.

Don grew up milking cows on the family dairy along side his two brothers. He graduated in 1958 from Sulphur Springs High School.

During his 20 years of serving his country in the United States Navy, he loved the times he was stationed in Hawaii, and after retiring spent the last several years of his life there.

Don is survived by his partner Ilona Benoit, brother Ray & wife Joan, & niece's & nephew's.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Rex.



Charlotte Hawkins

February 26, 1942 — February 5, 2025

Memorial service for Charlotte Hawkins, age 82 of Sulphur Springs will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. There will be no formal visitation.

Ms. Hawkins passed away at her home in Sulphur Springs on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.



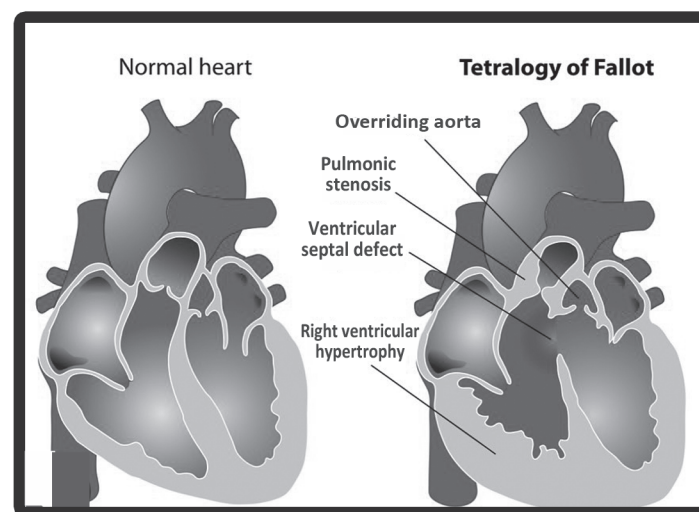
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Heart Disease is the #1 killer of men and women in the US. We have to make sure that we are not in that number! We can do this by taking care of ourselves, mentally and physically. The only way to change the statistics is to make more and more people aware and to collect more and more funding for additional research and less invasive care. Why is raising awareness important? Is your child important? Your grandchild? Your sibling, parent, friend?

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- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

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1. Anxiety (Stress)
2. Type A Personalities
3. The Daily Grind
4. Biking
5. Marathoning
6. Walking
7. Yoga
8. Marriage
9. Sex
10. Medicines for ED
11. Pets
12. Being in Love
13. Avoiding the Amusement Park
14. Scary Movies
15. Coffee
16. Tea
17. Energy Drinks
18. Nicotine, Cigars, Cigarettes
19. Video Games

February is American Heart Month! 10 Tips for a Healthy Heart!

1. Stop Smoking
2. Know Your Numbers
3. Screen For Diabetes
4. Get Active
5. Build Some Muscle
6. Eat Smart
7. Limit Junk
8. Stress Less
9. Sleep More
10. Smile