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The last of the Hopkins County area schools to graduate include Sulphur Bluff on Friday, June 3, at 6:30 pm in the new Bears Gym, and Sulphur Springs High School on Friday, June 3, at 8 pm in the Hopkins County Civic Center. (outdoor ceremonies were changed due to a rain forecast). Two more schools graduate on Saturday, June 4...North Hopkins at 3 pm in the new Panthers Gym, and Yantis ISD at Shannon Oaks Baptist Church. Congratulations to all the seniors...and we wish you a safe and fun summer!

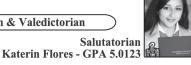


**Sulphur Springs High School 2016 Graduating Class** 



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**Sulphur Bluff Graduating Class** 

We waved the Red, White and Blue on Memorial Day in front of the Veterans Memorial on Celebration Plaza in downtown Sulphur Springs. A nice lady from Greenville with a soft place in her heart for Veterans came to our town and organized a solemn but joyous event for the public. The rainy forecast didn't keep a good number of citizens from attending. Thanks Darlene Stanford for your compassionate service in the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



A unique Texas/Western event is coming up in October and I want you to save the date! It's the second annual NetBio Cattleman's Classic "Ribeye Roundup" planned for October 7, 2016 on Celebration Plaza, in downtown Sulphur Springs. ENJOY a delicious hand-prepared ribeye meal for a \$25 ticket PLUS hear amazing local talent while you dine AND THEN stay for an 8pm Country Music/ Western Swing concert by the popular Texas dance band Jake Hooker and the Outsid-

ern Swing concert by the popular Texas daters. The concert will also feature special guest artist Jack Phillips, a young fiddler who is making a mark for himself in the Western Swing world. So, plan to dine OR ENTER the cooking competition for prizes! In any case, wear your boots and jeans and be ready to tap your toes or grab your partner and dance! The event celebrates the place that beef has on the tables and plates of true Texans!



Entertainment Committee finalizing concert plans...Matt Dunn, Enola Gay, Rodney Lennon, Missy McClure.

Life has been very busy lately! With Dairy Festival coming up, it's likely to get busier! Sometime this summer, I'm gonna spend more time on the home range and closer to the corral gate! Honk when you go by!



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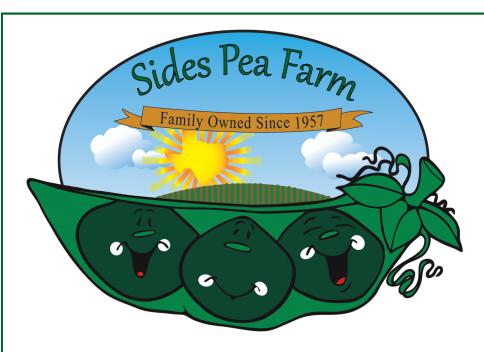
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## Danny A. Durham

Funeral services for Danny A. Durham, age 80, of Sulphur Springs, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 3, 2016 at League Street Church of Christ. Visitation will be at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mr. Durham passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



#### John M. Sharber

Funeral services for John M. Sharber, age 94, of Sulphur Springs, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at First Baptist Church with Bro. Tommy Johnston officiating. Military Graveside Honors by the Hopkins County Military Coalition followed at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Marco Gregory, Fellipe Guerro, Johnny Ross, Carson, Lee, and Steve Sharber. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mr. Sharber went to be with the Lord, on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

He was born December 27, 1921 in Somerset, TX to John William and Katy Mae Webb Sharber. John was married to Barbara Ruth Pickle for 52 years and she preceded him in death in 2007. He served in the United States Navy during WWII. Thereafter,

he worked for the FAA for more than 20 years. John was an avid golfer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church for many years, where he directed childrens's chapel, taught Bible Study of the Radio and TV Bible class.

He is survived by sons, John Wayne and wife, Judy, of Sulphur Springs, Steven and wife, Beverly, of Belleville, Illinois, and Marshall Lee Sharber and wife, Tena of La Grange, KY, two Grandchildren: Shelly Gregory and husband, Marco, and Carson Sharber, and one great grandchild, Eleanor Gregory.



#### **Melvin Ray Hayes**

Funeral service for Melvin Ray Hays, age 81, of Point, were held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 2:00 pm, at Bull Creek Cowboy Church in Lone Oak. Bro. Mike Moss, Bro. Paul McMerrell, and Bro. Brent Johnson officiated. Interment followed in Lone Star Cemetery in Point. Visitation was on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.

Mr. Hays passed away Friday, May 27, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 28, 1934, in Point, to William Thomas and Vessie Shepard Hays. He married Annette Louise Jones in Mesquite on Aug. 12, 1972. Mr. Hays was self-employed as a back-hoe operator. He and his family were members of Bull Creek Cowboy Church.

Survivors include: Wife: Annette Hays of Point; Daughters: Melanie Lemons (Larry) of Lone Oak, and Sherry Malone of Lone Oak; Grandchildren: Braxton Burns, Dillin Moore, Kaleb Moore, and Natalee Burns; Mr. Hays was preceded in death by: parents; brothers, Ernest Hays, Hubert Hays, Tommy Hays, and J.D. Hays; and sisters, Emma Ruth Hays and Mary Lou Groves.



#### J.D. (Mac) McGuyer

J. D. (Mac) McGuyer, of Commerce, Texas, joined his family in Christ on 30 May, 2016. J D was born on 11 February 1918 in Charleston, Texas, to Benjamin and Florence McGuyer. He grew up on the family farm in Charleston and attended school there through the eighth grade. He attended Cooper High School and earned his high school diploma in 1937. He then attended barber school and started his barber career in Jacksonville, Texas.

On 6 November 1945; he married Dorothy Hendley in Oak Cliff, Texas. He worked as a barber in Oak Cliff, Texas. To help with the illness of a relative, they moved to Canyon, Texas for a year, and returned to the Paris, Texas and Dallas area afterward. In 1954, they moved to Commerce, Texas where he soon became the owner of the West Side Barber Shop in downtown Commerce.

He is survived by his dear friend of 40 years, Dr. Margaret Steigman of Tyler, Texas. He is survived by his son Monty McGuyer and wife Lisa, of Campbell, Texas; and son Shawn McGuyer of Alpine, Texas; grandchildren: Angela McGuyer of Granbury, Laurie Lively and husband Steven of Stephenville, Julie Blackburn and husband Mark of Stephenville, Lisa McGuyer of Dallas, Kristan McGuyer of Forney, Lance McGuyer, Josh McGuyer and Emily McGuyer of Campbell, Texas; great-grandchildren Erin McGuyer-Huffman and Robyn Huffman of Granbury, Luke Blackburn, Abbey Blackburn, Macie Lively and Bryson Lively of Stephenville, Texas.

Services will be Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in the Jones-Walker & Son Chapel with Bro. Terry Bryan officiating.

Visitation will be held Friday June 3, 2016 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Interment with military honors will be held at Rosemound Cemetery following the service.



## **Mary Elizabeth Norris**

Mary Elizabeth Norris, age 97, the daughter of Elijah James and Beatrice Branch was born in Dangerfield, TX on February 9, 1919. She died in Sulphur Springs, TX on May 26, 2015. She grew up in Barstow, TX prior to living in Fresno, CA and Pecos TX. She was one of 10 children. In 1941 she moved to Winnsboro, TX assist her brother and his wife with their children. While there she married Horacio Norton, and remained with him until he died. There was nothing more important to her than God and family. She never met a person that wasn't a friend, but when you live to be 97, you lose many of those along the way.

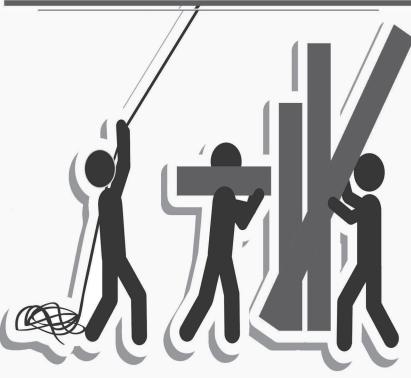
She is survived by her nephews: Barclay Benard, Jim Bobber Benard, Gaston Keto Bernard, all of Amarillo, TX, her niece Pinkie Lue McGill of Winnsboro, TX, many great nieces and nephews and nearly as many great-great nieces and nephews.

In heaven she will be joining a host of friends, her mother and father, her 9 brothers and sisters including BeeMoil Benard, her nieces Mae Willie Lovingood, Myrtie Bea Fletcher and Orbree Inez Dixon.

Visitation and services will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Winnsboro House of Praise, 209 S. Post Oak, Winnsboro, TX 75494. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM, with funeral services following at 2:00 PM, Bro. Gary Hampton officiating. Interment will follow at Sandfield Cemetery in Como, with Dexter Friday, Excellent McGill, Samuel Friday III, and Glen Waddleton serving as pallbearers.

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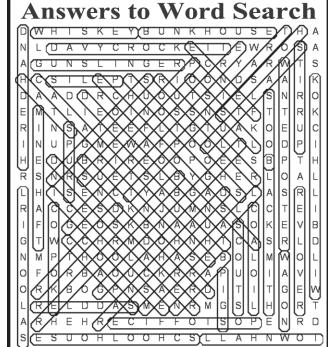
Surely wheels were big news on that first day of "roundness." Long before the Flintstones--and whenever life first "went better with Coke"--wheels absolutely "gained traction," pun intend-

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Every time I went to southeast Texas I kept noticing acres of school buses on a large business lot on Interstate 10 near Winnie. I thought it was a school bus graveyard. Boy, was I

Earlier this year on my way to Beaumont I passed it again and decided to check it out. I turned around, went back there,

and me t the friendly office manager, Greg Simon. He told me all about the business, which is owned by Carl Smith of Baytown. About that time Carl walked in with his two small dogs. He buys, sells and rents school buses. "Twenty-five years ago I bought two buses and took them down to Laredo and sold them into Mexico. And ever since then I've been in the bus busi-

He has bought ten thousand buses and sold them. "My first big deal I bought 72 buses from Cypress Fairbanks School District in Houston and sold them all." He did lots of business during hurricane Katrina. "I sold about seventy-five buses to churches. People were coming from everywhere wanting to go to New Orleans to pick up people down there."

His company is Interstate Bus Sales and Rentals. Greg told me the business has 325 buses on hand located on five acres of land. "We rent buses to the construction industry and they use them to transport their workers from a parking lot to the building site. We just sent a bunch of buses to near McCamey where they're building a large solar field. We just made a deal to export seventy-five buses to West Africa. We're in the process of getting those buses ready to put on a ship to take them on a thirty-day journey across the ocean."

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Some buses come from auctions. "Schools only keep buses maybe ten years, then they replace them and put their old buses up for auction."

Some people buy a bus and customize it. Greg says some people turn them into motor homes. One professional wildlife photographer bought a bus and had the rear half of the body removed. He turned the remaining front part into living quarters and hauls his four-wheeler on the back.

Lots of people think they get a bus for a thousand dollars or so, but that's not the case. "These are good buses," says Greg. "All these buses that you see on this lot are dependable. I can put a battery in one and wouldn't hesitate about driving it to California. Everybody thinks the buses are junk. They're not. And they're not cheap. That white bus I'm looking at right now sells for thirty thousand dollars."

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