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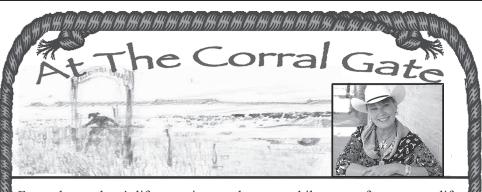
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One final note about Reilly Springs...please be in the audience on the third Saturday, June 18, for the Reilly Springs Jamboree featuring the music of Jacoby Smith and Midnight Twang. These young musicians love country music...that's the REAL (and rare) kind, by the way...and they do it well! Oh and watch for the Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse mounted color guard carrying the American and Texas flags in the Hopkins County Dairy Festival Parade at 10 am through town and across the square on Saturday June 11 from Buford Park in Sulphur Springs. Americans, remember, as the flag passes in front of you, please show a sign of respect by removing your cap or hat, standing and/or saluting. You are setting an example for other Americans of all ages.

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THREE DAYS ON THE ROAD

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My 3-day interview trip to north and east Texas began by interviewing Eddie Trapp who lives in the small Delta County community of Charleston. He is a well-known teller of tales from the woods. He gave me a copy of his latest publication, ON THE RIVER WITH E.T. It has 100 stories in it and is the 12th book of 100 stories he has written. He told me how he catches wild hogs with his hands. Then I interviewed Anita Farcinade of Quitman who had a smoking pipe museum in California before starting her antique business in Texas. Among her treasures is a George Wash-

ington campaign pin. Rick Jackson of Sulphur Springs is part owner of a diamond mine in South Africa. His work experience includes being a hospital administrator, a chauffeur, a nightclub owner and inventor of x-ray equipment. Lyndsay Palmer moved back to Sulphur Springs from her executive chef job in New York to open a small café back in her hometown. Clay Harrison, Assistant DA graduated with high honors from Baylor law school and decided to make his home in Sulphur Springs where he grew up. He is a musician, writer and fitness guru. While in the military he fought terrorists in Southeast Asia. Marc Maxwell, Sulphur Springs city manager, took me on a walking tour of Main Street, which has been turned into an area reminiscent of Key West, with shops, sidewalk restaurants and a festive atmosphere. Author Colleen Hoover has a bookshop on Main Street and had the author of 50 SHADES OF GRAY come to her store for a book signing. Fans circled the block waiting to get her autograph. Sue Shaddix told me about growing up in nearby Como. That was the first day of the trip

First interview the second day was with Shelley Cleaver of Jacksonville who told me about a civil war saying of "Swallow the Dog." Some say it was the forerunner of our pledge of allegiance. Betty Marcontell of Rusk showed me around the Cherokee County Museum and told me about how prisoners built the railroad between Rusk and Palestine. Lurlene Bowden of Sardis told me about her latest cookbook, Lone Star Lickskillet. In Jacksonville, James Foster showed me the 1934 Rolls Royce he is restoring. Glenda Bludworth told me about the years she spent twirling a baton in high school and college and ended up being the first person to coach the Derrick Dolls for the Houston Oilers. More than 600 girls attended the audition. Only 40 were chosen. "We wanted girls who were beyond answering questions with things like 'world peace.' They had to be sharp mentally as well as looking good and being able to move their bodies." John Paul Young told me about coaching high school, college and pro football teams. I learned about the hobo cooking contest in Rusk and the Gopher Fest in Gallatin. Rusk Chamber Manager Tara Hood showed me concrete cabooses around town that people are painting and decorating. A real caboose from the Texas State Railroad is on display at the entrance to the city. The day ended with some wonderful stories from Ed Marcontell about growing up in the Big Thicket.

The third day began in Latexo where I interviewed Clara Hinson who melts wine, whiskey and beer bottles in her kiln and makes serving trays and bowls with them. She also has a huge collection of cookie jars, most of them snowmen or Santa Clauses. Joe Haden of Crockett showed me some of the vehicles he has created to win Houston's annual art car parade several times. I interviewed artist Bob Hallmark in Grapeland.

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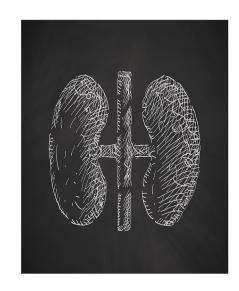
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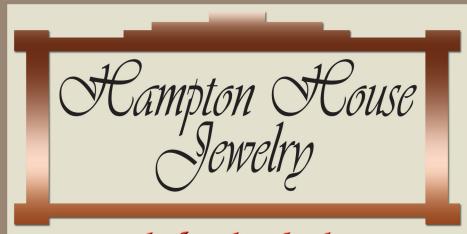
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Ruby Moore Cooper

Born: May 06, 1932 Died: June 04, 2016

Ruby N. Cooper, 84, of Commerce passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in Sulphur Springs.

Ruby was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on May 6, 1932, to Bertha Wood and Fred A. Moore. She was a retired nurses aide. Ruby enjoyed working out in her yard and making it pretty and she also enjoyed sewing.

Survivors include her children; Janice (Henry) Keller, Judy (Harold) Prince, Teresa Clayton and her fiancé Paul Lindley, Jerry Cooper and Tawana (Lupe) Cuarenta, her 9 grandchildren which are all boys: Nathaniel Keller, Chris Keller, Jason Keller, Bryan Edwards, Kevin Edwards, Wesley Edwards, Stephen Clayton, Brandon Clayton and Jessie Dafft, her 20 great grandchildren, her two sisters; Julie Flanery and June Jones, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents Bertha and Fred Moore, her husband J.D. Cooper, her grandson Johnathan Edwards and her sister Lois Crow.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Chapel with Bro. Mike Stone and Sis. Jeanette Harris officiating.

Pallbearers were Nathaniel Keller, Chris Keller, Jason Keller, Bryan Edwards, Kevin Edwards, Wesley Edwards, Stephen Clayton and Brandon Clayton.

Honorary pallbearers were Gene Crow, Jesse Dafft, Zackaray Edwards, Jeff Benson and Darron Drennon. Interment followed at Rosemound Cemetery in Commerce.



Lois B. Miller

Lois B. Miller, age 94 of Sulphur Springs, Texas, passed away Monday, June 6, 2016. She was born July 4, 1921, one of eleven children born to the late Lawrence and Minnie Goldsmith Cavender. She married C. M. Miller, Jr., October 15, 1938. Together they farmed and ranched in the Gunter area and later bought farm and ranch land near Van Alstyne, Texas, that provided beautiful grassland for the Hereford cattle and wheat crops. They were very active leaders in the Gunter community and College Hill Church. They had a bountiful garden that Lois always preserved to serve with her famous fried chicken and chocolate pies. When she was not cooking, she was sewing for her girls making everything they wore – from satin majorette uniforms to their formals. C. M. passed away January 16, 1996. Lois began traveling with her high school friend, Edna Clark,

and together with other friends from Sherman they toured Switzerland, Germany and especially Austria to see where the Sound of Music was filmed. She loved going to Branson, the Big Bend Country and the Fall Leaf Tours. Lois moved to Sulphur Springs in 2002 to be near family. It didn't take her long with her sweet spirit and love of others that she had many friends. One special friend, Essie Pearson, that rarely missed a daily visit. She so enjoyed her Care Group as a member of Shannon Oaks Church. After a fall in 2006 and needing special care, Tasha Webb, began not only helping care for her physical needs, she became like a daughter that cared for her until she passed away this week. She will be forever remembered for her love of family and her love for her many friends and the way she made everyone feel special. Lois is survived by two daughters: Deloris Elliott and husband, Roger, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Judy Doggett and husband, Gary, of Houston, Texas. Grandchildren: Tim Elliott and wife Jamie of Heath, Texas, Jeff Doggett of Houston, Texas, Chris Doggett and wife Karen of Frisco, Texas, and Traci Denton and husband Chad from Austin, Texas. Great-grandchildren: Reagan and Sophie Elliott, Taylor, Lexie and Colton Doggett, Grant and Claire Denton. Also surviving is her brother, George Cavender and wife Frankie of Howe, Texas, numerous nieces and nephews. Also a special friend, John Scott Rogers, of Gunter, Texas. A special thank you to the High School Medical students that came every Monday morning to visit and play games – she so looked forward to seeing all of them. She took the daily paper just so she could keep up with their activities. And to the David and Pam Black family that she grew to love like family. The family would like to express our deep gratitude for the loving and compassionate care from the staff at Carriage House Country Cottage – Legacy Hospice and a special thank you to Dr. Darren Arnecke with whom she had a unique relationship. Pallbearers will be grandsons and great- grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be her nephews and nieces. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home followed by a Memorial Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services were held at 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at City Cemetery in Van Alstyne, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Katie Sinclair

Katie Freeman Sinclair died on May 27, 2016, and at her request no funeral services were conducted. Her body was interred at Sparkman Hillcrest Mausoleum, Dallas, Texas on May 27, 2016.

Memorials may be sent to Friends of the Library at P.O. Box 1281, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483 or to Greenview Cemetery Association at P.O. box 1504, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483.

Leroy Jenkins

Funeral services for Leroy Jenkins age 70, of Sulphur Springs, were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2016 at Cross Spurs Cowboy Church, interment followed at Emblem Cemetery. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mr. Jenkins passed away on Friday, June 3, 2016 at Baylor Heart Hospital of Plano.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Curtis Wayne Burkham

Private Services for Curtis Wayne Burkham, age 65 of Sulphur Springs will be held at a later date. There will be no formal visitation. Curtis passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Trinity Mother Frances in Tyler. He was born on August 21, 1950 in Sulphur Springs the son of Jack, Jr. and Emma Joyce (Oshield) Burkham. He married Sunee Petmajurut. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and was a boat mechanic. He is survived by his wife; sons, Billy Wayne Burkham and William Bryan Burkham; one sister, Brenda Joy of Monroe, OK; three brothers, Ronald Gene Burkham of OK, Stanton Lee Burkham of Sulphur Springs and Bryan Keith Burkham of Sulphur Springs and three grandchildren.

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A Lesson Remembered...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Sobering lessons sometimes occur when the inviter explained. 1-10, in several catwe are caught between "All you have to do is egories, including perthe unforgiving jaws of judge the queen con-sonality, poise, evening reality. The "clamped test. There'll be two oth- gowns, and.... down and locked po- er judges, so you won't sition" is preferable, take the heat for the dethough, to jaws grinding cision." away for the next bite of Feeling buttons strain- seriously. Neither of us

bank of bitter experienc- paper in Odessa....

Though I hold three expectedly. Yep, blind- distant place. sided....

ing and hatband shrink- ranked any candidates In such situations, our ing, I accepted. Surely below "4's" in any catprayers may hit the ceil- my "judgeship" appoint- egory, with most of 'em ing with a thud. At the ment would be chron- getting "8's" and "9's". thought of the next step- icled--albeit with small The out-of -town "ring--big time chewing--we headlines--in area pub- er," however, took a difare apt to seize the mo-lications like Fort Stock-ferent approach. ment, ready to make a ton and Alpine. Maybe Word had it--and I can't deposit into our memory even the regional news- prove this--that she

university degrees--as paid scant attention to ing 10s in all columns to well as a smattering of the names of the other ONE candidate meant "book-learning" in post- two judges. One was this "Minnie Pearl lookwork--most a longtime, deeply re- alike" essentially named important lessons have spected area ranch "Miss Fort Stockton." been learned in life's woman and the other, Except for the winner laboratories, often un- a "professional" from a and members of her

fessional" because she voted to far and feather Popping quickly to got a free plane ticket all three of us. mind is an invitation ex- to Midland Air Field, altended some 50 years beit a coach fare. Also, zoomed back to the airago to serve as a judge a "high muckety-muck" port in that same new for "Miss Fort Stockton" from Fort Stockton car, considerably faster at the community's an- chauffeured her in a than on the inbound trip. nual water carnival. I brand new car provided I meandered, driving was dumbstruck with by a local dealership. the hour back to Alpine, giddiness, the kind with (The rancher and I got where I was a junior cotton candy sweet- handshakes of thanks.) member of the Sul Ross During our instruc- faculty....

tions, we were told to

"Hey, it's an honor," rank each contestant,

We two area judges took the assignment

gave ALL candidates zeros in all categories. Only half listening, I save one entry. Awardfamily, others at the wa-Maybe she was "pro- ter carnival might have

The visiting judge

Answers on pg. 4

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