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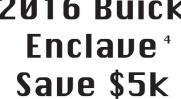


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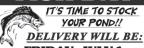
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"Terrific Tuesdays" meets at The First United Methodist Church Family Life Center at 301 Church Street, Sulphur Springs.

Contact Joyce McDonald at 903-243-5620 for more information.

## Sulphur Springs

Just play. Have fun. Celebrate!

#### Sulphur Springs Activities

Fri, June 24, 8pm – 10pm - ET The Extra Terrestrial showing in Celebration Plaza at Dark.

Sat, June 25, 2:00pm – 4:30pm - CM Healy Book Signing. The bookwormbox, 206 Main St, Sulphur Springs, TX. Children and young adults fairy tales, author C.M. Healy visits with us in Sulphur Springs!

Sat, June 25, 6pm – 10pm - Celebration Market. Celebration Plaza, 100 Church St, Sulphur Springs, TX. Celebration Market, downtown Sulphur Springs. Come down for food, fresh produce, handmade arts & crafts, jewelry & more!

Sat, June 25, 6pm – 10pm - DJ Rugg on Celebration Plaza. Celebration Plaza, 100 Church St, Sulphur Springs, TX. 7

Sat, July 2, 6pm – 10pm - Independence Day Celebration on Celebration Plaza. 100 Church St, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Fri, July 8, 8pm – 10pm - The Hunger Games- Mockingjay Trilogy at Buford Park at Dark.

Sat, July 9, 7pm – 9pm - Ernesto's Mariachi Band on Celebration Plaza. Spanish music.

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As we enter into Summer 2016, it's good to pause and look back at the past half of the year. We had rain...a LOT of rain in Hopkins County. For the months of March, April, May and so far in June, we've had over 26 inches of rainfall according to Irwin Schwartz, my contact at the Water Treatment Plant in Sulphur Springs. Amounts may vary out there in the countryside where you live.. Garden planting was delayed for some gardeners by mud and soft ground, but in the long run, gardens have been VERY good this Spring. I've been harvesting tomatoes from my backyard garden. They are container-grown and about 7 feet tall now. They're continuing to set blooms on the top branches, so I guess there will be more tomatoes if I keep them watered and stand on a ladder. The four plants were greenhouse-started and given to me by Stan Cooper, the engineer at KSST Radio. He's got a green thumb and a generous heart. Also, did you hear about the 9-foot tall sunflower that Ed Payne has grown out a Rocky Ridge? I'm not sure it's actually through growing yet! Their sandy-land backyard garden is always super-productive.

We mark the passing of horse doctor J.D. Norris. He passed away June 1 at his home in Sulphur Springs at the age of 77. Originally of El Dorado, Arkansas, John Dee Jr. went to college during most of the 1960's and received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1968 from Texas A and M University. Over the years, he went back to the school frequently for training in new techniques for treating horses.. He had an inquisitive mind and liked to employ the knowledge he gained for the benefit of animals in his care. At times, Dr. Norris used experimental treatment on horses I have owned, always resulting in a great deal of good if not a total cure. His vet facility and barn on Loop 301 were friendly and open to his patients and their owners. In the summers, he took the lead in cautioning pet and livestock owners about the dangers of rabid wild animals, even taking air time on the radio to inform and remind listeners about rabies safety. He was a founding member of the NETBIO organization, a calf pre-conditioning regimen designed to assist small farmers/ranchers in Hopkins County. Crowds of people came to pay their

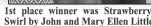
respects at the funeral visitation, where a slide show and photo display revealed him to be a strapping and smiling young man during college and in the Navy. In adult life, he devoted himself to serving God's creatures. I overheard more than one person say "He was a fine man". He never gave up while fighting several battles with illness, and he won all but one of them. Thank you Dr. Norris and all vets like you, for your leadership, care and compassion.



#### Summer's the time for homemade ice cream.

Here are the winners of the Ice Cream Freeze-Off held recently at the Sulphur Springs Senior Citizens Center.







2nd place Pecan Pie by State Champ Henry Penson



3rd place Butter Pecan Brickle by Shirley Brock

There were 16 Freezers of Homemade Ice Cream at the Sulphur Springs Senior Citizens Center for the Ice Cream Freeze Off. All 16 Freezers were wonderful and the Seniors had a hard time selecting the top three winners. Each Senior was given 3 Poker Chips and was asked to taste all of the different flavors and award their top three with a poker chip.

Honorable Mentions went to: Randy Steele for his Big Red Ice Cream, Marcie Gammill and Micah Sheedy for their Banana Nut Ice Cream, Stephanie Stephens for her Lemon Pie Ice Cream and Judith Beck and Michelle Mims Funk for their Cherry Nut Ice Cream.

A thumbs up to members of the Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse who volunteered with local law enforcement in several duties during the Dairy Festival Parade on June 11. Special member Tex Maynard along with Jimmy Harris carried the 🛭 colors and led the Parade from Buford Park through downtown to near I-30. It sure is good to see Old Glory flying and people standing at attention when our colors pass! Til next week, let's count our blessings as Americans, and I'll watch for you at the corral gate!



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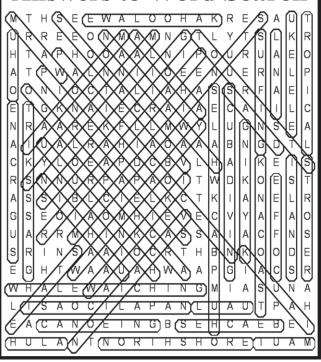
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#### WHEN TV GOT TO BIG LAKE

**Tumbleweed Smith** 



Not much goes on in Big Lake without Louise Matthews having something to do with it.

"Our life has been very very busy for everything that you have ever heard of in your life," she says. "We've always done it or helped out doing it or financing some of it or what-

Louise, who is 86, has had a Hallmark card shop in Big Lake for more than fifty years. When she decided to get into

the business, she contacted Hallmark and requested information about becoming part of the franchise. She never heard back. She was in a Hallmark store in San Angelo months later and noticed a man with an open briefcase talking to one of the clerks near the cash register. Louise asked the man if he was from Hallmark and he said he was. She told the man she had sent a letter to Hallmark requesting affiliation but had not had a reply. The man reached into his briefcase, pulled out a letter and said, "Is this it?" Sure enough it was and Louise was on her way to having a Hallmark store. Her husband is a resourceful man. He brought TV to town.

"Well there was no TV in Big Lake. We were too far away from the stations." So my husband put up this tower out here. It was 150 feet tall and he was able to pick up TV signals from Midland, Odessa and Monahans and transmit it out here in Big Lake. We had to put up a little square antenna on each house and a box receiver on the TV. Customers paid \$3.75 a month for the service. And we still made a living. That lasted for many years and then the satellites came in so we lost that job. Who would have ever thought that television signals would come out from space? Unreal."

The business had a truck with the words CALL ME FOR TV painted on it. "Our phones rang all the time. I was really busy then. I was raising four sons, was a Cub Scout den mother and worked at the church. When we went to Comstock and they saw our truck and read the words about TV on it, our phone just rang and rang and rang. We put a tower in Comstock, 250 feet tall. When my son came home from college he'd climb that tower and change the light bulb at the top. We had to make sure the light was on so a plane wouldn't hit the tower. Before we put up that tower, people in Comstock would go to Del Rio and rent a motel room to watch a football game."

Louise and her husband opened a store and sold televisions. They sold the Zenith brand because it had a gold-plated tuner. She said fumes from oil wells caused other tuners to corrode up and not work. They had the first color television in Big Lake. It was a curiosity to her friends and neighbors.

"On holidays they came to my house. One Sunday I had 32 people in my living room to see color television. That was brand new. We had just black and white to begin with."

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#### **EARLY LIFE**

Bryan was born to James and Elizabeth (Neely) Bryan in Fayetteville, Tennessee. There, he attended the Fayetteville Military Academy and after studying law was admitted to the Tennessee Bar. Around the year 1833 he left Tennessee and moved to Arkansas, where he was an Indian trader. According to some sources, he and a business partner laid out Van Buren, Arkansas.

#### **EXPLORING DALLAS**

Bryan visited the Dallas area in 1839 looking for a place to create a trading post. After finding a good spot, he returned to Arkansas to settle affairs. In November 1841 he returned to Texas, where he learned that a treaty had forced half of his prospective customers, Native Americans, out of North Texas. Bryan decided that a trading post was no longer feasible, so instead he established a permanent settlement, which eventually became the burgeoning city of Dallas.



Replica of John Neely Bryan's cabin, Founders Plaza, Dallas,

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF DALLAS

Bryan was very important to early Dallas — he served as the postmaster, a storeowner, a ferry operator (he operated a ferry where Commerce Street crosses the Trinity River today) and his home served as the court house. In 1844 he persuaded J. P. Dumas to survey and plat the site of Dallas and possibly helped him with the work. Bryan was instrumental in the organizing of Dallas County in 1846 and in the choosing of Dallas as its county seat in August 1850. When Dallas became the county seat, Bryan donated the land for the courthouse. In 1843 he married Margaret Beeman, a daughter of the Beeman family who settled in Dallas from Bird's Fort. The couple had five children. Another Beeman, John, arrived in Dallas in April 1842 and planted the first corn.

#### **GOLD RUSH**

In 1849, Bryan went to California during the gold rush but returned within a year. In January 1853 he was a delegate to the Texas state Democratic convention. In 1855, Bryan shot a man who had insulted his wife and fled to the Creek Nation. The man he shot made a full recovery, and Bryan certainly would've been informed, but still Bryan did not return to Dallas for about six years. During that time he travelled to Colorado and California, probably looking for gold. He returned to Dallas in time to take part in a brief military expedition against the Comanche Indians in 1860.

#### LATE LIFE

Bryan joined Col. Nicholas H. Darnell's Eighteenth Texas Cavalry regiment in the winter of 1861 and served with the unit until late 1862 when he was discharged due to his old age and poor health. He returned to Dallas in 1862 and again became actively involved in community affairs. In 1863 he was a trustee for the Dallas Male and Female Academy. In 1866, during a Dallas flood, he was very prominent in aiding those affected. He also chaired a citizens' meeting that pushed the Houston and Texas Central Railway to complete the railway through the city, and presided at a rally that sought to get full political rights for all ex-Confederates. In 1871 and 1872 Bryan became one of the directors of the Dallas Bridge Company, which built the first iron bridge across the Trinity River. He also stood on the platform at the welcoming ceremonies for the Houston and Texas Central Railway when the first train pulled into town in mid-July 1872.

By 1874 Bryan's mind was clearly impaired, though it is not known exactly how. He was admitted to the Texas State Lunatic Asylum in February 1877 and died there on 18 September 1877. He is believed to be buried in a now-unmarked grave in the southeast quadrant of the Austin State Hospital Cemetery. In 1954 a white granite marker honoring the Dallas founder was erected by the James Butler Bonham chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Pioneer Cemetery, adjacent to the downtown Dallas Convention Center.

A large marker bearing the name "Bryan" and displaying two "Citizen of the Republic of Texas" medallions honoring John Neely Bryan and his wife stands in Riverside Cemetery at Wichita Falls, Texas. It overlooks the graves of Margaret Beeman Bryan (1825-1919), her son John Neely Bryan, Jr. (1846-1926) and other family members.

A Texas Historical Marker "Beeman Memorial Cemetery," located east of downtown Dallas just off of Dolphin Road, states that John Neely Bryan is buried in the Beeman family plot of his wife, Margaret, and other Beeman family members. This cemetery is somewhat hard to locate, but is located just behind a large Jewish Cemetery (Shearith Israel) on Dolphin Road just south of Military Parkway. Cultural references

The Grassy Knoll and Bryan pergola in Dealey Plaza.

The concrete pergola upon which Abraham Zapruder was standing during the John F. Kennedy assassination as he made the Zapruder film was originally placed in Dealey Plaza in honor of Bryan, and is named for him.



The Grassy Knoll and Bryan pergola in Dealey Plaza.

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Consider his bungled mar- folks exited his funeral. riage proposal to Joyce. She a 210-pound football player drunken driver. or a 130-pound poet?" The century.

"They won't accept blood Kevin's best friend..... from persons on Alzheimer's

Hal battled Alzheimer's for ice cream cup giveaways as

Alzheimer's was one of sister Melissa. accepted--IF he'd place the Hal's many battles. Consider

and thin" journey for a half- Yet, he, too, forged on, fin- smile.... ishing Lubbock Monterey Much of Hal's life elicited High School a few days after smiles, even at age 68, when Greg's funeral. The loss of else. he donated a kidney to an ac- his dad a quarter-century latquaintance with critical need. er was even greater; Hal was Kevin took over management

Between the two losses, Kevin opted for a four-year his caring father. Hal, for stint in the Navy, serving in many years a deacon and the Persian Gulf War. He lost Sunday school teacher, raseveral buddies along the diated an ever-present spirit

he clung to his dad, mom and sure up. Or maybe life's "gut

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He valued family above all

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#### **Alice Davidson**

Funeral Services for Alice Davidson of Sulphur Springs will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating and Rev. Mark Bryant assisting. Interment will follow at Pickton Cemetery with Terry Davidson, James Hightower, Michael Kolbe, Dr. Danny Lawrence, Billy Sartin, Mike Young, Jerry Dodd and Rip VanWinkle serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held Monday, June 20, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Alice passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at her residence, in Sulphur Springs. She was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala the daughter of Gabriel and Chusita (Lopez) Diaz. She married John B. Davidson in a civil ceremony in Dallas and Guatemala City. She was a retired teacher aide from the Sulphur Springs school system and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; son, Brack Davidson of Sulphur Springs; daughters, Sarah Davidson of Sulphur Springs, Lana Sartin of Sulphur Springs and Karen Carnes of Lindale; grandchildren, Kelly LaGrone, Shawna Sartin, Shannon Lawrence; and great-grandchildren, Hallie, Sadie Lawrence, and Kameron Moore.

She is preceded in death by three sisters, Doris Diaz, Lolo Magana and Ruth De Garcia; and one brother Moises Diaz.



#### **Mary Frances Sartin**

Graveside services for Mary Frances Sartin, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2016 at Arbala Cemetery with Aaron Huddleston and Adam Teer officiating. Pallbearers were Dr. Danny Lawrence, Nicholas Floyd, Joe Freeman, Jimmy Pulver, Aaron Huddleston, and Adam Teer. There was no formal visitation. Mary Frances Sartin passed away Saturday morning, June 18, 2016 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. She was born February 21, 1930 in Claunch, NM to Calvin Reagan Petross and Ruby Elvira (Stacy) Petross. Mrs. Sartin married Billy

Sartin, Sr. on October 26, 1949 in Sulphur Springs. He preceded her in death in 1995. She was a homemaker and a member of Seymore Church of Christ.

Survivors include: daughter, Karen Stone and husband, Jeremy, of Como; sons, Bryan Sartin and wife, Comella, of Yantis, Billy Sartin, Jr. and wife, Lana, of Sulphur Springs, and Bobby Sartin of Yantis; brother Roy Petross of Yantis; grandchildren, Andria Pulver, Joe Freeman, Ashley Floyd, Shawna Sartin, Shannon Lawrence, and Billy Glenn Sartin; great-grandchildren, Colten and Maci Freeman, Audrey and Blake Pulver, Easton Floyd, and Hallie and Sadie Lawrence.

She was preceded in death by brother, Reagan Petross and sisters, Beulah Faye Douglas and Rita Mae Dancey. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

#### **Patsy Ruth Cooper**

Patsy Ruth Cooper, age 67, of Emory, passed away Monday, June 13, 2016, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. Pat was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Emory, to Bob and Cleo Holland McDaniel. She married Charles S. Cooper, March 1990 in Emory. Pat was a homemaker and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include: Husband: Charlie Cooper of Emory; Daughter: Carla Ruth Black (Brad) of Noble, OK; Sons: Harold Lee Fatheree of Emory; and Rodney Shane Leslie (Jennifer) of Noble, OK; Sister: Frances Rice (Keith) of Sulphur Springs; Brother: Glenn Howle of Sulphur Springs; 3 Step-children; Numerous grandchildren; Preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Frankie Joe McDaniel Memorial service will be announced at a later date.



#### Violet Adell Dixon

The strongest woman we know, Violet Adell Dixon, left this earth to be with the angels on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. She was called home at 11:50 a.m. from the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. Adell was born June 25th, 1931 in the Peerless Community, the daughter of Robert Forest Free and Mary LouAutie Kincaid Free. She married Eugene Dixon November 15, 1950 in Hugo, Oklahoma. He left this earth on Valentine's Day, 2005. Adell was a loving mother and devoted wife and she was an inspiration for her family. Her passions included her kids and grandkids, word puzzles, and politics. Did I mention politics! She was a spitfire, and would want you to know, she was a proud Texas Democrat. She was tiny, but she was stout, she was stern, but compassionate. She would set a high standard for you, expected you to attain it, and was behind you every step of the way. She said if you believe in something, stand for it.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her brother, Roscoe.

Adell is survived by her four children, Deborah Dixon of Tira, Susan and Jim Patterson of Posey, Darryl and Carla Dixon of Sulphur Springs, and Sara Thompson of Texarkana; plus numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

To honor her wishes, there will be no formal visitation. A graveside memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 20th at North Hopkins Cemetery in Birthright. West Oaks Funeral Home is in charge of services. She will be terribly missed.



#### Peggy Janice Meadlin

Funeral services for Peggy Janice Meadlin "Auntie", age 77, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Al Davis officiating and Jackie McQueen assisting. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Cemetery with Chris Pryor, Patrick Pipkin, Cody Pipkin, Jason Mobley, Gary Mobley and Dylan Smith serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Sammy Burnett, Jr., Brad Mobley, Randy Mobley and Tommy Mobley. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mrs. Meadlin passed away Sunday, June 19, 2016 at her residence.

Mrs. Meadlin was born on July 13, 1938 in the Sunny Slope Community the daughter of George Ellie Mobley and Clydie Marie Moore Mobley. She married Jerry Truett Meadlin on May 9, 1959 in Duncanville. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Meadlin retired from Sears and Roebuck in Dallas as a buyer and was a member of Grace Family Church.

She is survived by three sisters, Alice Pryor, Paula Pipkin and Cathy Baird, two brothers, Glenn Mobley and Danny Mobley, special nephew and family, Chris, Jennifer, Shyann and Rayleigh Pryor, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Charles Ellie Mobley and Jerry Lee Mobley, sister Mary JoAnn Mobley Burnett.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



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