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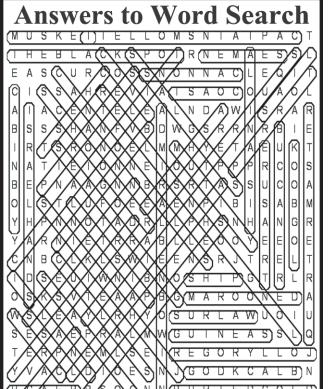
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As far as the indoors, here are a few tips for staying cooler.

- 1. Consider planting trees around your house to provide shade. This can keep your home cooler and reduce your cooling bill. In addition to shade, all those leaves act like "little fans" and actually increase the breeze!
- 2. Consider "solar screens" on your home's windows. These screens reflect the sun's heat, keep your home cooler and keep energy costs down. If you are a FEC customer, you may be able to get rebates on solar screens, LED light bulbs, insulation and energy-efficient water heaters.
- 3. Use smaller cooking appliances during the heat of the summer, like your toaster, crock pot and microwave. Think twice before you use the burners or the oven! These really heat up the house!
- 4. Use fans in addition to air conditioning. Although fans don't actually cool a room, the moving air that fans produce can cool the people in the room by about 5 degrees.
- 5. Replace your old incandescent light bulbs with the new cooler LED's. About 85% of the electricity used by incandescent light bulbs is turned
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Aaahhh..those good ole summertime foods...corn on the cob grillin' and sweet watermelon and cantaloupe chillin'. I know many of us try to eat as healthy as we can. Many of us grow some of our food and also enjoy "natural" and "organic" products from the store. True, some of the most common staples in our kitchens may contain GMO ingredients, but up til now we have been able to make personal choices through careful label reading. That may be about to change nationwide if a bill that would modify current GMO labeling passes the House. After months of arguing and bargaining, the Senate voted in favor of the bill last week. As of now, it has not come before the House of Representatives. The essence of the bill is that food manufacturers and producers will have to disclose GMO ingredients but won't have to put the information right on the label. The labels could disclose required information in three ways: with a written statement on the package, with a phone number or link to a website, or with a QR code that could be scanned by a smart phone. Critics of this bill are calling it a "no-label" labeling law, and also claim that many foods containing GMO's could be exempt from labeling. Let's watch how this develops. Let's also look seriously at planting and growing a garden. There's still time for a fall garden!

100 HORSES IN HISTORY

Tumbleweed Smith



The other day Gayle Stewart of Spicewood was looking at some of her books and found Black Beauty signed by her Godmother in 1964. She has several books about horses which she considers treasures and will never get rid of them. She describes herself as horse crazy.

"From the time I was four years old I've always loved horses. I took my first riding lesson at eight, then got the whole family involved. My brother rodeoed, my sister had a Shetland

pony named Jim Bob, named after Jim Bob Altizer, the famous roper from Del Rio. The fascination with horses just grew and grew and became a family project that was just wonderful. It was the best time of my family's life, really. Then we turned eighteen and couldn't compete in junior shows any more so we turned to other interests."

She studied political science and journalism at the University of Oklahoma and after graduation worked for newspapers and ad agencies doing feature stories on horses. Some of her writings have appeared in major publications and she has won numerous awards. She has written a book titled 100 Horses in History, true stories of horses who shaped our world.

"My brother came to visit and it's funny how these things happen," says Gayle. "I was opening a magazine and there was an ad from Franklin Mint for a small statue of Traveller, Robert E. Lee's horse. So we went around the table taking turns mentioning famous horses. My brother, who is really smart and is a college professor, said to me, 'you've been writing about these horses, why don't you open a file on your computer and every time you think of a horse, put him in. Before you know it you'll have a book.' It wasn't quite that easy, but that's how it got started."

The book features horses from all over the world and includes western movie stars Trigger, Silver and Champion; Wimpy, the quarter horse from the King Ranch; Black Jack, the ceremonial horse for JFK's funeral procession; Copenhagen, who carried the Duke of Wellington into the Battle of Waterloo against Napoleon and the horse Lady Godiva rode nude through the streets of Coventry.

Gayle traveled all over the US and the UK doing research for her book. Her husband is a pilot and that helped with some transportation bills.

"I just scoured libraries and made sure I footnoted everything. It took ten years to do the research and write the book. I kind of took my time. It took a while to get letters and information back, then I checked and double-checked all my facts. I drew on my own experiences and my own love of certain horses and then added others, like Snowman, the first jumper to win the triple crown of show jumping."

Her book contains vintage photographs and artwork. 100 Horses in History is available for \$19.95 at museums, horse parks, bookstores and Amazon. www.tumbleweedsmith.com

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HOPKINS COUNTY "HAYSTACK" CHOIR VISITS NEW YORK CITY







Haystack at Statue of Liberty.







Haystack Choir at NY Mets Game





Two dozen "Haystack" (Hopkins Area Youth Singing to Anoint Christ King) high-school singers got a taste of the Big Apple during an Independence season trip to New York City. The town was still festooned with red, white and blue when the group arrived on July 5. They discovered that while New York is fiercely American, it is also an international mecca where flags, dialects and symbols of cultural pride are on display everywhere.

The travel group headquartered at The Row NY Hotel on 8th Avenue in a neighborhood near Broadway and Times Square. They discovered subway travel, digital billboards looming above, crowded sidewalks and a smorgasbord of restaurants. They did some shopping and sightseeing, and a lot of walking and singing. They met with an appreciation and acceptance of their gift of music to the city. In fact, a welcome much larger than might have been imagined was awaiting them on Day 4 of the trip. As the nation was mourning the shootings of police officers in Dallas, Texas, a wave of sympathy was expressed by people when they found out the young singers were Texans. Everywhere the group sang that day, including the U.N. building, individuals came up and expressed sorrow for the tragedy. It turned out to be an opportune time to be "goodwill ambassadors" from Texas.

Haystack Choir director Kevin Wooley and his wife Juli organized the trip for the enjoyment and enrichment of the youth members. A dozen adult sponsors kept pace with the teens to visit the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Battery Park, historic Trinity Church, the Ground Zero Memorial and St. Paul Chapel, Central Park, Times Square, Good Morning America and Today Show sets, Rockefeller Center, New York Public Library, Grand Central Station, the United Nations building, Broadway's "Alladin" and a game at NY Mets stadium. The choir presented free concerts for onlookers at several locations. In turn, the singers were impressed by New Yorkers who turned out to be helpful and hospitable, making for a positive, fun experience in "the city". Now, a Haystack Choir trip to another exciting location is being planned for 2017!

Haystack singers from area high schools are:

Matthew Gurley – Saltillo – Son of Blake and Donna Gurley Russell Edwards - Sulphur Springs - Son of Steve and Robin Edwards Clayton Wilson – Saltillo – Son of Amy Wilson

Joseph Baxley - Sulphur Springs - Son of Steve and Sharon Baxley

Collin Eenigenburg – Rains – Son of Michelle and Brennan Potts

Michael Simmons - Saltillo - Son of Mike Simmons and Sharon Simmons Mason McGill – Saltillo – Daughter of Ashley McGill and Jason Cravy

Sydnee Hawkins - Sulphur Springs - Daughter of Susan Mooney and John Mooney Selena Hernandez – Saltillo – Daughter of Jesus Hernandez

Esperanza Deterding – North Hopkins – Daughter of Bryan and Zulma Deterding

Caitlin Weatheread - North Hopkins - Daughter of Misty Maynard and Keith Weathered Carissa Carter – Sulphur Springs – Daughter of Jackie Carter Christie Gurley – Saltillo – Daughter of Blake and Donna Gurley

Christy Marquez – Saltillo – Daughter of Carlos and Magy Marquez

Jordan Sustaire – Saltillo – Daughter of Mark and Amy Sustaire

Sienna Collins - Saltillo - Daughter of Mike and Debbie Collins

Rainie English - Saltillo - Daughter of Jeff and Jeri English Lindsay Butler - Saltillo - Daughter of Emmett and Becky Butler

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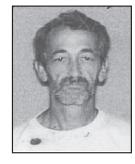
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Tommy Caviness

Mr. Tommy Caviness, age 71 of Brachfield, TX, formerly of Winnsboro, passed away at home on Sunday, July 10th, 2016. He was born on June 4th, 1945 in Franklin County to the late Lloyd Caviness and Pearl Duty Caviness. He was a retired Oil Field Worker for Renshaw Well Service and Vicks Well Service. He was preceded in death by; grandson, Bradley Edward Gresham; brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Wanda Sue Caviness; and a brother-in-law, Kenneth Wright.

He is survived by his daughters, Stephanie Gresham of Brachfield, Stacy Caviness of Hallsville, Gina Caviness of Jacksonville, and son, Tracy Caviness of Union Grove; the mother of his children, Bonnie Caviness of Mt. Enterprise; five grandchildren, Joshua Caviness and wife Debra, T.J. Gresham, Caitlin Caviness, Brianna Davis, John Caviness; five great-grandchildren, and several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, July 15th, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494.



Johnny Carl Johnson

Johnny Carl Johnson, age 54, of Point, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at his residence. Johnny was born in Ft. Worth, July 22, 1961, to Ernest Edwin and Eunice Mae Stockton Johnson. During his working career, he worked in construction as a fence builder.

Survivors include: Mother: Eunice Mae Johnson of Point; Brothers: Ernest Edwin Johnson, Jr. of Dallas; and, David Johnson of Point; Sister: Louise Johnson of Mobil, AL;

Numerous other loving family and friends

Preceded in death by his father in 1993.

There is no service planned at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.



David Randall Baxter

Graveside Services for David Randall Baxter, age 69 of Sulphur Springs, will be held Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 11 A.M. at Brashear Cemetery with Rev. Justin Wilson officiating and Bryan Mathis, Terry Gregg, Steve Fisher, Roger Price, Brandon Price and Ronnie Temples serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held, Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the service, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

David passed away Monday, July 11, 2016 at his home in Sulphur Springs. He was born October 16, 1946 in Sulphur Springs, the son of James David and Odessa (Price) Baxter. He married Judy Loyd in Cumby, on August 10, 1966. David served in the Marine Corp and the National Guard. He also worked as heavy equipment operator and truck driver.

He is survived by his wife; son, Quade Baxter; daughter, Celina Griggs and husband Ty; grandchildren, Curtis Baxter, Ceriarra Donhoe, Travis Donhoe, Paladin Baxter; great-grandchildren, McCoy Baxter; sister Sue Joiner; and brother, Tim Baxter.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Janice Smith.

Marzell Gilbert

Marzell Gilbert, age 93, crossed from this earth to our heavenly father on July 10, 2016.

Marzell, known to her friends as Margie, was born on March 22, 1923 in Adell, Texas to Velma and Barney Phillips. She graduated from Peaster ISD and soon after married Chandler Amos Gilbert of Weatherford. Chandler passed away on July 17, 1981.

Margie later married Wayne Wardrup of Saltillo Tx. Margie was a homemaker, loving mother, exceedingly proud grandmother of two and great-grandmother of one. She enjoyed visiting with her family and friends, cooking, sewing, making ceramics, and fishing. Margie is preceded in death by her husband Chandler, mother and father and sister Mildred (Mickey) Barber of Austin.

Survivors: son – Jerry Don Gilbert and wife Sylvia of Dripping Springs, TX., grandson Russell Wade Gilbert of College Station Tx., grand-daughter Chery Gilbert Andrews and husband Brian Andrews and great-grandson Kyle Chandler Walsh of Lakeway TX.



Donald Eugene Morris

Memorial Services for Donald Eugene Morris, Jr., age 35, of Sulphur Springs will be held Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Shook's Chapel Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation.

Donald Eugene Morris, Jr. passed away Friday, July 8, 2016 at Baylor Hospital, in Dallas. He was born in Dallas, the son of Donald Eugene Morris, Sr., and Carolyn Morris. He married Aundrea Poulter in Sulphur Springs, on August 13, 2003. He worked in construction for D.L. Lennon and was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Makenzie Morris; son, Keenan Morris; mother, Carolyn Morris; Sister, Brenda Medlin and husband Wade; nephew, Gabriel Pierson; mother-in-law, Diana Poulter; sister-in-law, Carlie Poulter; and a host of special friends.

He is preceded in death by his father and nephew, Gavin Pierson.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorial be made to Donald Morris, Jr. Funeral Expense Fund at Pilgrim Bank in Sulphur Springs.

Stephen Ray "Potty" Potteiger

Stephen Ray "Potty" Potteiger, age 68, of Dike passed away Thursday, July 7, 2016 at UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX.

Potty was born on August 1, 1947 in Barnsdall, OK, the son of Forest Granell Potteiger and Mary Marguerite Jackson Potteiger. He married Carol Harrington Bates on November 11, 2004 in Sulphur Springs. She survives. Potty owned and operated the Tobacco Store.

He is survived by one son, Mark Bates and wife Ashley of Dike, daughters, Steva Smart and husband Adrien of Dallas, Jamie Johnson and husband Hillman of Argyle, brother, Jim Potteiger and wife Carolyn of Bridgeport, grandchildren, Preston and Jada Price.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sue Powers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family request that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



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