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Talk about Texas being a whole 'nother country...did you know that he total green color of Northeast Texas gives way to western flat land, mesquite shrubs and nopales cactus in less than 3 hours? I took a road trip in July, and my destination was San Angelo, Texas.

My Road Trip Mission: taking my 93-year-old mom to her sister's 100th birthday party. Along with me were daughters Bobbi and Angela and baby granddaughter Ava. Our first planned stop came with a little surprise, at the new Eastland County Safety Rest Area at Ranger, Texas.. The beautiful facility (there's actually one on each side of the highway) had it's official dedication on July 21, just one day before our trip, so unfortunately we missed the festivities. Once our little party disembarked from Bobbi's monster-sized SUV, we hastened into the cool spaciousness and discovered an interesting display of local history and heritage. Old gas pumps and signage with whitewashed storefronts depicted the by-gone era of the Bankhead Highway. This road was known as "Highway # 1" back when American families could travel on the first hard-surfaced coast-to-coast roadway. At a kiosk mounted on the back of a Model-T, we bunched up to view a video presentation and heard a familiar voice. The narrator was me! Terry McCullough, a Reilly Springs boy who grew up to own a film production company, got the bid on some of TX-Dot's newly designed rest areas which would feature local geography and history. He and his wife Leslie researched the Eastland County area during summer 2015 and wrote scripts which interlaced photographs and video footage they took. Early this year, he came to the KSST studios looking for narrators. I jumped at the opportunity!







A little farther along we maneuvered infamous Ranger Hill, a 7-mile long steep grade featuring a prominent S-curve. It's not just icy or foggy conditions that can make the hill treacherous. High winds have been known to topple 18-wheelers over the median into oncoming traffic. Dozens of wrecks, hundreds of near misses and more than a few fatalities have occurred on Ranger Hill. In 2014, safety improvements heightened the center median, decreased the speed limit to 65 and added electronic signboards and better lighting. More improvements are proposed at the urging of residents, many who have been victims of Ranger Hill. In the 1950's, an entire community grew up on the hill offering an oasis for travelers with steaming radiators, burned clutches, useless brakes and the jitters.

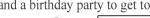






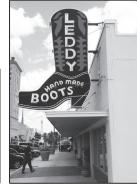
Leaving Interstate 20, we began to enter cowboy and Indian country. San Angelo's downtown shops and stores spill over with trendy fashion,

native American jewelry, blankets and rugs with the beautiful Concho River flowing nearby. We would have liked to sample the shops but we had a promise to keep and a birthday party to get to









The highlight of the day was seeing the two sisters together again. They are both quite healthy! They are the last of six siblings whose dad did migrant picking, truck farming and oilfield work to raise his family. About 80 of Aunt Zelma's kin were there when

the birthday cake was cut. A reporter from the San Angelo Life asked her secret to living a long life, and she said "work hard outside, love your family and drink some apple cider vinegar every day!





Because my mom is from out that way, I've been to Odessa and San Angelo since childhood. However, I believe this pilgrimage was the most meaningful for me. It brought home how mothers and daughters (including grands and greats) can reaffirm the value of family and the importance of celebrating it!

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when I left teaching." He hunts wild hogs.

"I imagine we've caught and killed some 500 hogs."

He catches the hogs by hand and sells them. He is an expert

at hog-tying.

"I take two kinds of dogs with me on hunts. You have the bay dogs or strike dogs that go out and find the hogs and bark at them. You want them to stay back. Then you have a bulldog that you're leading. You turn him loose when you get close to the hog and he's just like a heat-seeking missile and goes straight for the hog. He'll lock down on an ear, then I go in and while the dog's holding it I throw it and tie it. We take 'em out alive. I have a way of tying them so circulation won't be cut off. We take it to a pen and untie it. That's the way she goes. After you learn how to throw them it starts coming natural. I like to get the right front foot and flip the hog. Then I sit down beside it with my knees on the hog. Imagine a calf roper tying a calf. He's got it rolled over to him on its back and he puts that piggin' string on it and wraps it up. Do wild hogs the same way. After the bulldog catches it, get a front leg, kinda rock it on its back and I can hold a 300-pound hog without any trouble. Then people come in with ropes and we tie it up real good, put it in the back of a pickup and take it to a pen. We sell most of them but keep a few to train dogs. A 200 pound hog will bring around fifty dollars."

He has to be careful with those tusks.

"The bottom ones stick up at perfect angles to hurt somebody. The ones on top are not sharp. They're called whetters, like a whetstone. Every time that hog opens and shuts its mouth, whetters are hitting on the tusks, which we call the cutters. Sows don't have those big teeth, which are actually incisors. But if you see a boar hog, you can probably see his teeth sticking out. to put you up a tree if you crowd him too much."

Eddie has written twelve books about his hunting and fishing experiences. Each book has 100 stories. He has taken people from all over the country on hog hunts for years. He is a popular after dinner speaker.

"In more than twenty years of hunting hogs, I've only had one slight accident and you can see this fishhook-shaped scar on the base of my middle finger on the left hand. But you really have to be careful. There have been three different times that I would be out in the open and there was nothing to get around except for one tree maybe. When that hog started chasing me I'd grab a limb and swing my feet up and the hog would go right under me, sometimes trying to bite my foot. Most times they go on straight."

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Obits

Blane George

Funeral Services for Blane George, age 98 of Sulphur Springs, will be held Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Dr. Joel Tiemeyer officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 6-8 p.m., at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Blane passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Rock Creek Nursing Home.

Clifford Bunch

Funeral services for Clifford Bunch, age 83, of Hopkins County, are pending with Tapp Funeral Home. Mr. Bunch passed away, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 in Sulphur Springs.

Wickie Neal

Funeral services for Wickie Neal, age 85, of Sulphur Springs were held Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, with Rev. Tommy Johnston officiating and Rev. Fred Lewis. Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery with PeeWee Bassham, Wink Jackson Graham, Steward Ham, Brian Clayton, Brad Johnson, Ronny Doss, Mickey Barker and Don Patterson serving as pallbearers and Harold Haynesworth, Gary Moon, Jim Glenn, Jim Murray, James Waller and the Busy Men's Bible Class serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6-8 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Wickie passed away Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Carriage House Manor. He was born June 30, 1931 in Sulphur Bluff, the son of Johnny Plunket and Effie Mae (Jackson) Neal. He married Jo Marie Palmer on July 5, 1958 in Sulphur Springs. He retired from Winzen Research in the transportation department, was a truck driver with Bell Concrete, and owned and operated The Bait and Tackle Shop with his wife, Jo Marie. Wickie competed in the Hopkin's County Stew Contest since it began.

He is survived by his wife; son, Jackie Neal; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Neal; grandchildren, Jacob Neal and Cortney Neal; sister-in-law, Mary Sue Clayton; and daughter like friend, Coco Ledesma and two nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, J.C. Neal; and sister, Katherine Harred and in-laws Preston and Neva Lanier Palmer.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Dr. Darren Arnecke and Chasen and Linda of Carriage House Manor for taking such good care of Wickie.

Maxine Thomas



Funeral Services for Maxine Thomas, age 80, of Mesquite were held Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, with Rev. C.J. Duffey officiating. Interment followed at Miller Grove Cemetery with Brian Thomas, Herbert Dale Thomas, Jr.; Courtland Sewell and Russell Reed serving as pallbearers and Danella Martinez as Honorary Pallbearer. Visitation was held one hour prior to service, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 9 a.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Maxine passed away Friday, July 22, 2016 at her residence, in Mesquite. She was born December 27, 1935 in Valley Mills, Texas, the daughter of Will and Lyda Mae (Cobb) Copeland. She married Herbert D. Thomas on February 27, 1954 in Rockwall, Texas. She was a homemaker, loved to paint pictures, and of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her husband; sons, Brian Thomas and wife Leanne and Herbert Dale Thomas, Jr.; daughter, Karen Sewell and husband Courtland; eleven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Darlene Ackerman; and sister, Inez Copeland.

Nelda Faye Green



Funeral Services for Nelda Faye Green, age 68 of Sulphur Springs, were held Monday, July 25, 2016, at 10 a.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Chambler Dennis officiating and David Cook assisting. Interment followed at Mt. Sterling Cemetery with Ty Shane Brumfield, Jr., Ryan Brumfield, Josh Cockrum, Jordan Cockrum, Jacob Ball and Charlie Brumfield serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held Sunday, July 24, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Nelda passed away Friday, July 22, 2016 at her residence. She was born May 27, 1948 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Buford Clinton and Margaret Allene (Hammerick) Green. She was a Customer Service Manager at Walmart and a member of Bible Way Lighthouse Church.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Brumfield and wife Cindy, of Tulsa; Dustin Brumfield and wife Pat, of Texarkana; Jason Brumfield and wife Wendy, of Waxahachie; daughter, Kim Ball and husband Phillip, of Sulphur Springs; sixteen grandchildren; eighteen greatgrandchildren; sisters, Margaret Moore and husband Tommy and Dora Patterson and husband Harlan, both of Sulphur Springs; and brother, Tim Green and wife Kim, of Yantis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ty Shane Brumfield; and brother, B.C. Green.

Family requests that memorials be made to the Bible Way Lighthouse Church, 241 CR 4591, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

Shirley Ann Moore

Funeral Services for Shirley Ann Moore, age 71, of Saltillo were held Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Weaver Baptist Church in Saltillo, Texas, with Bro. Tom Friday officiating. Interment followed at Weaver Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to service, Saturday July 23, 2016, at 9 a.m. at Weaver Baptist Church in Saltillo.

Shirley passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, in Tyler. She was born March 16, 1945 in Abilene Texas, the daughter of Bill and Ada Dixson. She married Jack Moore on April 20, 1963 in Abilene. She was a cosmetology instructor, school teacher, and a member of Weaver Baptist Church in Saltillo.

She is survived by her husband; daughter, Tammy Higinbotham and husband Steve, of Plano; sons, Scott Moore and wife Patty of Saltillo, and William Moore and wife Rebecca, of Saltillo; grandchildren, Clayton Hykel, Stephanie Higinbotham, Tami Moore, Brandi Erler, Scott Moore Jr., Michael Roch, William Moore Jr., Tapainga Moore, Alexis Mars, and Taylor Moore; seven great grandchildren; brother, Donny Dixson; and sister, Beverly Westbrook.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Hugh Edward Dixson, David Dixson, and Kenneth Dixson.

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The five-day convention included a dance workshop and a "mockaudition" taught by the World Famous Radio City Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. They also attended dance classes at New York's premier dance studio, The Broadway Dance Center, and workshops with Broadway Show Performers. The convention is coordinated by Artistic Adventures of California. Noelle and McCleary are 6th grade students at Wylie Preparatory Academy and the twin daughters of Jay and Amber Porterfield of Murphy and granddaughters of Joy and Jim Wilson and Jerry Porterfield of Sulphur Springs and Ric and Brenda Estes of Commerce. Emily is a 5th grade student at Boggess Elementary and the daughter of Robert and Susan Rice of Murphy.



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