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'Taking care of business' is how lots of common folks live day to day. It's a phrase referred to in songs by Elvis and Aretha and it's the name of Roy Orbison's publishing company in Nashville. "Taking Care of Business" also the name of an infamous bull whose rodeo career ties in with Texas and Oklahoma folks like us. Please read on to find out how.

At home in front of the cameras

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**HUCKLEBERRY DAYS IN NORTHERN IDAHO**

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Tumbleweed Smith

Yes, there are such things as huckleberries. They grow wild in Northern Idaho and during the short time they are ready for harvest (mid to late July), the state celebrates the small purple berry in all sorts of ways. Bars offer huckleberry beer or wine. Restaurants offer huckleberry ice cream. Stores (like Huckleberry Thicket in Post Falls) have dozens of items like huckleberry candy and jam. The berry is about the size of a pea and has a distinctive taste that is similar to a blueberry, but more tart and bold. Bears love them and compete with human pickers.

We went to Coeur d'Alene (pronounced core da lane) to visit our friends who recently bought a home there. Their yard has hundreds of flowers and shrubs, which were all in bloom when we were there in mid-July. The neighborhood has the greenest well-kept lawns and cleanest streets. People take extra good care of their cars.

There are 55 lakes within 50 miles of CDA (as the natives call their city), some of them so deep that the US Navy tests submarines at its base at Bayview where Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced Pondoray) is more than 1,000 feet deep. Most of the lakes are surrounded by thick forests of fir and pine. Nestled among the trees are elaborate homes, many of them owned by movie stars and sports figures. One of five homes is a permanent residence. The rest are used by the owners for get-aways.

Towering over Lake Coeur d'Alene is a resort that features the only floating golf green in the world. Golfers tee off on the mainland and are taken by boat to the green. Boating, swimming, parasailing and water skiing are popular activities on the lake. Some folks surf without a rope in the boat's wake. We toured the Stancraft wooden boat factory that turns out beautiful water vehicles.

Hanging baskets of flowers are everywhere and the snow-capped mountains in the background give the visitor an experience that goes right to the soul. We took a drive along the Selkirk Loop, a 280 miles route that offers scenic beauty punctuated by waterfalls, footbridges and lighthouses. The drive is along rivers and lakes and has inviting places for picnics. The loop goes through Idaho, British Columbia and Washington, past picturesque mining towns with unique hotels and cafes. There's a free ferry ride from Kootenay Bay to Balfour. At Nelson, BC we stayed in the Hume Hotel, which offered an evening of soft jazz in the bar, played by experts on guitar and violin. The next morning we went to a street market that had beautiful fruits, vegetables, furniture, clothing and jewelry. Nelson is known as the best small art town in Canada.

Perhaps the most unusual thing we saw was a beautiful house near Boswell, BC made of empty embalming bottles. The builder collected more than 600,000 bottles and used them like bricks. He kept the caps on for insulation. He was an undertaker and spent ten years building his house. It is comfortable with all the modern conveniences. The grounds are maintained in typical Canadian fashion with bright colored flowers, green grass, shade trees, patios, observation decks and walkways.

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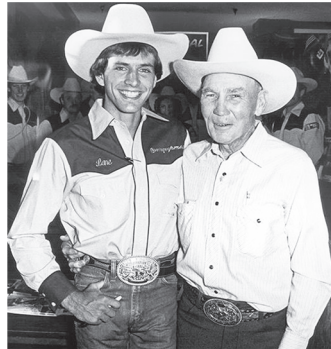
**Lane Frost Professional Bull Rider**

We just passed the anniversary of the death of Lane Frost whose life and death were memorialized in the 1994 movie "Eight Seconds". This may be one of your all-time favorite movies. You may also know that Lane is buried very near here, next to one of his real-life rodeo heroes. But not everyone has visited his grave site. It is definitely worth a trip across the river to Hugo.

On July 30, 1989, Lane was a good-looking, super-talented 25-year-old with the rodeo world at his feet when his career suddenly ended. He was in his seventh year of professional bull riding. It was the final day of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo and he had successfully ridden the bull "Takin Care of Business". His dismount landed him in the dirt, directly in the path of the bull. Lane had started to get up when the bull hit him in the side with his horn, breaking several ribs. He rose and yelled for his friend Tuff Hedeman, then fell. The fall apparently caused a rib to puncture his lungs and heart, resulting in near-instantaneous death. Lane was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Posthumously he finished third in the event. The rodeo world was in shock and soon a string of poems, songs, paintings, articles, documentaries, and tributes from Lane's fans began to surface. During the 1990's, he was inducted into numerous Halls of Fame. Between 2000 and 2015, more tributes to Lane continued to be paid. One of the farthest-reaching has been by his traveling partner Cody Lambert, who created the protective vest that all professional bull riders now wear during competitions.

Lane's parents Elsie and Clyde Frost moved from Utah to Oklahoma when their son was 14. He was already a champion in youth rodeo events, and would soon take top honors as National High School Bull Riding Champion in Oklahoma in 1981, and in 1982 at the Bull Riding Championship in the National Youth Finals in Ft. Worth. Upon graduation from high school in Atoka, Oklahoma, he joined the PRCA and went professional. He and Texas barrel racing champion Kelly Kyle married in 1985. He competed in the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Lane's funeral service on August 2, 1989 was held at the First Baptist Church of Atoka with an estimated 3500 people in attendance. He was laid to rest in the Mt. Olivet "Showman's Rest" Cemetery in Hugo, Oklahoma, just steps away from his mentor, Freckles Brown. If you visit the cemetery, you will find him near the archway entrance. His grave will probably be decorated with small tokens placed there by fans young and old who have visited recently. Walk further into the cemetery and discover a large section of graves of circus folk. Many of the stones are colorful and decorated with engraved circus scenes. For many years, Hugo has been the wintering grounds of Miller Brothers and other small circuses, which has gained it the name "Circus City".



Lane Frost with friend and coach Freckles Brown, 1985



Mourners near family home in Lane, Oklahoma, 1985

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# Obits

## Norma Smith

Funeral Services for Norma Smith, age 82 of Springtown, will be held Friday, August 26, 2016 at 10 A.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Bruce Stinson officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Smith passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in Ft. Worth.

## William "Will" Patterson

Mr. William "Will" Patterson, age 18 of Scroggins, passed away on Friday, August 19th, 2016 in Notrees, TX. He was born on December 1st, 1997 in Montrose, CO, to Harold Patterson and Emily Williams Basham. Will attended the Mt. Vernon High School and the Grace Christian Academy. He later attended the Welding School at the Lake Monticello Power Plant. Will worked for Red 16 Construction Company Highway Construction and was preceded in death by a half-brother, Robbie Williams. He is survived by his father, Harold E. Patterson and wife Katherine of Scroggins; mother, Emily Ann Basham of Pittsburg; brothers, Bo Patterson and wife Ashley of Gladewater, Jeffrey Galloway and wife LaDonna of Winnsboro, James Brightwell, Jr. of Gladewater; sisters, Erin Smith and husband Moses of Delta, CO, Sherry Sparacino and husband A.J. of Kilgore, Candace Sheets and husband Kirby of Kilgore; grandparents, Robert and Marilyn Williams of Montrose, CO.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, August 24th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 25th, 2016 at First Baptist Church of Winnsboro at 2:00 pm with Dr. David Rose, Bro. Bo Patterson and Bro. Larry Glossip conducting. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery in Scroggins, with Christopher Basham, Brandon Halley, Thomas Moss, Mike D. Millsap, Jason Sparacino and Mike Sparacino serving as pallbearers.

## Audrey Garner Blair

Graveside Services for Audry Garner Blair, age 82 of Sulphur Springs, were held Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 2 pm at Shady Grove Cemetery, in Winnsboro. There was no visitation.

Ms. Blair passed away Monday, August 22, 2016 at Carriage House Manor. She was born April 29, 1934 in Winnsboro, the daughter of Burk and Mamie June (Voorheese) Garner. Audry was an Avon sales representative.

Ms. Blair is survived by her son, Dale Arrington and wife Carol, of Commerce; daughter, Linda Morgan and husband Rex, of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Michael Perry, Jason Walton, Gary Arrington, and Cory Arrington; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Sherman Barber and Bobby Cain.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Eugene Barber and Buddy Garner.

## John "Travis" Little



Mr. John "Travis" Little, age 87 of Coke, passed away on Thursday, August 11th, 2016 in Wills Point. He was born on August 16th, 1928 in Cromwell, Oklahoma to the late Luiey Little and Johanna Bolen Little. He was retired and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years Aleta Awtrey Little of Coke; sons T.W. Little and wife Deb of Alba, Mike Little and wife Patti of Coke, Greg Little and wife Kathy of Winnsboro; daughter, Sherry Little Brockway and husband Dan of Mabank; brother, Luiey and Johanna Little of DeQueen, Arkansas; nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, August 27th, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Sharon Baptist Church in Winnsboro.

## Jerry Mack Lindley



Mr. Jerry Mack Lindley, age 75 of Paris, formerly of Winnsboro, passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at home with his family at his side. Jerry Mack was born in Winnsboro, the youngest of three children born to the late George C. and Lola Florence Jones Lindley. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a retired service technician for Xerox, but he never retired from his greatest joy in life, playing the guitar and singing. He was a member of Novice Baptist Church in Paris.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Hurshell Lindley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Huie Lindley of Paris; sons, David Lindley and wife Paige McGowan of Scroggins, Joseph Lindley of Paris, Jerremy Huie and wife Deana of Paris; sister, Sybil Lord of Winnsboro; and four grandchildren, Savannah Lindley of Timpson, Sierra Lindley of Scroggins, Layla and Macyn Huie of Paris.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 21st, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro. Funeral Services were held on Monday, August 22nd, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro at 2:00 pm, interment followed at Smyrna Cemetery in Winnsboro, with David Lindley, Joseph Lindley, Jerremy Huie, Jackie Huie, Ricky Lord, and Rod Lord serving as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Judes Children's Hospital.

## Mary Minick

Mrs. Mary Minick, age 92 of Winnsboro, passed away on Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 in Winnsboro. She was born on April 25th, 1924, in Wood County, TX, to the late Walter Weems and Nettie Carden Weems. She was a homemaker and was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Dee Phillips and Ruby Minick; four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by sons Ralph Minick of Winnsboro and Troy Tolbert of Amherst; 16 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and numerous great great grandchildren.

Family services will be held at a later time.

## James Henry

James Henry, age 72 of Winnsboro, passed away on Tuesday, August 16th, 2016, in Tucumchari, NM. He was born on July 9th, 1944, in Winnsboro to the late James Forest Henry and Alta Winkle Henry. He worked in the Dairy Equipment Industry for over thirty years in sales and service. Mr. Henry was a member of Clearwater Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by wife, Billie Joyce Henry of Winnsboro; daughter, Audra Gilbert of Winnsboro; son, Justin Henry and wife Lynzie of Scroggins; brother, Gary Paul Henry and wife Linda of Winnsboro; grandchildren, Laramee Eaton of Brownsboro, Peyton Gilbert of Winnsboro, Jake Henry of Scroggins and Adalyn Henry of Scroggins.

Visitation was held on Thursday, August 18th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were held on Friday, August 19th, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 11:00 am, with Rev. Dwayne Goodson, Dr. Bill Holmmes and Bro. Richard "Nub" Brown conducting. Interment followed at Clearwater Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Butch Gorman, Nick Winkle, Jerry Don Henry, Butch Richards, Stanley Wolverton, Roger Tinney serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers was Ronny West, Dusty Allen, Jim Brown, Tim Brown, Joe Don Henry, Michael Blackmon, Bill Lloyd, Danny Suiter and Roger Turner.

# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## Uncle Mort Skips Birthday...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury



Uncle Mort

Nothing short of Uncle Mort's enrollment in a ballerina class would have equaled the shocking "PS" on last year's Christmas card.

"Kids, grandkids, greats and friends," it read. "I am well aware that come July 4, many of you assume there'll be a big 'hullabaloo' to observe my 104th birthday. You'll be 100% wrong. I will be busy the rest of the year working on a new invention to be announced around November 1, in time for Christmas shopping. So, no cards, calls or gifts for my birthday, please. If you choose to order my new gadgets for Christmas gifting, however, that's entirely up to you. In the meantime, please keep this entire matter

confidential."

Well, in most cases, that's the best way to assure that cats will scramble out of bags. This time, though, folks and friends have--in the words of Archie Bunker--"dummied up."...  
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I yawned at the time, wondering what new invention possibly could trump his birthday celebration.

They usually are likened to dieting--going to great lengths to avoid great widths.

Often, Mort's birthday parties make big news in the thicket, where he's resided all of his life, well, not ALL, of course....  
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I half-dialed his phone number on his birthday, stopping short of the first ring. When Mort adds a "PS"--particularly on Christmas cards--he's as serious as a political candidate on the hot seat.

Since then, thoughts of his strange admonition have come and gone, mostly the latter.

They came to mind the other day when

he called. (Thankfully, this is a rare occurrence.) He was mighty "put out" by his new neighbors....  
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"I never expected to be a mentor again," he began, "but looks like I don't have much choice, being the neighborly guy I am."

Neighborly? Turns out he does have new neighbors. They live a couple of miles up the lane. The 60-something couple has reached their bucket list's bold-faced entry: "Living in the country."

"It's not going to be easy," Mort said.

"Maybe they saw too many Ma and Pa Kettle movies when they were young. They think they can put aside their 'city ways,' and pull alongside us who've lived here since birth," he surmised....  
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He rambled on about the futility of "full grown bears" trying to become country folks overnight.

"They're scrambling so much every day, it's might nigh dusk before the dust settles," he gruffed. Then, he

got specific, citing their ill-fated efforts to raise chickens.

If I had to endure a phone call to hear just this story, it was worth it....  
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"My neighbor was nervously hand-wringing when he showed up after breakfast the other day," my uncle said.

The harried guy said he'd bought several hens, all of which are "doing great jobs hatching their eggs."

He wished, however, they were just as good at 'mothering'....  
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