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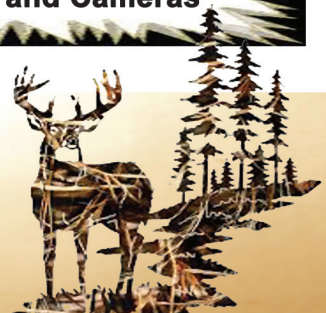
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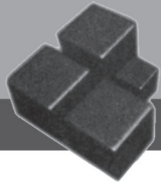
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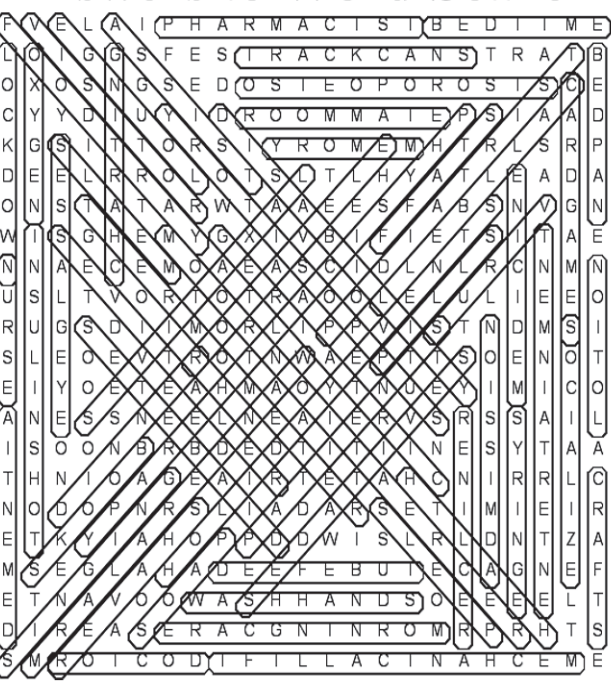
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Point Blank is a small place in San Jacinto County just west of Lake Livingston. It got its name from a French governess who was hired to teach children on the Robinson Plantation. She arrived when the cotton was high and the ground was covered in white. She exclaimed in her native language, "pointe blanche," which translates into the English words "white point." When it came time to establish a post office, the place took on the name Point Blank.

The Robinson family arrived in what is now Point Blank in 1846 when Texas was a brand new state. Land was cheap and fertile and the Robinson clan left Alabama to carve a future in the Lone Star State. They bought 3500 acres and their sixty slaves built a beautiful home that looks like something from Gone With The Wind. Sam Houston used to spend the night with the Robinsons when he was traveling. He lived not too far away. The Robinsons lived on the place one hundred and twenty years then sold it to Bill and Barbara West. The Wests have been in the house nearly forty years. Barbara died in 2014 but Bill carries on, giving lectures about the place, conducting tours of the grounds and entertaining his children and grandchildren.

Bill loves to look for artifacts with his metal detector and has found enough treasures to turn his barn into a museum. It contains tools, jewelry, coins, glassware, silverware and other items from the Robinson family. My favorite is a mop made of corn shucks, the creation of a slave. The Robinson-West River Plantation is a state archeological landmark.

Bill has interviewed several descendants of both the Robinsons and their slaves and has written two books about the place. Their titles are TO LIVE AGAIN and JOURNEY TO THE ROBINSON-WEST RIVER PLANTATION.

Bill is an ex-coach and teacher. Huntsville ISD named him Teacher of the Year in 2000. He spent some years in Arizona where he had a scholarship to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. He later taught and coached in Flagstaff, eventually settling in Sedona. During the summers he worked as a forest ranger in northern Arizona and wrote a book about the beauty of the Oak Creek-Sedona area. The Wests had a home in the middle of Oak Creek Canyon. They were a popular couple. Just before moving back to Texas, Bill and Barbara were named Sedona's Man and Woman of the year.

I had a great visit with Bill. I arrived at the plantation on a Sunday afternoon and immediately we got in his pickup and drove around the place. He showed me a special picnic area overlooking a creek where he and Barb went to solve all the problems of the world. We drove to Onalaska for supper and when we got back, I had one of the biggest thrills of my life. I got to sleep in the same room where Sam Houston slept. Although the plantation does not have overnight accommodations, Bill extended me a surprise invitation to spend the night. The next morning he prepared a breakfast we shared at the place where he and Barb solved all the problems of the world.

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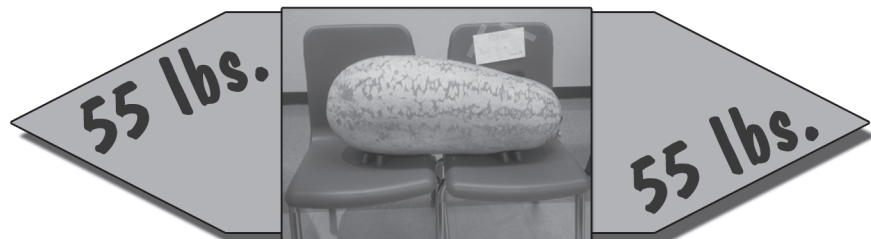


I know professional watermelon growers concentrate mostly on summer melons. They know that people like to eat them at picnics, reunions and at the lake during the summertime. But a few Hopkins County backyard gardeners STILL have some prize melons on the vine now, heading into late October! They are letting them attain size and sweetness from the extended Indian Summer we've had with it's moderate temperatures. But they are kept busy supplying the water needs of the vines, as rain can't be counted on these days!

Stan Cooper is a local engineer who grows food year-round in his greenhouse. He also has a prize watermelon patch in his yard. He planted a couple of different varieties. The round striped ones have really done well. He harvested a 35-pounder on October 14 to take to a church function. He also harvested a 25-pounder that same week which I got a slice of. It was probably the most perfect sweet and fragrant melon I can remember, ever! He says he has a few more that are still maturing out there.



Here's a melon I saw at Fall Festival. Not sure if it was entered in the Creative Arts contest, or if it was just brought in for display, but this melon weighed almost 60 pounds! You can see, it almost fills the seats of two folding chairs, side by side! The oblong, green stripe melon was grown by Linda Phillips from a patch in Sulphur Springs, and it weighed in at 55 pounds.



I ran across a gourd-grower from down near Kilgore, Texas. This man and his wife raise a few acres of the gourds which they make into nifty items to sell as bird houses, windchimes, dippers and more. They had a large booth at Fall Festival with their wares. They also brought in a quantity of un-improved gourds straight from the garden which filled up two large plastic tubs. This variety is the color and shape of potatoes, but MUCH LARGER!



As the autumn comes on and frost gets near, we will talk about prize pumpkins and what to do with all those green tomatoes and the peppers you'll have to gather before frost.

Finally, let's show this year's crop of Fall Festival Cover Girl contestants. Just four this year, but they were all keepers, making it hard to select the winner. In the end, Maddie Peavler of Yantis was named Miss Cover Girl, and Cami Froneberger of Miller Grove was named First Runner-up and Miss Congeniality.

Congratulations also to contestants Demi Weatherford of Miller Grove and Jessica Smithers of Sulphur Springs. Outgoing Cover Girl Aleigh Bessonett made some history last year when she and her mom Cherrie George Bessonett became the first Mother-Daughter Cover Girl winners, crowned in 1985 and in 2015.



L to R: Maddie Peavler, Demi Weatherford and Aleigh Bessonett, with Cami Froneberger and Jessica Smithers seated in back.)

We are now entering the season of Thanks and Giving. Let's be thankful for our many blessings, and see how we might give back to those who have blessed us, and always remember those less fortunate. See you at the corral gate!

Obits



Brodie W. Young

Funeral services for Brodie W. Young, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016, at St. Luke's Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. There will no formal visitation. Military graveside honors by the Hopkins County Military Collation will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with Gary Byrd-Grayson, Steven Young, Cameron Young, Christopher Young, Marcus Young, and Brian McGee serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Billy Young, Charles Young, Ray Don Young, Charles Graves, Trevor "T" Thompson, and nephews. Brodie Wayne Young was born to the parentage of the late Eurlin and Augusta Wilkerson Young on June 2, 1935, in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas. On September 12, 1954, he was united in marriage to Callie Jean Thompson Young. To this union five sons were born. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He later became a member, and served as a Trustee at the East Caney Baptist Church. Later in life, he became a member of the Worldwide Church of God and attended services regularly at the Big Sandy and Paris, Texas, church locations, until his health began to fail. Mr. Young graduated from Douglas High School in 1954. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, beginning his military career at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, with basic training, on February 2, 1955. He served in the Vietnam and Korean Wars; and was also stationed in Okinawa, Japan for a portion of his military duty. During his twenty year tenure with the United States Air Force, he was stationed at the following Air Force Bases: Medina-Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas; England AFB, Alexandria, Louisiana; McCoy AFB, Orlando, Florida; Carswell AFB Ft. Worth, Texas; Edwards AFB, Lancaster, California; K.I. Sawyer AFB, Marquette, Michigan; Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas and Matagorda Isle AFB, Matagorda, Texas, where he retired on March 2, 1975. After retiring from the military, Mr. Young worked for Associated Milk Producers Incorporated (AMPI) in Sulphur Springs, Texas, for approximately five years; and with Texas Utilities Mining Company (TUMCO) in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, for approximately nine years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, Wife, Callie Jean Thompson Young; Sons: Jerry Young, Terry (Barbara) Young, and Troy (Hillary) Young. Brothers: Ray Don (Ann) Young, Billy (Lillie) Young, and Charles Young; Sister: Alice Ann (Charles Ray) Graves; and Sisters-in-Law: Letha Young, Lestene Sewell, Jo Ann Blaylock, and Mary Brooks. Grandchildren: Shalonda, Gary, Sylvania (Brian), Mignon, Steven (Natasha), Cameron (Aundrea), Christopher, Jarrod, Brandon (B.J.), Tane'qua, Brandi, Marcus, Michelle (Jeremy) Hall, and Rachel (Carl) Garst. Great grandchildren: Amecia, SaDaedria, Chetavia, Andre', Ashton, Avion, D'Asia, Dylan, Austin, Peyton, Triston, Jaiden, Emmanuel (E.J.), Serenity, Amiyah, Carlos, Makayla, Jerrian, Blake, Cory, Kyle, Corbin and Carley, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Extended family: Demelda Young and Zina Young.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Leonard B. Young and Baby Boy Terrance Young; two brothers, Maurice Hawkins and Robie Young; one sister and brother-in-law, Willie Mae Hawkins (Meddie) Shaw, daughter-in-law Brenda Young, and one grandson, Jonathan T. Young. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Gracie Maxine Turner Harden

Mrs. Gracie Maxine Turner Harden, age 92 of Winnsboro, passed away on Monday, October 24th, 2016, in Winnsboro. She was born on November 12, 1923, in Wood County to the late Tillman Brian Turner and Myrtie Elizabeth Jones Turner. She was a homemaker, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, and the former Mt. Vernon Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert "Bob" Harden; a sister, Juanice Wilson; brother, J.C. Turner; step-daughter, Nancy Farrell; sister-in-law, Margie Turner; great-grandson, Phillips Hamm.

She is survived by her son, Royce Carrol Cone and wife Alice of Salt Lake City, UT.; daughter, Mavis Owens and husband David of Mt. Vernon; brother, Edgar Turner of Winnsboro; five grandchildren, Troy Martin and wife Vickie of Scroggins, Michele Greenfield and husband Eddie of Belton, Melaina Ferrell and husband Chad of Sulphur Springs, Carol Ann Jobe and husband

Mark of Wilson, OK., Tony Cone and wife Sonia of Lubbock; ten great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro at 10:00 am, Bro. Chad Greenfield and Rev. Carolyn Allbritton conducting, interment followed at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Troy Martin, Tony Cone, Powers Greenfield, Jessie Cone, Jordan Cone, Eddie Greenfield. Honorary- Jordan Ferrell, Caleb Ferrell, Zachary Ferrell, John Ferrell serving as pallbearers.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.



Allen G. "Jerry" Moore

Graveside service for Allen G. "Jerry" Moore, age 68, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at City Cemetery in Sulphur Springs with Rev. C. J. Duffy officiating. Visitation was from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Allen passed away Saturday, October 22, 2016, in Tyler at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital.

Allen was born on September 20, 1948, in DeKalb, TX, the son of Robert Ceril Moore and Avis Ellen Caddenhead Moore. He married Lynda Bargainier on September 30, 1972, in Mt. Pleasant, TX. She survives. He was a self-employed welder, mechanic and homebuilder. He was affiliated with the Color Blind Anointed Ministries and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Shad Moore of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Shanna Landers and husband Jacob of Lubbock, brother, Kenneth Moore of Mt. Pleasant, sister, Lela Spruille and husband Tommy of Mt. Pleasant, grandsons, Caleb and Colton.

In lieu of flowers, go to lifetoday.com and click on water for life. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Janet Kitzman

Funeral arrangements for Janet Kitzman, of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Janet Kitzman passed away Sunday, October 23, 2016, in Sulphur Springs.

Charlie Otts

Graveside services for Charlie Otts, age 63 of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, October 23, 2016, at Sherley Cemetery with Rev. Ronnie Miller officiating.



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