

THE MILLENNIUM SHOPPER November 3, 2016

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With cooler weather approaching, it feels nice to get back in the saddle, for horses, riders and spectators ! Let's remember our country roots, because for many of us, that's "where we came from" so let's never forget it!



Ranch Rodeo

FALL RANCH RODEO, SPONSORED BY CROSS COUNTRY COWBOY CHURCH, ON OCTOBER 29, 2016

This annual rodeo features real-life skills by working cowboys, as well as entertainment contests for children and adults. It benefits the Hopkins County Healthcare Foundation's new "In My Closet" free needs for cancer patients.





Calf scrambler winner

Winner of first ever cash scrambler

ANNIVERSARY MEETING FOR HOPKINS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE CURRENT AND RETIRED MEMBERS

Chicken Stew and homemade desserts were served and thrilling stories of horseback escapades were re-told by Posse members Roger 'Tex" Maynard, Earl Martin and Ronnie Glossup. About 25 current and retired members and their spouses attended the October 29 event along with Sheriff Butch Adams and Sheriff-Elect Lewis Tatum. In 2017, the Posse will observe the 30th year since the formation of the group on October 31, 1987 in the Aiguire Cemetery.





Current and retired possee members.

Posse formation and squirrel stew on October 31, 1987 in the Aiguire Cemetery.

Whether your horseback days are now over or have yet to begin, truth is there's "just something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a boy" or girl, man or woman. Til next week, let's give thanks for our rich blessings, and I'll keep a watch for you at the corral gate.

SOME ICEHOUSES BECAME BEER JOINTS Tumbleweed Smith



I was at a friend's house the other day and he was breaking up some ice cubes that had frozen together. He was using an ice pick; something that I thought had faded away. Seeing that pick made me think of the days before refrigeration when ice was delivered or bought at an icehouse.

I've interviewed older people who actually got ice from a

frozen pond, covered it with newspapers and quilts and treated it like it was a treasure and used it sparingly for iced tea and making ice cream. My aunt and uncle near Canton kept milk in a spring behind their house. As I recall they had a small icebox and the iceman delivered ice in 10, 25 or 50 pound blocks. In those days, ice customers had a card with numbers along each side. If they wanted 25 pounds of ice they would make sure the number 25 was at the top of the card. Then they would put the card in the window so the iceman could see it.

A long time ago, icemen would deliver ice by mule-drawn wagons. The mules were so familiar with the route the iceman seldom sat in the driver's seat. He usually stayed in the back of the wagon and jumped out when he reached a customer's house or business. The icemen wore heavy leather vests on their backs for protection. He used tongs to grab the blocks of ice and slung them over his shoulder for delivery.

The ice was made at ice plants (always called icehouses) in 300-pound blocks. An ice pick was used to break them into smaller chunks. The process was complicated, using ammonia, water, heaters and freezers. The ice days were great for kids. They'd follow the iceman, who always gave them pieces of ice. They were special treats on a hot summer day.

As refrigerators came on the scene, icehouses began to decline. To combat the loss of business, some added items like bread, milk or beer and became like neighborhood grocery stores. "After a while a lot of them realized the most popular item was beer so they did away with everything else," says Jerry Markantonis, whose family owns the West Alabama Ice House in Houston. "To be a real ice house, it has to be a place that actually sold blocks of ice." There are more than 50 icehouses listed under "taverns" in the Houston yellow pages.

Some people say today's icehouse has inadequate parking and keeps the beer cold in tubs of crushed ice. Most of them are not air-conditioned and have outside areas where customers drink. Beer is served mostly in bottles. Customers say it tastes better than beer from a can and enjoy taking a bottle that has been buried in ice. Most icehouses are casual. You don't have to dress up to go into one. Researchers of icehouses call them folk venues or ongoing performance art.

The heyday of the icehouse was between the end of World War II and 1969 when liquor by the drink became legal in Texas. Many icehouses have been victims of urbanization and rising real estate prices.

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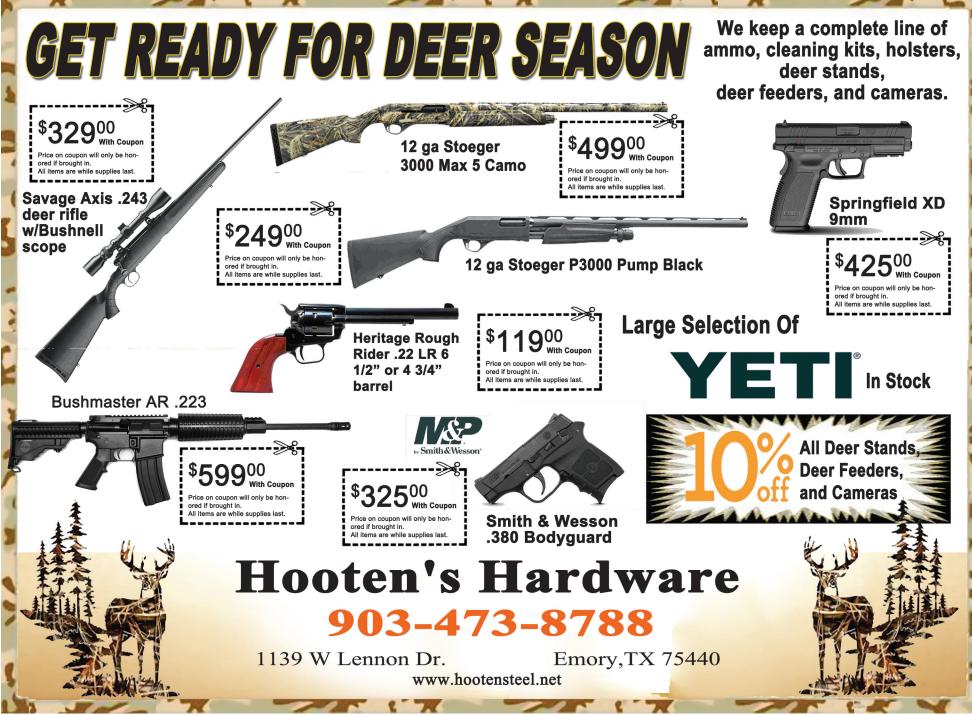
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Vanity or Common Sense?..

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Jack Buck--and son like a best friend."... Joe--might best fit the "like father, like son" description.

as the "Voice of the St. radio and sports coverage.

77 in 2002, was idolized going issues.) in St. Louis. A section of Interstate 64 is named uled for release soon, to have "twice-monthfor him, and his bronze Joe admits he greatly ly surgeries to have

low famous fathers are ***** The former, known equal to the challenge.

Louis Cardinals," was could easily have been 2011, the old jokes revered throughout the sidelined by threatening about broadcasters with nation, winning highest health issues. What iro- "faces made for radio" national awards in his ny! Vanity could have were no longer funny. career--one that bridged cost him both his hair He's heard them all. contend arrogance and defends "thinning hair"

In the world of sports met him before in my He had serious vocal cut on company time: "It combed, was a hand- been absent on the day broadcasting, the late life, but his voice was cord issues half a dozen years ago. To regain his voice, he was in rehab Few folks who fol- for four months

Upon learning "what Joe, on pace to do so, might have been" in television and his voice. (Critics Yep, even the one that Jack, who died at age self-absorption are on- with, "Who wants fat hair?" Another old "yuck" In his new book sched- tells of guys who claim bust stands at the en- feared baldness, real- growths remove from trance to Busch Sta- izing a side effect from their heads." Finally, this dium. Fans pause there ongoing hair plug pro- answer for bosses comto remember his great- cedures could have plaining about employ-

grew on company time." some guy. The whole vanity or-

deal began when Joe's dad's good looks and head hair inventory great voice, might even ued good health. Joe started edging down- break several of his el- likely has time to set ward when he was 24 der's broadcasting re- broadcast records, and

cial features and silver -suggest he may have people think always carefully hair

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tact and diplomacy were Joe, matching his handed out, however.)

Blessed with contincords. (Interviews--both hopefully he'll find time Jack, with striking fa- broadcast and in print- to truly care what other



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Obits



Dorothy Compton Easley

Graveside services for Dorothy Compton Easley, age 83, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Restlawn Memorial Park with family serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., prior to service time at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mrs. Easley passed away Monday, October 31, 2016 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab. She was born to Doyle and Jean Douglass Compton on April 19, 1933 in Ft. Worth, TX. In the summer of 1949, while visiting friends she met Floyd Easley on the Sulphur Springs square. They married a few months later on September 24 and were together 63 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Brashear Baptist Church. She is survived by daughters, Donna Webb and husband Marlon, Leta Mahand and husband Mike, Judy Easley and Annette Peugh and husband David,

sister-in-law, Wandean Easley, grandchildren, Jason Wright, Cody Wells, Amanda Mahand, Kara Argenbright and husband Chad, Sarah Smith, Jacob Peugh, and Candace Foley, great-grandchildren, Rylan Wright, Abilgail Wright, Kaden Argenbright, Corbin Argenbright, Tyler Peugh, Collin Peugh, Jakota Peugh, Isaac Foley, Sam Foley and Jonah Foley, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband.

Memorials may be made to Brashear Baptist Church children's fund, P. O. Box 126, Brashear, TX 75420 or to the Alzheimer's Association at alz. org. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Alice Myers

Mrs. Alice Myers, age 89 of Winnsboro, went to be with Jesus on Monday, October 31st, 2016. She was born on December 30th, 1926 in Wood County, TX to the late Ulysses Jordan and Zora Ingram Jordan. She was a seamstress and pattern maker, and was preceded in death by her parents; grandma and grandpa Whitworth that raised her; loving husband of 34 years, F.C. Myers; sisters, Mary Marrs and Bobby Long; granddaughter, Lesley Myers.

She is survived by sons, Glen Myers and wife Deanna of Ledyard CT. and Dan Myers and wife Janell of Dallas; daughter, Barbara Jean Smith and husband Winston of Winnsboro; brother, T.J. Jordan of Ft. Worth; sisters, Frankie Lee Brewer of Winnsboro; half sisters; Sylvia Peyton of Mabank. Brenda Lockley of Terrell and half brother, John Calvin "Buddy" Jordan of Mesquite; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 1st, 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 Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 11:00 am with Rev. Chauncey Nealy and Rev. Duncan Graham conducting. Interment followed at Shady Grove Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Mike Smith, Chris Smith, Nick Smith, Thomas Ramm, Colin Myers and Justin Dyess serving as pallbearers.



Geraldine Speight

June 04, 1930 - October 29, 2016

Geraldine (Jerry) Speight, 86, of Commerce passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

Geraldine was born on June 4, 1930, in Commerce, Texas, to Alma Lee Payne and Louis Aubrey "Chig" Sparkman. She spent a wonderful 66 years married to J.T. Speight. Jerry was retired from Sherwood and Commerce ISD. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Commerce.

Jerry is survived by her husband, J.T.; her daughter, Kathy (Floyd) Black of Commerce; her son, John (Rita) Speight of Sulphur Springs; her grandsons: Chris Black of Commerce and Nathan Speight of Gun Barrel City; her granddaughters: Amy

Speight Hillen of Round Rock, Ginger Black Atchley of Commerce and Kelli Speight Cole of Dallas; and, her great-grandchildren: Cody Black, Eli Black, Lucas Black, LynLee Atchley, Jacob Atchley and Noah Hillen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alma and Louis Sparkman; her brothers, John Lewis and Lynn Max Sparkman; her sister, June Shipp and brother-in-law Bob Shipp; and, her grandson, John Speight II.

A gathering of family and friends was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Home followed by graveside services at Sonora Cemetery in Fairlie with Rev. Randy Hicks officiating.

Pallbearers were John Speight, Floyd Black, Chris Black, Cody Black, Randy Atchley, Jacob Atchley and David Huffman.

Honorary pallbearers were Nathan Speight, James Speight, Robert Speight, Van Shipp, Bob Monday and Steve Speight.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the Sonora Cemetery Association, c/o Carolyn Burt, 6312 CR 4714, Commerce, Texas 75428.



Carey "Hoot" Gibson

Graveside Services for Carey "Hoot" Gibson, age 56, of Sulphur Springs, were held Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1 p.m., at Restlawn Memorial Park with Judge Robert Newsom officiating and Tim Clark, James Shrode and Randy Myers serving as Honorary Pallbearers. Visitation was held Friday, October 28, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Gibson passed away Thursday, October 27, 2016 at his residence. He was born September 21, 1960 in Sulphur Springs, the son of Max O. and Lonelle (Wyatt) Gibson. He married Sara Watts on May 23, 1980 in Sulphur Springs. He was President of Custom Shutters, Inc. in Como. Hoot attended Fellowship Christian Church.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his wife; sons, Luke Gibson of The Colony, and Jake Gibson of Sulphur Springs; brother, Jerry Spears; sister, Linda Jenkins; and mother and father-in-law, Bill and Jo Watts.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Family requests any memorials be made to the Hanna4Hope Foundation, 610 Price Dr. Rockwall, Texas 75087 www.hanna4hope.com

Evalena Clyde

Funeral services for Evalena Clyde, age 91, of Sulphur Springs were scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:00pm at Tapp Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ruby Ellis officiating. No formal visitation has been scheduled. Mrs. Clyde passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at Christus-Mother Frances hospital in Sulphur Springs, TX.

