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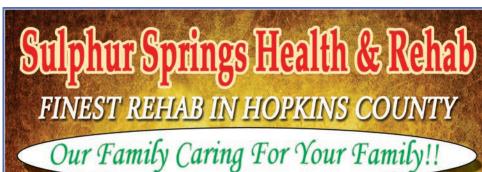
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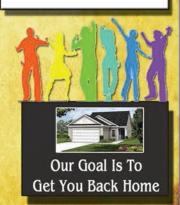




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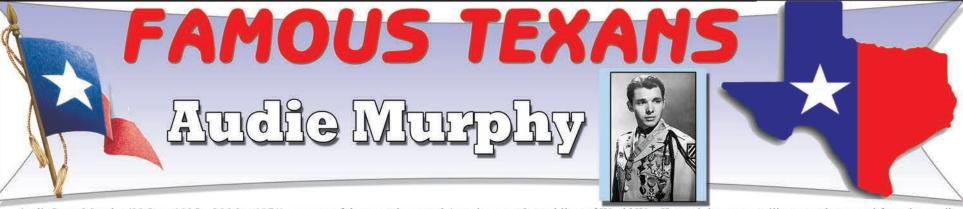
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#### THE MILLENNIUM SHOPPER April 16, 2015



Audie Leon Murphy (20 June 1925 – 28 May 1971) was one of the most decorated American combat soldiers of World War II, receiving every military combat award for valor available from the U.S. Army, as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. At the age of 19, Murphy received the Medal of Honor after single-handedly holding off an entire company of German soldiers for an hour at the Colmar Pocket in France in January 1945, then leading a successful counterattack while wounded and out of ammunition.

Murphy was born into a large sharecropper family in Hunt County, Texas. His father abandoned them, and his mother died when he was a teenager. Murphy left school in fifth grade to pick cotton and find other work to help support his family; his skill with a hunting rifle was a necessity for putting food on the table. Murphy's older sister helped him to falsify documentation about his birth date to meet the minimum-age requirement for enlisting in the military, and after being turned down by the Navy and the Marine Corps he enlisted in the Army. He first saw action in the Allied invasion of Sicily and Anzio, and in 1944 was part of the liberation of Rome and invasion of southern France. Murphy fought at Montélimar, and led his men on a successful assault at the L'Omet quarry near Cleurie in northeastern France in October.

After the war Murphy enjoyed a 21-year acting career. He played himself in the 1955 autobiographical To Hell and Back based on his 1949 memoirs of the same name, but most of his films were westerns. He made guest appearances on celebrity television shows and starred in the series Whispering Smith. Murphy was a fairly accomplished songwriter, and bred quarter horses in California and Arizona, becoming a regular participant in horse racing.

Suffering from what would today be termed posttraumatic stress disorder, he slept with a loaded handgun under his pillow and looked for solace in addictive sleeping pills. In the last few years of his life he was plagued by money problems, but refused offers to appear in alcohol and eigarette commercials because he did not want to set a bad example. Murphy died in a plane crash in Virginia in 1971 shortly before his 46th birthday, and was interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Audie Leon Murphy was born the seventh of twelve children to Emmett Berry Murphy and his wife Josie Bell Killian on 20 June 1925, in Kingston, Hunt County, Texas. The Murphys were sharecroppers of Irish descent.

As a child, Murphy was a loner with mood swings and an explosive temper. He grew up in Texas, around Farmersville, Greenville, and Celeste, where he attended elementary school. His father drifted in and out of the family's life and eventually deserted them. Murphy dropped out of school in fifth grade and got a job picking cotton for a dollar a day to help support his family; he also became skilled with a rifle, hunting small game to help feed them. After his mother died of endocarditis and pneumonia in 1941, he worked at a radio repair shop and at a combination general store, garage and gas station in Greenville. Hunt County authorities placed his three youngest siblings in Boles Children's Home, a Christian orphanage in Quinlan. After the war, he bought a house in Farmersville for his oldest sister Corrine and her husband Poland Burns. His other siblings briefly shared the home.

The loss of his mother stayed with Murphy throughout his life. He later stated: She died when I was sixteen. She had the most beautiful hair I've ever seen. It reached almost to the floor. She rarely talked; and always seemed to be searching for something. What it was I don't know. We didn't discuss our feelings. But when she passed away, she took something of me with her. It seems I've been searching for it ever since.

Murphy had always wanted to be a soldier, and after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, he tried to enlist, but the Army, Navy and Marine Corps all turned him down for being underweight and underage. After his sister provided an affidavit falsifying his birth date by a year, he was accepted by the U.S. Army on 30 June 1942. After basic training at Camp Wolters, he was sent to Fort Meade for advanced infantry training. During basic training he earned the Marksman Badge with Rifle Component Bar and Expert Badge with Bayonet Component Bar.

Murphy was shipped to Casablanca in French Morocco on 20 February 1943. He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, which trained under the command of Major General Lucian Truscott. He participated as a platoon messenger with his division at Arzew in Algeria in rigorous training for the Allied assault landings in Sicily, and was promoted to private first class on 7 May and corporal on 15 July.

Throughout an acting career spanning from 1948 to 1969, Murphy made more than 40 feature films and one television series. When actor and producer James Cagney saw the 16 July 1945 issue of Life magazine depicting Murphy as the "most decorated soldier", he brought him to Hollywood. Cagney and his brother William signed him as a contract player for their production company and gave him training in acting, voice and dance. They never cast Murphy in a movie and a personal disagreement ended the association in 1947. Murphy later worked with acting coach Estelle Harman, and honed his diction by reciting dialogue from William Shakespeare and William Saroyan.

Murphy moved into Terry Hunt's Athletic Club in Hollywood where he lived until 1948. Hollywood writer David "Spec" McClure befriended Murphy, collaborating with him on Murphy's 1949 book To Hell and Back. McClure used his connections to get Murphy a \$500 bit part in Texas, Brooklyn and Heaven. The agent of Wanda Hendrix, whom he had been dating since 1946, got him a bit part in the 1948 Alan Ladd film Beyond Glory directed by John Farrow. His 1949 film Bad Boy gave him his first leading role. The film's financial backers refused to bankroll the project unless Murphy was given the lead; thus, Allied Artists put aside their reservations about using an inexperienced actor and gave him the starring role.

Joseph L. Mankiewicz hired Murphy to play the titular role in the 1958 film The Quiet American. Murphy formed a partnership with Harry Joe Brown to make three films, starting with The Guns of Fort Petticoat (1957). The partnership fell into disagreement over the remaining two projects, and Brown filed suit against Murphy. Murphy featured in three westerns in 1959: he starred opposite Sandra Dee in The Wild and the Innocent, collaborated as an uncredited co-producer with Walter Mirisch on the black and white Cast a Long Shadow, and performed as a hired killer in No Name on the Bullet, a film that was well received by critics. Thelma Ritter was his costar in the 1960 Startime television episode "The Man".

During the early 1960s, Murphy donated his time and otherwise lent his name and image for three episodes of The Big Picture television series produced by the United States Army. He received the 1960 Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for his cooperation in the episode Broken Bridge, which featured his visits to military installations in Germany, Italy, Turkey and the U.S. state of New Mexico to showcase the military's latest weaponry.

Writer Clair Huffaker wrote the 1961 screenplays for Murphy's films Seven Ways from Sundown and Posse from Hell. Willard W. Willingham and his wife Mary Willingham befriended Murphy in his early days in Hollywood and worked with him on a number of projects. Willard was a producer on Murphy's 1961 television series Whispering Smith. and cowrote the screenplay for Battle at Bloody Beach that year. He collaborated on Bullet for a Badman in 1964 and Arizona Raiders in 1965. The Willinghams as a team wrote the screenplay for Gunpoint as well the script for Murphy's last starring lead in the western 40 Guns to Apache Pass in 1967. Murphy made Trunk to Cairo in Israel in 1966.

Murphy married actress Wanda Hendrix on 8 January 1949, and their divorce became final on 19 April 1951. Four days later he married former airline stewardess Pamela Archer. He had two sons with Archer: Terry Michael Murphy, born in 1952, and James Shannon "Skipper" Murphy, born in 1954.

Murphy bred quarter horses at the Audie Murphy Ranch in what is now Menifee, California, and the Murphy Ranch in Pima County, Arizona. His horses raced at the Del Mar Racetrack and he invested large sums of money in the hobby. Murphy had a gambling habit that left his finances in a poor state. In 1968, he stated that he lost \$260,000 in an Algerian oil deal and was dealing with the Internal Revenue Service over unpaid taxes. In spite of his financial difficulties, Murphy refused to appear in commercials for alcohol and cigarettes, mindful of the influence he would have on the youth market.

Murphy's headstone is at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia. On 28 May 1971, Murphy was killed when the private plane in which he was a passenger crashed into Brush Mountain, near Catawba, Virginia, 20 miles west of Roanoke in conditions of rain, clouds, fog and

zero visibility. The pilot and four other passengers were also killed. The aircraft was a twin-engine Aero Commander 680 flown by a pilot who had a private-pilot license and a reported 8,000 hours of flying time, but who held no instrument rating. The aircraft was recovered on 31 May. After her husband died, Pamela Murphy moved into a small apartment and got a clerk position at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles, where she remained employed for 35 years. In 1975, a court awarded Murphy's widow and two children \$2.5 million in damages due to the accident.

Monument at the site of the plane crash in which Audie Murphy died. On 7 June 1971, Murphy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In attendance were Ambassador to the U.N. George H.W. Bush, Army Chief of Staff William Westmoreland, and many of the 3rd Infantry Division. Murphy's grave site is in Section 46, headstone number 46-366-11, located across Memorial Drive from the Amphitheater. A special flagstone walkway was later constructed to accommodate the large number of people who visit to pay their respects. It is the cemetery's second mostvisited grave site, after that of President John F. Kennedy.

The headstones of Medal of Honor recipients buried at Arlington National Cemetery are normally decorated in gold leaf. Murphy previously requested that his stone remain plain and inconspicuous, like that of an ordinary soldier. The head stone contains the incorrect birth year 1924, based upon the falsified materials among his military records. In 1974, a large granite marker was erected just off the Appalachian Trail at WikiMiniAtlas at 3,100' elevation, near the crash site.

Civilian honors were bestowed on Murphy during his lifetime and posthumously, including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2013, Murphy was honored by his home state with the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.



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#### James Slay

Graveside services with full military honors for James Slay, age 83 of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2015 at New Harmony Cemetery in Ladonia, TX with Rev. Rick Higgins officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

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James passed away on Monday, April 13, 2015 at his residence.

He was born on May 3, 1931, the son of Oscar and Bessie Mae (Smith) Slay in Ardmore, OK. He retired from the Air Force in 1968 with the ranking of Technical Sergeant.

He married Frances Geraldine "Gerri" Jackson on September 8, 1955 in Ladonia, TX. She survives.

Other survivors include daughter, Kathy Teutsch and husband, Norton of Georgetown; granddaughters, Amy Teutsch of Georgetown and Shannon Ahearn and husband, Darren of Sabillasville, Maryland and six great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, James W. Slay.



#### **James Cobb**

Funeral Services for Jim Cobb, age 60 of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at First Baptist Church - Sulphur Springs, Spence Chapel with Rev. David Moreland, Richard Couch and Pastor Mark Bryant officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Phillip Therwanger, Jason Walden, Gary Sullivant, Howard Stephenson, Marvin Crain and Pete Bailey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Erwin Cain's Sunday School Class.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Jim passed away on Monday, April 13, 2015 at his residence. He was a member of the First Baptist Church - Sulphur Springs, member of the Panther Creek Hog Association, received a BA of Finance from NLU in Monroe, LA and was a buyer for Flowserve Manufacturing. He was born on May 13, 1954, the son of James Keith and Eudell (Adams) Cobb in Monroe, LA. He married Cathy Geiger on December 17, 1983 in West Monroe,

LA. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Chelsea Marie Cobb McKinnon and husband, Tristan of The Colony, TX and sister, Rebecca Cobb Nixon and husband, Ray of West Monroe, LA.

#### Martha "Marty" Heard

Funeral services for Martha "Marty" Heard, age 47 of Mt. Pleasant, who passed away on April 8, 2015, were held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at the Curry-Welborn Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park.

Visitation was held on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Marty was born on July 24, 1967 in Mt. Pleasant, TX the daughter of Kenneth and Martha Moore Heard.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Heard and Christin Heard, her sister Debbie Gipson and husband Issac, her mother Martha "Chris" Heard and her nieces, Destiny Fountain, Desarae Fountain, Destiny Watkins, and Nevaeh Gipson.

She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth M. Heard.

Martha was formally of Sulphur Springs and has a sister and mother living there now.



#### **Doris Mabe Mullen**

Funeral Services for Doris Mabe Mullen, age 90 of Mesquite, were held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Brashear officiating. Interment followed at Greenview Cemetery with Jon Landers, Sean Reardon, Jeff Landers, Jeremy Landers, Randy Landers and Josh Landers serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer is Jay Landers.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Ms. Mullen passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Notice Residential Care Home in Mesquite.

She was born on January 21, 1925, the daughter of Willie Estes and Mabel (Morris) Mabe in Brashear. She was a homemaker. Survivors include sons, Ronnie Landers of Whitney; Jack Landers, Jr. of Sulphur Springs and Bob Landers of Mesquite; daughter,

Brenda Mullen of Dallas; brother, Roger Mabe of Sulphur Springs; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Pastor Lonnie Mullen and two brothers, Jake Mabe and Dee Mabe.

Memorials can be made to the Greenview Cemetery Association or your favorite charity.



#### **Paul Henry Sisk**

Memorial service for Paul Sisk, 59, of Emory was held Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 3:00 pm at Believers' Baptist Church in Emory. Brother Jimmy Jarrett officiated.

Mr. Sisk died on April, 6, 2015 at his residence.

He was born on August 18, 1955 to Lynn and Betty Jane Williams Sisk. He retired from Rains County Road and Bridge. At the time of his death, he worked for Wood County Road and Bridge.

Survivors: Son: Paul Trent Sisk (Lindsey) of Emory, Sister: Thelma Sisk of Sulphur Springs, Brother: Gary Sisk of New Orleans, LA Grandchildren: Carter Sisk, Grayson Sisk, and numerous other loving family members including Justin Sisk, Melanie Sisk, Eddie Sisk, Robin, Sisk Knight, Courtney Sisk, Travis Sisk, Teresa Sisk Philips, Tony Sisk, Rhonda Sisk, Billy Brimer, Billy Lee Brimer,

Buddy Brimer, Sherry Brimer Smith, Bobby Brimer and Brandon Brimer.

Preceded in death by: Parents; Grandson: Paul Holden Sisk; Brothers: Kenneth Sisk, Louis Sisk and Earl Sisk; Sisters: Betty Louise Sisk and Mary Sue Brimer. Cremation arrangements were under direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

#### Barbara Ann Prestidge

Barbara "Ann" Prestidge, 78, of Greenville died Monday, April 13, 2015 at Greenville Health and Rehab Center. Graveside services were 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Memoryland Memorial Park under the direction of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home. Chaplain Terri Wilson will officiate. Visitation was Tuesday, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Mrs. Prestidge was born in Waxahachie, Texas on September 26, 1936. She was the daughter of Paul Beach Riden and Vermal Williams Riden. On December 21, 1954, she married Billy G. Prestidge in Mineola, Texas. She was a retired telephone operator for Sears Catalog.

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"If I am related to Uncle George, he was born on the side of Tumbleweed Smith the family whose children were born with silver spoons in their mouths. I've always had my foot in my mouth."

His great-grandparents had eighteen children. Sixteen of them were boys. "I know my grandfather and two of his brothers. That means there are thirteen branches of the Bush family in Texas that I know absolutely nothing about."

Years ago he worked as a part-time disc jockey at a radio station in Clayton, New Mexico. "That's as far northeast in New Mexico as you can go. Step across one state line and you're in Colorado and cross another and you're in Teas. And there's a little bit in there where you can step across into Oklahoma.

"The station was KLMX, Crossroads Country for northeastern New Mexico. Occasionally I would feature a country western group on my show. This one particular night, I was featuring the group Alabama when they just happened to be driving through in their bus from a concert in Denver on their way to a concert in Amarillo. That group of musicians heard me playing their songs and found out where the station was. They stopped in and I got to interview the whole band live on the air."

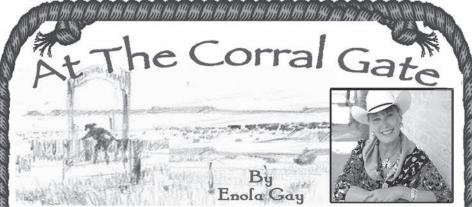
Jim was a single father with a teenage daughter. He was a schoolteacher during the day. But that wouldn't pay all the bills. So occasionally he worked as a night clerk at a Clayton motel.

'George Strait owned a ranch near Eagles Nest, New Mexico and he had been visiting that ranch. He was on his way back home when it started to snow in Clayton. When it snows in Clayton, New Mexico there's nothing to stop the wind. We've had whiteout conditions many times. Anyway, the doorbell rang and I went to answer it. There was George Strait. He looked at me and said 'if I stay here tonight, are you going to call all your friends?' I said, who are you? He kinda grinned and said 'you know who I am.' I said Mr. Strait, I would not call anybody and tell them that you are here. So he rented one entire wing of rooms at the motel and stayed there that night. He would come through and stay with us quite often when he was going home from the ranch. Somehow he heard about my radio career and when he was doing a concert in Amarillo he asked if I could come and introduce him, which I did. It was quite an exciting thing for me to get to share the stage with George Strait."

I told Jim, who is nearly bald, that both those incidents with well known performers were quite unusual and wonderful for him. He replied, "I would trade them for hair."

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he's at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

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"I walked out to the barb-wire fence. A late evening breeze picked up and freshened, and blew my hair back. Was rain coming? I didn't really mind. It felt good to simply wait. To not have to do anything. Just wait. Waiting becomes easier when you've done all you can. I looked out across our pastureland, just a postage-stamp patch of prairie, and watched for the crown of his hat to top the slight rise beyond the barn. Would he have a hurried smile for me, or an exhausted sigh? Would he even get back before dark? I would know when he got close anyway, even if I couldn't see. The mules would bray and the dog would bark and wake the chickens. Glancing around at the sky, I muttered a little prayer that he would get home before it stormed. I hoped he would bring the medicine! Turning tiredly, I headed back to the house to check on things. Better relieve Mama from little Sarah. I guess we'd just have to wait. And pray.' From my WIP (Work In Progress)

On Saturday, I strayed from the corral gate to treat myself to a "just for me" day. First, I went to one of my favorite places, the library, and attended the Lone Star Writer's Workshop, free instruction for beginner writers by Cathy and Bobbie. These

Tyler-area writers have a couple dozen children's books out, marketed as the BobbiCat series. Cathy also writes murder mysteries, and Bobbie also writes historical novels. I like those gals! Their encouragement caused me to dust off the story I once began writing. Will I pick it up again and



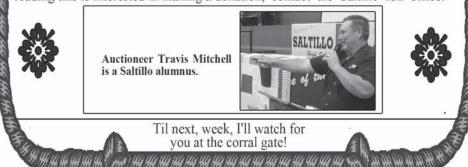
add some more chapters? Maybe. Writing sure **Cathy Myers** seems to bring them a lot of enjoyment, fun and fulfillment! If they come back, go to their workshop!

After the workshop, I went just a few blocks to another one of my favorite places in the world, Heritage Park in Sulphur Springs. The second annual Youth Art Show was going on, and about 80 students had entered original work in sculpture, ceramic, There was a lot of great talent there! acrylic, mosaic, print, watercolor and drawing. There was a lot of great talent there! I couldn't show all of them, so here are a few that I liked best.



As I continued my "just for me" day, I had lunch with my mom. We didn't go out, because Mom is not much on going out. She never was! So we had ham and pinto beans at her kitchen table with her good sweet iced tea. The only thing missing was her homemade chocolate pie! She told me some of her childhood memories I had not heard before, and some that I had.

A bit later that afternoon, I got a phone call from Vivian Monzingo of Saltillo. I mean, Sulphur Springs, because she and Monte have bought a house in town! But you can't take the country out of the girl! Vivian was calling to invite me to the 4th Annual Kerry Garmon Memorial Dinner and Auction to be held at Saltillo ISD that night. Andy and Mary Lou were serving their famous Birthright BBQ, and just about every table was filled in the Kerry Garmon Gymnasium. Who was Kerry Garmon? A long-time Saltillo teacher, coach and superintendent, much loved and respected by students and faculty. One speaker remembered that Mr. Garmon came to Saltillo prior to 1973 when the school district was not too financially stable. He put to use all his talents, like building and remodeling skills, to better the school. When a new superintendent was hired, Mr. Garmon was there personally to welcome him and his family when they arrived at their new home in the community. Mr. Garmon and the school board put a tin roof on a section of the school themselves. He was a warrior for whatever the students needed, in academics and athletics, and he did not know the word quit. He felt that if the Saltillo Lions were to reclaim their championship reputation in basketball, they needed a real gym, so he purchased a piece of land adjoining the school and paid it out. Over time, plans were made and funds raised to build the gym, now named for him. Mr. Garmon was known at times to quietly help individuals with tuition and families with needs. As known at times to quietly help individuals with turtion and taken and administrator, he ran a tight ship, demanded and received respect from students and administrator, he ran a tight ship, demanded and received respect from students and teachers alike, did what was right, kept to the highest professional standards, and presented a lasting role model for young men and women who went to school at Saltillo. Backed by a proud school tradition, the Kerry Garmon Scholarship Foundation is used today to encourage and assist Saltillo graduates with an opportunity for a college education. The annual auction raises money for that foundation. If anyone reading this is interested in making a donation, contact the Saltillo ISD office.





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- New muscular cutting system for breakthrough bagging performance, durability and the beautiful Cub Cadet Signature Cut<sup>®</sup>
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