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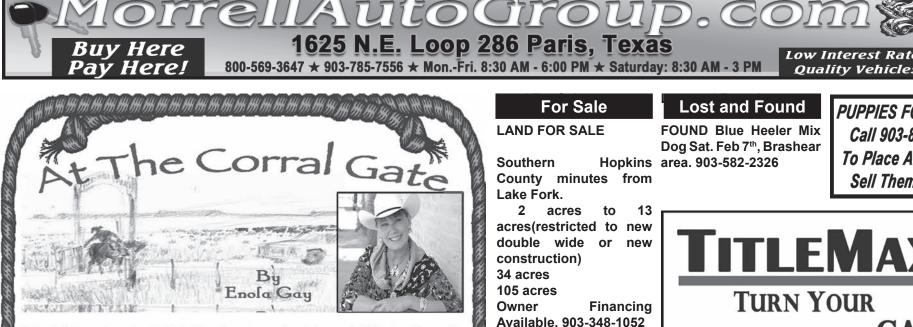
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Why is Nature (weather included!) referred to as feminine, as in "Mother Nature"? If it is because "she" is changeable and unpredictable, we can't argue that! She is truly the mother of us all, and not always the most nurturing sort. None of us

humans can escape her power and influence, good or bad. And in that, all her children on the planet find unity. But back to weather...this final week of February has definitely been a changeable weather week! By the time you read this, most of us will have survived the snow. rain and sleet and will soon be welcoming in a new month, the month of Spring!



Reflecting on the word "mother" in Mother Nature, I realized that although she gets the credit (or the blame), Weather is not her only duty. Mother Nature also governs the oceans and the atmosphere, and our home, Planet Earth. Her vast capability is responsible for earthly seasons, planting and harvesting, livestock reproductive cycles, the tides, heavenly and lunar cycles and features, as well as the life and death of mortal human, animal and plant life. Weather is just one of this mom's many responsibilities, just as motherhood may be one of the many aspects of the life of any intelligent and capable woman you may know. Neat!

This is NETLA Week! Youth in agriculture, especially cultivation of livestock projects by 4H and FFA students, is seriously encouraged in Hopkins County. Over 250 youth will enter their animals this weekend in the Hopkins County Junior Market Livestock Show. Go see their lambs and goats, swine, poultry and cattle entries. Watch them in the showmanship ring. Back at the pen, give a handshake or a pat on the back. Take a seat by the sale ring and join NETLA organizers by becoming a bidder or buyer at the Sale of Champions. Or you can ante up some add-on money for a particular youth or two. You will FEEL good as well as probably DO some good. Now, if you want to see who is showing this year, check out the website gallery at ksstradio.com where several of the youth have posted photos of their animal projects for you to see.

Speaking of NETLA, this current livestock association filed for status in 2003 and has been increasing in importance over the past 12 years bu helping raise college scholarship money for the youth. I want to know more about the history of today's Northeast Texas Livestock Association, or NETLA. I know that it's growth stemmed from the original Hopkins County Livestock Association which became active in the 1940's. At that time, we hadn't even imagined our present Civic Center Arena yet! From what I've been told, the first organized youth showmanship was held in the National Guard Armory building in City (Buford) Park. As more interest in cattle showing developed, an open-sided sheet metal building was put up a little west of the armory. This long narrow building was used to tie the cattle in for judging into the 1950's. About that time, a second building was constructed of wood which became the show barn, and it was used for dairy shows as well as for beef cattle shows and other livestock. Do you know more about this fascinating aspect of our county's history and growth? Or have photos or clippings? If so, please contact me at enolagay.mathews@gmail.com. Joy Wilson and staff will "joyfully" share these with our readers during future weeks!

Well, Spring changes are just days away. March 8 marks the beginning of Daylight

Savings Time, and March 20 marks the first day of Spring. Already we've seen plum trees blooming, and have been fearful for their premature display of enthusiasm. The grass also starting really turning green before this week's snow, and budding trees were beginning to show a pale green tint. No, "Mother Nature" is not above being wrong sometimes, just like the rest of us moms!



Let's remember to be thankful for our abundant blessings, and prayerful for everyone, especially those less fortunate or blessed than we. Til next week, I will watch and wait for you at the corral gate.

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Alec Bridges, last year's recipient, gives the award to Karon Weatherman.



Caregiver of the Year Debra Evans, Pilot Club President, presents the award to Betty Wade.



Community Pride J Judge Newsom presents Mandy Kennedy, Chicks for Charity, her award.



Agriculturist of the Year Gary Spraggins presents the award to the Brody Koon family.



Large Business of the Year Roger Feagley presents the award to David Collier of Oncore Electric.



Growth & Renewal Rita Edwards, President of the SSDBA, presents the award to Sandi Wallace.



Para-Professional Educator , Rusty Harden presents Josie Jimmerson her award.



Woman of the Year Kayla Price was honored by Pam Hollingsworth and Beta Sigma Phi.



In-coming President Meredith Caddell and 2015 Board Chairman Tammy Miller welcomes everyone.

Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce Award Winners....

Citizen of the Year 2014 Karon Weatherman

Photos by Bobby McDonald Front Porch News.



Ambassador of the Year Meredith Caddell presents Carol Palmer with her award.



Educator of the Year Kara Lane, recipient, receives her award from Meredith Caddell.



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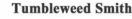
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Storming The Beach At Normandy





George Hangar of Killeen was drafted into the Army in 1943 when he was eighteen. "I never had it so good. I was paid fifty dollars a month. Before I came in I was paid a dollar a day." He became a combat engineer. "Our unit was composed of farm boys who already knew how to string barbed wire, fire every type of rifle and drive every type of vehicle."

He received amphibious training on the coast of England in preparation for the invasion of France at Normandy. "They told us that half of us would be casualties. I looked at the guy next to me and thought that one of us was going to be gone."

He was trained in mines and demolition. At Omaha Beach on June sixth, 1944, his specific job was to clear a path for the twenty-ninth infantry division. "We started off with a mine detector but we had to discard all of that coming in because of the waves and high water. When our squad got ready to go off the landing craft, I was the first one to go down the ramp and as soon as I was off, the ramp blew up."

Getting off the landing craft was dangerous. "We were out quite a ways from shore. When we left the landing craft we were in over five feet of water and the waves were four feet high. They would throw you up and down, up and down. Of course we had to fight the enemy to get in, even though we were soaked, carrying a heavy pack and our weapons.

"We wore a life preserver belt high under our arms. When you would give it a squeeze it would inflate. So many of the infantry guys didn't have amphibious training and their belt was around their waists. When they inflated the life preserver while they were in the water, six or seven feet deep with high waves, it would flip them upside down because they had all this weight on their shoulders. I saw two infantry guys in the waves with their legs sticking out of the water and their heads under water." He says it is extremely important to give invading troops amphibious training.

Once on the beach, they found a wall of barbed wire in front of them and machine gun fire coming from the Germans. They were pinned down for an hour or so. When the machine gun fire stopped for a moment, a Lieutenant from the infantry unit stood up and was immediately shot in the head and killed. "A halftrack vehicle trying to reach the beach got stalled and our squad leader went over to it and called us over there. It had machine guns on it and me and another guy took a machine gun and continuously fired it while two other guys took explosives and blew an opening in the barbed wire so the infantry could move through. We used our bayonets to clear the mines."

George can still wear his uniform and got it out to show me. I took a picture of him holding it. He stays in shape by taking six-mile walks. He has been on six hundred of them. "I'm trying to bankrupt Social Security," says George.

Few things please Tumbleweed more that sitting on a front porch somewhere Texas visiting with people who love life. Contact him at in ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

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Margret Anzaldua

Funeral Services for Margret Anzaldua, age 74 of Sulphur Springs were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 2015, at New Beginnings Fellowship Church with Paul Pogue and Fakri Abdelmalak officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Bradley Conner, Shane Douglas, Mike Sellers, Brian Mausser, Carlos Anzaldua, Ivan Hinkeldey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were TGIF Recovery Group and Kathy Wade.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Margret passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at her residence.

She was born January 10, 1941 the daughter of William Grafford and Dessie (Barnard) Carroll. She married Manuel Anzaldua on August 3, 1983 in Tyler. She was a hair stylist, painter, artist and owner of Margret's Art Texas Gallery & Studio. She attended New Beginnings Fellowship Baptist Church and was a member of the Bright Star League of Cultural Arts.

Along with her husband, she is survived by daughter, Marcia Hinkeldey and husband, Ivan of Sulphur Springs; son, Carlos Anzaldua and wife, Mary Jane of Burney; grandchildren, Owen Bickford, Jr., Phillip Bickford, Cassandra Anzaldua and Carissa Anzaldua; daughter-in-law, Anita Stewart and sisters-in-law, Teresa DeWitt, Marie Benitas, and Peppy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Ralph Carroll and J.D. Carroll and son, Russell Stewart.

Memorials can be made to Bright Star League of Cultural Arts or TGIF Recovery Ministry.



Robert "Bob" Henry Pierce

Robert "Bob" Henry Pierce, 87, of Emory, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Senior Suite Care & Rehab in Emory.

Bob was born in Dallas, on October 19, 1927, to Milborn and Abbey Cult Pierce. He married Wanda Lee Jones in Rockwall on June 1979. He retired, after working many years as a welder, in Dallas, before settling to the Lake Fork area.

A funeral service is scheduled on Thursday Feb. 26, 2015, at 2:00 PM, visitation 1 hour prior to the service, at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory. Burial will follow in the Turner Cemetery in Emory. Pallbearers will be Richard Pierce, Ken Philpot, Randy Pierce, and Kurt Pierce.

Robert is survived by his wife: Wanda Pierce of Emory; son: Richard Pierce of Red Oak; step-son: Ken Philpot of Jonesboro, AR; and step-daughter: Cyndi Philpot of Emory; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous other loving family and friends.



Geral Buford Kennedy

Geral Buford Kennedy was born on October 10,1922, and lived 92 years on earth until called home to his reward on February 19,

Geral began his life in Cunningham, Texas and later moved to Paris, Texas where he graduated from Paris Junior college just before enlisting in the Navy. While serving his country he completed training in radio communications and air gunnery. In 1945, he was thrilled to receive his aircrew wings.

After World War II, Geral received both a BS and MS from Sam Houston State University in Vocational Agriculture. During this time he met Joy Casey, and the two were married July 9, 1950. Both Geral and Joy taught in the West Lamar Schools in Petty. In 1964 Geral was named Lamar County Teacher of the Year.

In 1966, Geral continued his passion of teaching young people in Vocational Agriculture but relocated to Sulphur Springs ISD where he was a vocational agriculture teacher, vocational counselor, and vocational administrator. He retired in 1984. In 2013, Geral was honored when the new Sulphur Springs High School National Technical Honor Society was named for him.

Geral always enjoyed serving his community and was honored with leadership in many organizations including: Hopkins County Ag Workers, the Chamber of Commerce of Sulphur Springs, and Kiwanas Club of Sulphur Springs.

Geral was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. In each community where he and Joy taught they proved to be a major asset to the local churches. Whether it was teaching at Lamar Avenue Church of Christ in Paris, preaching at Emberson Church of Christ, or serving as teacher, deacon, and elder at the Jefferson Street/League Street Church of Christ, Geral was always ready to assist others and exemplify the life of Christ.

Preceding Geral in death were his parents, Dave and Lillie Bays Kennedy, his brothers Kenneth Kennedy, and Deveral Kennedy, as well as one sister, Claris Kennedy Jordan.

Geral is survived by his brother Glenn Kennedy and wife, Charlene, of Plano, Texas; his two daughters Carolyn Jan Nichols and husband, Alvis, of Wylie, Texas, Karol Edwards and husband, Phil, of Plano, Texas; his four grandchildren, Julie Truex and husband, Bryan of Plano, Texas, Brent Nichols and wife, Jill, of Niteroi, Brazil, Bethany Edwards Barry and husband, Alex, of Hastings on Hudson, New York, and Matt Edwards of Plano, Texas; and his five great grandchildren, Reagan Truex, Cheney Truex, Haley Truex, Titus Nichols, and Jack Nichols.

Of all of Geral's talents, passions and many hobbies, nothing was more important to him than his family. He and Joy had been married 62 years at the time of her death in 2012. Their lives were spent in obedience to God and sharing that example with all who were blessed to cross their paths. During Geral's lifetime he taught innumerable people practical and spiritual lessons. His legacy will forever be that of a wise, kind servant.

Geral's family is deeply grateful for the loving and thoughtful care both Joy and Geral received from the staff of the Stonnybrook Memory Care in Garland

Memorials may be sent to Boles Children's Home, 7065 Love, Quinlan, TX 75474, or to the Niteroi Mission Building Fund % of the Wylie Church of Christ at P.O. Box551, Wylie, TX 75098.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Restland Cemetery in Roxton, TX, at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Visitation was from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

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