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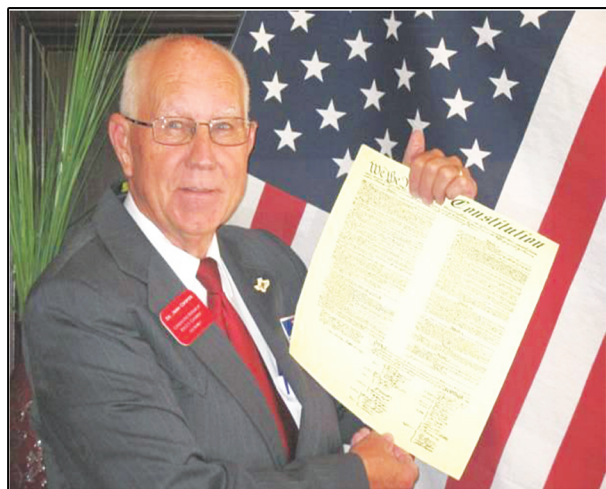
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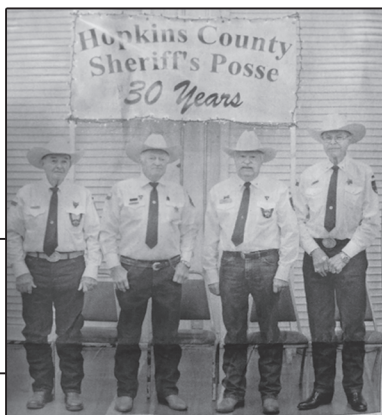
Although there is less evidence around here in NE Texas now, the human love for horses is still natural-born into some children. I suppose it was always this way, even back when horses were the main form of transportation. Among my dozen grandchildren, very few are true horse lovers although they have all been around them a good bit when they were visiting me. Funny, when I was a kid, I would have given almost anything to own a horse or to be around them on a daily basis. I'd probably have even spent the nights out there! As an adult with my own spending money, I had to create my own horse lifestyle. And today, whenever the grandkids come to visit, they know we will be going to the barn and they are going with me! This past weekend, Jackson and his big brother JJ came to visit. It was cold, wet and forbidding outside so we played "horse" in the living room.



As you have heard me say before, I'm a proud member of the Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse. The group recently celebrated it's 30th "Birthday party" in the sally port of the Sheriff's Department. Included was the swearing-in and a "changing of the guard" as Frank Tieman was installed as Captain of the Posse. Honored were the four surviving charter members, Sam Tatum, Roger "Tex" Maynard, Earl Martin and Billy Wayne Orr. Inmates prepared and served the chili for lunch and a grand time was had by all with recollections, stories and sharing of vintage photos. It was remembered that at the posse's organizational meeting back in October 1987, Sheriff Mark Bassham presided over the original swearing-in, and and Cletis Millsap cooked a squirrel stew over an open fire which everyone enjoyed along with fellowship. Today's posse has two dozen members, and under the leadership of Sheriff Lewis Tatum, himself a former posse member, they will be taking a larger share in assisting the deputies in 2018.



Historic photo of Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse Members and other riders a couple of decades ago



Posse Charter Members Sam Tatum, Roger "Tex" Maynard, Earl Martin and Billy Wayne Orr

How far away is Spring? At the most, 5 weeks now....possibly by mid-March. When does Daylight Savings Time begin? Sunday March 11. When is Easter 2018? Sunday April 1. I hope you enjoy the remainder of Winter...but for me it will be good riddance! I am not a fan of cold weather! I am marking the weeks off the calendar til warm weather returns for good. Til next week, I will watch for you at the corral gate!

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Challenges of Childhood...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Childhood illnesses in the mid-20th Century were rarely treated by physicians who practiced medicine. Instead, mothers practiced home remedies with abandon.

Many among us can remember times when the treatment was worse than the illness, as well as accompanying psychological damage that won't let go.

Youngsters cringed at hearing parental diagnoses. What now is regularly called an "upper respiratory infection" was then a chest cold, "crud," croup, or sometimes "epizootis." Perhaps what moms depended upon most often was castor oil (or black draught) for tummy disorders and Vicks VapoRub for what we called "bad colds."...

Both treatments were bad news for youngsters. The

elixirs tasted indescribably bad, akin to stagnant swamp water. And the VapoRub invariably caused embarrassment.

After chests were slathered liberally with the ointment, cloths were slapped on, theoretically to prevent greasy stains on outer clothing. Even worse, the cloths--never staying in place--were actually old diapers. They commonly slipped out between shirt buttons or drooped from shirttails. School friends quickly saw edges of tattered diapers and/or got whiffs of the potent ointment.

"Your mamma didn't get your diaper on tight this morning," someone would always yammer. There may have been far more psychological damage than caused by illnesses....

Grandparents conversing with grandchildren do so at their own peril. Perhaps it has always been that way. A suggestion is to "hang loose," because wild--and sometimes "off the wall" responses--are inevitable.

During the holidays, Rev. Scott Sharman of Burleson

asked grandson, Paxton, where he was going to live when he grows up. The 6-year-old, son of Killeen ISD teachers LaRon and Amanda Slay, answered in wide-eyed innocence. "I'm gonna live with Momma and Dad, and when they die, I'll take over their house."

"Won't that make you sad?" Granddad asked. "It's no problem. I'll hang up pictures of them."...

A friend who has held down many jobs said his most unpleasant chore occurred in the family's old clapboard farm house when he was only eight years of age.

"It was miserable," he moans. "I had to get up every day at 5 a.m. during the winter time to fetch some wood so I could start a fire in the cook stove to heat water in the tea kettle. "Then, I'd pour the boiling water through cracks in the floor to get the hogs out from under the house."...

It's difficult for me to think of a farm house without recalling a depression-era

joke the late Bob Murphey included in almost all of his talks. Hosts frequently reminded him to "tell the story about what you fed your hound dogs during the Depression." (Murphey, an all-time best story teller, never had to worry about others stealing his material. It was his East Texas drawl that made him unique, and others simply fell short if they attempted to mimic his speaking delivery.)

"I was talking to a fellow on the next farm the other day, and he feared having to sell his hound dogs, simply because he couldn't afford to continue feeding them." Murphey said he urged the friend to feed them turnip greens. "My dogs won't eat turnip greens," the farmer responded. "Mine wouldn't either for the first three weeks," Murphey joked.

A platform favorite, he made thousands of talks throughout Texas and beyond. He said his hometown, Nacogdoches, Texas, was "the birth place of the zip code. None of us could spell it, so we decided to number it."...

Answers

COWBOY POETRY IN ALPINE

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The Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine attracts participants and spectators alike who love and appreciate cowboy stories in song and verse. If you're planning to be in Alpine the weekend of March 2 and 3 and don't know about the event, you soon will.

Cowboys and cowgirls recite and sing in hotel and motel lobbies, restaurants, nightspots and places in between. While most of the events take place during the day at Sul Ross State University, entertainers spill out after hours to do their thing all over town. The list of entertainers is impressive and they come from all over the US and Canada. The event is in its 32nd year.

"Sometimes folks from foreign states misunderstand our pride. I guess if you weren't born here it's hard to see our side. It's about independence, about honor. It's about the land. Making your own way in life and being your own man."

Those words were written and recited by Don Cadden on his CD, HOMBRES DE CAMPO. It contains a dozen songs and poems, one of which is The Auction Barn Cafe. Don grew up in Dripping Springs but fell in love with the Texas Mountain Country when he spent a summer working on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

"I was stationed in Sanderson," says Don. "I'd go to Valentine, pay 50 cents to spend the night in a bunkhouse, then get on the train and head back to Sanderson. Of course we'd come back through Alpine, Marathon and Marfa. I thought it was the end of the earth at first but I found it a fascinating place."

Don got interested in cowboy poetry and went to Alpine for one of the poetry events. At an open mike session his wife encouraged him to get on stage and recite one of his poems. He got good response and was invited back. Don now lives in Alpine.

"Luckily I'm married to a woman who doesn't mind being 75 miles from the nearest Walmart and 2 and a half hours from the nearest airport."

Don is president of the cowboy poetry event.

"We really concentrate on getting people who are ranchers, working cowboys and they tell me over than over that this is the best such event because it's authentic. We haven't turned it into a festival. It's a gathering. This year we'll have over 50 performers from a dozen states and Canada. Usually a couple of poets from Australia show up. And people from all over the country come for this event. It's amazing.

"It brings a ton of business to Alpine. Attendees have to have food and a place to sleep and shop. Hotels are booked nearly a year ahead of time. The owner of our biggest RV Park said 25 people who were leaving last year after the gathering made reservations for this year."

All daytime events are free. Evening events Friday and Saturday are \$15. 1 PM comedy and music shows (featuring the Canadian music group Cowboy Celtic) Friday and Saturday are \$10. A Chuck wagon breakfast Friday and Saturday is \$5.



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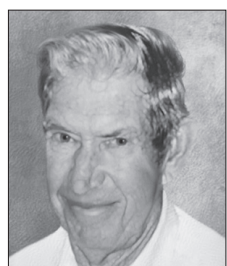
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Harold Lloyd Kids

Funeral services for Harold Lloyd Kids, age 82, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., one hour prior to service time at West Oaks Funeral Home. Harold passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Aubrey Lee Potts

Funeral services for Aubrey Lee Potts, age 87, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 17, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Greenview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Aubrey passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances of Sulphur Springs.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Judd Wayne Harrington

Memorial Service for infant, Judd Wayne Harrington of Sulphur Springs were held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Judd Wayne Harrington was born on January 3, 2018 in Sulphur Springs into the loving arms of his parents, Kaci and Judd Harrington and sister, Kaydynce and passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018 in Sulphur Springs, TX.

He is survived by his parents and sister; grandparents, Constance Harrington, Andy and Susan Harmon; great grandparents, Tommy and Connie Harrington, Etta and Ben Welch, Harold and Annie Bagwell; great great grandmother, Bonnie Harrington; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Judd was preceded in death by his grand and great grandparents, Tommy Wayne Harrington, Jr., Bill Harrington, LeRoy Harmon, Lucille Harmon, Nannie Frasher.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Lawrence Chambly

Lawrence Chambly, age 79 of Winnsboro, passed away on Monday, February 12th, 2018 in Winnsboro. He was born on April 25th, 1938 in Gary, Indiana to John Ray and Myrtle Blosson (Dill) Chambly. At an early age the Chambly family moved to California, where after losing his father in WW II, Lawrence helped support his family at the age of nine working his paper route. He finished his public education and then received a degree in Business from UCLA. A proud US Army veteran, it was while he was stationed at Fort Hood that he met the love of his life, Betty Ruth Foster.

After moving to Winnsboro from Garland, Texas, Mr. Lawrence founded USA Harness in 1991, providing numerous jobs for the North East Texas economy to this day. When he passed away he was still serving as President and CEO of USA Harness. He was of the Methodist faith, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and was part of the founding of the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers. His family knew him as the "quiet philanthropist", providing contributions to many local and national charities, he believed this to be an integral part of his success in business, being a responsible steward of his community and his employees.

He was preceded in death by wife, Betty Chambly and son Larry Chambly, as well as his parents and four of his sisters. He is survived by, Daughter and son-in-law, Debra Rae and Michael Aldridge of Winnsboro; sons, Lonnie Eugene Chambly and Tony Dean Chambly all of Winnsboro; sisters, Sandy Estes of Ocala, Florida and sister Linda Matthesan of Costa Mesa, California along with 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, February 15th, 2018 also at Beaty Funeral Home with Bro. Ronny Spence officiating, interment will follow at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.

James Raley

Mr. James Raley, age 89 of Winnsboro, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018 in Winnsboro. He was born on January 6, 1929 in Cartwright to the late Luther Raley and Eula Shoemaker Raley. He was a retired electrician with Trane.

He was preceded in death by parents, step son, Robbie Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Opal Raley; daughters, Becky Stallar and husband Gerry, Toni Beasley and husband Ricky; step daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hill; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date.



Claude Ed Brice

Funeral service for Claude Ed Brice, age 86, of Sulphur Springs were held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Tira Cemetery with Fred McCoy, Billy Joe Clayton, Max Drummond, Steve Smith, Mason Smith and Shane Williams serving as pallbearers and Jamie Brice, Earnest "Ed" Brice and his coffee drinker friends serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held one half hour before the service. Mr. Brice passed away on February 9, 2018 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab, Sulphur Springs.

Claude Ed Brice was born on May 4, 1931 in Tira, TX, the son of Claude and Mary Dee Brice. He married Peggy Evans on June 22, 1956 in Oklahoma. Claude worked for the Dept. of Agriculture for 32 years and as a Real Estate Agent for Century 21 Home Town.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Sherri Smith and husband, Steve; grandchildren, Shaunda Williams and husband, Shane, Maci Smith and Mason Smith; great grandchildren, Heidi and Mylee Williams.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents and son, Eddie Brice.

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