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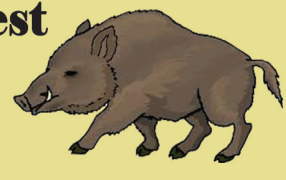
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At The Corral Gate



You may be a friend of Claude Walter, businessman and outdoor enthusiast living in the Hopkins County area for about 30 years. He now talks like a Texan but he actually hails from New York! Claude was raised on a Jersey dairy farm in upstate New York and learned early on the value of getting up early and being ready to work. He got "here" as soon as he could when he was transferred to Texas by the company he was working for. Once here, he found an early-morning part-time job as an announcer at KSST Radio and as the "Sunriser" quickly made a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He partnered up with Peavine Pinion on a live daily Hunting and Fishing Radio Show, interviewed Parks and Wildlife speakers and frequently provided broadcast duty at Lake Fork Bass tournaments. He was responsible for bringing an array of outdoor and wildlife programming to local Cable Channel 18. Like many, he anticipated the opening of Cooper Lake State Park and watched the new lake fill up and develop it's own ecosystem. One of Claude's lifetime interests is observing the migration of geese, and the Hopkins County lakes area has provided plenty of opportunity for that. For about 20 years, he owned and operated an alternator and starter shop along the local main drag, and later operated a sign shop. Following a devastating housefire right after New Year's, Claude and his wife Julie have decided to move back to upstate New York where they both were raised. Their new home will be situated on family property bordering a major flyway and the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge Area where goose populations are greatest. Once he gets settled, don't be surprised if you see wildlife articles penned by "The Sunriser" Claude Walter!



There is now a food pantry to assist Como and Pickton residents. It's called The Lord's Work Food Pantry and is sponsored by Color Blind Anointed Ministries at 210 Black Oak Road in Como. It will be open weekly to qualifying clients on Tues, Wed and Thurs from 9 am til 2 pm and on Fridays by appointment. There is also a Resource Center located inside to help job-seekers find employment, job tips and wardrobe/grooming support.. Directors Nancy Attaway and Cathy McLeroy and Resource Director Chasity Janwey can supply applications for assistance. Pastor CJ Duffey and the congregation are proud to offer this new food ministry! If you would like to donate money, food or hygiene items, contact Nancy at 903-335-4764.



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The next Reilly Springs Jamboree will take place on Saturday March 19 at 7pm when Jake Penrod returns with traditional country music. This young man says his dad "put the music in him" and a TV ad for a Hank Williams gospel album started him performing in public. At age 26, Jake plays 14 instruments and has numerous recordings to his credit including "Hank Williams Remembered: A 22-song Collection" and "What I Mean When I Say Country" of all originals. The historic stage at the Reilly Springs schoolhouse hosted the golden age of country music back in the 1950's and 60's and still offers family-friendly country and gospel entertainment every third-Saturday night of the month. Admission is \$10 person. Don Woods Jr will open the show at 6pm with Roger Reed and band.



Jake Penrod

Well, looks like we survived the Primary but in Hopkins County we have run-off elections coming up soon. Til next week, I'll watch for Spring and you at the corral gate.

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Sulphur Springs High School band students wore their band shirts to school Monday in memory of their beloved director and SSSHS Fine Arts Director Charles McCauley. McCauley died Sunday morning. Social media has been filled with pictures and comments honoring his life and work.

McCauley was one of those unique people who enabled all to find in him a friend. His love for his work, his students, his church, and his community brought him in contact with not just hundreds but thousands of people. He made a contribution to each life. Disciple tempered with compassion would easily describe his motivation for students. He was not turf driven in his work. He saw his leadership of the band as just one more piece of the puzzle that provides success to the various programs of the local school.

In a statement to KSST News, Superintendent of Schools Michael Lamb noted, "Sulphur Springs ISD lost an incredible family member over the weekend. Charlie McCauley, our long-time Band and Fine Arts Director, has passed. Charlie had an amazing heart and passion for our kids, their futures, and teaching them to be great citizens and leaders in our community. Over his 20 years of service with our district, he touched the hearts and lives of thousands of our students, and I know that we were blessed to have known him. Mr. McCauley has been a truly inspirational leader for our fine arts program, particularly for our Wildcat Band. My own son has been in the program for 5 years, and I have felt Charlie's positive influence in my son's maturity and leadership ability over the years. I will truly miss my friend and truly miss the service he has provided for so many of our students. He will be greatly missed."

Greg Owens, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at SSSHS, said, "I'm going to miss my friend Charlie McCauley. We had a very unique relationship as Head Football Coach and Band Director—always got along great. Charlie loved his family and the kids he taught. He had a huge heart for people. The only negative I could find was his love of the Arkansas Razorbacks, but he couldn't help that! The Band man was full of joy and loved to laugh. He made a huge impact in our school and to all he taught. We are going to miss our friend."

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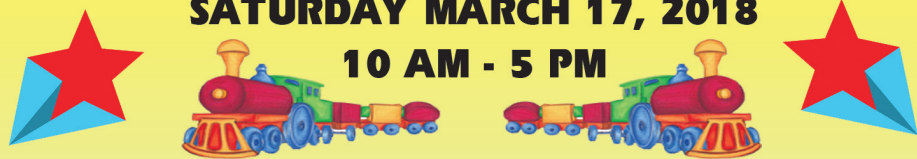
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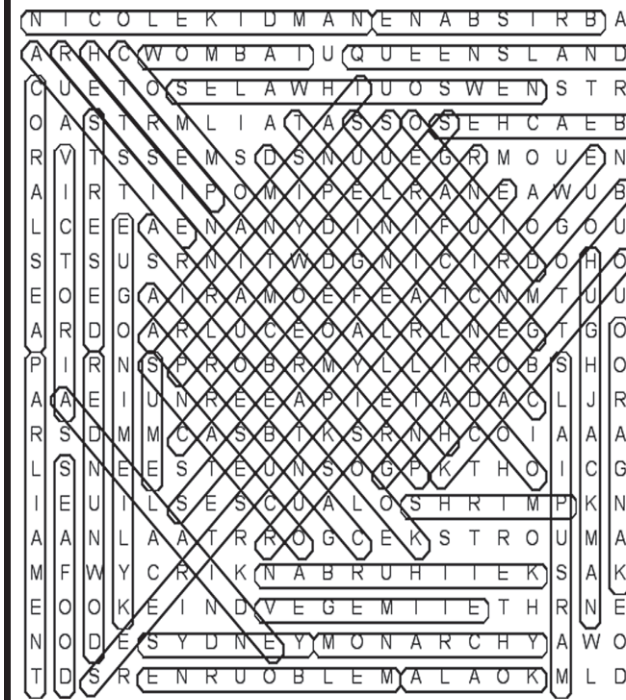
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John Ballew of Fort Worth grew up in Memphis, Texas a small Hall County town between Quail and Turkey. His grandfather was Jefferson Raymond Ballew a colorful Memphis merchant who sold cars, refrigerators, radios and whiskey. “He was arrested 128 times in Hall County,” says John,” mostly for bootlegging, gambling and fighting. If you got arrested for bootlegging back then you paid a \$50 fine and spent the night in jail. When you got out the next day you could do some more bootlegging. He was arrested in other counties, too. Several times. A bootlegger was a necessary evil in the dry counties of the panhandle. Raymond considered himself a public servant.”

Raymond had lots of friends and ran for sheriff. Only one thing kept him out of office: not enough votes.

Raymond always carried a gun and shot at least 5 people, according to John. “He shot the police chief and his deputy in 1936. They knew he was bootlegging and decided to come through his front door. Raymond took exception to that.”

There was no bloodshed, but in 1937 Raymond was tried, convicted and sentenced to 4 years in prison. He lost several appeals and realized he was headed for prison. He saw it as an opportunity to make money.

“So he took out a full page ad in the Memphis Democrat that contained these words: The politicians have won. Please come buy my last refrigerators because I don’t want my family to starve while I chop cotton for the governor. I have excellent bargains. Whatever deal you want to make, come in and we’ll sell you a refrigerator or radio or whatever I got. No deal will be refused. Everybody in town came in and started buying refrigerators. Every night Raymond would go to Amarillo and buy more refrigerators and whiskey. He became the number one appliance salesman in America. In June of 1940 he was in Time Magazine and the first line read Feisty businessman Raymond Ballew finds a way to make money going to prison. So little newspapers all across America saw that and they all wrote about Raymond, too.”

In 1940, Raymond drove himself to prison. “Raymond sold Studebakers, so he drove a brand new red 1940 Studebaker Dictator to Huntsville, pulled up in the parking lot, got out wearing his hat and 3-piece suit, walked up to the gate and said, ‘hello, boys. I’m Raymond Ballew and I’m here to go to prison.’ He handed over his keys, stayed less than 6 months and then got a full pardon from Texas Governor W. Lee O’Daniel. Raymond paid W. Lee Pappy O’Daniel \$50,000 for a full pardon. Pappy had been Bob Wills’s manager and Bob loved whiskey. When he played around Memphis, Raymond kept him supplied. Raymond walked out of prison, got back in his car, drove back home and resumed his previous life selling cars, refrigerators, radios and whiskey to the good people of Memphis.” Raymond died in 1965. He was married 6 times. John has written articles about his grandfather and refers to him as The Hall County Al Capone or The Hall County Gangster.

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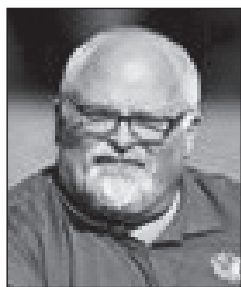
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Charles McCauley

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Jana Hankins

Memorial service for Jana Hankins, age 60, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, March 5, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Visitation was held from 4 to 6 P.M. on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Hankins passed away on February 28, 2018 in Greenville, TX.

Jana was born and raised in Sulphur Springs. She grew up on her family dairy farm at Gafford's Chapel. She was known by most from her years as a rural mail carrier. She was a great cook and had many fun times as owner of the Wills Point Sale-Barn Cafe. She loved to camp and travel with her friends. We'll miss her great sense of humor and genuine love of life.

She is survived by her two children; Patrick Matthews and partner Jessica of New York and Hannah Tatum and husband Riley of Sulphur Springs, her stepson; Billy Hankins of Sulphur Springs, five treasured grandchildren; Lainey, Hayleigh, Callan,

Trevor and Ashley, her Mother; Jean Ross of Sulphur Springs and sister; Janina Ross of Austin.

She was preceded in death by her father, Nelson Ross and sister, Gena McFadden.

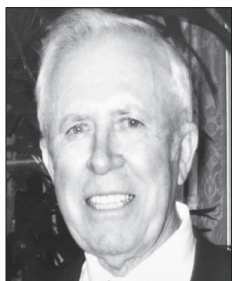
The family ask, that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Camp Discover Scholarship Program at Beaver's Bend (P.O. Box 157, Broken Bow 74728) or other charity of your choice."



Savoy Tutt

Funeral services for Savoy Tutt, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 9, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Pete Adrian officiating. Interment will follow at Sherley Cemetery with Chad Leverton, Brian Leverton, Joseph Pinkston, Nicholas Curry, Josh Melancon, Andy Thompson, Matt Thompson, and Gerald Tutt serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Ardis, Steve Peugh, and Mark Peugh. Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., prior to service time at West Oaks Funeral Home. Savoy passed away on Monday, March 5, 2018 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born on December 21, 1936 in Red Water, TX, the son of Adolph and Ira Marie Smith Tutt. He was in partnership with Ardis, Tutt, and Peugh Construction for many years where they built apartment buildings and motels. He married Norma Campbell Tolbert Tutt on March 28, 1979 in Sulphur Springs, she survives. After he retired,

he became a rancher where he enjoyed the cattle and livestock. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by, son, Kenneth Thompson and wife Christy, daughters, Margaret Curry of Carrollton, Sandra Potts of Carrollton, Teresa Pinkston and husband Tom of Yantis, Kimi Merrell and husband Tim of Sulphur Springs, April Cannon and husband John of Rockhill, SC, grandchildren, Tina Morris, Andy Thompson and wife Kim, Matthew Thompson, Chad Leverton and wife Joni, Brian Leverton and wife Nickhyll, Stephanie Kotzur and husband Kevin, Nicholas Curry and wife Rachel, Madison Williams and husband Joe, Marissa Raies and husband Micah, Angela Shuler, Audrey Shuler, Ryan McDonald, Jacqueline Lambert, Jennifer Melancon and husband Josh, Joseph Pinkston and wife Jennifer, and great-grandchildren, Owen, Ella, Anna, Aaron, Drew, Parker, Cayden, Katelyn, Isabelle, Aubrey, Arianna, Calvin, Phoenix, Posey, Mallory, Autumn, Brayden, David, Will, Jeffrey, Sarai, Donovan, Seth, Levi, and Annaleis. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, two grandsons, Justin and Jason, and one great-granddaughter, Allyssa. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Jack D. Gillis

Jack D. Gillis passed away peacefully at age 94 on March 5, 2018 in the presence of his family.

Mr. Gillis was born on September 21, 1923 in Cumby, Texas to parents A.K. and Ruth Record Gillis. He graduated from Cumby High School and then attended East Texas State College in Commerce and Texas A&M University in College Station. On May 1, 1943, he married his girlfriend from the first grade, Ruth Plunkett Gillis, who preceded him in death in 2015. Drought, floods, fire, hail, wind and snow... Jack Gillis has about seen it all as he stood guard over one of the oldest and largest ranches in Hopkins County. The Gillis Family Ranch, founded in 1873, is headquartered in Cumby. The Ranch is home to a large herd of registered Santa Gertrudis cattle that he used to work with his favorite horse up until his 80s. Mr. Gillis loved the Gillis Ranch and all of those cows. Jack also got his pilot's license at age 37 and drove to Alaska twice. To make sure his family had a place to gather

for holidays and other family occasions, Jack also developed a separate ranch which his family affectionately calls "The Barn" and is where he celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends.

Through A.K. Gillis and Sons, Inc., Jack and his brother Bobby employed thousands of people over the years throughout Texas and Louisiana, and still do today. Mr. Gillis enjoyed the many years he served on the Sulphur Springs State Bank/Alliance Bank board of directors. He was a good listener and gave good advice.

Jack is survived by two daughters, Judy Gillis of Sulphur Springs and Janet and Mike Jordan of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Ashley and Drew Roberts of Austin, Josh and Kayce Jordan of Mt. Vernon, Julianne and Jason Evans of Dallas and Alison and Charlie Bagley of San Antonio; great grandchildren, Katelyn, Lucy and Anna Roberts, Emerson and Katherine Jordan, Gillis and Jordan Evans, and Jack and John Bagley; brother-in-law E. A. Junell of Cumby and nephew John and Debbie Gillis of San Antonio. He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth Plunkett Gillis and brother Bobby Gillis.

A visitation was held on March 7th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mr. Gillis will be buried in a private ceremony on March 8, 2018 and a memorial service will take place at 2:00pm at West Oaks Funeral Home. All are welcome to attend the memorial service and celebrate the life of Mr. Gillis.

Pallbearers are Josh Jordan, Drew Roberts, Jason Evans, Charlie Bagley, Barry Ward and Randy Hall.

Honorary Pallbearers are the Alliance Bank Directors, John Gillis, E.A. Junell, Don Deaton, Red Cross, Lee Teetes and Vic Ponder.



Ann Nell Morgan

Graveside services for Ann Nell Morgan, age 71, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Bro. Neal Cochran officiating. Visitation was held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., prior to service time, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Ann passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab.

She was born on January 7, 1947 in Greenville, TX, the daughter of Vendal and Anna V. Williams Hudson. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

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