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MAY 11th & 12th

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Dogwood Festival

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*Most events will be held at the Jim Hogg Park. Tractor Pull will be held at the Quitman Youth Foundation Baseball Fields. The Pageant will be held at the Quitman Civic Center.

Friday 11th

- 2:00 pm: Booth/Vendors-Crafts, Business, Food
- 6:00 pm: Karaoke with adult beverage area
- 6:30 pm: Dogwood Pageant - Located at the Carroll Green Civic Center

Saturday 12th

- 9:00 am: Booth/Vendors - Crafts, Business, Food
- 10:00 am: Parade
- 11:00 am: Tractor Pull - Located at QYF Fields
- 11:00 am: 12 Tournament
- 12:00 pm: Cornhole Tournament
- 12:30 pm: Art Contest
- 1:30 pm: Jelly Contest
- 2:00 pm: Strawberry Anything Contest
- 2:30 pm: Pie Contest
- 3:30 am: BBQ Competition
- 4:30 pm: Peoples Choice Contest
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This story is about a girl, Teresa White Weatherford, and her dad Eldon White. Although he passed away more than 15 years ago, and despite a crippling injury, Teresa successfully carries on her family's 50-year horse ranching heritage practically single-handedly. Let's go back to the 1950's before the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) became the world's largest breed registry and membership organization, and when the White's first began their breeding operation.

Eldon and Wilma White were hard-working farmers who weren't afraid of change for the better. Theirs was one of the first Holstein dairy operations in Hopkins County which they founded in the late 1930's. Likewise, the couple took the same forward-looking approach when getting into the exciting new breed of Quarter horses. Their family was growing and more income was always needed. Eldon started out breeding Shetland ponies for sale, due to the Roy Rogers popularity that was sweeping the nation. Everyone wanted to ride a horse and every child wanted a pony. This activity was lucrative, but Eldon really liked to ride good horses. With his first purchase of a Leo San stallion from Matlock Rose in the 1960's, followed by a sorrel stallion Reger's Bar Flirt, they bred a few mares. In the early 80's, they purchased Doc Jack Socks, a son of Doc O' Lena, and later Okie's Triumph, a son of Doc's Okie Quixote, whose progeny helped build their reputation as an AQHA breeder, producing foals which strongly carried their line's genetic stamina, talents and looks.



Mike McDonald with Trappin' Fat Cat

Teresa White Weatherford NCHA 1988 Winner



Born in 1960, Teresa as a youth took more interest in the horse barn than the dairy barn, and more than any of her six siblings. Her older brother Gerald helped his dad in showing horses during his teen years, but in adulthood has concentrated his attention on White's Dairy. It was Teresa who during college began competing in halter and pleasure classes and after college went into competitive cutting. When Eldon fell ill in 1992, Teresa quit teaching reading at Jr. High's in the Metroplex schools and came home to help her mother. Though a small mom-and-pop farm, White's horses continued to turn out candidates for almost any equine discipline that horse shoppers wanted through the 80's and 90's. Back then you'd advertise your foals in horse magazines like Western Horseman, while today, most horse shopping begins on the Internet. Teresa's foals have been sold to farms and ranches in over half the States and in several foreign countries, proudly carrying their sire's and dam's predisposition, conformation and intelligence into the cutting/reining, barrel racing, team roping and pleasure arenas. The White farm's breeding prowess brought the family recognition by the AQHA in 2015. As a 50-year Legacy breeder, the family was honored at the Amarillo AQHA Hall of Fame and Museum for their dedication to maintaining the integrity of the American Quarter horse through their breeding operation.

Eldon passed away in 2001. His wife and partner, Wilma, continued overseeing the side-by-side dairy and horse operations until 2017, when she passed away just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday. Today, though permanently on crutches, their daughter, Teresa, oversees the daily work of care and feeding assisted by one full-time employee and her brother, Gerald, when needed. Their resident stallion of 8 years, Trapper Cat, a son of High Brow Cat, services their herd of about fifteen mares. Some are descendants of their former red dun stud Doc Jack Socks. With all of the mares in foal this Spring and with red dun and sorrel foals already on the ground, it looks to be a promising year for the Eldon White Quarter Horse Farm. If you're looking for a saddle horse or competition horse possessing the best in Quarter horse intelligence and breeding, you don't have to look far. Once on the western outskirts of Sulphur Springs, their dual operation has been swallowed by the city limits on Shannon Road West. Contact them at teresawhite20@verizon.net or 903- 885-2887.

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Basil Edwin Clemons, photographer, the firstborn of seventeen children of Lemuel Joseph and Sarah Alice (Clemmons) Clemmons was born in Lauderdale County, Alabama, on July 22, 1887. His parents were cousins. He attended grammar school in Alabama until his father, a farmer, moved the family to Ridgeway, Texas. At age sixteen, in 1903, Basil left Texas and journeyed to California. He was in San Francisco in 1906, when that city experienced its devastating earthquake. Clemons, who was well-read, became a self-taught photographer in Hollywood at the beginning of the movie era. Later, he trooped with the Tom Mix Wild West Show. In 1909 he returned to East Texas to visit his family before departing for Alaska, where he recorded the growth surrounding the gold discoveries in the Yukon River area. He introduced motion pictures to Alaskan residents by making and developing the first movies shown there. Clemons was responsible for bringing the first airplane into the snowy region and then preserved the sights of the frozen land with the first aerial photographs taken in Alaska. He was snow-blinded, however, and his eyesight was affected for the rest of his life. In Alaska Clemons became a Methodist. He later confided to his mother that he was a "sprinkled Methodist" because immersion in ice water would have frozen him to death. He joined the United States Army and trained at Fort Liscom, Alaska. In 1918 he was discharged as a private in the Ninth Company, 166th Depot Brigade. He eventually moved to Seattle, Washington, where he opened a photography studio.

In 1919, while traveling with a circus, he returned to Texas. There he received word that his studio had burned, but instead of returning to Seattle he headed west to Breckenridge, Texas. He chronicled on film every aspect of life in the small town as it boomed from oil production in 1920. When the oilfields declined, he remained and continued to photograph everyday happenings. His photographs included not only oil-derrick scenes, weddings, downtown display windows, rodeos, parades, and portraits of prominent citizens, but also funeral processions, Ku Klux Klan rallies, lakeside picnics, and the entire public school student body. His developing studio was his unusual home, an iron-wheeled gypsy wagon, ten feet long and six feet wide, which had been a cookshack used on a ranch. To develop photographs, he never measured the chemicals poured from jars. By tasting the finger he used to stir the mixture, he determined the correct proportions. He developed black-and-white and sepia-toned photographs. He also produced pictures on fabric and did hand-colored tinted prints. His skill was so perfected that he formulated a process for color developing before the Eastman Kodak Company. When he received a letter from Kodak in 1936, offering a fabulous amount, plus royalties, for his technique, Clemons had his teen-aged helper, Frank Pellizzari, Jr., type a refusal to the offer with the remark that the Kodak chemists should "figure it out for themselves." The trademark of his work was marking negatives with a fine pen and India ink so that the developed prints bore the subject label, date, and his signature in white lettering.

Clemons, a lifelong bachelor, believed in a simplified approach to living. As an eccentric, he did not follow conventional standards in his choice of habitat, dress, or diet. He wore jodhpurs and knee-high laced boots and traveled to photography sites in a stripped-down Model-T Ford. He declined social invitations, yet he always welcomed company and generously offered to serve visitors mulligan stew and bannock, a pancake-thin bread. From ground mesquiteqv beans he made a weak tea-like beverage. At Thanksgiving he invited the entire community to share a harvest feast from his vast garden. His political affiliation is unknown. He belonged to both the American Legion and the Moose Lodge. In the Yukon he had served as secretary of the Alaska Kennel Club, similar to a chamber of commerce. Plagued by asthma and cataracts, Clemons gave up photography in 1949. He continued to live in his wagon, set on a lot where a car-wrecking yard had once been. Although his eyesight had failed, he still possessed a keen wit and sharp memory. With a chuckle he called his abode the "Atheneum of Breckenridge." He recognized visitors by the sound of their footsteps. His neighbors, the Pellizzaris, helped take care of him by cashing pension checks, buying groceries, and occasionally cooking his meals. Frail from suffering severe asthma attacks, Clemons died on June 22, 1964, in Breckenridge. He is buried beside his parents in Hopkins County, Texas. His Alaskan photographs are located at the University of Alaska Library-Fairbanks and in Juneau at the Alaska State Library. Pictures taken of Breckenridge and the surrounding area, dated from 1920 to 1949, were secured in 1985 by the Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries. In 1994 the Swenson Memorial Museum in Breckenridge acquired a similar group of his photos and organized the Basil Clemons Photograph Collection of Stephens County.

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Joanne "Nonnie" Covington

Funeral services for Joanne "Nonnie" Covington, age 78, of Plano, formerly of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2018 at Peerless Baptist Church with Rev. Doyle Hayes officiating. Pallbearers will be Jerry Nickerson, Larry Kerns, Chaz Hinkeldey, Corey Covington, Collen Covington, Grover Craig, Michael Covington, and Richard Covington. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Joanne passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Methodist Richardson Medical Center. She was born on March 18, 1940 in Blue Island, IL, the daughter of Frank and Ida Maysak. She married Arlyn Montel "Monty" Covington on May 30, 1980 in Albuquerque, NM. He preceded her in death on August 31, 2008. She received her master's degree in teaching and taught school for over forty years. She taught math for many years and later retired as librarian from North Hopkins ISD. She was a member of First Baptist Church for many years and later became a member of Peerless Baptist Church. She is survived by sons, Michael Covington and wife Dee Anna of Lubbock, Richard Covington and wife Cara of Wylie, daughter, Andrea Craig and husband Grover of Plano, brothers, Frank Maysak and wife Joan of Fulton, MS, Tim Maysak and wife Annette of Fulton, MS, grandchildren, Chaz Hinkeldey and wife Shayla, Corey Covington, Kylie Crosby, Collen Covington, Natacia Covington, Carter Covington, Crockett Covington, Abi Stanford, Tristin Engelson, and great-grandchildren, Eiley Hinkeldey, Lilly Kennedy, Lennon Covington, and Carter Kennedy. In addition to her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents and sister, Diane Moore. Memorials may be made to the North Hopkins Fellowship Foundation, PO Box 1487, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com Funeral services for Joanne "Nonnie" Covington, age 78, of Plano, formerly of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2018 at Peerless Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Joanne passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Methodist Richardson Medical Center.

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Sharon Kay Hughes

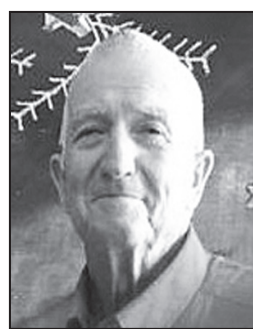
Funeral services for Sharon Kay Hughes, age 67, of Sulphur Springs were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 23, 2018 at First United Methodist Church with Bro. Pete Adrian officiating. Interment followed at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Greg Hughes, Hunter Hughes, Adam Hughes, Joshua Snyder, Karl Hahnfeld, and Doug Snyder serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Dylan Bullard, and special caregivers, Tasha Webb, Dr. Darren Arnecke, and Legacy Hospice. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 22, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Sharon passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at her home.

She was born on October 9, 1950 in Devils Lake, ND, the daughter of Maxwell L. and Lossie Poole. She received her Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M University Commerce, her Masters' Degree in Counseling Education from UNT, and she was also a Certified Mediator. She lived in the Sulphur Springs community since 2003. She married Gordon V. Hughes, Jr. on April 19, 2003 at First United Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs. In her early career, Sharon worked as a Corporate Planning Manager, Tax Planner, Partner in an Oil and Gas Supply Company, and managed medical offices for physicians. Later, she worked as a Career Coach for Career Management Resources of Irving, TX, became the V.P. of Marketing for Ricker Retirement Specialists of Dallas, TX, and worked as V.P. of Go Home for Go Go Me. Sharon was involved in many organizational and volunteer commitments such as, The Dinner Bell where she was a board member at First Methodist Church, a non-profit that feeds those in need a hot meal in Hopkins County, board member of Attitudes & Attire, a non-profit agency that helped disadvantaged women successfully transition back to the workplace in Dallas, TX, National Career Development Association, Society of Human Resource Managers, American Association of Marketing, and various chamber memberships. She also served as Community Partner Coordinator and project manager for The Dinner Bell cookbook, Feed My Sheep, a fund raiser for the organization.

Sharon is survived by her husband G.V. Hughes of Sulphur Springs, daughters, Rendee Bullard and Christina Oldham both of Fort Worth, TX, life long friend and mother in love, Margaret Ray of Garland, TX, Son Greg Hughes and wife Kelly of Flower Mound, TX, daughter, Gina Hughes Snyder and husband Doug of Sulphur Springs, TX, and grandchildren, Dylan Bullard, Hunter Hughes, Adam Hughes, Joshua Snyder, Victoria Oldham, Gates Oldham, and Alex Snyder. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to The Dinner Bell Ministry in c/o First United Methodist Church, 141 Atkins St, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Gene Neal

Graveside service for Gene Neal, age 78, of Dike, Texas were held at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Sulphur Springs with Eric Godwin officiating and Braden Burnside, Brenton Burnside, Mike McNair, Ricky Godwin, Justin Neal and Mack Reed serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Chuck Collins, Chad Collins, David McCaig, Ed Moore, Don Stapleton, Joe Don Joslin and Don Patterson. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Neal passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in Dike, TX.

Gene was born on March 19, 1940 in Dike, TX, the son of Ira Dee and Gladys Neal. He married Patsy Collins on June 8, 1961 in Sulphur Bluff and were married 56 years. Gene was a Dairy Farmer, and Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct 3. He was a member of Shannon Oaks Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy; children, Randy Neal and wife, Kim of Tira, Tammy Burnside and husband, John of Dike; grandchildren, Ashley Gillespie and husband Greg, Braden Burnside and wife, Cher, Brenton Burnside and wife, Leticia, Brooklynn Burnside; great grand children, Brycon Gillespie, Bayleigh Gillespie, Branson, Burnside.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William Earl Neal, Eldon Neal, Junior Neal; sisters, Willa Dean Irvin, Ruth Baker, Billie June Neal and great grandson, Caden Lynn Burnside.

Memorials can be made to Shannon Oaks Church – Children's Ministry, 1113 Shannon Road E, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

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

Jeanette Anita Owens

Graveside services for Jeanette Anita Owens, age 76, were at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at DFW National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Coy Sellers, Justin Sellers, Daniel Saylor, Trent Jones, Rusty LeFan and Darrell Shelton. Visitation was scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Tapp Funeral Home. Mrs. Owens passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab in Sulphur Springs.

THE IDLE AMERICAN World-Class Commuters...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

One invites correction when declaring folks to be champions of anything.

I learned this lesson 60 years ago as the editor of a small-town newspaper, when a local farmer lugged in "the county's largest watermelon."

It looked like a record-setter to me; I snapped a picture for the next edition. Within hours of publication, several other farmers appeared--each proclaiming his melon to be larger. They wanted pictures, too, but settled for tepid corrections. On top of that, the Brown County Gazette publisher said "no more expensive picture engravings"--except for obituaries....

I risk similar responses today.

Again, I wade innocently into the dangerous, swirling waters of controversy. My claim is that Snyder, a community of some 12,000 souls in West Texas, ranks #1 in commuting. I'm referencing two daily highway grinds to and from work, remembering Bob Hope's comment: "In Texas, there are miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles."

The late D. V. Merritt and Zeb Alexander--toiling in the 20th and 21st centuries, respectively--were both Snyder products, albeit born some 50 years apart. They traveled the same route to work--U.S. Highway 84--but drove different directions in the a.m. and p.m....

Merritt had the better of it, direction-wise, that is. He served as Santa Fe's agent in Snyder for a couple of decades, and when the position was phased out, he took a Santa Fe job in Lubbock. He rose early each day in Snyder, the rising sun behind him for the 85-mile drive. At shift's end, the sun was setting in his rearview mirror.

In his hometown, he was a community lead-

er, church deacon and respected family man.

It is estimated that he drove some 700,000 miles, wearing out three Volkswagens....

Alexander, 6' 4", could pass for the Marlboro man, but his only "smoke" emits from company vehicles' tailpipes--initially a pick-up but the last two, Ford Expeditions.

The Vice President for Human Resources of Gravity Oil Field Services joined the company seven years ago, driving from his Lubbock home to his office in Snyder. Now, Midland has been added to his territory for a company that began in 2004. Employees numbered 180 when he started. It grew to 2,000 two years later.


He squints in both directions for his commute, facing the sun both in the going out and the coming in....

He racked up 110,000 miles on his first vehicle in 14 months. If

U.S. 84 were the Jericho Road, he'd be the Good Samaritan. A chain and other emergency items at the ready, he commonly rescues stranded motorists foiled by icy roads and sometimes high water. He recently retired a vehicle with 305,000 miles on it; it had been used to pull 80 motorists to safety.

With dogged determination to see his HR teams in several "oil patch" locations, he's used to driving 300 miles daily, but the true "marathon commute" a few years ago covered some 900 miles. He left Lubbock at 3 a.m., with stops in Perryton, Monahans and Snyder before returning to Lubbock at midnight.

Zeb likely will reach Merritt's mileage mark in a couple of years. He has logged almost a half-million miles to date, determined daily to see HR team members daily in Snyder, Midland or other "oil patch" towns....



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GOOD MEMORIES OF A GOOD FRIEND

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I'm gonna miss my buddy Tom Cox who passed away Dec 31. I didn't know Tom very well at Baylor. He was in psychology and journalism. I was in English and drama. I knew him, of course. Everybody knew Tom, that little guy from Arkansas who had a mischievous look and always appeared to be cooking up some kind of big deal.

We became close friends in the Army. We were both students at Fort Devens, home of the Army Security Agency School. We were standing in line at the chow hall on Thanksgiving Day when we saw each other for the first time since leaving Baylor. We decided to forego the military on that special day and went into Boston. We picked out a restaurant, sat down and ordered a Thanksgiving meal. The waitress yelled out, "Two Turkey Dinners!" We were expected something a bit more refined.

Somehow Tom ended up with a Kaiser automobile and we often took it to New York. Sometimes it made it all the way. One night Tom was hauling some of his fellow ASA students into the big city and he let us out somewhere around Times Square, saying he had a date and would meet us in a few hours. Later, the guys and I were walking near an intersection and saw a commotion. A crowd had gathered around a car that was spewing steam out from under the front of the car. Sure enough, it was Tom and his date. Tom yelled out at us, "say could y'all help push us over to the side of the road?" Somehow Tom finished his date and got the car fixed enough to get us back to Ft Devens. Tom is an extremely resourceful person.

Another time we were in the Kaiser headed home for the Christmas holidays when somewhere in Pennsylvania the Kaiser gave up the ghost. There were 3 of us this time and we piled up all the money we had and bought a B42 Oldsmobile. That lasted nearly 100 miles and we ended up at a mechanic's garage in some small town. The B42 was going to require some time to repair, so we hitchhiked home.

During the holidays I acquired a 52 Chevy 4-door sedan, and we headed back to the post in it. We couldn't remember the name of the town where we had left the B42 so I took Tom to an airport and he rented a plane and had the pilot fly over small towns in Pennsylvania to see if he could spot the garage where he had left the B42. As it turned out, Tom left the car there, gave it to the mechanic and we continued our trip back to Ft Devens.

After training we were both stationed in Germany. Tom bought a Volkswagen. He dated a gal in Frankfurt who was an underwater stripper. She worked at a club that featured a big fish tank behind the bar. But instead of fish, it had disrobing girls. Once Tom and I double dated in his Volkswagen. I sat in the backseat with a girl I had just met. She was a friend of Tom's girl. Of all things we ended up parked somewhere and before I knew it the couple in the front seat were getting it on pretty heavy. The couple in the back seat just kind of looked at each other.

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