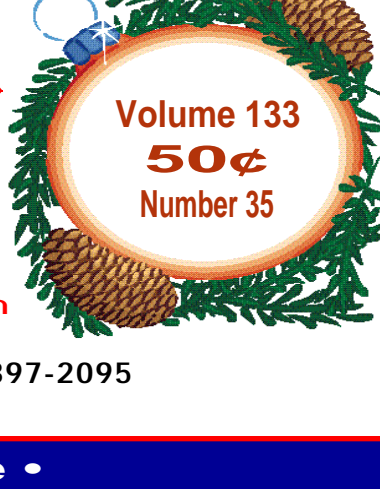




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Santa plans early trip to Omaha

'Time Honored Traditions' is parade theme

"Time Honored Traditions" will be the theme of this year's annual Omaha Christmas parade and holiday Christmas tree lighting ceremony ... all planned for Saturday, December 1, beginning at 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Omaha City Park Board, holiday parade entries are to begin lining up at 3 p.m., for the event at the Omaha Fire Station and City Hall complex on Highway 259, north of the 67 and 259 Highway 4-Way intersection.

Members of the City Park Board voted and picked Randy "Bud" McCollum, Omaha Fire Chief to serve as the parade marshal.

The parade entries will be judged beginning at 3 p.m., and

the parade will leave the line-up site, go to the intersection and travel west on 67 past the city park and through the downtown area.

All the parade participants will turn north on 144 and then on to Third Street and back to the starting point where entries will be released.

Judging of the parade entries is to begin at 3:05 p.m. and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places in the float category; and for first places in the decorated cars, trucks, AT Vs, motorcycles, and horses, wagons and buggies divisions.

Prior to the parade starting time, Santa Claus will be at the Omaha Museum on Senter Avenue to visit with the kiddos.

The red-suited jolly ol' elf will be at the museum from 2 until 3 p.m., so mom can make pictures of the kids with her photo phone.

Another holiday activity that has become a Christmas tradition is the annual Yule season Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

That part of the holiday week end will be staged at the city park adjacent to Highway 67 east of downtown Omaha and across the highway from StarMart.

Board member Jeanne Ruth Thippen said brightening of the park area will be a highlight of the evening.

Deborah Mackay will serve as the master of ceremonies to welcome all the guests to the event to enjoy the holiday happenings.



DEAR SANTA

Getting a head start on sending his Christmas wish list to Santa Claus was five-year old Ryan Knight who dropped off his "Dear Santa" letter in the Santa Claus mailbox at *The Monitor* newspaper office in Naples. The youngster is the son of Shelly and Jeff Knight of Naples. His grandparents include Colleen and E. J. Carson, and Pennie and Tommy Knight. Santa Claus may live at the North Pole most of the year, but the white-bearded, jolly old man in the red suit, gets some of his mail at *The Monitor*. "Letters To Santa" are always a large part of *The Monitor's* annual Christmas edition and they will be set in type for the December 20 edition and then forwarded to the North Pole toy-making headquarters. Letters can be hand-delivered to Santa at the newspaper's special mailbox or mailed to Santa Claus: c/o *The Monitor*, Box 39, Naples, TX 75568. Dear Santa letters must be received prior to the deadline date of December 13, to be included in the holiday edition.

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Monitoring Main Street



The young guns may not understand the meaning of this, but you will -- especially if you grew up in the '50s as a kid and went to the Saturday afternoon movie at the local theater where feaures included Lash LaRue, Whip Wilson and other cowboys that were headlined by Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy and a lot of others.

Now ... The end of an era will bring back many memories with the closing of the Roy Rogers Museum a few years ago -- and many, many fans will be singing "Happy Trails To You" as they wander around.

The Roy Rogers Museum in Branson, Missouri, has closed its doors forever, and a friend of ours sent us some information that will stir your memory bank as you read and remember.

The contents of the museum were sold at a public auction. Roy Rogers told his son, if the museum ever operates at a loss, close it, and sell the contents. He complied.

A partial listing of some of the items that were sold at auction. Roy's 1964 Bonneville (Pontiac) sold for \$254,500. It was estimated to sell between 100 and 150 thousand dollars.

His script book from the January 14, 1953 episode of "This Is Your Life" sold for \$10,000 (EST. \$800-\$1,000).

A collection of signed baseballs (Pete Rose, Duke Snyder, and other greats) sold for \$3,750. A collection of signed bats (Yogi Berra, Enos Slaughter, Bob Feller, and others) sold for \$2,750.

Trigger 's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500. One of many of Roy's shirts sold for \$16,250 and one of his many cowboy hats sold for \$17,500.

One set of boot spurs sold for \$10,625. (He never used a set of spurs on Trigger)

A life size shooting gallery sold for \$27,500. Various chandeliers sold from \$6,875 to \$20,000, very unique and artistic in their western style.

A signed photograph by Don Larsen taken during his perfect game in the world series against the Dodgers on Oct. 8, 1953, along with a signed baseball to Roy from Don, sold for \$2,500.

Two fabulous limited edition BB guns in their original boxes with numerous photos of Roy, Dale, Gabby (Hayes), and Pat (Brady) sold for \$3,750.

A collection of memorabilia from his shows entertaining the troops in Vietnam sold for \$938. His flight jacket sold for \$7,500.

His set of dinnerware plates and silverware sold for \$11,875. The Bible they used at the dinner table every night sold for \$8,750. One of several of his guitars sold for \$27,500. Nellybelle (the Jeep) sold for \$116,500. A fabulous painting of Roy, Dale, Pat, Buttermilk, Trigger, and Bullet sold for \$10,625.

One of several sets of movie posters sold for \$18,750. A black and white photograph of Gene Autry with a touching inscription From Gene to Roy sold for \$17,500.

A Republic Productions poster bearing many autographs of the people that played in Roy's movies sold for \$11,875. Dale's horse, Buttermilk (whose history is very interesting) sold below the presale estimate for \$25,000. (EST. 30-40 K).

Trigger (stuffed) sold for \$266,500. Bullet (stuffed) sold for \$35,000 (EST 10-15 K). He was their real pet.

Dale's parade saddle, estimated to sell between 20-30 K, sold for \$104,500.

One of many pairs of Roy's boots sold for \$21,250. Do you remember the 1938 movie *The Adventures of Robinhood*, with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland? Well, Olivia rode Trigger in that movie.

Trigger was bred on a farm co-owned by Bing Crosby. Roy bought Trigger on a time payment plan for \$2,500. Roy and Trigger made 188 movies together. Trigger even outdid Bob Hope by winning an Oscar in the movie *Son of Paleface* in 1953.

It is extremely sad to see this era lost forever. Despite the fact that Gene and Roy's movies, as well as those of other great characters, can be bought or rented for viewing, today's kids would rather spend their time playing video games.

Today it takes a very special pair of parents to raise their kids with the right values and morals.

These were the great heroes of our childhood, and they did teach us right from wrong, and how to have and show respect for each other and the animals that share this earth.

You and I were born at the right time. We were able to grow up with these great people even if we never met them.

In their own way they taught us patriotism and honor. We learned that lying and cheating were bad, and that sex wasn't as important as love. We learned how to suffer through disappointment and failure and work through it. Our lives were drug free.

So it's good-bye to Roy and Dale, Gene and Hoppy (Hop-a-long Cassidy), the Lone Ranger and Tonto.

Farewell to Sky King (and Penny)and Superman and (Dragnet) Sgt. Friday with his badge 714.

Thanks to Capt. Kangaroo, Mr. Rogers, and Capt. Noah and all those people whose lives touched ours, and made them better. It was a great ride through childhood.

HAPPY TRAILS MY FRIENDS -- P.S. Don't send this to anyone under the age of 50 ... they won't understand! Larry Gaskin will!!!



Christmas program set Saturday, December 1 at Adventist Church

A community-wide holiday Christmas program is planned for Saturday, December 1, at the New Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Marietta.

The special event will begin a 6 p.m., and all residents of the local community and area are invited to attend.

"Join with us and enjoy the Christmas program to be presented by area community singers and invited singing groups," said a church spokesperson.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Family gathers for dedication Memorial marker honors Harrison

The family of the late Clay Harrison of Naples and Bryans Mill Texas, gathered solemnly on Thursday, November 15 along State Highway 77 near Marietta to dedicate a sign honoring their family patriarch, a native of Bryans Mill.

It was at this location last year where the 61-year-old husband/father/grandfather died in a tragic crash with an impaired driver. Clay Harrison was driving home May 17, 2017, on a straight and open section of State Highway 77 east of Naples, when a drunk driver, traveling the opposite direction, veered into his lane and hit his vehicle head on. Harrison was pronounced dead at the scene a few minutes later.

The impaired driver survived and was flown to LSU Medical Center in Shreveport where his blood alcohol level was determined to be 0.156, almost double the legal limit.

The intoxicated driver was later charged with felony intoxication manslaughter and is now serving a 14-year prison sentence.

The Harrison family wanted to do something to commemorate Clay and also remind others the serious and often fatal consequences of drinking and driving.

They heard about the Memorial Sign Program for Victims of Impaired Driving offered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) from a Mothers Against Drunk Driving representative that visited with the family.

Under the program agreement, TXDOT will erect a sign at the scene of the crash site where it will remain for two years. The sign urges drivers to "Please Don't Drink and Drive" and will post the victim's name and date of the fatal crash. At the end of the two-year period, the sign is taken down and presented to the family

to keep. There is a \$350 fee for the cost of the sign, erection and maintenance.

Anyone having questions or needing additional information about the memorial sign program can contact their nearest TxDOT district office.

The late Mr. Harrison had been employed with the Morris County National Bank in Naples for 38 years, serving as its president for the last 15 years. He was currently employed at American National Bank in Mt. Pleasant at the time of his death.



Members of the family of the late Clay Harrison gathered November 15, at a Highway 77 site to dedicate a memorial sign in honor of their family patriarch who died last year in a tragic crash with an impaired driver. Posing, left to right, are Jeremy Osmon, Calli Osmon, Miranda Martin, Holly Osmon, Tenley Martin, Barbara Harrison, Natalie Cobb, Clifton Harrison and Lauren Harrison. Brent Martin was unavailable for the dedication event.

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