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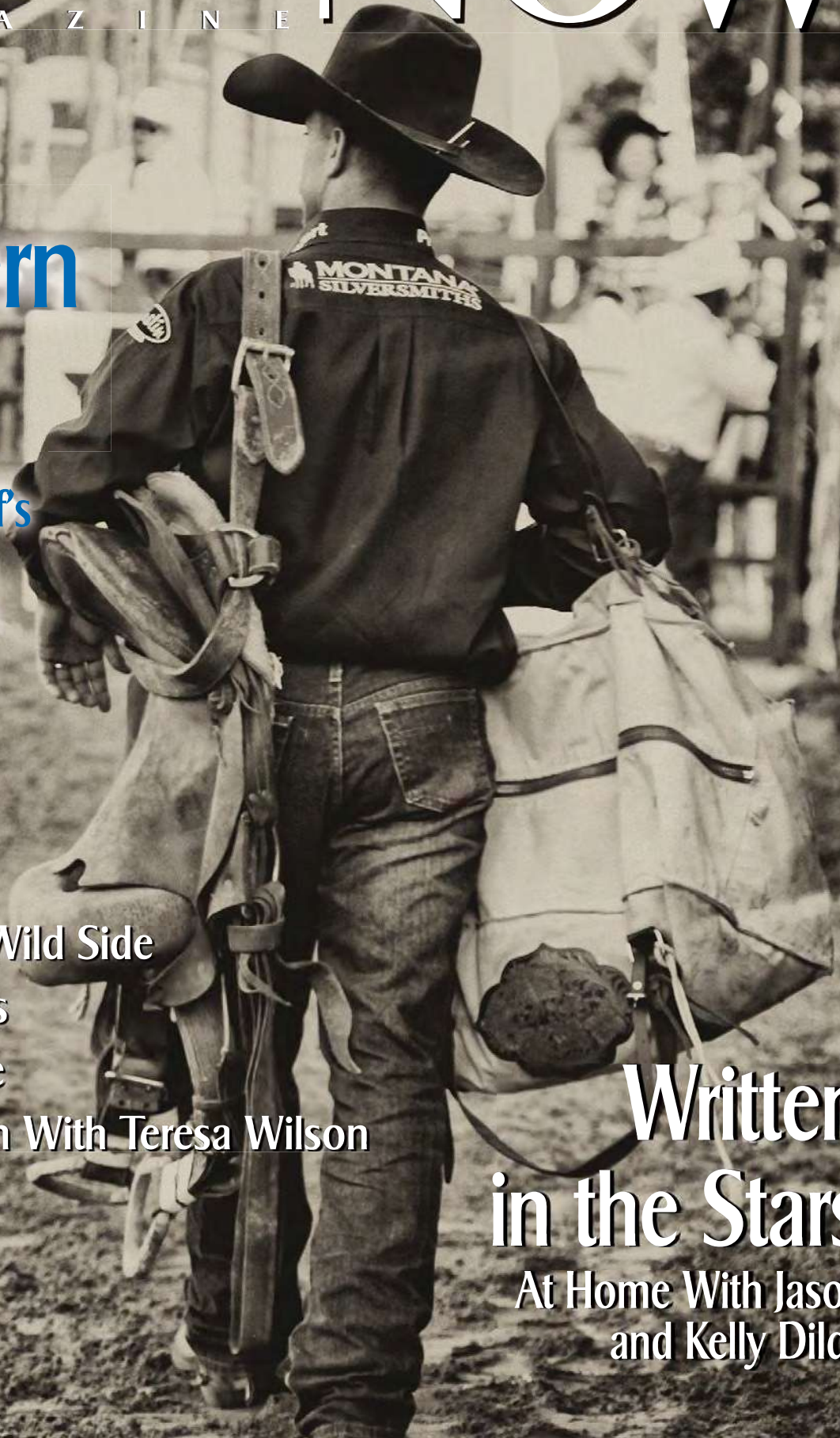
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Rodeo competitors and spectators will converge on Weatherford this month.

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Editor's Note

Greetings, *WeatherfordNOW* friends!

Summer is a time for fun in the sun! Local residents can take a stroll through Cherry Park or go for a dip in the swimming pool. The park has plenty of space to plop down for a picnic and enjoy a swing at the playground.

If you need a little time in the shade, why not visit the Weatherford Public Library? The library's Summer Reading Clubs for children and teenagers run from June 2 to

August 10. Students can improve their literacy skills throughout the summer, and prizes are available to those who meet their hourly reading goals. The library will sponsor several club kick-off events during the second week of June, with the Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Carnival held on June 12 for the entire family. For information on these events and more, visit the library's website at wpltx.com.

Happy summer!

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Western

Pride

— By Amber D. Browne

Born and reared in Weatherford, Bob Glenn still hangs his hat in his hometown. Bob embraces the history of Weatherford and strives to keep the city's western heritage alive. "Parker County began as a rural fruit and dairy center and livestock center, before we became part of the Metroplex — or Metromess as I call it," he joked. "My first love is my Lord. My second love is my family. My third love is Weatherford."

Born to a Weatherford police officer just over 72 years ago, Bob had an extraordinary life growing up in the small town. His mother, Mary Alice, died when he was 5 years old, and his father, Clyde Glenn, who worked the night shift, felt he was unable to rear his son. His father reached out to the Texas Pythian Home for help. "If you go out there today, you'll find my claw marks in those stone steps, because that castle terrified me," Bob quipped. "I threw such a hissy fit that he couldn't leave me, so he brought me back home."

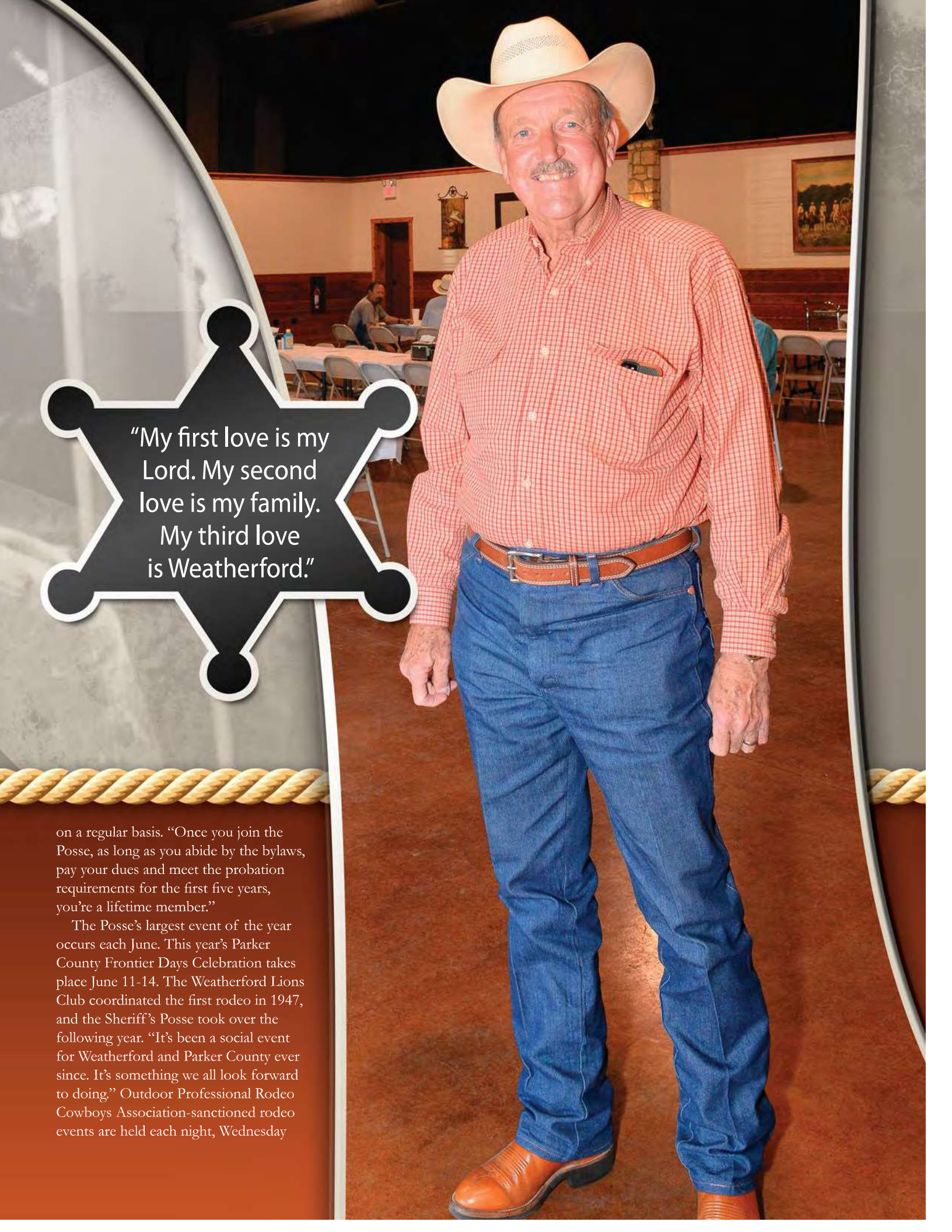
Clyde consulted with his sisters, who agreed to rear his son with the help of Bob's grandparents. "I had a wonderful

life. I was a spoiled brat," Bob admitted. As a child, Bob became familiar with farming and raising cattle, while living on his uncles' ranches. "That's our fabric. It's where we started from. I think we have to remember where we came from to continue to be successful today. The values we had, the relationships, the trust and integrity and honesty that came with the western heritage — we've got to retain that."

As a Parker County Sheriff's Posse member, Bob spends many hours volunteering to keep Weatherford's western heritage intact. A member

since 1995, Bob has served in various leadership roles and on several committees. He currently volunteers as publicity chairman and serves on the Sheriff's Posse board.

The Sheriff's Posse formed in 1947 to promote, preserve and protect the western heritage of Parker County. "I look back at the members before me, and I admire those gentlemen as civic leaders and for their desire to retain our history and the traditions of early Parker County. I wanted to be a part of it," Bob said. To grab one of the 150 elite memberships, a man must live in and own land in Parker County. A member must also appreciate the western lifestyle, own a horse and ride

A full-length photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored cowboy hat, a red and white checkered long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, and a brown leather belt. He is standing in a dining room with tables and chairs in the background. The image is framed by a decorative border with a rope-like pattern at the bottom.

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on a regular basis. “Once you join the Posse, as long as you abide by the bylaws, pay your dues and meet the probation requirements for the first five years, you’re a lifetime member.”

The Posse’s largest event of the year occurs each June. This year’s Parker County Frontier Days Celebration takes place June 11-14. The Weatherford Lions Club coordinated the first rodeo in 1947, and the Sheriff’s Posse took over the following year. “It’s been a social event for Weatherford and Parker County ever since. It’s something we all look forward to doing.” Outdoor Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo events are held each night, Wednesday



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through Saturday, including bull riding and steer wrestling, with live music after the rodeo. However, the fun starts on Monday. Future Farmers of America and 4-H members with the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association exhibit their crops and animals throughout the week, with sale day falling on the final day of the rodeo. "The community is such a super support coming out to that sale and bidding on and buying those crops and animals at a premium," Bob explained. "The kids learn the value of hard work and see their labor rewarded through the sale of their products and livestock."

The Sheriff's Posse also sponsors the Ranch Rodeo each September. Bob and fellow members often appear in parades locally and across the state throughout the year.



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Fun and entertainment aren't the only things Sheriff's Posse members pursue. The group was created to assist the High Sheriff in emergency situations, and that purpose still stands today. The Sheriff's Posse has combed the area on horseback for an escaped jail inmate and missing or lost children. "Once you're sworn in as a Posse member, you are sworn in as a deputy sheriff. And, your badge states that. We have no official authority as a deputy sheriff, other than if we are called on by the Sheriff to assist."

The group meets once a month and has family dinners on other nights. Bob's wife, Carolyn, encourages his volunteer efforts. "It's one meal she doesn't have to cook on the first Monday nights," he joked. Bob also serves on about half a dozen other boards and committees, including Weatherford's Municipal Utility Board and the Parker County Historical Commission. "Carolyn is always my support in all these community endeavors," he boasted. "She's always by my side."

Bob and Carolyn knew each other while attending Weatherford High School but never dated. After graduation, Bob briefly attended The University of Texas at Austin but was called into the Army. He later attended Weatherford College

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and longed to work in sales at Folgers Coffee. Instead, he was offered a job at a Weatherford bank and took it. Carolyn was working for the FBI at the time, but she moved back to Weatherford when her mother was ill and became Bob's co-worker. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year with a surprise reception at North Side Baptist Church. Bob works at PlainsCapital Bank and recognized his 50th year in Weatherford banking in 2013. "Weatherford has been super to me and my family," Bob remarked.

Their son, Jim Glenn, works as the athletic trainer at Weatherford High School, while their daughter, Jill Dunegan, teaches elementary school in Midlothian. Their third child, Joe Glenn, works in a dental partnership in Waco. Bob and Carolyn try not to miss their four grandchildren's extracurricular activities, and they love to travel, including a trip to Europe this past spring.

In his free time, Bob shows off his 1955 Chevrolet pickup with the Parker County Cruisers and plays golf. "I've hit golf balls where no man has ever been," he joked. "But, I enjoy it." He and his wife also recently purchased and renovated the Franco-Texan Land Company building on the square. He leases out the bottom level. Upstairs, he stores rustic and western artifacts he's collected over the years.

Western heritage is ingrained in Bob's character, and he doesn't miss an opportunity to tout Parker County's rural history. "The day will come when it will be time to hang 'em up," he shared, "but, I plan to be active in the community and the Sheriff's Posse as long as my health will allow," Bob said. "Weatherford has long been a part of our lives, and we're still enjoying it." **NOW**

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