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Entry to the Bash is **FREE** to the public (no gate charge) and proudly presented by the Commerce Chamber of Commerce and our generous sponsors.

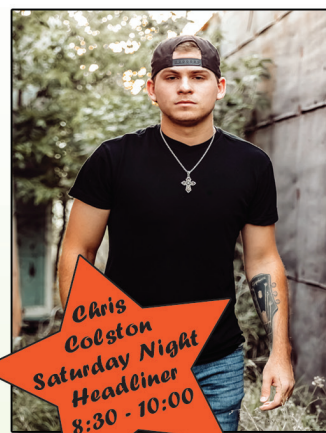
2018 BASH EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 21

- ★ 28th Annual Bash Golf Tournament
7 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- ★ Morning and afternoon tee times available
- ★ Hole-in-One contest
- ★ Putting Contest
- ★ BBQ lunch included in entry fees
- ★ Raffle tickets
- ★ 33rd Annual Bois d'Arc Bash
- ★ 5p - Commerce Leadership Institute BBQ sack supper
- ★ 5 - 6:30p - Panimation Steel Drum Band
- ★ 5p - 10p Vendor booths open
- ★ 6p - Carnival opens
- ★ 7 - 8p Cross Trails Band
- ★ 8:30 - 10p Twisted Whisky

Saturday, September 22

- ★ 33rd Annual Bois d'Arc Bash
- ★ 7:30a - Motorcycle Bash Ride, sponsored by Commerce Community Cares
- ★ 7:30 - 10a - Commerce Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
- ★ 9a - 6p - Vendor booths open
- ★ 9a - 5p - East Texas Model Railroad Club Exhibit, on Pecan St.
- ★ 10a - Bois d'Arc Bash Parade
- ★ 10:45a - Opening ceremonies; announcements
- ★ 11a - Carnival opens
- ★ 11 - noon - Dixieland Band
- ★ Noon - Aglaia Culture Club Duck Pluck (purchase tickets from any club member prior to the Bash)
- ★ 12:30 - 2p - The Blandelles
- ★ 1 - 9p - Northeast Texas Food & Wine Society Wine Tasting (admission charge)
- ★ 2:30 - 3:30p - Beatnik Bandits
- ★ 3:45 - 4:30p - Li-Sher Dance Studio
- ★ 5 - 6p - Bad Moon Rising
- ★ 6:30 - 7:30p - Nevermind
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Not much new at the Corral Gate. Of course everything is new to the foals and calves who are discovering their new world! But my daily chores have become comfortably repetitious. Feed, water, put out hay, Repeat. I strayed and discovered a couple of new things I thought you'd like too!

Thee Treehouse School in Yantis was launched in September 2012 to provide students K-8 opportunities for innovative and hands-on education in a creative environment in order to discover and develop their God-given talents, abilities, and purpose. A small teaching staff offers programs weekly during the school year, Friday nights and summer camps. For the many home-school students, the curriculum supplements their studies as well as providing classroom settings and social interaction.. One of the first innovative projects was a Creative Writing class called The Write Stuff.. Teacher Sharon Feldt encouraged her charges to learn to write by writing. They studied authors, works and genres of writing with classroom and at-home reading. In gathering subject matter to write about, they learned interview protocol, editing and critiquing, and through the semester submitted fiction and non-fiction works in various genres of poetry, legends and myths, mysteries, tall tales, biographies and even commercials. What began as an assignment had become a fun challenge, and the idea of a book was suggested. That suggestion became a reality when the anthology "The Write Stuff Presents Tales From Thee Treehouse" was published in Summer 2018. And last week, a book signing was held by the young authors. They greeted visitors and sold their autographed books, in fact they sold out of every copy! The fourteen young authors, ages 7-14, are Jonathan Graham, Ariel Stone, Christian Ebel, Phil and Reuben Criswell, Presley, Kinley and Colette Hurley, Jett Pirtle, Raleigh and Kasey Rhodes, Rebecca Jacobson, T.J. Mellema and Liberty Gauntf. Congratulations to these individuals! They're actually on their way to becoming published authors!



Standing, Kelli Ebel, Debbie Rhodes, and Seated, Cassie Hurley and Sharon Feldt

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Did you know we have an association of professional and amateur clowns in Hopkins County? We do! In fact, the group is hoping to become recognized by the Texas Clowns Association and be chartered "Memory Makers Clown Alley". Attending the organizational meeting at The Roc was a core group of interested individuals, each with an established act for parties, parades and festivals. You'll see them at the Walk Like Madd on Saturday September 29 and the Lighted Christmas Parade on Friday December 7. Their first judged "clown contest" is set for November 12 in Sulphur Springs.

Veteran clown Terry Cunningham presented a program of interesting facts. "Clown Alley" is a circus term referring to an area where the clowns lived, rehearsed and dressed for performances. The term "First of May" describes a beginner clown, due to the fact that the circus season begins in the Spring, and that's when new clowns got their first chance to perform in front of the public.

Don't miss the whirl of activities downtown this weekend with the Quilt Show and Brick Street Vintage Market! And I will watch for you at the corral gate.



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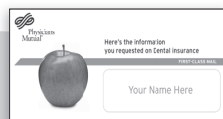
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Mary Ferrell

Mary Ferrell was born on January 10, 1931, in Hopkins County, TX, to Isaac and Bessie Tucker. She married Sedell "Red" Ferrell on October 2, 1948 in Branom, TX. Mary was a homemaker and member of Peerless Baptist Church. She is survived by her sons, Larry Ferrell, Johny Ferrell and wife, Belinda; grandchildren, Amanda Ferrell, Josh (Dawn) Ferrell, Jacob Ferrell, Christin Campbell, Kevin (Heather) Campbell, Glenn Ferrell and Ronny Ferrell; great grandchildren, Dylan Odom, Alex Ferrell, Kimber Clark, Emily Stevens, Lux Campbell, Henley Campbell, and Mazie Ferrell. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Jerry Ferrell; granddaughter, Cassie Ferrell; great-grandson, Kade Campbell; brother, Adrian "Buddy" Tucker; sisters, Lillie McWilliams, Wynell Duffer, Marie "Sang" Adams, Bertha "Buffy" McKiddy, Leatrice Stenbridge and Bernice "Sissy" Martin.

Memorials can be made to the Posey Cemetery Association, 6761 CR 4760, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Julie Denise Herman

Services for Julie Denise Herman, age 51, of Cumby, will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at League Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs. Visitation will begin at 1:00 P. M. and funeral services at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Jerry Savage and Bro. Mike Eason will officiate.

A private family burial will follow services.

Julie was born to William Ben Herman, III and Marsha Stringer Herman May 20, 1967 in Greenville, TX. She passed away Monday, September 10, 2018 after a courageous eight-year battle with lung disease. God knew she had had enough and called her home.

Julie's love for people, her outgoing personality, beautiful smile and contagious laugh blessed her with many friends. Some friends and family nicknamed her "Jewel T" or "Jewels". Julie was a jewel on earth and is now a jewel in heaven. She was a member of League Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by sons Cory "Colten" Herman and wife Melissa of Cumby, Ty Garrett Self of Cumby, grandchildren Channing, Haze, and Kori Paige Herman, who will arrive in February, parents Benny and Marsha Herman of Cumby, sister, Holley Ann Herman Narramore and husband Mark of Commerce, and grandmother Nita Herman.

She was preceded in death by grandfather William Ben Herman, Jr, grandparents Jimmie and Ethelyn Stringer and uncle Steve Stringer.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Ruby Perkins Trumble

Ruby Perkins Trumble, age 80, of Point passed away on Monday, September 10, 2018 at her residence.

She was born on January 15, 1938 in Sulphur Springs to the parentage of John Henry Moncrief and Edith Cassie Thompson Moncrief. She and Joe Trumble were married November 7, 1999 in Hugo OK. Ruby was owner and operator of a Day Care Center and she was also an LVN nurse.

Her survivors include: husband Joe B. Trumble of Point; sister, Jessie Kuhl; children: Debra Chapin and (Carl Roden) of Point, Connie Smith of Denison, Chesley Smith of Longview, Pam and Jerry Causey of Caddo Mills, John L. Trumble of Point, Joseph B. Trumble of Abilene, Joe and Tracey Trumble of Point; grandchildren 12; great grandchildren 10.

No family visitation was planned. Her graveside service was held at 2:00 pm, on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the Family Trumble Cemetery Point, Texas.



Starla Rae Rose Hanson

A vigil for Starla Rae Hanson will be held at the Old Houston School site on Thursday evening, 7:30PM. This event was setup by the family of the deceased. Everyone is welcomed to attend. A candle light vigil was held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Sulphur Springs High School parking lot. It was set up by the class of 2020 to remember their classmate and friend Starla Rae.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 AM at West Oaks funeral home. Funeral services for Starla Rae Rose Hanson, age 17, of Brashear, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 15, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Harold B. Nash officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove North Cemetery with Jordan Chaney, J.T. Dugan, Adrian Harris, Juan Rivas, Benny Potter, Adarious Gordan, and Logan Daniels serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the Sulphur Springs High School Class of 2020. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2018

at West Oaks Funeral Home. Starla passed away on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

She was born on February 21, 2001 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Stanley Harris and Melinda "Hanson" Rivas.

Starla is survived by her parents, brothers, Jorge Armando Castelo of Como, Jeremy Harris of Sulphur Springs, sisters, Karina Cyan Gonzalez of Sulphur Springs, Alexia LeeAnn Castelo of Como, Ken'yata Harris of Sulphur Springs, Bridget Harris of Sulphur Springs, grandparents, Judy Hanson and husband Tommy Crofford, Stephen Upton, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by sister, Nykesha Harris.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Starla Hanson to West Oaks Funeral Home, 500 S Hillcrest Dr, Sulphur Springs, TX, 75482.



Jerry Don Putman

Jerry Don Putman, age 74, passed away on Saturday, August 25 2018 in Irving, Texas, after a well fought battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

He was born on July 14, 1944 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to parents Olvies Putman and Maurine Estelle Hatchett. Jerry graduated from Como High School in 1962. He then attended East Texas State University in Commerce, TX. Jerry began his career in the optical industry working for Southern Optical Corp and later became a Manufacturer's Representative for several major optical companies. He married the love of his life, Kathy McKay, on June 26, 1981. Jerry was a great family man and a loving father.

He is preceded in death by his parent, Olvies and Maurine Hatchett Putman, of Sulphur Springs, Tx, his brother James Putman and sister Patsy Putman Johnson.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kathy McKay Putman; daughters, Chelsea Putman Hodges and husband, Blake of Stephenville, TX, Sophia Beaudin of Chester, NJ. Mary Beaudin of Colorado Spring, CO; grandchildren, Megan Carrigan, and Liam Shamhart.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation <https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/>

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Monday, September 10th will be the monthly ACTS of Love Meeting. If you are a volunteer please feel free to attend. The lunch starts at 11:00 AM.

Thursday, September 13th at 10:30 - LCR hosted by Pioneer Crossing for Seniors. Come and let us teach you how to play. It is a lot of fun and you can win a door prize.

Friday, September 14th at 11:00 - Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab will be hosting the Annual Homecoming Pizza Party here at the Senior Citizens Center. Come and help us cheer on the Sulphur Springs Wildcats

Monday, September 17th at 1:00 Rock Creek will be here hosting "Wreaths with Rock Creek" Note the time change. Come and enjoy making wreaths for your door.

Saturday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM - Ms. Texas Senior Classic Pageant - Holiday Inn 5701 S. Broadway in Tyler Texas. We have 5 Ladies from Hopkins County Competing in the Pageant. Patsy Crist, 2017 Ms Texas Senior, will be handing her crown over to hopefully one of these beautiful ladies. Those competing from Hopkins County are: Mary Ivey, 2018 Ms Hopkins County Sr., Jan Gray, Linda Pickle-Hill, Valerie Ross and Vender Wright. They have worked hard to get where they are and need all of our support.

Monday, September 24th 1:00 PM Pie Event with United Health Care. I still don't know all of the details. I will let you know when I get more information.

Tuesday, September 25th 9:30 AM - Mini Walk for "A Walk to Remember" at the Senior Center - Come walk with us or sponsor someone else to walk. Registration is \$ 20.00 and come with a FREE T-Shirt to wear. All proceeds go to Terrific Tuesdays.

Thursday, September 27th 1:00 BUNCO. This is an easy game that you can learn in about 1 minute and it is loads of fun.

Friday, September 28th 10:45. Monthly Birthday Party hosted by At Home Health Care Everyone that has a Birthday during September will receive a gift from Linda Mobley from At Home Health Care. Everyone is welcome to attend

Thursday, October 4th 6:00. "A Walk To Remember" at the Gardens at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital. Registration is \$20.00 and comes with a FREE T-Shirt to wear at the walk. Come help us reach our goal of \$10,000.00 to benefit Terrific Tuesdays. This is their only fundraiser for the year. We will also be raffling off a quilt that was made by Jan Morrison.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

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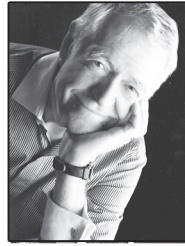
Tuesday, October 9th - 9:00 - 11:00. 12th Annual Senior Expo. League Street Church of Christ.

Friday, October 12th 11:00. Clear Caption's Pizza and Chat. Come listen and see what all there is available for you.

Answers

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Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Putt Choate's name is Mark Putnam Choate. He was just a kid in Coahoma when he saw Bullet Bob Hayes streak across the football field and make a touchdown for the Dallas Cowboys. Putt decided right then he wanted to be a football player. When he found out that professional players got paid, he really got interested.

He was a running back in high school, then played linebacker for SMU, the Atlanta Falcons and the Green Bay Packers.

He was in college in the late 70's when there was an energy crisis. Everybody was trying to conserve electricity. The big Southwest Conference game one early September day was between SMU and TCU. Usually at that time of year games are played at night when it's cooler. But the stadium lights burn lots of energy, so the game started at 4 PM. "It was 108 degrees that day in Fort Worth," says Putt. "They measured the heat one foot off the turf and it was 143 degrees." In a typical game Putt would sweat off ten or so pounds and gain it back within 24 hours. "That day I lost 25 pounds and it took nearly a week to gain all that weight back."

Putt had several awards during his career. He intercepted a pass in the opponent's end zone and ran it back 102 yards for a touchdown, tying the NCAA record. He holds the SMU tackling record for the most tackles in a career (649) and the most tackles in a single game. "I had several games my senior year where I had 32 tackles."

When he was 29 Putt felt it was time to leave football. He was lost for a time. "I wasn't special any more." He interviewed for some jobs, but nothing appealed to him. One interviewer asked him what he wanted to do with his life. Putt replied, "I've already done it." He got a job loading trucks. He had saved some money from pro football and bought a house in Dallas. It didn't have a sprinkler system so Putt went to the library and read about how to install automatic sprinklers. The man who sold him the house drove by, saw what Putt was doing and asked him if he knew how to do that. Putt said, "Sure." The man said he had other houses that needed watering systems. Putt got the job, looked at the field, got licensed and formed an irrigation company: Choate USA.

Putt put his degree in finance from SMU to good use. He went around to new houses being built, passed out flyers and met with homebuilders. He showed them how they could make more money by letting Choate USA install sprinkler systems. He has had offices in several cities and now has 300 employees. "In the 90's if an irrigation system went in new homes in Dallas and Fort Worth, my company did 70% of them. One year in the 90's we installed over 10,000 houses."

When he was just getting started Putt was working by himself on a job and was running behind when a man approached him and gave him a note. It said the man couldn't speak English and needed work. Putt hired him. That man stayed with Putt for 25 years until his death a few years ago.

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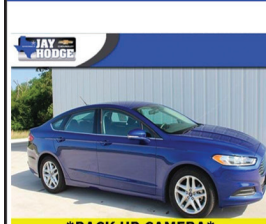
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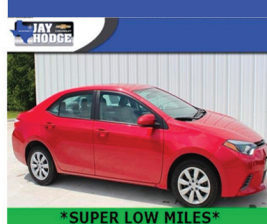


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