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CATTLEMAN'S CLASSIC RIBEYE ROUNDUP STEAK COOK-OFF

People who live in Hopkins County live in the land of good cooks. Most of us already know that, and SOME OF US ARE AMONG those great cooks! The month of October is traditionally filled with cooking contests, mostly outdoor style. Here's reports on a couple of recent local contests.

The Cattlemen's Classic Ribeye Roundup fundraising steak cook-off was held Friday October 5, 2018 on Celebration Plaza, downtown Sulphur Springs, Texas. The purpose of this contest is to promote the beef industry and celebrate the benefits of beef with local community. Teams compete in amateur "Open" or in professional "Restaurant" divisions. Five Open winners and three Restaurant winners were recognized. Then, custom-cooked steaks are served to everyone with a ticket, and a country music concert by Roger Creagor, concluded the evening. NETBIO partially subsidized the event in the past, but ticket sales and sponsor contributions made the event financially successful, and the scrumptious steaks and delighted diners made it a totally memorable local event! Plan to attend next year!

From a report by NETBIO President, Dwyatt Bell: The cooking competition was really close. Our judges stated they had to go to 1/2 points in their scoring it was so close.

OPEN DIVISION WINNERS:

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RESTAURANT DIVISION:

1. Smoke House Rats – Dustin and Ashley Sanders – Terrell TX
2. *Seth's Lake Fork Creek Restaurant - Seth Bowdoin – Quitman, TX
3. *Chili's Restaurant – Kelsey Hathcock – Sulphur Springs, TX (Not Pictured Below)

*Seth Bowdoin & Kelsey Hathcock both opted to donate their \$500 and \$250 winnings back to the NETBIO



WINNERS

THE JOHN CHESTER DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

Held in Heritage park, this cook-off is part of Indian Summer Days, an all-day celebration of pioneer living history held annually by the Hopkins County Historical Society. The October 6 cooking event was a tribute to the late John "Buffalo" Chester, an award-winning outdoorsman and Hopkins County native. According to Rick Wilson, Historical Society member and organizer of the contest, a number of two-person cooking teams entered to prepare a full meal in dutch ovens. Here are the category and individual winners and Best In Oven Grand Champ.

Best Overall Meal

- 1st Place: Brandon and Braylee Brewer
- 2nd Place: Spencer Brewer, Colton Price
- 3rd Place: Noah and Lisa Ray

Best Meat: Donnie Peters, Kristen Brown

Best Vegetable: Tim and Catherine Berger

Best Bread: Paul and Melinda Hitt

Best Dessert: Diane Flagtved, Sharon Richmond

Best in Oven Champion: Brandon and Braylee Brewer

The part of all of this we like best, of course, is eating! Well deserved congratulations, Hopkins County, on being the home to such delicious traditions!



WINNERS

Til next week, enjoy the variations in the weather and get ready for the blessings of the holidays! It truly won't be long til we harvest the pumpkins, fatten the turkey and decorate the gate or barn door, traditions which are firmly rooted in Hopkins County heritage!

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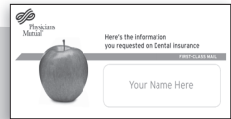
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Meet businesswoman Danna Stevens Bain, originally of Winnsboro, Texas. She became an independent merchant in Canton when she was 21 years old and soon afterward established herself in Sulphur Springs by developing more retail locations. Now, Danna is answering her "inner trailblazer" and has developed traveling markets in the direction of "home" along Highway 11 through East Texas. This 80-mile long Treasure Trail stretches through six towns from Sulphur Springs to Linden, and gives not only herself but other merchants and individuals an opportunity to find new customers and increase business. Her traveling markets are known as "Danna's and the Buffalo Girls Flea Markets and Swaps" and are over-the-top collections of interesting new, used and vintage merchandise that pickers and collectors love. The most current will be open in Winnsboro, Texas on October 11, 12 and 13 and will be held rain or shine! Bring a truck, bring a trailer and bring your friends! Travel the Treasure Trail, it's truly a pickers paradise and a shoppers dream!

Since early 2018, Danna has managed a trilogy of concerns... her headquarters shop "Danna's and the Florist" near downtown Sulphur Springs, her space at Canton First Monday, and now her seasonal, traveling 3-day markets to Winnsboro and Sulphur Springs. How does she do all that? With the help of her husband Clint Bain and a crew of devoted employees who meet the challenge of staying in step with Danna. Her crew will testify that with a dynamic leader and savvy swapper like Danna, the trading life is never dull!



Danna grew up helping her horse-trader dad, Paul Stevens, at his tack wagon which he took to sale barns, rodeos and festivals far and wide on weekends, selling everything from saddles to harness. From an early age, she relished the excitement of setting up in new places, quickly learning the "people business" of serving customers. She became an able helper in her dad's trade, and along the way developed an eye for what would sell. Her sense of the romantic and nostalgic stems from the fact that her hometown of Winnsboro has not only a strong western and pioneer heritage but a devotion to traditional southern manners and tastes. So, when Danna branched out on her own with her first booth at Canton First Monday, it reflected her personality. That was almost 30 years ago, and she has consistently re-purposed her passion to fit the times, first creating Danna's Old West western wear store, and later Danna's, her renowned, rambling southern-style venue on the south side of Interstate 30, complete with a floral service. When wanderlust struck again in 2017, Danna decided to make a change. She downsized her base of operations and moved the Florist shop near the downtown district, which opened the way to a return to her roots in trading on the road. This Fall, Danna and the Buffalo Girls are coming to a town near you along Highway 11... in Winnsboro October 11-13 and in Sulphur Springs on the Civic Center grounds, November 8-10.



For those who haven't visited lately, Danna's and the Florist at 438 Gilmer Street is a retail florist and gift shop with an eye-popping Buffalo Girls Boutique sharing the space. You can't miss it, there's a huge buffalo outside! And every first-Monday weekend, locate Danna in her pavilion space at Canton, Texas. And find her aboard the Buffalo Girls Flea Market and Swap, a massive over-the-top collection of romantic southern, vintage, country, farmhouse, primitive and old west goods including the best of re-purposed, trendy new and gently used finds, open seasonally. When you see her turquoise Chevy truck-bed custom wagon, you're there! Plan to intercept Danna this week at Winnsboro, Texas, an exciting part of Autumn Trails! Danna promises a picker's paradise and a shopper's dream with open range shopping, rain or shine!

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Tommie Horton

Funeral service for Tommie Horton, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Leo Wisniewski officiating. Interment followed at Ridgeway Cemetery with Rory Parker, Rhys Parker, Henry Keller, Neal Stewart, Jody Allen and Rodney Keller serving as pallbearers and Dr. Don O'Neal, Leroy Pierce, Ronnie Stewart and Billy Daniels serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Horton passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Sulphur Springs.

Tommie was born on December 31, 1936 in Cumby to Thomas and Annie Price. She married Billy Jack Horton on October 1, 1955. Tommie was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Jack; daughters, Debbie Horton and Dana Maddox; grandchildren, Harleigh Maddox and Rhys Parker; great grandson, Jaxon Maddox.

Tommie was preceded in death by her brother.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home



Ruby Louise Moss

Mrs. Ruby Louise Moss, age 86 of Winnsboro, passed away on Monday, October 8th, 2018 in Tyler. She was born on June 14th, 1932 in Perryville, Texas to the late Issac Phillips and Eveleener Phillips. She was a homemaker and worked for Plenty's Horn in Pittsburg and Mike Bennett's Clothing. She was a member of Hepsibah Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, William Moss; grandson, Richard Alford Moss, granddaughter, Deborah Kay Moss; sisters, Pearl Busby, Myrtle Lou Phillips, Rosie Ellison, Lillie Overstreet, Mary Gatewood, Carol Annette Moss and brothers, I.J. Phillips and Billy Phillips.

She is survived by her husband, William Moss of Winnsboro; sons, John Moss of Scroggins, Billy Moss and his wife Melissa of Pittsburg, Richard Moss and his wife Eveleen of Scroggins, Rickey Moss and his wife Crystal of Good Hope; daughters, Delilah Brown and her husband Mark of Scroggins, Peggy Lilley and her husband Tony of Scroggins, Diana Leverton of Scroggins; brother, Robert Wayne Phillips of Perryville; sisters, Betty Holman of Longview, Sarah Phillips of Tawakoni, Sally Roberts of Tawakoni, Mattie Tomlin of Mt. Pleasant, Bessie Willard of Longview; thirty six grandchildren, eighty seven great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at Beaty Funeral Home at 2:00 pm, Bro. Phil Grenawalt and Bro. Perry Shirley conducting. Interment will follow at Matinburg Cemetery in Pittsburg.



Roger Dale Moore

Funeral services for Roger Dale Moore, age 72, of Cooper have been scheduled for 2:00 pm Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Tapp Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Peerless cemetery. Billy McQueen and Doug Overley will officiate and Jeremy Jones, Chad Jones, Matt Dunn, John Phillip Robertson, Don Barrett and Sean English will serve as Pallbearers. Viet Nam Vets, John Simmons, Glen Stone and Michael Wilton will serve as Honorary Pallbearers. A visitation was held Wednesday evening, October 10, 2018 at Tapp Funeral Home from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

Roger was born in Sulphur Springs on March 28, 1946, the son of Honest and Pauline Moore. He married Melinda Wilton in Burkburnett, TX on December 28, 1971. Mr. Moore proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was in "The Big Red One", the First Infantry Division, E-5 platoon leader. He did one tour in Germany and two tours in Viet Nam where he received numerous medals including two Purple Hearts, and the Bronze Star. Roger was wounded on his second

tour in Viet Nam and was a disabled Veteran. Roger worked for Northeast Texas Farmers Co-Op and for Grocery Supply Company and was the Baptist faith. He died on October 17, 2018 in Paris, TX.

Survivors include, Wife, Melinda Moore, of Cooper; Sons, Darrell Moore, of Cooper, Christopher Moore of Sulphur Springs; granddaughters, Destany Brown and Sydney Scantlen; Brother, Cecil Moore of Sulphur Springs and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Buddy Moore; three sisters, Clydie Mobley, Juanita McQueen and Betty McQueen.

He was a very well known, loving and caring man.

Tapp Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Kay Beth Nolen

Funeral Service for Kay Beth Nolen, age 52, of Yantis were held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, October 8, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Yantis with Bro. Craig Vance officiating. Interment followed at Yantis Cemetery with Cole Hughes, Ryan Nolen, Blake Nolen, Dwain Hughes, Shorty Rios and Mike Allen serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 6 to 8 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Nolen passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Yantis. Kay Beth was born in Sulphur Springs, on November 24, 1965 to Jack and Colleen Nolen. Kay Beth worked as a CNA and was a member of First Baptist Church, Yantis.

She is survived by her son, Charles Mathews; daughter, Kara Mathews; grandchildren, Regan Duncan and Nolan Duncan of Missouri; parents, Jack and Colleen Nolen; brother, Mike Nolen of Midland; sister, Paula Hughes and husband, Dwain of Garland; nieces and nephews, Jackie, Cole, Ryan and Blake.

Kay Beth was preceded in death by her grandparents, A.J. and Marcile Nolen, W.A. and Doris Burn Friddle; nephew, Chad Nolen.

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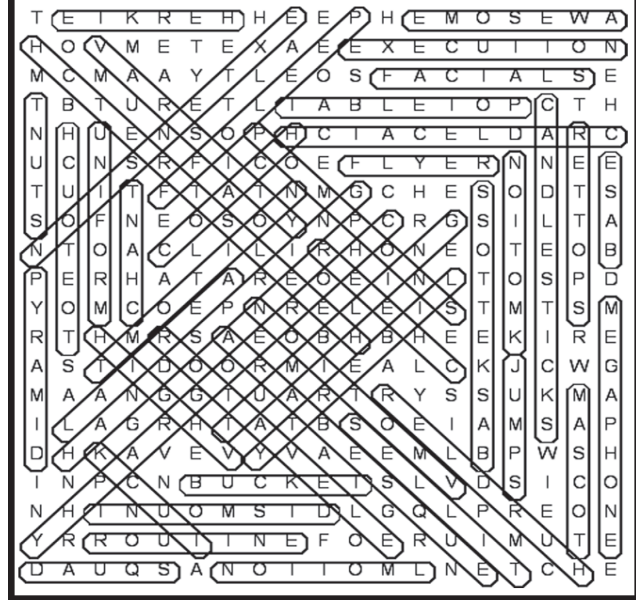
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THE IDLE AMERICAN

First Words at Last Rites....

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

If ordered to stop and think, opposition to the edict would emerge quickly. There'd be protests, fist-shaking, social media barrages and other assorted demonstrations, like lines drawn in sand. "You can't make us stop and think," some would growl. Such angst might remind many of violinists playing while Rome burned to the ground.

The growing gulf between thinkers and non-thinkers must instead become an ocean of growing understanding on important topics which should draw us together. One such topic is patriotism. We have several calendar dates denoting patriotism, and one approaching on Sept. 11 is Patriot Day. That 9/11/2001 date--marked the beginning of Americans' keen awareness of terrorism. The clear call is for all Americans--military or otherwise--to be patriots when our freedom is at stake....

Such awareness should result from lessons learned during World War II. Sadly, too few details were shared by combatants--even with closest family--because many who fought on foreign soil simply couldn't speak of the atrocities that sometimes were just one rifle swing away. Authenticating their repeated battles, however, were nightmarish screams in the night, when daytime clarity of mind kept memories hidden.

One such combatant was H. C. Pruett, whose National Guard outfit was mobilized for

World War II. He, and thousands of others 18 or younger, was a member of the battle-tested 36th Infantry Division. The heroic acts of this Brown County native they called "Skinny" earned him his country's Silver and Bronze Stars. For the remaining 35 years of his life, however, he simply didn't talk about the war. Nor did he ever own a firearm again--or roam the fields as a hunter--as he had done as a youth....

He was just 59 when death came his way. Thankfully, some of his fellow servicemen attended the funeral. They told Skinny's family about his repeated acts of bravery, often when the platoon he eventually led was greatly outnumbered.

One spoke of their confidence in Pruett. "Even though there was an officer present, and Skinny hadn't yet gotten sergeant stripes, we voted to stick with him, even as our landing craft neared battle-torn Italy. If he went, we'd go; if he got down, we would, too," he said. "We knew who'd get us through."

As they neared the beaches of Salerno in September, 1943--nine months before the US invasion of Normandy--artillery fire filled the air. Pruett took charge when the landing craft operator lowered the landing gate 200 yards from shore. He knew many would drown if they left the craft so far from shore. Brandishing an Army pistol to emphasize his intent, he ordered the operator to "take us as close as you can, or I'll shoot." The

guy complied....

Pruett and others endured much, including hunger, atrocities, failing weapons, hand-to-hand combat, loss of limbs and disease. And many paid the ultimate price.

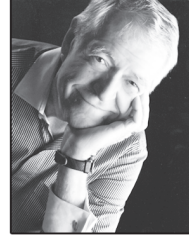
This is but one account of military heroes. If our national moral fabric is to be re-stitched, we must honor sacrifices--then and now--recommitting to true patriotism. At the flutter of a flag, playing of the National Anthem or even the drawing of a breath, surely we should be grateful. All of these are "part and parcel" of the massive debt we owe to Skinny Pruett and his kind who kept freedom alive. Let us first be patriots-- reasonable people committed to working out differences in a climate of civility.

I appreciate friends like Tommy Pruett, who was gracious to share stories about his dad--accounts he'd never have known if comrades hadn't shared "war-time accounts" at the funeral of this blue-collar American hero. Skinny did what he could for as many as he could as long as he could, in both war and peace. He's the kind of man Tom Brokaw wrote about in his book, *The Greatest Generation*....

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BADGES FOR LAWMEN

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Kevin Johnson of Clarendon carves designs on silver. He'll take a small chisel and tap on it with a special hammer he made. He says most silversmiths and engravers make their own tools. After he is satisfied with the design, he'll polish it with another special instrument. He puts his work on bits, spurs, belt buckles and pistols. He is perhaps best known for making badges from five peso coins for law enforcement officers.

"All kinds," he says. "Anybody from our local or area sheriff's departments. I've probably made badges from every sheriff or deputy in the panhandle plus the rest of the state. I've done them for the secret service, FBI, United States Marshall Service, just all over. There is a limited number of people authorized to do badges for them. I'm lucky enough to be one of them."

He's a former high school and college basketball referee and did engraving in his spare time. His business increased when the local sheriff brought in a Texas Ranger.

"He wanted me to do some custom work for him and he took what I had made to a company meeting and he showed some of his Ranger buddies what I had done and it just took off from there. I stopped being a referee to devote fulltime to my silversmithing. That really pleased my wife because that meant I wouldn't be traveling at night so much."

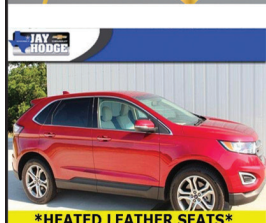
His badges are in great demand by law enforcement people all over the United States and beyond. He has sent his creations to England and Australia.

"I've done close to six hundred agencies, federal, state and local. I've also made dog tags for cowboy's dogs, just about anything you can think of. Some guys want me to put designs on handcuffs. I built a set of spurs for President George W. Bush. I keep a picture of those on the wall."

He works long hours in a barn studio behind his house. "I usually get out here about one o'clock after lunch and work until three or four o'clock in the morning seven days a week. I have to in order to keep up with the demand. That box over there has about fifteen hundred to two thousand orders. On some of the firearms that I've engraved, some people had to wait two to four years for me to get them done."

For relaxation he plays blues harmonica. He's quite good and gave me a short sample of his playing. Then he got out his guitar and played a tune on that. He keeps he instruments around to get him away from the tedious work. He got his musical talent from his mom, Abigail Johnson, who is a professional singer. Kevin is self-taught and does everything by hand. His studio is like a museum with pictures, old equipment and shelves full of interesting items. The walls are completely covered with his memorabilia.

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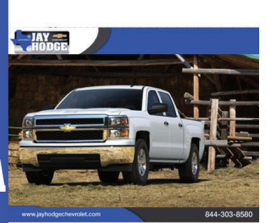
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