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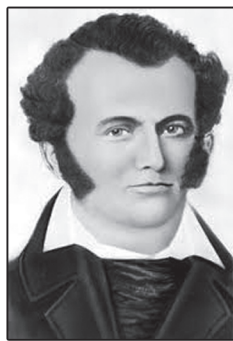
At The Corral Gate



"WE WILL RATHER DIE IN THESE DITCHES THAN GIVE IT UP TO THE ENEMY..." Jim Bowie, February 1836

We have had some wet and cold weeks during early 2019. The similarly wet, wintry weather of February 1836 in the region of San Antonio did nothing to help the brave (Texas) fighters in their passion to free the territory from Mexican oppression. Misery and hunger were everywhere...but the advancing Mexican army shared the same griefs. These excerpts from The Handbook of Texas and Wikipedia shed light on those weeks of late Winter/early Spring in Texas 183 years ago, prior to the Battle of the Alamo.

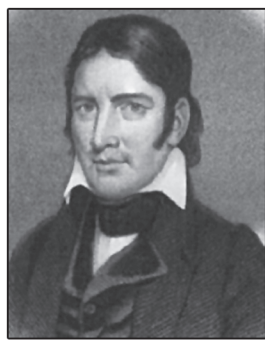
As the bloody year of our state's independence opened, the governor of the Mexican territory of Texas was Henry Smith, the first American-born Governor of the Mexican territory of Texas and briefly presided over the revolution there, serving during the crucial weeks of the Battle of the Alamo, Battle of Goliad, and Battle of San Jacinto. In a letter to Governor Smith in February 1836, James Bowie argued that "the salvation of Texas depends in great measure on keeping Bixar out of the hands of the enemy. It serves as the frontier picquet guard, and if it were in the possession of Santa Anna, there is no stronghold from which to repel him in his march towards the Sabine." The letter to Smith ended, "Colonel Neill and myself have come to the solemn resolution that we will rather die in these ditches than give it up to the enemy." Few reinforcements were authorized; cavalry officer William B. Travis arrived in Bixar with 30 men on February 3 and five days later, a small group of volunteers arrived, including the famous frontiersman Davy Crockett. On February 11, Neill left to recruit additional reinforcements and gather supplies, and did not return to the Alamo. In his absence, Travis and Bowie shared command.



Jim Bowie



William Barrett Travis



Davy Crockett

During February, after crossing the Rio Grande with 6,000 troops, Santa Anna's command eventually grew to more than 8,000. It soon became apparent that his target was San Antonio and the Texans stationed there. In point of fact, he probably should have avoided that city, for it was not important to his success. The Texan defense stood on a triangle...on the west was San Antonio, on the south was San Patricio, and on the northeast was La Bahna (Goliad). Militarily speaking, Goliad was the prize. A divided command under Bowie and William B. Travis at the Alamo comprised only 150 men, to which only some thirty more were soon added. San Antonio, however, even reinforced, could not offer a real threat to Santa Anna or even to his line of communication. But military considerations aside, the general was determined to march on San Antonio, in part because of the humiliation visited upon his family through defeat of his brother-in-law, General Cos.



General Santa Anna

Unfortunately for Santa Anna's army, his logistical support was spare. He apparently had hoped to supplement his supplies by living off the land, but the area south of San Antonio could not sustain him. Furthermore, the weather that spring was unusually cold and wet, with heavy snowfalls. Some of Santa Anna's troops, recruited from the Yucatán, died of hypothermia. Hunger and dysentery was rampant. Deserters and stragglers often became victims of marauding Indians. Meanwhile, in San Antonio, the few Texans were drawn into the confines of San Antonio de Valero Mission, in time known simply as the Alamo. On February 23, Santa Anna's advance force arrived in San Antonio.

We will detail a bit more of the journey to Texas Independence, but until next week's issue, let's keep springtime sunshine in our minds and hearts, count our many blessings and freedoms, and Remember the Alamo!

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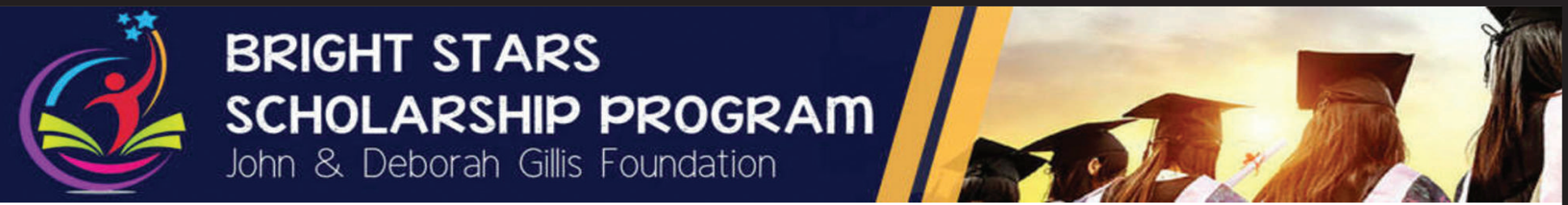
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John and Deborah Gillis Foundation Presents Grants to Three County Schools

Bright Stars Scholarship Program



John and Deborah Gillis with representatives from Como-Pickton ISD, Sulphur Bluff ISD and Cumby ISD.

Three Hopkins County School Districts received grants Tuesday morning at the Sulphur Springs Country Club. The grants were presented by John and Deborah Gillis and Robin Shrode with the John and Deborah Gillis Foundation. Como-Pickton ISD, Sulphur Bluff ISD and Cumby ISD were this year's winners.

For a decade a dream of Hopkins County natives John and Deborah Gillis has been to give back to their hometown and extended communities by providing scholarships to students who otherwise might not have the opportunities to attend post-secondary educational institutions of their choice.

Thus, the John and Deborah Gillis Foundation was created and formed as a result of that dream and exists to do just that – provide Hopkins County graduates with opportunities to realize THEIR own dreams of furthering their education so to become competitive in the world of work and career advancements.

In addition to providing scholarships for graduates in Hopkins County, the John and Deborah Gillis Foundation exists to provide the school districts and campuses with grant opportunities to support them as they work to increase the quality of college and career readiness for ALL students.

The Foundation stated they will provide 10 annual Bright Stars Scholarships to seniors graduating from any of the seven high schools in Hopkins County, beginning in Spring 2019. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$4,000 per semester, renewable for up to eight semesters — making it the largest single scholarship program in the county.

The foundation also committed to a total of \$100,000 in grants over a three-year period to be awarded annually to qualifying schools to support instructional programs and staff development and other initiatives that align with the foundation's mission.



Robin Shrode, Executive Director and John and Deborah Gillis

The John and Deborah Gillis Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is privately endowed. Although the foundation is privately funded, for sustainability the goals and strategic plans include future fund-raising events and opportunities for Hopkins County residents to also support the foundation's mission and goals through cash donations, in-kind donations and volunteerism.

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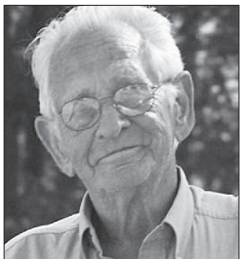
Mortie Steven King was born September 25th, 1948 in Pittsburg, Texas to Travis Lamar and Hortense King. Steve passed away February 21st at the age of 70 from complications from diabetes. Steve was a long-time teacher-coach. He coached at Allen, Mineola, Big Sandy and Emory-Rains. Steve King was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served in the jungles of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents and twin brother Mike and Partner Linda Mize.

He is survived by his sister Bob Ann Cumberland of San Antonio, Texas; step children Bruce and Machel (Missy) Burnham and Mike Mize; grandchildren, Chase, Taylor McKinze and Rylie, Mikey and wife, Jessica Burnham of Bossier City, Caleb, Dillon and Sydney Burnham of Tyler and 3 great grands. Longtime caregivers

Reggie and Billie Day & Regina Tennyson.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 am Saturday at the funeral home.



Kenneth "Curly" Allen

Funeral service for G. Kenneth "Curly" Allen, age 88, of Sulphur Springs were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday February 26, 2019 at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Wheat officiating. Interment followed at Seymore Cemetery with Butch Adams, Cheve Adams, Zachary Adams, Brandon Brock, Brennan Brock and Dan Mitchell serving as pallbearers. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Monday February 25, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mr. Allen passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs.

Curly was born on March 2, 1930 in Brinker, TX to George and Mary Allen. He married Joyce Ann Pounds in Sulphur Springs on June 19, 1954. She preceded him in death in 2008. Curly served in the US Army, was a Mechanic by trade and of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by his daughter, Vicki Corder and husband, Bobby; son, Kenneth Randall Allen; grandchildren, Leslie Stone, Autumn Cotten and husband, Chris; great grandchildren, Cade Patton, Jada Patton, Taelor Rogers, Taryn Cotten, Kloe Cotten; great great grandchild, Reylan Cotten; brothers, Wayne Allen and James Allen; special friends, Billy and Kathy Wilks and Lisa Darlin. Curly was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister, Pearl.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home



Lena Lou Cherry

Memorial services for Lena Lou Cherry, will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church of Sulphur Springs, with the Reverend Dr. Keith Payne Boone, senior pastor of University Park United Methodist Church of Dallas officiating. A private burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery later.

Lena Lou was born on October 28, 1928 in Sulphur Springs where she lived her entire life. She graduated from Sulphur Springs High School and attended East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce. She married Bruce A. Cherry on September 3, 1948. They were married for 48 years and raised their family in Sulphur Springs.

Lena Lou Cherry was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sulphur Springs all of her life where she sang in the choir and was a founding member of the Messengers Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Dial Study Club, the Waverly Club and former president of the Sulphur Springs Women's Forum. She also volunteered for Meal a Day.

She loved her family, her church and Jesus. She enjoyed music, was an avid gardener and once proclaimed to prepare the best food in Hopkins County by her husband.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce and a son, Bland Alan Cherry.

Survivors include her children, Dale Cherry and wife, Teddi of Rockwall; Cynthia Harris and husband Jimmy of Dike; Kristi Cherry and husband, Mark Graca of The Colony; grandchildren, John Thomas Cherry, Jordan Cherry, Holly Sewell and Hilery Hill; 5 great grandchildren and a sister, Sunell Comfort.

Tanner James Doyle Calhoun

A memorial service for Tanner James Doyle Calhoun will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, at 6:00 pm, at Emory Baptist Church. Tanner passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20th, out on his home land.

He was born Sept. 3, 2003, in Arlington, to the parentage of James and Tammy Comer Calhoun. Tanner was a ninth grade student at Rains High School. He enjoyed anything outside. He was a hunter during any season. He helped his granddaddy feeding and working the cattle. He was so very friendly to all and would help anyone that needed it. Tanner was a good man. He will be missed by all of his loving family and friends.

Survivors include: Father: Randy James Calhoun of Emory; Sister: Stormye Diller (Nathan) of Lindale; Grandfather: Randy Calhoun of Emory; Great-grandfather: James Calhoun of Emory; Niece and nephew: Teagan and Emmett Diller of Lindale; Aunt: Lisa Clark of Emory; Cousins: Holli, Heather, Tyler, and Rhett; Aunt and Uncle: Richard and Johnnye Easley.

Preceded in death by: Grandmothers: Darlene Calhoun; and Debbie Millum.

Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home is in charge of cremation arrangements.



Dennis Gregg Morris

Dennis Gregg Morris, age 74, of Sulphur Springs, passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Carriage House Manor. He was born on February 23, 1945 in Sulphur Springs, the son of William Gregg and Leta H. Sanders Morris. He served in the United States Army and later became a certified public accountant. He is survived by sons; Joshua Morris, Mike Morris and wife Valerie; daughters; Sheila Dasch and husband Bill; Denise Bybee and husband Tony; grandchildren; Taylor Dasch, Ashley Melton, Clair and Ty Bybee, Jackson Kinsey, Levi Morris; 3 great-grandchildren, brother, Norman Scott Morris; and sister, Linda Johnston and husband Tommy. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Tristen Dasch, and brother, Jimmy M. Morris. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks

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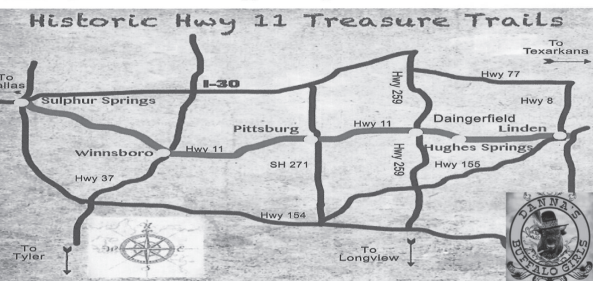


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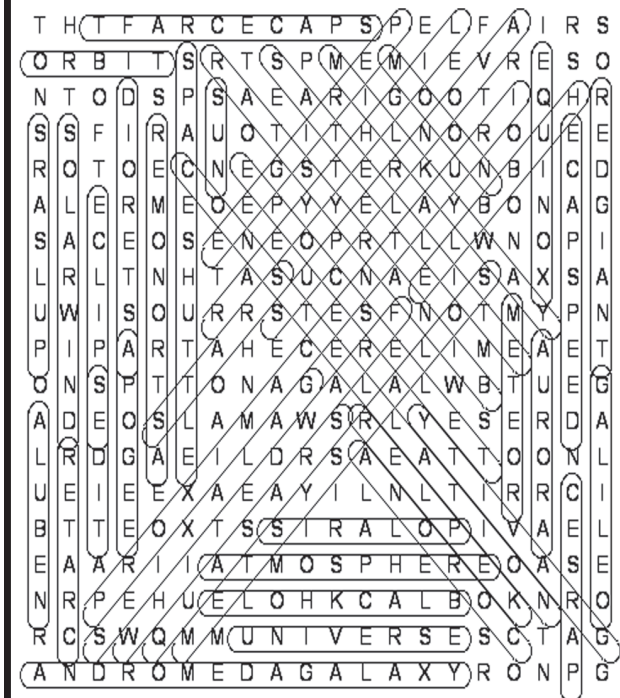
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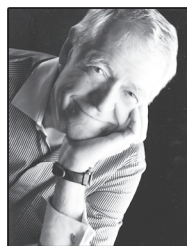
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Tumbleweed Smith



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Donnie Pitchford of Carthage wrote 15 episodes of the Dick Tracy comic strip. They started last December.

“The series was called A Minute Mystery,” says Donnie. “I wrote the Dick Tracy cartoon that appeared on a Sunday in late December and then I did the next 14 days. It was a big deal for me.”

Donnie spent 30 years teaching broadcast journalism to high school students. Many of them won awards for their work. After he retired from teaching, Donnie took up cartooning, something he had wanted to do all his life.

“I started drawing almost as soon as I can remember being able to hold a pencil. I decided at age 5 I wanted to be a cartoonist. I read the Sunday comics, every comic book I could get my hands on. I watched animation on television. That’s what I wanted to do. I drew a lot of Popeye when I was a kid. I’m glad I did because I got to do some Popeye art in later years. That was fun. I was accepted into the National Cartoonist Society a few years ago which was a lifetime goal.”

Donnie listened to the Stephen F. Austin University campus radio station that played some old radio programs. Donnie had never heard them before but his parents talked about them. The Lum and Abner radio program intrigued him.

“It had a jot ‘em down store in a country town called Pine Ridge and had a cast of characters. The two actors played all the parts. It started in 1931 and was a national sensation for almost a quarter of a century. Seven movies were made starring Lum and Abner.”

Donnie decided to start a comic strip of the old radio series. “I contacted a guy in Arkansas who had a news agency online and I proposed my Lum and Abner comic strip. He liked the idea and now my Sunday Lum and Abner comic strip is in newspapers and magazines from Arkansas to Florida.”

Not content to just have his cartoons in print, Donnie started a 3 to 5 minute audio version for blind people. He does most of the voices and sound effects. He demonstrated his ability to sound exactly like the characters on the old radio show and I was amazed. He has a broadcast studio where he does his recordings. Occasionally he’ll have friends come in to do some voices. He’s been doing his cartoon 8 years and produced more than 400 strips.

“They’re in Sunday comics style. I start with a radio script, which takes about 30 minutes to write, then I start drawing. The color is added digitally. My cartoons and audio versions are at LumandAbnerSociety.org.”

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