

34th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash

Since 1986, Commerce has set aside the 4th weekend in September to celebrate the bois d'arc tree (pronounced "bow-dark") at the Bois d'Arc Bash. It is also referred to as an Osage orange tree, hedge apple tree and horse apple tree. We celebrate this unique and tough tree and hope you will join us for a weekend of fun in the Bois d'Arc Capital of Texas!

Friday, September 20 * 7am - 5pm 29th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash Golf **Tournament, Sand Hills Country Club**

Friday, September 27

- **★ 5 pm Commerce Leadership Institute BBQ** sack supper
- ★ 5 pm 6:30 pm Panimation Steel Drum Band
- ★ 5 pm 10 pm Vendor booths open
- ★ 6 pm Carnival opens
- ★ 7 pm 8 pm Cross Trails Band
- ★ 8:30 pm 10 pm Twisted Whisky

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Saturday, September 28

- ★ 7:30 am -Bois d'Arc Bash Doggie Dash 5K
- ★ 7:30 am Motorcycle Bash Ride, sponsored by **Commerce Community Cares**
- ★ 7:30 am -10 am Commerce Masonic Lodge **Pancake Breakfast**
- ★ 9 am 6 pm Vendor booths open
- ★ 9 am 5 pm East Texas Model Railroad Club Exhibit, on Pecan St.
- ★ 10 am -Bois d'Arc Bash Parade
- ★ 10:45 am Opening ceremonies; announcements
- ★ 11 am -Carnival opens
- ★ 11 am noon Dixieland Band
- ★ Noon Aglaia Culture Club Duck Pluck (purchase tickets from any club member prior to the Bash)
- ★ 12:30 pm 2 pm The Blandelles
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Granville Anthony "Tony" Giles

Funeral services for Granville Anthony "Tony" Giles, age 42, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Cody Giles officiating. Interment followed at Blue Ridge Cemetery with Mike "Bobcat" Skelton, Bull Lewis, Donny McGary, Jacob McGary, Lil Robert Henson, and Luke Davis serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Steve Eppars and Stanley Giles. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Tony passed away on September 7, 2019.

He was born on April 22, 1977 in Sulphur Springs, the son of Rickey Thomas Giles and Janet Coker Adams. He married Doni Rae Giles on November 12, 2011 in Hopkins County. He worked as a truckdriver and enjoyed spending time with his family and working on the family farm. He is survived by his wife, Doni Giles, mother, Janet Coker, son, Ty Giles, daughters, Sidney Boles and Aubrey Giles, brothers, Lil Robert Henson

and Nathan Bearden, sisters, Wendy Giles and Jana Ray, and best friend, Bobcat. He was preceded in death by father, Rickey Giles, and grandparents, Fred and Wyvone Giles, and L.D. and Rosie Coker.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Truman B. Therwhanger

Graveside services for Truman B. Therwhanger, age 99, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, 2019 at Rockdale Cemetery. There was no formal visitation. Honorary pallbearers were the Men's Radio Bible Class. Truman passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab. He was born on January 27, 1920 in Weinert, TX, the son of George Browder and Eula Smith Therwhanger. He served in the United States Air Force during WWII. He worked in aviation as an aircraft mechanic all his life. He married Esma E. Therwhanger on October 22, 1947 in Lovington, NM. She preceded him in death on June 11, 2017. Truman was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Men's Radio Bible Class. He is survived by sons, Charles Therwhanger of Lubbock, TX, Dwight Therwhanger of Sulphur Springs, Phillip Therwhanger

and wife Sherry of Sulphur Springs, sister in law, Ann Therwhanger of Munday, TX, five grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Truman is preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Marty Therwhanger, and daughter in law, Suzanne Therwhanger. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Mission Fund at 116 Oak Avenue, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 or Gideons International at gideons.org. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Pansy Murray

Funeral services for Pansy Murray, age 97, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Daniel Lewis officiating. Interment followed at City Cemetery with Josh Murray, Judd Murray, Jason Murray, Tony Murray, Roger Murray, Erik Murray, and Todd Cook serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was held at 4:00 p.m., prior to service time. Pansy passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at Carriage House Manor.

She was born on October 24, 1921 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Martin and Effie Stephenson Jones. She was a member of the Gafford Chapel United Methodist Church. She worked as a nurse for Dr. William Ray

Hanna and Dr. Mike Locklear from 1942 to 1991. She loved to quilt, quilting more than 300 over many years. She is survived by sons, Roger Murray and wife Silvia of Harker Heights, TX, Tony Murray and wife Jennifer of Sulphur Springs, daughters, Nina Cook and husband Jerry of Sulphur Springs, Paula Doss of Sulphur Springs, Daughter-in-law Lou Ann Murray of Cooper, brother, William Gene Jones of Kempner, TX, sister, Roberta Sue Newsome of Sulphur Springs, twelve grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Paul Ray Murray, son, William Jack Murray, granddaughter, Amy Maureen Murray, grandson, Ricky Don Murray, two brothers, and four sisters. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com





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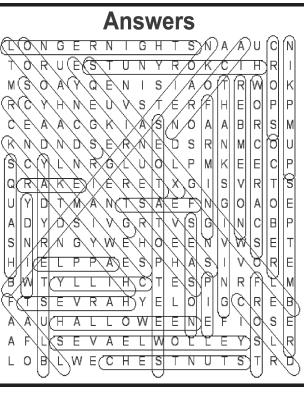
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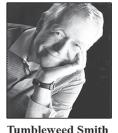
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There's a guy who rides a horse around the Fort Worth Stockyards who looks, talks and acts like John Wayne. He also takes part in a staged gunfight by the Legends of Texas group. His name is Jack Edmondson and he is more than a cowboy. He is a scholarly historian who has portrayed Travis, Bowie, Sam Houston and other state historical figures at The San Jacinto Battlefield, Washington On The

Brazos State Historical Site, the Alamo and other places.

He has written perhaps the most definitive book about The Alamo titled THE ALAMO STORY. He has also written the text for a photographic book about the stockyards simply titled THE FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS. One story Jack wrote about is when President Jimmy Carter went to the Stockyards in 1980 when Billy Bob's nightclub was under construction. Congressman Jim Wright had arrHe anged for President Carter to tour Texas with stops in Houston, Brownsville, San Antonio and Abilene before arriving in Fort Worth. Billy Bob Barnett arranged for Moe Bandy and Jerry Max Lane to provide entertainment.

Along with Jim Wright, others on the president's plane were State Senator Peyton McKnight, US Congressman Henry B Gonzales, Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby and US Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

The morning of Saturday November 1, 1980, a group of Secret Service men, stockyards leaders and others were in the White Elephant Saloon when the establishment's pay phone rang. It was Air Force One wanting to know if Moe Bandy and Jerry Max Lane could play HAIL TO THE CHIEF. Billy Bob conveyed the question to the entertainers. No, they did not. Barnett sent their response to Air Force One. The person on the plane said, "We'll get back to vou."

They called back a short time later. Did the musicians know the song AMERICA? Billy Bob got a negative response from the musicians and sent it to Air Force One. They went through 3 or 4 more songs and the musicians didn't know those either. "We'll get back to you," came the response from Air Force One. Soon the phone rang again. "What song do the musicians know that is upbeat?" When Billy Bob asked the two musicians they quickly replied, BIG BALLS IN COWTOWN. "We'll call you back," said the voice from Air Force one. They called back and said, "You can play BIG BALLS IN COW-TOWN but you can't sing it."

The president's plane landed at Meacham Field and he rode in a motorcade to the Stockyards to deliver a speech on the steps of the Exchange Building. Some 30,000 people were there to greet him. He was presented a Stetson hat. So were all the members of his entourage. As instructed, the band played an instrumental version of BIG BALLS IN COWTOWN. But as the President approached the microphone the band defiantly started singing the lyrics.

Hoyle Nix of Big Spring, who wrote the song long ago, would be thrilled



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The Sulphur Springs Downtown Business Alliance

By Enola Gay Mathews District!

The Sulphur Springs of Sulphur Downtown Business members Alliance was created Downtown and even since 2000! marketing outdated historic ambiance so much, we the second Tuesday at from

Along with the City Springs, Business over a decade ago to Alliance have had a address the changing huge part in steering the needs of downtown course of our downtown merchants and property district. These merchant owners. Downtowns in members and interested America have changed individuals have been drastically since 1900, diligent in examining Sulphur Springs is an which drive business to example of that. Over their store and in their the past 20 years, from doors. Networking with a sad image of narrow other merchants, they sidewalks have become partners and boring storefronts, for positive change Sulphur Springs has with a goal to match evolved into a busy the changing ways in and vibrant district which the public shops where people come to now. "Attending the is working collectively Show" - Best Dressed Wide Photo Walk on enjoy food, shopping, Downtown Business on two major annual Vendor Space, \$100 Saturday October 5. leisure and recreation, Alliance meetings has projects, the Brick "Best and even to make it helped me wake up Street Vintage Market Bicycle. their home! From the to new possibilities on September 21 and The Car Show has Decorating Contest and courthouse as well as challenge The Car Show set been an attraction for Christmas involvement and new Veterans myself to not get too for Saturday Nov. 2. a number of years, but and planning Memorial to renewed comfortable with my If you've heard the after we underwent working foot traffic during set ways" stated one phrase, 'it takes a the improvements to DBA events will affect evenings and nights retail shop owner. village', well, come to Celebration Plaza, the overall morale of for food and music, "I really do have an Sulphur Springs and it's gotten even more downtown to a variety of new advocate as well as you'll see that concept popular. People like owners. retailers with fresh a friend who wants in action! and unusual ideas for my business to be a The Brick Street spend the day. Many Downtown Business serving customers. In success". Members Vintage fact, we celebrate the and officers meet a juried event where our hotels. During and revitalized downtown together monthly on vendors are selected Car Show weekend, working partnership



memberships are also market available.





to come to town and The purpose of the Market is spend the night in Alliance is to develop applications. we even see people with city and county lining up to see inside governments as well our glass bathrooms! as other They're still a very boards dedicated to popular feature for the revitalization of President Jason Tully On Brick Downtown



The DBA is working upcoming

Street Vintage Market Springs.

Mirror Bathroom on Square



To provide support for all merchants and property owners and to encourage community pride in the Downtown

To recreate the charm and relaxed atmosphere of vesteryear. Allowing our local citizens and visitors an enjoyable The DBA and local and diverse place to business.

> Our officers are: **Jason Tully** President **Lara Colby** Vice President Linda Galligher Secretary Lynda Hager Treasurer





Marlene DeYong in front of her store Sass & Class



named it Celebration 5:30pm, most often at

Judy Heilman of the Brick Street Market Committee explains event plans while Secretary Linda Galligher and Treasurer Lynda Hager look on.



Pictures from the annual car show.