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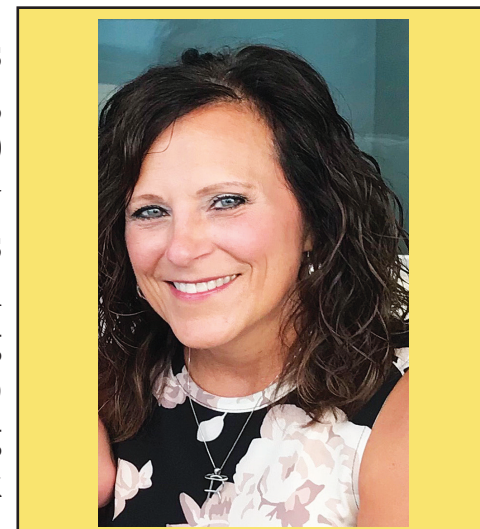
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Renee Chanler Celebrating 40th Year As An Independent Business Woman -- 30 Years In Sulphur Springs!

By Enola Gay Mathews



Renee Chanler is celebrating her 40th year as an independent business woman and hairstylist, headquartered in Sulphur Spring for the past 30 years. Renee is also celebrating the 5th anniversary of The Chanler Salons, her gallery of six mini-salons located in the shopping center at 468 Shannon Road East along Interstate 30. She's inviting friends, customers and former customers to stop in on Thursday, October 17, 2019, for the day-long celebration! You'll take home a prize just as a Thank You! And no, Renee is not retiring, she's celebrating!



Here's her amazing story. Raised in Arlington, Texas, Renee was the youngest of four daughters, and her thrifty mom always cut their hair herself. Now, Renee's curly and lively head of hair was especially trying, so when Renee was a Middle School student, she got her first cut 'n style in a hair salon! The stylist who did the cut also straightened her thick, dark hair into a sleek, manageable 'do' that she loved! The stylist also showed Renee how to use a blow dryer to achieve the smooth look. That salon visit produced a major impact on young Renee, and she knew then what she would like her career to be. It was something do-able,

a practical thing she could use for her own good as well as for others, to feel pretty, be happy with oneself and to build confidence. So, while in high school, she went into the VOE program and took training at the local Cosmetology school, acquiring what is the equivalent of today's dual credits. And by the time Renee graduated, she had gotten her license and was ready to go to work. And work she did! For the first seven years, she did hair in the Ft Worth area. Then on October 5, 1979, she became part of the Sulphur Springs business community when she opened Renee's Hair Designs in Windsor Plaza Shopping

Center. She attracted a clientele who appreciated her skills and she stayed quite busy there for the next 27 years, balancing work with childraising as many women do. Renee always stayed in close touch with her mom and sisters, and frequent trips into the metroplex kept her sharp on changing trends in the beauty business. The idea of the new mini-salons was appealing to her. Knowing her own independent spirit, she felt like other beauty operators might also like the freedom that having their own space would offer, as opposed to an open studio with several busy stations. So she designed and opened The Chanler Salons in Octo-

ber 2015, offering space for independence beauty professionals to offer services, from cuts to color to perms. Over the past five years, other beauty services have been offered including massage, permanent makeup and essential oils.

So on Thursday October 17 between 9am and 7pm, be sure and stop by The Chanler Salons for the Celebration. While there, make an appointment with Renee or one of her experienced hairstylists: Mindy Bentley, a stylist

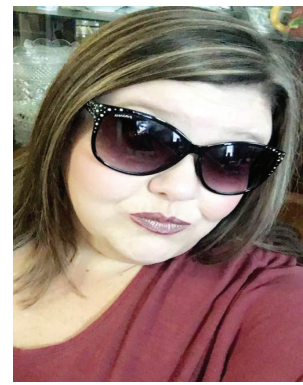
for 21 years, Wanda Crist for 31 years, and Karla Chester for 13 years, and Anita Beasley celebrating 8 years of health and beauty essential Oils. "In today's industry, that's kind of amazing!" stated Renee.



Left to right. Renee Chanler, Wanda Crist, Mindy Bentley, Emmaly Fisher and Anita Beasley

THE SULPHUR SPRINGS COMMUNITY SHOWS UNITY BY PULLING TOGETHER FOR FAMILY

Obituaries



A Community Prayer Vigil was held on the SSISD Lamar Primary Campus playground on Sunday, October 6, 2019, in support of family and friends of Sandy Reed and Keesha Ivey. The two sisters died in a vehicle crash on Friday, October 4, 2019, while returning home from the Sulphur Springs Wildcat game in Forney, Texas. Two of their children, Jacob Reed and Kaycee Ivey, were injured in the crash and care-flighted to Children's Hospital where they remain in improved condition. Keesha's son, Colson Ivey, a student at SSSHS and member of the Wildcat football team, was aboard the school bus returning home. Brian and Sandy Reed's older son, Micah, passed away from a form of childhood cancer in 2015. The families are widely known for their involvement in church, school and community. Sandy and Keesha had attended Lamar Elementary School during their schooldays.

Upwards of 200 persons attended the Prayer Vigil on the beautiful early Fall afternoon. A welcome was given by La-

mar Principal Rowena Johnson, and a prayer lifted by Reverend Ed Lantz of First United Methodist Church. 'The Way' Pastor Joel Teimeyer spoke about loss and grief, the hope offered to persons expressing faith in Jesus's comforting promises, and requested ongoing prayer for the Reed, Cavanaugh and Ivey families. Jason Deitze of First United Methodist Church assisted individuals who came forward to give testimony about the sisters, about Sandy's encouraging personality, her personal mission to help other families facing the effects of childhood cancer, and her Wildcat Spirit. There are various ways in which the public can help these families through fundraisers and a GoFundMe account. There will also be a Benefit Concert on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Reilly Springs Jamboree. The Jamboree begins at 6pm and the Benefit Concert featuring the Roger Reed Band will begin at 8pm. Admission is \$10 person or donation.

Reilly Springs Jamboree Benefit

By Enola Gay Mathews

As many may know, Roger Reed was co-producer of the Reilly Springs Jamboree with me since 2007, and together we put on about 250 installments of the stage show at the Reilly Springs Community Center over the years. This summer, Roger stepped down as he is downsizing and getting ready for retirement with a possible move away from this area. We have missed him on the shows we have held since then, but want you to know he will be back on Saturday, October 19, 2019, for one evening. With the Roger Reed Band, he will head up an 8pm Benefit Concert for the Reed / Ivey families affected by the recent tragic deaths of two members of his family.

It is Roger's brother Mark Reed, whose son Brian's wife Sandy Reed was killed in a highway crash on Friday October 4, 2019 in Van Zandt County near Canton. With her in the car was her sister Keesha Ivey who was also dead at the scene. The family is grieving but thankful the children were spared in the tragedy. Roger and his band, consisting of Gary Jones, Leo Ibarra and JD Moss, will put on a concert of country and gospel favorites as a way to generate funds for the Reed and Ivey families. Please plan to come out that night. The Jamboree with the Running Creek Band will start at 6pm and the Benefit Concert will begin at 8pm. Admission is \$10 person for the Jamboree, and by donation for the Benefit Concert. If you cannot attend the concert but would like to donate, there is an account set up at Guaranty Bank and Trust in Sulphur Springs for that purpose. Other benefits are also being organized in the Sulphur Springs area, and a GoFundMe account has been set up online. Monetary help will be needed as funeral services are held, as the injured children may require further surgeries or therapy even after returning home, for Kaycee's brother Kholson Ivey, a Sulphur Springs Wildcat high-school student, and for the many needs which will arise in the days and weeks ahead. Already, the family members are expressing appreciation for the outpouring of words, prayers and help from the people of this area and from far off.

The Reeds are a large, close knit family as well as a musical family. Mark Reed and his sons, Brian and Brandon, are members of the Moonlight Twang Band with Jacoby Smith. Roger has played with most every country musician in these parts since he brought his family back to Hopkins County a dozen years ago. As they struggle through the aftermath of these losses, compounded by Brian and Sandy's loss of 9-year-old Micah in 2015 to childhood cancer, please keep them in your prayers and on your hearts.

Funeral Services for Sandy Reed, age 37, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Hopkins County Civic Center Auditorium with Dr. Joel Tiemeyer officiating. Interment will follow at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the Auditorium. Sandy passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Funeral Services for Keesha Lashon Ivey, age 46, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Hopkins County Civic Center Auditorium with Dr. Joel Tiemeyer officiating. Interment will follow at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the Auditorium. Keesha passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019.

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Memorials On Page 8.

Two local ladies killed in a car crash on the way home from a Friday Night Wildcat football game.



Keesha Lashon Ivey

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Sandy Reed

Full obit on pg. 8



Luvena Hurley Owens

Funeral Service for Luvena Hurley Owens, age 94, of Sulphur Springs were held at 1:00 P.M on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Caldwell officiating and Leldon McKinney and Chris McLarry assisting. Interment followed at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Kameron Smith, Richard McLarry, Greg McLarry, Chris McLarry, Paul Stone, Sean McLarry, David McKinney and Matt Snyder serving as pallbearers, and her great grandsons served as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Owens passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. Luvena was born on October 7, 1924 in Sulphur Springs to Josiah Alonzo "Lon" and Willie Annis (Craig) Hurley. She married David Williams Owens in Sulphur Springs on March 7, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1987. Luvena retired from H.D. Lee and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Reilly Springs Baptist Church. She is survived by her daughters; Peggy Smith and husband, Jack of Corsicana, Janie McLarry of Sulphur Springs, Barbara McKinney and husband, Leldon of Houston, Paula Stone and husband, Leon of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Stephanie Fisher and husband, Brian of Houston, Melissa McLarry of Sulphur Springs, Kameron Smith and wife, Stacy of Austin, Richard McLarry and wife, Mary of Chandler, Greg McLarry and wife, Tammi of Sulphur Springs, Chris McLarry and wife, Dawn of Flint, Paul Stone and wife, Josie of Sulphur Springs, Sean McLarry and wife, Stacey of Sulphur Springs, Susan Arrington and husband, Jarome of Burnett, David McKinney and wife, Natalie of Houston, Tina Owens of Denton; great-grandchildren, Jessica McLarry and fiance, Max, Christina Williams, Ashlyn Quiett and husband, Trevor, Daniel McLarry, Jordan McLarry and wife, Hanna, Crystal Garcia and husband, Anthony, Craig McLarry and wife, Melissa, John McLarry, Christian Landers, Grant Fisher, Alyssa Aryal and husband, Kushal, Blake Fisher, Kaci Nichols and husband, Samuel, Heather McLarry, Jack Kade Smith, Hunter McLarry, Alexandra Fisher, Harley McLarry, Hannah Stone, Rush McLarry, Ethan McLarry, Stone Arrington, Sophie Smith, Katie Arrington, Lauren Stone, Madelyn Arrington; great great-grandchildren, Trevor, Cullin and Kennedy Williams, Joslyn McLarry, Drake and Emma Garcia, Ella McLarry; sister, Zelma Gaisbauer of Plano; sister-in-laws, Ruby Bain and Sandra Hurley of Sulphur Springs; numerous nieces and nephews. Luvena was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David; son, Gary W. Owens; eight brothers and sisters. Memorials can be made to Gideons International at www.gideons.org. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Betty Moon

Funeral services for Betty Moon, age 81, of Sulphur Springs were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Tommy Johnston officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Grove North Cemetery with Randy Palmer, Justin Moon, Chris Moon, Cody Moon, Eddie Moon, and Bryan Dodd serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Betty passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Rock Creek Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on May 31, 1938 in Ladonia, Texas the daughter of Delbert Lewis Duncan and Sarah Velma Holloway Duncan. She married Dudley Moon on December 28, 1959 in the First Baptist Church of Ladonia, and he survives. Betty was a member of First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs for 44 years and she worked for Hopkins County for 36 years. In addition to her husband Dudley, she is survived by sons; Gary Moon and fiance Vicki, Jimmy Moon and wife Jenny, daughter, Teresa Palmer and husband Max all of Sulphur Springs, and brother,

James Paul Morris of Winnsboro, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers; Donald Duncan, and Charles "Scooter" Duncan, sisters, Gayle Gearner, and Carolyn Duncan.



Edward Elton "Ed" Watts

Funeral services for Edward Elton "Ed" Watts, age 92, of Cumby, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 2019 at County Line Baptist Church in Cumby with Bro. Wayne Darty officiating. Interment will follow at Miller Grove Cemetery with Logan Holden, Winston Walls, Doug Hall, Chris Voorheese, Corey Voorheese, and Codey Hunt serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be W.E. Watts, Lewis Watts, James Watts, and Clinton Lennon. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Edward passed away on October 5, 2019 at his residence. He was born on April 11, 1927 in the County Line Community of Hopkins County, the son of Robert Edward "Buck" Watts and Allie Carletta Henshaw Watts. He is survived by daughter, Sandi Sheree Holden and husband Chad of Miller Grove.

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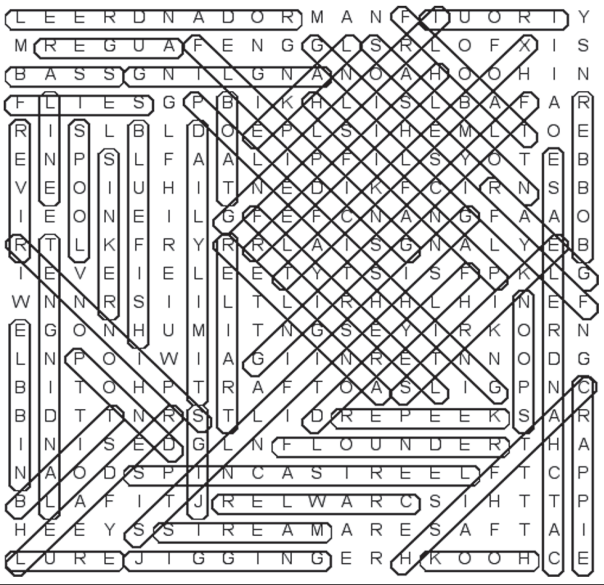
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There are more things happening in Cranfills Gap, Texas than in most major cities. It was settled by Norwegians and four families from Norway maintain homes in Cranfills Gap. "They come here about 4 times a year," says Gap resident Sandi Carlson. "They travel all over Texas and know more about the state than most Texans. They keep up with our music and everything that's going on in the state."

Sandi and her husband Carl own the Horny Toad, perhaps the most photographed bar in the state. "We were at a Ducks Unlimited meeting and we talked about saving some kind of critter," says Carl. "We were all drinking and somebody mentioned saving the horny toad. We decided it would be too much trouble, so instead of starting a program to preserve the Texas lizard we decided to just preserve the Horny Toad Bar."

It's the town's community center. Farmers drive their tractors up to the Toad and go in for lunch. Some years ago a man from Las Vegas was in the bar and said he was looking for the ideal small town. "We thought it was some sort of scam," says Carl, "but it was legit. The Convention and Visitors Bureau of Las Vegas had a nationwide search going on to find the best little town in America. As the search went on, we were one of the top 10 finalists, and then there were 2, then we won. A busload of Gap residents flew to Vegas and spent a week, all expenses paid."

Every December Cranfills Gap has a lutefisk dinner that's been going on for more than 30 years. Carl has done the cooking. "That fish gets a lot of bad press and people make fun of it, but it's a staple for poor people in Norway. It looks like a shingle of beef jerky but it cooks out nice. Sandi and I really like it. Apparently others do, too."

Cranfills Gap has a Bacon Bash every October. It started in 2012 and attracts more than 2,000 people. "We limit it to 2,500 tickets," says Carl. "We figure that's about all our downtown can hold. Tickets are fifty dollars each and the proceeds go to sending kids to a diabetic camp and providing blankets and other winter gear to homeless people."

Some 40 cooking teams enter the contest. Organizers provide everything but the bacon, which is furnished by a grocery store in Hamilton. Cooks create items ranging from steaks to ice cream. Sandi loves bacon ice cream. "I'm usually not an ice cream eater, but that's something really good. They caramelize the bacon."

Prize money is \$10,000 and sometimes the winners just donate the money back. Carl said they have a trailer load of blankets, coats, hoodies, gloves, caps and backpacks and take it to Austin, Waco, Dallas and Abilene passing out the winter items. It's all free. Since the bacon Bash started it has raised nearly half a million dollars. Last year it raised \$100,000. This year the event is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. A team from Norway has entered.

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