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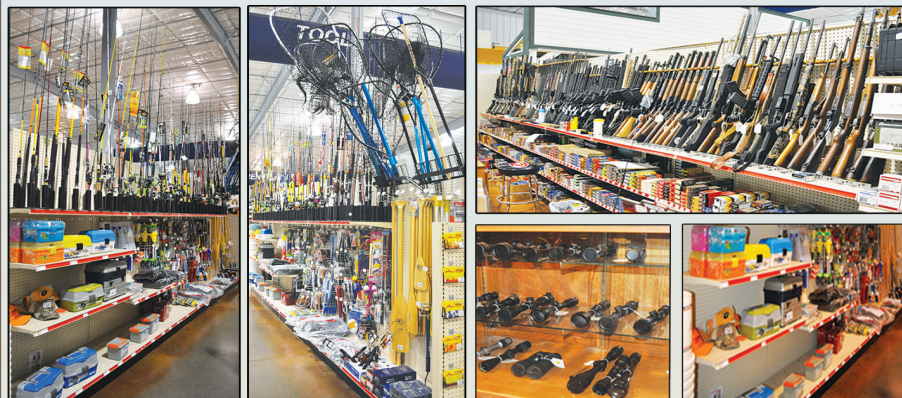
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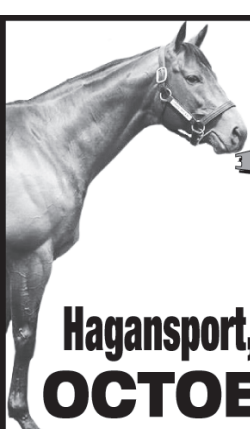
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By Enola Gay

W.A.T? ... WAY ABOVE THE NORMAL in Winnsboro Texas!

Commonly heard words in our part of NE Texas are 'Autumn Trails'. Winnsboro's Autumn Trails has a history about 100 years long. Seems the pioneers who settled that land knew what to do with a squirrel gun, and so they ate a lot of squirrel stew and other home-ly rib-stickin fodder like that. Cooked it outdoors whenever possible. Kind of like us here in Hopkins County... but our forefathers preferred chicken in their stew. However it came to be, Autumn Trails is a purely enjoyable time of year, and not just for the locals either! It's celebrated in a big way by a lot of outsiders who come for the fun and 'foolishness' in such a satisfying way during "W. A.T?" (that's whatcha call

an ack-row-nim for Winnsboro Autumn Trails) I heard the rumor that it would be only 2 weekends this year, because of "the COVID", but I guess they just couldn't help themselves, and now they've pretty well filled up every available weekend in October, again! In fact, they can't even wait for the first day of W.A.T?, so they jumped the gun. A bunch of them came down this past Saturday to the Winnsboro Farmers Market, and two of them

made a display of themselves in The Bowery. Amidst all the selling and swappin' of sweet potatoes, purple hull peas, 'n pumpkins, there was this 'tuneful invasion' led by Jeff Hightower and his son Chad (? was it Chad? anyhow, a talented guitar picker kin to Jeff) Now Jeff can bend the strings for sure, but his proudest claim is that he's loud. He talks loud and laughs loud, and when he sings, he sings loud. He's highly entertaining and is kind of like



Autumn Trails sinage: vintage Model T, brakes good, tires fair.

a big singing Teddy Bear on a stool. And he's not happy to sit up there and sing solo either! He's got to get others to imitate what he's doing, which leads to a lot more singing and loud laughter. He corralled bashful Tex Willis and made him play the harmonica to some of their songs. Doc and Conrad sort of disappeared when

share at an early age, and he's not happy to keep the hilarity all to himself!

Here's the plain



Chad and Jeff Hightower, loud and proud of Winnsboro.

he came after them. He twisted my unsuspecting arm til I agreed to do Milk Cow Blues. And poor Stacy, the Farmers Market manager, well Big Jeff H. made her sing AND play the guitar while everyone stood around just watching to see what he'd do next. See, he learned to

truth, it's tough to keep a straight face when Big Jeff H. is anywhere around! And you won't find a collection of folks quite like this W.A.T? bunch anywhere else. They've even made up a slogan for themselves and their town, "Keep Winnsboro Weird". Don't believe me? Just drop

Stacy Finley backed up by Tex Willis and Chad.



in most any weekend. But remember, all holds are barred during W.A.T? There's a year's worth of entertainment, and most of it free, during W.A.T? in Winnsboro!

Til next week, I will be preparing myself for another Saturday Farmers Market in downtown Winnsboro. But this time, I will be watching for Big Jeff H. and the antics he and his kind might pull...and the streets may not be safe til W.A.T? is over!

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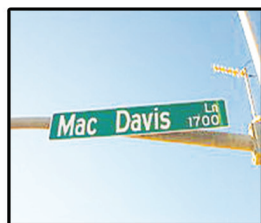
Mac Davis - Singer Song Writer

Scott Mac Davis (January 21, 1942 – September 29, 2020) was an American country music singer, songwriter, and actor. A native of Lubbock, Texas, he enjoyed success as a crossover artist, and during his early career wrote for Elvis Presley, providing him with the hits "Memories", "In the Ghetto", "Don't Cry Daddy", and "A Little Less Conversation". A subsequent solo career in the 1970s produced hits such as "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me". Davis also starred in his own variety show, a Broadway musical, and various films and TV shows.

Davis was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas, the son of Edith Irene (Lankford) and T. J. Davis, a builder. He spent his childhood years with his sister Linda, living and working at the former College Courts, an efficiency apartment complex owned by his father. Davis described his father, who was divorced from Davis' mother, as "very religious, very strict, and very stubborn." Though Davis was physically small, he had a penchant for getting into fistfights. "In those days, it was all about football, rodeo, and fistfights. Oh, man, I got beat up so much while I was growing up in Lubbock," Davis said in a March 2, 2008, interview with the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal newspaper. "I was 5 feet, 9 inches, and weighed 125 pounds. I joined Golden Gloves, but didn't do good even in my division." Davis graduated at 16 from Lubbock High School and, looking to escape his hometown, moved to Atlanta where his mother lived.

Career as a songwriter

Once Davis was settled in Atlanta, he organized a rock and roll group called the Zots, and made two singles for OEK Records, managed and promoted by OEK owner Oscar Kilgo. Davis also worked for the Vee Jay record company (home to such R&B stars as Gene Chandler, Jerry Butler, and Dee Clark) as a regional manager, and later became a regional manager for Liberty Records.



Mac Davis Lane intersects Avenue Q (U.S. Highway 84) in Davis's hometown of Lubbock.

Davis became famous as a songwriter and got his start as an employee of Nancy Sinatra's company, Boots Enterprises, Inc. Davis was with Boots for several years in the late 1960s. During his time there, he played on many of Sinatra's recordings, and she worked him into her stage shows. Boots Enterprises also acted as Davis's publishing company, publishing songs such as "In the Ghetto", "Friend, Lover, Woman, Wife", "Home", "It's Such a Lonely Time of Year", and "Memories", which were recorded by Elvis Presley, Nancy Sinatra, B. J. Thomas, and many others. Davis left Boots Enterprises in 1970 to sign with Columbia Records, taking all of his songs with him.

One of the songs he wrote in 1968, called "A Little Less Conversation", was recorded by Elvis Presley (and would become a posthumous success for Presley years later). Presley recorded "In the Ghetto" in sessions in Memphis. According to record producer Jimmy Bowen, "Ghetto" was originally pitched to Sammy Davis, Jr. but Mac Davis, guitar in hand, played the song in a studio, with onlookers such as Jesse Jackson and other members of the black activist community. Mac Davis, the only white man in the room at the time, eventually told Bowen, "I don't know whether to thank ya, or to kill ya." Mac Davis eventually recorded the tune after Presley's version became a success, and was released in a Ronco In Concert compilation in 1975. It was later released on a campy Rhino Records Golden Throats compilation in 1991. The song became a success for Presley and he continued to record more of Davis's material, such as "Memories", "Don't Cry Daddy", and "Clean Up Your Own Backyard". Bobby Goldsboro also recorded some of Davis's songs, including "Watching Scotty Grow", which became a No. 1 Adult Contemporary success for Goldsboro in 1971. Other artists who recorded his material included Vikki Carr, O.C. Smith, and Kenny Rogers and The First Edition. "I Believe in Music", often considered to be Davis's signature song, was recorded by several artists (including Marian Love, B.J. Thomas, Louis Jordan, Perry Como, Helen Reddy, and Davis himself) before it finally became a success in 1972 for the group Gallery.

Later, he also became known as a country singer. During the 1970s, many of his songs "crossed over", successfully scoring on both the country and popular music charts, including "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me" (a number one, Grammy-nominated success), "One Hell of a Woman" (pop no. 11), and "Stop and Smell the Roses" (a no. 9 pop hit). Also, during the 1970s, he was very active as an actor, appearing in several movies, as well as hosting a successful variety show.

Davis soon decided to pursue a career of his own in country music; he was signed to Columbia Records in 1970. After several years of enriching the repertoires of other artists, his big success came two years after signing with Columbia. He topped the Country and Pop charts with the song "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me". It sold over one million copies and was awarded a gold disc by the Recording Industry Association of America in September 1972.[9]

Some of Davis's lyrics invoked overtly sexual relationships. In the song "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me", he pleads with a woman not to become too enamored with him, because he does not want to commit to a full-time relationship. Other hit songs by Davis, such as "Naughty Girl" and "Baby Spread Your Love on Me", contained similar lyrics. Mac Davis passed away last week from complications of heart surgery.

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Elizabeth Adair

Private graveside service for Elizabeth Adair age 88, of Sulphur Springs was held at Restlawn Memorial Park in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Come and go visitation was held Sunday October 4, 2020, from 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Adair passed away at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Elizabeth Adair was born on December 4, 1931, in Pickton, Texas to Robert Bailey and Lola Burns. She married Charles Robert Adair in Sulphur Springs, Texas on February 27, 1950. She worked as a Sales Clerk at Medicine Chest and was a loving mother and wife to her children and husband. Elizabeth was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs since 1978.

She is survived by her sons, Mike Adair, Randy Adair (Donna) and Greg Adair (Brigette); grandchildren, Chris Adair, Dustin Adair, Stephen Adair, Jr., Lindsay Adair, Matthew Adair and Olivia Adair; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Janie Palmer of Rockport, Texas. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Geraldine Burns; and brother, Robert Burns.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the caring and loving staff at Carriage House Manor.



Bart Belcher

Funeral service for Bart Belcher, age 61, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Murray – Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Pastor Ron Smedley and Gary Williamson officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Big E, Noah Ray, Brandon Hudson, Nick Theofiledes, Rustin Belcher, Darren Harred, Taylor Cravens, and Tony Anglin serving as pallbearers. Visitation was Friday, October 2, 2020 from 6 to 8 P. M at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Belcher passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, TX.

Bart Belcher was born December 15, 1958 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. He married Nina Barrett in Sulphur Springs, Texas on September 29, 2013. He was a member of the Community Bible Fellowship Church.

Bart served in the United States Air Force, worked as a tool-hand consultant in the oil industry, and was an ordained minister. He is survived by his wife, Nina Belcher of Sulphur Springs, TX; son; Russell Belcher and wife, Casey, of Edgewood, TX; daughters, Melissa Belcher of Kilgore, TX, Marla Myers and husband, Buddy, of New London, TX, and Casey Cassady of Sulphur Springs, TX; grandchildren, Chloe Charlo, Kaily Charlo, Cutter Belcher, Cash Belcher, Rayley Ruthart, and Bentley Cassady; and brother, Rusty Belcher of Sulphur Springs, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family will accept memorials in honor of Bart at Alliance Bank in the name of his wife, Nina Belcher. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Opal Faye Tipps

Funeral services for Opal Faye Tipps, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 10, 2020 at County Line Baptist Church, south of Miller Grove, with Bro. Wayne Darty and Bro. David Allen officiating. Interment will follow at Greenview Cemetery with David Tipps, Kevin Tipps, Austin Tipps, Undray Smallwood, Jeff Wren, and Brandon Darrow serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Dwayne Wren, Jerald Wren, Billy Wren, Brett Darrow, Delbert Miller, and Charles Millsap. Visitation will be held at 2:00 p.m., prior to service. Opal passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital. She was born on November 29, 1933 in Brashear, the daughter of James Griffin "Jim" Wren and Rosie Millsap Wren. She

was a member of the Miller Grove Baptist Church and worked in the cafeteria for Miller Grove ISD for 20 years. She married Clarence Ray "Buster" Tipps on June 2, 1948 in Miller Grove. He preceded her in death. She is survived by sons, Stevie Tipps and wife Cheri of Miller Grove, Monty Tipps and wife Vanessa of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Connie Briggs of Miller Grove, grandchildren, David Tipps and wife Jessica, Misty Smallwood and husband Undray, Kevin Tipps and wife Michelle, Austin Tipps, Abby Tipps, and great-grandchildren, Colton Tipps, Dylan Tipps, Jordyn Tipps, June Tipps, Jhett Tipps, Sky Smallwood, Kinslei Smallwood, Rebecca Tipps, and Jacob Tipps. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law, Jimmy Briggs. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Greenview Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1504, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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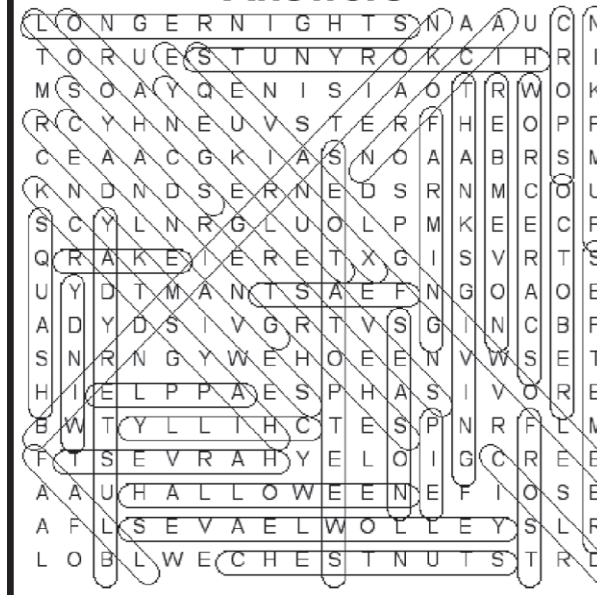
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HIGH SCHOOL MASCOTS

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One of the most enjoyable articles I have ever read is about high school mascots. I put it in a file somewhere and every once in a while I'll run across it and enjoy it all over again. I recently found an old column written by John Walker about high school mascots. In it he mentioned the Winters Blizzards and Hamlin Pied Piers as being logical mascots. Years ago I did a column on the only unicorn mascot in the state. That was in New Braunfels. A couple of my favorite mascots are the Trent Gorillas and the Crane Cranes. Big Spring High School's boys' teams are called Steers. The girls' teams are called Lady Steers. Walker put his tongue firmly in his cheek and pondered what some of the school mascots could be, like the Buffalo Chip or Carbon Copy. Others are the Dayton Tires, Wall Flowers, Bland Diets, Blanket Warmers, Boling Balls, Decatur Eighters, Detroit Cars, Dilley Dallies, Graham Crackers, Harmony Singers, Hart Breakers, Industry Workers, Kashmere Sweaters, Kermit Frogs, Hudson Packards, Lohn Sharks, Marfa Lights, Moody Blues, Morton Salts, Newton Figs, Polar Bears, Rice Crispies, Wheeler Dealers, Roma Gladiators, and La Grange Hookers.

I got out the Texas Almanac and decided I would add to the list of what some communities in our state might have for mascots.

These include the Aiken Backs, Alamo Defenders, Alice Wonderlands, Alvin Chipmunks, Angus T-Bones, Art Classes, Black Nights, Bois d'Arc Stumps, Bright Star Twinkles, Coffee City Saucers, Colony Ants, Cottonwood Trees, Cross Cut Saws, Cut N Shot Outlaws, Dial Tones, Ding Dong Bells, Early Birds, Ebenezer Scrooges, Gun Barrel City Triggers, Hammond Organs, Holly Jollies, Kellogg Peps, Lavender Plains, London Bridge, Mars Rovers and Mayflower Ships.

Then there are the Mission Monks, Montgomery Wards, Murphy Beds, Nome Huskies, Noonday Onions, Oatmeal Cookies, Orange Slices, Oscar Winners, Pancake Syrups, Pandora Boxes, Paris Fashions, Peacock Feathers, Pearl Divers, Pike Fishes, Pinewood Derbies, Post Toasties, Princeton Smarties, Pumpkin Patches, Pullman Train Cars, Rice Pudding, Rosebud Bloomers, Roundup Stampedes, St Lawrence Rivers, Salem Broom Riders, Salmon Patties, Sandy Beaches, Santa Anna Generals, Shamrock Clovers, Silver Dollars, Sherwood Forests, Spring Bouquets, Star Brights, Sunnyside Ups, Swan Lakes, Tarzan Yells, Telephone Operators, Tool Pushers, Turkey Sandwiches, Union Labels, Valentine Cards, Van Movers, Victoria Secrets, Vienna Sausages, Welfare Rolls, and Wellington Boots

It is amazing what the human mind conjures up during this Corona Period in our nation's history. There is a lot of creativity going on right now. That's something good that has come out of this pandemic.

I enjoyed doing this. It made me smile and sometimes cackle. If you know of some more potential mascots, please let me know. Thanks. (ts@crcom.net)

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