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## Reilly Springs Jamboree Returns!!!!

It has been 14 months since the Reilly Springs Jamboree was staged before an audience at The Roc near downtown Sulphur Springs, back in the unsuspecting days of early 2020 prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. In fact, only two shows were held during 2020 at the Jamboree's home stage at the Reilly Springs Community Center before the shut down, musically, across the state. Now, thankfully, the Jamboree is returning starting with the April 17 show at The Roc.



Nathan Bilyeu 2021

The live debut of the new pop-country song 'Bright Side' is planned at the Jamboree by co-writer Nathan 'West'. He and writing partner Sadie Evans penned the song a few months ago, and following the submission process, the song was released by BMI on March 26, 2021. Nathan recorded the vocals at the Brad Davis Studio in Commerce and appears in the music video. Thirteen-year-old Sulphur Springs youth Nathan Bilyeu is a BMI-licensed artist with his own publishing company. Catch him on Youtube!

Jamboree producer Enola Gay Mathews states "we've got a great talent lineup, and our houseband Running Creek is ready to entertain the audience and back up local singers and musicians. Jack Phillips, 15-year-old professional musician from Hopkins County, will join the band on fiddle and steel guitar and perform some of his favorite Western Swing songs. An acoustic set by the youthful duo of Cade and Scott will take place during intermission time.

Jamboree Jack Phillips 2019



Another young man headlining the Jamboree is Gary Jones Jr. whose younger years were spent in close company with the great Ray Price. His dad, Gary Jones, was lead guitar player for the Cherokee Cowboys during the final fifteen years of Ray's career and traveled extensively with the star. You'll especially enjoy hearing Gary and Gary Jr. perform country classics during the show.

Gary Jones Jr 2021

Local Tribute artist Janet Adams is well known for her Patsy Cline performances, but on this show, Janet will portray the Queen of Country Music Loretta Lynn, performing her hits while she charms and entertains the audience.

Janet Adams tributes Patsy Cline



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Jamboree at The Roc Jan 2020

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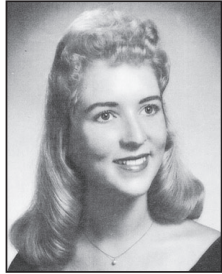
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### ***Nina Rudine Gregg***

Funeral services for Nina Rudine Gregg, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 10, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Doug Northcutt officiating. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were Nina Gregg, Rod Gregg, Brad Bouldin, Brian Bouldin, Kale Gregg, Kendall Gregg, Chad Gregg, and Steve Stephens.

Nina passed away on Friday, April 2, 2021, at her home in Houston, Texas. She was born on August 12, 1942, in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Lawrence Truman Bouldin and Cora Lee Hughes Bouldin. She married Dan Gregg on September 17, 1960, in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Nina earned her masters' degree in education, and taught school in Richardson for eight years and San Antonio for two years. She later owned and operated a retail store called T-Shirts Plus.

She is survived by husband, Dan Gregg of Houston; son, Pitney Gregg and wife Nancy Markham of Mansfield; grandchildren, Kendall and Kale Gregg; brother, Ronnie Bouldin and wife Peggy of Flint, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Randall Bouldin.



### ***Jimmy Don Goldsmith***

Funeral services for Jimmy Don Goldsmith, age 81, of Birthright, TX were held at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. Paul Bailey officiating. Internment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery with Justin Goldsmith, Jaden Goldsmith, Mike Gibby, Greg Martin, Brad Martin and Mac Conner serving as pallbearers and Emmett McIntosh, Members of Birthright United Methodist Church, Mike Miesse and Members of Hopkins County Farmer Bureau Board, Tommy Long, Ken Groves serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mr. Goldsmith passed away on April 4, 2021 at Plano Heart Hospital.

Jimmy Don was born on June 12, 1939 in Birthright, TX to Lawrence L.E. and Dessie (DeBord) Goldsmith. He married Joyce Groves on August 14, 1959 in Birthright. Jimmy was a dairyman for over 40 years. He was a member of the North

Hopkins School Board, Hopkins County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for over 40 years, North East Texas Farmers Co-op board, Birthright United Methodist Church and the East District in Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Debbie Goldsmith Davis and husband, Mickey; son Terry Goldsmith and wife, Gina; grandchildren, Amanda Ann Edmonson, Ashely Ann Edmonson, Jamie McIntosh and husband, Chris, Justin Goldsmith and wife, Skylar, Jaden Goldsmith and wife, Morgan; great grandchildren, Emmett McIntosh; sisters Peggy Gibby and husband, Jerry, Nita Kelty and husband, Tim. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Encompass Health Care for taking such great care of Jimmy Don.



### ***Billie Grace Reynolds***

Billie Grace Reynolds died peacefully in Fort Worth on Saturday, April 10 at the age of 99. She was born at Dike, Texas on February 13, 1922 to Carter Ramey Minter and Audrey (Sanders) Minter. She graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1939 and took classes from East Texas State University, now Texas A&M Commerce. She worked for a total of 16 years for Ramey & Ramey Law Firm as a legal secretary. She later was employed as Secretary and Administrative Assistant at First United Methodist Church where she worked for 39 years, retiring in 2003.

Billie Grace married J. G. Reynolds, Jr. on April 25, 1943. They made their home in Sulphur Springs, TX. She and her husband had celebrated 67 wonderful years together at the time of his death in 2010. She was the quiet strength behind her husband's self-employment during their married life. They were the parents of two daughters Marilyn Reynolds Colley and

Kay Reynolds Hays. She was called "Rock" by her husband and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband J. G. Reynolds, Jr. and daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn Elizabeth Reynolds Colley and James William Colley of Ingram, TX, brother Carter R. Minter, Jr., sisters Neva West and Rosemary Gilbert.

Billie Grace is survived by her daughter and son-in law, Kay Ann Reynolds Hays and Thomas M. (Mike) Hays of Fort Worth; five grandchildren Allison Ann Hays Sabourin and husband Stephen of Chattanooga, TN, Thomas Michael Hays, Jr. of Asbury Park, NJ, Jennifer Elizabeth Colley Thompson and husband Albert of Alexandria, VA, Brian William Colley and wife Jesica of Waxahachie, TX and Shannon Kathleen Colley of San Antonio, TX. There are eight great- grandchildren Mary Katherine and John Michael Sabourin, Nathan, John, Samantha and Robert Colley, Alby and Gwen Thompson. Serving as pallbearers are Michael Hays, Carlisle Clement, Robert Gilbert, Rick Reynolds, Robert Barnwell, and Jose Hernandez. Honorary pallbearers are Ben Dickerson, Joe France, Dr. Stephen Sabourin, Dr. Robert Kelly, Dr. Darren Arnecke, Lt. Col. Donald E. Williams Ret. USAF.

Burial services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021 at First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs, TX. In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to First United Methodist Church or City Cemetery.

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YELLOWHAMMERS****Tumbleweed Smith****Tumbleweed Smith**

My high school mascot was a Yellow Jacket. The school newspaper was called the Jacket Journal. On football Fridays students wore spirit ribbons that carried the phrase "Sting 'em" or something similar. In normal times our class has two reunions a year. We call them swarms.

I think the names of high school mascots are interesting. One that has perplexed me for years is the Rotan Yellowhammers. I finally found someone who could shed some light on how the name of the mascot came to be.

Ted Posey coached at Roby 9 years then was at Rotan 20 years. During his days at Roby, his budget for equipment and supplies was meager. "For football, basketball and track five hundred dollars for the year," says Ted. His salary wasn't much either. "I had 4 children. My take home pay was \$365 a month. The house payment was \$100. Every morning I'd ride the school bus to school with the kids. I lived 3 miles out. In the evening I hitchhiked home. I didn't have to wait very long for a ride."

Coach Posey has seen lots of changes. "I grew up; out there by the double mountains. We still had the teams and horses. In the second grade I plowed with the team."

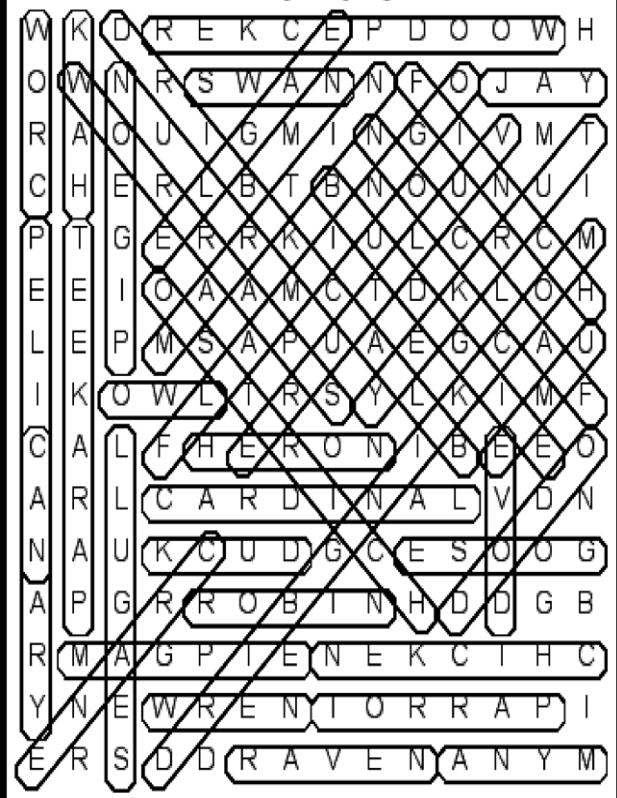
Ted has tons of memorabilia from his coaching and teaching years, some of which has to do with how the Yellowhammers got to be the school mascot. "I have a 1921 annual. I've seen a 1922 annual and it had a picture of a claw hammer. That was the school mascot then. I also have a 1946 school annual and the mascot then was the Yellowhammer. So sometime between 1921 or 22 and 1946 they went from a claw hammer to the yellowhammer."

The yellowhammer is a bird and coach Posey says every once in a while he thinks he sees one by his house. "Actually it's a woodpecker. In 1962 the Rotan student council decided to have a school newspaper. It was called the Flicka. In 1927 the yellowhammer became the state bird of Alabama."

Coach Posey doesn't know of another sports team anywhere that has the yellowhammer as a mascot. The Dallas Morning News named the Yellowhammer as one of the most unique mascots in the country.

Ted Posey is still in great shape at age 85. "I still feed cattle. I'll pick up 6 or 8 50-pound bags of feed, throw them in the pickup and go feed." He has been known to jump flat-footed from the floor to the top of his desk. "I asked some folks if they thought I could do this and they said no. So I just squatted down and jumped straight up. Landed on the desk standing up."

Ted played high school sports in Rotan. In football he played offense and defense, fullback and defensive end. He made all district in high school and later played at Cisco Junior College and Abilene Christian University.

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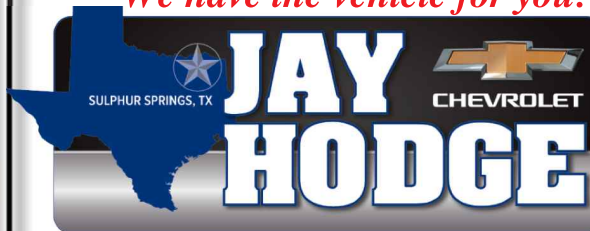
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