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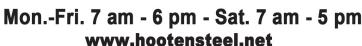






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Wallisville is a small community east of the Trinity River just south of Interstate 10 in Chambers County. It is on the site of a former French trading post and was named for the first family that settled the area. Rice and cotton became the major crops. It was once a thriving community with lumber production, ship building, various businesses, a newspaper, hotel, ice cream parlor, skating rink and

steamboats, since roads were few and waterways wee the principal way to get around. Many of the structures in Galveston were built with bricks and lumber shipped from Wallisville, which was the county seat for 50 years. Hurricanes and fires had disastrous effects on the town and in 1908 the county seat was moved to Anahuac. Sam Houston had a residence there for a while. The Mexican dictator Santa Anna, who Houston defeated at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, spent some time chained to a tree in Wallisville while he was being transported as a prisoner to Washington DC.

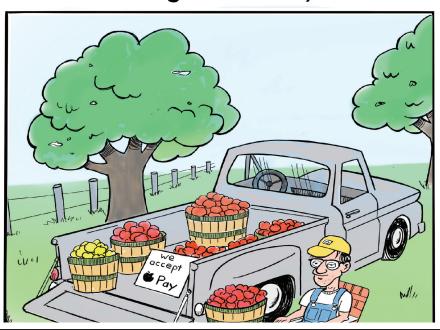
Because of its abundance of birds, ducks and alligators, Chambers County is one of the most visited places for hunters and birders along the Texas coast. When the Wallis family got to the area in 1925 there wasn't much civilization there. "It was just miles and miles of prairie land," says Marie Hughes of the Chambers County Museum in Wallisville. "They had to keep fires going at night to keep the alligators away. There were also bears and wildcats around here then." The county's rich history has evidence of Native American, French, Spanish and Anglo cultures. The museum celebrates the county's history on February 5, Heritage Day. It is the museum's main fundraiser. Visitors enjoy raffles, auctions, entertainment and a gumbo cook-off with nearly a dozen competitors.

A school building on the museum grounds built in 1869 has had many different uses. It served as the courthouse for a while after the original courthouse burned. It was also a church and once housed the museum. "It's yellow with blue trim right now," says Marie. "Originally it was built with board and batten, where they had the upright planks with smaller strips of wood to go over the seams."

Chambers County showed its patriotism late last year when the body of Sonny Boy Saunders, a US sailor killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, was recovered and brought home for burial at a cemetery in nearby Winnie. "Multitudes of people showed up to honor him," says Marie. "When they left the funeral home the procession went past all the schools where the school children were lined up along the streets waving American flags. It was wonderful to see the support. With all the things going on in the world today I think we were ready to celebrate a hero."

Memorabilia from his military days are on display at the museum. Sonny Boy was laid to rest on December 7th, 2021, 80 years after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

#### Comfortably Dumb By Bruce Quast



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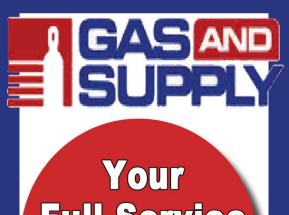
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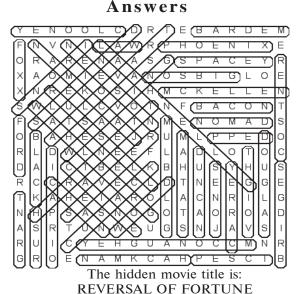
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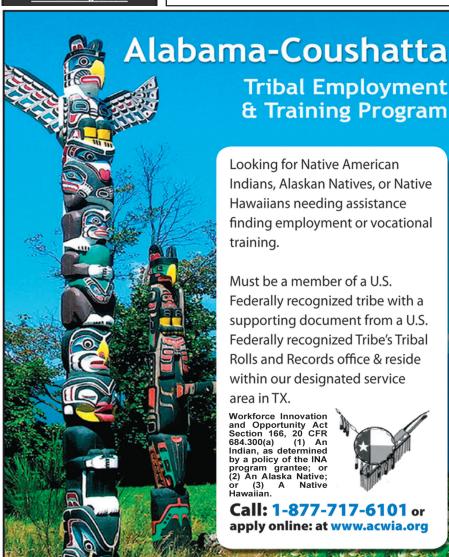
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#### **Eddy Earl Morton**

Funeral services for Eddy Earl Morton, age 60, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Shannon Oaks Church with Bro. Jeff Harris and Bro. Gene Mattison officiated. Interment followed at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Bobby Beck, Morgan Anderson, Blake Turner, Jeff Vititow, Steve Bradley, Jeff Griggs, Paul Ray Vititow, Steve Crawford, Wendell Grimes, Sam Johnson, Mike Wood and Conner Brackhahn serving as pallbearers. Visitation was noon to 2 p.m., prior to service time, at Shannon Oaks Church.

Eddy passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. Eddy was born on December 21, 1961, in Sulphur Springs, the son of Earnest Morton and Jenita Frazier Morton. He married Kim Vititow on March 19, 1982, in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Eddy owned and operated Eddy Morton Trucking along with his wife Kim. Eddy was a family man who loved to fish and golf with his family. He was also very competitive and involved in team roping and was in the TCL Backwoods Cornhole League.

In addition to his wife, Kim, Eddy is survived by his children, Mark Morton and wife Krystal, Mason Morton and wife Alissa, Mandi Mitchell and husband Andy, and Magan Bradford and husband Jeremiah, all of Sulphur Springs; sister, Diane McKinney and husband Joel of North Richland Hills; grandchildren, Gage Mitchell, Parris Pickett, Mabry Mitchell, Maverick Morton, Karoline Morton, Boone Bradford and Jed Bradford.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rickey Morton; and step-father, Bennie Cegelski. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Shannon Oaks Church or Journey Road Ministries, PO Box 157, Pickton, Texas 75471.



#### Pam Hollingsworth

Memorial service for Pam Campbell Hollingsworth, age 71 of Sulphur Springs, TX will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at Wesley United Methodist Church starting at 1:00P.M. Mrs. Hollingsworth passed away on February 3, 2022 at Christus Mother Frances – Tyler.

Pam was born on April 28, 1950 in Sulphur Springs, TX to J.R. and Margaret (Wesson) Campbell. She earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Nazarene University. She was a retired nursing home administrator. Pam was a member of the Alpha Upsilon Iota Sorority. She was also a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Hollingsworth and partner, Zack Merrill; son, Kevin Hollingsworth and wife, Robbie; grandchildren, Kristian Houston and husband, Josh, Eryn Fikes, Ryan Hollingsworth, Trinity Hollingsworth, Daniel Whiting, and Kaigen Hollingsworth; great grandchildren, Cason Houston, Carter Houston, Lincoln Houston and Lainey Houston; brothers, James Campbell and wife, Vicki and Steven Campbell and wife, Carol. Pam was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Eddie Campbell and granddaughter, Raven Fikes.



#### Susan "Beth" Elizabeth Alsobrook

Beth Alsobrook, 60, of Paris, Texas, peacefully passed away Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, after a brief illness. She was born Oct. 10, 1961, to Wayne and Anne Blanton, in Austin, Texas, but spent most of her childhood years growing up in Detroit, Texas. After graduating from Detroit High School in 1980, she pursued a Bachelor's degree and then a Master's degree in Social Work at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce).

Following graduation, she worked in social services for the Texas mental health /mental retardation agency in Hopkins and Lamar counties. Beth was rewarded in her career by making a positive difference in the lives of people who needed help, but she also counted many of her clients as friends.

In September of 1989, she met Bruce Alsobrook at a friend's gathering in Paris, Texas, although they later learned the meeting had been orchestrated by a mutual friend — Bob Alsobrook, Bruce's father. Bruce and Beth married in November 1990. The couple moved in 1993 to a home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where Bruce eventually became managing editor of the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram.

Seven years later, they adopted three children, ages 2 years, 15 months and 2 1/2 weeks, Robert Alsobrook, Daniel Alsobrook and Laura Alsobrook.

Beth was active in the North East Texas Choral Society, where she was one of the original charter members. She held numerous leadership positions on the choral group's governing board and took great delight in helping create the beautiful music and performances the group presented twice a year.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Bruce Alsobrook of Paris; their three children, Robert Alsobrook, Daniel Alsobrook and Laura Alsobrook; and granddaughter, Violet Frye; her mother, Anne Blanton of Detroit; three siblings, Joy Jobe (Danny), Jeff Blanton (Della), and Keith Blanton (Melanie); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Blanton.

A memorial graveside service will be held at Detroit Cemetery, located on South Main St. in Detroit, Texas, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to help with the costs of her memorial at Donation to Beth's Memorial.

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