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RAISE UP RADIO

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So many good things developed during the pandemic. One of them originated at the University of North Texas in Denton and is called Raise Up Radio. Dr. Sarah Evans, an ex librarian was visiting with her colleagues about ways to increase sharing information from libraries in small communities during the shutdown.

One solution was radio. "People in rural areas depend on radio," she says. "It's a perfect medium for libraries to use."

She managed to get a government grant to launch the program. It started in the community of Pottsboro, 60 miles from Denton. "We met with the library staff and residents to find out what they would like to learn more about. Students got involved and the thing that was mentioned most was raising chickens. They decided to interview experts in the business and create a 4-segment series of radio programs, each about 8 or 9 minutes long. These would be on the library's web site, with the ultimate goal of getting them on radio stations."

Dr. Evans sent me the 4 segments on raising chickens. They all start with a young voice saying: "Welcome to a chicken fact broadcast brought to you by the egg-ceptional Pottsboro Area Library and Raise Up Radio." Dr. Evans says the heart of the program is getting community members together, exploring different topics and then creating audio programs. "We want the programs to be meaningful to the communities."

Grant money is available for libraries to get audio production equipment. "We have a tool kit for libraries who want to do this." The students who did the programs in Pottsboro were in grades 4 thru 12. Some parents got involved and learned something themselves. "We had a mom and her teenage daughter who were part of the program. The daughter was really interested in leaning about chickens but the mom was actually interested in learning about podcasting and audio production."

Some libraries that signed up for the program are doing oral histories, getting stories and experiences from older residents and exploring how the school systems and other entities got started. Dr. Evans says to keep interest up, each segment has a science experiment that families can do together. "We'll be exploring how to fit an egg into a bottle," says the student narrator.

Sarah says it took about three months to get the project started. "There was really a lot of excitement about it. A couple of family members asked 'when will we do another series of programs and what are they going to be about?'"

She says so many good things have come from Raise Up Radio. "Kids get experience in meeting different people and interviewing them, then editing the recorded interviews and producing a finished audio product."



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Rex Flippin 1932 – 2022

Rex Allen Flippin was born at the family home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Paul Garnet Flippin and Eva Murrell (Anglin) Flippin on September 6, 1932. He died at his home on Saturday, December 31, 2022, surrounded by his family.

He married Jo Ann Garrison on March 5, 1951, at her parents' home in Como, Texas. She preceded him in death on December 16, 1989. He married Shirley Jean Garrett on July 14, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and she survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Bill Bradford.

He started working at an early age as a newspaper carrier for the News-Telegram. He continued his career there as a Linotype operator, and then became the supervisor of the Commercial Printing Department. During that time, he also taught his two children how to run printing presses. In 1972, he purchased Miller Printing on Connally Street. In 1978, Tony joined Flippin Printing and he worked alongside his dad until he retired. In 1982, they purchased the property at 313 Main Street, and moved the business to a new facility at that location.

He played football and baseball at SSSHS, and was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

He graduated in the Class of 1950. He attended Baylor University on a baseball scholarship. After his children were born, he became a very active dad, attending any activity they were participating in, whether school, church, or athletics, where he coached both kids. He also served as Assistant Scoutmaster for the FUMC-sponsored BSA troop and was very proud when Tony also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The most fun he had was coaching the FUMC high school boys' softball team and watching them grow into young men. They nicknamed him "Stump" because he was shorter than most of them. His mother didn't understand the love that went into that nickname, and thought it sounded disrespectful, but little did she know how those boys looked up to him.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sulphur Springs, and one of the founding members of the Messengers Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club and participated in many of their charitable activities.

Other survivors include his daughter, Rexanne McCauley; and son, Tony Flippin and wife, Beckey; his grandchildren, Matt McCauley, Toby Flippin, Sara Mellady (Ben), and Josh Flippin; and his two great-grandchildren, Jackson Mellady and Preslee Mellady. Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Gene Garrison and wife, Dottie; nephews, Mark Bradford, Doug Garrison and David Garrison; and nieces Kerry Gillan, Kelly Grimes, and Carolyn Kendall. His stepchildren are Ginger Huffman and Lori Buchanan, along with grandchildren, Cori Cameron, Jacob Huffman, Kelsey Sullivan, Whitney Coburn, and Alex Buchanan; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Debbie Perez and Jenn Sandlin.

Also a special neighbor, Lori Marion, who was so attentive. The family would also like to express their gratitude to Terisa, Lisa, and Liz with Choice Hospice. The care, dignity and grace they afforded our Daddy meant so much to us.

The family will host a visitation in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.



Jessee Jackson Foster, Sr.

Jesse Jackson Foster, Sr., affectionately known as "Jack" or "Jackie", passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023 at his home in Burleson, Texas. He was born on May 29, 1949, in Dallas, Texas, to Henry Nelson Foster and Dorothy Murray Foster, who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Grace; sons, Michael, Jesse and Christopher; and grandchildren, James Duke, Meagen Monkhouse, Jantzen Foster, Morgan Foster, Michael Alden Foster, II, Rachel Foster and Jaxsyn Foster. He is also survived by brothers, Bill Foster and Henry (Buster) Foster and a sister, Janice McCue. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews and many life long friends.

Jesse's parents passed away when he was young, and he and his brothers and sister were raised in Sulphur Springs, Texas, by their maternal grandmother and grandfather, Judge Jesse Jackson Murray and Lota English Murray, assisted by their aunt, Mary Murray Morris. Jesse was employed as a machinist in East Texas and the DFW area, including companies Rockwell International Corp in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Lone Star Steel in Lone Star, Texas, and Trecor in Grapevine, Texas. He also owned and operated a convenience store, Foster's 7-11, in Daingerfield, Texas, for several years. He was the family historian and was a member of the

Sons of the Republic of Texas, having found his maternal family's citizenship in the Republic. His research revealed many of his ancestors were pioneers in Texas and Hopkins County.

The funeral will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 2 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service, at 1 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Laurence Bramblett

December 23, 1933 — January 4, 2023

Sulphur Springs

Graveside service for Laurence Bramblett, age 89, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Restlawn Cemetery with Jerry Savage officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Bramblett passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

A Little History Of Our Hometown - Sulphur Springs, Texas

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Sulphur Springs was named so because when the area was first settled, springs of sulfurous water were abundant.

Eli Bib, one of the first European-American settlers, ran a store from his cabin, selling staples, whiskey, persimmon beer, and slabs of ginger cake. In 1849, Dr. and Mrs. Davis moved into the area. Dr. Davis envisioned the spot as a future city. In 1850, the residents organized the area's first church, the Methodist Episcopal. Construction of the church was completed in 1853. In 1852, the Presbyterian Church was organized. At that time, the population of the village was 441. To serve the growing population, commodities began to be brought in from nearby Jefferson. New stores were established.

The village became a city in 1854, when the first post office was established. The city's name was originally "Bright Star". Mail to and from the city was delivered by the Pony Express. On May 18, 1871, the legislature moved the county seat of Hopkins County from Tarrant to Sulphur Springs, and the name "Bright Star" was removed from the postal directory.

Local government organized slowly. The first known mayor was William A. Wortham. In 1854, Wortham had bought the Texas Star

press and moved to Sulphur Springs. His brother-in-law, Bill Davis, and he established the city's first newspaper.

The county seat had numerous newspapers. Echo Publishing Company was founded in 1897. It was the first steam-powered press in Sulphur Springs. After the first plant was lost to a fire, a new plant was constructed that used gasoline as fuel. In 1884, the Sulphur Springs Enterprise was founded. In the same year, James Harvey "Cyclone" Davis, a Populist (People's Party) US congressman, founded the Alliance Vindicator; it was published until 1901. John S. Bagwell bought the Hopkins County Echo in 1916. In 1924, the Texas Star was merged into the Daily News Telegram. The Daily News Telegram later was renamed the Daily Gazette and still later the Weekly Gazette. Eventually, all these newspapers were merged into the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram and the Hopkins County Echo, one of which still operates.

In 1857, the city set aside 10 acres of land for Bright Star University. The Sulphur Springs District Conference High School began in 1877, established on Bright Star University land on College Street. In December 1882, the school became known as Central College. It was owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was later renamed Eastman College and Conservatory

of Music and Art under a new charter and after the leading professor. Before 1900, the college burned and Professor Eastman left the area.

The First National Bank of Sulphur Springs received its national charter in 1855. It is now known as City National Bank.

In 1857, the area's first steam-powered factory was established by the Bell brothers. In the same year, the Morro Castle was built on North Street. Its builders remain unknown.

C. Denton was elected to lead the new city government, which was incorporated during the Reconstruction Era. During the Civil War, the town had lost its charter and had to be incorporated again by the state legislature.

In 1868, federal troops moved into Sulphur Springs and occupied the city for two years during Reconstruction, in an effort to protect freedmen after emancipation. Upon their departure and the end of the military occupation, A. J. Bridges was elected as mayor.

The construction of a railroad line from Mineola, Texas, in 1872 stimulated growth in the city. Settlers were drawn by tales of the healing powers of the city's sulphur baths. Due to population growth, the springs of sulphur were gradually covered. None are active today. A rail line was run from Jefferson to Sulphur Springs in 1879. The St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad (Cotton Belt) was

built through Sulphur Springs in 1887 on its way to Commerce and Sherman. The next year, the line was completed to Fort Worth, connecting the city to a major market. In 1891, the bankrupt railroad was sold to Jay Gould interests and renamed the St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

An ice plant was built in 1887. The city's courthouse, which is still used today, was constructed in 1895. In 1904, wells were dug to supply the city with water. In the same year, a long-distance telephone line was run to nearby Greenville. In 1889, the City National Bank was organized.

After World War II, the city adopted a new council-manager type of government. It stimulated new programs. Industrialization brought new plants and factories to the city. The population has grown as a result, to an estimate of more than 16,000 in 2016.

The dairy industry was a major component of the local economy from the late 1940s through 1995. The Southwest Dairy Museum in the city features artifacts on the history of the dairy industry. The industry began to shrink largely because of declining milk prices, higher labor costs, and large corporations operating industrial-scale dairies.

Large industries in the area today include Pinnacle, Ocean Spray, Grocery Supply, Jeld-Wen, Clayton Home

Mfg., Flowserve, and others. For several months in 2012, Hopkins County enjoyed a very low unemployment rate around 4.5% and over 500 jobs were added.

Sites of interest

The city public library has two collections; the Leo St. Clair Music Box Collection includes more than 150 music boxes, and the Sinclair World War II Collection displays letters, pictures and other World War II artifacts.

The Southwest Dairy Museum and Learning Center depicts all facets of milk production and the history of the dairy industry.

The Farm and Art Market is located downtown from May through October during the evening. In 2012, American Farmland Trust voted the market "America's

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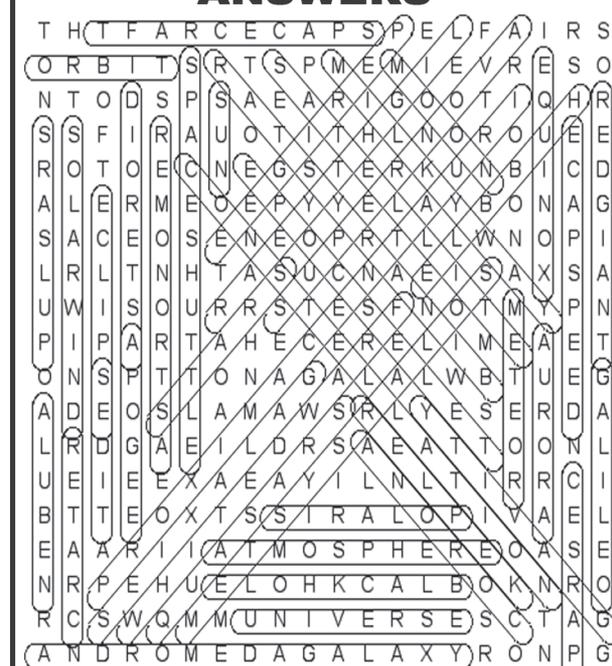
Several parks in the city feature recreational opportunities: Coleman Lake and Park is a 186-acre park with waterfalls, trails, ball parks.

Buford Park is a one-acre park with castle playground known as Kid's Kingdom. The local walking trail crosses Peavine Pinion pond.

Hopkins County Museum and Heritage Park features 11 acres of historical buildings that have been relocated to the park for restoration.

Farther afield, Cooper Lake State Park, 15 miles north of Sulphur Springs, has more than 2,500 acres of terrain and 19,300 acres of lake. Lake Fork Reservoir, renowned for champion bass fishing, is 15 miles south of Sulphur Springs.

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