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FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS 6 PM @TEXAN THEATER, 2712 LEE STREET, DOWNTOWN  
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### SATURDAY DAY, NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>

FIDDLE CONTEST 9 AM TO 6 PM @ TEXAN THEATER, 2712 LEE STREET DOWNTOWN  
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### Tumbleweed Smith

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She's been doing art for years.

"I get up in the morning and I just start doing art. Molly grew up in Northern California near the Napa Valley. "I had absolutely no idea that I was a person that would feel at home in the desert. I grew up around ferns and redwoods and the ocean. I didn't know there was a part of me that took to the desert."

Molly Dumas is a partner in the Earth and Fire Gallery in Terlingua. She started with photography.

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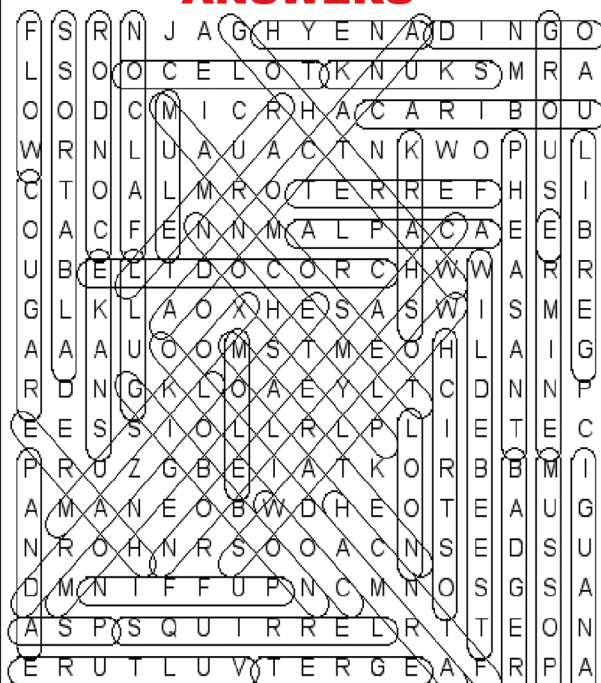
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### **Johny Hillis** November 3, 1935 — October 11, 2024

Funeral service for Johny Hillis, age 88, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Perry Johnson and Bro. Doyle Hayes officiating. Interment will follow at North Hopkins Cemetery with Alvin Hillis, Terry Reagor, Kaden Ferrell, Scott Hillis, Blaine Gibson, Charles Aaron Peterson II, and Ivan Romero serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Mr. Hillis passed away at Rock Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Johny Wayne Hillis was born on November 3, 1935 in Sweetwater, Texas to Alvin Burton and Freida (Frieble) Hillis. He married Virginia Searls on June 12, 1959 in Sulphur Springs. They were married for 26 years until her passing in 1985. On January 31, 1986 he married Dorthy Mae Goodson in Sulphur Springs and they were blessed with over 38 years of marriage. Johny proudly served in the U.S. Army 24th Infantry Battalion from 1953–1956. He was a high-tech Welder and had multiple welding certifications from Lamar University and Lee College. Johny retired from Chicago Bridges & Iron Company after many years of service. He was a

member of the AMVETS Post 36.

Johny is survived by his wife, Dorthy Hillis of Sulphur Springs, Texas; sons, Calvin Hillis (Renee) of Aransas Pass, Texas, Tommy Hillis (Terri) of Ingleside, Texas, Darrell Crocker of West Tawakoni, Texas, Randy Mays of Rusk, Texas; daughters, Patricia Harris (Brian) of Mineola, Texas, Vicki Ferrell (Jackey) of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Sherrie Ross of Payne Springs, Texas, Linda Ross of Eustace, Texas, and Karen Terry of Texarkana, Texas; twenty grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and siblings, Cullom Hillis, Joe Hillis, Bennie Hillis, Ruby Atkins, Winona Forbes, Lennie Sharrow, Neva Yarbrough, Dorothy Shields, and Minnie Reagor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Burton Hillis and Freida Frieble Hillis; first wife, Virginia Searls; and siblings, Wade Hillis, Henry Hillis, Rodney Johnson, and Iva Haren.



### **Janie Rodgers**

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date for Lou Jane (Janie) Rodgers, age 73, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mrs. Rodgers passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, Texas on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Lou Jane Rodgers was born on July 13, 1951 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Leamon and Beverly (Phillips) Burns. She married Jim Rodgers in Montgomery, Alabama in 1988. Janie attended Troy University in Montgomery, AL obtaining her Registered Nurse (RN) degree. Deeply loved by her fellow nurses, she built lifelong friendships throughout her career. Known to many as “Nanny”, she adored her family and loved spending time with them. With a heart bigger than Texas and compassion for others, she impacted many lives helping anyone who needed it. Janie truly had a servant’s heart. She loved to travel, dance, and spend time with her South Texas friends every Winter. She will be greatly missed by so many.

Janie is survived by her son, Bryan Daffron (Valerie) of Red Oak, Texas; daughters, Angie Wiler (John) and Jennifer Friddle (Mark) all of Sulphur Springs, Texas; grandchildren, Katelynn Daffron, Britten Daffron, Brayden Daffron, Brynden Daffron, Justan Puckett (Jacie), Lindsie Adams (Reshard), Mandi Dickens (Daylan), McKenna Wiler, MaKinsie Friddle, Kinley Friddle, Riley Friddle, Schylar Fouse (Andy), Casey Potts (Brady); great-grandchildren, Abigail Jane, Ragyn, Minley, Landon, Brody, John Oliver, Kutter, Jaiden, Paisley, Grayson, Ella, Skylin, Karter, Adlee, Lora Kate, Layton, and Brantli; sister, Patsy McGuffey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leamon and Beverly Burns; her husband of 32 years, Jim Rodgers; sisters, Linda Lumpkin, Jimmie Stonaker, Kay Hill, and Sue Taylor; and one brother Bill King, Jr.



### **Joy Allen** April 27, 1940 — October 7, 2024

A funeral service for Joy Allen, age 84, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas with Pastor Tommy Earl Burton and Dwight Alexander officiating. Interment followed at Richland Cemetery with Brian Monk, Jaxton Monk, John Merrell, Mike Rushin, Garry Davison, Daniel Wyatt, and Dwight Alexander serving as pallbearers. Billy Gene Davison served as Honorary pallbearer. Visitation was held one hour prior from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Allen passed away in Tyler, Texas on Monday, October 7, 2024..

Roxie Joy Allen was born on April 27, 1940 in Cooper, Texas to Henry Oliver and Lola Bernice (George) Cobb. She married Billy Jack Allen in Hugo, Oklahoma on June 3, 1957. Joy and Billy were involved with dairy farming for many years. Joy enjoyed participating in the Hopkins County Stew competition and won the title of 1989 State Champion in the Texas State Ice Cream contest and many other ice cream competitions through the years. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Joy is survived by her son, Bill Allen and wife Andrea of Bryan, Texas; son, Robert Allen and wife Kathy of Combine, Texas; daughter, Laura Burton and husband Tommy Earl of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; daughter-in-law, Chris Allen of Sulphur Springs, Texas; grandchildren, Christopher Allen (Laura Johnson), James Allen, Richard Allen (Angela), John Burton, Anna Burton Craig (Matt), Sandy Burton Hatcher (Paul), Mandy Burton, Colte McCorkle (Stephanie), Connor McCorkle, Skylar Holley (Delane), Shana Lane (Eric), Brianna Day, and Joshua Hogart; great-grandchildren, Gabriel Allen, Emma Joy Allen, Sam Holley, Daniel Holley, Troy Holley, Bella Holley, Noah Holley, Hadley Lane, Hensley Lane, Machelles Allen, Kyleigh Allen, Kyrsten Allen, Maci Allen, Bailey Allen, Phoebe McCorkle, Enoch McCorkle, Joni McCorkle, Ari McCorkle, Laurali Craig, Collin Craig, Jase Craig, and Jesse Craig; sister, Kay John Plathe of Tyler, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Lola Cobb; husband, Billy Jack Allen; son, Jimmy Don Allen; brother, Ricky Cobb; and infant son.

## Columbus Day - An American National Holiday

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere, and a federal holiday in the United States, which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas. He went ashore at Guanahaní, an island in the Bahamas, on October 12, 1492. On his return in 1493, he moved his coastal base of operations 70 miles east to the island of Hispaniola, what is now the Dominican Republic and established the settlement of La Isabela, the first permanent Spanish settlement in the Americas.

Columbus (Italian: Cristoforo Colombo) was an Italian explorer from Genoa who led a Spanish maritime expedition to cross the Atlantic Ocean in search of an alternative route to the Far East, only to land in the New World. His first voyage to the New World was made on the Spanish ships the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María and took about three months. The crew's arrival in the New World initiated the colonisation of the Americas by Spain, followed in the ensuing centuries by other European powers, as well as the transfer of plants, animals, culture, human populations, and technology between the New and Old Worlds, an event referred to by some late 20th-century historians as the Columbian exchange.

The landing is celebrated as Columbus Day in the United States, but the name varies internationally. In some Latin American countries, October 12 is known as Día de la Raza or "Day of the Race". This was the case for Mexico, until it renamed it to "Day of the Pluricultural Nation" (still called Día de la Raza locally). Some countries such as Spain refer to the holiday as the Day of Hispanicity or Día de la Hispanidad and is also Spain's National Day or Fiesta Nacional de España, where it coincides with the religious festivity of La Virgen del Pilar. Since 2009, Peru has celebrated Día de los pueblos originarios y el diálogo intercultural ("Indigenous Peoples and Intercultural Dialogue Day"). Belize and Uruguay celebrate it as Pan American Day and Día de las Américas ("Day of the Americas"). The day is also commemorated in Italy, as Giornata Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo or Festa Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo, and in the Little Italys around the world.

American observance - History

The first Columbus Day celebration took place on October 12, 1792, when the Columbian Order of New York, better known as Tammany Hall, held an event to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the historic landing. The Columbus Obelisk in Baltimore was erected in 1792.

Many Italian Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage and not of Columbus himself, and the day was celebrated in New York City on October 12, 1866. The day was first enshrined as a legal holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first-generation American, in Denver. The first statewide holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907. (Colorado replaced Columbus Day with Frances Xavier Cabrini Day in 2020, though that holiday is observed a week earlier.)

For the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage in 1892, following lynchings in New Orleans, where a mob had murdered 11 Italian immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day as a one-time national celebration. The proclamation was part of a wider effort after the lynching incident to placate Italian Americans and ease diplomatic tensions with Italy. During the anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets, and politicians used rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These rituals took themes such as citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and the celebration of social progress, included among them was the Pledge of Allegiance by Francis Bellamy.

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**October 18, 2024, Friday - 8 AM**

Ag Team Competition Build Off  
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**October 19, 2024**

**Hopkins County Civic Center Grounds**

Chili & Brisket Contest Starts At Daylight

**9:00 a.m.** - Livestock Show

**11:00 a.m.** - AG Mechanic Show & Silent Auction

**11:30 a.m.** Serving Chili & Brisket - \$10 All You  
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Plus Dutch Oven Peach Cobbler

**12:30 p.m.** - Auction for Project Show

**12:45 p.m.** - Announce Winners of Ira Black FFA

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