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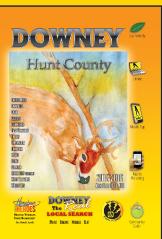
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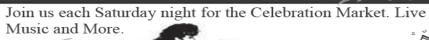
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Just like you, I have a lot of other interests in my life besides work. However, work for me has many interesting sides, and these extend beyond the radio station and out into the community in every direction. In fact, the job at KSST, music, the local people and their history are so interwoven that I could never untangle it, should I want to! I'd like to show you just a glimpse of the last few days and the interesting visits/calls/requests I've been blessed with.

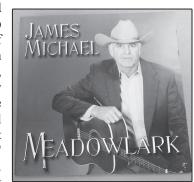
Lou Erck, former KSST announcer and his son Charley came by on a trip "back home" from Montana. Lou is 92 now. While he reminisced in the lobby about early

KSST days, in walked Adam Teer. Adam is now manager of the Hopkins County Civic Center and was raised at Reilly Springs. Their immediate connection... the Reilly Springs Jamboree. Adam's grandfather and great-uncle started the show in the 1950's, and Lou back at the radio station "put them on the air" for those Saturday night broadcasts.



Bob and Joe the Shelton Boys, Lou Erck and KSST's Peavine Pinion were all great friends. With the "radio museum" on-site, how neat that the studio can remain steeped in the history of the "good ole days".

I met Western singer James Michael Hosea and his mother a few years ago at the coffee shop downtown Sulphur Springs. Other members of their family including his brother John drifted in during that lovely evening of music. Last week, John was again accompanying their mom (now age 97) on a Texas tour to visit relatives and he stopped in at the studio to see if I was "still working here". We had a nice chat and I got James Michael's great new CD, "Meadowlark" which showcases his singing and songwriting. Please get a copy, you'll be inspired. The West is still alive!



A day or two later I got a call from a young lady who works in a bank in Sulphur Springs, inquiring about her musician grandfather. Seems he sang and played on early KSST broadcasts from the downtown studio above the square. Unfortunately, I was not aware of any recordings in existence of those broadcasts from the late 40's and early 50's. Does anyone out there remember Billy Joe George and Christine and their music?

I answered the phone again, about a near-miraculous event that took place in Sulphur Springs decades ago. The caller was trying to re-establish contact with the woman in the story. As local lore has it, a man walking along a small street near the edge of town heard an infant crying, and saw some movement down in the ditch. He saw it was a baby, alone and in distress. He ran and alerted authorities who came and rescued the infant. After a time of hospitalization and care, the baby was adopted by a local family who raised her in Sulphur Springs. Today, through her job and church, this lovely woman carries on a mission of helping others less fortunate.

My friend and yours, Meredith Caddell is heading for new horizons. She is taking over the reins as Director of the Hopkins County Healthcare Foundation. I asked for a little work history, and got a lot! Before becoming Chamber of Commerce President and CEO 8 years ago, Meredith taught sign language for the deaf, worked as a planner for cities building handicap-friendly areas, was a goodwill Director and event planner for Up With People in 9 different countries and the



US, traveled the country as a Cable TV trainer for HBO, then closer to home taught Medical Technology and Computer Sciences at Paris Jr. College from 2002-2008... She married Jake Caddell in 1998, and they have two children, Addison and Ryder. Her mom is Cathey Pribble Williams, office manager at the Chamber office in Sulphur Springs. Meredith's heritage in event planning traces back to her grandfather's rodeo, the Mike Pribble Fourth of July Rodeo which she helped with during her childhood summers. She and family will remain in the area. Meredith's only changing hats!

Til next week, I'll watch for you at

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# **DEL RIO'S BIKER PRIEST**

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flock. He is a Catholic priest at St. Joseph Church in Del Rio. "Looking back I can see that the Lord was preparing me as I was doing my daily chores on the ranch," says Father Clay. "I didn't recognize it at the time, but as they say, hindsight is

Clay Hunt grew up tending flocks of sheep on the family

ranch near Brackettville. Now he's tending another type of

20-20. If you could talk to some of my friends, they would tell you they were surprised to find out I was a priest."

"On Sunday we have six masses because this parish is fairly large. We have about 3,500 families," he says. "We're one mile from the border of Old Mexico. This barrio, called Chihuahua, is predominantly Hispanic, so we have 75 percent of our liturgy in Spanish. We have 16 scheduled masses a week."

He is a popular figure around Del Rio. You can definitely call him a character. He rides a motorcycle and carries a gun. People call him different things.

"Pistol Packing Padre is my favorite," he says. "I grew up hunting. I grew up with guns. I'm a patriot and love our country. I love the principles under which our country was founded and that was part of the wisdom of our forefathers, who said we have the right to bear arms."

He says he rides a steel horse.

"I've been riding motorcycles about 25 years. I went to school at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and used to ride up in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend National Park. So I've always had a great love for motorcycles. Here in the fall we do what's called The Blessing of the Bikes. We typically ride out west of here to the Pecos High Bridge and have a mass out there. We do the Blessing of the Bikes and enjoy our time there with some food, then we ride back togeth-

It's difficult to say just what type of outfit he's wearing. Once on St. Peter's Square in Rome a British reporter stopped him.

"He recognized that I was a priest by my collar, but what threw him off was the rest of the way I looked. I was wearing a biker jacket. I had a big handlebar mustache and I had a beanie cap from Jerusalem. He got a kick out of that. Sometimes I have a full beard that is strikingly red. My grandmother was a red head. Sometimes I shave my head. It is unique to have like a cowboy priest or a biker priest. People like it, you know, they get a kick out of it. They like to see that their priests are just regular people."

Father Clay says the journey to the priesthood is lengthy. He studied 10 years and served in Mexico and San Antonio before being assigned to Del Rio. He likes being close to home.

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# **GRAND Parents; Fair Grandparents...**

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury



**Dustin Jordan, prospective** graduate of Hamilton, Tx. Hign School soon.

Riney and Karen Jordan opted to "go retro" in re- public speaker and his wife tirement, and they've been deserve an "A+ life grade" moderately They first chose small- (He served three decades town life in Hamilton, TX, in Grapevine schools, ris-

off a dirt road.

Few people pass their house going to town. They're coping on even terms with "old-timey" life--gathering eggs, planting gardens and driving tractors. And they glance out their windows regularly to see "if it's coming up a cloud."

Overall, this well-known country. successful. heading into sunset years. before embarking on true ing from classroom teach-

rural living a while back on er to principal to district PR he'd enjoyed both the TV property miles from town director.) They raised three show and dessert. He sponsible for a grandson heaping scoops of ice during his senior year of cream, chocolate syrup high school....

> It would be untrue to suggest Dustin has magically become a "good farm boy." After all, he was thrust into the role last summer when his folks moved to the hill

> Still ringing in his ears is his grandparents' generous offer to provide room and board so he could finish Hamilton High.

> Oh, the warm memories he can share--this candidate for graduation in a few weeks-- including ones from a recent night when "it came up a cloud."...

> To prepare for such times, the Jordans built a storm cellar--upgraded from the ones they scurried into as children when ill winds blew through. It is concrete lined, and has electricity, six comfortable chairs and board games.

Out of sight--and hopefully out of mind--is any evidence of social media, TV and such.

When Riney yelled warnings about a storm the other night, Karen happily followed him to the cellar. Dustin, however, opted to "stay put." After all, Chicago Fire--a favorite TV show--was on, and it is his habit to watch it while shoveling down a mountain of vanilla ice cream generously slathered with chocolate syrup. Riney and Karen often join him in the dessert repast, although with reduced portions....

They aren't apt to fret when Dustin's objections are rarely voiced. So they proceeded to the cellar without Dustin in tow.

As winds howled outside, they voiced prayers for him, so concerned for his safety they didn't even begin board games. Before long, their cellphone sounded. It was a text from Dustin saying how much

children, and now are re- also sent a picture of four sloshing against the side of the bowl. Touche.

Maybe this is a memory Dustin will share with his grandchildren when they ask him, "What's a storm cellar?"...



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# **Glenzell Hawkins**

Graveside services for Glenzell Hawkins, age 74, of Sulphur Springs, were scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Greenview Cemetery with Pastor Vern Hawkins officiating. Serving as pallbearers were Dylan Thomas-Hicks, Robert Parker, Joseph Hicks, Michael Ferguson, Quinith Hicks and Ardell Hicks, Jr. A visitation was held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Tapp Funeral Home. Glenzell was born January 14, 1942 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Elmer Henry Newsom and Linnie Bell Holmes Newsom and was a clerical worker in the manufacturing business. She Passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2016 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. Survivors include: two sons, Ardell Hicks, Jr. and wife Mary of Sulphur Springs and Quinith Hicks of North Richland Hills; three daughters, Teresa England of Austin, Kimberly Parker of Sulphur Springs and Jill Husman of LittleRock, Arkanasas; two sisters, Jenny Fer-

guson and husband Celo and Vernice Penny and husband, Red both of Sulphur Springs; 20 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter. Glenzell was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Y.B. Newsom and Cecil Newsom.

Arrangements were under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home.

## Juble D. Starrett

Graveside services for Juble D. Starrett, 91, will be conducted 3 p.m. Friday, May 13th at Reilly Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at West Oak Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs. Mr. Starrett died Sunday, May 8th at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. Starrett Funeral Home of Paris is in charge of arrangements.

# **Bobby Plunk**

Funeral arrangements for Bobby Plunk, age 80 of Cumby are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Bobby passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Carriage House Manor.

# Whitney A. Miller

Whitney A. Miller of Plano, Texas passed away on May 8th, 2016, at the age of 74. He was born March 1, 1942 to Manton and Melverne Baker Miller of Cooper, TX.

He grew up in Cooper working behind his dad's soda fountain at Miller's Pharmacy. Whitney was recruited to play basketball at East Texas State University and became known as the "East Texas Jumping Jack." He was also on the Lion Track team, member of Kappa Alpha and voted All Campus Favorite. He was later voted into the "T.A.M.U.-Commerce Hall of Fame" in 1998.

Whitney was Manager and later Regional Director for Great American Reserve and Miller & Assoc. for 51 years. He was devoted to the school district he loved and worked with for 30 years.

Whitney and Kaye are both long-time members of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano. They were members of T-Bar-M in Corpus Christi and were avid tennis players. They enjoyed traveling with family and friends especially on golfing trips. Whitney looked forward to weekly golf and lunch with his loved golfing buddies.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Kaye Miller, of 51 years; children Kami Miller Ross and husband Allen of Nacogdoches TX and Misty Miller Burgess and husband John of Timpson TX; two brothers; Marion Miller and wife Ann of Cooper, Dr. Bill Miller and wife Hariett of Tyler, and sister Sharon Johnson and husband Michael of Campbell, TX; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Once in a while someone lives a beautiful and totally unselfish life – "Just for Others".

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday May 12, 2016 at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper, TX with Rev. Joe Ed Goolsby officiating. Visitation will be held at 9:00 AM prior to Memorial Services which will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, TX.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to charity of your choice.

Delta Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.



## Michael Maurice "Mickey" Mattison

Graveside services for Michael Maurice "Mickey" Mattison, age 70, of Brashear, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Rev. David Burns officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mickey passed away Sunday, May 8, 2016 at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1946 in Greenville, the son of Herbert Maurice Mattison and Sue Via Mattison. Mickey married Dale Stephens on August 8, 1990 in Sulphur Springs. She survives. He worked for the Greenville Electric Utility Service for the City of Greenville for 17 years. He is survived by his son, Gary Don Woods of Santa Clara, CA, daughter, Krystal Karee Lovell of Grand Prairie, sister, Mandy Jones of Ledbetter, father and mother-in-law, Ron and Letha Tosh and of Reilly Springs, sister-in-law, Debbi Booth and husband Don, of Ft Smith, AR.



# **Betty Jane Winstead**

Betty Jane Winstead, 83, of Cumby passed away on Monday, May 2, 2016.

Betty was born on October 24, 1932, in Commerce, Texas, to Thelma Hammonds and Joe Lytle. She married Billy Joe Winstead in Greenville on December 6, 1949. She was CNA for over 40 years.

She is survived by her two sons: Billy John (Ruby) Winstead of Cumby and Benny Sim (Becky) Winstead of Como, TX; her daughter, Joann Hill of Cumby; her grandchildren: Betty McCarter, Misty Morrow, Ruby Winstead, Bryan Winstead, Billie Winstead, Sherry Brooks, Benny Winstead and Anthony Winstead; and, her great grandchildren: Jaylee, Jonothin, Jaydin Cooke, Sherrie, Shyann Brooks, Jamye, Samuel, Bryson McCarter, Hayden, Joseph Winstead, Jourdyn, Ashtian Martin, Kinzlee Winstead, Brett Rodriquez and Presley Winstead.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Winstead; her great grandchildren: Harley McCarter and Jaycee Cooke; her son-in-law, Jessie Hill; her sisters: Lorene Newman, Anna Jean Lytle and Ruby Davis; and, her brothers: Leo Lytle, J A Lytle, Bob-

bie Lytle and John Lytle.

Funeral services for Betty were held on Friday, May 6, 2016, at 12:00 noon, at Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Chapel with Bro. Jeff Taylor officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to service time from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Burial will be held at Caney Cemetery in Campbell, TX.

Pallbearers will be Samuel McCarter, Bryan Winstead, Benny Winstead, Jonothin Cooke, David Martin and Curtis Lytle.





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