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Carnival - 6 - midnight (6-10pm with armband)

**Saturday, September 24**  
Commerce Community Cares Motorcycle Bash Ride, meet 7:30am by City Park, leave - 8:00am  
Superhero 5K Run/Walk - 7:30am  
Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 - 10am  
Vendor Booths Open - 9am - 6pm  
East Texas Model Railroad Club - 9am - 6pm  
Bois d'Arc Bash Parade - 10am  
Live Music - 11:00am - 10:00pm  
Carnival - 11:00am - midnight  
Aglia Duck Race - 12 noon (Bonham Alley)  
Li-Sher Dance Studio - 2:30 - 3:15pm  
Commerce Idol Winners - 3:15 - 3:45pm  
Wine Tasting - 5 - 9pm

**Commerce Fire Department Fire Safety House**

**Friday, September 23**  
5:00 6:00pm Panimation  
6:30 - 7:30pm Brad Davis & Band  
8:00 - 10:00pm The Wonderfuls

**Saturday, September 24**  
10:45 - 11:00am Opening Ceremonies  
11:00 am - noon Dixieland Band  
12:00 Parade Winners  
12:30 - 2:00pm The Blandelles  
2:00 Pageant Winners  
2:30 - 2:00pm Li-Sher Dance Studio  
3:15 - 3:45pm Commerce Idol Winners  
4:00 - 5:30pm Nevermind  
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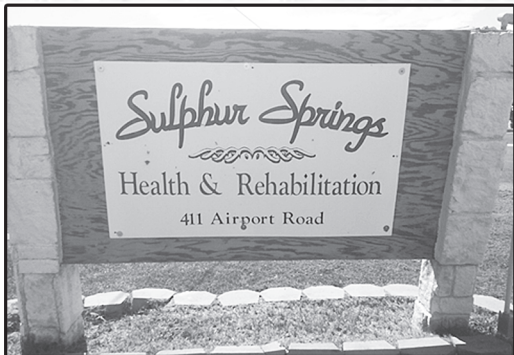
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# At The Corral Gate



Enola Gay



I recently spent a pleasant afternoon away from the corral gate at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab on Airport Road. And yes, it involved music and friends!



Resident Johnny Parker, who hails from the Birthright area, conducts an "open mic" hour on the second Tuesday of every month. Johnny invites guests from the community to attend and he entertains the audience with songs and stories. Mary A. Estes plays piano interludes and gospel tunes for sing-a-longs. Johnny gets residents and guests to sing and share testimonies and memories. He has created a remarkably friendly and positive atmosphere that is a celebration of people and their unique gifts. I'm so glad I was invited! I plan to go back in the near future, and maybe I will see you there!



Johnny Parker...



Mary A. Estes...



Johnny and me



Stacie Wetzel, Activities Director with Modene Sims...

Speaking of old friends, Bob Mauldin will be back in town this Saturday, this time bringing his TV history/travel show "Expedition Texas" to Hopkins County. As the program's producer, he plans to document the Reilly Springs Jamboree for an episode this Fall, and will be filming out in the Reilly Springs community as well as during the Jamboree on September 17, where he will perform an acoustic set and "stories from the road" from his four years of travel around the state. You can watch his program on Dallas Channel 47 on weekends, and you can view all the episodes archived on his website [expeditiontexas.com](http://expeditiontexas.com). You're welcome to be there in person...admission to the Jamboree is \$10 per adult, the kitchen opens at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. It's smoke - and alcohol free - family entertainment at 109 CR 1439 in Hopkins County. See archived shows and photos at [reillyspringsjamboree.com](http://reillyspringsjamboree.com).



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Flashback fourteen years....Bob Mauldin and I perform at the Alina Tatum D.A.R.E. concert featuring Tony Douglas in Sulphur Springs.

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**Sat, September 17, 9am - 10am - Yoga on the Square w/ Danni**

**Sat, September 17, 1pm - 4pm - Book Signing Event @ The Bookworm Box.** The bookwormbox, 206 Main St, Sulphur Springs. Join us for this very special event to meet your favorite authors, get books signed, take pictures and have a fun day!

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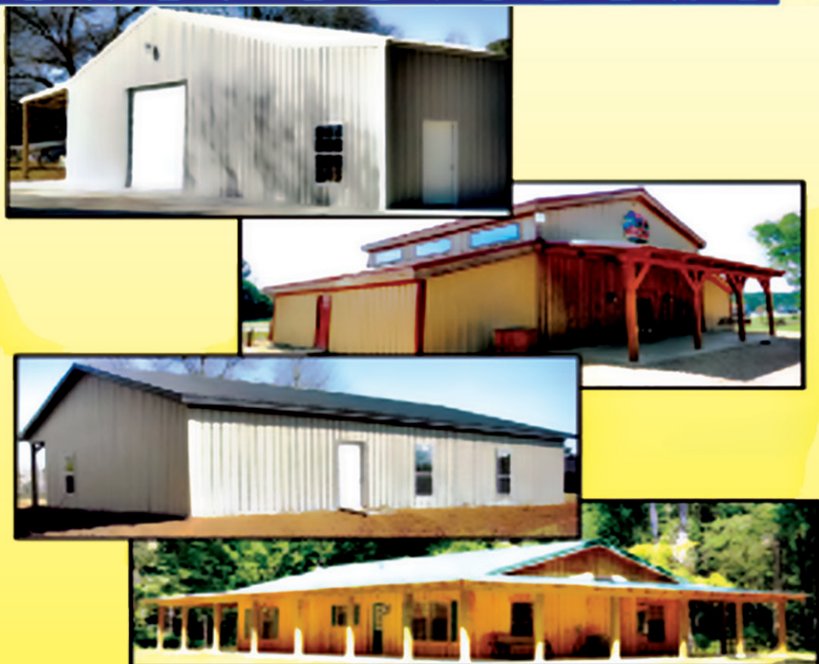


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## Uncle Mort Ticked Off...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

We can all agree that dullness--particularly for the "Jacks" of the world--is a predictable result when we're wallowing in unending "work ruts." Such scenarios rarely crop up in my Uncle Mort's life, 'cause at first "scent" of toil, he "sniffs it out." Like a shifty football running back, his end runs and careful sidesteps usually work. Sometimes, such vignettes occur in concession stand lines, where he runs into old friends who wind up paying. Shelling out, I mean, for everyone in the line which, of course, is in the shade. Mort, who urged us to let July 4 pass without any "to do" about his 104th birthday, may truly be bogged down with work on his new "invention." Whatever, it was his first visit to the thicket's general store in a month. He says his nerves were in immediate free fall when a whipper-snapper, sipping on a soft drink, asked, "Old-timer, how much longer do you think you can handle independent living?"... \*\*\*\*\*

In a flash, Mort bristled--dead certain he was "set up" by friends--was "set off" for sure. His neck hair stiffened. As his nostrils flared, nose follicles unfurled like those little paper party favors kindergarteners blow into faces of others at birthday gatherings. "First of all, it's none of your business," Mort fumed. "We'll stay in our home as long as Maude (his wife of some 85 years) can help with the 'heavy lifting.' When they try to remove us,

check the depth of nail marks left by fingers, thumbs and toes on the doorstep. That'll be some measure of our resistance." He claimed the old couple "looks for reasons to feel good" instead of complaining about occasional "twitching of body and twisting of mind." His rambles continued, mostly about the best use of days, proper diets and "enough work for it to count as exercise." As an afterthought that should have been mentioned first, he added, "Maude and I look out for our neighbors."... \*\*\*\*\*

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## Carolyn Kegley

Funeral arrangements for Carolyn Kegley, of Greenpond, are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Kegley passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at her residence.

## Wesley Ryan Peugh

Wesley Ryan Peugh, age 35, of Arlington, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 in Tarrant County. Arrangements are pending with West Oaks Funeral Home.

## Linda Marie Reppond Call

A Memorial service for Linda Marie Reppond Call, age 65, of Sulphur Springs has been scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Tapp Funeral Home with C.J. Duffy and Pastor Jeff Tiemeyer officiating. Mrs. Call passed away at her residence on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 after battling lung, breast and throat cancer since 2006.

Linda Burkhart Reppond Call was born February 15, 1951 in Tacoma, Washington, the daughter of Danny L. Burkhart and Evangiline (Carins) Burkhart. She married Clyde Wesley Call in 1999. Mrs. Call was retired from J B Weld after 21 years of service as a supervisor. Survivors include her husband, Wesley Call; two sons, Jeffrey W. Walker and wife, Tonya of Greenwood and Thomas Ray Reppond, Jr. and wife, Addie of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Lisa Walker Rogers of Kaufman and LeAngie Walker Newsom of Daingerfield; seven grandchildren, Robert A. Rogers, Cody S. Rogers, Michael G. Rogers, Jessica Gilbreath, Kayla Walker, Nobie Reppond and Evan Reppond; one great granddaughter, Rylie Rogers. Also a lifelong friend, daughter and caregiver, Stephanie Coleman and husband, Darrell Coleman. She was preceded in death by her parents, Danny and Evangiline Burkhart and Granville Warrick.

Memorials to be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home.

## Ronnie Walker

Funeral services for Ronnie Walker were held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Restland Wildwood Chapel with visitation 1 hour prior to the service in the chapel. Burial will be a military service at DFW National Memorial Cemetery to be held at a later date.

Born September 8, 1943 in Sulphur Springs, TX and passed away September 9, 2016 in Dallas, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ezbon (Cherrie) Walker and Mozelle (Adair) Walker; and brother, Bing Earl Walker.

Ronnie is survived by his daughter, Holly Jo Kirk of Quinlan, TX ; 1 aunt and several cousins; sister-in-law, Sarah Walker and like a daughter friend, Shirley Stewart.

He served in the United States Navy and he was a retired Truck driver who loved playing guitar and singing.



## Kenneth Nixon

Mr. Kenneth Nixon, age 79 of Winnsboro, passed away on Saturday, September 10th, 2016 in Winnsboro. He was born on July 9th, 1937 in Ingleside, TX, to the late William Nixon and Jessie Flinn Nixon. He was retired from Pioneer Chemical Company and the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Nixon was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Laverne Griffin.

He is survived by, sons, Kenneth Dean Nixon of Garland and Christopher Hollis Nixon of Winnsboro; daughters, Kristie Doreen Langley of Winnsboro, Diana Joyce Wright of Dallas, Hanah Noel Breck Moore of Winnsboro, Hailee Nicole Nixon of Winnsboro; brothers, Don Loyd Nixon of Dallas, Charles Ray Nixon of Rockport; sisters, Charleen Clinton of Houston and Lela Mae Cassells of Dallas; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway, Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, September 15th, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 2:00 pm, with Rev. Perry Shirley conducting. Interment will follow at Sharon Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Shane, Jarret, Clint, Colby, Matt, Hunter serving as pallbearers.



## Jackie Lee Smith

Jackie Lee Smith, age 63, of Emory, passed away Friday, September 9, 2016 at his home.

Full military funeral service was scheduled for 11:00 am, Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba with Bro. Bud Allred and Bro. Danny Meek officiating. Visitation was held at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory on Tuesday evening 5:00-7:00 PM. Interment, followed the service, at Lake Fork Memorial Cemetery in Alba with military detail present.

Jackie Lee Smith was born in Greenville on June 10, 1953 to Willie Jackson and Gladys Calhoun Smith. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He married Linda Sue Cates Mason in Durant, OK on September 1, 1988. He worked as a printing press operator at a printing production company. He was a member of Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba.

Survivors include: Wife: Linda Sue Mason Smith of Emory; Daughter & Son-in-law: Jessica Burris (Randall) of Sulphur Springs; Step-daughter: Dusty Norris (Phil Starkes) of Emory; Step-son: Danny Mason, Jr. (Dana) of Princeton; Grandson:

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Great-grandsons: Piercen and Oaklee Burris of Sulphur Springs; Great-granddaughter: Hazlei Mason of Royse City; Brothers: David Smith (Jean) of Grand Prairie; Billy Wayne Smith (Judy) of San Antonio; and Roger Dail Smith of Greenville; Sister: Carol Woodworth of Greenville; Nieces and Nephews: Tracey Fields, Lisa Brooke, Tammy Middleton, and Kyle Goen; Numerous other loving family and friends.

Preceded by: Parents; Brothers: Larry Smith and Danny Smith; Sisters: Deborah Kay Smith and Shirley Moore

## Jeanette Mae Adams

Funeral services for Jeannette Mae Adams, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, were scheduled for 2:00 pm Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at Tapp Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Nesbitt officiating. A visitation was held 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016 at Tapp Funeral Home.

Ms. Adams passed away at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

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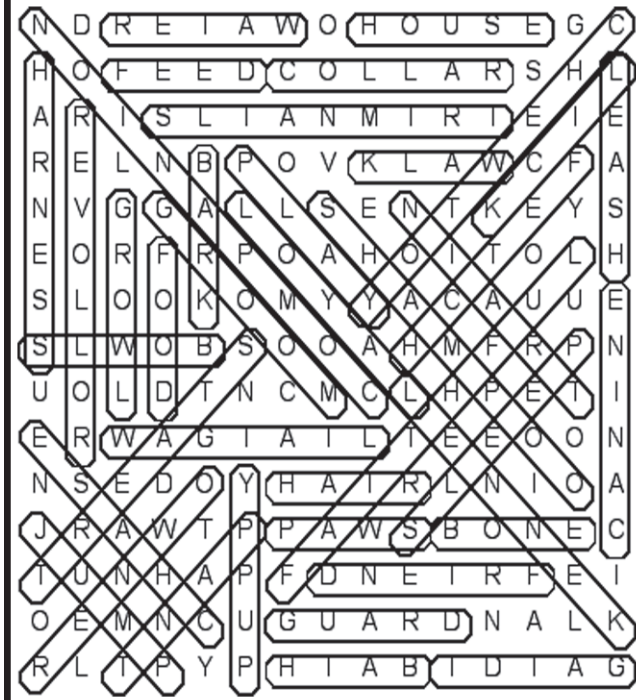
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She has been involved with antiques for more than forty years. History was her favorite subject in school and when she married a man who dealt in antiques, she felt right at home. "We buy the entire contents of a farm or a barn or a house. We don't just go in and say I'll take this or that. But I'm constantly going in these homes that have been boarded up for ten years or more while the kids are fighting over the estate. Finally the real estate agents call me in and we do the cleanout. It's always interesting because nearly everybody collects something. But I don't sell things just to get rid of them. They need to go where they belong."

She has newspapers from 1817 and a map from 1637. "We just had this estate sale here in Sulphur Springs and they were cleaning out a house and we found old photos of the Melody Highway Boys from the local radio station, KSST."

Her store, Sulphur Springs Antique Gallery, opened in April of this year. It's a giant warehouse. Anita used to have a pipe museum in northern California called Puffin' Stuff. "My husband smoked a pipe so we started collecting them. We had over four thousand pipes on display and they included some Chinese opium pipes from the twelve hundreds. We had long clay pipes that were full of tobacco ready to smoke. They were sold in taverns and men passed them around to share the smoke. It was very interesting to have the pipes. We had them from all over the world. You know it's a fun field to be in. And when you're into history like I am, you're always doing research because you can't know everything. But between my husband and me we have a pretty broad knowledge of things. It's always interesting and there's always new stuff coming in and that's what makes it fun."

She found a flag in Kentucky and didn't know anything about it until she did the research on it. "There are only three of these flags known. One is in the national archives, one is owned by a man who works for the national archives and this is the third one. It's a 1788 commemorative Maryland flag when Maryland joined the union. It was the 7th state to join the union. This flag has seven stars on it to denote the seven states."

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