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In Hopkins County, a new jail/law enforcement center has been constructed and will be put into use within the first weeks of December 2015. The Open House took place on December first, before inmates arrived in their new quarters, and the public came in droves to tour the new state-of-the-art facility.

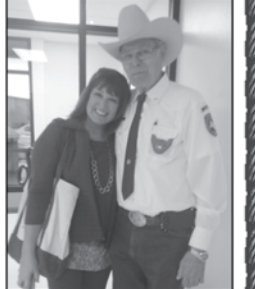
The new Hopkins County Law Enforcement Center is 55,000 square feet, compared to the 10,000 foot space at the old Sheriff's department. Everything inside is brand new, from phone, computer and security systems to dispatch equipment, from the laundry and kitchen fixtures to the furniture in the administrative offices. The jail area will house more than 190 prisoners, more than twice the current capacity. There is much more women's jail space now. Sheriff Butch Adams will complete his current term there in December 2016. Over his 20 year tenure, Sheriff Adams has formed a successful team of professionals who each do their job with a passion for justice and a love for the profession.



Ron Lowry, Chief Communications Officer explains the 911 computers in Dispatch Room



Citizens viewing the inmate commons area in the jail



Sheriff's Posse member Billy Wayne Orr and Meredith Cadell for the Chamber ribbon-cutting



Former Hopkins County Judge Chris Brown, who first brought the concept of the new jail before the citizens



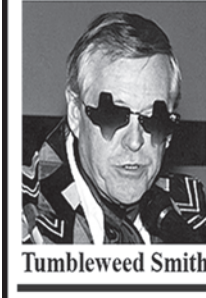
Members of the welcoming committee CJ Duffey, Posse member Larry Argenbright, Judge Robert Newsome and wife Robbie



New Jail

IT'S TIME TO GO TO GALVESTON

Tumbleweed Smith



If you haven't been to Galveston lately, you should consider a return trip. It may surprise you. It's very clean and the beaches are getting a substantial upgrade. So many things are happening in the state's favorite playground it's difficult to choose which ones to mention. The year 2007 brought the highest number of tourists to the island before Hurricane Ike hit in 2008. Since then, tourism has surpassed that 2007 number. "If anything good can come from a hurricane, it at least took away some of the ugly structures," says Will Wright of the Galveston Historical Foundation. "Now we have either green space or new buildings where there were once eyesores."

When you get to Galveston, you automatically slow down the pace. We had a relaxing time in the historic Strand area, which features restaurants with sidewalk-dining, hotels, shops, the 1894 Opera House, a real treasure that attracts big name entertainers like Tony Bennett who performs there December 20. DICKENS ON THE STRAND has become a popular event the first weekend in December. People dress up in Dickens-era clothing (which is for sale in some of the stores on the Strand) and there is a full slate of activities including strolling carolers.

Mardi Gras in Galveston is the island's biggest event, attracting up to 300,000 people. It's the third largest Mardi Gras celebration in the nation. Pleasure Pier has a midway, roller coaster and swings that propel you over the gulf seventy feet in the air. I could not resist the swing ride. Had to do it. Easy, fun and safe. And you get a great view of the island and the water while spinning around. Cruise ships have increased, especially since Houston's cruise terminal shut down. Next year Galveston will become the homeport for Carnival's newest ship, the Carnival Breeze. It will offer 7 day cruises departing every Sunday beginning in May. Royal Caribbean and Disney will also offer departures from Galveston.

All of the attractions are first class. They include 32 miles of beach, Schlitterbahn, Moody Gardens, museums, dolphin tours, fishing, horseback rides on the beach, Victorian mansions, art galleries, parks, haunted houses, fantastic bird watching even an off shore oil drilling display. A spectacular movie shows the 1900 hurricane that killed thousands of people and caused the building of a seawall and the raising of the entire island. Galveston's history as the second busiest immigration port in the US makes the city of 50,000 residents a melting pot of several nationalities. New restaurants like Boulevard Seafood offer vibrant and exciting meals.

Cities in Galveston County have shown increases in population. League City has passed the 100,000 mark. Texas City, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Marque and Santa Fe have all had increases this year. The best time to visit Galveston is spring or fall. The best way to experience the island is to look at the sky, listen to the waves, sit on the beach and think about how lucky you are to be there. It's the most natural place in the state to be at ease.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and travels the state listening to stories. Contact him at ts@crcom.net



Kimm Carr, International Executive Director of Community Bible Study

Ever heard of Community Bible Study? Sulphur Springs has 4 CBS chapters which meet weekly. The original "Day" class was formed 25 years ago, because a group of local women prayed for an interdenominational study organization that would bring Christian women together to study the Bible. The group now has more than 200 local members. Their 25th anniversary celebration program on December 2 brought the International Executive Director, Kimm Carr, to town. She is a Texan who now headquarters in the Colorado Springs International offices. She took time for an early-morning photo and interview with me!

The Bright Star Christian School has a band! There are 27 band members in the 2015 class of Bright Star Christian School. Rehearsals are held daily in the neighboring Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Currently, the young musicians are perfecting a Christmas program which they will present around town during December. Band Director is Richard Shanks and Associate Director is Jeff Smith.



Christmas is in the air! Favorite recipes are being exchanged, and gift lists made. If you feel the Christmas spirit begin to move in you, go with it! Let go with a hearty "Merry Christmas" to someone as you hold the door open for them...Give...wave at your neighbors whether you know them or not...Practice your ho-ho-ho...brush up on your Christmas carols and sing them to yourself at work...Give again as you remember those less fortunate...count your many blessings before you go to sleep at night...and live so that you may be a blessing to someone this season, and into the New Year. Til next week, I'll watch for you at the corral gate!

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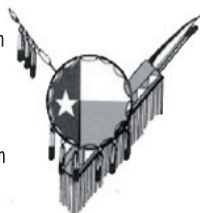
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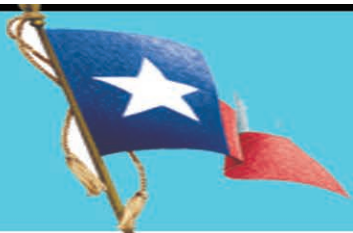
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Dorothy Ann Willis Richards (September 1, 1933 – September 13, 2006) was an American politician and the 45th Governor of Texas. A Democrat, she first came to national attention as the state treasurer of Texas, when she delivered the keynote address at the 1988 Democratic National Convention. Richards served as the 45th Governor of Texas from 1991 to 1995 and was defeated for re-election in 1994 by George W. Bush. Richards was the second female governor of Texas, and was frequently noted in the media for her outspoken feminism and her one-liners. As of 2015, she is the most recent Democrat to serve as governor of Texas.

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By the 1970s, Richards was an accomplished political worker, having worked to elect liberal Democrats Sarah Weddington and Wilhelmina Delco to the Texas Legislature, and having presented training sessions throughout the state on campaign techniques for women candidates and managers. She supported ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, presenting the amendment to the delegates of the National Women's Conference, held in Houston in 1978, but the amendment was never ratified by enough states to become part of the Constitution.

In 1976, Richards ran against and defeated a three-term incumbent on the four-member Travis County, Texas Commissioners' Court; she took 81.4 percent of the vote against Libertarian opponent Laurel Freeman to win re-election in 1980. During this time, her marriage ended, in part because of the strain of politics on the relationship. Richards' drinking became more pronounced, and she sought and completed treatment for alcoholism in 1980.

After the incumbent Texas State Treasurer, Warren G. Harding (no relation to the former U.S. president of the same name), became mired in legal troubles in 1982, Richards won the Democratic nomination for that post. Winning election against a Republican opponent in November that year, Richards became the first woman elected to statewide office in more than fifty years. In 1986, she was re-elected treasurer without opposition. Richards was a popular and proactive treasurer who worked to maximize the return of Texas state investments. Richards said that when she took office, the Treasury Department was run something like a 1930s country bank, with deposits that didn't earn interest. At the 1984 Democratic National Convention, Richards delivered one of the nominating speeches for nominee Walter Mondale, and she campaigned actively for the Mondale/Ferraro ticket in Texas, even though President Ronald Reagan enjoyed great popularity in her state.

In 1990, Texas' Republican governor, Bill Clements, decided not to run for re-election to a third nonconsecutive term. Richards painted herself as a sensible progressive, and won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination against Attorney General (and former U.S. representative) Jim Mattox of Dallas and former Governor Mark White of Houston. Mattox ran a particularly abrasive campaign against Richards, accusing her of having had drug problems beyond alcoholism. The Republicans nominated colorful multi-millionaire rancher Clayton W. Williams, Jr., of Fort Stockton and Midland. Republican political activist Susan Weddington of San Antonio, a Williams supporter, placed a black wreath that read "Death to the Family" at the door of Richards's campaign headquarters in Austin. After a series of legendary gaffes by Williams (most notably a joke about the crime of rape), Richards narrowly won on November 6, 1990 by a margin of 49-47 percent. Libertarian Party candidate Jeff Daiell drew 3.3 percent in an effort that included television spots and considerable personal campaigning. Richards was inaugurated governor the following January.

Although officially she was the second woman to hold Texas's top office, Richards is considered the first woman elected governor of Texas in her own right, since twice-elected Miriam "Ma" Ferguson is often discounted as having been a proxy for impeached governor James E. "Pa" Ferguson, her husband.

The economy of Texas had been in a slump since the mid-1980s, compounded by a downturn in the U.S. economy. Richards responded with a program of economic revitalization, yielding growth in 1991 of 2 percent when the U.S. economy as a whole shrank.[citation needed] Richards also attempted to streamline Texas's government and regulatory institutions for business and the public; her efforts in the former tried but failed to help revitalize Texas's corporate infrastructure for its explosive economic growth later in the decade, and her audits on the state bureaucracy saved \$600 million.

As governor, Richards reformed the Texas prison system, establishing a substance abuse program for inmates, reducing the number of violent offenders released, and increasing prison space to deal with a growing prison population (from less than 60,000 in 1992 to more than 80,000 in 1994). She backed proposals to reduce the sale of semi-automatic firearms and "cop-killer" bullets in the state.

She signed into law the amendment of the Texas Financial Responsibility Law where renewal of a motor vehicle's registration (also covers initial registration of a motor vehicle), safety inspection sticker, driver's license, and/or obtaining new license plates require that a motorist must have a valid auto insurance policy. The law, which passed on September 1, 1991, broadens the 1982 law where a police officer will request a driver's license and proof of insurance during a traffic stop.

She appointed then State Representative Lena Guerrero of Austin to a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission. The Hispanic Guerrero (1957–2008) was the first non-Anglo to serve on the commission in history. However, problems over falsification of her resume led to her resignation from the commission and defeat by the Republican Barry Williamson in the 1992 general election.

The Texas Lottery was also instituted during her governorship—advocated as a means of supplementing school finances; Richards purchased the first lottery ticket on May 29, 1992, in Oak Hill, near Austin.

School finance remained one of the key issues of Richards' governorship and of those succeeding hers; the famous Robin Hood plan was launched in the 1992–1993 biennium and attempted to make school funding more equitable across school districts. Richards also sought to decentralize control over education policy to districts and individual campuses; she instituted "site-based management" to this end.

In 1993, Richards signed into law the re-codified Texas Penal Code which included anti-homosexual Section 21.06, the state's "Homosexual Conduct" law which states: "(a) A person commits an offense if he engages in deviate sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex. (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor." In 1990, Richards had campaigned in Houston to repeal the law. But, as governor, her signature criminalized same-sex sexual relations in Texas.

Despite outspending the Bush campaign by 23%, she was defeated in 1994 by George W. Bush, with 45.88% of the vote to Bush's 53.48% while Libertarian Keary Ehlers received 0.64%. The Richards campaign had hoped for a misstep from the relatively inexperienced Republican candidate, but none appeared, while Richards created many of her own, including calling Bush "some jerk", "shrub" and "that young Bush boy"

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She died from the cancer on the night of September 13, 2006, at her home in Austin, surrounded by her family. Richards is interred at Texas State Cemetery in Austin. She was survived by her four children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. Three memorial services were held.

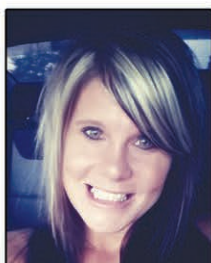
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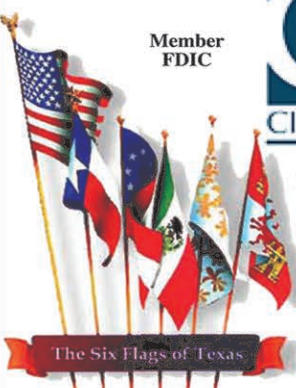
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Leaton Ely

Memorial service for Leaton Ely, age 81, of Emory, will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, 2:00 pm, at Emory Baptist Church.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service at 1:00 pm. Bro. Mark Garrett will officiate.

Mr. Ely died peacefully at his residence on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2015.

He was born July 25, 1934, to Otto and Alma Shipley Ely. He went to school and graduated from Rains High School. He was a basketball star player, and received a basketball scholarship from Paris Junior College. Leaton worked and retired from Raytheon in Greenville, where he worked as a machinist. He raised horses, bought and sold horses, and trained horses, even during his Raytheon years. He also owned a dairy during those years. After retiring from Raytheon, he devoted all his attention to training horses, in the field of cutting, roping, barrel, and whatever was needed to correct or train a horse, he did it. Horses were his passion. Leaton was a devout Christian. He attended Emory Baptist Church for years, and, later at Bright Star Baptist Church.

Survived by: 2 sons: William Bryan Ely (Angie) of Paris, and, Barry Leon Ely (Christy) of Emory 2 sisters, Vernelle Rodgers of Quitman, and, Edie Carter of Grand Prairie Grandchildren: Callie Marie, Ryon, Garret, Logan, Lyle, Courtney, and Nikki Many other loving family, and, numerous, numerous loving friends Also, his horse, of almost 30 years, "Ole Yeller"

Preceded in death by: Parents; 1 son, James Lennon Ely; 1 brother, Otto Ely, Jr.; and, 5 sisters: Vetta, Vena, Beatrice, Reba, and Vadean Cremation and service arrangements under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home of Emory.

Mamie Jo Birdsong Bagby

Funeral services for Mamie Jo Birdsong Bagby, age 98, were conducted 11 A.M. Wednesday, December 2, at First Baptist Church Winnsboro. Interment followed in Cypress Cemetery. Visitation was one hour before the service at the church. Mrs. Bagby passed away in Winnsboro, on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

She was born January 16, 1917 in Dike, Texas, to the late Chester Birdsong and Callie Connelly Birdsong. She lived in the Winnsboro area until she married Herbert W. Bagby of Quitman. Her husband was in the military and was located in various places, along with serving several tours in Germany. When he retired, they returned to Winnsboro, where she lived the remainder of her life. Jo was a homemaker, always extending an open invitation of her home to her family and friends. She was gifted in growing flowers and plants. She spent hours working her beautiful flower garden. She was also a wonderful cook and enjoyed sharing at church functions and with her family and friends. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Winnsboro and was very active in teaching Sunday School for many years and held leadership positions in Women's Missionary Union.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert W. Bagby; two brothers, J.L. Birdsong and Wane Birdsong; three sisters, Wanda Secrest, Doris Russell, and Betty Richardson.

She is survived by one brother-in-law, Horace Russell of Harlingen, Texas; nine nephews and nieces and a host of cousins. Beaty Funeral Home of Winnsboro was in charge of the arrangements.



Pauline Edwards

Pauline Edwards passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2015 at her residence in Sulphur Springs.

She was born on January 8, 1925, the daughter of Thomas and Emma (Sawin) Lawson in Celeron, New York. She was married to William D. Edwards, Sr. who precedes her in death.

Pauline was a loving mother and grandmother, a dancer, a retired nurse, a member of League Street Church of Christ and Member of Order of Eastern Star .

Survivors include her sons, William Donald Edwards, Jr. and wife Nancy, of Sulphur Springs and Timothy Lawson Edwards and wife Anne, of Asheboro, North Carolina; granddaughters, Lori Moreland and husband Kevin, of Sulphur Springs, Lynn Vick of Raliegh, North Carolina and Julie Tucker and husband Donald, of Asheboro, North Carolina; grandson, William D. Edwards, III (Trey) and wife Melanie of Tyler; and five great grandchildren, Holly Dodd, Carter Edwards, Mikel Godwin, Presley Godwin, Wyatt Tucker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sisters, Phyllis Beadle and Elizabeth Lawson; and brother, Albert Gardiner.



Herman "Bud" Bryant

Funeral service for Herman "Bud" D. Bryant, age 88, of Emory, were held 11:00 am, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 at the Church of Christ in Emory. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service, at 10:00 am, at the church. Burial followed in Emory City Cemetery.

Mr. Bryant died Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, 2015, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital, in Sulphur Springs.

Mr. Bryant was born July 24, 1927, in Point, to Henry Andrew and Helen Easter Ely Bryant. He served his country, in the U.S. Army, where he received a Victory Medal. He was a medical technician during his time in the army. He worked in electronics at Ratheon in Greenville, from where he retired after more than 30 years. Mr. Bryant married Vonnie Bullard, earlier in life. After her death, he married Barbara Rogers. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Emory, Emory City Council, Lyons Club and he was active in the Emory Volunteer Fire Dept..

Survivors include 5 sisters: Katherine Waldrop and Joy Horrocks, both of Emory, Evelyn Dean Paddock of Yantis, Shirley Norris of Miller Grove, and, Helen Barker of Sulphur Springs Numerous nieces and nephews Also, other loving family and friends

Robert "Bob" Smith

Funeral arrangements for Robert "Bob" Smith, age 90 of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Smith passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Sulphur Springs Health & Rehab.

Ira "Junior" Neal

Funeral arrangements for Ira "Junior" Neal of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Neal passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Cottages at Carriage House.

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