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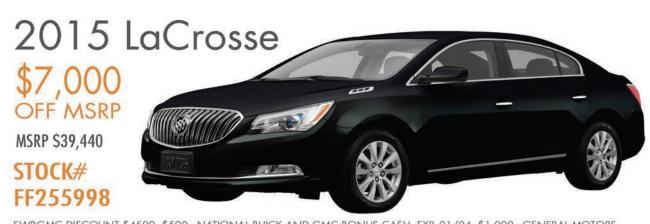


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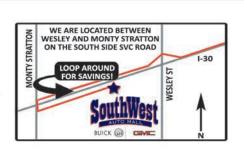
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An unusual feature of Christmas 2015 is the full moon expected on December 24 and 25. According to the radio, this phenomenon hasn't happened since Christmas 1977. I was a mom of two small children then. I found some old family

photos from New Year's 1978 which revealed a few inches of snow with those two small children bundled up and smiling on the white Texas landscape. Funny how the snapshots we took of everyday events can lend us so much pleasure years later, and a bit of hindsight into who we were then.





December's end brings the retirement of a familiar voice on Sulphur Springs local radio. Since retirement age has caught up, Don Julian will retire as News Director at KSST, but will remain on staff as Sports Director. So you'll probably continue to hear that now-familiar signature closing, "For KSST, I'm Don Julyyaaann".



Hannah Kirby is home for Christmas week and she brought me a copy of her new CD, "Fire in My Soul". The project consists of ten original songs and beautifully complex arrangements. With even more polish than when we met her on The Voice, Hannah's vocals are powerful yet moody, mysterious yet certain of purpose. The final song, which is pure Hannah on sweet solo violin, leaves you with a haunting longing for more as her talent evolves. Hannah was developing her powerful, mystical style even before her appearances on The Voice earlier this year. Since the show, she's firmly rooted and reflected that style in her self-written CD project, "Fire in My Soul".... a marvelous accomplishment for a 20-year-old! Congratulations, Hannah! Get your copy of "Fire in My Soul" this Christmas and explore the talent of Hannah Caroline Kirby through the holiday and into the New Year. Find it at hannahkirby.com.

Here's a Christmas wish for you in the form of a non-rhyming poem. It's called "I Wish You Enough" and it was written by Bob Perkins. I hope it will help remind us of the more important and enduring gifts that we can give and possess. So, until next week, fill your life with love and watch for Santa's reindeer and sleigh to pass in front of the full moon so you can see them clearly... and be-

I Wish You Enough

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may be. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting. I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbye.'

Till next time, "I'll Be Waiting For You Beside The Corral Gate."

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One of President Bush's daughters

Jenna Welch Bush Hager (born November 25, 1981) is an American teacher, author and journalist. She is the younger of the fraternal twin daughters of the 43rd U.S. President George W. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush, and a granddaughter of the 41st U.S. President George H. W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush. She and her sister Barbara were the first twin children of a U.S. president. Hager is an author, an editor-at-large for Southern Living magazine, a special correspondent for NBC's Today Show and a contributor to NBC Nightly News.

Hager was named after her maternal grandmother, Jenna Hawkins Welch. She was educated at several primary and secondary schools. In Dallas, Texas, she and her sister attended Preston Hollow Elementary School and then The Hockaday School. In 1994, after her father was elected Governor of Texas and the family moved to Austin, Texas, Bush was a student at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, and attended Austin High School from 1996 until her graduation in 2000.

She attended the University of Texas at Austin and took summer classes at New York University. She was a legacy member of Kappa Alpha Theta, her mother's sorority. Jenna Bush graduated from UT Austin with a degree in English in 2004.

She had asked her father not to run for president in 2000: "Oh, I just wish you wouldn't run. It's going to change our life." Her father told her that he and her mother needed to live their lives. In the winter of 2003, however, she decided to become involved in the 2004 campaign. In response to this decision, she made media appearances during the summer of 2004 prior to the election. She and her sister made several joint public appearances, including giving a speech to the Republican Convention on August 31, 2004. She made headlines when she was found sticking her tongue out to media photographers at a campaign stop in St. Louis. Jenna and Barbara took turns traveling to swing states with their father and also gave a seven-page interview and photo shoot in Vogue. The media also extensively covered the campaigning of John Kerry's daughters Vanessa and Alexandra, making the "battle of the daughters" a human interest element of the campaign.

Before leaving Washington, D.C. in Summer 2006, Hager worked at Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School for a year and a half as a teacher's aide. She took a leave of absence from the Charter School teaching position to work at a shelter as part of an internship for UNICEF's Educational Policy Department in Latin America, specifically in Panama. After her internship for UNICEF, Hager returned to her position at the charter school in Washington, D.C. She currently works as a part-time reading coordinator at the SEED Public Charter School in Baltimore, Maryland, and contributes a monthly news story about education for the Today show.

In 2007, Hager began marketing a book proposal with the assistance of Robert B. Barnett, a Washington attorney. The title of the book is Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope and it chronicles her experiences working with UNICEF sponsored charities in Latin America, including visits to drought stricken Paraguay in 2006, while working as an intern for United Nations Children's Fund. HarperCollins announced in March 2007 it would publish the book and it was released September 28, 2007, with an initial printing of 500,000 copies. Her share of the profits will go to UNICEF; the remainder will go to the woman whose life is the basis of the book, assisting in the young woman's continuing education. During the book tour, Hager appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show; during the interview Hager telephoned her parents. Hager wrote a second book, in conjunction with her mother, which is designed to encourage children to read. The book, entitled Read All About It!, was published on April 22, 2008, also by HarperCollins. On November 26, 2012, Hager was named editor-at-large of Southern Living magazine.

In August 2009, NBC hired Hager as a new correspondent for the morning television show Today. Her role is to contribute stories about once a month on issues such as education. On April 19, 2010, Hager interviewed former President Bill Clinton and discussed Haiti and his daughter Chelsea's upcoming marriage. She also helps out with NBC News's Education Nation segments on all platforms of NBC and fills-in as co-anchor and "Orange Room anchor" on Today. She is also a contributor and a substitute anchor on NBC Nightly News.

After meeting during her father's 2004 presidential campaign, Bush and Henry Chase Hager (b. May 9, 1978) became engaged in August 2007. Before proposing, Hager asked President Bush for permission to marry his daughter. Their relationship became public when the two appeared together at a White House dinner for The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall in November 2005. Henry Hager attended St. Christopher's School in Richmond, Virginia, and holds an MBA from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. He worked as a U.S. Department of Commerce aide for Carlos Gutierrez and as a White House aide for Karl Rove. He is the son of former Virginia Republican Party Chairman John H. Hager, who previously served as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and as the U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary under George W. Bush. The wedding took place during a private ceremony on May 10, 2008, at her parents' Prairie Chapel Ranch near Crawford, Texas.



Don Julian Retiring as News Director for KSST and Channel 18 TV



KSST's Don Julian has enjoyed a long and illustrious career in covering sports and news in Texas radio and TV markets. For 12 years, he has served as News and Sports Director for KSST Radio and Channel 18TV. Though he is announcing his retirement as News Director for KSST and Channel 18 TV as of December 31, 2015, he plans to continue as KSST's Sports Director.

Julian has served as KSST's News and Sports Director since March, 2006. He came to Sulphur Springs after stints at KRZI Radio, where he was News Director and Morning Show Co-Host and at Baylor NPR radio station, KWBU. Prior to that Julian was News Director at KTEM radio in Temple. The radio jobs followed a 15-year career in Public Television, first as News and Public Affairs Director and later as Program Manager at KVIE-TV in Sacramento, California. His early broadcasting career, after graduating from Baylor University, took place in Central Texas as Assistant Sports Director and News Reporter and later Waco Bureau Chief at KCEN-TV in Temple/Waco, then as a reporter for KTEM radio in Temple and as Assistant News Director and Bell County Bureau Chief at KWTX-TV in Waco.

Follow KSST Sports in 2016 as Don follows the Cats and gathers stories from the Texas A and M Commerce Lions and Hopkins County schools. The Coach's Show with Don Julian will also retain it's long-standing time slot at 9am Saturdays, simulcast on KSST and Channel 18 TV.

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in the fundraising campaign were announced at the Jamboree...Joyce Davis, Dena Mills for flat-screen TV's and Carissa Carter for the I-Pad Mini. The Haystacks will resume practice on Sunday January 10, at 4:30pm at the Epicenter when the new semester begins. High schoolers from any area school who like to sing and travel may audition. Contact Director Kevin Wooley at 903-563-4882 or see Haystacks on Facebook.

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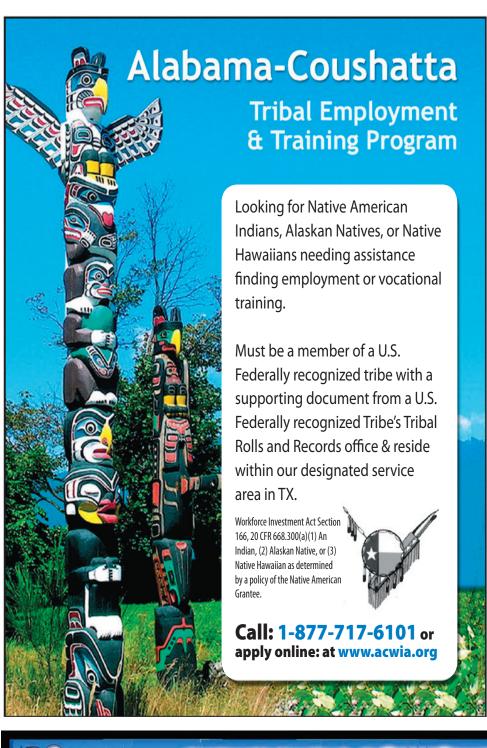


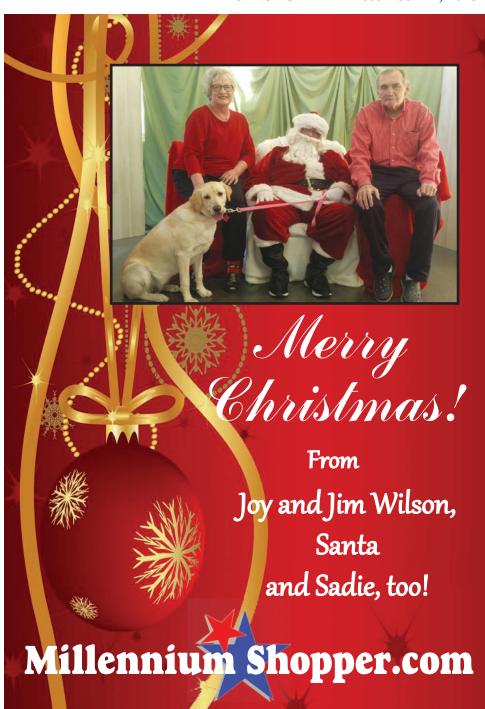
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THE LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF A MOTORYCLE **Tumbleweed Smith**



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I've known Kenneth Young of Brady for a long time. I met him years ago when someone told me he had some old fire trucks. The words SAME DAY FIRE DEPARTMENT were painted on one of them. "If you call early in the morning, we'll try to get there that same day," he says. Kenneth is fascinated with anything that has an engine and wheels. He has had dozens of vehicles, some of them priceless antiques now. His vehicles are popular at parades.

In 1949 Kenneth bought a James motorcycle. "The James is English-built," says Kenneth. "They were very popular during World War Two in Europe. I have a picture of Winston Churchill sitting on one just like mine. That one was outfitted for the military and had bags for the rifles and other wartime equipment. These were light and agile and they really used them in England during the war. These things were built for many years."

I asked Kenneth how Brady happened to be selling motorcycles from England. "One of the car dealers here in 1947 ended up getting kind of a sub-franchise from a dealer in Dallas that had begun importing these. The dealer here brought 6 or 7 of these and offered them for sale. My buddies and I loved them. We'd go down to the dealership and sit on them and dream of owning one. I had no idea I'd end up with one. I bought a used one for \$125.00. When they were new they sold for around \$350.00." He says back then you could buy a Whizzer for \$175 or a Cushman for \$250.00. The James today is considered a rare antique. "These did real well up until 1954 or 55 when Harley and Indian came out with similar models, the Harley Hummer and Indian Scout."

Kenneth says the James could handle rough terrain well. It had a 3-speed transmission, which allowed it to climb a small hill even with two people on it. He rode his to school. "I had Cushman scooters and similar models but it took half a block just to get them started. The James was a step up from those."

Kenneth sold his James to a friend who sold it to another friend and it ended up at the Barton Buick dealership in Brady. "As time went by, Barton's daughter and her boyfriend took the James and rode it quite a bit. They kind of cooked the engine on it. So they took it apart and put it in the back room of the dealership. They were going to fix it but never did."

Kenneth bought that building some 35 years ago and that motorcycle was still in the back room in pieces. Last year Kenneth's two sons took the motorcycle to a mechanic familiar with the James and put it back together. At Kenneth's 80th birthday party at Buffalo Gap the sons presented the restored James to their father. He says he was really taken back because it looked brand new. A couple of cables were not authentic James cables, but the sons said they would find the real ones and install them so Kenneth could ride it again. To that Kenneth replied, "that motorcycle and I are both better off just like it is where I can't ride it. I'll just keep it for display."

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Juanita Rhodes Friddle

Juanita Rhodes Friddle was born on March 15, 1923, the fifth child of Emma Lillian Fox Rhodes and Ernest Murphy Rhodes, both descendants of early Hopkins County pioneering families. She was born at home in the Union Community, on the "old McCloud Place, back around by the Sells' place" which was located somewhere just east of Arbala and west of what is now Highway 154 in southern Hopkins County, Texas. She, along with her siblings, Valton Lee (Buddy), J.A. (Jake), Adell, Louise and Laverne, attended the Union Baptist Church and Union School. They later transferred to Sulphur Springs High School. Juanita was the last surviving member of the family.

Having lived a long, eventful, and fulfilled life, Juanita went home to heaven on December 19, 2015 to join her beloved husband, and all those who preceded her. She passed away peacefully in her sleep following a brief illness. She leaves behind countless loved ones, family and friends, and will be missed every day by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.at the Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, formal visitation was an hour earlier. Pastor Robert Burns delivered the eulogy, with special music by Charles Stubbs. Pallbearers were Tony Stubbs, Shannon Stubbs, Brian Friddle, Ruston Frazier, Zach Stubbs, Jeff Hancock and Jeremy McClanahan.

Juanita was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery, in the Union Community. The family request memorials be made to the Union Cemetery Fund (Sheila Funderburk, 157 CR 1213, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482).

When Juanita was fifteen years old, Avon Friddle, from the neighboring Greenpond Community, proposed to her on a Sunday afternoon, during one of his weekly visits. They were in her parents' living room listening to the "Edison", the family's new windup record player. They were married a year later on November 29, 1939 in Sulphur Springs at the home of Baptist minister, Reverend Long on Radio Road in Sulphur Springs.

Juanita was a faithful wife, talented homemaker and devoted mother. She loved gardening, cooking, sewing, visiting with friends and family gettogethers. She was employed for twenty years by the H. D. Lee Plant in Sulphur Springs. She and Avon resided for many years in their home in the Shirley Community, where they attended South Liberty Baptist Church. Avon preceded her in death in 2004.

She later moved to Sulphur Springs, became a member of the First Baptist Church and acquired many close friendships. For as long as her health permitted, she enjoyed doing volunteer work at the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop.

Juanita is survived by three daughters and one son, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one step great-grandchild and one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews. Children: Anita and husband, Charles Stubbs of Canton, Texas; Jackie and husband, Doyle Fuller of Nashville, Tennessee; Barbara and husband, Bob Langford of Campbell, Texas; Gary and wife, Trina of Claremore, Oklahoma. Grandchildren: Tony Stubbs (Debra), Terri Stubbs Loper (Roger), Shannon Stubbs (Amy), Adonia Fuller Hodgkins (Jimmy), Mark Fuller, Sandi Irby Hancock (Jeff), Brian Friddle (Whitney), Leslie Friddle and Jennifer Langford McClanahan (Jeremy), Chet Skimbo and Shanna Skimbo. Great-Grandchildren: Charlye Stubbs Miller (Clark), Ruston Frazier, Taylor Hodgkins, Macy Frazier, Zachary Stubbs, Peyton Stubbs, Elizabeth Friddle, Isabella Friddle, Samantha Friddle, Jacob McClanahan, Presli Hancock, Jolie McClanahan and Reagan Skimbo. Great-Grandchild: Ashton Thomas Frazier.



David Kenny

Funeral services for David Kenney, age 64 of Delta, Utah were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Seymore Church of Christ with Adam Teer officiating. Interment followed at Seymore Cemetery with Kim Kenney, Michael Kenney, Clay Daniel and Mickey Kelly serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer was Steve Daniel. Visitation was held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

David passed away on Friday, December 11, 2015 at his residence. Born on August 31, 1951, the son of Loran Elvoy and Mattie Kenney in Dallas. He married Susan Gorham in 1988 in Dallas, she proceeded him in death in 2003.

He was a retired police officer, private investigator, and photographer. David was a proud member of the Professional Photographers of America and was raised Church of Christ.

Survivors include his sister, Kay Kenney of Grand Prairie; niece, Jessica Richards and nephew, Mickey Kelly. He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Bobby Woodard

Memorial services for Bobby Woodard, II age 54 of Sulphur Springs were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. No formal visitation was held.

Bobby passed away on Friday, December 18, 2015 at Sunny Springs Nursing Home.



Maxine Johnson

Funeral services for Maxine Johnson, age 92, of Dike were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Eric Godwin and Malcolm King officiating. Interment followed at Nelta Cemetery with grandsons and great-grandsons serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer was Anita Clayton. Visitation was held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Maxine passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Hopkins Place.

She was born on August 6, 1923, the daughter of Homer and Maxey (Capps) Potts in Limestone County. She married Ellery Johnson on December 2, 1950 in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 2007.

She was a homemaker, member of the Nelta Church of Christ and a member of the Eastern Star – Sulphur Bluff for over fifty years. Survivors include her daughter, Jan Bartley and husband, Wade of Dike; grandchildren, Clay Bartley and wife, Ginger of Arbala, Brian Fairchild of Arbala, Micah Johnson and wife, Melissa of Nelta, Cara Duncan and husband, Jerry of Dike and Kim Vititow of Sulphur Springs; great-grandchildren, Quincie and McKenna Duncan, Mardi and Harrison Fite, Justin and Jarrett Bartley, Shane and Marshall Johnson, Tristan and Levi Fairchild, Jaden and Cohen Vititow and brother, Jim Potts and wife, Betty of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ellery and son, Max Johnson.

Memorials can be made to the Nelta Cemetery, 161 CR 3513, Dike, TX 75437.

Steven Bolton

Funeral arrangements for Steven Bolton, age 59 of Kilgore are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Bolton passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at his residence.

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