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About the two dozen members...nearly all have full-time jobs or businesses to run, and many are caring for a family as well, an extended family in some cases. Some are retired from secular work, and that serves to free them up for a larger share in Pilot Club activities and leadership. In general, it's a happy and productive group who presented "Spring Brunch 2017" which I attended on March 4 in the beautiful, spacious Fellowship Hall of League Street Church of Christ.



Pilot Club Members Pictured Below....

Marilyn Holt and Joy Wilson

Brenda Monroe

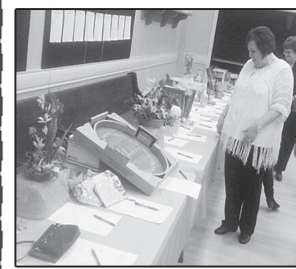


Entertainers are Alice Ann Hostetter and Robert Burkhart



From right to left, Monica Crouch, Donna Nicholson, Amber Jones, Barbara Theofilides, Sarah Halter.

Entertainment was provided by Robert Burkhart, a Branson-style musician/comedian who loves the good-ole-days and music of the 1950's and 60's. Before his program, a selection of Broadway tunes was presented by Alice Ann Hostetter, a music major at North Texas State University. The meal was a spread of breakfast favorites and specialty finger foods prepared by Pilot Club members who also happen to be excellent cooks! Also featured was a silent auction fund raiser with dozens of items and about 100 door prizes for guests to take home.



Sallee Pearce



Entertainers are Alice Ann Hostetter And Robert Burkhart



Some of Many Guest



Kay Clifton

Local Pilot Club projects are many, but here's a few.. "Hoop Dreams" Basketball tournament for local handicapped children .. summer camping programs for disabled teens and adults....and a Caregiver of the Year Award for outstanding service to someone with a brain-related disorder. Who was the 2017 recipient? Christine Morris of Sulphur Springs, who was her mom's sole caregiver for 17 years until she passed away at age 112. Her mother, Corrine Snow, was the Oldest Person in Texas at the time of her death. Would you like to join these local leaders and dedicated workers who also know how to have fun and be real friends? Just locate a Pilot Club member! They are actually all around you, but if you need a name and number, contact Jane Goldsmith at 903-348-5099 or Joy Wilson at 903-885-9966. Meetings are held bi-monthly with a few socials scattered through the year.

Gotta get back to the Corral Gate. I'll watch for you. so honk when you go by!

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Kellene Dawson



Kellene Dawson died a peaceful death at 9:50 PM Saturday March 4 at 98 years old. Services were held at First Methodist Church in downtown Sulphur Springs at 1:30 PM on Wednesday March 8. The service will be a celebration of her life.

Kellene, born Dorothy Kellene Birdsong of Greenville, was married to the late Norman Dawson of Sulphur Bluff for over 57 years

and is survived by her two daughters (Patsy and her husband Jim Zanos, Linda and her husband Bill Newton), four grandchildren (Jay and James Zanos and their wives Lara and Pamela and Michael Newton and his wife Hollie, Kristine and her husband Nate Sung), seven great grandchildren (Talitha and Alec Zanos, James and Andres Zanos, and Gabriel, Elle, and Eila Newton), nieces and nephews Kelle and David Whitfill, John Birdsong, and in Sulphur Springs especially Jimmy Worsham and his wife Virginia and Kathy and Wayne Reeves, and Millie Lopez, Kellene's long time visiting angel.

Kellene was a committed Christian, a long-time member of The First Methodist Church of Sulphur Springs, a devoted mother, a skilled home-maker, a vibrant, lively addition to any celebration, an extensive traveler, and a Life Master bridge player. She was born in Greenville, Texas to the late Albert Birdsong and Maude Cain of Greenville, and was preceded in death by her two older brothers, Al H., Billy J., and a sister who died at 9 months old.

Blessed with long life Kellene stayed active, playing bridge till the last year, volunteering at the hospital, and traveling to family. She was a blessing to all who knew her, she will be missed, but she is in a better place.

Floyd L. Payton



Funeral Service for Floyd L Payton, age 86, of Tira, were held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Tira Methodist Church with Andy Wright officiating. Interment followed at Tira Cemetery with Clen Honzell, B.C. Honzell, Floyd Lawson, Brad Dodd, J.R. Durst and David Honzell serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at Tira Methodist Church. Floyd passed away March 5, 2017 at his residence. Floyd was born on March 25, 1930 to

Earl L. and Georgia (Cooper) Payton. He graduated from Cooper High School in 1948. He married Martha J. Honzell in Longview, TX on December 1, 1950, while working for Longview Linen Service. He served two years in the United States Army at Ft. Hood and in Germany. He retired from the Fort Worth Fire Department after 30 years of service. He and Martha retired to the Tira home place in 1993. They had some fine dogs, and raised some cute cows with funny names. He and Martha were very active in the community, serving the Tira Cemetery, the church and Floyd served as Mayor.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Martha Payton; son, Brad and wife Virginia Payton; daughter, Regina Payton; nephews, Ken and Jerri Sorensen and Randy and Brenda Sorensen of California; extended family, Von Honzell, Jeanette and Bob Bennett, James and Dixie Honzell, Ann Sullivan, Ruth and Ray Prim, Marge and Tom DeMarino, Nelda Jo and Bill Gordon, Mary Helen and Joe Cooke, Barbara and Leon Flesner, BC Honzell, Clen and Cindy Honzell, Lon Honzell; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Georgia Payton; sisters Mary Sorenson and Jean Roah; grandson, Eric Lee Payton. The family is thankful for the care and compassion provided by Carriage House Rehabilitation, 1st Choice Home Health Care and Legacy Hospice.

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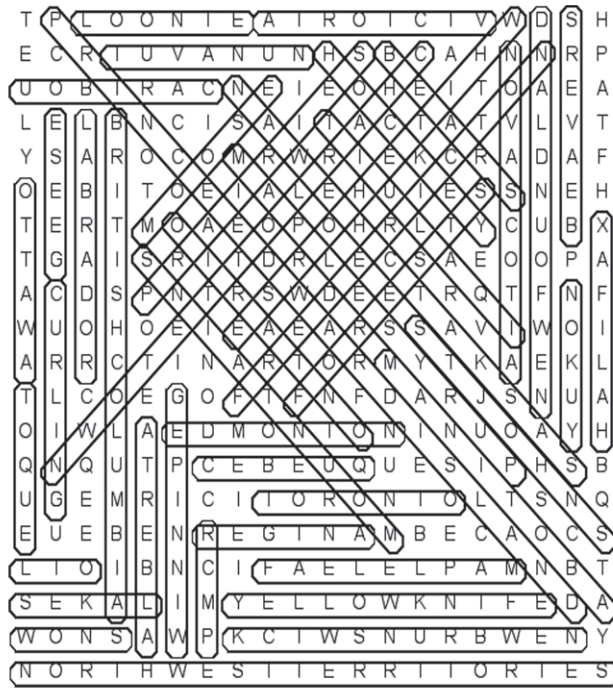
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Linda Street Ely of Liberty has been a pilot twelve years. She has flown in competition eleven of those years. "When we bought our plane I started researching and discovered air racing. There is a all-women's air derby, transcontinental four-day air race every year. Amelia Earhart and other female pilots started it in the 1920's. I've done that four years in a row and have done well in competition. I loved it, but something was missing, namely my husband. I found out about the Sport Air Racing League which have shorter duration races and men and women are welcome. So we've been able to compete together for seven years."

Linda grew up in an auto racing family in Indianapolis. "My grandfather raced at Indy, so racing was in my blood. When I discovered airplanes later in life, I thought the first thing you do is race what you have, whether it's your two feet, your car, bicycle, boat or airplane. I mostly compete in air racing but have competed in aerobatics, spot landing contests, flour bombing, punkin chunkin' and tomato dropping. These events are held all over the country."

Her favorite might be punkin chunkin'. "One time in Tennessee the target was an old portapotty. We would fly over and drop a pumpkin out of the airplane and try to hit the portapotty."

Linda and her pilot husband have been married ten years and they have a hangar full of trophies. "It's a blast," she says. "It is so much fun."

She deserves some fun. In 2003 she lost her husband and two young children in a house fire. They were in an old family home in Virginia that Linda and her husband Mycol had recently purchased. Mycol and the kids had gone there to get it ready in advance of moving the family from the Houston suburb of Kingwood. Linda had stayed behind to make arrangements to leave her job.

Linda says that horrible experience made her grow spiritually. She has written a book and makes speeches all over the world about overcoming personal tragedies. To assuage her grief, she went to an air show in Houston. She had been staying at the home of Mycol's sister and her husband to try to figure out what she was going to do. "You don't just flip a switch and stop being mommy. They took care of me like I was a newborn. They were going away for the weekend so I started looking on the internet about things to do in Houston and found out about an air show. I didn't give a hoot about airplanes or air shows but it would get me out of the house. As I stood there at the air show watching the military demonstrations, aerobatics and World War II re-enactments I kept thinking what it would be like to do that. That was a Saturday. On the following Monday I went back to that airfield, inquired at the flight school and took my first discovery flight that day."

She considers her flying a gift from God. Her book is titled When We Move to Heaven.

Sale of Champions Totals \$363,882

The Northeast Texas Livestock Association has announced the final total of \$363,882 for the 2017 HCJMLS Sale of Champions held Saturday February 25th. This will be the 6th



Parris Pickett won Intermediate Showmanship and is one of the many youths involved in this show and sale.

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A total of 125 youth from FFA & 4-H chapters all over Hopkins County earned the right to participate in the Sale of Champions.

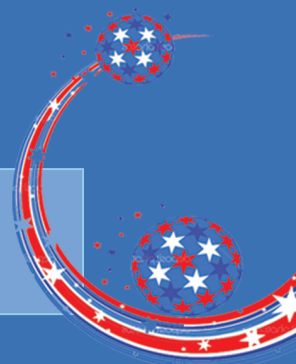
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