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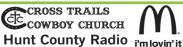


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Entertainment Schedule

~Bud Light Stage on the Square~ Admission is FREE

Friday, September 22

5:00 - 6:00pm Panimation 6:00 - 7:30pm Cross Trails Band

8:00 - 10:00pm Jacoby Smith and Moonlight Twang

Saturday, September 24

10:45 - 11:00am **Opening Ceremonies** announcement of 5K, Parade & Pageant Winners Dixieland Band 11:00am - noon 12:30 - 2:00pm The Blandelles 2:00 - 2:30 pm Commerce Idol Winners 2:45 - 3:15pm Li-Sher Dance Studio 3:30 - 4:30 pm Twisted Whiskey 5:00 - 6:00pm **Bad Moon Rising** 6:30 - 7:30pm Nevermind Zane Williams 8:30 - 10:00pm zanewilliamsmusic.com

> **Commerce Fire Department**

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~Times are approximate

Enjoy Games & Thrill Rides at the

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For golf, pageant, 5K, and parade entry forms, please go to commerce-chamber.com or boisdarc-bash.com or call 903.886.3950

Friday, September 22

27th Annual Bash Golf Tournament Sand Hills CC 7am - 11:30am & 12:30pm - 5pm

Commerce Leadership Institute Barbecue 5 - 8pm on the square

Live Music - 5 - 10:00pm

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

Saturday, September 23

CCC Motorcycle Bash Ride, meet 7:30am by City Park, leave - 8:00am

Superhero 5K Run/Walk - 7:00am Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 - 10am

> Vendor Booths Open - 9am - 6pm **East Texas Model Railroad Club**

(Pecan Street) - 9am-5pm Bois d'Arc Bash Parade - 10am

Opening Ceremonies - 10:45 am Live Music - 11:00am - 10:00pm

Carnival - 11:00am - midnight

Aglaia Duck Pluck - 12 noon

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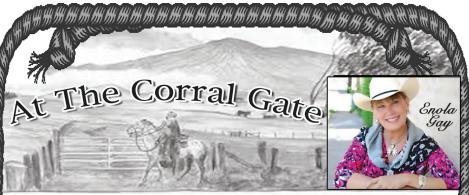
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This week's article is all about people I've recently met, talked to or snapped a photo of. Amazing that people will let you take their picture if **b** you just ask them! Once in a great while I run into somebody who's " unsporting enough to not want their picture taken, but it's quite seldom.

In walking downtown Sulphur Springs, I ran into my cute friend Gina just coming out of her storefront on Connally Street, and we laughed and chatted about what we're each up to these days. Then up walks the barber Don Deaton and I said "Hi Don", and Gina said "Hi Daddy". Daddy? Turns our that Don is Gina's dad and she told me she was practically raised on Connally Street. Well, I guess she was! Her dad's Deaton Barber Shop was

right next to the Mission Theater, and I can just imagine the fun she must have had hanging out downtown back in her childhood, only a few short years ago! And, if you haven't seen Don Deaton lately, he still looks the same. Hasn't aged a bit. Even though Deaton's and the Mission are both gone from the scene, Don's still barbering on Mondays at Briley's Barber Shop just across the square on Jefferson Street.



Dad and daughter Don **Deaton and Gina Deaton Law**

This local pastor is putting on his second "Fruit of the Spirit" Awards Banquet this Saturday September 16 at the Sulphur Springs High School. He will present nine specific spiritual awards to deserving individuals who serve their community. A tenth award will go to a local media organization which has served the community continuously for seventy years, since 1947. It's address is 1230 on the AM dial, if that gives you any clue!



Duffy C.J. **Pastor Colorblind Ministries**

The Hopkins County Healthcare Foundation is a separate entity from the local hospital, but serves it through fundraising efforts. Last year's Lights of Life campaign raised \$ for an Anti-Gravity Treadmill for patients who cannot bear weight on their legs to get exercise, as well as a "Giraffe" Omni Bed for preemies and newborns born earlier than 32 weeks, so that they can stay near home and family during their first crucial weeks of life. These two additions to Christus Mother Frances Hospital have proven indispensable. The 2018 goal is \$400,000 and the wish list includes eight carefully selected items. Plan to go to the Lights of Life Style Show sponsored by Lou Nell's Fashions and the Lights of Life Gala in January 2018. Your ticket purchases and personal donations make these important purchases possible.

Carrie Crowson, owner of Lou Nell's Fashions and Meredith Caddell, Executive Director of the **Healthcare Foundation**

The successful Quilt Show held in Sulphur Springs each September is not the only accomplishment of this talented visionary. Billie Ruth Standbridge helped form the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild about 20 years ago, and it's annual Quilt Show event brings in hundreds of visitors each September.. "B.R." is also responsible for getting momentum started to form the Sulphur Springs Downtown Business Alliance. She remains an active member of both organizations. Meet her at the Quilt Show on September 15 and 16, 2017 at The downtown Sulphur Springs



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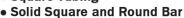
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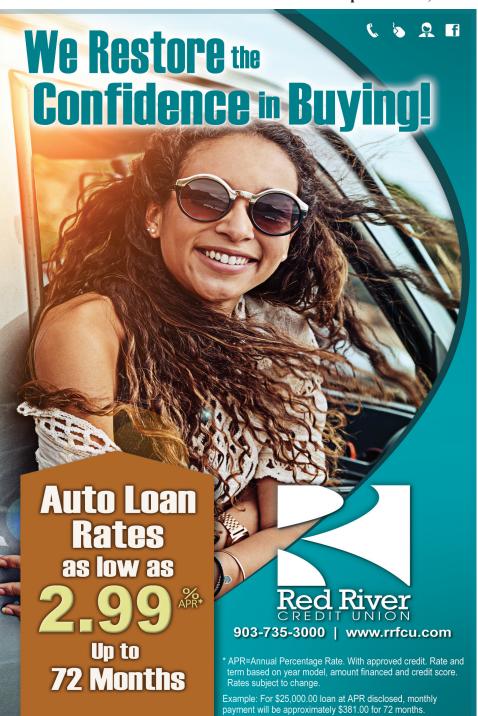




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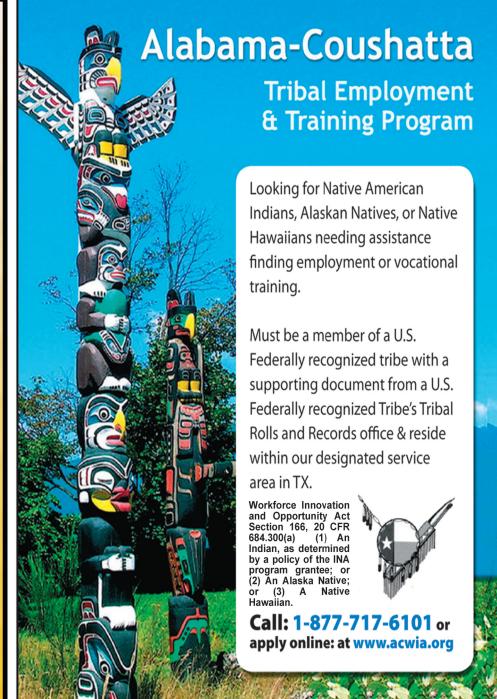
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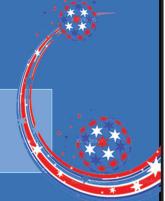
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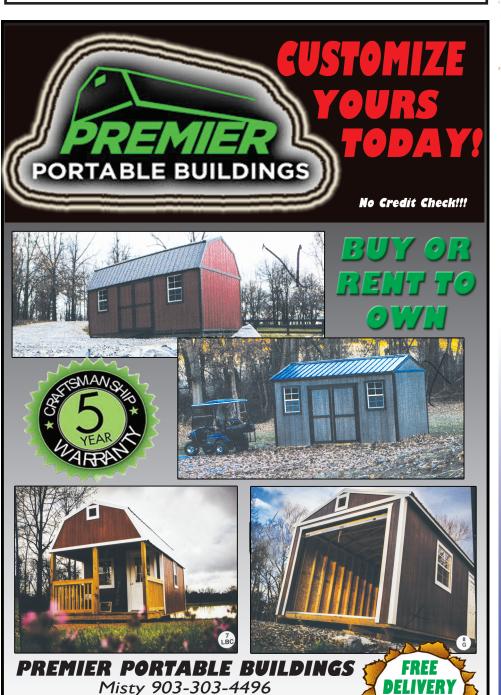
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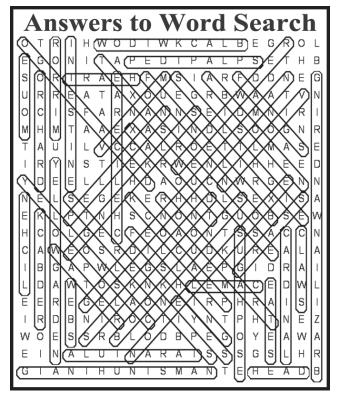
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A BOOK ABOUT THE BALLOON LADY

Tumbleweed Smith



About fifteen years ago I had a call from a woman who was writing an article for a major magazine about Mrs. Constance Wolf of Bluebell, Pennsylvania. In 1961, Mrs. Wolf set a number of world balloon records when she stayed aloft for some forty hours on a flight that originated in Big Spring. She said her mission was to take the record of women's free balloon flight away from the Russians. I was news director of a radio station in Big Spring

then and accompanied her ground crew on that adventure and reported on the progress of the flight to the nation.

What got people involved in following this 56 year old grandmother was the fact that we in the ground crew never saw her balloon after it left Big Spring, even though we were reporting on sightings we picked up from airports, news media and law enforcement agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma. We were watching the clock and late in the flight I reported, "if Mrs. Wolf is still in the air, she has broken the Russian record." The uncertainty of whether Mrs. Wolf was still up there became a major story and attracted listeners and readers across the USA. It was the biggest story I've ever covered. She landed safely in a field near Boley, Oklahoma and broke the Russian record by four hours. Mrs. Wolf

and I corresponded by mail until her death.

A few weeks ago I received a call from that same woman who had contacted me years ago. She is Jeanne Marie Laskas, who has written books that appear on the New York Times bestseller list. She wrote the book CONCUSSION about football injuries, which was made into a major movie starring Will Smith. She has won numerous writing and journalism awards for her work that has appeared in Esquire, The New Yorker, the Smithsonian, GQ, the Washington Post Magazine and others. She heads up the writing program at the University of Pittsburgh. She is writing a She previously wrote a book titled THE book about Mrs. Wolf. BALLOON LADY AND OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW.

She sent two researchers down to interview me and to look at the material I have about Mrs. Wolf and her flight. One of them recorded my every word from hello to goodbye. Since the book will have an accompanying audio feature, the girl with the mike and recorder had me read some of the reports that I had sent to the station during the flight. They had me take them to the former Hamilton Flying Field, the place where the balloon launch occurred and to the site of the motel where Mrs. Wolf stayed.

I didn't know it at the time, but Mrs. Wolf was extremely prominent in Philadelphia society. She and her husband, an attorney who was a general in the armed services, had lavish parties on their estate. Occasionally they would require guests to arrive in their airplanes. Mrs. Wolf's balloon was used in the movie AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS. Among other honors, she was the first woman to fly a balloon over the Alps. The researchers said I was the only person they had interviewed who actually knew Mrs. Wolf. They brought with them copies of letters I had written to the woman balloonist over the years. I still have some of her letters to me.

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Montez Temple

Montez Temple, age 93 of Winnsboro, passed away on Friday, September 8th, 2017, in Winnsboro. She was born on June 21st, 1924, in Seagraves to the late Ebenezer Wilcox and Luria Olie Jane Wilcox. She was a member of the Winnsboro Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses' and spent her life as homemaker wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Larry Powell. She is survived by: husband, Bobby Temple of Winnsboro; Daughter, Susan White of Forney; seven grandchildren and several great

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 2:00 pm. A private interment attended by family was held at Harmony Cemetery in Winnsboro.



Anna Mae Stephens

Anna Mae Stephens of Winnsboro Texas passed away September 9, 2017, in Mt Vernon Texas at the age of 92. The oldest of three, Anna Mae was born July 23, 1925, in Olathe, Kansas to the late Charles and Edith Radcliff. She was raised in Chillicothe, Missouri, graduating from Chillicothe High School. Upon graduation, she went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone

Company. She married Cpl. Donald Vernon Stephens on February 27, 1945 in Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas

Anna Mae worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and United Telephone Company for 20 years, was a homemaker and mother of five. She retired from K-Mart in Houston Texas in 1982, moving to Winnsboro. She was a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents Charles Raymond and Edith Emma (Schumacher) Radcliff, her husband of 59 years Donald Vernon Stephens, Sr, granddaughter Tammy Lynn Register, son Donald Vernon Stephens, Jr. and, sister-in-law Betty Radcliff

Survivors include: daughter-in-law Mary Stephens of Moore Oklahoma, sons and daughters-in-law Charles and Barbara Stephens of Winnsboro, Texas, Robert and Kitty Stephens of Winnsboro, Texas, daughters and sons-in-law Edith Ann and Gomer Gray of Winnsboro, Texas, and Margaret Louise and Raymond Kremer of White Rock New Mexico. Also, a sister and brother-in-law Esther and Kenneth Scholle of Smithville, Missouri and a brother Raymond Radcliff of Chillicothe, Missouri.

She is also survived by 25 grandchildren including spouses, 27 greatgrandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter.

Family will receive friends at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro on Friday evening between 6 and 8 PM. Memorial service will be held Saturday morning, September 16 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro, Texas at 10 AM with Brother David Taylor officiating. Interment will be at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro, Texas, following the memorial service.

Pallbearers are: Melissa Brown, Selene Musslewhite, Rebecca Gilbreath, Stacy Stephens, Don Stephens III, Charles Stephens Jr, Shawn Stephens, Eric Stephens, James Gray, Clint Stephens, Joseph Stephens, Patrick Stephens, Logan Stephens, and Dakota Payton.



Bessie Justiss Cason

Bessie Justiss Cason was born at the cotton gin at Snow Hill, TX, on February 7, 1915. She married Olin Eugene Cason on November 17, 1946. Bessie passed from this life on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the age of 102.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Willie Justiss; her husband, Eugene; and her 11 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Scott, and wife Arlene, of Tom Bean, TX: daughter, Lowe Ann, and husband Gerald, of Winnsboro, TX; and daughter Carolyn, of Hallsville, TX, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Thelma Justiss; brother-in-law, Jimmy D. Teague; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Snow Hill Cemetery between Mount Pleasant and Dangerfield, TX, on Hwy 49.



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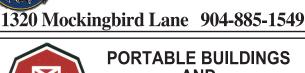
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