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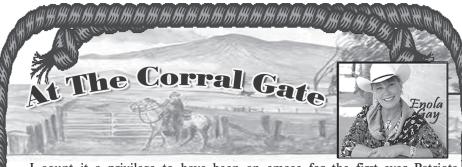




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I count it a privilege to have been an emcee for the first-ever Patriots Sporting Challenge held recently at the Links at Lands End near Lake Fork in

The trilogy of sporting competitions brought in over forty four-man teams who took advantage of the great fishing, golfing and shooting facilities in the mmediate area of Land's End. Between team entry fees, sponsor pledges and generous donations from individuals, a nice sum will be donated to Folds of Honor, a nationwide Veteran's organization which helps provide scholarships for education for spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans. NE Texas now has a brand new chapter with this first-ever successful fundraising event under it's belt. Plans for the 2018 Patriot's Sporting Challenge are already in the works.

Of course, a fishing tournament has to offer fish for competitors to eat. For ome reason or other, firefighters seem to be the best disposed humans at frying fish. I don't question this, I applaud it. I talked to members of the two

fish-frying Volunteer Fire Departments and learned a lot.

The Land's End Volunteer Fire Station is just down CR 1970 from the main entrance of Links at Lands End Golf Course. The department is 12 years old with about fifteen members currently. I talked to Fire Chief Rick Nichols who's been with the department for six years. Along with a career with Southwestern Bell as a supervisor, he previously served with the VFD in Combine, Texas before his retirement move to the lake. Chief Nichols and members take pride in their well-equipped department. They have purchased eight fire trucks themselves with funds they raised, and most recently acquired a brand new truck by means of a partial grant.

There are twelve fire departments in Wood County, with three under private

contract. Lands End VFD is one of the privately-contracted entities.

When it comes to fish, these firemen like setting up and cooking for people and their work is in fairly steady demand. The fry-cooks were Carey Endridge and Ken Stribling, both 12-year members, Quin Marston who joined the department a year and a half ago, and Robert Ukleja who came on as a greenhorn one month ago. The team acted as a well-oiled machine,

turning out platters of delicious golden brown fish and hushpuppies for a great crowd of Patriot Sporting Challenge diners.



The Yantis Volunteer Fire Department cooking team is headed up by three brothers, Rodney, Wesley and Nathan Crist. They also have another brother, Rudy. Along with their mom Myra Crist, their wives, children and grandchildren, this family presents a formidable crowd of experienced fish-fry cooks. Their late father Wendell Crist was a founding member of the Yantis VFD which he helped form over fifty years ago in 1964. Wendell started the family cooking tradition and in doing so, he instilled a love of serving the community in his sons. The tradition has stayed strong, now with four generations of Crists who help out at most of the fish frys they are called upon to do. In fact, the family team took on two major outdoor cooking gigs in one day...the World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest in the morning, and the Patriots Sporting Challenge that same evening.

Besides being a firefighter, Rodney Crist is a minister. During his Army service, he was a chaplain and became pastor of County Line Baptist Church at Yantis 13 years ago. He credits his dad Wendell with teaching his family to adopt Jesus' commandment to "feed my sheep" and take it personally. Besides cooking fish for fire department events, they cook for church youth groups and for the Holy Highway Girls Home fundraiser each spring. Rodney is following his father's example by teaching his family outdoor cooking skills. His wife Debbie Carden Crist provides support at the campsite along with his mother-in-law Shirley Whittiker Carden, his uncle Robert Carden, nephews and grandchildren with the youngest age 5 months.



Four generations Of Honor



Shirley Carden, Roberta Carden (Uncle) and Robert Carden (Nephew)

Wesley Crist is Chief of the 12-member Yantis Fire Department. Mark Coker is Assistant Chief. Wesley joined the department when he was 15 years old and recently celebrated his 40th year of service. His mom Myra is the oldest living member of the department. His firefighting sons are John Wade Crist and Josh Crist.. His daughter Jennifer Crist is also a firefighter and his wife Debra is always on hand for anything the department does. Their daughters-in-law and m grandchildren attend most every cooking function the department does.

Debbie Carden Crist, Ralyn



THE THE THE THE THE PASS AND THE TASK AND

Wesley Crist **Team**



Meeting people like this does my heart good. They really love doing something good for their neighbors and the entire community, and there's just not enough people like that anymore. Til next week, let's count our blessings and remember to thank people who do nice things in small and large ways. I'll watch for you at the corral gate.

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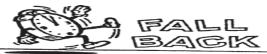
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FAMOUS TEXANS Miranda Lamberd

Country Music Singer Miranda Leigh Lambert (born November 10, 1983) is an American

singer and songwriter. Outside her solo career, she is a member of the Pistol Annies alongside Ashley Monroe and Angaleena Presley. Lambert has been honored by the Grammy Awards, the Academy of Country Music Awards, and the

Country Music Association Awards.

Lambert's debut album Kerosene (2005) was certified Platinum in the United States, and produced the singles "Me

and Charlie Talking", "Bring Me Down", "Kerosene", and "New Strings". All four singles reached the top 40 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs. Her second album, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, was released in early 2007. Three of its singles—"Famous in a Small Town", "Gunpowder & Lead", and "More Like Her")—peaked within the top 20 on the country songs chart, with "Gunpowder & Lead" becoming her first top 10 entry in July 2008. Her third album, Revolution, was released in September 2009. Two of its songs-"The House That Built Me" and Heart Like Mine"—topped the Hot Country Songs chart.

2011's Four the Record, included the singles "Baggage Claim", "Over You", "Fastest Girl in Fown", "Mama's Broken Heart", and "All Kinds of Kinds". Lambert released her fifth album, 'Platinum", in 2014. The record won the Grammy Award for Best Country Album, and the album's lead single "Automatic" reached top 5 on the Country charts. Her sixth studio album, The Weight of These Wings, was released on November 18, 2016. Early life

Miranda Leigh Lambert was born November 10, 1983, in Longview, Texas, and was raised in Lindale, Texas. She was named after her great-grandmother, Lucy Miranda. Her father, Rick Lambert, was a police officer who played in a country-rock group called Contraband in the 1970s. He later became a private investigator in partnership with Miranda's mother, Beverly. She has English, Irish and Native American ancestry.

While still in high school, Lambert made her professional singing debut with "The Texas Pride Band". She also fronted the house band at the Reo Palm Isle in Longview, Texas, a longrunning venue that had presented legends such as Elvis Presley and Willie Nelson, and the place where Brooks & Dunn started out as the house band.

In 2002, Dusty Meador hired Miranda to perform at Tye Phelps' country music restaurant

and venue "Love And War in Texas". Miranda continued to perform around the Texas Music Scene opening for Cooder Graw, Kevin Fowler and Jack Ingram. In 2003 she auditioned for the talent competition Nashville Star, where she earned a third-place finish behind Buddy Jewell and John Arthur Martinez. During her 9-week stay on Nashville Star Miranda caught the attention of the show's judge and Sony Record executive, Tracy Gershon, who later convinced the label to sign her to their label.

2004–2008: Kerosene and Crazy Ex- Girlfriend

On September 15, 2003, she signed with Epic Records. Her debut single, "Me and Charlie Talking", co-written by her father and Heather Little, was released in summer of 2004 as the lead single to her debut album. Titled Kerosene, Lambert's first album comprised 12 songs, 11 of which she wrote or co-wrote. The album debuted at number one on the Billboard Top Country Albums charts, and eventually gained a Platinum certification by the RIAA for shipments of over one million copies, selling more than 930,000 copies up to July 2008. Overall, the album produced four Top 40 singles on the Billboard country charts, including the title track which as a Top 20 hit. Lambert also toured with Keith Urban and George Strait in early 2006. In 2007, she toured with Dierks Bentley and Toby Keith.

Lambert's second album, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, was released on May 9, 2007. She wrote eight of the album's 11 tracks, including its four singles. Much of the track "Gunpowder & Lead," the album's third single and her highest-charting single, was written while she was taking a concealed handgun class in her home town. Fady Joudah of The New Yorker said the album proved she has talent and charisma on a par with Dolly Parton, another blond beauty who was once

In 2005, at the 40th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Lambert won the Cover Girl "Fresh Face of Country Music Award". She was also nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award in 2005; in 2007, Lambert also received a Grammy Award nomination for Best Female Country Vocal Performance for her single "Kerosene". She also won the Top New Female Vocalist award at the 2007 ACM (Academy of Country Music) Awards. At the 2008 ACM (Academy of Country Music) Awards, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend won Album of the Year.

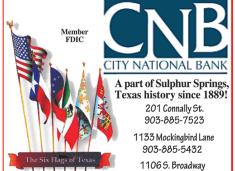
Lambert released her third album, Revolution, on September 29, 2009. She co-wrote 11 of the album's 15 tracks; the album also includes co-writes from Dave Haywood and Charles Kelley of Lady Antebellum and Blake Shelton.

Revolution received significant critical praise on its release. At Metacritic, which assigns a normalized rating out of 100 to reviews from mainstream critics, the album received an average score of 85, based on 11 reviews, which indicates "universal acclaim". Rolling Stone magazine praised the album saying, "Lambert remains country's most refreshing act, and not just because she makes firearms seem like a matter-of-fact female accessory." Entertainment Weekly said, She's found stylistic shades of songwriters twice her age..." and the album is "...a portrait of an artist in full possession of her powers, and the best mainstream-country album so far this year.' Boston Globe commented that "Revolution" is the sound of Miranda Lambert coming into her own." Slant magazine praised the album saying, "Miranda Lambert expands on her fascinating, fully realized artistic persona ...'

Lambert debuted her new single, "Dead Flowers", at the 44th annual Academy of Country Music Awards on April 5, 2009. It was released on May 4, 2009, and was a minor Top 40 hit on the charts. The album's second single, "White Liar", was released on August 17, 2009, and debuted at No. 50 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. In February 2010, "White Liar" became Lambert's first Top Five hit, reaching a peak of No. 2 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. "The House That Built Me," the album's third single, was released on March 8, 2010 and became a No. 1 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. It stayed there for four weeks, and received platinum certification from the RIAA on July 8, 2010. "Only Prettier" followed as the album's fourth single in July 2010 and its accompanying music video

went viral. The music video for "Only Prettier" featured cameo appearances by fellow country artists Kellie Pickler, Laura Bell Bundy, and Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum. In December 2010, "Only Prettier" reached a peak of number 12 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, giving Lambert her seventh Top 20 hit. "Heart Like Mine" was released in January 2011 as the fifth and final single from Revolution. It became Lambert's second Number One hit on the country charts for the chart dated May 28,

On September 1, 2010, it was announced that Lambert had received a record-setting 9 CMA award nominations.



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THE IDLE AMERICAN: Getting Out More Often...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

to "get out more often."

many times in a spirit of good restoration!...

by generations--urges others "fit." As long as folks can the spirit of players, coaches 'get out," predictable results and fans. It was "whisper

however, the more important school homecoming football songs, and at midfield, the it is to seriously consider game; it triggered reminders host cheerleaders presented

Answers

The admonition--one made such suggestions. They likely of yesteryear. We "drank in" wheels.... I've made such suggestions include both invigoration and quiet" as a student voiced a the mums we saw were prayer over the loudspeaker. Reverence continued The older one gets, We recently attended a high the bands played school "welcome gifts" to their visiting counterparts.

There was a spirit of gratefulness for our nation. There was no reluctance on the sidelines by players and coaches to stand at rapt attention when the National Anthem was played. As the final notes faded into the night, fans applauded generously as the game began.

Every pre-game aspect seemed to be a throwback to the 1950s. There was, however, one notable difference. Homecoming mums, steadily becoming larger over the years, were huge. If the absolute size limit isn't reached soon, each mum will be carried--not worn--by two--maybe three--co-eds. Ultimately, they may be on

I'm serious. Some of crying out loud.

outlining the State of Texas.

strapped on, big enough to size. State troopers could field was level. Too oftenserve as flotation devices. have hidden behind them, and -particularly Some wearers wobbled as if anyone needed to change times--football fields are they walked, barely able to clothes, some were plenty tilted greatly in both the hoist the giant corsages that big enough to assure total collegiate and professional were constructed on a frame preservation of modesty.

Mums aside, however, it They had blinking lights, for was a good evening. And in this setting, we could be Some seemed billboard reasonably sure the playing

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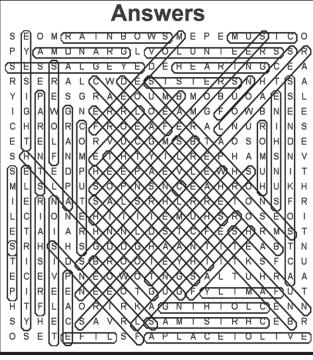
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SWEET POTATO ROYALTY IN GILMER

Tumbleweed Smith



We arrived in Gilmer the day before I was to keynote the all service club luncheon to kickoff the activities surrounding Yamboree, one of the largest festivals in Texas. It attracts upwards of 100,000 people. One of our hosts gave us tickets to the coronation of Queen Yam. I really didn't know what to expect, since Gilmer has a population of around 5,000.

As usually happens in small towns, the event exceeded my expectations by about a thousand percent. It was true pomp and circumstance on a par with a royal wedding or coronation in England. The queen and her court were presented along with a series of Duchesses, the Noble Order of the Garter and the Bearer of the Royal Scepter. Court dancers provided entertainment.

All princesses had a royal promenade around the packed auditorium and when it came time for Queen Madison Lee of the House of Dean to make her appearance, the crowd showed its appreciation with quiet respect. You could almost hear the smiles breaking across faces and heads nodding up and down. It was an elegant evening. The queen's train was at least twenty feet long. Four train guards managed the folds of material.

The coronation lasted more than two hours and the entire event was repeated the following night to accommodate the people who wanted to

This is the 80th year for Yamboree. It was started in 1935, the same year Johnny Mathis was born in Gilmer. It was canceled for two years during WWII. The reason for the celebration is of course the sweet potato, a major crop in 1935 when the state encouraged communities to stage some sort of event for the state's centennial in 1936. A huge carnival takes place downtown and there are numerous contests involving yam pie and other delicacies made from the vegetable. Booths offer all kinds of merchandise and there is an antique auto show. The program listing all the events is a narrow booklet with 140 pages.

Modest stands offering sweet potatoes for sale line the streets leading downtown. Schools turn out the Thursday and Friday of Yamboree weekend because kids are showing their animals in the livestock barn.

When I was asked to speak at the all service club luncheon I had no idea it was the event where US presidents, Texas governors, heads of major industries and other prominent people have graced the podium. The crowd filled the high school gymnasium and the entire experience was a humbling one for me.

I did manage to interview some yam farmers, the president of the Yamboree Brandon Garmon and of course, Queen Yam Madison Lee Dean. Joyce Raabe is in charge of judging the yam pie contest. She told me no spices are allowed in the preparation of the pies. "It must be just sweet potato." Judges are from out of town.



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Jerome Savage

Memorial service for Jerome Savage, age 86, of Sulphur Springs,TX was held at 4 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of League Street Church of Christ on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Visitation was held at 3:00 P.M. prior to the service. Mr. Savage passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Sulphur Springs, Texas.



Stephen Timko

Memorial service for Stephen Timko, age 49, of Sulphur Springs,TX were held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Justin Wilson officiating Mr. Timko passed away on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas.

Stephen Ralph Timko Jr. was born on December 13, 1967 in Cedar Rapids, IA to Stephen Ralph Timko Sr. and Susan (Perkins) Fry. Stephen served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy. He worked at Saputo at the time of his passing. He is survived by his mother Susan Fry and husband, H.Wesley, of Yantis, TX; brothers, Jeff Timko and wife, Lori, of Sulphur Springs, TX, Rick Timko and wife, Linda Stoddard of Birthright, TX, Noah Ray and wife, Lisa of Sulphur Springs, TX; step-brother, Tristan Carmichael and wife Cindy of Gause, Texas; father, Stephen Timko Sr. and wife, Sandra of College Station, TX; grandmother, Helen Timko of Cedar Rapids, IA; nieces and nephews, Haley, Aden, Veronica, Valerie;

numerous aunts and uncles.

Stephen was preceded in death by two aunts and two uncles.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Michael Lyn Hrabal

Michael Lyn Hrabal, age 66, of Sulphur Springs, TX passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Tyler, Texas. There are no services planned. Memorials can be made for Michael Hrabal in care of Kim Hrabal, Wife, account at Alliance Bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Charles Walter Allen

Funeral service for Charles Walter Allen, age 74, of Point, were held Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, 2:00 pm, at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Gary Lankford officiated. The men bearing the casket on service day were: Lee Allen, Christopher Hussey, Bennett Hussey, Dalton Sears, Robert Dale Thompson, and Don Mark Connelly. Visitation was one hour prior to the service, at 1:00 pm. Mr. Allen passed away at his residence on Sunday morning.

He was born in Dallas, Jan. 6, 1943, to Walter August and Willie Mae Richardson Allen. During his working career, he was a fire sprinkler engineer. Charles married Anna Faye Rivers in Wylie on June 23, 1962.

Those left to cherish his memory are: Wife: Anna Rivers Allen of Point, Sons: John Walter Allen (Billie Jody) of Haughton, LA; and, Russell Lee Allen of Point, Daughters: Anna Kipp (Paul) of TN; and, Dana Allen Smith (Mark) of Emory, Grandchildren: Robert Dale Thompson, Jr., Walter Lee Allen, Kayla Caskey, Dalton B. Sears; Christopher Hussey; Alexandra Hussey; and, Bennett Hussey, Great-grandchildren: Jon Tyler Thompson, Juliet Thompson, Hayden Sears, and, Bennett Hussey, Great-grandson: Dustin Lee Thompson.

Preceded in death by: Parents; Grandsons: Dustin Bill Allen; and Payden Sears.



Rozell "Sissy" Putman-Campbell

Funeral service for Rozell "Sissy" Putman-Campbell, age 65, of Dike,TX were held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Weaver Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Friday officiating. Interment followed at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Kevin Putman, Kurtis Putman, Tim Cotten, Frankie Huie, CJ Douglas, Kyle Putman, Brad Hauerwas and Dale Smith serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel from 6 to 8 P.M. on Monday, October 30, 2017. Ms. Campbell passed away on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Dallas, Texas

Rozell "Sissy" Putman-Campbell was born on July 27, 1952 in Sulphur Springs to Louie D and Onita (Young) Putman. She married Brodie Campbell who preceded her in death. Rozell retired from Sterling House. She was of the Baptist Faith. Rozell is survived by her daughter, Anita Lynn Smith and husband, Ray of Antlers, OK; sons, Lesley Simmons and wife,

Destiny of Dike, Jason Jewell and Amber Blevins of Mt. Vernon; brothers, Lewis Putman of Commerce, Ricky Cowan of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, C.J. Douglas, Arlee Simmons, Addee Simmons, Aynslee Simmons, Hailey Blevins, Kourtney Blevins; great grandchildren, Haven Douglas, Benji Parson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Helen Carter and Linda Putman.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Carl Elmo Anderson

Funeral services for Carl Elmo Anderson, age 86, of Sulphur Springs,TX were held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. David Hamm officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Kris Anderson, Jeremy Cruz, Darren Renshaw, Pat Potts, Otis Walls and Bo Potts serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Friday, October 27, 2017 Mr. Anderson passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Dallas, Texas.

Carl Elmo Anderson was born on August 21, 1931 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Carl and Vesta Pearl (Vickers) Anderson. He married Patsy Pearl Irby on July 21, 1952 and she preceded him in death in 2005. He married Louise Potts on December 29,

2006. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. Carl was a member of Freedom Church of God and sang in the choir. He retired from Jorgenson Steel as a purchasing agent.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; son, Kevin Anderson and wife, Suzie; grandchildren, Kris Anderson and wife, Ali, Jordan Cruz and husband, Jeremy; great grandchildren, Kutter Anderson, Willow Anderson, Meadow Cruz, Riley Anderson; step-grandchildren; Brandon Walls and wife, Mary, Marisa Nixon and husband, Matt.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; son, Philip Anderson and grandson, Ian Anderson.

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