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The Freedom Ball is coming up on April 7 at Cedar Canyon Event Center just south of Sulphur Springs on Hwy 154. Mandy and Joe Kennedy's initial idea of recruiting help from the community for upkeep and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial turned into a dinner-and-dancing black-tie event. And military uniform is optional, so if yours still fits, get it



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Mandy Kennedy for Freedom Ball

This happy lady is the winner of the Quilt Raffle which is part of ongoing fundraising for a new Senior Citizens Building. Majel Reddick took home the handmade quilt, a project of members of the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild. Congratulations Majel! She is a local author and a frequent patron of Senior Citizen activities. Oh, speaking of the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild, this club is celebrating it's 20th anniversary! Celebrate with them at the monthly meeting Monday, March 26 at 5:30pm for refreshments and the program and business meeting at 6pm. Location? The Sulphur Springs Senior Citizens Center!

Majel Reddick



Spring Break allowed me an opportunity to get to the Ft. Worth Stockyards, my favorite place to visit! Here's Dante and Dorian, my grandsons who were born in Italy but got to Texas as soon as they could. The twins attend school in Allen, Texas. Although they passed on actually riding the Longhorn steer, they didn't mind posing for a photo amidst the colorful surroundings of the Stockyards.



Dante and Dorian Zapata

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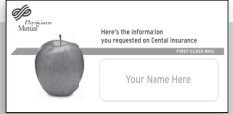
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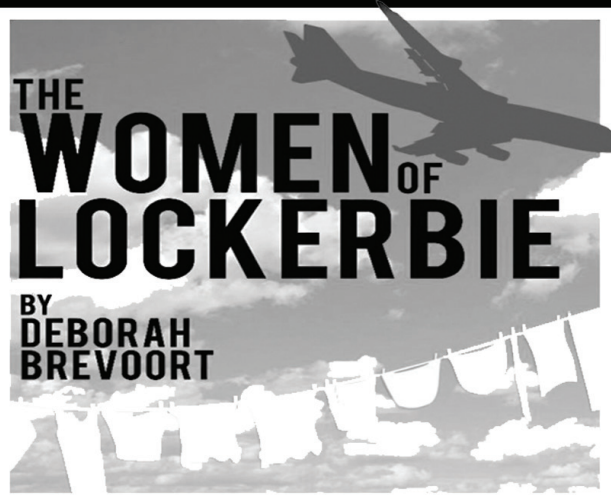
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Cole Dickson Beasley (born April 26, 1989) is an American football wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. He was signed by the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 2012. He played college football at Southern Methodist University.

Beasley attended Little Elm High School, where he was an option quarterback, leading the Lobos to the Texas UIL-4A playoffs in consecutive years. He was a district co-MVP, posting 1,184 rushing yards, 12 rushing touchdowns, 1,570 passing yards, and 12 touchdowns. He was rated as a two-star recruit by Rivals.com.

COLLEGE CAREER

Beasley accepted a scholarship from Southern Methodist University, where he was converted into a wide receiver, playing in 11 games with 7 starts as a freshman, while finishing third on the team with 42 receptions for 366 yards and 3 touchdowns.

As a sophomore, he started 7 games, making 40 receptions (fourth on the team), 493 yards and 3 touchdowns. SMU would win the 2009 Hawaii Bowl marking the first bowl invite since the so-called death penalty.

As a junior, he posted 87 receptions (second for a single-season in school history), 1,060 yards and 6 touchdowns.

As a senior, he registered 86 receptions for 1,040 yards (second on the team) and 2 touchdowns.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2012 season

Beasley went undrafted in the 2012 NFL Draft because of his size and was signed by the Dallas Cowboys. He left abruptly during training camp, stating he was dealing with "personal stuff", and even considered retiring from professional football. He went on to have a sudden change of heart, returning and making the final 53-man roster. In 10 games of his rookie year, he made 15 receptions for 98 receiving yards.

2013 season

Beasley found ways to be productive while being surrounded by a solid corps of wide receivers, having the highest completion percentage of any receiver in the NFL with more than 10 targets. He was targeted by quarterback Tony Romo on third down, especially in spread formations. Much of this became attributed to Beasley's very good route running. He posted 39 receptions for 368 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns. He also returned 10 punts for 68 yards, along with one kickoff for 11 yards.

2014 season

He posted 37 receptions (fourth on the team), 420 yards (fourth on the team) and 4 touchdowns. He averaged nearly 50 yards per game during the final six contests of the season. In the Wild Card playoff win against the Detroit Lions he made 4 catches - three for first downs- for 63 yards and recovered a critical Romo fumble.

2015 season

On March 3, the Cowboys signed Beasley for an additional 4 years, with a total contract value of \$13.6 million. With leading receiver Dez Bryant injured for most of the season, he finished with 52 receptions (tied for second on the team) for 537 receiving yards and 5 receiving touchdowns (led the team), while playing with 4 different starting quarterbacks with varying degrees of knowledge of the team's offense.

At the beginning of the year he was used to fill in as a punt returner, due to his ball security ability.

He was eventually replaced by rookie Lucky Whitehead after having poor return averages and a critical muffed punt in a loss against the New York Giants.

2016 season

Beasley posted career highs in receptions and yards, catching 75 passes for 833 yards and 5 touchdowns on 98 targets. His 76.5% catch rate ranked second among NFL wide receivers in 2016.

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Joe Askew Williamson, 85, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018. Joe was born on December 13, 1932 in Sulphur Springs, the son of the late George H. and Zoline Askew Williamson. His ancestors were early settlers in Hopkins County and helped organize the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs

Joe graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1950. He earned a degree in Economics from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A&M) in 1954.

He was a proud member of the Fightn' Texas Aggie Band. He remained an avid supporter of all things Texas A&M throughout his life. Joe married Ann Ashcroft in 1952. Following graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He served in the National Security Agency at Fort Deven, Ma. and Fort Meade, Md., and rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. Honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, he continued his service by serving in the National Guard. Subsequently and during the Berlin Conflict, he served his final time at Fort Polk, La.

Returning to Sulphur Springs, Joe was the Mobil Oil Corporation Consignee for over 20 years. He owned and operated, together with his wife, Ann, a travel agency, Travel House. He was also engaged in other business and property interests. He was a former member of the Kiwanis Club.

Joe always enjoyed participating in his three son's activities. He coached various sports teams and was a Boy Scout leader. He was instrumental in all three sons attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Joe was an avid fly fisherman. He loved his annual camping and fly-fishing trips to the Red Fork of the Powder River in Wyoming, with his group of fishing buddies. He especially enjoyed teaching his sons how to trotline at the country club lake. On his trips to Wyoming and with the scouts, he honed his skills in dutch oven cooking, leading him to be presented The John Chester Dutch Oven Legend Award for his service to the Dutch Oven Cooks of Hopkins County. His Blue Plate Special was an award winner in local and state dutch oven cook offs.

Joe is survived by sons, Dr. George Williamson, and wife Joyce, of Severna Park, Maryland, and Bill Williamson, and wife Cindy, of Allen, Texas. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Cole Williamson of Cibolo, Meagan Lee and husband, Garrett, of Fort Worth, Cary Williamson of Longview, Olivia, Lane and Grace Williamson of Severna Park, Maryland. He is also survived by two great grandchildren, Hudson and Hattie Lee of Fort Worth. Additionally, he is survived by a daughter in law, Regina Williamson of Longview, and three very special friends, Tommie Townsend, Teresa Vo, and Judy Gilreath. Joe is preceded in death by his wife, Ann, and son John.

Services will be held at Myra Wilson Chapel at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, with Reverend Fred Lewis and Reverend Fred Randles officiating. Interment will be in Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to service.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Cole Williamson and Cary Williamson, grandson in law, Garret Lee, cousin Joe Mack Gober, and long-time family friends, Norman Davis, Joe Reid Scott, Perry Altenbaumer, and David Machemal.

Honorary pallbearers are Ene Ashcroft, Mike Scott, James Bagwell, Jerry Bert Davis, Clyde Browning, Jon Patton, Fred Watson, Thich Vo, Tim Gee, Paul Cole, Eli Gonzales, and Ryan McKenzie.

Donations can be made to Myra Wilson Chapel, c/o Sulphur Springs City Cemetery, PO Box 651, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483.

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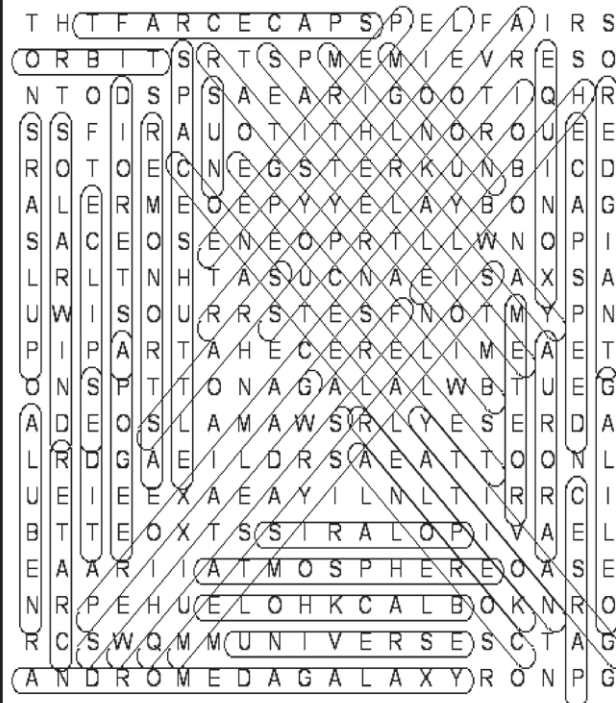
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When Willie Faye Garrett was a senior at an all black high school in Shelby County, her teacher became ill. When the teacher called in sick the principal asked her if she had anyone in her class who could take over for a couple of days. The teacher quickly said, “Willie Faye.” The principal concurred and Willie Faye took over the class.

“I taught for two weeks,” says Willie Faye. “I loved it. I think that might have sparked the idea of me wanting to become a teacher because of the way it felt. It felt good.”

Her first real teaching job was at Warren.

“It was an all black school with 4 rooms,” says Willie Faye. “That was a great school building. It was brick, had air conditioning, central heat and any other kind of convenience you could imagine. The kids really took to me. After school I’d sit on my front porch and grade papers and kids came over to visit. That was every day. It was a special time.”

The grandmother of one of the students was a good cook and found out what kind of food Willie Faye liked to eat.

“I love collard greens, candied yams, fried chicken and hot water cornbread. On Wednesdays, her day off, she’d bring me my favorite meal. I really started looking forward to Wednesdays. She had to drive some distance because she lived in Hillister, the next town up the road from Warren.”

There were 3 grades in one room at that school in Warren.

“They had school closing programs. And I wanted to see if these kids could do something big. These little 3rd, 4th and 5th graders put on a 3-act play. It was one hour long. We started rehearsals 6 weeks before school was out. They practiced at home and at the end of the school day. They mastered it.”

She was teaching in Woodville when segregation ended.

“My first year to teach an integrated class, one of the mothers did not want her little boy in my room. I told her she could put him in somebody else’s room. But the principal wouldn’t change it. That lady fell in line. Everything she thought I wanted she would get it for me. The next year she had another little boy and she specified him to be in my room.”

Willie Faye taught 52 years and now lives in San Augustine. She holds a degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and is one of the school’s distinguished alumni. She has won numerous teaching awards. Willie Faye sings gospel, jazz and patriotic songs at gatherings all over East Texas including professional sports arenas in Houston.

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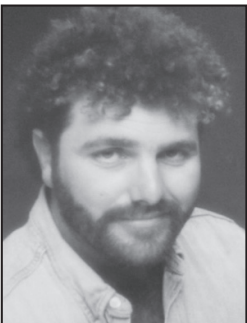
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Obits



Joe Williamson

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Sam Jackson

Graveside services for Sam Jackson, age 55, have been set for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2018 at North Hopkins Cemetery with Pastor Gerald Freeman officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Joc Capelli, Ricky Whitaker, Earnie Jackson, Justin Jackson, Justin Coggins, Toby Peterka. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Leelan Morelli and Josh McPherson. Visitation was scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Tapp Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Jackson passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018 at his residence in Sulphur Springs.

Sammy Joe Jackson was born August 13, 1962, the son of Jim Jackson and Mary Lindsey Jackson in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He married Dorene Matlock in Sulphur Springs on November 5, 2011. He worked in utility construction.

Survivors include his wife, Dorene Jackson; parents: Mary and Jim Jackson; daughters: Kristen McPherson and husband, Josh, Brittany Lampe and husband, Chris, Savannah Starek and husband, Mark and Ariel Peterka and husband, Toby; grandchildren:

Isabella Huddleston, Mikayla McPherson, Leelan Starek, Caston Carson, Lillymae Peterka, Addylun Peterka and Adamik Peterka; brothers: Clyde Jackson and Jay Jackson and sisters: Jimmie Marie Schmitt.

Margie Woods Pope

Graveside service for Margie Woods Pope, age 91, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Mt. Vernon City Cemetery with Gary Jordan officiating and Chad Mahand, Brian Alley, Zach Mahand and Brady Mahand serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Ms. Pope passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Carriage House Manor, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Memorials can be made to Wesley Methodist Church.

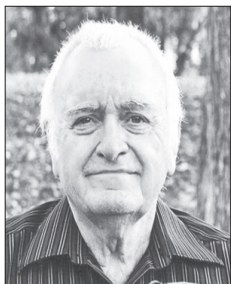
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Beth Johnson Beadles

Funeral service for Beth Beadles, age 76, of Como, TX will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with L.D. Baxley officiating. Interment will follow at Black Oak Cemetery with Mason Moss, Jay Scaff, Kyle Koon, Jake Steelman, Conner Brackhahn and Ty Hinton serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 PM on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Beadles passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Hopkins Place, Sulphur Springs.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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



Robert "Bob" Glover

Funeral service for Robert "Bob" Glover, age 79, of Como, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. Richard Teer officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Forest Academy Cemetery with Caleb Frazier, Colton Frazier, Jason Frazier, Dakota Hawkins, Greg Hawkins, and Jon Humphrey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Turk Morgan and Herbert Anderson. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Glover passed away Friday, March 16, 2018 at Carriage House Manor.

Robert "Bob" Glover was born October 1, 1938 in Como, TX, the son of Andrew Jackson Glover and Mary Louise (Hooten) Glover. He married Mary Jo Humphrey in Oklahoma on April 14, 1961. Mr. Glover served in the Army National Guard and

worked as a Welding Engineer for Cooper-Cameron.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Glover, of Como; daughter, Ruth Hawkins and husband, Greg, of Magnolia, TX; grandson, Dakota Hawkins; and sister, Eva Phillips.

Mr. Glover was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Jennifer Lee Glover.

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



Sherida R. Wright Smith

Funeral services for Sherida R. Wright Smith, age 57, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2018 at East Caney Baptist Church. Interment will follow at East Caney Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Sherida passed away on Friday, March 16, 2018 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

Angel Gwen Crosby

Graveside services for Angel Gwen Crosby, infant daughter of Amber Gwen Knighten and Elmer Jr. Crosby III were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 19, 2018 at St. Luke Cemetery.

Angel is survived by her parents, sisters, Ta'Kira Henderson, A'Ziyah Clough, Allyiah Crosby, brothers, Devin Crosby and King Crosby, grandparents, Latonya and Byron Knighten and Audra and Elmer Jr. Crosby II, and several aunts and uncles.

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