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Here's a story about this month's Jamboree guest Shanna Carter, the daughter of a couple who met there. Don and Charles Carter were teens when they appeared on the Reilly Springs Jamboree during it's heyday in the late 1950's. The Greenville lads sang and played country and the 'new rock-n-roll', frequent headlining the Saturday night shindigs. They were also heard on KSST radio broadcasts with the Shelton Brothers from the Reilly Springs Store. One night at the Jamboree, Don met Mary Beth Asbill, a member of The Asbill Trio of Emory. Mary Beth and her younger siblings Ruth Ann and Curtis performed gospel harmony with high energy while their dad Alton sang bass and mom Johnnie played rhythm guitar. A definite chemistry sprang up between Mary Beth and Don and in 1959 they married, harmoniously combining their talents in both music and in time, raising two children, Shanna and Terry.

In the 1960's, Rose was becoming a fashion designer as Don and Charles Carter were becoming well known in Nashville as songwriters. Charles was introduced to George Jones and hired as lead guitarist for George and Tammy's touring band in 1966. After the famous divorce in 1975, Charles remained with Tammy Wynette's band, anchoring the stage from the stool to her right for the remainder of her career. And Don's twenty-year songwriting career produced dozens of country songs. One of his million sellers was Jim Reeve's 'How Can I Write on Paper What I Feel in My Heart', placing at #7 on the country charts in 1961.

In later years, everyone relocated back to NE Texas. The brothers Don and Charles both live east of Dallas. Mary Beth (Rose) resides in Emory and still sings. Daughter Shanna Carter appears with her own band 'Walk the Line' around the Metroplex in the country and gospel genre, and she sings at Top Rail Cowboy Church in Greenville. Son Terry Carter plays piano and fiddle for Monty Tipps' Main Street Band and leads music at Daugherty Baptist church in Emory. For this musical family, it all started "one night at the Jamboree". Plan to start a tradition of your own by attending the May 19 Jamboree featuring Shanna and Walk the Line and songwriting musician newcomer Zac Clifton from the Austin area.

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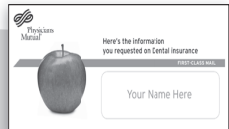
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Obits

Louise Yates

Private memorial service for Louise Yates, age 64, of Sulphur Springs, TX will be held at a later date. Mrs. Yates passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Carriage House, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Louise Marie Long Yates was born on December 23, 1953 in Dallas, Texas, to Sammie and Irene (Maske) Long. She married Gary Yates on December 12, 1970 in Dallas, Texas. Louise and Gary were the owners of G&L Truck Service. Louise served as a Texas Dixie Softball District Director 1994-2009. She was very instrumental in the growth of Dixie Softball in the state of Texas and was a Hall of Fame Member.

She is survived by her son, Danny Yates and wife, Bonnie; daughters, Denise Stephenson and husband, Robert, Diane Lawson and husband, Daniel of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Amber Yates, Christopher Yates, Steven Daehn, Miranda Daehn, Dakota Stephenson, Logan Stephenson, Erica Lawson, Daniel Lawson, Jr; sister Nancy McKee of Roseburg, Oregon.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband Gary and her parents.



Francis "Frank" Joseph Stringfellow, Jr.

Francis "Frank" Joseph Stringfellow, Jr., age 64, of Point, passed away Monday, April 30, 2018, in Plano, at Medical City Plano. Frank was born in Shreveport, LA, Nov. 25, 1953, to Francis Joseph and Carmelita Andries Stringfellow, Sr. Frank finished high school and some college, as well as, serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. During his working career, Frank was employed as an aircraft mechanic at L-3. He married Jo Ellen Johnson in Point, on Nov. 18, 1995.

Those left behind to enjoy his memories include: Wife: Jo Ellen Stringfellow of Point, Step-son: Sleman "Ray" Abu Salim of Point, Father-in-law: Clifton Johnson of Point, Step-grandsons: Sebastian Abu Salim and Elijah Abu Salim both of Point, .Numerous other loving family and friends

Frank was preceded in death by: Parents, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Arrangements under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Wendell Grimes

Graveside services for Wendell Grimes, age 79, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Jamie Sonnen officiating. There was no formal visitation. Pallbearers were Chase Doyle, Hunter Potts, Bailey Potts, Kyle Tate, Romen Webb, Bobby Buford, Ryan Grimes, Adam Grimes, and Britten Johnson. Honorary pallbearer were Camden Rodriguez. Wendell passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at his residence. He was born on January 31, 1939 in Clovis, NM, the son of Chancy and Velma Dell Smith Grimes. Wendell worked as a troubleshooter for AT&T for many years. He married Sherri Tosh on March 1, 1958 in Clovis, NM. She survives. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by daughter, Kelly Doyle and husband Mark of Sulphur Springs, son, Wendell C. Grimes and wife Shelley of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Kim Potts and husband Doyle of Sulphur Springs, 9 grandchildren, Ryan Grimes, Chaney Doyle, Adam Grimes, Chase

Doyle, Hunter Potts, Bailey Potts, Hope Cordova, Kaitlyn Potts, and Charleigh Potts, and 10 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Wilber Grimes, and sister, Thelda Poor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research at www.stjude.org. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Donna Joslin

Donna Joslin of the Tira Community in Hopkins County passed away at her residence on May 3, 2018.

Donna was born February 20, 1952, in Trinidad, Texas, the daughter of James Elgen White and Cordi Joyce Clay White.

She married Stanley Frank Joslin on April 17, 1985, in Enloe, Texas. He preceded her in death on January 7, 2016, after nearly 31 years of marriage.

One of her favorite past times was fishing and she would fish as often as she could.

Donna is survived by her daughter Nickie Robertson of Tira, a stepson, Greg Joslin, and a step daughter Tammy Williams, a granddaughter Heather Brown of Sulphur Springs and a grandson Dakota Robertson of Sulphur Springs. She is also survived by four great grandsons: Aiden Brown, Brayden Brown, Chandlyn Brown and Brantley Robertson and one great granddaughters:

Starr Robertson and Chandlyn Brown. Survivors also include sisters: Paula Jones, and Sharon Akerhielm of Sulphur Springs, and brothers: Jimmy White, Larry White, and Bob White all of Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Joslin was preceded in death by her parents, Joyce and James White, her husband Frank Joslin, and a brother Ronny White.

Graveside services were held Sunday May 6, 2018 at 3:00p.m. at the Tira Cemetery on CR 4615 in the Tira community of Hopkins County. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Tami Joslin officiated.

Pallbearers were Mark Davenport, Weldon White, Joe Vicars, Phillip Reed, Bobby Brown, and Jason Robertson. Honorary pallbearers were Robert White, Ryan Reed, Rustin Reed, Matthew Howard, Chris White, Andrew Akerhielm, and Josh Roberson.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Walker and Son Funeral Home and Crematory Service of Commerce, Texas.



"Dooley" Thomas Melton

Funeral services for "Dooley" Thomas Lee Melton, age 59, of Sulphur Springs, were conducted at 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018 at League Street Church of Christ with Rev. Mike Eason and Rev. Brian Wright officiating. Interment followed at Old Tarrant Cemetery with Randy Melton, Bruce Melton, Brian Melton, Scott Melton, Jeremy Melton, Dalton Littrell, Mark Estes and Cody Williams serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Casey Janway, Wes Jordan, Zane Wilhite, Tyrel Anders, Kenny Turnipseed and Dane Workman. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, May 6, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Dooley passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at his residence surrounded by his wife and children. Dooley was born on January 3, 1959 in Poteau, OK, the son of Paul Titus Melton and Wanda June Prather Melton. He married Carolyn Leah Wright on June 12, 1984 in Rockwall. She survives. Dooley owned and operated Melton Painting and was a member of Cross

Spur Cowboy Church. In addition to his wife he is survived by one son, Jeremy Melton and wife Kattie of Miller Grove, daughters, Brandy Estes and husband Mark, Leslie Littrell and husband Dalton both of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Montana Hatley, Faith Hatley, Caiden Lewis, Jaylee Miller, Abbie Melton, Ace Estes, Caroline Melton, Lynlee Littrell, Andyn Estes, brothers, Randy Melton and wife Dana of Cumby, Bruce Melton of Cedar Creek Lake, Brian Melton and wife Karen of Point and Scott Melton of Austin, sisters, Kay Douglas of Kissme, FL, and Linda Workman and husband Dane of Kemp, sister and brother-in-laws, Teresa Melton Strader and husband Bobby, Alvin and Pat Hammond and Ray Wright, mother-in-law, Virginia Berney. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Melissa Nicole Melton, brother, Terry Don Melton, and baby sister, Carol Melton. Memorials may be made to Cross Spur Cowboy Church Arena Fund, 458 CR 4759, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Tomorrows and Yesterdays...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

In his 40-year career as a National Weather Service meteorologist, he spent most of his time predicting the near future. As a retiree, he's studying "the far back," immersed now in learning of a much-ballyhooed highway a century ago.

Genesis of the latter of Fort Worth's Dan Smith began with a bike ride on abandoned pavement between Aledo and Weatherford, and discovery of an old "Bankhead Highway" street sign.

His head swimming with questions, Smith began his research, fascinated by one Asa Rountree, an Alabaman. Rountree pushed for construction of the nation's first coast-to-coast, all-weather highway. By both "hook" and "crook," he slithered into gatherings he organized in many states. He managed to "keep the pot bubbling" for a southern highway from Washington, D. C., to San Diego, California....

With buddies in D. C. and community leaders along the proposed road who didn't want to be left out, Rountree survived schemes that often promoted the highway, but always fattened his personal coffers.

Riding the coattails of Alabama Senator John H. Bankhead--author of 1916 legislation promoting "good roads"--Rountree was relentless and tireless. He promoted good roads when many thought they could "make do" with trails, since few folks owned automobiles, anyway.

Opponents pointed out that even Henry Ford opposed federal involvement in road construction. Adversaries never "ponied up" to the idea that mountains of moolah should be expended to benefit postal delivery, the military and bicyclists....

A newspaperman, Rountree was undaunted; he knew how to draw a crowd.

At the 1919 gathering to promote what later would be called the "Broadway of America," 2,000 people gathered in Mineral Wells, TX. This meeting provided a big "push" for Texas' 900-mile stretch of the 3,000-mile route. (Much of the Texas portion of the Bankhead now constitutes parts of Interstate Highways 10, 20 and 30.)

At the time, country roads morphed into "highways" when they were even slightly improved from dirt.

The addition of gravel was an upgrade, since for many miles in West Texas, asphalt and concrete would not be used in Bankhead highway construction until the 1930s. Back then, the usual width was eight feet....

A Floridian, Smith is a graduate of Florida State University. Even as a 7th grader, he was fascinated by the weather. As a high school student in Miami, he always managed to undertake science projects involving the weather.

He credits mentors--as well as great strides in weather forecasting technology--for his ongoing keen interest in meteorology.

When he contacted Washington figures concerning the early national highway system, Smith was sent a box with hundreds of documents. He seemed to have an "interest shift," from the weather out there to construction of an historic highway "back there"....

Now, he welcomes opportunities to speak at civic clubs, churches, universities, museums and other venues. He's a fan of town and county museums, having spoken at many of them. He considers the W. K. Gordon Center, near Thurber, as one of the best. He describes these museums as "jewels in the necklace of what was once the Bankhead highway."

In 2013, he published The Bankhead Highway in Texas. It has been heralded for its authenticity and old maps, as

well as substantial humor, some likely unintended.

When assigned to the National Weather Service in Birmingham, he forecast the first snow storm he had ever seen. He remembers colorful descriptions of tornados. One excited woman said, "It 'flang' pigs out of that truck, and they went flip/flopping through the air." One guy exclaimed, "If a tornado hits Tuscaloosa, look out Birmingham!"...

I'll be privileged to hear Smith when he addresses senior adults at our church. We'll learn more about the highway that used to be.

He'll speak of tourist courts and service station billboards bragging about "comfortable restrooms for women."

Oh, well. At least there was no issue about which comfort stations should be used by whom....

Dr. Newbury is a former educator who still "commits" speeches round about. Comments/inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com. Twitter: @donnewbury; Facebook, don newbury.

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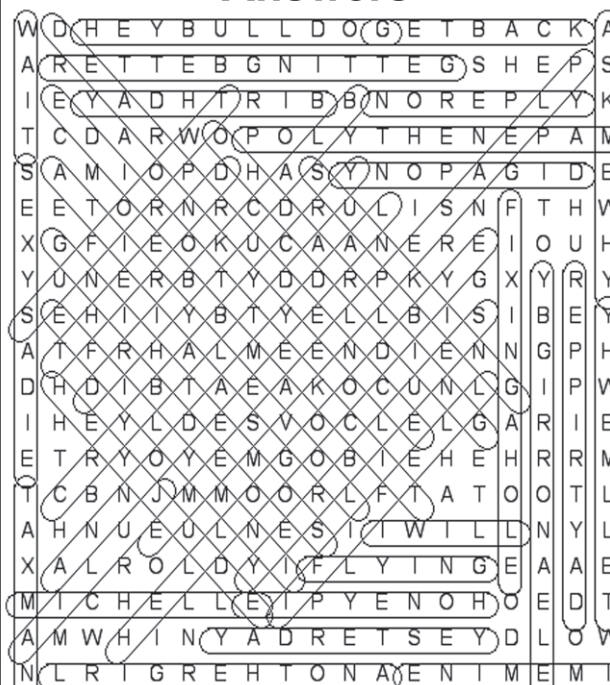
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ROOTS TO BOOTS

Tumbleweed Smith



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A group of immigrants in Dallas has formed an organization called Roots to Boots. Boris Gremont and his wife Joan immigrated to the US from South Africa in 1978 and settled in Dallas. Boris was an established, successful accountant in Johannesburg but he says every day was uncertain as to what the day might bring politically. He had to re-qualify as a CPA in Texas.

"When I went to see the certification board, they said, 'give us ninety dollars, stay here for ninety days and we'll make you a CPA.' I thought this is my kind of town."

He was showing some South Africans around town and took them to a grocery store. When they saw 60 kinds of bread they thought the country was too confusing and decided not to immigrate to the US. Boris found a job in the accounting department at Neiman-Marcus.

"Once I gave a financial report to some executives and when I was about forty-five minutes into my presentation, one of them asked me to start over because he didn't understand a word I had said."

When Boris left South Africa, getting money out of the country was dangerous. "If you were caught taking money out of South Africa it was considered treason and you would get a prison sentence," says Boris. "And they don't have the American legal system that you have here with all the lawyers fighting for you. There it's pretty much an open and shut case."

Boris had a friend who found a way to take his wealth with him when he left South Africa. "He decided he was going to take his money out in diamonds, since South Africa was a diamond-producing country. So he devised a scheme. He was going to put his arm in a plaster cast and he was going to imbed the diamonds in the plaster cast and take it through the airport and go to London. He called the security authorities at the airport the day he was leaving and said there was a British Airways flight from South Africa to London and that a short fellow (he was short) was planning to take that flight. He said the fellow had his arm in a plaster cast and it's full of diamonds. The security people ask for his name and he hung up the phone.

"That evening he got to the airport. His arm was in a plaster cast and of course they were watching for him. They pulled him aside and took him into an interrogation room and asked him about the diamonds in his cast. He said he had no idea what they were talking about. They badgered him and badgered him and eventually they were convinced he had diamonds in his cast. They brought a big pair of scissors and cut off the plaster cast, peeled it off layer-by-layer and there were no diamonds.

"The security officials were very embarrassed and apologetic and the man told them they had made him miss his flight. They told him they would get him on tomorrow night's flight. The next night he went to the airport with his cast full of diamonds and they escorted him into the plane."



This year Mother's Day is celebrated/ observed on Sunday May 12, 2018. Mother's Day is observed the second Sunday in May. It is a time to honor mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers for their contribution to family and society.

Mother's Day originated from mainly two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. Julia Ward sponsored Mother's Day each year in Boston around 1870 to promote pacifism and disarmament with women. It lasted about 10 years. Anna Jarvis organized the first Mother's Day in Grafton, West Virginia at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in 1908.

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