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The 2018 Hopkins County Dairy Festival Queen's Pageant is set for Saturday June 16 at 8pm in the SSISD Auditorium of the Civic Center.



In case you want to hear country music, you can come out to Reilly Springs Jamboree on Saturday, June 16, and catch Hanah and Hailee, a teen sister duo from Winnsboro. This talented pair travel a lot by car with their Nana at the wheel, and they entertain all over Texas on weekends and summers. In fact, their 2018 summer tour "The Road Ahead" will feature a Greenville, Texas, talent showcase on July 28, to be held in the Greenville Municipal Auditorium. These sisters have lived their lives in and around music and are totally devoted to it. They will become separated this fall, as Hannah will go off to college and Hailee will finish her last two years of high school in Winnsboro. They are already planning how to spend their weekends and holidays together!

The girls will be featured at the June 16, 2018, Reilly Springs Jamboree along with Don Woods, Roger Reed, Gary Jones and the Sunshine Band. Next show will be July 21 with Monty Tipps and the Main Street Band.

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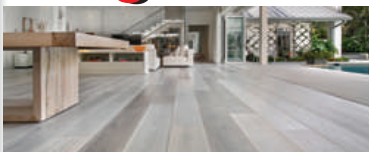
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# Obits



## Donna Ruth Tutt

Funeral Service for Donna Ruth Tutt, age 71, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Interment followed at Parker Cemetery, Rockwall, TX with Shawn Tutt, Kevin Tutt, Colton Tutt, Sharon Kowalski, Kris Kowalski and Kason Blake serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 P.M. on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Donna passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab in Sulphur Springs.

Donna was born on December 26, 1946 in Forest Mississippi, the daughter of Lamar and Emogene Russell. Donna worked as an LVN and was a member of Shannon Oaks Church.

She is survived by her sons, Shane Tutt and wife, Juanita of Sulphur Springs, Shannon Tutt and wife, Leslie of Tucson, AZ; daughters, Jody Janway and husband, Richard of Sulphur Springs, Glenda Martin and husband, Mack of Hallsville; grandsons, Shawn Tutt, Kevin Tutt, Kyle Smith, Colton Tutt, Sharon Kowalski, Kris Kowalski, Scott Johnson, Kason Blake, Kam Martin;

granddaughters, Christina Southard, Kaitlyn Smith, Katie Ruiz, Kendell Blake, Makenzie Martin; numerous great grandchildren; brother, David Lamar Russell.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Wade Haltom; granddaughter, Stephanie Southard; brothers, Ned Russell, Ted Russell; sister, Bobbie Jean Howard. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Donna Williams

Funeral Service for Donna Williams, age 48, of Como, was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with her Uncle Rev. Donald R. Allen officiating. Interment followed at the New Pickton Cemetery with Elijah Williams, Dustin Brundage, Michael Turner, Bennett Turner, Larry Brown, Todd Turner, and Wesley Turner serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour before the service at 1:00 p.m. Donna passed away Thursday, May 30, 2018 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Donna Williams was born January 1, 1970 "Little Miss 1970" at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, TX the daughter of James Calvin Turner and Phyllis Ann Allen. Donna graduated Como-Pickton High School Class of 1988 where she was named Homecoming Queen and Most Beautiful in her class. She was a homemaker and a Christian.

Donna is survived by: daughter, Michaela Lynn Williams and fiancé, Dustin Brundage of Sulphur Springs; son, Elijah James Williams of Thackerville, OK; mother, Phyllis A. Young of Emory, TX; sister, Dachiel Turner and husband, Todd, of Mineola; boyfriend, Larry Brown of Como; half-sister, Charity Ramsey and husband, Ricky of Springtown; half-brother, James Wesley Turner and wife, Ashlie of Granbury; nieces and nephews, Michael Turner, Bennett Turner, Rebecca Turner, Kaleb Ramsey, and Wyatt Turner; and faithful little companion, Lucy. She was preceded in death by: her father; grandfathers, B.J. Alford, Fred Turner and Horace Allen; grandmothers, Drucilla Turner Alford and Ruth Allen; and Aunt, Carolyn Turner Pruiett. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Thomas Norman Gentles

Memorial visitation for Thomas Norman Gentles, age 82, of Saltillo, was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 2, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Thomas passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Carriage House Manor.

He was born on May 7, 1936 in Harrisburg, PA, the son of Thomas McWalter and Helen Rogers Gentles. He served in the United States Army. He married Vannoy Kirkpatrick Gentles on September 5, 1956 in Sulphur Springs, TX. She survives. He later worked for the Kimberly Clark Company in Paris, TX for 15 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Thomas loved woodworking, baseball, and football.

In addition to his wife Vannoy, he is also survived by son, Mike Gentles of Pickton, daughters, Vannoy Fite and husband Jerry of Saltillo, Michele McDaniel and husband Jesse of Pickton, grandchildren, Amanda McDaniel of Sulphur Springs, Colleen Hoover and husband Heath of Saltillo, Brian McDaniel and wife Jennifer of Pickton, Kassie Robertson and husband Jake of ID, Lin Reynolds and husband Jerry of Arp, TX, Thomas William Howard and wife Angela of WV, as well as

numerous great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Jacqueline Kay Gentles, great-granddaughter, Victoria Kalya Howard, brother, David Gentles, and sister, Colleen Osborne. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



## Billy Coston

Billy Coston, age 86 of Winnsboro, passed away on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018. He was born December 9th, 1931 in Winnsboro, Texas to the late Newton Coston and Trudy Bass. He was a member of Pineview Baptist Church and worked for Western Electric until his retirement.

He is survived by, wife, Virginia Coston (Flores) of Winnsboro; son, Roy Gene Coston of Tyler; step-daughter, Jaime Rene Cole of Oklahoma; brothers, Jerry Wayne Coston and Wendel Leon Coston; sister, Eula Mae Bullard; two grandchildren, Phillip Gene Coston and Amanda Schultz; and two great-grandchildren, Jesse and Isaac.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro, 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 at Pineview Baptist Church Winnsboro, FM 1647 TX 75494 at 11:00 am, with Rev. Ronny Spence conducting. Interment followed at Pineview Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Floyd Poole, Shane Richison, Danny Swann, Rick Swann, Jeremy Deas, John Earl Bullard serving as pallbearers.



## Golden Hoffman

Golden Hoffman, age 98, passed away on Tuesday, May 29th, 2018 in Winnsboro, Texas. She was born July 6th, 1919 in Newsome, Texas to the late B.F. Attaway and Osia Attaway (Fuller). She worked as cook for Pickton ISD and was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

She is survived by, sons, Charles Wayne Hoffman of Pickton, Billy Bob Hoffman (LaVonda) of Pickton, and Eldridge Hoffman (Carla) Pickton; daughters, Joann Keener of Winnsboro, Sophia Grouger of Sulphur Springs, Kathy Tillery of Winnsboro, and Glenda Anders (Wayne) of Leesburg; brother, Bobby Lee Attaway of Lone Oak; sister, Talma Bennett of Winnsboro.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 31st, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro, 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were held on Friday, June 1st, 2018 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro, 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 10:00 am, with Bro. Mike Haun conducting. Interment followed at New Pickton

Cemetery in Pickton, Texas, with Keith Hoffman, Gene Hoffman, Tommy Gore, Jesse Granger, Tommy Lynn Gullede, and Dwayne Anders serving as pallbearers.

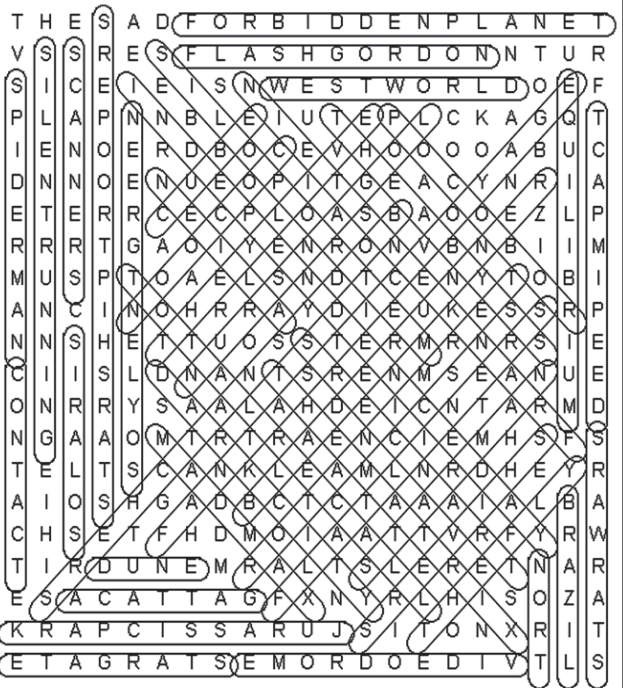


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Out On a Limb....

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Angry “harrumphs” in our crazed, crossways world drown out “hurrahs,” hands down. Flag-waving optimists now droop where they formerly dared.

If Johnny came marching home today, a substantial element might try to send him back. (In New York City, someone posted a sign directed at newcomers: “If you can make it there, go back.”)

Unquestionably, topics formerly sacrosanct are now “under further review,” with no resolution in sight. We who are longest of tooth yearn to hear again the voices of Kate Smith belting out “God Bless America,” and Dr. Billy Graham proclaiming God’s good news to hungry hearts....

That said, I pressed the “seek” button on the car

radio the other day, randomly settling on a talk show that “went rowdy” before I could draw a good breath.

A guy was screaming at lungs’ limits to the point of risking a blow-out of ballooning neck veins.

In mere minutes, I was disturbed by his rants, none of which I felt held water. The jerk was “carping”--no, I think more nearly “whaling”--against defenseless trees. What’s worse, his hate centered on a variety formerly near to my heart. A harbinger of spring, a sure sign of renewal, a certain symbol of God’s handiwork--all of these are mindful with the annual overnight blooming of Bradford pear trees....

He had “no truck” for such trees. To him, they are fickle, promising pears, but producing only blossoms. Honeybees buzz the Bradfords only when nothing better is available, and some cities are banning them.

He claimed the trees to be short-lived, and an “environmental calamity.” I fumed, changing stations upon his claiming that credible nurseries won’t sell them.

If that were true, where did the dozens encircling our church come from?...

Then, I committed a bigger blunder than when I chose that radio station.

I “Googled” Bradford pears. Please, please don’t do it! Facts can greatly confuse. Remember, there’s something to be said for living on in ignorance.

The “ranter” touched only the hem of the garment. Respected horticulturalists are

“singing his song,” one suggesting that Bradfords should all be cut down. Another said that they smell like dead fish....

I don’t “stand corrected.” More nearly, I remain flopped in my recliner, unsure how I now feel about Bradford pears. Thoughts flood about “tree” songs and poems. I think of my teary-eyed youth, fervently reciting Trees, a Joyce Kilmer poem written a century ago. He urged the woodman to spare the tree. If I sobbed at the right time, I figured I might get a ribbon for poetry reading at the “County Meet.” (I didn’t, but I got “honorable mention.”)

There are many childhood remembrances of swaying on swings tied on the lowest limbs. And my momma yelling, “Get down out of that tree right now or I’ll give you a good ‘switching’.” Oh, and let’s include robins building nests in trees’ “hair,” and the village smithy spared from heat exhaustion “under a spreading Chestnut tree.”

In Waco recently, we visited the Mammoth exhibit. The guide’s opening words heralded a spreading, 250-year-old oak tree at the entrance. Even if visitors’ interest in seeing where mammoths wallowed is minimal, this is a mighty fine tree....

My position on Bradfords now is shaky at best. I don’t feel strongly in either direction. However, I’ll never be as hard-nosed as one nursery visitor who said he hates pears, and will promptly return all the Bradford trees if even ONE pear appears.

I’ve saved allergy problems for last. If you have such issues and are driving near our church on a beautiful March day, hold your breath and keep your windows closed. Think of the purity symbolized by the magnificent blankets of white blossoms on the Bradfords.

Don’t be surprised if they name a committee to study whether God really wants such trees on His Holy ground....

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THE FLAG FLIES IN OLD GLORY

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

In the late 1800s some German families moved into Stonewall County and began farming operations. They started a town and called it Old Brandenburg to honor their German heritage.

“They built an old school house way out in the country,” says Anita Dozier, Old Glory historian.

“Then they started little businesses. When the train came through they moved closer to the tracks and renamed their little community New Brandenburg. Then in World War One when our boys were fighting over there in Germany they all decided they needed to change the name to Old Glory. There was a little old lady named Mrs. Carr who suggested the name.”

Anita says Old Glory used to be a big town with hundreds of residents, two grocery stores, a warehouse, filling stations and two cotton gins. Seven school buses took kids to school where Anita played basketball and performed in plays. The school closed in 1985. She remembers milking cows and her mother selling the cream and taking the milk to the depot. Now there’s not much of her town left.

“Just our post office and our community center. We only have about 15 or 20 people living in Old Glory now.” Shopping is limited.

“About the only things you can buy are stamps at the post office. But our post office is open just two hours a day.”

There is a historical marker in Old Glory.

“A flag flies over it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I order the flags.” Some people send the post office items for mailing to get the Old Glory postmark. For 36 years Anita has written a column about Old Glory. It’s in newspapers in Stamford and Aspermont. I asked her what she writes about.

“Whatever I can find. People help me out. If they go visiting or something happens, they tell me about it. I write the column Sunday nights.”

The community center in Od Glory has events twice a month. “There are three women who take care of that community center, which used to be our school cafeteria. I’m one of the three. We have a senior citizen dance the second Thursday of every month and we have our musical the fourth Saturday of every month. We set up tables and chairs for the musicals and take them down for the dances. The musical is our biggest event. We have musicians that come from all around that get up there and play. They play for nothing. They just like to play together. We have it every month except November and December. About half a dozen groups, primarily from Abilene and Sweetwater, play gospel and country western music. We have a concession stand that makes money to keep it going. We sell chilidogs, Frito pie and barbeque sandwiches. For dessert we have good home made pies.”

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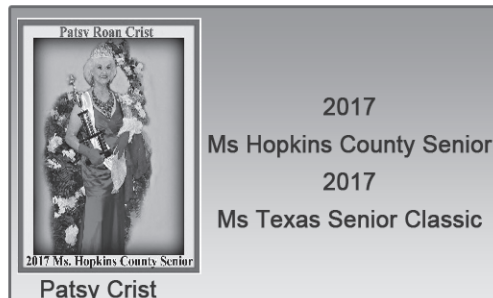
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# Billie Ruth Standbridge - "Ms. Downtown"

Billie Ruth Standbridge loves Sulphur Springs so much, she built her new home on Main Street downtown! In fact, when she moved into the retail/residence space during May 2018, she knew she had made the right decision as she viewed the busy street from her apartment balcony. The vitality of downtown Sulphur Springs still provides an exciting attraction to this veteran businesswoman. In deciding how to celebrate her 85th birthday, she invited friends to an informal afternoon gathering at one of her favorite downtown places, The Magic Scoop Soda Shoppe and General Store on Connally Street, owned by Lara and Adam Colby.

Billie Ruth was greeted by a wide circle of friends and business associates when she made her entrance with her daughter Mikel. Local musician "Pitty Pat" Guidry was keeping the music going for the crowd. And though the party was no surprise, there were some surprises in store, as the City of Sulphur Springs issued a proclamation of Billie Ruth Standbridge Day for June 2, 2018, read by City Councilwoman Emily Glass. And, the Downtown Business Alliance presented her with a certificate naming her "Ms. Downtown", read by DBA Vice-President Joy Wilson. Enola Gay conveyed best wishes to Billie Ruth with the song "I Wish You Love", and there were flowers, birthday cards and lots of hugs and laughter. Also attending were new business owners J.B. and Christy Moseley their son Mason, who will be opening a sporting goods shop this summer in the downstairs retail space in the new Standbridge building on Main Street.

Billie Ruth Mote was born in the Starr Ridge community of Hopkins County in 1933, was raised on South Davis Street and got her early education at Austin Elementary School. Although not raised on a dairy, she claims a place in dairy industry history through her father, whose job in Odessa brought the first "cartoned" milk to consumers in West Texas. She entered college at Texas State Women's University (now TWU) and also taught dance and drill team. After she entered the University of Redlands in California, she met and married George Standbridge. The couple enjoyed traveling, especially by motorcycle, and had two children, Morgan and Mikel. Their California-raised offspring sought international educations and careers, with Morgan traveling, after Coast Guard service, with the Boeing Company for 30 years and Mikel studying in the US and abroad and completing Art and French degrees. Today, Morgan and his wife Angie have one son, Cedrick, whose interests include the Pacific Crest Trail hike and international travel. Mikel met her husband Simone Rizzi while studying for her Masters degree in Chicago. They make their home in Milan, Italy and visit Sulphur Springs once or twice each year. Photographic artist Mikel is opening a boutique hotel/arts resort, and has a special interest in helping her local friends discover Milan, Italy.

A few years ago, Billie Ruth and George decided to move back and make Sulphur Springs their permanent home. Billie Ruth quickly got into the business scene of her home town. In the Spring of 2018, following a lengthy illness, George unfortunately passed away just after they had become installed in their newly completed home in the Standbridge Building. Billie Ruth feels blessed to have a large circle of friends, and is eager to enlarge her share in the downtown business community. She also looks forward to spending more time with her two children, their spouses and her grandson, as well as socializing with friends "at home" downtown.



Billie Ruth standing on the balcony of her building.



Joy Wilson presenting the "Ms. Downtown Plaque".



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