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Darla Zuhdi opens for Wayne Newton.



Darla Z, aka Fridaylander Darla Zhudi is singer, performer, and song writer, who plays Sam's Town in Las Vega, and will open for Wayne Newton at the First Council Casino in Newkirk.

Darla Zuhdi will open for Wayne Newton, who will be appearing in concert at First Council Casino in Newkirk, on August 15. "Darla Z" is this multi-talented Fridaylander's stage name. She launched her singing career opening for Willie Nelson in October of 2005.

I've known Darla and her husband, Bill Zuhdi, for at least 20 years. When I visited with them at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame right after her appearance with Willie, I was dumfounded. How could I know Darla that long and not know she could sing?

Because Darla decided one day that she was going to be a professional singer and just did it. No years on the road playing dives. No singing her heart out at rodeos. Darla just decided she was going to be a singer and started with Willie Nelson. After she landed the job, she called Ann Lacey and asked her to help with her stage presence and costume.

"She is amazing," said Ann.

Before her singing and song writing career, Darla became a nationally known author with her Cat Detectives books, a series of children's books (seven-years-old and up) featuring "Captain Spunky and Little One." The series is great and if you have not bought them for your kids and grand kids, you need to head for the bookstore.

Back to Darla's latest career, you can buy tickets for her concert with Wayne Newton at zooamp.com. If Darla ever decides to run for public office, politician, watch out, you are toast.