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## True Tales of Nacogdoches Lawmen

### *A Burglar in Our Midst...His Luck Just Ran Out!*

IT WAS JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT, MID MARCH, 1981, AND 'CLYDE' WAS BARKING IN THE DRIVEWAY AND TOWARD RAGUET STREET.

Only one week after my late wife, Sara Bess, and I married, Clyde, the Border Collie, wakes us up barking. I went out to check and whatever he had seen, had made it out to the street. I did not think it was serious.

I WAS WRONG.

Just after 7:30 am as I head to work at the University Police Department where I was the CID Sergeant, I found a straightened piece of clothes hanger on the tool box of my truck, and that my doors had been unlocked. I quickly checked and found that a pistol and Remington pump shotgun were still there... strange for a burglar to have left.

I then checked Sara Bess' Buick and found it too, had been entered. Several school files were dumped in the seat. Her CB radio was still in the car. Strange!

I ran inside and said, "We had a burglar but he did not take anything." She responded, "My gosh...the watch!!"

I said, "The what?" She said, "Daddy's Rolex!" She ran to the glove box and said, "Its gone!" She then began to explain that the watch, having been locked up in a safety deposit since January, 1968, had been taken out the day before in order to have it cleaned before giving it to me...now its gone!

Any police officer faced with those facts in a theft case would say that it was taken by someone who knew it was there, or they were seeing an insurance rip off. The answer to both of those was a resounding, NOT IN THIS CASE. And... why were the guns not taken??

Sergeant Archie McKnight, Technical Services Detective with the Nacogdoches Police Department soon arrived to dust for prints on both vehicles plus my jeep that was in the garage.

The most obvious thing out of place was that near my jeep was a sample of



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Shield soap that had just come in the mail. The box was torn open and the soap was taken. (And, my night-time visitor had left the most beautiful thumbprint possible!!) Later, when a suspect was arrested, we already had his print to match! I went on in to work, still perplexed about this crime. Nothing made sense....who knew?...why leave the guns!

After getting off at 5 pm that evening, the University still owned me. We had to immediately report to the Johnson Coliseum and work double header basketball games. Finally, getting back home about 10:30 pm that night, I went straight to the garage and began taking things in. What was I seeing? The 45 auto magazine that had been picked up and 7 rounds thumbed out. The first aid box in the jeep that was gone through. The freezer that had been opened. In the store room some empty pill boxes opened and turned upside down. Sara Bess came out and said there were four new plant lights still in their boxes....gone. Suddenly it all came into focus, no matter what else developed, this was a thieving "pill head" that happened to have scored big with the watch.

I had known of other burglaries in and around Raguet for several months... even before Christmas, and thought we were being careful. Now, we are his latest victims!

The most troubling nearby burglary was that of neighbor and long time family friend, District Judge Jack Pierce, presiding Judge of the 145th District Court of Nacogdoches County...here, the burglar returned weeks later in another attempt.

#### THE JUDGE'S INTRUDER:

With the family upstairs and asleep one night, the burglar entered and actually opened Christmas presents, while also eating food from the refrigerator. When



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this type crime hits, one tends to think that it is not random, but targeted. This adds tremendously to the stress and fear that develops among family members. Are they being stalked by someone that the Judge had sentenced?

### THE SECOND ATTEMPT:

A few weeks later at midnight, I was with a UPD patrol officer and told him to head up Pecan St., then cut down Zeno to Raguet so we could check on the Judge's house. As we approached Raguet, to the left, we saw a car parked, just as another one came southbound down the street. This car had 'out of state' plates.... so we followed that one and stopped it....it was ok. We then got a call to campus and did not get back to check the other vehicle out.

Thus, our burglar, maybe from that other car, returned to the Judge's home as a family member was returning home. She glimpsed someone in the bushes as she entered and reported to the Judge. The family saw the prowler in the garage as he was looking in a window at them!! He escaped again.

### MORE ACTIVITY

In January and February, more burglaries were occurring. The burglar entered one house on East California St. where food was taken from a freezer....and a few weeks later....that freezer was hit again. The home owner then wired an alarm up to the freezer....and waited. He did not have long to wait.

### LAST NIGHT OF FREEDOM

About ten days after our burglary in mid-March, I got a 2 am phone call from Mike Kelly at UPD. He said the "Nacogdoches Police Department has arrested a burglar and Lt. John Walton wants you to call him." I called John and he said, "I think we have your burglar....meet us here at 8 am.

THEY HAD HIM! But he isn't talking!

Watching from an adjoining room, I observed two Detectives try to talk to him. He simply had nothing to say. The third one asked me to go in with him and be seated. This detective looked at the suspect and said nothing, except to give

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him a cold, hard stare. He suddenly slaps the desk hard and stands up to leave.

The Detective quietly whispers to me as he turns, "Its your turn."

The suspect's first name is Steven and I say to him, quietly, "Whew, you really pissed him off!" He said, "I saw that."

I said, "Steven, do you understand your rights as they were read to you earlier?"

He said, "Yes, I do."

I added, "We know you took the watch...where is it?"

He calmly answered, "In the night stand by my bed."

BAMM BAMM goes my heart as I conceal any reaction from him!

I glance up and see the reactions from officers in the adjoining room and behind his back!

I then tell him that I have a 'consent to search form' and I need him to read it and consider signing it...He did and we did!!

He lived in an apartment on Pecan St. near the Fredonia Bank and had been doing burglaries for months. He traveled three different ways to commit his crimes.....and there were many of them. He had a motorcycle, a car, and his feet. His mode of transportation, therefore, limited him in what he could steal on a particular night. He was a full time SFA student from the Longview area. He was stealing food to eat, stealing medications, plus stealing gold and silver.

In his night stand was Jack Brookshire's Rolex watch, plus jewelry from several other prominent people. He had marijuana growing under the plant lights he took from Sara Bess. He had also taken a hunting bag from our garage and had it filled with food.

**HIS CAPTURE:**

I will conclude with the story of his 2 am capture. This was done by a tough man, and friend, who was also an upset homeowner. He was armed with his Browning 12 gauge Automatic Shotgun. This was now Steven's third time to be stealing food from this same freezer in 4 or so weeks. After the second burglary, an alarm was hooked up to the freezer door. When the remote alarm sounded in his bedroom, the homeowner eased to his freezer room, flashed a light on, and leveled the Browning shotgun at the suspect. Then he heard, "Please sir....I am just a poor, hungry college student. I am stealing food just to be able to eat!"

The first words the poor, hungry college student heard were priceless...

"SHUT UP YOU SON OF A \$##%\$. I AM TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CALL THE POLICE BEFORE OR AFTER I SHOOT YOU!!"

**HIS DAY IN COURT:**

A few months later Steven had his prison sentence handed down in the 145th District Court of Nacogdoches County.

Presiding Judge.....the Honorable Jack Pierce, of Nacogdoches, Texas.



*Sergeant Archie McKnight,  
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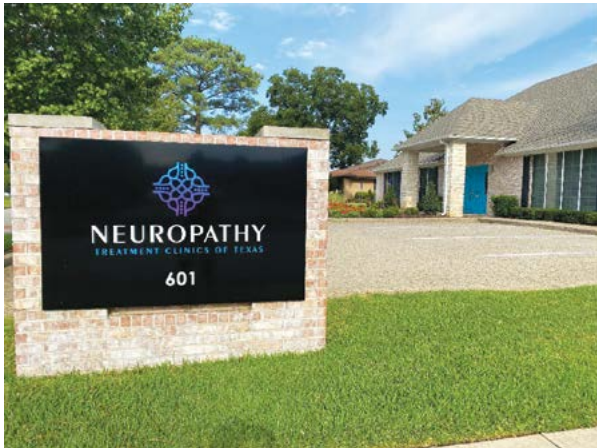
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# The Neuropathy Treatment Clinics of Texas - Helping to Put a Spring Back in Your Step and a Smile on Your Face

by Terri Lacher, [talacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:talacher@sbcglobal.net)



Neuropathy Treatment Clinics of Texas, with locations in Tyler and Addison, Texas have been treating patients in the northeast Texas area for almost two years, helping patients find relief from chronic peripheral neuropathy, with a non-invasive and non-pharmaceutical solution. According to Mackey

Smith, Clinic Director of the Tyler location, in this past year alone they have graduated more than two hundred patients from their program.

“Our graduates all noted greatly reduced, and in some cases, complete relief from their neuropathy symptoms.” Smith said.

According to Smith, peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves located outside of the brain and spinal cord, often with symptoms of burning, tingling, weakness and numbness, usually in the hands or feet. It is divided into three categories, based on the source of the neuropathy, the most common being diabetic neuropathy. Nerves can be damaged by high blood sugar levels. Chemo-Induced neuropathy can sometimes occur in patients who have been treated with chemotherapy. Additionally, nerves can be damaged through alcohol and drug use. For the type of neuropathy which there seems to be no known cause, it is referred to as “idiopathic neuropathy.”

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Smith added, “We compare our treatment program to starting the 1st grade in school. We are having to re-educate your nerves and that takes time. Every week you progress until you reach “graduation.”

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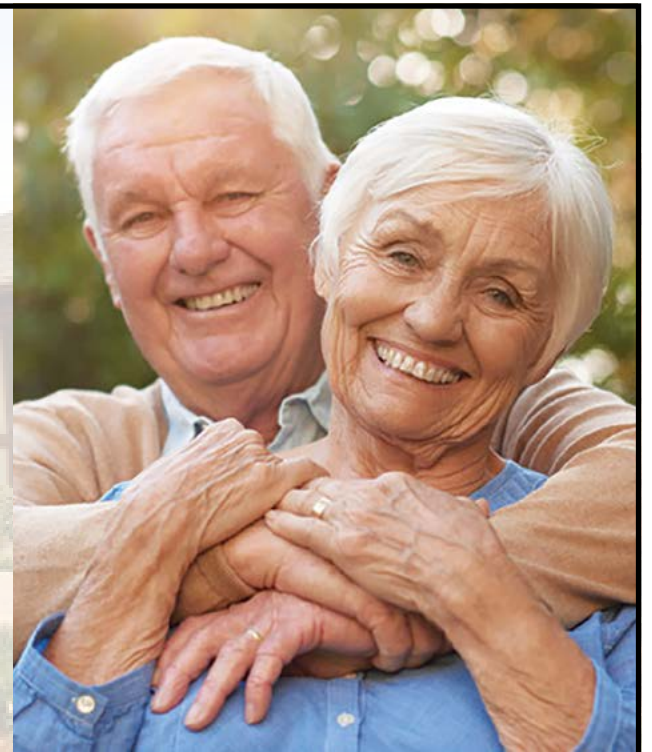
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# Back In Town, Roaming the Streets Again

by Craig Stripling

Last time we visited we talked about various shops, stores, businesses, and office locations in downtown 'Doches in the deep depression stages of the mid- 1930s— also took a look at some of the fine old residences on both sides of North Street heading from Main Street up North toward the College. All of us still here in our locale know what ours and similar East Texas downtowns per se are all about these days—still viable, often revitalized or reinvigorated due to remodeling, but different as to comparable uses—most small town professional offices, stores, shopping venues are on wider and accessible thoroughfares with the downtowns most often harboring entities for pedestrians, town visitors for foot traffic; or so it seems.

It isn't the same as it was "way back when" and just about all community activity transpired in the few blocks long and few blocks wide local venues. Some of us mourn or lament the transitioning, but we must remember now so many of the larger towns and most cities have downtown areas that are deserted and have fallen into disrepair and in some instances are in dangerous or dilapidated condition. Seems to me that other than in big urban areas with not much room beyond the bricked up and built up edifices there aren't as enthusiastic instances "close in" as once there were. I'm not saying such condition is good or bad, but it seems evident and ongoing in my admittedly tunneled view.

I miss much about the downtown activities that I regularly enjoyed seemingly not so long ago. There didn't need to be need of a reason to have a parade. Who doesn't love a parade? My family loved parade days because 40 or 50 of the folks standing 3 or 4 deep in front of our drugstore watching the bands would post-parade come into the drugstore and all buy cold drinks or ice cream at the soda fountain. While I don't remember proverbial Easter parades or any Thanksgiving parade here, I certainly remember that when Santa Claus came to town he sashayed sled and all through downtown before landing in Toyland on the mezzanine floor of Cason Monk Hardware Store. Nothing made them gather on the sidewalks like a parade with marching bands. My father told me about Ringling Brothers coming here in the 1920s prior to the circus performing in an area back near what is now some vacant land between Texas Street and Martinsville Street; there being a big parade beginning at the train station where the circus animals and equipment unloaded, coming up the West Main hill, through town,

and then on to the grounds, using even some of the animals (elephants mainly) to push and carry equipment, bleachers, tents. They (Ringling Brothers) were such paragons of efficiency that the U.S. Army took lessons from them on how to effectively and economically as to time, effort, coordination expeditiously get from one place to another when equipment, troops, war materiel were the primary targets of relocation.

I can remember once every two or three years when some group or gathering or association having to do with vintage or antique cars would come here and parade the maybe 100 examples of fine Model T's, roadsters, woodies and other desirables through and around downtown prior to setting up their friendly and accommodating display areas at the fairgrounds or hotel parking lots.

How about homecoming parades—high school or Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks? I don't recall the numbers exactly, but I'd be not far off guessing 20-25 area high schools or organizations' bands strutting their stuff through downtown—not to mention the accompanying decorated floats, Shriners on mini-cycles, local firetrucks, convertibles carrying local constabulary "Stars," with baton twirlers and drum majors included. What a time. I'm told that even "way back when" some 10,000 folks might gather for this or that reason to be displayed via organized marches with bands through town. I can't tell you how they planned it and carried it out, but they did so seemingly to us kids very smoothly and efficiently. Nearly always there were some horses to prance on the parade pavement—most often the kinds of gaited horses I personally enjoy, ridden mainly by my African American friends. What's not to like about a streaking, striding, strolling, strutting, single-footing, exemplary equine participant?!

Those were some of the days that we wished would never end. Other events have taken their place perhaps but I don't think they've adequately replaced them by any means. Hope there are others of you out there that hold on desperately to the reminiscing of the better past times such as herein reflected upon. Just saying, you know...



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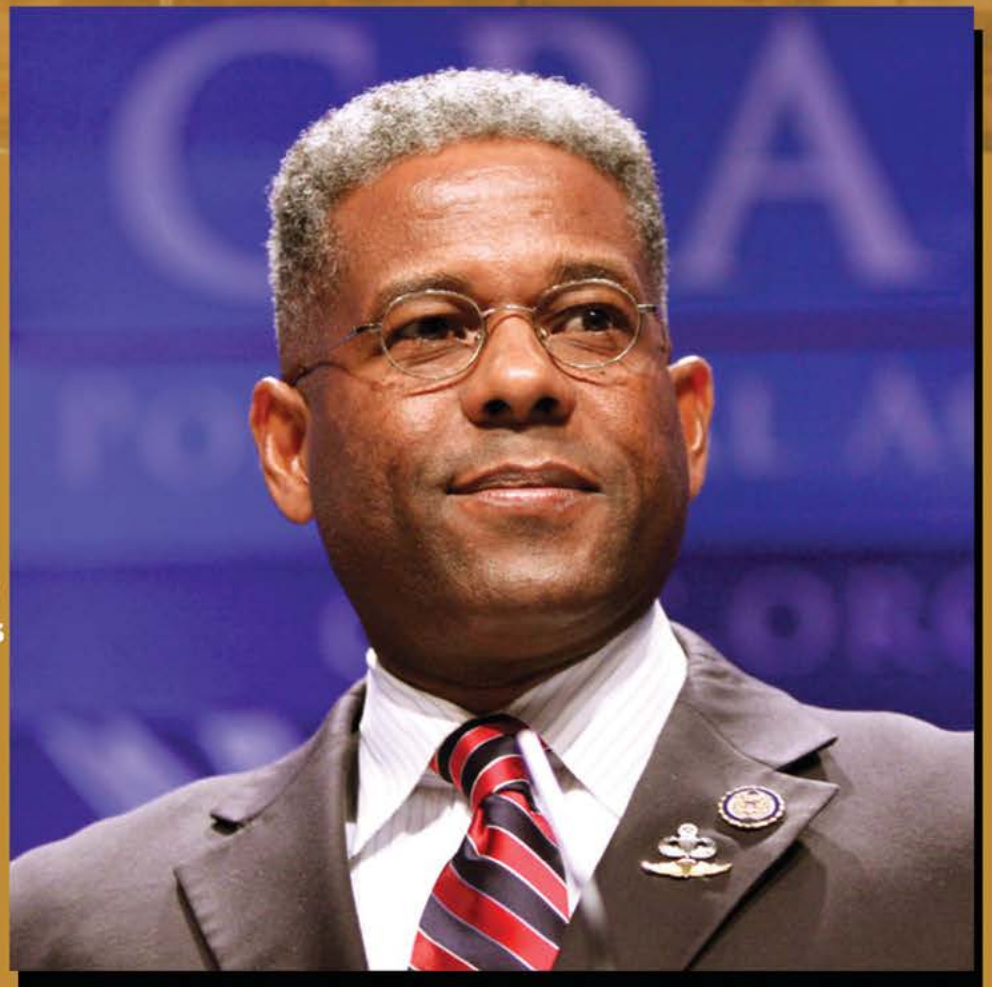
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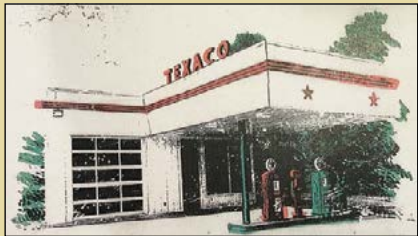
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## Mr. Plastic Fantastic

“Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.” Proverbs 21:20b (GN)

We are used to seeing warning labels. There are warning labels that will alert you to inhaling fumes at the gas station, opening hot radiators, drinking diet soft drinks, smoking cigarettes, wearing seatbelts, and even letting small children play with plastic bags that cover the clothes that come from the dry cleaners.

These warnings are all designed to make us aware of potential dangers that could bring us great harm.

But when was the last time you saw a warning label on a dollar bill, or a stock certificate, or a bank deposit, or on a credit card? Imagine receiving in the mail a letter that says, “Congratulations, you have been selected to become a slave. Just fill out the enclosed card and return it in the pre-paid envelope and your slavery will begin on the 15th of next month.” That’s what is written in invisible ink in all of those credit card offers that come in the mail.

Walter Cavanagh of Santa Clara, California, would agree. He has great credit. So great, in fact, that it takes a wallet nearly as long as a football field to carry his credit cards. He owns 1,497 valid credit cards with a potential credit line of about \$1.7 million. He has a place in the Guinness Book of World Records which gives him his nickname: “Mr. Plastic Fantastic.” He also holds the title for the world’s largest wallet, a thirty-eight pound monster that is 250 feet long and can hold 800 cards. Most of his collection is kept in bank safety deposit boxes, however.

Here are seven signs that you need help with your debt:

1. Your credit card balances are rising while your income is decreasing.
2. You are only paying the minimum amounts required (or less).
3. You constantly charge more each month than you make in payments.
4. You don’t know how much you owe and really don’t want to find out.
5. You have received phone calls or letters about delinquent bill payments.

Have you or someone you know ever said, “I don’t know where all my money goes!”? Proverbs 27:23 (LB) reads, “Riches can disappear fast...so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks...”

God has chosen money as the acid test of our faith and our faithfulness. Why? Maybe it’s because we spend all our lives around money – trying to get it, make it, save it, spend it, invest it, and use it. Many of our problems revolve around the misuse of our money, and so many of our heartaches come from overextension of debt.

Which one of these principles do you need to work on? Do you . . .

1. Live by a budget?
2. Save for the future?
3. Put God first in your finances?
4. Keep good records?
5. Avoid debt?
6. Don’t expect money to make you happy?

Are you willing to work on all of these commitments today?

The Bible carries a great deal of warnings about money. “Don’t wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit” (Proverbs 23:4, NLT). “Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers?” (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, NLT).

**A LITTLE HUMOR:** A young couple had been married for about a year. They were struggling financially and decided to do something about it. They would develop a strategy. They sat down one day to talk about their finances, and the wife said to her husband, “If we miss two payments on the refrigerator and one payment on the washing machine, we’ll have enough money to make a down payment on a new television set.”



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# CAP News

by Capt Richard Block, Public Affairs Officer  
CAP Nacogdoches Squadron



Nacogdoches Mayor Jimmy Mize awarded Civil Air Patrol cadet Brannon Thompson his Second Lieutenant bars and the Billy Mitchell award at a ceremony at CAP headquarters. Lt. Thompson's parents Greg and Michelle are also pictured.

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# Confessions of a School Crossing Guard

Melody has been a school crossing guard for 29 years and she has a confession to make. Drivers have been doing it all wrong.

She loves her job and she is good at it. She has made sure students have crossed safely through a busy intersection for many years. In fact, there is no way to know how many children Melody has kept safe to and from school.

But she wants us to know something that many of us don't. Drivers can be issued a ticket for not following the directions of a school crossing guard. Not only do children and parents need to know they should always cross the street at a school crossing, a marked crosswalk or cross with a crossing guard, but motorists should also know the law regarding school crossings.

With thousands of children returning to class in East Texas this week, TxDOT reminds you to stay alert near school zones and buses. We also want to make you aware of the law at school crossings.

According to the Texas Transportation Code, Section 542.501:

A person may not willfully fail or refuse to comply with a lawful order or direction of:

- (1) a police officer;
- (2) a school crossing guard who:
  - (A) is performing crossing guard duties in a school crosswalk to stop and yield to a pedestrian; or
  - (B) has been trained under Section 600.004 and is directing traffic in a school crossing zone.

Most drivers don't like slowing down when they enter a school zone or having to wait at a school crossing, but Melody and other crossing guards are trained to help keep students safe even though many drivers feel inconvenienced when required to stop.

Crossing guards have pretty much seen it all. From fights at crosswalks to parents being rude to even teachers not obeying the law. But Melody says her biggest challenges are not the students who can be unruly, overly energetic, or mouthy. It's the motorists who don't want to obey the law.

"As soon as they see me turn to go back to the sidewalk, they start driving behind me before we ever get off the road," she said. "Legally, they are supposed to wait until we are completely off the road before they start driving."

She wants us to be aware of the problem because of all the things that could happen, the thought of a child being hurt on a road she is crossing would be her worst nightmare. And as a parent, that thought is also scary for you.

There are some rules that TxDOT shouldn't have to remind drivers of, but as school bells ring for a new year, some of us need to hear them again.

- Stay alert.
- Watch for children who might run between vehicles.
- Be mindful of children at bus stops.
- Put away your cellphone.
- Slow down.
- Obey school zone speed limit signs and all traffic rules.
- Drive safely around school buses.
- Drop off and pick up children in designated areas.
- Obey all school crossing guards and remain stopped until they have exited the roadway.

Of course, drivers have another incentive for obeying the law and these rules. It gets expensive when you don't. Whether you are speeding, talking on your phone, or not remaining stopped at school crossings, the fine can be up to \$200 per violation.

Not to mention the life of a child is priceless and getting in a hurry or being an impatient driver is not acceptable near buses, school crossings or school zones. Children are less cautious and more vulnerable than adults. Melody already knows that.

And now you know her career confessions – that keeping your child safe is her number one goal each day. But when we as drivers make that hard for her to do, law enforcement will show you no mercy, and neither will she. Obey the school crossing guards. Because the life of a child is worth it.

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## Chamber Connection

by Kelly Augustine  
Executive Vice President,  
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# September Events at the Chamber

### Painting the Town Purple and business excellence awardees recognized this month

Groups of chamber of commerce volunteers and Stephen F. Austin State University representatives will venture into local businesses in an annual blitz that will paint Nacogdoches purple!

The Paint the Town Purple Blitz is Sept. 15 and begins with a kick off breakfast at the Nacogdoches County Chamber sponsored by NEDCO. The campaign encourages more businesses to show SFA spirit purple, fly SFA flags, display athletics posters and swag and offer deals and discounts to SFA faculty, students and their families.

If you are a local business owner or manager, or if you are a resident who would like to show SFA colors at your home, please call 936-560-5533 for more information.

### Chamber honors business excellence awardees, inducts board of directors at 99th Annual Meeting & Banquet

Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce board of directors invites all to attend the organization's annual meeting and membership banquet on Sept. 28 at The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. Members of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors will be inducted and award recipients for the Gary Justice Business Excellence Awards, the Citizen of the Year and the Non Profit of the Year will be recognized. This is the premier business community gathering of the year!

The current award recipients are:

- **Nacogdoches Floral Company, Small Business of the Year** - award sponsored by Commercial Bank of Texas, N.A.
- **Manpower Group, Medium Business of the Year** - award sponsored by Regions Bank.
- **Eaton Cooper Power Systems, Inc., Large Business of the Year** - award sponsored by R&K Distributors, Inc.
- **Alton Frailey, Citizen of the Year** - award sponsored by Tipton Ford Lincoln.
- **Love In The Name of Christ, Non Profit of the Year** - award sponsored by Charles Pool Real Estate, Inc.

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce is also awarding Judge Mike Perry posthumously with a Lifetime Achievement award.

Tickets and sponsorships are available, but space is limited. Please contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, 936-560-5533, or go to [www.Nacogdoches.org](http://www.Nacogdoches.org) for more information.

### Please join these Ribbon Cutting celebrations:

- **Rapid Payday & Title Loans**, 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 10 at 3732 North St. Celebrating chamber membership and a radio remote broadcast will begin at 11 a.m. with prize wheel and cash vault!
- **Buchanan Wealth Management**, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1323 N. University Dr. Celebrating the grand opening of a new business!
- **Barber Kyngs**, 1:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 at 2311 North St. Celebrating the grand opening of a new business!
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# My Earliest Impressions of Texas

by Tweed Scott

You ask me how I got to Texas? Unlike many folks who'll say, "I wasn't born in Texas, but I got here as quick as I could," I can say, "I got here as quick as I got sent." I grew up in New Hampshire. Hey, before anyone yells, "Get a rope," let me ask you a question. Did you get to choose where you were born? Nah, I didn't think so.

None of us get to choose where we were born. Mom made that decision for you. You may not get to pick where you are born but you are danged sure able to choose where you live. I humbly tell you dear reader, I am HOME. I joined the Navy during the Vietnam Era to see the world and within six months, I found myself living a couple of miles outside of beautiful downtown Kingsville some 40 miles south of Corpus Christi. I admit to wondering who I ticked off to get sent to this place. I quickly determined that if it walked, crawled, or slithered, it would hurt you—even the plants could draw blood. For me it was a complete culture shock.



It took me a couple of weeks to draw up the courage to go into town and rub elbows with the "locals." It wasn't long before I had an epiphany of sorts. I really liked these people...these Texans. They were a warm and welcoming people. I remember not saying much, but just observing and listening. I came to love these people. They taught me about exotic foods like, chicken fried steak, tacos and Whataburger. I also figured out that if you wanted to get something done, just tell a Texan that it can't happen and then—get the heck out of the way because some action is about to take place. Granted, it might not be particularly well thought out at the moment—particularly if there is alcohol involved, but some action will be taken.

I love Texans. One of the things I learned while researching my book, *Texas in Her Own Words* was that Texans are HOW thinkers, not IF thinkers. If never enters into the equation. For me there was one other important factor. A couple of years after I was stationed in Texas, I met and fell deeply in love with a native Texan. Let me tell you. You marry a native Texan and your life is OVER! You are not going anywhere. You only have two options. Acclimate or die. As I recall, I only had input on one major decision after that and that was, "OK dear. Where do you want to pour the slab for the house?" Yeah, that was it.

That was over 50 years ago. I love Texas and I love Texans. I apparently was supposed to have been born here but Mom never read the memo. I did find Texas, and this is where I will finish out my life. I love this place and her people. Texas is a welcoming place. One last thing about Texas. You can be a Texan in a short time, but all you have to do is when you come here, just assimilate. Come be one of us and not apart from us. Please do not try to change us into the place you came from. If the place you came from was that great what are you doing here? Again, embrace your opportunity. Just come be one of us. Texas is what it is on purpose. It didn't just happen. For me, the two most important things that drive me to move forward are "God & Texas!" Great talking to you, neighbor.

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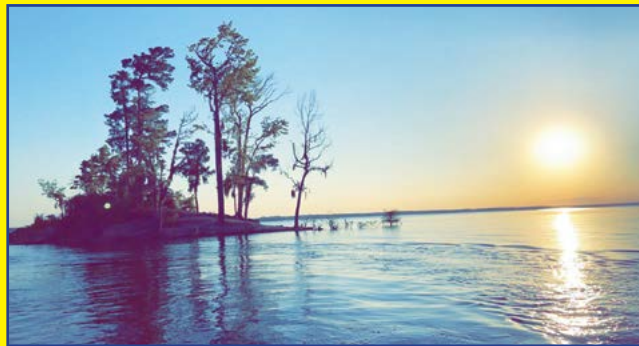
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## The Refuge

“That by two immutable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for REFUGE to lay hold of the hope set before us.” (Hebrews 6:18)

*Cheryl Brady is a native of El Dorado, Arkansas. Following graduation from college as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG), she went on to serve twenty-eight years as a U.S. Army logistics officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. She was transplanted from Washington State by the hand of the Lord to Nacogdoches in May 2019. She has grown to love this oldest town in Texas. She is a Bible teacher, published author, and motivational speaker who loves to encourage folks with the Word of God.*



### Too Busy Loving

It was customary when briefing a military audience to give the BLUF—Bottom Line Up Front. Since the target audience of The Refuge devotionals are soldiers in the Lord’s army, here’s the BLUF: Christians do not have much time in this life to love, to love Christ and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our earthly existence is short. Tomorrow is not promised to us. We cannot save love for tomorrow. This begs the question, “How are we practicing loving others

today?” Are our lives mostly consumed with living or with loving?

In the military there are consequences when commands and orders of superiors are disobeyed. Disobedience carried second and third order effects that were not immediately foreseen. Christ is our Supreme Commander. By His Spirit He commands us, “Follow God’s example in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins” (Eph 5:1, 2 NLT).

Let us not take lightly the consequences of disobeying our Lord’s command. To love is a willful choice. By fully embracing our new identity in Christ, we can make the choice each day to love. This pilgrim’s journey is not about the Christian. It is no longer we who live but Christ lives in us. Everything is about Christ. The eternal consequences of our obedience or disobedience to love, matters.

The most loving thing a born-again Christian can do is speak biblical truth and love by that same truth. People need to see in Christians what we say to them. We must choose to live a life filled with love for others. What does this Spirit-produced love look like (Gal 5:22)? The apostle Paul answers in his letter to the Corinthians. We find these God-breathed words written in 1 Cor 13:4-7 (NLT), “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

Our identity as children of God should shout, “I’m too busy loving you to hate you”; “I’m too busy loving you to withhold forgiveness from you”; “I’m too busy loving you to do evil against you”; “I’m too busy loving you to not meet your needs; “I’m too busy loving you to judge you by outward appearances.” I’m too busy loving you to withhold the gospel of Jesus Christ from you—the Good News of a Savior who died to save sinners.

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# Motorcycle Cannonball in Nacogdoches

On Thursday, September 23rd over 100 motorcycle enthusiasts on 90-year-old bikes will stop in Nacogdoches for an overnight stay.

The motorcyclists are a part of the "Motorcycle Cannonball," a 4,300-mile endurance run from Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to South Padre Island, Texas. They've chosen Nacogdoches, TX as stop #13 on their route.

The Motorcycle Cannonball is on its 6th run that happens every two years. All participants will be on pre-1930 antique motorcycles. After five successful events, the Cannonball has become an American institution: bringing in riders and collectors from all over the world. Most of the route will be on two-lane back roads with less than 100 miles on interstate highways. An ambitious ride to say the least, averaging around 300 miles per day, this will be a true endurance run.

Nacogdoches is thrilled to have been chosen as a stop for this large feat. All are welcome to come Downtown that Thursday to meet the motorcyclists, their crew and view the incredible bikes they'll be riding in on. Motorcycles will be parked around the Downtown square. Participants will enjoy dinner, sight-seeing, and shopping from 3-6:30pm. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy local happenings like Trivia at Fredonia Brewery and live jazz music at The Cottage Wine Bar. Of course, the fun doesn't stop there, stay the whole weekend to get the full Nacogdoches experience!

There are plenty more fun events happening in Nacogdoches in September and beyond! Check out our "What's Happening" poster included in this paper. Weekly versions are posted on the Visit Nacogdoches Facebook page. Events can always be found at VisitNacogdoches.org

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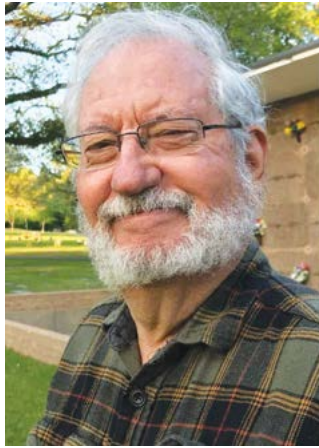
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# A Little Bit of History... Happy Birthday, Ardie Dixon!

by Hershel Dixon

Born in Lufkin, Texas to Hershel and Kathleen (Hinson) Dixon, Dickie Dixon is a sixth generation with very strong roots in other parts of East Texas, too. On his father's side, his ancestors, the Fenleys, arrived in what is now Angelina County, and he died about a year later in what is called the Cordova Rebellion, an event whereby Dickie's great-great-great grandmother gained an interest in the Old Stone Fort (or House). None of his family lines arrived in Angelina County later than the 1880s, and one of them, Stanislaw John Pauszek (later anglicized to Poskey) was a Polish immigrant.



Later in life, he studied history at SFASU, serving as a graduate assistant and grader to Dr. Archie P. McDonald, and he has spoken a few times at the historical organization over which McDonald was in charge. In 2016, Carolyn Erickson gave him permission to assume the editorship of her column, which he has sent on a weekly basis to a number of newspapers.

Being very curious, he is interested in all types of history, and I hope I can whet your appetite for history in the future.

On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland in what has come to be known as the September Campaign to begin World War II. In Lufkin, twelve days later—on September 13th—my mother, Kathleen Dixon was besieged on two fronts—one by childbirth and the other by the delivering doctor, but she prevailed over both of them.

Our story takes place at 613 Finley Street behind Sherwin-Williams in Lufkin, and this story was conveyed directly to me from her. (Mother agreed wholeheartedly with the approach Sargeant Friday subscribed to on Dragnet: "Just the facts Ma'am." (She didn't embellish them.)

The scene was in the front bedroom of their two bedroom house, where Dr. Childers was answering a house call. What my mother did to elicit his remarks I will never know, but while Mother was in labor, he said to her: "Oh, you women don't know how to have babies!" Now I don't know about you, but I am amazed a man would ever make a comment like that to a woman, much less to one under the duress of labor. (Especially since she was giving birth to her second child!) Maybe he was having a bad day, or maybe he didn't want to be there that day for a house call. Maybe he cut classes when they lectured on good bedside manner. Or maybe he failed the quiz, or maybe he was just an insensitive male. All I know is he ruffled my mother's feathers, and she shot back with: "Well what do you know about it?"

That day Mother successfully gave birth to one of my older brothers: Ardie Dell Dixon, a 10 pound baby boy, named for the two brothers of Josie Blanche Poskey Dixon.

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| 4Tbsp butter<br>2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into small bite-size pieces<br>1/4 tsp salt<br>1/2 tsp garlic powder<br>1/4 tsp ground black pepper | 1 can cream of chicken soup<br>1 can cream of mushroom soup<br>1 can mixed vegetables (drained)<br>2 (1 top and 1 bottom) unbaked 9 inch deep dish pie crusts |
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Make sure there is an oven rack on the bottom rack of the oven. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Add the butter to a large skillet over medium heat. Once the butter is melted, add the chicken, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Cook for 8-10 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through, stirring often. Add cream of mushroom and cream od chicken soup. Stir well, until combined. Stir in the drained mixed vegetables. Cook until bubbling, stirring often, 3-4 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool for 10 minutes. Spoon the filling into the pie crust. Top with the second pie crust. Seal the edges of the pie crust together. Cut 3-4 slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape. Place the filled pie plate on a baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes on the bottom rack of the oven. Cool for 15-20 minutes before slicing and serving. The longer the pot pie can cool before slicing, the thicker/less runny the filling will be.

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**Hello Again from San Augustine County!**

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The San Augustine County Rodeo is now set for September the 16th through the 18th and it is going to be great! The Rodeo is FREE! Yes, I said Free! There will be fun for the whole family and some great experiences for the kiddos to enjoy such as Mutton Bustin and a calf scramble. These events are really fun to watch. There will also be plenty of Bareback, Saddle Bronc, bulls, steer wrestling, and a lot more.

This year we also have a sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off by the Lone Star Barbecue Society. The BBQ Cook-Off will be held at the fairgrounds and cooks will start setting up on Friday, September 17th and judging will start at 10:30 AM on Saturday, September 18th. The Overall Grand Champion will receive \$1000! There will also be first, second, and third place cash prizes for chicken, brisket, and ribs and a \$50 bean jackpot! So if you like to BBQ and you think you have what it takes, just call the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce and get signed up to be in our Pro Rodeo BBQ Cook-Off! 936-275-3610.

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Next up after the Rodeo will be our 31st annual Sassafras Festival! The Sassafras Festival will be held on October 23rd this year, it is always the 4th Saturday in October. This is an exciting event for San Augustine County. We have lots and lots of vendors of every kind, from turkey legs, honey straws, jewelry, arts and crafts, and everything in between! There will be lots for the kids of every age to do as well. We will have barrel train rides and bungee rides and much more. There is also a sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off at this event as well! This event is a must! It is free admission to the Sassafras Festival. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or a BBQ competitor please call me, Brandi, at 936-275-3610 to get an application.



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# Jason Harrison – On a Mission For God

by Terri Lacher, talacher@sbcglobal.net

Jason Harrison was what he calls “a snowbird from Pennsylvania,” but he says he got here as quick as he could. He is a man of convictions and is not afraid to say so. And at the age of 77, he still isn’t slowing down.

Jason originally worked for the water departments in Bullard, Jacksonville, Lufkin, and Nacogdoches. Once he retired, he needed something to do that best met his needs. He was very active in politics, taking a side that wasn’t met with popularity, but he stood his ground.

“I was selling Trump hats and banners. After the election I was looking for something else to do that would allow me to continue to meet the good people of the world,” Jason said.

As a huge supporter of policemen everywhere, he came up with an idea that could show his respect to law officers.

“It was not hard to see how disrespectfully the police were being treated. So why not speak up further?” Jason shared.

To do this, Jason came up with the idea of one of his favorite movies, and adapted it to his own style.

“I love the Blues Brothers. Humor brings out joy. I loved their movie and I try to bring out humor in what I do. I honestly am on a mission for God (not from God). I want to be a person that speaks from the heart and not a pocketbook or wallet.”

And so, Jason Harrison is the “older” guy, dressed in a dark coat, sun glasses and a hat, looking like a Blues Brother right out of the movie. You may have seen him walking down the main streets of Nacogdoches, carrying his “Blue Line” products. He said he loves his country, and loves to bring a smile to people, especially the police officers.



Jason Harrison (left) with Around the Town Publisher, David Stallings.

“I love to show the police that there are more people that respect them than those who are lost and confused,” Jason said. He is deeply committed to praying for the police officers, men and women, and their families.

Jason shared, “I can not imagine how it is for them as each day their husband, wife, son, father, or daughter go off to work where something bad can happen to them by someone who has no idea what respect means. There is a lot of complaints in our country these days, so please be a “Blues Brother.” All you have to do is respect all police officers and all people. Respect will bring us together. You give respect and you get respect. It’s that simple.”

To see what Jason’s products are, he says that wherever he is, he has his products with him. He also sets up at local flea markets and trade days. He can also be found on the corner of Highway 21 and CR 425. You may also reach him by phone at (936) 553-9022.

## Millard’s Crossing Historic Village Announces New Executive Director

Natalie Jamison has been named executive director of Millard’s Crossing Historic Village, effective August 23, 2021. Jamison will oversee the education, preservation, and organizational administration of Millard’s Crossing.

Jamison graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1993 with a major in History. Before accepting the position with Millard’s Crossing Historic Village, Jamison served as the Executive Director for CASA of Grayson County.

When she is not working or volunteering, Jamison enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. Jamison is currently a board member of CASA of Deep East Texas.

Millard’s Crossing Historic Village is a private, non-profit 501c3, dedicated to connecting people to the past in a meaningful and memorable way. Established by the late Lera Millard Thomas, the village comprises a broad sampling of 19th century East Texas architecture from simple log cabins to Victorian homes. The mission of Millard’s Crossing Historic Village is to portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlement in East Texas and to connect present generations to those of the past.

Millard’s Crossing is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please email [info@mchvnac.com](mailto:info@mchvnac.com).

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# In the Loop... Expo Center in Lufkin

with Burt Hairgrove  
*Executive Director,  
George H. Henderson, Jr. Expo Center  
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Greetings from the Expo!

As I attend events here locally and get the opportunity to visit with "Around the Town" readers it is always nice to get some positive feedback. A few weeks ago I ran into the founding member of the prestigious 3F Club! A big Expo Howdy goes out to Fireman, Farrier & Friend - Robert Templin and wife Daphne. We had a great time at the concert at Festival Plaza!

Meanwhile, back at the Expo, on September 4th, don't miss - **Jeepin' for Jesus** - This is a **completely free, family friendly event**. There will be a show & shine for Jeeps & Motorcycles with 10 different categories and trophies for each. Also, a flex contest for the Jeeps to see who can stretch the highest. There will even be cars that will be run over by the Jeeps. A "Poker Run" for the motorcycles with cash prizes is planned. Bounce houses for the kids and a variety of food trucks will be on hand. Raffles & door prizes given out all day. Including a set of five 37 inch Mud Tires from the TreadWright tire company. The event is free!

Next, we will be gearing up for the **37th Annual Texas State Forest Festival September 16-19**. Presented by Brookshire Brothers. The Angelina County Chamber of Commerce began the Texas State Forest Festival in 1938, which was held as an annual county fair event until 1953. With the existing Chamber sponsoring the Youth Fair as part of the event, the Texas State Forest Festival was held on the 30+ acres where Lufkin Middle School currently is located, and drew crowds reaching 8,000!

In 1984, the Chamber board reviewed and revised the Texas State Forest Festival as an annual event, and merged its activities with the Southern Hushpuppy Championships in May 1985. The Texas State Forest Festival moved to its September date in 1988. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 36th Annual Texas State Forest Festival was re-branded as the Fall Forest Festival on First Street held in November 2020. In 2021, the Texas State Forest Festival is back and better than ever, happening September 16-19, 2021.

The Texas State Forest Festival hosts several competitions, which includes: the East Texas Cheerleading Championships, the Southern Hushpuppy Championships, the East Texas Pom-Pon/Dance Team Competition, the Miss Forest Festival and Little Mr. Timberjack Pageant, the Pineywoods Class Car Show, and introducing in 2021 is the Big Axe BBQ Competition.

Currently, the Texas State Forest Festival draws crowds approaching 14,000 and generates a net profit of \$50,000 per year – a tremendous accomplishment for an event 35 years old! Annually, the Texas State Forest Festival requires over 150 volunteers working about 2,500 hours to stage the event, and continues to be one of the premier annual events in East Texas!

As always,  
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Burt Hairgrove, Executive Director

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# Fun Festivities Planned for Annual Forest Festival Set for Sept. 16-19

*The Ferris wheel. Hushpuppies. Cheerleading and dance. Classic cars. Good ol' country tunes. Fried foods. Lemonade. Games. And of course, a delicious ribeye sandwich from the Roundtable.*

Those are just a few Deep East Texas traditions that drive thousands to visit Lufkin and Angelina County every September for the annual Texas State Forest Festival, presented by Brookshire Brothers. After taking a different twist last year with the Fall Forest Festival on First Street, the 37th annual Texas State Forest Festival is back and better than ever at its home at the George H. Henderson Jr. Exposition Center on Sept. 16-19. New additions, hometown traditions and fun experiences are the things the Forest Festival is made of. The four-day festival is filled with the best hushpuppy cooks, the best cheerleaders, the best talent and the best entertainment — all in one place. Let's dive-in and explore what's happening at this year's festival.

## Festival Fun

The Texas State Forest Festival kicks off at 5:00 p.m. Sept. 16 with the Lufkin Education Foundation's Corporate Challenge. The adults-only competition is the ultimate throwback to everything folks loved about elementary school field days.

Get ready to play like a kid and party like a grown-up, as teams compete in a series of classic activities for points. Some of the nostalgic games planned that are sure to bring out their inner child include Tug of War, Egg Race and Sack Race. Contact Vercie McMullen, LEF executive director, at [lufkineducationfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:lufkineducationfoundation@yahoo.com) or 675-0192 to add a team of six to the competition. The deadline to participate is Sept. 3. The stands will be open for friends and family to cheer on their favorite team.

Gates open at 5 p.m. that night with KTRE hosting a canned food drive. Attendees who donate canned food will receive \$1 off the general admission price of \$6. The carnival will be back and better this year and will be open the first night of festivities. Come out to cheer your favorite corporate team, ride a few rides and enjoy festival sweets and treats.

The 2021 Pineywoods Car Show takes center stage Sept. 17 in the main arena. Jeeps, motorcycles and cars will be highlighted for attendees to come admire and check out. For those interested in showcasing their vehicle, there is no registration fee to enter but spaces are limited. Registration forms can be found at [texasstateforestfestival.com](http://texasstateforestfestival.com). Also rolling in Friday evening are participants in the first Big AXE BBQ Competition, presented by Ferrara's Heating & Air Conditioning.

What's more East Texan than delicious, mouth-watering barbecue? Nothing. The best cooks will be setting up shop as they get their meat prepped for the inaugural barbecue competition. Rules, regulations and registration forms can be found on the Forest Festival's website.

Even if you don't participate, make sure to come around Saturday for the amazing smells and tastes and to see who comes out on top of the Big AXE BBQ Competition.

The second annual Lumber-JACKED 5K & Fun Run, presented by Live Well Athletic Club, kick off the festivities bright and early at 8 a.m. Sept. 18. Runners will travel around the scenic Ellen Trout Memorial Lake. The registration fee is \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$15 for children 12 and under. Registration forms and a race map can be found online at [texasstateforestfestival.com](http://texasstateforestfestival.com).

As the competition heats up, the taste of hushpuppies is on everyone's mind as the 50th annual Southern Hushpuppy Championships, presented by McWilliams & Son Heating & Air Conditioning, will pit some of the best cooks against one another to create flavorful and tasty hushpuppies.

Teams of four from across Texas compete for the title of Southern Hushpuppy

Champion and the grand prize of \$1,000. The competition is always tough, and it's fun to watch the judges' work hard to pick the winners. With more than \$2,000 in prizes, get your team registered today. Registration forms can be found at [texasstateforestfestival.com](http://texasstateforestfestival.com). The show begins at 2 p.m. in the main area. The stands will be open for friends and family to cheer on their favorite team.

The Big Axe BBQ Competition winners will be announced at 2 p.m. It's going to be a delicious day of good cooking and fun competition at the Forest Festival. For all those who love shopping, the Vendor Market Day will be held throughout the day as attendees find the perfect gift for a loved one or their selves. Dozens of commercial vendors will be open to shop from with an array of items to select from. So, bring your wallets, East Texans, it'll be a fabulous day for browsing and shopping.

On Sept. 19, the East Texas Cheerleading Championships & Pom Pon/Dance Championships, presented by Texas Size Selfie, will bring in performers from across Texas as they battle it out for the top place. The annual championships showcase the great talents of local middle and high school cheerleaders and dancers. The competition kicks-off at 1 p.m. in the main arena.

"They always bring their A-game to this competition, so be sure to come out and cheer them on," Tara Hendrix, the Chamber's director of events and engagement, said.

## Attractions

New attractions are making their way to Lufkin this year for the festival. The Sea Lion Splash Show, a unique show that will have crowds cheering and laughing, makes its festival debut this year. The sea lions will entertain the crowds as they balance balls, shoot hoops, dance, perform handstands and showoff their smiles. The show, which will have multiple daily performances during the festival, features both California and South American sea lions.

Another new attraction coming to the festival is Danny Conner's Reptile Adventures. With a show filled with crocodiles, snakes, lizards, spiders and scorpions, Reptile Adventures is making it fun to protect and understand cold-blooded animals. The exhibit is open all day to the public to give festival-goers the opportunity to learn about the reptiles.

Plus, view art revved up by the Bear Hollow Wood Carvers. Watch them work chainsaw magic and create massive yet intricate wood art throughout the four-day festival.

And don't fret, the fan-favorite petting zoo will be open throughout the festival for the smaller attendees to enjoy.

Local musicians will bring the tunes to the Forest Festival every night on the Swingin' Axe Stage and the Beer Garden will be back this year for East Texans to enjoy a tall glass of brew or their favorite wine as they enjoy their favorite tunes or two-stepping on the dance floor.

## Hometown tradition

When Angelina County native Casey Adams was 10 years old, he recalled a memory of his aunt being late to pick him up to attend the Forest Festival that year.

"I just remember that date because I was literally pacing back and forth in the yard," he said.

Now he looks forward to taking his three kids and creating memories that last a lifetime. Plus, he said he is looking forward to eating a fried Oreo and any type of meat-on-the-stick.

"Each time I take my kids, it's more fun each time," Adams said.

Colleen Murray, who will be working the event for the first time, is looking forward to finding a fried Twinkie to dine on. She had her first one in September 2011 at the Forest Festival and said it's time for another. Plus, she is excited to work the festival and see the behind-the-scenes magic.

"Even though it's going to be a lot of hard work, it's going to be a lot of fun at the same time," she said. She also said she wanted to remind festival-goers that there will be plenty of delicious festival food and drinks to enjoy.

Amanda Crocker, the Chamber's director of membership, remembers the family tradition of going to the carnival with her papaw every year.

"My papaw used to take my sister and I to the carnival when we were little every single year. So it's a family tradition," she said. "So, I am carrying on that tradition with my two girls."

Tara Watson-Watkins, president/CEO of the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, has been attending the Forest Festival since she was a young girl. She said she was "always excited to go around the loop and see the Ferris wheel light up at night."

This year, she is excited about the new attractions and the annual competitions. But really, she is excited to be able to see the 37th annual Texas State Forest Festival occur for friends and family to make new traditions and forever memories.

"It's a longstanding tradition that people from East Texas like to come and enjoy with their family," Watson-Watkins said. "It's 37 years old, and it continues to be relevant in our community. It's the history of what Lufkin/Angelina County was founded on — the forestry. It's a great time for families to enjoy and be outside and eat great carnival food, and make lots of memories to last a lifetime."

Check out [texasstateforestfestival.com](http://texasstateforestfestival.com) for more info, ticket prices and schedules.

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## Walter Burns - Special Ops

As told to Terri Lacherby Walter Burns



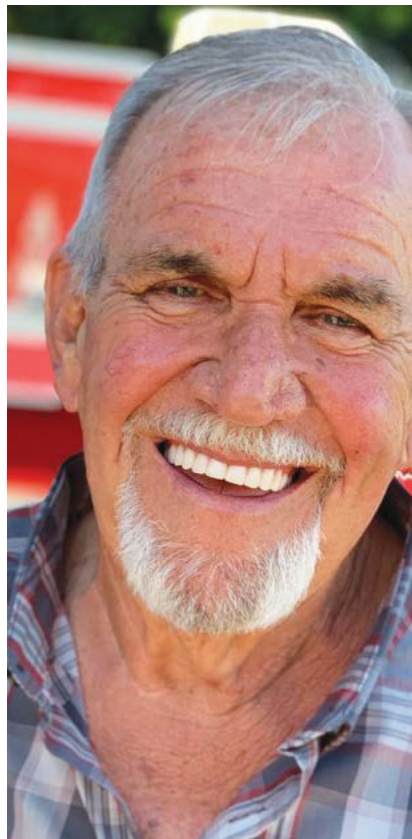
Walter Burns was born in Conroe, Texas, in 1945. He has two children, four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. He was married to his first wife Nelda from 1964 until her death in Jan. 2010. He remarried in Sept, 2010 to Molly Burns and now resides with her in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Walter's early years were spent in southwest Louisiana where his father worked in the oilfields. When he was about 12 years old he moved to Houston with his mother. At the age of 13, his mother passed away and he was left standing on the street corner holding his 9 month old nephew, as the ambulance drove away with his mother followed by his sister and her husband in their car. From that point forward, he bounced around between his father's home in Louisiana, his older sister's home in Houston, and various friends homes.

Being a largely-unguided teen boy, Walter ended up in late 1963 with a hefty collection of unpaid traffic tickets, and was cordially invited by the local judge to either volunteer to join the service or spend some time in jail for the unpaid tickets.

"I chose enlistment, with the judge authorizing my under-aged enlistment at the age of 17," Walter said, "I was a lost, aimless boy when I joined the army. The army did a good job of raising me into the man I am today."

Walter's army service began with basic and advanced infantry training in Fort Polk, Louisiana. From there he went to Fort Rucker, Alabama, for Rotary Wing Mechanic training. Once that was completed, he shipped out to Germany. Being a definite southern boy used to plenty of hot weather, he felt like Germany was worse than a prison sentence, with the cold and monotony. His job there was working on Bell OH-13 helicopters, which were little 2-seat observation helicopters. The airfield at Darmstadt was very small and quiet. Pilots and other personnel were just "doing time," and for a young, energetic enlisted man, Walter found little relief from the boredom. His captain, who was a pilot, would have Walter join in on boredom-busting "training" flights in the Bell helicopters, where they would do auto rotation



Walter Burns today

landings, which were climbing straight up to about 1200 feet and then free-falling until close to the ground, when they pulled a pitch on the helicopter blades to slow the descent enough to have a safe landing.

"It was like riding a roller coaster all day long, and got pretty boring after the first few rides," Walter said, chuckling as he recalled another incident while in Germany. He and a fellow enlisted man found a small, old motorcycle in the trash. They pulled it out and revived it, but it had no tires. Still, they spent time riding it up and down on the runway on the bare metal wheels, sparks flying. He's still amazed that they survived their antics!

Walter learned of an option to re-enlist, which would extend his service time by one year, but would also offer him a re-enlistment bonus and, most importantly, it meant he would be transferred stateside for additional training. It sounded like a great way to leave Germany, so he took the re-enlistment, transferring to Fort Eustice, Virginia for mechanic training on H-21 helicopters, which, interestingly enough, were being phased out of the military. He completed the training and was sent to Fort Ord in California where he was to be based. He spent some time repairing helicopter blades in an area manned almost exclusively with civilians.



Walter Burns at Fort Rucker

Again, he found his job tedious. He couldn't leave the base on evenings and weekends. When he was at the movies one weekend, he and a fellow enlisted man noticed a poster for Special Forces training. It sounded like a great opportunity to find something more exciting for a young man nearing 20 years of age. So, Walter and his friend both signed up, much to the irritation of his 1st Sergeant, who had been refusing to allow transfer requests for the daring duo. Orders came through within a few days for the Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for both Walter and his friend. While en route to Fort Bragg, Walter took his leave time to drive home to Houston in his 1954 Mercury. It had no thermostat and froze up. In Flagstaff Arizona, with no heat, he drove wrapped up in blankets. The radiator also froze up because there was no antifreeze in it. A gas station owner let him park his car inside the garage until the radiator defrosted enough to add antifreeze.

"It was a great lesson in supply and demand, as the gas station had the only supply, and I desperately needed it. So I paid \$25 for one gallon of

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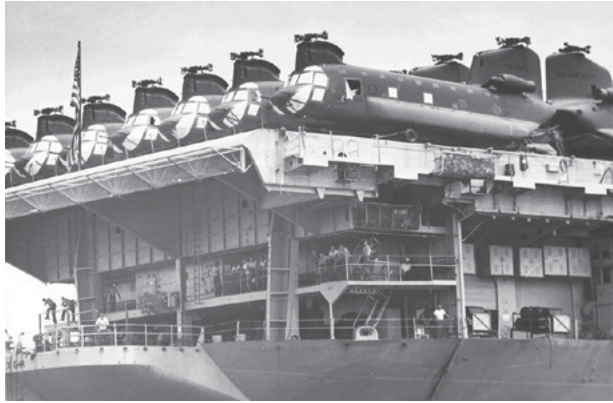


antifreeze, instead of the going price of about \$4," Walter laughed.

He reported for duty at the 7th Special Forces Group training at Fort Bragg. The training included medic training, guerrilla warfare, escape and evasion. His specialty was guerrilla warfare, which he found much more to his liking than repairing helicopter blades. He went home to Houston to marry his first wife in August of 1964, having met and courted her when he had taken leaves over the past.

In March of 1965, which was the time of civil unrest in the south due to desegregation protests, Walter took a trip back to Houston to pick up his wife and return to North Carolina with her. They ended up going through Selma, Alabama during the civil unrest over Martin Luther King's march and the segregation issues. They were stopped before entering Selma, where a police officer told them to lock their doors, drive straight through, and to not stop for anything. His new wife was terrified, and perhaps wondering what she had gotten into. Fortunately, they were able to get through without problems, and made it back to Fort Bragg.

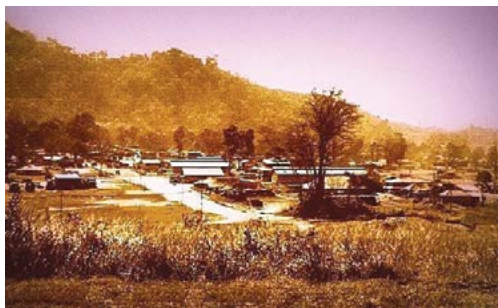
Walter had barely settled in to married life when he received orders to ship out to Vietnam in July of 1965 as part of the initial troop build-up, attached to the 1st Cav Division, 228th Helicopter Battalion. He left out of Mayport, Florida in August on the USS Boxer. The journey took about a month, having navigated through a large hurricane with the USS Boxer aircraft carrier loaded to maximum capacity with aircraft packed in like sardines in a can, and everything else needed



The USS Boxer

to establish a large presence in Vietnam. The aircraft carrier was riding so low in the water that it dragged the bottom of the Suez Canal. It required every piece of mechanical equipment available, including military tanks, as well as quite a few mules, to pull the heavy aircraft carrier through the canal.

When he arrived at Qui'non, Vietnam to establish a base about 40 miles inland at Ankhe, (which would later become Camp Radcliff), they literally had to clear out trees for enough room to land a helicopter, as they were about the first Americans in the area. Chainsaws were few and far between, and most of the ground was cleared by hacking away with machetes.



Camp Radcliff

There were the a lot of difficult and painful memories relating to Walter's time in Vietnam, there were also some times that cause him to chuckle a bit.

Since getting fresh food to the troops in Vietnam was challenging, most of the meals were from rations, where everything came out of a can. Walter was on a helicopter flight returning from Saigon with his major, when he spotted a water buffalo alone in a rice paddy. He pointed it out to the major, who asked if he could skin it. They ended up shooting the water buffalo, hooked it up under the helicopter, and flew it into camp.

Walter said, "Once there, it was skinned and cut up, and the base ate well for quite a few days. Fresh steak dinners and lots of stew sure beat the canned rations!"

There was another time, early on, when the camp in Vietnam still had no power. The major heard there were generators at the port of Qui'non, but none of them were set aside for their company. So, the major loaded up Walter with paint and a stencil and flew to Qui'non. The major dropped Walter out by the generators, then flew over and landed by the guard and made small conversation with him. Walter covertly added the company

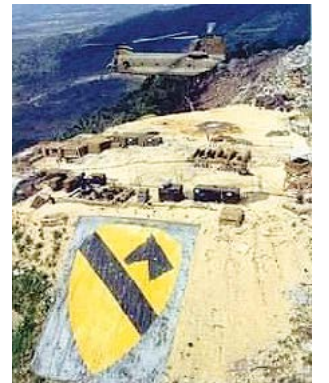
address onto a generator crate and slipped around behind the guard and headed back to the helicopter, with the guard none the wiser. Within a few days, their company had a nice big generator and plenty of power.

Being Special Forces TDY to the 1st CAV with dual specialties of guerrilla warfare and loadmaster on Chinook helicopters with the 228th helicopter battalion kept Walter quite busy. Under the command of Col. Bruce Crandall and in the first part of Nov. 1965, they were engaged in the battle of Ple Mi, when the North Vietnamese tried to overrun the Special Forces camp. Walter did not realize that it would be just a warm up for what would become the largest battle of his military career. By the middle of Nov. 65 they were engaged in the battle of La Drang Valley for a week, flying support for the infantry supplying ammunition and supplies as well as moving troops and equipment, 105 howitzers, mortars, etc.

"Little did I know that during that battle that my wife had given birth to my daughter back in San Augustine, Texas, where she had returned to be close to her parents during my deployment. I was notified of her birth by the Red Cross in Jan of 1966, six weeks after she was born," Walter said.

Throughout Walter's deployment he was either working with the Montiguard Indians of the central highlands or on the Chinooks, supporting the ground troops in their skirmishes or battles, never giving him the opportunity to take R&R.

"There are many stories that go along with my time in Vietnam, we survived 2 helicopter (Chinook) crashes, one down in the heavy jungle which we had to burn; the other close call was an auto rotation landing at 4 in the morning with no lights, just happened to sit it down on the crest of an 80 ft deep gully, after rolling over about 3 times and landing upside down," Walter said. "The most serious injury was that the crew chief got a broken leg."



Hong Cong Mountain

They secured the damaged helicopter, unloaded and engines removed, and then airlifted it back to base. Because of limited space in the transport helicopter, Walter rode the entire way back to the camp hanging onto the lift cable, perched on top of the wrecked helicopter.

Walter was honorably discharged from the Army in 1967. He found adjusting to civilian life challenging, and bounced around to many different jobs, including mechanic jobs, operating his own service station, and as a salesman for nuts and bolts. He became a salesman for floor refinishing supplies and found that people who could apply the finishes to gymnasium floors were in short supply. He then started doing the gym floor refinishing business for himself, working for schools, primarily in Texas and Louisiana. This proved profitable, and became his primary career until he retired in 2005 from heart issues related to Agent Orange poisoning,

Walter Burns now spends his time puttering around in the tool shed, planning fishing days, and trying to enjoy the quieter life on his property, tucked among the piney woods outside of Nacogdoches.

"I was extremely blessed by GOD that thru out my tour I only received minor injuries," Walter said. "I was stabbed by a Vietnamese that did not want to exit the chopper with his recon team. The other time we were on high alert and I was sleeping in the chopper when the Viet Cong ran elephants thru the perimeter and hit the flight line with satchel charges. I caught some shrapnel from that."

"In closing I would like to say that in addition to God bringing me thru these years in my life, I am very grateful to the Honorable Judge that gave me the opportunity to join the Army, and lastly to the U. S. Army that literally raised me and made me the man I turned out to be," Walter said.

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## Chief Jim Sevey - A Lifetime of Protecting and Serving His Community



by Terri Lacher, [talacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:talacher@sbcglobal.net)

To be a good police officer in today's world takes a lot of commitment and a lot of prayer. Chief Jim Sevey has a lot of both.

Originally from West Texas, Chief Sevey says he considers Midland his home town. He graduated from Midland High School (go Dawgs), and earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He then went to Lubbock Christian University for an undergraduate degree in Management. From there he attended the University of Texas earning his Master's in Criminal Justice Administration. Chief Sevey also attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy and the Senior Management Institute for Police.



Most of Chief Sevey's experience was with the Midland Police Department. He spent twenty-five years, working in various divisions before coming to Nacogdoches in 2005, taking the position as police chief. He has worked with both operational and command levels. His positions held ranged from Patrol Officer, Detective, Training Unit, Special Operations, SWAT, EOD (explosive ordnance disposal), and as Professional Standards Division Commander.

Being a law enforcement officer in today's world is not without challenges.

"My most challenging job had to be in Command of the Special Operations Unit. Components I commanded included SWAT, Traffic, field Training, K9, Gangs, and dignitary protection. I was on call constantly, and spent a lot of time away from home," Chief Sevey said. "The most rewarding aspect of my job was the positive impact I was able to have on both community members and officers alike. Whether solving community issues or helping an officer work through a personal or professional problem, it was a great time."

Since coming to Nacogdoches, Chief Sevey has been a great addition to the community. Although he has been in law enforcement most of his life, he believes his first and most important pursuit is having a genuine relationship with God.

"I want to try to drag as many people to heaven with me as possible. It would please me to no end if one day I was remembered as a good Christian man who also happened to be a police officer.

"Law enforcement is a tough career under the best of circumstances," Chief Sevey said. "You see the worst that society has to offer. But, you also have a great capacity to have a positive impact on people who really need help. First, I think you need a strong faith in God because your sensibilities will be challenged. Secondly, your family needs to support your decision without reservation. My wife has certainly been there for me at times when I felt completely alone, and it has meant the world to me."

Chief Sevey, and his wife, Sherry, have four children, Jeremy, Blaine, Ashley, and Matt. They also have three grandchildren, Addy, Luke and Henry.

"We also have a German shepherd, Hans Gruber and two cats, Mildred and John Walter," Chief Sevey said.

When Chief Sevey is not serving the community as a police officer, he loves woodworking, a hobby he has had since he was "very young." He loves to build things with his hands, and says he has things he made for his mother that are over forty years old. He and his wife, Sherry, have a business called Hill Country Woodworks of Texas. He enjoys making custom Shaker influenced furniture.



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After over forty years in law enforcement, Chief Sevey says he does think about retirement some.

"We have land near Hunt, Texas, and one day we hope to build a home and shop on it where I will be able to spend more time creating furniture. Hans, Mildred, and John Walter (the family pets) also look forward to retiring one day," said Sevey. But until that day comes, Chief Sevey will be doing the job he's done well, working on keeping the community and city of Nacogdoches a safe and secure place to live.

## Kissin' Kuzzins

by Hershel Dixon

The Angelina County Genealogical Society has put together Ten Days of Angelina County Heritage running from Sunday, September 12, 2021 to Tuesday, September 21, 2021—an expansion of Happy Birthday Lufkin! The schedule runs as follows:

September 12th 2 p.m. "Growing Up at Manning" Bob Flournoy Mansion at Sawmill Lake; Manning, Texas

September 13th 10 a.m. "The Men Who Founded Angelina County Lumber Company" Karen Kurth Hall; Lufkin City Council Chambers

September 14th 10 a.m. "Homer: Our Third County Seat" Darrell Bryan Homer United Pentecostal Church; Homer, Texas

September 15th 2 p.m. "Legacy: My Autobiography" Joe Deason Commissioners' Court Meeting Room, Tax Assessor's Office; Lufkin, Texas

September 16th 2 p.m. "Sports Heritage in the Lufkin Area in the Fifties and Sixties" Fellowship Hall Keltys United Methodist Church; Lufkin, Texas

September 17th 2 p.m. "Marion: Angelina County's First County Seat" Darrell Bryan Commissioners' Court Meeting Room, Tax Assessor's Office; Lufkin Texas

September 18th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tours of the Museum at Huntington's Centennial Park led by Pam Hooton and members of the Huntington Genealogical and Historical Society; Huntington, Texas

September 19th 2 p.m. Guided Tour Downtown Lufkin Led by Dickie Dixon et al, Louis Bronaugh Park

September 20th 10 a.m. Tour of the History Center by staff of the History Center ; Diboll, Texas

September 20th 4 p.m. "A Centennial History of Brookshire Brothers" Dickie Dixon; Location to be determined

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## The Heart of a Volunteer – Getting to Know Betty Shinn

Terri Lacher, [talacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:talacher@sbcglobal.net)

Saint Francis of Assisi said, “A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.” Betty Shinn has definitely been that sunbeam in and around Nacogdoches County, touching the lives of so many during her many years of serving and living in Nacogdoches.



Betty Shinn (left) with long-time friend, Joyce Swearingen.

Betty Shinn is no stranger to the Nacogdoches community. Born in Smith County, Texas, Betty, the daughter of Willie Lee and Ruby Gilley, married her high school sweetheart, Ernest Shinn. They had two children, Lee Paul, and Jane Ann, and they have two granddaughters, Kelley Jane and Ashley Ann. They moved to Nacogdoches in the fall of 1974. Betty began working at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital and in 1975 she became a charter member of the staff at Nacogdoches Medical Center Hospital. Her husband, Ernest, retired from the Texas Department of Human Resources.

While working at Medical Center, Betty managed the Image Center as the Director of Medical Imaging. She was also the Marketing Director for Community Development. During her working career, she served as the Annual Meeting Planner for The Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists for about fifteen years, and was also the editor of their professional journal, TEX-RAYS. She has also chaired other annual events for various organizations.

Her years of service as a volunteer included serving as the chair for thirty years in the Nacogdoches Heritage Festival. Betty also has served as president of Nacogdoches Heritage Heralds, and the co-chairman of the Nacogdoches Historical Foundation, which oversees the Zion Hill Church revocation project along with the City of Nacogdoches and the Bright Foundation. Zion Hill Church is the oldest standing African-American church in the state of Texas. Her list of volunteering includes being on the advisory board of the Nacogdoches Boys and Girls Club, and secretary for the Corporate Board for the six Boys and Girls Clubs of East Texas. She was inducted into the Commission for Women and Children with the City of Nacogdoches and the Heritage Hall of Fame. This fall, Betty will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Boys and Girls Clubs of East Texas.

Since her move to Nacogdoches, Betty has been quite active with the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce, having been president, board member, and chairman of the Annual Banquet for the 15th year. Betty has been awarded Citizen of the Year award as well as recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

“I was so shocked and was beginning to wonder what had happened to the MC’s...they had completely gotten off track from the agenda. I was so honored and shocked, but so proud of the award!” Betty shared.

Her list of achievements and positions continue to include being involved with the Pilot International Service Club, both as president and treasurer. She also served the Texas District as a Lieutenant Governor and was presented with the Green Jacket Award for her outstanding service. She was instrumental in developing the Project Lifesaver Program for their club for patients diagnosed with dementia. She has also been a CASA volunteer, Love Inc., Cancer Society, Toastmasters, Downtown Merchants (Nacogdoches), the United Way, and the Federation of Women’s Clubs, which maintains and manages the Old University Building and Museum on the TJR Campus in Washington Square. Betty is also a member of the board of the Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. which is instrumental in the placement and building of the historic statues around town.

During her working career, Betty helped Dr. Ernest Seitz from Lufkin, to establish the radiology program at Angelina College. She also served as the state president and editor of their State Journal. During her service at Medical Center, she was privileged to work with Dr. Loma Laird and Dr. Bill Jones, and many others.

“I have enjoyed being a volunteer in this community in many other areas that I have not listed, but the rewards have been great. It gives me personal satisfaction that I have helped many along the way, professionally, personally, and with my faith. I enjoy seeing the smiles on the faces, and knowing that I may have been a small part in their lives is rewarding enough,” Betty said.

If a person did a little digging, they would soon discover that there are very few organizations that Betty Shinn has not been involved in, dedicating her time and energy as a volunteer, and serving where needed. She has continued to bring sunshine into the lives of the Nacogdoches Community for over forty-seven years, and is a familiar face about town. If there is a need, Betty is probably not far behind, organizing, planning, and serving others.

Betty said, “I would offer this advice to young ladies and young mothers. Offer whatever time and advice to the younger generation, and always make time for what is necessary. There is always time in the day to help others.”

Betty, and husband, Ernest are enjoying their retirement. They have been active members at First Christian Church for about eighteen years, where Ernest is an elder, and teaches a Bible study for men, and a mixed Sunday school Life Class, and Betty is a deaconess.



# Where Have Shoeshine Stands Gone?

by Neal Murphy

Neal Murphy grew up in the small town of San Augustine, Texas. He and wife Clara have two grown children. Moving back after retiring, now with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, he began, as a hobby, writing short stories of humorous things that he observed over the years. He was an ambulance driver in college, worked for two funeral homes, then spent over forty years in the insurance business. He also writes stories of his forty-four years as a state certified police officer working for seven different departments. After living in five different states, he is now retired back in San Augustine and has his stories printed in seven different newspapers, and published five books. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, and the Insurance Institute of America. He is a Deacon in a Baptist Church and former Sunday School Teacher for many years, as well as Choir Director at several churches. He is also the docent in the 1919 Jail Museum in San Augustine and works three days a week. He was the director of the restoration of the old county records dating back to the 1800s.



When I was a kid growing up in the small town of San Augustine, Texas in the 1940s and 1950s, I recall our town having at least two shoeshine stands. They were located inside two barbershops in the downtown area. Mr. Stephenson owned a shoe repair shop where he worked with all kinds of leather goods including saddles and harnesses. He would also put a shine on shoes that he had repaired with new leather soles. Mr. Crawford had a shoe repair shop on the east side of the courthouse.

A classmate of mine, Raymon Earl Hilton, had a shoeshine stand in the barbershop on the north side of the square. He put a shine on my leather shoes several times while I was waiting to get my hair cut. I look around town today and there are no more shoeshine stands to be seen anywhere. What has happened to them?

I think we can blame the "tennis shoe" for their demise. Around 1955 the new style shoe was introduced. This shoe was not made of leather, but of cloth, with rubber soles. They did not need to be shined. So, fewer and fewer shoes are now made of leather, therefore there is no need for a shoeshine boy.

Prior to 1950 in England, some shoes were manufactured with rubber soles and heels. They were primarily worn by guards in prisons. The guards could walk silently throughout the prisons. The inmates thus called them "sneakers" because the guards could sneak up on them silently. So, the word "sneaker" has stuck over time to the tennis shoe type of footwear.

Back to the shoeshine stands. After some research on the matter, it would appear that in our modern time most shoeshine stands are located in airport terminals. There are about 50 of them left. Most of their clientele are male travelers who wear boots or dress shoes. A few women who wear boots make use of the shoeshine boys.

Out of necessity, most shoeshine boys have learned to clean up and brighten the white soles on sneakers, thus they have developed new clientele in this area. Back in the early days of air travel, fliers dressed up to fly. Men wore business suits with shined shoes, and women dressed up as though going to a wedding or shower. If one notices air travelers of today, they are dressed down to shorts, tee shirts and flip flops. Women wear shorts and sandals, sometimes wearing clothes resembling their pajamas.

At the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, there are two "Like New Shoe Stands" that have been owned and run by Wayne Kendrick's family for about forty years. Kendrick, who began helping his dad at the airport thirty-three years ago, now operates the stands with his brother. He charges \$7 for a shoe shine, up from the \$5 his dad charged years ago.

Time-crushed business travelers are helping to keep most airport shoeshine stands in business now days. In many airports it's a long-held tradition of fast, friendly, inexpensive and complimentary services that keeps customers coming back. At the Chicago O'Hare International Airport, the "Shoe Hospital" stand not only shines shoes (\$6) and boots (\$8), it also offers repair services for shoes, luggage, purses, bags, jackets, and other leather items, such as shoe laces, supports, shoe cushions, mostly to pilots and flight attendants.

Apparently shining shoes is a dying art. Other than those seen at airports and bus terminals, I never see a shoeshine stand any more. Most of my shoes are made of something other than leather, thus a shine is from a damp cloth. So, if I can live without a shoeshine boy's service, so can millions of other men. Ain't that a shame.

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28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars
29. Often considered wise
32. \*Video blog
33. Charge carrier
36. \*Audio series
38. Killed, like dragon
40. Big bang maker
41. Permeate
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**Answers to above puzzles found on Page 37.**



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#### *In the City of Lufkin*

Angelina Brewing Co. - 118 S. 1st St.  
 Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce - 1615 S. Chestnut  
 Angelina Manufactured Housing - 3907 N. Medford  
 West Loop Chevron - 903 S. John Redditt Dr.  
 Big's - 2400 E. Denman  
 Big's - 1203 S. Chestnut  
 Big's - 1902 W. Frank  
 Big's - 2701 N. Raguet  
 Big's - 3644 Hwy 69N  
 Big's - 3122 Adkinson Dr. (Hwy 103E)  
 Big's - 4609 Hwy 103E  
 Big's - 620 N. Raguet  
 Big's - 1910 N. Timberland  
 Bodacious BBQ - 2207 W. Frank  
 Brookshire Brothers - 301 S. Chestnut  
 Brookshire Brothers - 816 N. Timberland  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1807 W. Frank - Gaslight Plaza  
 Casa Morales Mexican Restaurant - 1001 S. 1st St.  
 Catfish King - 806 S. Medford  
 Chen's - 302 S. Timberland Dr.  
 Comfort Suites - 4402 S. 1st. St. (U. S. Hwy 59)  
 Crown Colony Shell - 101 Champion Dr.  
 Holiday Inn Express 4404 S. 1st  
 JR Food Mart - 1114 E. Denman Ave  
 Lone Star Charlie's Family Restaurant - 1910 E. Denman  
 Lucky's Valero - 3385 Tom Temple (Hwy 94W)  
 Lucky's Valero - 1707 John Redditt Dr.  
 Lufkin Army-Navy Store - 717 N. Timberland  
 Lufkin Barbecue - 203 S. Chestnut  
 Lufkin Farm Supply - 1217 E. Lufkin Ave.  
 Maddux Lumber & Hardware - 1603 Atkinson Dr.  
 Manhattan Fine Dining - 107 W. Lufkin Ave.  
 Massingill's Meat Mkt - 3728 Hwy 69N  
 Maytag Washateria - 601 S. 1st  
 Midway Shell #29 - 3008 Atkinson Dr. (Hwy 103 E)  
 Mom's Diner - 420 W. Frank  
 Mr. Ray's Food Court - 1604 W. Frank Ave.  
 On the Road - 4110 S. 1st  
 On the Road - 2902 E. Denman Ave (Hwy 69S)  
 On the Road - 3503 S. Chestnut  
 Pablo's BBQ & Mexican Food - 3900 Hwy 69N  
 Quality Inn - 4306 S. 1st  
 Restoration Bistro - 210 S. 1st  
 Timberland Chevron - 804 N. Timberland  
 Tommy's Watch & Jewelry - 800 S. Timberland  
 Walgreens - 102 N. Timberland  
 Walgreens - 1000 W. Frank  
 West Loop Chevron - 904 S. John Redditt Dr..

#### *In Diboll:*

Big's - 605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Big's - 710 S. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Brookshire Brothers - 221 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Diboll Depot - 1605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Los Jarritos - 903 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 On The Road - 1580 N. Temple (US Hwy 59)

#### *In Homer:*

Homer Mini Grocery - 7075 Hwy 69S

#### *In Hudson:*

A'Deel's #2 - 1258 FM 1194 @ SH94  
 Brookshire Brothers Express - 5750 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W  
 Brookshire Brothers Express - 6564 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W

#### *In Huntington:*

New Way - 461 Hwy 69  
 Little Boots Gro. - 101 Hwy 69S  
 Brookshire Brothers - 104 N. Main  
 Papa's Pit & More - 510 N. Main  
 Dean's Country Cooking & Meat Mkt - 481 N. 3rd

#### *In Pollok:*

Brookshire Brothers/Polk's - 6925 Hwy 69N

#### *In Redland:*

JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59 N

### NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

#### *In the City of Nacogdoches:*

A & D Hydraulics - 2124 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Appleby Sand Cafe' - 6530 FM 2609  
 Appleby Sand Valero (just outside loop) FM 2609  
 Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road  
 Barbecue House - 704 N. Stallings Drive  
 Barkeeps - 3308 North St.  
 Best Western - US 59 South  
 Best Western - 4809 NW Stallings Dr  
 Big's - University Drive @ SE Stallings Drive  
 Big's - Center Hwy (Hwy 7E) @ Loop 224  
 Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.  
 Boles Feed - 913 South St.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South Street  
 Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.  
 Carney Real Estate - 3001 North St.  
 Casa Tomas - 1514 North St.  
 Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings  
 Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.  
 Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St.  
 Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.  
 Comfort Suites - US 59 South  
 Cowboy Jack's Saloon - 422 E. Main St.  
 Crockpot Annie's - 1008 E. Main St.  
 Decades - 422 North St.  
 Dialysis Clinic - 4731 NE Stallings Dr.  
 Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W  
 Doll's Diner - 116 S. Pecan St.  
 Dr. Arlis Hibbard - 409 Russell Blvd. - Suite E  
 Dr. Ronnie Hancock - Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguet St.  
 Eastex Glass & Mirror - 3102 South St.  
 East Texas Cryo Health Spa - 4822 N. University Dr.  
 El Rancho Restaurant - 123 King St.  
 Excel Car Wash - 4101 North St  
 Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr.  
 Flamingo Styles & Tans - 3211 Appleby Sand Rd.  
 Fortney Home - 310 N. Mound  
 Gateway Shell/Denny's - 2615 N. Stallings Dr.  
 Goose Landing - 11332 S FM 225 (Lake Nacogdoches)  
 Gound Chev - 1015 North Street  
 H & Z Texaco - Starr Avenue @ University Drive  
 Hampton Inn - US 59 South  
 Harry's Building Material - 7008 North St.  
 Herman Power Tire - 222 South St.  
 Holiday Inn Express - US 59 South  
 Ice Ice Baby Tacos & Snacks - 2500 South St.  
 IMPACT Store - 720 E. Main Stree  
 J & S Small Engine Repair - 12769 State Hwy 7W  
 Java Jack's - 1122 North Street  
 Johnson Furniture - 106 E. Main  
 K.J.'s Convenience Store/Exxon - 5713 South St.  
 Kinfolks - 4817 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Kline's Wrap-It-Up - 628 N. University Dr.  
 Kroger - 1215 North St.  
 Kroger - 3205 N. University Dr.  
 Lanana Creek Icehouse - 109 Wettermark St.  
 Lehmann Eye Center - 5300 North St.  
 Lugnutz - US 59 South  
 Ma's Jewelry - 2423 North St  
 Martin Kennel - 512 CR 217  
 Meadow Ridge Archery & Gun - 1090 CR 231  
 Memory Lane - 3205 N. University Dr. - Suite F  
 Mike Perry Motors - 3812 South Street  
 Mike's BBQ - 1622 South Street  
 Milford's Barber Shop - 110 N. Church St.  
 Moon's Cajun Meats - 2709 Westward Dr.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 428 W. Main St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - Appleby Sand Rd. @ Austin St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 1000 N. University Drive  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 3325 North St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron Truck Stop - 4919 NE Stallings  
 NacBurger - 3205 N. University Dr  
 NacSpace - 2400 N. Stallings Dr.  
 Nacogdoches Expo Center - 3805 NW Stallings Drive  
 Nacogdoches Floral - 3602 North St.  
 Nacogdoches CVB - 200 E. Main St.  
 Nacogdoches Senior Center - 621 Harris St.  
 Nine Flags Coffee Roasters - 1504 North St.  
 Northview Condos - 4100 North St.

### NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

#### *In the City of Nacogdoches*

Northview Wellness Center - 4635 NE Stallings Dr.  
 Perry Propane - 6500 Franklin St.  
 Pike Saw & Tool - 2502 NW Stallings Dr..  
 Renfro's Glass - 714 North St.  
 Red House Winery - 108 E. Pilar St.  
 Rex Perry Autoplex - 3916 NW Stallings Drive  
 Rhinestone Rifles Botique VIP - 404 E. Main St.  
 Rick's Shell - US 59 South  
 Sam's Southern Eatery - 1220 North St.  
 Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Trail  
 Sombreros - 3000 North St.  
 Story-Wright - 807 North St.  
 Sunshine Food Mart - 2013 North St.  
 Super 8 Motel - US 59 South  
 Tall Timbers Outdoors - 2221 N. Stallings Dr.  
 Taquitos El Jaliscience - 4512 North St.  
 Taqueria El 21 - 1422 Douglass Road  
 Thrall's Grocery, Deli & Cafe - 7144 SH 21 East  
 Walgreens - 3004 North St.  
 Windhill Apartments - 1324 Pruitt Hill Dr.  
 Woden Rd. Quick Stop - Woden Rd @ SE Stalling  
***In Appleby:***  
 Tom's Grocery & Shell - Appleby - U.S. Hwy 59 N.  
***In Central Heights:***  
 Polk's Pick It Up Truck Stop - Hwy 259 North  
 Taco Riendo - Hwy 259 North  
***In Chireno:***  
 Chireno's Cafe' - Downtown on FM 95  
***In Cushing:***  
 7th St. Cafe - 754 7th St.  
 Clyde Partin Monument Co. - Hwy 204  
 Cushing Food Mart - Hwy 204  
 Rawhide's Tire Service - 470 6th St.  
***In Douglass:***  
 Douglass Cafe' - State Hwy 21  
 Douglass General Store - State Hwy 21  
***In Etoile:***  
 Etoile Shell - Hwy 103 @ FM 226  
 Sue's Country Store - 13093 E. State Hwy 103  
***In Garrison:***  
 Bulldog Express/J & S Food Mart - U.S. Hwy 59  
 Garrison Gas & Convenience Store Exxon - U.S. Hwy 59  
***In Martinsville:***  
 Martinsville Cafe' - Hwy 7

### SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

#### *In the City of San Augustine:*

Chamber of Commerce - 611 W. Columbia  
 Heart of Texas Grill - 409 E. Columbia St.  
 Jail Museum - On the Square  
 Mike Perry Motors - 101 W. Main  
 San Augustine Drug. Co. - 104 E. Columbia St.  
 Sunshine Food Mkt - Hwy 103 @ Hwy 147  
 Tasha's Country Kitchen - 806 Hwy N  
 Tootie's Cafe' - 129 E. Columbia

### SHELBY COUNTY

#### *In the City of Center:*

Boles Feed Co. - 101 Porter St.  
 Boyd Adams Barber Shop - 504 Hurst St.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 105 Hurst St.  
 Chamber of Commerce - In the old jail on the square downtown  
 H & S Discount Foods - 705 Shelbyville St.  
 Mathews Realty - 616 Teneha St.  
 Piney Woods Seafood - 1003 Hurst St.  
 Rancho Grande - 816 Teneha St.  
 TR's Steaks & More - 892 Hurst St.

#### *In the City of Joaquin:*

Brookshire Brothers - 113 Haslam Sawmill Rd. - Hwy 84  
 Quick Stop - 12762 U.S. Hwy 84

#### *In the City of Timpson:*

Brookshire Brothers - 829 N. 1st St. - Hwy 59  
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# “Getting to Know You”

from “Once Upon a Song” by Christi Curry  
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One member of our seventh-grade girls’ chorus, Linda Rodgers, claimed the famous composer, Richard Rodgers of Rodgers and Hammerstein, as her uncle, which duly impressed us. It seems like we sang more than one of his songs. I distinctly remember singing and being the accompanist for “Getting to Know You” from the musical The King and I.

Linda was rather small, pale, and thin, and seemed very shy and quiet. She’s the only one who ever fainted in our class. We always stood on risers for the entire hour and Mr. Gray warned us not to lock our knees, but to keep them bent slightly. I guess she forgot.

*“Getting to know you, getting to know all about you  
 Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me.  
 Getting to know you, getting to feel free and easy  
 When I am with you, getting to know what to say.  
 Haven’t you noticed, suddenly I’m bright and breezy  
 Because of all the beautiful and new  
 Things I’m learning about you  
 Day by day.”*

## Answers to puzzles from Page 35.

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# Great Ways to Keep Your Mind Sharp as You Age



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(StatePoint) September, which is World Alzheimer’s Month, is an excellent reminder to keep your mind and body healthy through the years. Experts say that doing so can reduce your risk for cognitive decline. Try taking on these new hobbies to keep your mind sharp as you age:

- **Cooking:** Not only can the development of a new complicated skill such as cooking improve cognitive functions like problem-solving and concentration, but having the ability to create your own nutritious meals at home has the added benefit of being good for brain health. From TikTok tutorials to online classes taught by master chefs, today, there are more avenues for picking up culinary know-how than ever before.
- **Music:** Learning to play a musical instrument has countless benefits for brain health, helping improve memory, hand-eye coordination and more. It’s also a mood booster, which is important, as depression is considered a risk factor for dementia. Check out instruments designed to build skills quickly. Whether you’re a total novice or taking up the piano after a long hiatus, Casiotone Keyboards, for example, are portable, easy to use and connect to an app that features lessons and more.
- **Exercise:** The mind-body connection is strong. For ultimate brain health, stay physically active; and if you can do so outdoors, all the better. Research suggests that connecting with nature is good for one’s mental well-being, reducing stress, anxiety and depression. Support your journey with tools that track your activity and inspire you to delve further into adventures, whether that be hiking, fishing or rock climbing. The watches in the Pro Trek line feature Quad Sensor technology to provide you with temperature and barometric pressure so you can keep your eye on the weather conditions while out and about, as well as sunrise and sunset times, an app for anglers and much more.
- **Camaraderie:** Having an active social life can improve brain function. Unfortunately, if you aren’t proactive about it, there are not always that many opportunities to make new friends in adulthood. Whether it’s a sewing circle or a bowling league, consider joining a club or team for camaraderie and fun.
- **Fast fingers:** Did you know that you can use your calculator to keep your mind engaged when there’s downtime or you’re on-the-go? Calculator games can build math skills, improve memory and keep your mind nimble.

Just as it is important to maintain physical fitness as you age, it’s also critical to exercise your mind. Stay mentally active by trying new hobbies, building new skills and seeking out new experiences.

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## September 2021



### Flea Market Fabulous

Nacogdoches Trade Days  
Sat, Sept. 4th & Sun, Sept. 5th  
Sat, Sept. 18th & Sun, Sept. 19th  
9am-5pm

### PAL's Community Heroes

**Hoops Tournament**  
Festival Park  
Sept. 4th 11am-4pm

### I-69 Classic

2-Man Golf Tournament  
Monday, Sept. 6th

### North American Diving Dogs

South Central Regional Competition.  
Nac Expo Center  
Sept. 9th-13th

### Nacogdoches Crime Stoppers

**Annual Catfish & Concert Fundraiser**  
Sept. 17, 5-7 pm  
Downtown Plaza

### SFA Family Weekend

Sept 17th-19th

### Pineywoods Youth Rodeo

Nac Expo Center  
Sept. 17th-19th

### The Helping House Annual Fun Run

TJR Elementary  
Sept. 18th 7am

### Art Fest

Downtown Nacogdoches  
Saturday, September 18th  
11am-4pm

### Swing in the Streets

Downtown Nacogdoches  
Saturday, September 18th  
7:30-10:30pm

### Laugh Out Loud Together

Comedy Show - Fredonia Hotel  
Saturday, September 18th 9pm

### SFA Football Home Games

Sept 4th, Sept 18th, Sept 25th

### Motorcycle Cannonball

Downtown Nacogdoches  
Thurs. Sep. 23rd 3pm-8pm

### Nac Snack Friday

Friday, September 24th 11am-8pm  
Food trucks around Downtown Square  
Live Music 5:30-8pm

### Region V High School Rodeo

Nac Expo Center  
Sept. 24th-26th

### G&S Gun Show

Nacogdoches Expo Center  
Sept. 25th-26th

### RISE Popup Market

C.L. Simon Recreation Center  
Sept. 25th

### Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro

Open Mic Mondays  
Wine Down Wednesdays

### Farmer's Market

Saturdays 9am-12pm

### Karaoke & Burger Fridays

Lugnutz Bar & Grille  
Every week 8pm-12am

### Cottage Wine Bar

Wednesdays: Susie on the Piano  
Thursdays: Larry & Karen Greer  
Jazz and Classic Standards  
Fridays: Dan McMahon  
Jazz and Classic Standards

### Lumberyard

Thursdays: College Night  
Fridays: Latino Night  
Live Music Saturdays

### Red House Winery

9/7 - Stretch & Wine Night with Stretch ER  
9/10 - Live Music with Jonathan Webster  
9/22 - Paint Party with The Paint House

### Fredonia Hotel

**Music on the Patio**  
Every Friday Night  
9/3 - Jonathan Webster Live  
9/10 - TBA  
9/17 - Ryan Paul Davis  
9/24 - TBA

### Naca Valley Vineyard

9/4 - Randy C. Moore  
9/11 - Joe Cuellar  
9/17 - Kelsie + Tyler  
9/18 - Reed Barton  
9/24 - Maryah + Martyn  
9/25 - J.Webb Live and Matilda Jane  
Pop-Up Boutique  
Wine-A-Rita Wine Down every Friday  
Wood fired pizza every  
Friday 5-9pm & Saturday 12-9pm

### Banita Creek Hall

Doors open 8pm  
9/11 - Chris Colston  
9/19 - Pecos & The Rooftops  
9/25 - Jake Worthington  
Ladies Night every Thursday!

### Fredonia Brewery

Trivia every Thursday  
Now open Sundays 12-6!  
Live Music Schedule:  
9/3: Bell Bottoms & Big Hair  
9/10: Jeff Jurgonski  
9/11: Kirk Harper Trio  
9/17: SFA Family Weekend Event  
9/18: Hannah Rose  
9/25: Country Willie Edwards

### Pickin' On The Porch Front Porch Distillery

9/2 - Open Mic Night & Chambers BBQ  
9/4 - Glenn Lendermann  
9/10 - Tommy Simpson  
9/11 - Larry Farris  
9/17 - Jonathan Webster  
9/24 - Clint Alford  
9/25 - 50's & 60's Night

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| 2007 Excel, 30RKE 2195 FW . . . . .       | \$15,000 |
| 2007 Excel, 30RSO 2196 FW . . . . .       | \$15,000 |
| 2009 VCross, 255VRKS 2737 FW . . . . .    | \$16,000 |
| 2011 Everlite, 31BHS 3092 FW . . . . .    | \$16,900 |
| 2012 Everlite, 31RLS 3265 TT . . . . .    | \$17,000 |
| 2012 Everlite, EL29FK 3318 TT . . . . .   | \$17,000 |
| 2012 Everlite, EL32MKS 3383 TT . . . . .  | \$22,500 |
| 2013 Wildcat 313RE 3427 FW . . . . .      | \$25,000 |
| 2013 Koala, 30SS 3428 FW . . . . .        | \$15,000 |
| 2015 Wildcat, WCF282RKX 3698 FW . . . . . | \$27,000 |
| 2015 Ascend, A231RLS 3719 TT . . . . .    | \$17,000 |
| 2015 Ascend, A231RKB 3720 TT . . . . .    | \$17,000 |
| 2018 Wildcat, WCF26CK 3990 FW . . . . .   | \$26,000 |
| 2019 Wildcat, WCF29RXL 4135 FW . . . . .  | \$37,500 |
| 2022 Shasta SST26BH 4324 TT . . . . .     | \$26,900 |



- White 1¼ x 1½ Batten 8' - \$1.00 Ea
- 16' x 100 Linoleum Rolls - \$7.95/yd
- Danby 1.1CU Microwave - \$60.00 Ea
- 32" Insignia TV's - \$100.00 Ea
- 2 x 4 Panel LED Lights - \$60.00 Ea
- 2 x 4 Panel LED Lights (Emergency) - \$75.00 Ea
- Hampton Bay Vanity Light - \$27.00 Ea
- Porch Light w/Photo Cell - \$21.00 Ea
- 3/8" Compression Hose - \$8.00 Ea
- Interior Primer (5 Gal Can) - \$25.00 Ea
- Closet Flange - \$4.50 Ea
- Hardwood Gray Duct Seal (1 Gal Can) Fiber Reinforced - \$24.00 Ea
- Floor Tile - Armstrong 12" x 12" & 16" x 16" - \$24.00 per BOX
- Carbon Monoxide C025OB - \$21.00 Ea
- Mobile Home Tire w/Wheel - \$65.00 Ea

*In our 30-plus year history, our prices have never been lower!  
This inventory is priced to move!*

### USED

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| 2009 Heartland/North Trail, 3030 FW . . . . . | \$14,000 |
| 2005 Sierra, 285RL 3251 FW . . . . .          | \$16,500 |
| 2007 Wildcat, 28RK 3296 FW . . . . .          | \$19,900 |
| 1999 Prowler, 3420 FW . . . . .               | \$ 6,500 |
| 1997 Travel Supreme, 3512 FW . . . . .        | \$ 9,950 |
| 2004 Cardinal, 31LE 3528 FW . . . . .         | \$15,000 |
| 2011 Wildcat, 34FLR 3532 FW . . . . .         | \$19,900 |
| 2009 Coachmen, 340QBS 3536 FW . . . . .       | \$10,900 |
| 2006 Grand Surveyor, 3537 FW . . . . .        | \$ 3,000 |
| 2005 Tahoe 33 Toy Hauler, 3573 FW . . . . .   | \$ 6,000 |
| 2005 Laredo, 3592 FW . . . . .                | \$13,000 |
| 2011 Open Range, 316RLS 3597 FW . . . . .     | \$19,000 |
| 2011 Crossroad, 3646 FW . . . . .             | \$10,000 |
| 2009 Keystone, 3664 FW . . . . .              | \$14,500 |
| 2005 Wildcat, 3668 FW . . . . .               | \$10,000 |
| 2012 Wildcat, 30RL 3716 FW . . . . .          | \$24,000 |
| 2008 Sierra, 295RLT 3743 FW . . . . .         | \$15,000 |
| 2008 Heartland/Big Country, 3776 FW . . . . . | \$13,000 |
| 2012 iGO-Lite, 3779 TT . . . . .              | \$16,000 |
| 2013 Starcraft, 3806 TT . . . . .             | \$ 6,000 |
| 2006 KZ, 3827 FW . . . . .                    | \$ 4,000 |
| 2011 Cooper Canyon, 3906 FW . . . . .         | \$16,000 |
| 2013 Wildcat, 3949 FW . . . . .               | \$16,000 |
| 1995 Travel Supreme, 3966 FW . . . . .        | \$ 4,000 |
| 2012 Keystone Cougar, 4145 FW . . . . .       | \$12,000 |
| 2009 Wildcat, 31TS 4154 FW . . . . .          | \$10,500 |
| 2013 Wildcat, 313RE 4156 FW . . . . .         | \$14,900 |
| 2006 Zinger, 4163 TT . . . . .                | \$ 4,000 |
| 2011 Everlite 3389 TT . . . . .               | \$18,900 |
| 2011 Everlite, EL31RKS 3638 FW . . . . .      | \$25,000 |

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