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Jake Penrod's History of Country Music Nov. 12th in Nacogdoches



The History of Country Music from Jimmie Rodgers to George Strait starring Jake Penrod is a unique musical journey spanning more than 80-years. Mr. Penrod's narrative, his vocal interpretations of the classic songs, as well as his performance on guitar, piano, fiddle and steel guitar are spellbinding. The show comes to Appleby Sand Mercantile, 6530 FM 2609 (Appleby Sand Road) in Nacogdoches at 7pm on Saturday, November 12th. Advance tickets are priced at \$20 and are available at the Mercantile and at Boot Barn in Nacogdoches. For more information or for credit card orders, please phone 936.554.5822.

Jake Penrod's name is becoming increasingly familiar with country music fans in Texas and nationally. A relative newcomer, the singer has quickly earned a reputation as a master of honky-tonk music, who not only sings and writes, but can also play just about any instrument you hand him. In 2013, he released an album of original material titled *Closer To Me*. The album showcases Penrod's songwriting ability as well as mu-

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IMPACT Gearing Up to Serve More Than 200 Kids at Christmas

Since 2010 IMPACT, a nonprofit organization run completely by a volunteer staff, has been providing Christmas gifts for children in foster care and children placed with family members other than parents. Working closely with Child Protective Services in Nacogdoches, Shelby and San Augustine Counties, these children receive a gift bag custom packed for them, based on their Wish List. At a party on the Tuesday before Christmas, the kids and the families are served a meal and Santa comes to deliver their gifts. The location for the party is donated by Southern Bliss, an event location on Highway 59 South in Nacogdoches. The food is donated by: Cotton Patch, Chick-Fil-A and Taco Bueno. All of the gifts are donated by local families who have selected a Wish List from the trees placed by IMPACT at Cotton Patch, Chili's Sparkle Boutique and the IMPACT store at 801 East Main Street.

Beginning in October, Julia Jones, founder and full-time volunteer, sends the blank Wish List forms to CPS for the caseworkers to gather the information regarding the needs and wishes of each child. These forms are returned to IMPACT where the Wish List cards are filled out, the information is filed in a Holiday notebook and the cards are hung on Christmas trees at the locations which help each year. Local businesses and social groups also adopt a number of Wish List cards and fill those Wishes for each child.

Each year, IMPACT gifts over 200 children who many not have a Merry Christmas without this event. The bags are filled with

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IMPACT volunteers: Mike, Bernice, Rhonda and Julia Martin Jones.

Pine Creek Country Inn - The Perfect Escape!

When Jean Loubat and Lisa Carter met while working at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin, it's a good bet that they had no idea that they would one day be operating a beautiful lodge located deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas. Jean was born and raised in Paris, France, and he has been involved in the hospitality business since age-17. Lisa Carter-Loubat, originally from Roanoke, Virginia, has also spent her adult life in the business. After they were married, they worked at a number of fine hotels and resorts, including: Jerome Hotel in Aspen, Old Course Hotel in Saint Andrews, Scotland, The MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas, Le Parker Meridien and Caliente Tropics in Palm Springs. After Palm Springs, they decided to locate back to Texas and start their own business. "Pine Creek Lodge was on the market and it was the only one with a full kitchen that we could find," Lisa said. Since acquiring the lodge

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toys and gifts the children ask for, as well as pajamas, hats, gloves, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and any other items donated by businesses, professionals and individuals.

A local gentleman looks forward to helping Santa arrive at the party and to hand out the gifts. Santa's arrival is greatly anticipated by the excited children. This party is the highlight of the year for IMPACT as well as for the children and it takes hundreds of people to make it successful. If you would like to help make this year the best party of all, please contact Julia Jones at 936.645.8066 or stop by the IMPACT store at 801 E. Main near University, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Any and all donations are appreciated - whether it be selecting and gifting a child, making a monetary donation, or just a gift of your time to help organize, sort and distribute the gifts.

PINECREEK

in 2006, the Loubats have added a restaurant, which is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Ribeye steak dinners are offered every Thursday evening. Other new additions to the property include; spa with massages and pedicures by reservation, horse corrals for equestrian groups, six RV spaces with full hookups, and a full stand-alone kitchen available for rental by guests. Pine Creek Country Inn is perfect for family reunions, business meetings, corporate parties, church groups, families or just a weekend getaway for couples. Also available for guests are; an outdoor fire pit, horse shoes, badminton, volleyball, croquet, washers and the French game, petanque.

Pine Creek Country Inn has 17 guest rooms situated in 6 rustic buildings in a relaxing comfortable atmosphere. The rooms are large and without exception, spotlessly clean. All rooms feature: Coffee makers and Refrigerators, Sleeper sofas except rooms 1 and 11 and the Honeymoon Cottages, Sitting areas with sofas and writing desks, Access to a Pool and Hot Tub, Microwaves available upon request, Robes for your relaxation, Free Wireless Internet In All Guest Rooms, Free Local/Long Distance Phone Calls, Direct TV and DVD players. Jean, Lisa and staff are dedicated to making all guests comfortable and providing an unforgettable experience.



For meetings, Waterfall I & II, the 2500 square foot banquet room can seat up to 180 for the full room and 90 for the half-room classroom-style meeting. The Banquet Room can be divided for smaller groups.

The annual Thanksgiving meal has become a tradition for guests of the lodge, as well as for families from throughout East Texas. The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 24th. Reservations are required and seating is limited. \$29.00 per adult, \$14.50 for children 6-10-years and children under 5 free. The 2016 menu includes:

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JAKE PENROD

sicianship across an array of different styles of honky-tonk music. He wrote each song on the album and played every instrument in authentic honky-tonk fashion, proving he knows his stuff when it comes to traditional country music, and earning the title of "King of Texas Twang."

A native of Brownsboro, Texas, he first became interested in country music as a child when he saw a commercial for a Hank Williams record album on television.

Jake attracted national attention as a featured guest on RFD-TV's TruCountry, and was a regular cast member on RuralTV's Texas Pickin' Party where he not only sang, but was also the program's pedal steel guitarist. He has performed as country music icon Hank Williams, Sr. in the Off Broadway play Lost Highway and in his self-penned road show, Hank Williams Remembered. He hosted the 2nd longest-running show in America, WSM's Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree, on September 19, 2015

He is a country music traditionalist who believes moving forward doesn't necessarily mean leaving the past behind. "There were a lot of great ones before me," he says. "There's still a lot you can do with what they started. These new guys, they're creating something new and different, and that's great, but we can't forget where we came from. If country music is going to carry on, you have to keep the roots alive." Jake identifies with fellow Texas Honky-Tonker, Dale Watson, and has embraced the Ameripolitan genre as his own. Jake was nominated in 2015 for "Honky Tonk Male Artist of the Year" for the second annual Ameripolitan Music Awards (ameripolitan.com) in Austin, TX. He was recently named Pure Country Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists.

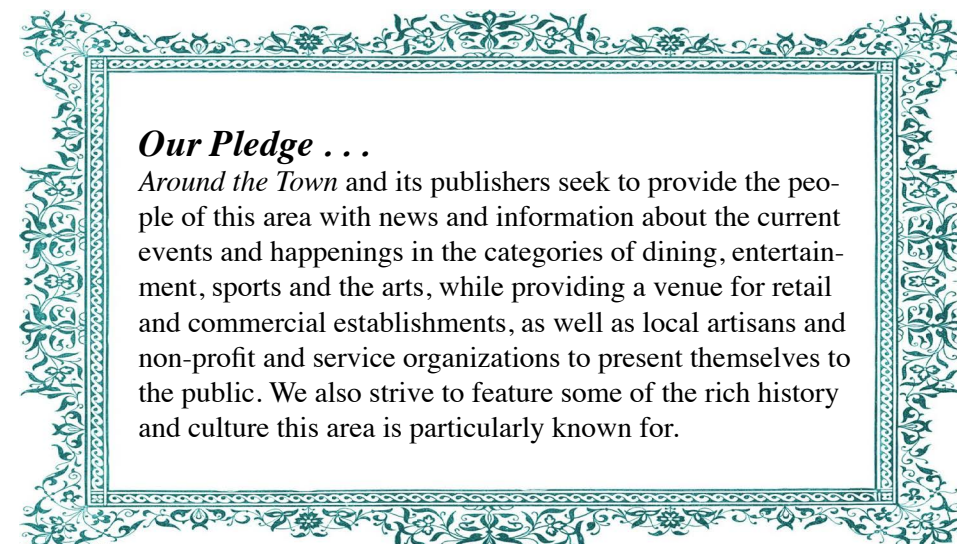
At an imperially slim 6-feet-two-inches, decked out in a suit and tie, and crowned with his signature Stetson, Jake Penrod even looks like a flashback to country music's heyday. He gives credit to fellow Texan Ernest Tubb for inspiring his style. "He always looked like a million bucks. His band, too." Jake was recently featured on a story by CBS News about the Texas ae, this is where it will carry on."

Jake Penrod and his Million Dollar Cowboys can be seen regularly in the dance halls and honky-tonks throughout Texas. His hardcore honky tonk band and powerful, Ray Price-like tenor vocals pierce through the loudest of barrooms and keep dancers on their feet all night. "There's not a lot of downtime in our shows," he says. "These people show up to dance."

The set list for The History of Country Music includes:

Jimmie Rodgers - "T.B. Blues"
Roy Acuff - "Great Speckled Bird"
Sons Of The Pioneers - "Cool Water"
Ernest Tubb - "Walkin' The Floor Over You"
Bob Wills - "Faded Love"
Bill Monroe - "Blue Moon Of Kentucky"
Hank Williams - "Lovesick Blues" and "Your Cheatin' Heart"
Lefty Frizzell - "I Love You A Thousand Ways"
Ray Price - "Crazy Arms" and "For The Good Times"
George Jones - "Why Baby Why" and "He Stopped Loving Her Today"
Willie Nelson - "Crazy"
Cajun Segment - "Jole Blon" and "Jambalaya"
Piano Men - Moon Mullican - "I'll Sail My Ship Alone" and
Jerry Lee Lewis - "What's Made Milwaukee Famous"
Ronnie Milsap - "Stand By My Woman Man"
Steel Guitar Segment - Don Helms - "Cold Cold Heart" and
Buddy Emmons - "Danny Boy"
Johnny Cash - "I Walk The Line"
Waylon Jennings - "Mental Revenge"
Merle Haggard - "Tonight The Bottle Let Me Down" and "Silver Wings"
Keith Whitley - "Don't Close Your Eyes"
George Strait - "The Cowboy Rides Away"

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West Texas Fishin'

by Brad Maule



Brad Maule is a two-time Emmy-nominated actor now living in beautiful Nacogdoches where he teaches filmmaking for the School of Art and acting for the School of Theatre at Stephen F. Austin State University.

I am not a good fisherman and it's taken a lot of work to get to this level of incompetence. As a kid in West Texas, I got to go fishing usually once a year at some deep bend in a creek where we caught catfish in muddy water. Back then we fished with cane poles, bobbers, rotten line, and whatever rusty hooks we could fish out of a mason jar full of old tackle that my mother kept on the shelves of our washhouse. It broke the dry, sandy monotony of plowing every day and was considered (by me at least) the equivalent of a luxury vacation.

I was never quite sure how the decision was made for the family to go fishing. My father had been stranded on a ship during the war where the only food he had to eat for six weeks was what the sailors could catch from the sea, and that left a bad taste in his mouth when fish was on the menu at our house. In fact, fish was never on the menu at our house, but somehow, once a year we all went fishing anyway.



L to R - Steve (my late brother), Josie (mother), Brad (me), Charlotte (sister), George (father) and Linda (sister). My brother, Steve, has homemade stilts and I'm holding my newest toy (a tennis shoe on a stick).

We would load the pickup, drive over treacherous dirt roads, through a couple of hard to open barbwire gates, down a dry wash that required getting out to turn the hubs on each wheel to make it "four wheel drive", and finally come over a slight rise and there would be a small body of green, still water surrounded by reeds. It was an oasis in the middle of the desert.

The kids all jumped out of the bed of the pickup while my parents warned of snakes, quicksand, and a thousand other scenarios for immediate death. They weren't wrong. As we ran to get our spot, water moccasins, green water snakes, and a rattlesnake or two reluctantly gave up their domain. Only bullfrogs got to stay and they complain-

ed loudly about it.

Fish were easy to catch. These fish had never even seen a hook. They were not the cynical bass of today with scars from being caught too many times. With worms dug from the yard, the fish feasted on our hooks. We didn't grow tired of fishing; we just got worn out from pulling them in all day.

Back home, nailed to a tree, we stripped the catfish with pliers, washed them off with a hose, and threw them wrapped in cornmeal straight into an Iron Dutch Oven bubbling with lard over a mesquite wood fire. I have never since had such a fine and pure dining experience, probably never will.

Now days I sometimes go with my friends on fancy boats to chummed up honey holes. They tease me about my lack of abilities and equipment. I smile at their jokes, but inside I know that I have lived and fished far beyond anything they could ever imagine. I once fished in the Garden of Eden, or pretty close to it.



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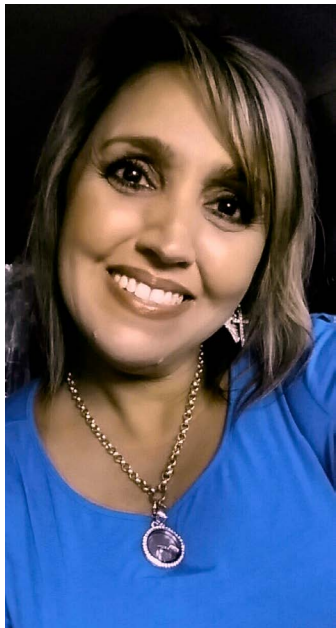
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Anita Scott



Nac County Exposition and Civic Center News from Anita Scott

Hello Nacogdoches,

Hope this Fall Season is finding everyone chipper and looking forward to the upcoming holidays. As for the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center, we just wrapped up a very successful 39th Annual Pineywoods Fair. I would like to take this perfect opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and say a special "thank you" to my very dedicated staff, Wendy Lee, Darrell Hill, Karen Klein, Brad Hale, Kent O'Neal and Deputy James Barfield for all your effort and hard work each of you exhibited throughout the entire 2016 PWF. Everyone worked some extremely long hours and walked many many miles but no one ever knew how tired and exhausted the week was for you because you all did it with such great attitudes. So again, THANK YOU from all of us!

At the Expo & Civic Center there is no time to rest because we are cleaning up after one big event and getting ready for the next.

Here is what you can look forward to for the month of **NOVEMBER:**

4th-6th 10AM-5PM VINTAGE MARKET DAYS. Admission: \$10 Early Buying Pass on Friday allows you to be the first to pick from many one of a kind vintage items. This pass also gives you entry into the event all 3 days. \$5 for Saturday/Sunday. Ticket price includes sales tax. Children (12 and under) may attend the market for free! For more detailed info, visit their website address... <https://vintagemarketdays.com/Market/east-texas/Home>

8th 7AM-7PM Polling Location

9th 9AM-3:30PM Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host 2 separate events on this date. Culinary Arts Expo. Visit "Sprout" Garden (located along Lanana Creek), and then enjoy tea and a tour through the Hardeman House. Door Prizes will be drawn at location, compliments of Innkeeper Kim Dean. A BBQ lunch will be served in the upstairs exhibit room of the Civic Center from 12PM-1PM with the end of the event day focused on Tasty Beef Recipes and Wine/Cheese Pairing. Pre-Registration is \$30/ \$35 at the door.

9th Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host an East Texas Agriculture Expo for Pesticide CEU Recertification. BBQ Lunch will be served. Pre-Registration is \$30 before November 4/ \$35 at the door.

10th 9AM-1PM Lufkin Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas from 9AM-1PM.

12th-13th 10AM-5PM Region V High School Rodeo. Gate admission is FREE.

17th-19th Holiday in the Pines benefiting Nacogdoches Junior Forum. Come shop at more than 60 vendors/boutiques in a winter wonderland setting. **Thursday 6PM-9PM** is One Hip Night \$25- includes 2 Admission Passes and 3 adult beverages. **Friday 9AM-11AM** VIP- \$10 will get you in the doors for 2 days, or **Friday 11AM-8PM**- \$7 **Saturday 9AM-5PM**- \$7.

26th-27th G and S Gun Show Saturday **9AM-5PM** Sunday **9AM-4PM**. More than 200 tables. \$8 Admission will get you in the door both days.

Last but certainly not least. I would like to share some very exciting news with you! Our Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo & Steer Show has gained national rec-



Chamber Connection

by Kelly Daniel

Membership & Marketing
Manager at the Nacogdoches
County Chamber of Commerce

Wassail Fest Gets Bigger and Better

For those who love Wassail Fest as much as I do, we may look forward to new additions to this year's event.

Main Street Director Amy Mehaffey and the Chamber are working together to bring more businesses, beyond the downtown merchants, in to the wassail making and tasting event. For the public, that means more wassail to enjoy and more Nacogdoches businesses to visit on Saturday, Nov. 26., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Placing the popular "tasting" event on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving holiday is no accident. As one of the busiest shopping days of the year, the Chamber likes to remind all to Shop Nac First. The most natural thing is to browse and shop while enjoying each local business's unique wassail concoction. After the tastings, votes are tabulated and several businesses are awarded as "best of" in different categories.

Wassail Fest promotes our local businesses and gives the community a chance to participate as judges in a fun competition that carries a ton of bragging rights. When roaming around downtown, just pop into Heart of Texas Gift Gallery and ask to view the coveted trophies collected by owner Gerry Larabee.

The Nov. 26 date happens to be Small Business Saturday®, a nation-wide celebrated shopping day where shoppers support their neighborhood small businesses.

Shopping local means connecting with neighbors while finding the right things for the special people on your gift list. When you invest your time and spending locally, you are making a difference in your community. I encourage all to take part in Wassail Fest, shopping our town's selections and tasting their wassail creations, because I have found it to be a one-of-a-kind, memory-making day.

Wassail Fest is sponsored by Citizens 1st Bank and is one of the Nine Flags Festival events. Find more about Wassail Fest and Nine Flags Festival at the Chamber's website, www.nacogdoches.org, in the online community event calendar.



Party 'N Things owner Maury Littleton taste testing the wassail she will offer at Wassail Fest on Saturday, Nov. 26.

ognition in the rodeo world for a second year in a row. This time, the Women's Professional Rodeo Association selected our hometown rodeo as the 2016 Small Rodeo of the Year! We will be recognized at the 2016 WPRA Star Celebration in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 1 in the Grand Ballroom at the SouthPoint Hotel. (Last year we were nominated by the PRCA as Small Rodeo of the Year). Thank you Nacogdoches Jaycees for helping make this success possible.

Blessed beyond measure,

Anita Scott, Executive Director
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center

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Womanless Beauty Pageant to Benefit IMPACT



On November 15 at 7 p.m. Banita Creek Hall will be the scene for the First Annual Womanless Beauty Pageant benefitting IMPACT, the Nacogdoches organization which helps local children in need. The event will be hosted by comedian Willie P. Richardson, who is heard on hundreds of radio stations nationally, including SiriusXM.

“To date, 8 contestants are slated to compete, but we’d like to have as many as 15 or 20 to really make this as funny as possible. A womanless beauty pageant is just like regular beauty pageants, except men are the ones wearing the sparkling dresses, heavy makeup and “big hair.” The pageant will feature talent, swimsuit, formal dress, best hair, and a question-and-answer segment. This is a family-friendly event and we invite everyone to attend. We also welcome the support of sponsors who may wish to help,” said IMPACT’s Julia Martin Jones.

“IMPACT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Nacogdoches and formed for one purpose – to make a difference in the life of children in need. IMPACT operates a retail store at 801 E. Main between University and Lanana Street downtown. You may also drop off donations (of anything!) at this address. We use what we can for the children, and sell the rest to raise the much needed funds to supply the things that are not donated. We started out with the thought of providing luggage and duffle bags so that children coming in to foster care do not have to be moved in garbage bags; then we did Christmas gifts for all foster children from the Nacogdoches area in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Then we did Easter baskets... then school clothing, shoes and bedding. It has all grown from there, and we try to provide the normal things all children want and need. Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to make a difference...willing hands and loving hearts for these precious children and those who take care of them. All doing small things in big ways for the children of East

Texas. If you have a talent, we can use it. If you have a dollar to donate, we will put 100% of all donations toward helping our kids. If you have a garage sale and want to get rid of the leftovers, call us! Come join us in making life a little better for the children of East Texas! Call Julia at (936) 205-5921 if you can help. It’s all about the kids... and they need us all. Any contributions are tax deductible and a receipt can be furnished if your donation is over \$500 in value. You don’t need a receipt but it is still deductible if under \$500.00. Help us help them... the children are our future, and we want to save them from harm, teach them love, respect and honesty, and mostly that someone cares about them,” Ms. Jones told *Around The Town*.

Advance tickets are priced at \$20 each and are available at the IMPACT Store at 801 East Main or at Boot Barn in the Northview Plaza Shopping Center. For more information about participating as a contestant, becoming a sponsor or for credit card ticket orders, please phone 936.554.5822.

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“What We Have Here Is a Communication Problem”

A woman dialed the number of what she thought was the local record shop. A man answered. She asked, “Do you have ‘Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes in Alabama?’” The man had no idea that she was talking about a song. He said, “No, but I do have a wife and fifteen kids in Louisiana.” She asked, “Is that a record?” He said, “I don’t know if it is a record or not, but it sure is above average.”

“REED ALL ABOUT IT!”
by Dr. Allen Reed

Communication — everybody’s discussing it, studying it, practicing it. Yet, despite our improved communication skills, we may

feel like the author who wrote, “I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.”

Good communication involves more than good speaking; it also requires good listening. Jesus, the master communicator, was often misunderstood. Although He spoke the truth clearly, His hearers jumbled up His message and then rejected it. “Why do you not understand My speech?” He quizzed them. Answering His own question, He replied, “Because you are not able to listen to My word” (John 8:43). Why were they such poor listeners? Not because Jesus failed to communicate, but because they didn’t want to hear the truth. And why didn’t they? Because it made them face up to their need to change.

We have never really listened to Christ’s words. We have never really taken His word and trusted that His way is the way to truth and to life. Even today His voice is a still, small voice amid the noise of our time. But to those who will trust, Christ still speaks — words of counsel, words of forgiveness, words of hope. But only to those who listen.

When we say, “God is getting through to me,” it’s not because He’s communicating better but because we’re hearing and willing to change. Let’s always make listening to God one of our best communication skills.

A LITTLE HUMOR: An Italian gentleman was trying to learn English. He asked an American friend, “What is a polar bear?” His friend replied that a polar bear lived up North. The Italian asked, “But what does this polar bear do?” “Well,” replied the American, “He sits on a cake of ice and eats fish.” “Oh, no,” said the Italian, “I will not do it.” His befuddled American friend then asked, “What won’t you do?” The Italian said, “I have just been asked to be a polar bear at a funeral.”

Copies of Dr. Reed’s devotional books, *Reed All About It! Daily News From the Good News*, are available from First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas or Amazon.com.




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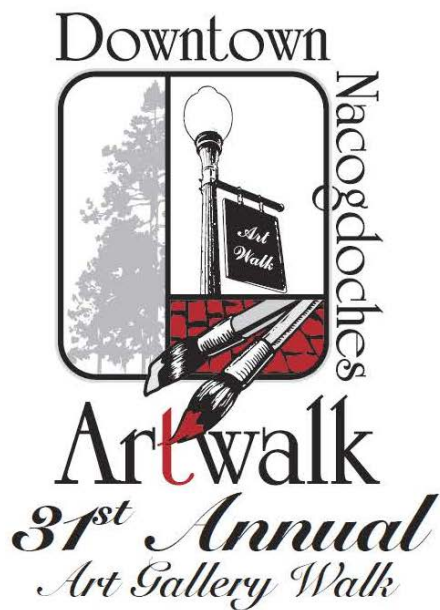


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Halloween Tips to Keep It Fun

by Jason Bridges

The Nacogdoches County Sheriff Office would like to offer a few tips for Halloween. Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce the risk of injury.

Facts:

On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Top Tips:

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.

Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drivers can pose the biggest threat to children on Halloween night. Drivers need to pay attention and slow down, especially in neighborhoods. The big thing is just get (children) to slow down, walk everywhere and be alert. Put the electronic devices down. We don't want to be distracted or staring at a phone.

A concern for many parents on Halloween night is predators lurking around when children are trick-or-treating. Parents need to check sex offender registries to know who to look out for and which houses to avoid.

Even though parents should be aware, registered sex offenders have rules they have to abide by on Halloween. They cannot participate in Halloween trick-or-treating. If they're going to be at home they have to have their porch light off. The Sheriff Office will be out in full force checking on sex offenders to make sure they are in compliance.

Sincerely,

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Stroll the Historic brick streets of downtown Nacogdoches on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th**, from **4 to 8 pm**, for refreshments and frivolity. The ARTWALK map/CASH prize drawing card will be provided at any of the participating shops.

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Rhonda Oaks
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Standing On Shoulders, Hard Work and Promises

Trying to document historical facts and memories that East Texans have of these Pineywoods is an impossible task. There is not enough ink to print all of the accomplishments of the strong men and women who worked to make their dreams come true.

Milestones and achievements come and go, but I think it is important to stop, reflect and recognize a few from time to time. The Texas Department of Transportation will mark its 100th birthday next year. Plans are already well under way, and I know you will hear much more about the events of the coming year as they unfold. The Lufkin District will be a big part of that celebration. The district was founded in the early 1930's and the stories and photographs I have heard and seen of those early years are very exciting.

It is rumored the district still uses the old oak desk first used by Lufkin District Engineer Luther DeBerry in the 1950s. He went on to become a State Transportation Engineer in 1973 and was inducted into the Texas Transportation Hall of Honor at the Texas Transportation Institute of A&M in 2003. The Lufkin Area Office is still located in the original two-story brick building on the back part of the Lufkin District campus. The beautiful staircase, oak flooring and woodwork are testaments to the degree of talent that abounded in East Texas when it was constructed.

As roads such as FM 1 and the East Texas Highway were cut through dense forests, we grew as an agency and so did East Texas. Modern roadways and bridges were constructed that connected communities and towns. Young



FM 1, which is still used today in Sabine County. FM 1 successfully freed farmers from muddy roads and spread the concept throughout the state.

businesses like Southern Pine Lumber Company in Diboll; Martin Wagon Company, Southland Paper Mill and Angelina County Lumber Company in Lufkin; McKinney Drilling, Stephen F. Austin State University and the Stone Fort National Bank in Nacogdoches all began to breathe with life and helped grow surrounding areas. Many successful businesses depended on TxDOT to build the best and many today still do.



Old Stagecoach Road as it was cut through the pineywoods of East Texas near Marshall. The old road crossed the state line at Shreveport in the 1800s before modern roadways were built. There have reportedly been many ghost sightings on this old road.

It is not only our roads that have helped make East Texas great, but also the people who make it truly exceptional. Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas, will celebrate its 300th birthday next year and Lufkin recently celebrated its 134th. Leaders who dared to chase a dream accomplished much and that gives us plenty to celebrate.

Though economics and demographics are always changing, we have many assets throughout the region and much for which to be thankful. East Texas is water-rich. Eight of the nine counties in the Lufkin District border three of the largest man made reservoirs in Texas – Toledo Bend, Sam Rayburn and Lake Livingston. In addition, Interstate 69 is in the planning stages and will be constructed through five East Texas counties. We have already begun to upgrade many roads to interstate standards where many future businesses will no doubt locate. The future looks bright.

We stand on the shoulders of great leaders as well as many hard workers who built East Texas. We continue to enjoy the fruits of their labor today. I don't know how you replace East Texans like Arthur Temple, Bill Trout, Thomas J. Rusk, Ralph W. Steen, Luther DeBerry or so many others who took on the challenge to lead and build East Texas.

TxDOT was here then and will continue to be as new industries, businesses and communities grow into the future, and a new generation of leadership emerges. All of our efforts will help provide the strong shoulders for which future leaders will stand.

We have much to celebrate in coming months. TxDOT will celebrate right along with East Texas and you can stand on the promise that we will continue to deliver a safe, reliable and integrated transportation system to meet the needs of all of our futures.

4 Elvises to Perform Dec 10th at Oldest Town in Texas Christmas Show!

In addition to Kim Crisp aka "Camo Elvis," the December 10th Oldest Town in Texas Road Show will feature an 8-year-old "Mini-Elvis," Carey Wesley aka "Etoile Elvis" and Jesse Wilburn aka "Uncle Elvis." The Branson-like variety show is hosted by Brad Maule aka "Dr. Tony Jones," who also sings his favorite "Texas Swing" songs. Nationally-known comedian, Willie P. Richardson, co-hosts the event and brings his unique style of Southern Humor.

The show also features The Road Show Band with Music Director Stephen Pate and his wife, Jan Pate, Jason Kelley, Bo Miller, Sarah Griffin-Humphries and C. D. Schull. Also performing will be special guests Courtney and Gilbert Burch, Nathan "Poogie" Alders, Devin Horchem, sisters Ally Fuller and Kate Kovar and others. The popular quarterly event features local area musicians, singers and comedians and is family-friendly.

The show always opens with the Star Spangled Banner and a prayer. In past years, the show has performed in Galveston, Carthage, Lufkin, Tyler and Pineland. "This is a home-grown music and variety show featuring professional performers and always includes young, up-and-coming singers and musicians. The show is

acceptable to all ages and fun for everyone," said Kim Crisp, the show's producer.

Advance tickets are \$20 at Spring and Prince, Nacogdoches Lighting and iTickets.com.

Tables for 10 available by reservation only. For more information, please phone 936.371.9101. The Olde Tobacco Warehouse is located at 111 N. Pecan Street, 2nd Floor, in Downtown Nacogdoches. Elevator is provided. Doors open at 6 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m.





Angela's Monthly Recipe
Earl Bradford's Copper Pennies

Angela Bradford is the owner/operator of Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' in Nacogdoches.

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds carrots, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large green pepper, diced
- 1 can (5-1/2 ounces) tomato juice
- 3/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



Preparation:

Start by peeling the carrots and cutting them into 1/4" rounds. Cook the carrots in a small amount of salted water until barely tender, approximately 8 minutes. Thinly slice the bell pepper. Cut the onion(s) in half then thinly slice and separate the onion rings. Combine the cooked carrots, onions and bell pepper in a large bowl. Combine all remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add carrots and stir until well mixed. Cover and refrigerate at least 3-4 hours. Serve cold as a salad, or warm it and use as a side dish. Store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. Yield: 8 cups

The Casey Martin Band Performs at Lugnutz Sports Bar and Grill on Saturday, November 12

The Casey Martin Band is set to perform at Lugnutz on Saturday, November 12. Casey Martin was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He started playing guitar when he was 13-years old. He started playing professionally at age 21 while attending Louisiana Tech University. He is currently promoting his CD entitled READY FOR YOU. Casey has released two singles entitled "Nobody's Fool" and "Shame On Me" to the Texas Music Chart. He tours constantly in Texas and Louisiana with the Casey Martin Band. Lugnutz is proud to offer the music of the Casey Martin Band and we invite you to become their newest fan! Lugnutz Sports Bar and Grill is located at 5287 South US Highway 59 in Nacogdoches. For more information, please phone 936.564.6889.






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Left to right: Macie Cook, Darren Cook and Kelly Pinner. (Photo by David Stallings.)


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November kicks off the holiday season with celebrations, holiday shopping, fun runs and so much more! Enjoy the festivities at these upcoming events:

11/10/16 **Tricentennial Birthday Celebration**
A social hour begins at 6 p.m. and a plated dinner with entertainment and birthday cake will start at 7 p.m. and will take place at the SFA Grand Ballroom. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets available at the Visitor Center and will not be available at the door.

11/11/16 **Jingle & Mingle**
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Enjoy late night holiday shopping in historic downtown Nacogdoches!
Presented by Nacogdoches Main Street

11/13/16 **East Texas Half Marathon**
7 a.m. Start
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
Presented by Race Texas.
To register visit www.easttexashalf.com.



11/17/16 **Holiday in the Pines**
Preview Party – Tickets \$25.00
One Hip Night
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Nacogdoches Civic Center
Presented by the Nacogdoches Junior Forum.
For tickets visit www.nacjrforum.org.

11/18/16 **Holiday in the Pines**
VIP Shopping – Tickets \$10
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Nacogdoches Civic Center

Market Shopping – Tickets \$7.00
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Nacogdoches Civic Center
Presented by the Nacogdoches Junior Forum.
For tickets visit www.nacjrforum.org.

11/18/16 **10,000 Villages Fair Trade Market**
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Westminster Hall, 903 North Street
Presented by Westminster Presbyterian Church.

11/19/16 **Holiday in the Pines**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Market Shopping - Tickets \$7.00
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11/19/16 **10,000 Villages Fair Trade Market**
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Westminster Hall, 903 North Street
Presented by Westminster Presbyterian Church.

11/26/16 **Wassail Fest**
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Downtown Nacogdoches
Sample holiday cheer. A list of participating merchants will be available at the Visitor Center.
Free admission.
Presented by Nacogdoches Main Street and sponsored by Citizens 1st Bank.

12/02/16 **An Old Fashioned Christmas at Millard's Crossing Historic Village**
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Millard's Crossing Historic Village
\$10 adults. \$5 Children. Children 3 and under free.

12/03/16 **Jingle Bell Run 5K**
8:00 a.m. Start
9:00 a.m. Awards
Visitor Center, 200 E. Main
Presented by Nacogdoches Main Street & the Nacogdoches Lady Lions Club

12/03/16 **Lighted Parade and Fireworks**
6:30 p.m.
Downtown Nacogdoches
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12/03/16 **First Methodist Church Christmas Open House**
Tuba Concert: 4:00 p.m. Open House: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
First Methodist Church, 201 E. Hospital
Free admission.

12/10/16 **'Tis the Season Christmas Exhibit @ Sterne-Hoya House**
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sterne-Hoya House Museum & Library
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Free admission.

12/10/16 **Tour of Homes**
Time 1-5 p.m.
Tickets: \$20. Purchase tickets at the Visitor Center.
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