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Catfish Junction, Broaddus, Texas Serving Up a Smile

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

Tucked away in the small town of Broaddus, Texas, Catfish Junction is a hidden treasure which is owned and operated by Danny and Eve Wall. The food and entertainment is definitely worth the drive. Broaddus is referred to as the Gateway to Sam Rayburn and lies in San Augustine County, positioned southeast of Nacogdoches and north of San Augustine, Texas.

The restaurant business is not new to Danny Wall, as he began working in the Dairy Mart in Broaddus at age eleven years. Danny purchased the Dairy Mart in 2002 and put it back to its original appearance. Then, seventeen years ago, he sold it to his brother-in-law and his sister, Dwight and Cindy Woodard. Danny has owned eleven additional restaurants such as: Willis 1097 Restaurant and Club, Savannah Beach Restaurant and Club, Light-house Steak and Seafood, plus two motels and grocery store in Zavalla. Food and entertainment are served in his establishments, with performers such as: Gene Watson, Percy Sledge, and other well-known singers.

Danny was born in Broaddus to meager, Christian parents, Murline and Jerry Wall, along with two brothers, Alan and Tony and sister, Cindy. Danny’s aging parents still reside in Broaddus, while dad is 92 years old and remains in good health today. Murline Wall played the piano in the local church for 65 years.

Like their mother, Alan, Tony, and Danny were musically talented and early on formed a band called Wall Brothers and Company. The brothers had a great deal of success as they toured with such talent as Mark Chesnutt, The Nitty Gritty



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80 Years Young Happy Birthday— Billy Huddleston, Sr.

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

June 8th is designated as National Friend’s Day, National Gin Day, and most importantly, Billy Lynn Huddleston’s birthday. Reaching 80 years old is a testament to a life lived well, with many milestones and achievements along the way. On June 8, 2025, we celebrate Billy’s 80th birthday, as it marks a transition into a new chapter as an octogenarian.

Birthdays are a time to look back on cherished memories, significant events, and people who have shaped one’s life. 1945 marked the end of World War II, children played Hopscotch and Jacks, Velcro was discovered, and it cost 27 cents to watch a movie. Many of those memories were reflected upon, as I talked to Billy and his lovely wife, Catherine.

Billy was born in Houston, Texas on June 8, 1945, to Bernie and Ada Bell Huddleston. When Billy was 14 years old, he went to work as an apprentice butcher for a neighborhood “mom and pop” meat market in Houston. It was there that he met, Catherine, the love of his life. Billy said, “She lived just 2 streets over from the meat market so she would shop in the store.” Two years after Billy graduated from Smiley High School, he and Catherine were married and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are the proud parents of Billy Huddleston, Jr., and Lori Blankenship, daughter-in-law Kristi, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. In 2012, his granddaughter, Macy, started managing Butcher Boy’s Smokehouse and Deli.

From the time Billy began working in the “mom and pop” meat market, he discovered that he really enjoyed being a butcher. It wasn’t long before he had



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Danny is blessed with his lovely wife Eve, 4 children, and 14 grandchildren. He and Eve own and operate Catfish Junction which is open Thursday through Sunday — where you are fed well and entertained well. Danny stated that his favorite part of the restaurant business is the, “Live entertainment and their five-star food.” The restaurant has 3 dining rooms and one with a stage which offers live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 with Scott Floyd on the saxophone, Keith Lewing is on drums, and Danny plays the guitar and sings.

Danny has a real zest for life, as demonstrated with his many business ventures and fondness for entertaining. Hank Snow in 1962 said it best with his cover of “I’ve Been Everywhere.” Each verse in this song is a testament to the singer’s life on the move, a relentless pursuit of experience. To me this song is about being in the game a long time, having all types of adventures. Danny says, “You get what you see with me. I love people and want to make them happy. Being a servant is the best job—life is hard, people struggle. I want to serve up a smile and have them come in and leave on a high.”

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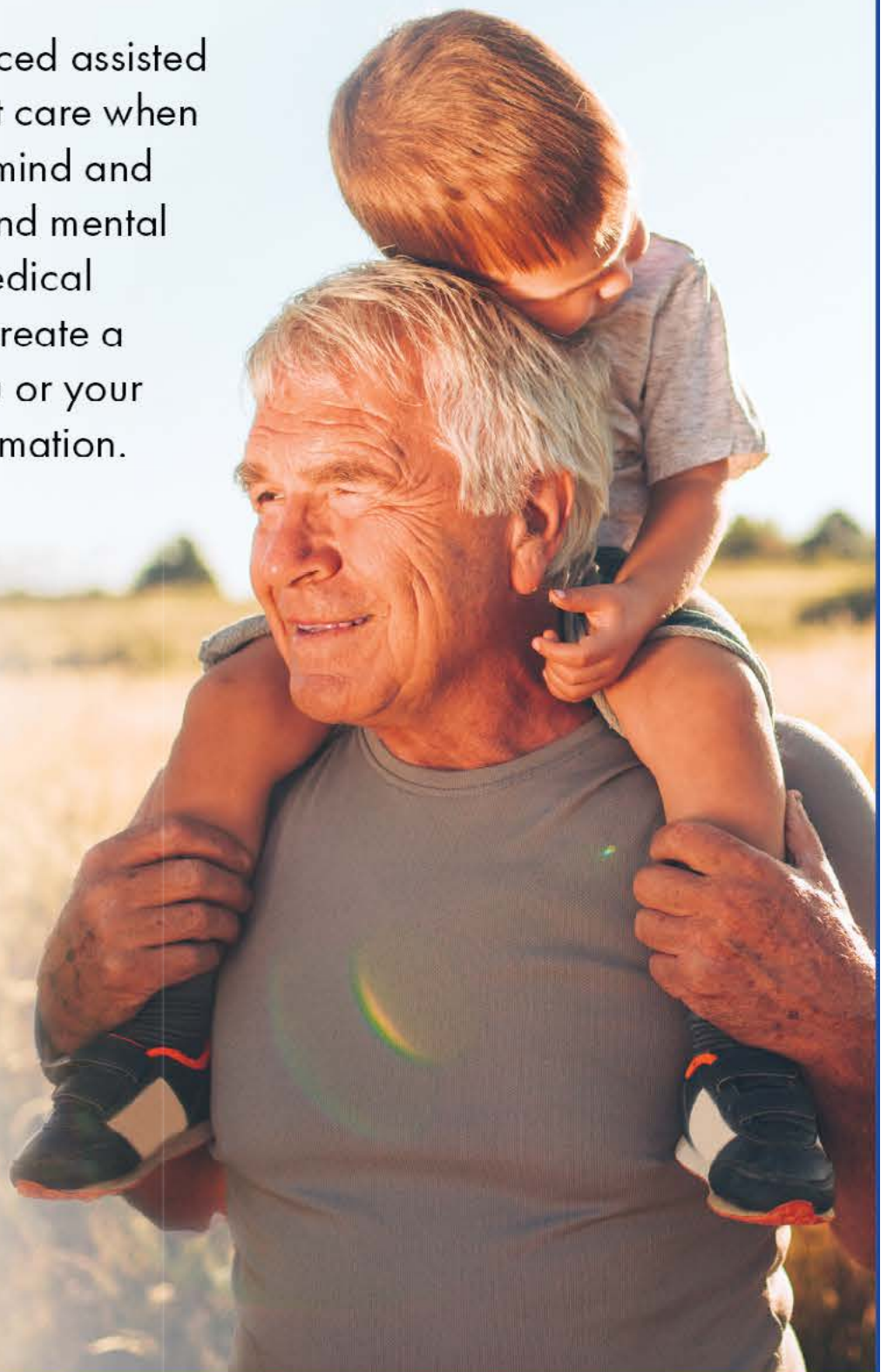
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“REED ALL ABOUT IT!”
by Dr. Allen Reed

Who Changed the Signs?

“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’” Genesis 3:4(NKJV)

The fleeing Nazis in World War II were being chased out of France. As they retreated, they changed all the road signs, a trick that confused our armies and sent them in the wrong direction until it was realized those signs could not be trusted.

There is a growing awareness among discerning folk today that they have been tricked. They have followed all the enticing invitations posted along the way: “This way to success,” and they follow until realizing the road gets steeper and more demanding, and the definition of success keeps changing. “This way to happiness!” says another sign, and they dash down that road until they begin to notice all the unhappy people coming back.

A lot of people are becoming aware that some enemy has changed the signs. He has posted his false directions in most attractive and creative ways, using the best and cleverest minds and media. “Here is life!” it announces. And he sends them toward death. “Here is happiness!” He invites and they soon learn he has changed the street sign. That was not “Happiness Boulevard.” It was “Misery Avenue.” His motto is: “Promise them anything, but give them hell.”

In Genesis three, we see Satan making his first pitch, stealing life and happiness and fellowship with God away from Adam and Eve. It may or may not be surprising to discover he hasn’t changed his line one bit. Why should he? It is still working. The things he said to Eve he is still saying to you and me.

Satan’s temptations sound good to us, because there is an element of truth in each one. Satan knows we can handle outright lies, but a half lie is most dangerous. Tennyson said: “A lie that is all a lie can be met and fought outright; but a lie that is partly truth is a harder matter to fight.” Satan asked Eve: “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” Well, that was true; that is what God said, but it was phrased in such a way, with such a veiled suggestion, that it was a lie. Satan does the same today. Did God really say, ‘You are not to love anything or anyone more than Me?’ Did He actually say, ‘You are to honor your father and mother?’ Did God really say, ‘You shall not commit adultery?’ Really? He told them, “You shall not surely die.” That was a half lie. It is true they did not die immediately, but they did die a disastrous spiritual death. Their sin did what sin always does. It separated them from God.

Adam and Eve tried to hide from God, but they could not. You can’t hide from God either. When God found them, they began to blame each other. Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the serpent. When you get caught, do you try to place the blame on someone else? What should be our response? The right way is to face up to it. You don’t have to run and hide. The Bible tells us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). God won’t change the directional signs. If you will confess your sins, He will forgive.

A LITTLE HUMOR: A young preacher observed that hundreds of cars drove by his church, apparently without noticing it. He decided to put up a sign by the busy street. The sign read: “If you’re tired of sin, come on in.” A few days later someone had written on the bottom: “If not, call 899-3335.”

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the technical knowledge and was proficient in using the tools of the trade. Sadly, Billy stated, “Butchers are the experts on meat cutting, but the occupation seems to be a dying breed. I believe there is a real need for experienced meat cutters,” said Billy, “No one wants to do the time or do the work. It’s a labor-intensive type job.” Billy loves every aspect of the job. He worked in larger meat markets in Houston but later moved to Lufkin, Texas to work for Safeway Supermarket.



Billy in the meat market showing off the smoked meats

Although it took a while to get to Nacogdoches, 8 years later Billy transferred to Safeway Supermarket in Nacogdoches. Here, he had a hair-raising experience when he chased and caught a shoplifter who had stolen cheese from Safeway. The lady shoplifter put a gun in Billy's chest and he fell to the ground. Having escaped, he learned a valuable lesson—"Don't put your life on the line for cheese."

It was during this time that he and Catherine made the decision to estab-



Bill, Sr., Catherine, Billy, Jr. and Lori in an old photograph in their present location.

recipes.

In 1994, they purchased a vacant lot at 1224 North Street, Catherine drew the plans, a new Butcher Boy's Smokehouse and Deli opened, and as they say, the rest is history. Butcher Boy's has been featured in *Texas Monthly*, and has been a local stop for numerous celebrities and popular podcasters. Being placed on the *Texas Bucket List*, nationally-syndicated television program, brought in visitors from all over the state. Additionally, Butcher Boy's has been voted *Daily Sentinel's* "Best in Nacogdoches" contest winner in several categories, including but not limited to; Best Hamburger, Best Baked Potato, and Best French Fries. Billy states, "Our hamburger meat is ground fresh every morning and the



Catherine and Billy, Sr.

sausage and cheese balls are made right here.” Items on the menu include; hamburgers, fries, chicken fried steak, giant stuffed potatoes, special order pies, fresh meats, smoked sausage, barbeque, seasonings. Catering is available as well.

Billy is known to his friends and customers as “Mr. B.,” but to his family, he is “Pap.” According to Macy, “He has an amazing work ethic—outworking most butchers.”

Macy continued, "Although he is strong willed and hard headed, he has a heart of gold." When Billy is not working in the restaurant, he loves to fish,

garden, and do woodwork. He even has a saw mill in his backyard. Rescues Missy, Max, Buddy, and Sophie are adored by Billy. Someone quoted, "We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." This is true when it comes to Billy who is a compassionate, kind, and generous man of character. He is a huge part of Nacogdoches, as he has helped many people during his years around the sun. Billy, you have lived a life worth celebrating. Happy Birthday, Billy!



Bill, Sr., at the catering table

Special Invitation: Everyone is invited to drop by and have a slice of Billy's birthday cake and wish the birthday boy a happy 80th. Bring a picture or letter, if you would like it included in his scrapbook. June 7, 2025 from 5:30-6:30 at Butcher Boy's Smokehouse and Deli.

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Mr. Tubb helped many people during his long career in the music business, including Stallings. “I first met Ernest when I was 16 as two of my buddies and I tried to get inside Carlton’s Corral, a honky tonk located in Goat Hill, Texas. Of course, we were too young to enter and were promptly turned away by a huge cowboy at the door. We sat on the fenders of my ’54 Chevrolet in the parking lot and could at least hear the music. As Mr. Tubb walked by us on the way to his bus either at intermission or after the show, he noticed us and said, “What’s the matter, wouldn’t they let y’all in?” We told him that we were too young to be in a honky tonk and he invited us to join him on the bus for a Coke. He was so kind to us and made us feel so welcome. I decided that night that I wanted to be involved in some way in the entertainment business. Later, I began booking him for some shows and he introduced me to Ray Price, Mel Tillis, Faron Young and many more of his friends who I worked with, as well. I’ve enjoyed a career as a concert, record and television producer for more than 55 years and I owe it all to ET. That’s why I wanted to do something to honor him,” Stallings said. Upon the approval by TXDOT, the signs should be installed later this year.



David Stallings (Holding proclamation) with the Ellis County Commissioners in Waxahachie on May 13, 2025



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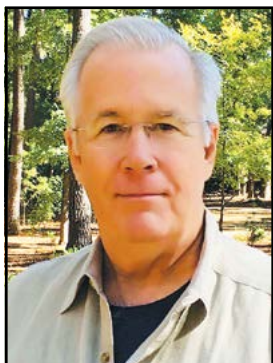
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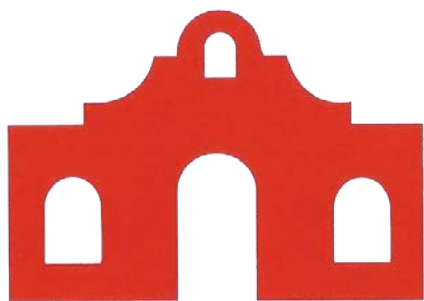
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Leadership Coach Publishes Reflective Journal to Inspire 52 Weeks of Growth

Chuck Wright, former resident of Nacogdoches, Texas - a leadership coach, mentor, and founder of SPARC Mentoring, has released a new guided resource titled *Leaditudes: A Leadership Journal*. Designed to empower leaders across industries and backgrounds, the 52-week journal encourages personal reflection, growth, and intentional leadership development.

Each week of the journal features a “leaditude” — a leadership-centered attitude — paired with a thought-provoking quote from renowned voices like John C. Maxwell, Brené Brown, Simon Sinek, and Stephen Covey. The journal invites readers to explore leadership themes such as integrity, courage, humility, influence, and legacy, with prompts designed to move insights into action.

“My goal was to create something that helps people lead from the inside out,” said Wright. “Not everyone feels like they can attend a seminar or hire a coach. This journal makes meaningful leadership development accessible week by week.”



Wright has spent over 40 years equipping leaders in public schools, non-profits, churches, and corporate teams. His passion for mentoring and character-based leadership shines through in the journal’s design and tone. *Leaditudes* is ideal for professionals, educators, ministry leaders, emerging leaders, and anyone seeking greater alignment between who they are and how they lead.

Leaditudes: A Leadership Journal is now available on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/a2lj547>


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About Chuck Wright:
Chuck Wright is a John Maxwell certified leadership coach, speaker, and founder of SPARC Mentoring. With decades of experience training leaders across sectors, Chuck is passionate about developing intentional, values-driven leadership in individuals and teams. *Leaditudes* is his latest contribution to the field of personal growth and leadership development.


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All Aboard for Summer Fun at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot!

Junior Engineer Days return this summer to the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot, offering a fun and educational experience for children ages 2 to 10. Held every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., from June 5 through August 7, this come-and-go program invites families to enjoy themed crafts, snacks, and weekly activities like sing-alongs and story time. It's a great way for families to explore the historic depot, make new friends, and enjoy hands-on, creative play. This year's program also features special guest presenters throughout the summer, including Nacogdoches Fire & Rescue, the Texas Forestry Museum, and more—offering exciting, interactive experiences for young visitors and their families.

Junior Engineer Days are made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Nacogdoches Junior Forum, whose support helps provide free activities, craft supplies, and snacks each week.

For families who can't make it to Junior Engineer Days, the fun doesn't stop there. Train-themed activity stations will be set up throughout the depot and available all summer long during regular hours, Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These interactive stations include toy trains, train puzzles, books, and games, providing a great indoor option for families looking to beat the heat while enjoying hands-on, self-guided play in a historic setting.

Located at 101 Old Tyler Road, the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot is a historic site built by the Southern Pacific Railroad and now serves as a museum celebrating local railroad history.

Admission is free, and supplies are available while they last. Large groups (10+) should schedule in advance at (936) 560-4441 or historicsites@nactx.us

Nacogdoches Summer Scavenger Hunt

The 2025 Nacogdoches Summer Scavenger Hunt is back and better than ever, running from **Friday, May 30 through Friday, August 8**. This community-wide adventure invites participants of all ages to explore the rich history and culture of Nacogdoches by visiting **11 local sites**, including the Nacogdoches Historic Sites (Sterne-Hoya House, Durst-Taylor House, Zion Hill Baptist Church, and the Railroad Depot), Millard's Crossing Historic Village, Stone Fort Museum, Nacogdoches Public Library, Visitors Center, Fire Museum, Cole Art Center, and the Old University Building. At each location, visitors will answer a question to mark their progress.

This year features **two prize tiers**: participants who visit at least five sites are eligible for the **"History Hunter"** drawing, while those who complete **all eleven sites** can enter to win the **"Master Explorer"** grand prize basket. New in 2025 is a **photo challenge**—visitors can scan a QR code at each site to upload a fun photo from their visit, with select entries eligible for an additional prize.

Scavenger hunt pages can be picked up at participating sites or the Nacogdoches Visitors Center. Whether you're a longtime resident or first-time visitor, this is a fun and engaging way to discover the stories, landmarks, and creativity that make Nacogdoches special. For details, contact the Historic Sites Department at (936) 560-4441, email historicsites@nactx.us, or visit nactx.us/scavengerhunt

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A Good Man

by Taylor Millard

I discussed in my prior article my 50th Class Reunion. It was indeed a grand time where a bunch of older faces and young hearts hugged and laughed. We were a part of American history. Our class were part of the great race experiment of combining black and white schools with a fancy word called integration.

It began for the class of 1975 in middle school and this is where White Taylor Millard and Black Perry Colston met. We shared an absolute joy in hearing our own voices. We talked all day and loved making our classmates smile. We were brothers from different mothers. I don't recall one time of tension with Perry in a time where we were told by others to hate each other.

Perry, or PC, as we all called him, was never a victim of anything. He was a devoted Christian, inspired by a loving family to worship the Lord. His athletic ability created a football scholarship to Texas Christian University and the whole class was proud of him. Everyone liked PC.

At our 20th High School reunion PC and I co-hosted the big Saturday night event at the Fredonia Hotel, or as we say in Nacogdoches, "The Hotel." We had prizes for classmates with most kids, who came the farthest, and other fun stuff, including sexiest man. A few of us counted the votes and PC and I tied for sexiest. Not for first place. We both garnered one single vote, and both cracked up laughing.

PC announced the sexiest man and stated, "We have a tie between me and Taylor.... for last place." The room exploded with laughter. It was a perfect moment. We talked about that at our 50th and laughed again. He delivered the prayer that night with the passion that God truly dwells within his heart. I said a few funny things and after my part went over to PC.

He said "You are a good man, Taylor Millard" I responded, "I am not that good." He said, "Oh no, you are a good man and always have been." It was his last words to me. PC died suddenly 12 days later. Our classmates gathered once more, this time to say goodbye to this wonderful man, with the permanent smile. He was a good man and always has been. Love you, PC.



Henry Taylor Millard, known as Taylor, to almost everyone, grew up in Nacogdoches with a story telling father and a history reading mother. Taylor is a seventh generation Texan and lives on the same family land dating back to the eighteen-thirties. He and his wife attend Old North Baptist Church that his great-great-grandmother assisted in founding in 1838.

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Zion Hill Historic Sites Hosts Free Screening of *The Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot*

Nacogdoches Historic Sites invites the public to a free screening of *The Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot* on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion Hill Historic Site, 324 N. Lanana Street. The evening will include opening remarks and a Q&A with the film’s producers, Rebekah and Josh Weigel.

Produced by Angel Studios, *The Sound of Hope* tells the remarkable true story of Reverend Martin and Donna Martin from Possum Trot, a rural community in Shelby County, located about an hour southeast of Nacogdoches. Moved by the urgent needs of children in the foster care system, the Martins and 22 families from their congregation at Bennett Chapel chose to adopt and care for 77 of the most vulnerable children.

“As we learned more about the families in Possum Trot, we couldn’t help but recognize a powerful sense of community that echoes the stories we’ve gathered about Historic Zion Hill Church. Zion Hill offered many programs for children, supported SFA students, and fostered a neighborhood where people cared for one another with compassion and shared responsibility. We’re grateful for the opportunity to share this history and to hear directly from those who helped bring it to the screen.” — Veronica Amoe, Historic Sites Manager

In 2024, *The Sound of Hope* was nominated for Best Drama at the prestigious Septimius Awards, an international film festival held annually in Amsterdam that celebrates global storytelling and independent film from across continents. The film also received the Best Actor award for Demetrius Grosse, with additional nominations for Best Actress (Nika King) and Best Director (Joshua Weigel).

While the film offers an inspiring message of hope, it portrays real-life stories of children in the foster care system and includes emotionally powerful and sensitive subject matter. Because of sensitive content, the movie is rated PG-13. More information about the film, including thematic material and ratings, can be found on the film’s webpage at Angel.com.



Demetrius Grosse as Reverend Martin




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Anger

by Robert McCandless

“Aren’t you angry?” came the question, after I shared my journey of being convicted of a crime I did not commit. “Yes,” I was very angry.

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I began college classes and eventually found reminiscing on my situation was interfering with my studies. My aptitude scores were noticed and I was taken from “making big rocks into little ones” to an office job. It wasn’t long before I was so involved with changing my life that I all but forgot what had happened.

After my release, I sought to be successful in life and being angry about the past served no purpose in that effort. I moved ahead, seeking ways to use my God given talent as a craftsman. I had actually made friends with my parole officer, rather than being angry about having to report weekly on my progress and ask for travel permits to visit my daughter in Dallas every two or three weeks.

It wasn't long after I began to experience this new life of freedom that the old thoughts cropped up and I contemplated what had happened. I decided on an attempt to rectify it by applying for a pardon and correct the wrong done me. The application process brought mixed feelings as I gathered letters of recommendation from friends and reported progress in my church and community.

All the work for naught as I was told “No.”

Being denied created disappointment, which led to anger and led to distraction from my new course in life. Three more times over the next 35 years I applied with the same results that only brought the same feelings forward, but with more intensity, as my accomplishments in life added up and I felt more deserving.

There were times, and still are, when I think, “If only I had done this or that during the trial or would have fought the case on appeal for a reversal, I could have been free from the stigma.” Then I stop and think... “If I had done that, where would I have been today?” God has brought me to a place and given me a freedom I could have never imagined nor could have ever arrived at on my own and anger would have only prevented it. I am too busy to be angry, hold resentments or want for things which don’t matter. Anger only gets in the way of progress.

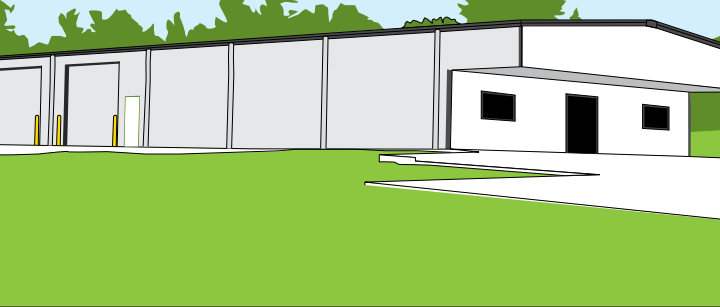
The thought of a pardon was born from a part of me fueled by anger of what had happened in the past and my want to get back at the perpetrators. Each time I asked for the pardon, the emotional stress became higher. And each denial brought the anger that hindered my progress. The longer I held on to the desire to change the past, the more I began to realize the futility. Finally, understanding that one gets a pardon for a wrong they have done, left me questioning my attempts. I had done none.

In an effort to put the matter to rest I realized that it was the accusers who actually needed pardon for their mistake, so I eventually wrote letters to my accusers, forgiving and thanking them for their actions. I told them it had resulted in a better life than that which I had been living in the past. One step away from homeless, writing hot checks for food and using drugs was ended by their mistaken identity...or was it a mistake? To say God allowed this to happen or even created the situation in order to save my life is one on which I may ponder at times, but the truth in Romans 8:28 “And we know all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose,” rings loudly in my ears as I do.

I believe God has a purpose for everyone's life and some of the circumstances which evolve around that purpose require a lot of forgiving and even forgetting.

I watch as anger and resentment prevent people from developing friendships, being with family, attending church and moving ahead in life. It's like that 11 foot cotton sack I had to fill on the prison farm...it only slows you down the more you put in it.


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<u>BOUDAIN BALLS</u>	5	
with or without jalapenos, hand breaded & fried, served with ranch		
<u>CHEF SALAD</u>	8	
a crisp bed of lettuce topped with carrots, cucumber, tomatoes, ham, bacon, boiled egg, and cheese		
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a crisp bed of lettuce topped with carrots, cucumber, tomatoes, ham, bacon, boiled egg, and cheese		
<u>QUESADILLA</u>	8	
crisp buttery tortilla filled with melted cheddar cheese and grilled chicken or brisket, served with sour cream, lettuce and tomato		
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by **Patti Goodrum**
Executive Director, Love In the Name of Christ Of Nacogdoches

One of the most difficult lessons I’ve had to learn is that God truly provides everything I need—not necessarily everything I want, and often not in the way I expect. It has taken many life experiences to fully grasp that I don’t have all the answers. Some lessons come harder than others, and the journey is different for everyone. Whenever I’ve asked older, wiser individuals for their secret to knowing what to do in times of uncertainty, their response is usually the same: *I lived life.*

I’ve often read in His word that God values order. This truth has been a challenging lesson for me. As a young girl, Momma instilled in me the belief that a dirty sink or an unmade bed could set the tone for the entire day. Of course, I had to learn that for myself over time. Now, after 45 years of marriage and two grown sons with families of their own, I find that I still can’t go to bed with a dirty sink and making the bed before I head out in the morning is non-negotiable—it just sets the day right.

Some behaviors become deeply ingrained, making them difficult to change. At Love INC, we see many of our participants wrestling with cycles of disappointment, unhealthy relationships, and the weight of abuse, loneliness, and poverty. Often, we can see the impending hardship before it unfolds—like watching a train wreck in slow motion. When the opportunity arises, we try to create space for dialogue, offering a way forward. But often, the door to meaningful conversation closes before it ever truly stays open.

I see these same patterns among those in leadership—loneliness, unhealthy relationships, and a path leading toward inevitable hardship. Like many of our clients, they struggle to break free from cycles that hold them back, unaware of the impending consequences until it’s too late.

Burning bridges often stem from frustration, pride, or a belief that cutting ties is the easiest path forward—but in leadership, that approach can be short-sighted. Some people struggle with this lesson because they focus more on immediate emotions rather than long-term consequences. Others find it difficult to separate personal feelings from professional decisions.

It takes wisdom, patience, and humility to preserve relationships, even in difficult moments. Some leaders might not see the value in maintaining connections, only realizing it later when they need those relationships again. Unfortunately, some view leadership as a position of control rather than collaboration, making it harder for them to recognize the importance of respect and diplomacy. You’ve likely navigated situations where trust had to be rebuilt or perspectives had to shift. How have you personally approached these challenges? I only know one way.

Without our Lord and Savior, I know I would be a very lost soul. I love reading the gospel of John because by believing that he is the Messiah and God’s son, we have eternal life and freedom from sin, and we should be empowered to perform radical acts of kindness, generosity, and selfless love as we live our lives in devotion to Jesus.

Our greatest defense is prayer, love, and forgiveness. Please join us in lifting up those who are trapped in turmoil and constant crisis, praying that they see Jesus reflected in us—the strong and merciful Savior who stands unwavering in His conviction of right and wrong. He calls us to follow His example, extending grace while remaining steadfast in truth.

Jesus is the Goal.



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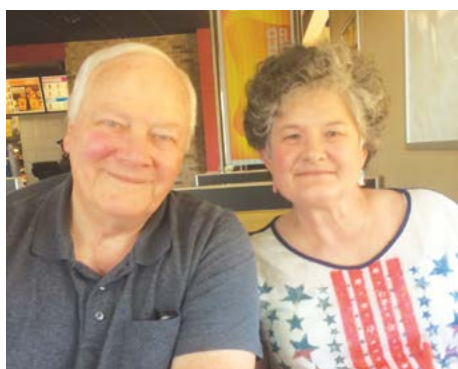
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We Are Who We Are

by Jim Garrett

Who we are in terms of personality and character traits can be traced back to our family genetics as well as to the environment in which we were raised. Considerable interest has been shown in recent years by persons wanting to know who they are and what are their family origins. Their search has often led to the discovery of interesting characters among their ancestors.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

Many of you, Dear Readers, have heard of identical twins who were separated at birth. Years later they have been able to reconnect with their siblings with surprising results. In some cases, they have the same number of children, often with similar names. Some, when they meet after a long separation, are even dressed alike. Often their likes and dislikes are the same and very strong. What are the chances?

Even stranger still is a limited number of reports of recipients of heart transplants who partially develop traits previously held by the donors. For example, some of these have included a previously non-existent love for music or some other similar phenomenon.

Let's now bring genetically inherited traits to the forefront in my own family. For about four years of World War II, my family consisted of just my mother and me while my dad was in the Navy. I'm sure that during that time I picked up some of my mother's rather interesting mannerisms.

One such mannerism which has stuck with me to this day involves following directions and taking prescribed medicine on time - **to the minute**. Even so, I'm not quite the stickler that my mother was. If I'm within a quarter hour, I'm OK.

A number of years ago, Mary Beth and I thought that it would be nice to give my mother a microwave oven. She seemed to enjoy heating various foods in her newfound "toy." On one of our visits, we did notice something rather peculiar. If my mother purchased a food item and the directions said, "heat for one minute," she would place the food in the oven and program it for **sixty-one seconds**. You see, she had noticed that the microwave would skip the first second and immediately jump to 60 seconds! Surely none of our readers do that!!

When I first started teaching at Stephen F. Austin, professors were allowed to discuss student progress with parents. One semester a colleague got a call from a parent wanting to know why her son received an F in freshman chemistry. The instructor very calmly went over the student's grades on major exams for the semester. When he finished, he told the parent that it was obvious that her son was in the bottom half of the class. She astonishingly replied, "I knew that he was not in the **top half** of the class but I had no idea that he was in the **bottom half** of the class!" . . . No, the apple does not fall far from the tree!

There was a character in the late Charles Schultz's comic strip Peanuts who personifies the young man mentioned in the paragraph below. This character whose name aptly describes him was Pig-Pen, a friend of Charlie Brown. As you may recall, Dear Readers, Pig-Pen, no matter what he did, seemed to have an attraction for dirt. He once described himself as a "dirt magnet."

Why do some people seem to be accident magnets more so than most other people? Perhaps we'll never know. One morning one of our daughters was walking to class at the university. Ahead of her were two males. The first male walked under a dead limb that was hanging over the sidewalk and as he did so, he reached up and snapped off a twig. The second young man thought that he would follow suit. He reached up, grabbed a twig, and gave it a little tug - at which time the **whole limb** fell on him. As it turns out, the second young man was enrolled in the same chemistry lab as our son. It seems that Mark (not his real name) seemed to have a penchant for "accidents." One day, after an abundance of frustrating laboratory glassware breakage, he asked my son if he thought that there might be a company where a person could buy glassware breakage insurance. My son just smiled and said, "I feel pretty sure that there must be!" Believe me; Mark needed it!

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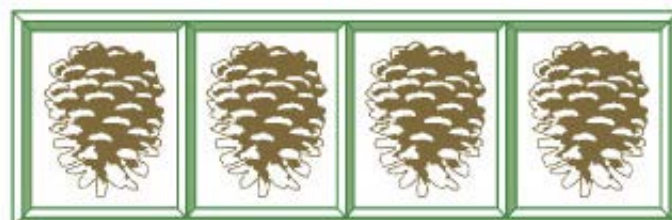
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by Deborah Chadwick, *Director*

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- Jasmine H., “I built a relationship with these amazing women, I learned and am still learning on how to place healthy boundaries, speaking to someone on a professional level and how to seek God even on my toughest moments!”
- Cara R. says, “When I signed up for Christian Women’s Job Corp., I thought I just needed employment skills. I didn’t realize what a blessing it would come to be or how it would change my life and self-image. In my classmates, staff and volunteers, I’ve seen women of courage and strength. I witnessed fears and vulnerabilities become assets instead of obstacles. We have proved that our differences make us stronger...”
- Kimberly G., “I started this program as one of the oldest members, but I came to realize that you’re never too old to learn and it’s never too late to dream.”
- Giselle F., “...my colleagues and I have found a shared connection and relatability through this program. This experience has inspired me to create something meaningful and to dedicate my life to a path that helps others—just as this program and all the people involved have helped all of us.”
- Elizabeth B., “When I started this program, I wanted to update my computer skills and my resumé, but since attending this program, I have built up confidence in myself, conquered my fears, updated my resumé, typing, computer skills and learned to live on a budget.”
- Tyniki B., “...was able to meet new people and got better in my computer skills. I love Bible Study because it helped me get close to God and helped me open up.”
- Amy L., “This year has been a journey of reclaiming my purpose, establishing financial independence, and stepping boldly outside my comfort zone. Through the invaluable support of the Christian Women Job Corps, I’ve gained the job skills and financial tools to construct my own path as a confident and independent adult, with firm boundaries.”
- Monica T., “I came to this program broken and with no direction on where to go. (Now) I am more confident and professional. After this program, I will start my business as soon as I take my state Boards.”
- Vanita D., “This program has changed my life.” With special mention to the following “...Jasmine Hassan (Executive Director). Her story of so much hardship and struggle at such a young age has more than inspired me. Demitrus Waters (Program Director) with her kind heart and caring soul taught me that I too can be an amazing working mother. Mrs. Charmaine (Dickhaut, Board Chairwoman), ‘Thank you for all you have done for me and my 2 daughters. You have a heart of gold.’”
- Erin C., “I am proud of all my fellow students for completing the program and us getting to graduate together. I challenge all of us to continue developing a career, be productive in the workplace and NEVER GIVE UP.”





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OPINION

Banning Cell Phones Won't Teach Responsibility

by Brandon Enos, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Cushing ISD

Texas lawmakers are advancing House Bill 1481 and Senate Bill 2365, legislation prohibiting students from using their cell phones during the school day in every public school across the state. While the intention is understandable, reducing distractions and increasing focus, the solution is short-sighted and unnecessary.

Anyone who has spent time in a classroom knows that cell phones can be a significant distraction. If left unchecked, the devices can keep students off task, create classroom management issues, and chip away at valuable instructional minutes. But here's the truth: Texas school districts already have the power to handle this issue.



Local school boards and campus leaders currently set their policies on cell phone use; some ban phones entirely during the day, others collect them at the door, and many have well-structured expectations that strike a healthy balance. These decisions are rooted in the needs of local students, staff, and communities. That's how public education in Texas is supposed to work: local control, local solutions.

A one-size-fits-all state mandate strips away that authority and assumes Austin knows better than the people working in our schools daily. What works in a 2A school in East Texas may not be what's needed in a large urban district like Houston ISD or Dallas ISD. This isn't a case of inaction; it's a case of trusting districts to do their jobs.

More importantly, these bills ignore a bigger issue: cell phones aren't just toys or distractions but tools. In the real world, nearly every profession relies on mobile devices in some form. Electricians use phones to read blueprints and coordinate work. Truck drivers depend on apps for routing and compliance. Nurses, doctors, lawyers, educators, and small business owners use mobile technology to solve problems and stay connected.

We should not ban these devices; we should teach students how to use them well.

If our goal is to prepare students for life after high school, we must include digital responsibility and professional phone use as part of that education. That means teaching students how to manage their notifications, avoid distractions, use mobile apps for research or productivity, and communicate appropriately and professionally. These are real-world skills. If we don't teach them, who will?

Texas has an opportunity to reduce distractions and build digital literacy and resilience. Instead of banning phones and hoping students learn responsibility independently, let's give schools the resources to teach students intentionally. Digital citizenship, media literacy, and tech-integrated learning are not buzzwords; they're essential for success in a technology-rich world.

Yes, there should be boundaries around phone use during instruction. But that's already happening in districts that have taken the initiative. We don't need a ban from our legislators. Instead, we need support for professional development, curriculum development, and tools that help students use technology wisely.

Blanket bans won't solve the problem. They push the issue out of sight and leave students unprepared for the reality ahead.

Now is the time for Texans to speak up. If you believe in local control for your school districts and the opportunity for our districts to teach students responsible cell phone use, contact your state representative and senator and let them know you oppose HB 1481 and SB 2365. Ask them to trust our educators and districts to make the right call for their students.

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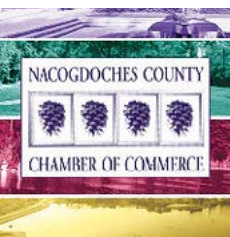
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Blueberry Pancake Breakfast – Starts at 8 a.m. and lasts til they’re gone! \$7/plate and proceeds benefit the Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club projects. Located in the 100 block at the intersection of E. Main St. and Pecan St.

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Blueberry Cupcake Battle – At the NEW Location: 317 East Main St. at Mast Hall. Entries due by 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$25. Cupcake displays will be available for public viewing until noon. Hosted by Family Crisis Center of East Texas.

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10:15 am - 11:15 am	FBC Summit Band
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Country Willie Band
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	Silo Soul Band
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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.



Jesus— Thank You Lord for My Freedom

Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” John 8:34-36

Freedom—it’s a beautiful thing. True freedom comes through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. It is Christ who liberates us from slavery to sin, the shame of sin’s consequences and the death caused by sin. The freedom born-again believers receive in Christ is authentic and complete. When the Son of God makes you free, you are free to live without the constraints of your past which separated you from God. You are free to enjoy a personal and intimate relationship with your Creator, the God who gave you your life

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Everyone made free in Christ wages spiritual warfare against powers that fight against us enjoying our freedom. We’ve heard about them but how often do we stop to consider their impact on our lives—how they affect our witness for Christ, our influence among the lost and our love for others. What are these powers? They are the flesh, the devil and the world.

When we hear the word flesh, we often think of the physical body. Flesh is not a reference to what we see. Jesus appeared in a human body so that God in the flesh (John 1:14) could become like us in our humanity without sin in order to die in the flesh for our sins.

For the Christian, flesh represents self. It is the fallen condition of our humanity that still wants to obey sin. It is our selfish and self-centered desires and ambitions that are opposed to God, His ways, will and plan for our lives. In order to enjoy our freedom in Christ self must be crucified daily. It is not a dying to self, for the Christian has already died with Christ in His death and we are now alive with Him. To crucify the flesh is to submit to the authority of the Word of God. It is a willful, conscience and deliberate choice to say no to the sins that appeal to us the most. To crucify the flesh is to choose the lordship of Christ in every sphere of our lives and to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads us. The Bible says, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Gal 5:16).

Where the devil is concerned, I believe far too many Christians focus more on the one whom Christ has defeated instead of Christ. We fail to apply biblical truth which says the Spirit of Christ in you is greater than the spirit of antichrist who is in the world (1 John 4:4). We cannot experience the peace our freedom in Christ brings when our mind is stayed on the devil. The Bible says, “[Jesus] will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on [Jesus]” (Isa 26:3). Satan is real. I’m not minimizing Satan’s existence, power or activity in the world. The devil steals the Christians peace and robs us of enjoying our freedom in Christ when we allow him to do it. We spend more time being fearful of Satan and talking about him, the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph 2:2) instead of celebrating Christ in us and speaking of Him, the “Prince of Peace” (Isa 9:6) who is sovereign over all His creation (Satan included). We should use our words to lift up the name of Jesus because whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:14). We can enjoy our freedom when we submit to God and resist the devil, putting him to flight by the power of obedience to the Spirit.

We come now to the final power which robs us of the enjoyment of our freedom in Christ, the world. The world refers to the ways and beliefs of our culture and society that are opposed to the truth of the Bible. The ways of this world which once ruled our desires and passions before the new birth have been defeated in Christ. Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33). It’s impossible to enjoy the freedom Christ gives when we don’t know or believe we have it. It is only when we believe and apply what God says to us in His word instead of what the world who hates God says, that we can enjoy our freedom in Christ.

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

Hello, June! Summer has arrived in Nacogdoches, bringing with it long, laid-back evenings, cherished annual traditions, refreshing days on the water, and plenty of time spent with our community. We’re welcoming the season with open arms, ready to soak up the warmth, joy, and unforgettable moments that summer has to offer. Let’s take a look at what Nacogdoches has in store for us this June!

The 35th Annual Texas Blueberry Festival is almost here, and this year, things are getting started with a brand-new event: the Blueberry Jam! Set for Friday, June 13th from 6-9 pm at Festival Park, this free, family-friendly evening promises great music, local talent, and a whole lot of fun to kick off the weekend. The night begins at 6 pm with local favorite Rack Attack taking the stage with their first set, followed by Loose Gravel bringing a mix of classic rock, southern rock, and blues. Closing out the evening is Huffie and the Paintfish, two-time “Best of Nac” musician award winners, known for their high-energy Top 40 covers that are sure to get the crowd on their feet. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets; it’s going to be a night to remember.

The festival fun continues on Saturday, June 14th in downtown Nacogdoches. Returning this year is Brushing Up Nac’s hands-on community mural project. This year’s theme, “Nacogdoches: Live. Work. Play.”, invites festivalgoers to help paint a colorful tribute to our hometown. Also new this year, the Critter Costume Contest, formerly the True Blue Pet Parade, moves to Friday night at 6:30 pm at the Fredonia Brewery, giving pet lovers and their four-legged friends a chance to show off their best blueberry-themed looks. Wrap up your blueberry weekend at the Fredonia Brewery’s Summer Makers Market on Sunday, June 15th, from 12-5 pm, featuring a host of local artists showcasing their blueberry-themed items!

Beat the heat and make a splash at one of Nacogdoches’ many water attractions. Whether you’re looking for family fun at Splash Kingdom – Timber Falls, a quick cool-down at local favorites like Splashadoches and Temple Park Splash Pad, or a refreshing day by the water at Lake Nacogdoches or Tonkawa Springs, there’s no shortage of ways to stay cool all month long. Dive into summer fun right here in town!

Join us Friday, June 27th from 11 am to 2 pm in Downtown Nacogdoches for one last taste of your favorite local food trucks before we break for the summer heat. Grab your friends, stroll the historic brick streets, and enjoy a delicious lunchtime adventure!

But the fun doesn’t stop there. To keep up with Nacogdoches and community events, make sure to check out our website at visitnacogdoches.org/events. We can’t wait to see y’all around the town!



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A Man’s Folly: Exploring the Female Mind

by Mike Mills

Mike Mills is a 1965 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. After careers in airline flying and FAA management, he and wife Sandy, a retired teacher, took to the road in a motorhome, writing about their journeys. Their blog, “Phannie and Mae” has had more than a million views since its inception.

There are certain aspects of the female mind that men are not equipped to grasp. Forever imprisoned in logical thinking, we can only aspire to women’s esoteric mastery of certain high-level concepts, such as understanding the true meaning of words like, “Fine!” To persons of my gender, this word usually means something is either satisfactory, good or exceptional. How are we supposed to know that it is a word akin to a death sentence if it is uttered by the female during an argument? Our misunderstanding of “fine” is like our misinterpretation of “Go ahead!” We should never assume that it means to continue or proceed with whatever we were contemplating. It would be far safer for the man to remain silent and perfectly still until the meaning of the term is clear, which will probably be the opposite of what we’re thinking. There is another aspect of advanced female thinking that men may never comprehend, and that subject is...women’s clothing.



The nuances that abound in women’s fashion consist of a labyrinth of calculations that would test the limits of artificial intelligence. I was not fully aware of the void in my understanding of it until we made the decision to downsize drastically and tour the country in our motorhome. I knew that a rather sizeable room had been built into our house that contained what I believe were women’s garments and shoes, but I was fearful of going in there. From time to time, Sandy would enter and, before long, her voice would fade away into a small, muffled sound. It was all too mysterious for a person with the limitations of my gender.

In preparation for living in a few hundred square feet instead of a few thousand, it became necessary for Sandy to pare down her wardrobe to fit in a motorhome’s closet—eight feet in length—in the very back of the rig. There was additional storage space under the bed for any extra items—another area that was off limits to me unless the bed needed to be raised. After uncountable donations of clothing to the Salvation Army, they banned her from the premises due to the fire hazard she was creating with all the clothes.

It is still not clear how she reduced her wardrobe to 121 items aboard the bus. (I counted while she wasn’t looking.) My 13 garments took only a sliver of space in the closet but, according to her, it was my clothing excess that caused the closet rod to collapse on one of our first trips. After bracing the rod with several welded steel supports, the rod held fast, but I had to carry extra air pressure in the rear tires.

One day, I asked her nicely if she would educate me as to the necessity of her having roughly nine times the clothing I required. My question was greeted with her usual eyeroll until I convinced her (sort of) of my sincere desire to understand.

With a voice teeming with skepticism about my sincerity, she explained: “Men have it so easy,” she said. “All you need is a couple of pairs of shorts and pants, a few shirts and, maybe, a suit if you need to attend a funeral or for your own casket’s viewing!” A slight grin at the corner of her mouth led me to believe she was joking about this...I think.

She continued: “There are so many rules and requirements for women’s attire. First of all, the season is of primary importance. For example, we can’t be caught wearing white or sandals after Labor Day. Women often violate this rule in Texas due to the early autumn heat; nevertheless, they do it at their own risk! We mustn’t wear white or black to a wedding. Furthermore, depending upon the casualness or formality of an occasion, a decision must be made as to whether shorts, capris, crops, jeans, pants or dresses are required. Once this choice is made, a selection of the appropriate top is necessary, taking care, for example, to avoid wearing a t-shirt, except to very casual venues. Then, we must be careful not to pair conflicting designs with tops and bottoms; for example, we shouldn’t wear prints and stripes together. Shoes are of critical importance; our shoes must coordinate with our outfits. In hot weather, sandals are always appropriate, so long as their design corresponds appropriately within the downscale/upscale spectrum of the occasion. Then there’s the matter of open-toed or closed-toed

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shoes, depending upon the season of the year and the nature of the occasion. However, in Texas, it’s king’s-x on all these rules for shoes if you’re wearing cowboy boots!”

At this point, I was reeling as the room spun. I could not begin to know how to follow all these rules; I don’t even know the difference between capris, crops or pants! I held up one of my white socks in surrender, and I never mentioned the subject again. God love all the women; they deserve to be called the better half!



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A Tinker’s Dam

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.



I was watching the Dr. Phil show the other day when he made a statement that I had not heard in a long time. He told one of his guests that he didn’t “care a tinker’s damn about that.” That comment prompted me to delve into that old saying as to its real or intended meaning. The meaning in today’s society is “something that is insignificant or worthless.” However, the saying has more than that one meaning.

First, we must establish who or what a “tinker” is. I recall that in my early years men who repaired watches were referred to as “watch tinkerers.” My mother’s brother, Bonnar Whitton, was a watch tinkerer most of his life. However, the word started out in 13th century Scotland referring to a metal worker. So, the original meaning of the word is the “process of adapting, meddling, or adjusting something in the course of making repairs or improvements.” Sometimes men “tinker” around the house making repairs to various items.

In early England some travelling groups and Gypsies adopted this lifestyle of repairing metal, usually pots and pans, using molten solder. They would travel from town to town, set up their repair shop, and then move on when their services were no longer needed.

It is recorded that these Gypsy tinkerers were notorious for their vulgar and offensive language, spewing it wherever they went. As a result, some people believe that the phrase “a tinker’s damn” was born from this activity.

The second word of the phrase is “dam.” A tinker’s dam was a temporary patch to repair a hole in a metal vessel such as a pot or pan. The dam was usually made of mud or clay and was built up around the outside of a hole, so as to plug it. Molten solder was then poured on the inside of the hole. The solder solidified against the dam and bonded with the metal wall. The hole being repaired, the dam was scraped away and discarded. Since it could only be used once it was considered worthless. The remaining solder was then rasped and smoothed down by the tinker.

All of this may have influenced the English phrase “tinker’s cuss,” which expresses contempt. The phrases “tinker’s damn” and “tinker’s cuss” may also be applied to something considered insignificant. In the *Practical Dictionary of Mechanics* of 1877, Edward Knight makes this definition: “Tinker’s dam – A wall of dough raised around a place which a plumber desires to flood with a coat of solder. The material can be used once, thus being consequently thrown away as worthless.”

Basically, then, there is some debate over whether the phrase should be “tinker’s dam” – a small dam to hold solder made by tinkers when mending pans, or “tinker’s damn” – a tinker’s curse (cuss), considered of little significance because tinkers were reputed to swear habitually.

I suppose that in the end it does not matter which is the correct beginning of the phrase – you can forget either the plumbing or the cursing idea and just run with it whenever you express your opinion about something being worthless. There are many things going on today that would fit the idea perfectly.

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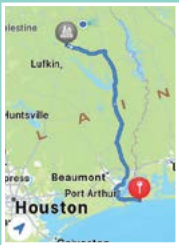


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Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Good Day Readers,

We would like to extend our thanks to all the teachers and students that made Millard's Crossing a part of their field trips for the 2024/2025 school year. To all the parents that accompanied their children, you were awesome. June is here and we are happy to have summer schools and daycares that will be coming out to have fun while they learn. Thank you to our Field Trip Sponsor Arnold Center for Entrepreneurship, Stephen F. Austin State University | Rusche College of Business and G & G Locks.

I know it seems too early to mention Halloween and Christmas, but not to us; we start planning early. We have some fun and new items coming down the pipe and we will touch a little on it every month. The first thing will be Halloween and the adoption of a building to decorate. This is for a group that would like to come and decorate one of the buildings, possibly win some money, as well as have bragging rights to being the best decorated. We will be doing the same for Christmas. If you would like to know more, please call the office at 936-564-6631.



We are making some awesome changes out here as well; we will spill the beans next month, but for now, here is a hint! Have you ever thought about staying the night out here? Thought about having a discount on rental, or coming out with a friend and your admission is free?

We are currently looking for people to come out and demonstrate a craft, gardening, making soap, textile, blacksmithing, canning, and so much more. If you have a craft and would like to show it off and make money from what you make, let me know, 936-564-6631.

Please keep us in mind for weddings, parties, meetings, and so much more. We have several buildings and can seat up to 150 people. To those who choose to get married here at Millard's Crossing, have baby, bridal showers, parties, events, thank you. All the guests that come to visit, thank you.

Thank you to all our sponsors, which are listed on the back of our self-guided tour map, for all you do; we could not make it work without you.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers, staff, and board members for their unwavering support of Millard's Crossing. Your dedication helps make this charming historical site a true gem. If you have ever wanted to volunteer at a fun place and learn about the ways of the past, please call or visit us. Spending a day or so here will certainly be a delightful experience.

Please remember to stay hydrated this month and enjoy all the fun activities that Nacogdoches has to offer. Attend the Texas Blueberry Festival, explore downtown and its shops, visit the historic buildings around town, stroll through the gardens, and much more.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you would like a hot cup of coffee, cold water, or soda, stop by for a visit, and we will gladly offer you one.

Grace Handler-Welch
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THE LAMP-LITE PLAYERS Announce Cast of OLIVER!

The Lamp-Lite Players continue their 52nd Season of “New” Classics with *Oliver!*, by Lionel Bart, July 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2025, 7:30 pm, and July 13 and 20, 2025, 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available starting June 21, 2025. All tickets are assigned seats for a specific performance. Something new for this Summer Musical is 2024-2025 Season Pass Holders may exchange their passes for tickets to *Oliver!* An audience dress rehearsal will be held July 10, 2025, 7:30 pm, for \$5.00, with tickets only available at the Box Office the night of the performance.

Melissa McMillian-Cunningham, Director, and **Davy Thomas**, Musical Director, look forward to producing *Oliver!* with the assistance of Assistant Director **Cynthia Hughes**, Choreographer **Katie Parr**, Stage Manager **Christen Smith**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Heath McCormack**. Technical leaders include set construction **Gina Jones**, costume coordinator **Nancy Matthews Smith**, set painting **Lisa Reid**, light board operator **Michael Moore**, and sound operator/pre-show music **Steve Chandler**.

Cast members for *Oliver!* include **Karper Pitcock** as Oliver Twist, **Todd Phillips** as Fagin, **Clark Perry** as the Artful Dodger, **Nikolaas Van Kley** as Bill Sikes, **Cassidy Kelly/Faith Kolosci** as Nancy, **Cassidy Kelly/Faith Kolosci** as Bet, **Heath McCormack** as Mr. Bumble, **Charisse Gregory** as Mrs. Corney, **Cristoban Morones** as Mr. Sowerberry, **Elaine Lambright/LaChanda Maxie** as Mrs. Sowerberry, **Faithlyn Stockman** as Charlotte, **Leland Parker** as Noah Claypole, **Patrick Lewis** as Mr. Brownlow, **Elaine Lambright/LaChanda Maxie** as Mrs. Bedouin, **Chelsi Condon** as Old Sally, **Cadence Glazener** as Nipper, and **Carrel King** as Matron.

In addition, **Charlotte Davis**, **Frances Teal**, and **Peyton Lewis** sing in the chorus and are featured soloists in “Who Will Buy?” The adult chorus consists of **Adan Morones**, **Anna Donihoo**, **Brianna Lewis**, **Candyce Wagnon**, **Dottie Rhodes**, **Domyunik Will**, **Frances Teal**, **Hadley Harris**, **Jessica Shelkey**, **Katie Parr**, **Kimberly Fos**, **Scott Parrish**, **Richard Malloy**, and **River Delcambre**.

Youth Chorus members include **Addison Lewis**, **Cater Cartwright**, **Carli Shaw**, **David Morones**, **Elizabeth Williamson**, **Ellie Falke**, **Ezra Hamlin**, **Gabby Bloxson**, **Gracie Rosser**, **Graham Payne**, **Grason Fos**, **Hope Alsup**, **Jocelyn Hunt**, **Klarissa Reyes**, **Lydia Smith**, **Matilyn Donihoo**, **McKenna Fos**, **Nash Coutee**, **Samuel Lewis**, **Radlynn May**, and **Winter Perry**.

McMillian-Cunningham is excited about producing *Oliver!* for the community, stating, “I’m looking forward to working with our large, talented cast of *Oliver!* We have many actors who are long time Lamp-Lite Players as well as first timers. In addition to our actors, we have a top notch production team keeping us organized, constructing and painting the scenery, building the costumes, and creating the world of the play. Of course, **Davy Thomas**, our music director, is a phenomenal teacher and a wonderful director himself, and he will be bringing the show fully to life with music that is truly moving, entertaining, and evocative.”

For more information about *Oliver!*, visit the website www.lamplitetheatre.com or email lamplitetheatre@gmail.com. Also, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Lamp-Lite Theatre.



Creative Leadership for Lionel Bart's *OLIVER!* includes (l to r) Director Melissa McMillian-Cunningham, Stage Manager Christen Smith, Assistant Stage Manager Heath McCormack, Assistant Director Cynthia Hughes, and Musical Director Davy Thomas.

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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

Unleash Creativity at NAC Kids Theatre & Art Camps!

This summer, NAC Kids is offering two exciting opportunities for young artists and performers! The **NAC Kids Theatre Camp** will be held at Lamplite Theatre from July 21-25 and July 28-August 1, with performances on August 2. This two-week camp is perfect for children entering grades 3-9, giving them the chance to explore both acting and technical theater. Campers can choose to focus on acting, tech, or both, making it an ideal full-day experience for those who want to dive deep into the world of theatre. The cost is \$135 for a half-day and \$270 for a full day, with discounts available for additional siblings.



The **NAC Kids Art Camp** takes place August 4-8 at 141 Walker Street, offering a variety of sessions tailored to different age groups: Ages 3-5: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM; Ages 6-8: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM; Ages 9-11: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM; Ages 12-16: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

The camp is \$125 per student, with discounts for additional siblings, and culminates in a gallery show on August 9th at the Falling Star Gallery at 415 North Fredonia Street, Suite 307, where campers can showcase their creations. Full details can be found on our website or social media pages. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to spark your child's creativity this summer!

Make plans to see the new exhibition at Falling Star Gallery @ NAC **"Union: Photography and Watercolor"** work by Sharon & Elton Scifres. Opening reception with artists Thursday, June 12, 5-7pm. The show will be on display through July, and will be open during Blueberry Festival Saturday. There will also be a special edition Arts Market in our parking lot from 8-1 during the Blueberry Festival. Come enjoy some fine art and air conditioning!

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative is located inside the Williamsburg Plaza, 320 North Street, Suite 307. Falling Star Gallery @ NAC is in Suite 306 and is open Saturdays from 11-4 or by appointment by texting 917-209-1050. We are also an easy walk from downtown at 415 N. Fredonia Street, one block north of the Fredonia Hotel.

JUNE ARTIST SPOTLIGHT - Meet Elton Scifres!

Elton Scifres is a retired business professor from SFA where he taught courses in managerial strategy for many years. But his favorite hobby was photography, and in the beginning, it was just for fun. "I had an SLR. I'd take vacation photos and shots of the kids, but I didn't have the urge to learn more. Twenty years ago, when film formats began to make way for digital photography, I got interested in the new tech and suddenly, I realized I could experiment all I wanted for free. And I got serious about taking pictures."



Today Elton serves as president of the Nacogdoches Photography Club, an organization he's been active in for a long time. "I've dabbled in a variety of genres, but landscapes dominate my portfolio. I like taking a familiar image, something everybody knows, like the Eiffel Tower or the Grand Canyon, but somehow putting my own spin on it— avoiding cliché— but seeing a detail that others miss." His passion has brought him recognition and awards. Elton has been official photographer at our last two Art Balls as well.

Elton is married to NAC board member Sharon Scifres, a talented photographer and watercolorist (profiled in this column in December 2024) and together they are sharing their artistic vision in a joint art show called "Union" opening on June 12 at Falling Star Gallery. "Some of our work is paired up side-by-side; there's my photograph and then next to it is Sharon's painting of the same image."

"We have known each other since we were teenagers in Mississippi, and although we have always encouraged each other's creativity, this is our first joint exhibition, so we're really excited. Thanks to the NAC for sponsoring our show. Now that we're retired, we both have time to create art. And truthfully, while I'm always trying to use the tools I have to improve my images, I love nothing more than taking pictures of our four grandkids. Love those smiles."

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A Little Bit of History



It was early June of 1969, the month after I graduated from Lufkin High School laude how cum (not summa cum laude!), and it was a big one because my father approached me about trading in my 1965 lavender Chevy Impala Sport Coupe*. Although I was surprised, he had suggested this, I returned the favor by surprising him and buying a brand-new cherry red Oldsmobile 442 with a 350 cubic inch, 300 horsepower motor. It was a bold move for a barely eighteen-year-old teenager taking on the debt for a car that cost \$4445 sticker; fortunately, Ralph New Motors gave me \$1945 for my Chevy, which meant I only had to finance \$2600.

I hired on for three jobs to get ahead on my \$102 monthly car notes, working 80 hours a week and clearing \$130. Dixon Furniture (only then in Lufkin), Gibson's, and Southwest Color Print were the three places I toiled that summer with this schedule: I worked for my Dad 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and 8 to noon on Sunday; for Gibson's 5 pm to 9 pm Monday through Friday and 1 pm to 9 pm on Saturday; and 7 am to 3 pm for Southwest Color Print cleaning around the presses on Sunday. For my dad, I delivered furniture, stocked the floor with furniture, and unloaded freight trucks. At Gibson's, where they were adding groceries, we moved shelves each day so they could tile underneath them, and then the next day we moved the shelves back. At Southwest Color Print, I used a solvent to clean the catwalks around the printing presses, and we cleaned underneath the presses, too.

On all these jobs, I made some great acquaintances: at Dixon Furniture, Will Johnson; at Gibson's, Edwina Hughes, her mother, Mr. Callaway, Ken Reeves, Betty McGaughey Treadwell, and Aaron Branson; at Southwest Color Print, Les Cahill, Tim Cahill, Glen Lovett, and Rudy Wilkison.

Because of my hard work that summer, I could enjoy a beautiful muscle car my uncle, B. D. Dixon, sold me and got six months ahead on the notes. Another time, I will tell you about getting a ticket near Anniston, Alabama, going 100 mph with my mother in the car.

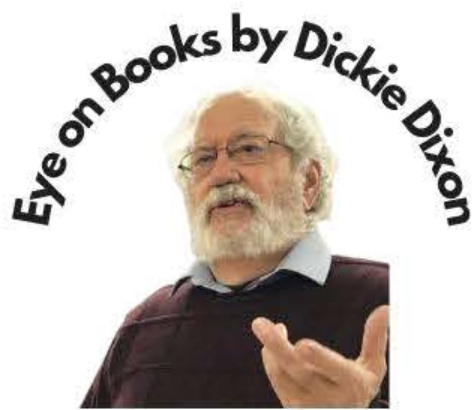
*My '65 Chevy Sport Coupe was the same color as Jerry Vann's 1965 Impala Super Sport.

Kissin' Kuzzins

(1) The Angelina County Jail Ministry is pleased to announce that Kim Florian Vega will continue to present a series designed for women for seven Tuesdays that began Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Overflow Room at Carpenter's Way Baptist Church on 400 North John Redditt Drive in Lufkin. Her topic Tuesday was *"Understanding the Heart of a Trafficked and Exploited Woman,"* and the list of the other six are as follows: *"Trauma-Informed Ministry: Meeting Survivors Where They Are"; "Breaking Chains of Shame and Condemnation"; "Healing Through Creativity: Art and Writing as Spiritual Tools"; "How the System Fails Survivors (and How the Church Can Stand in the Gap)"; "Equipping Women to Dream Again: After Exploitation and Loss"; "The Importance of Long-Term Discipleship for Survivors"*. All of these will be held at Carpenter's Way except the June 3, 2025, presentation *"How the System Fails Survivors (and How the Church Can Stand in the Gap)";* this one will be held at Keltys United Methodist Church on 1867 Old Mill Road in Lufkin. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhersh51@aol.com (2) Randy Holland, a policeman at Angelina College, has written a book called *Journey to Top Cop* to be published in about 4 to 6 weeks by Steinbeck Publishing, and a movie by Ron Howard called *Texas Grit* will be made based on the book. Stay tuned to the Lufkin Daily News for more details about this soon (3) Frank Johnson, author of the just released book *Early Texas Women*, will discuss his book at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Fellowship Hall of Keltys United Methodist Church on 1867 Old Mill Road for the Angelina County Genealogical Society. He will have copies to sell and sign; afterward, we will take him to dinner between 3 and 4 p.m. at La Unica on North Raguet in Lufkin, Texas. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhersh51@aol.com (4) Melanie Stubblefield et al are organizing a scholarship to be awarded this May in honor of the late Joan Smith, teacher and principal in Huntington. For more information, contact her at (936) 240-4349 or mmstub5257@gmail.com 5. Congratulations to Claire Hermes, the daughter of Mal and Ava Dixon Hermes, who graduated from Sam Houston State University on Thursday, May 8, 2025, with her bachelor's degree. On May 15, 2025, she began her first job after graduating: assistant county extension agent of Walker County, Texas. (6) Stanley Fletcher will discuss *"Fort Teran"* and his relative Peter Ellis Bean's associations with it for the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at about 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Newton, Texas. Desserts and refreshments begin at 5:30 p.m., after which a short business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 326-9216 or ruthdusan35@gmail.com or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. (7) Dickie Dixon will present *"The Jasper Steers Revisited"* at Jasper County History Expo from 10 am to 3 pm at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper. Contact Gayle Meggs at (409) 383-4294 for more information. (8) Congratulations to Chelsie Dorsett, who graduated from high school on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We wish her well as she attends Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, to pursue a degree in Fashion Design.

May 2025 birthdays: 25th, Ashley Cavin Holmberg. June 2025 birthdays 1st: Marissa Ramirez on June 1, 2025, D Day and Battle of the Bulge veteran will celebrate his 101st birthday. 10th: Julian Lynn Cavin 23rd Laura Cavin Dixon

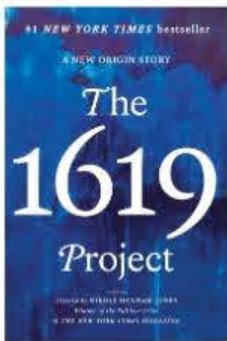
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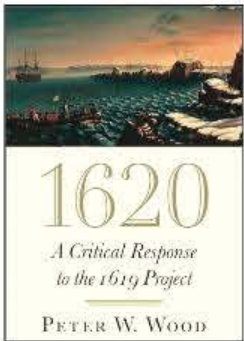
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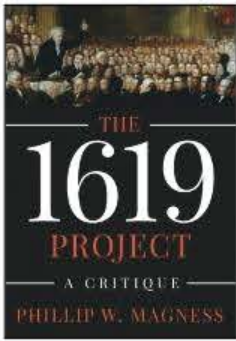
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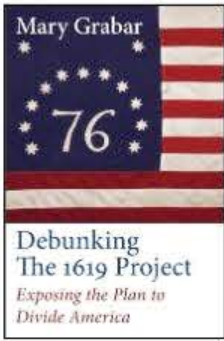
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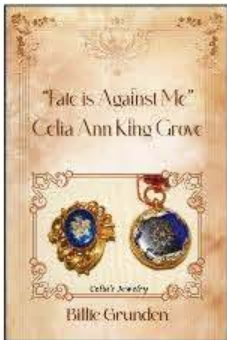
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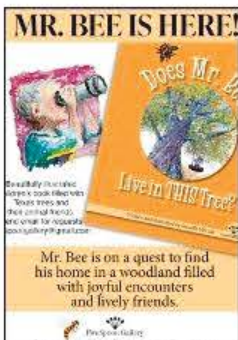
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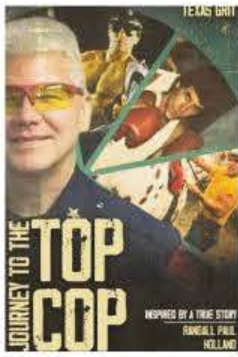


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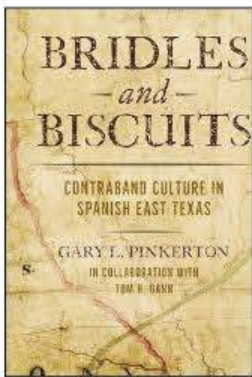
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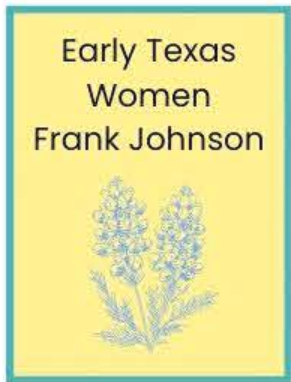


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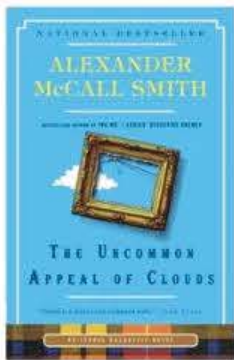


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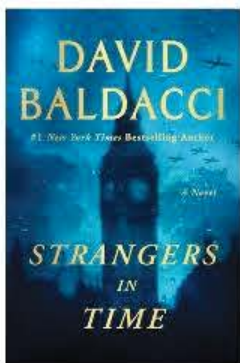


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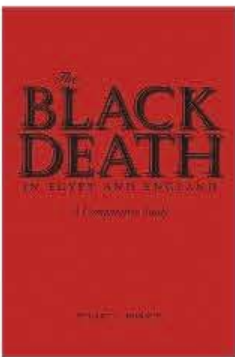


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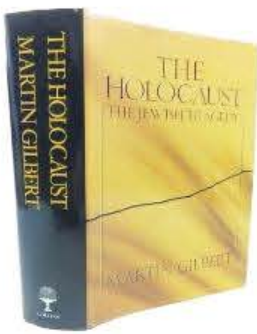
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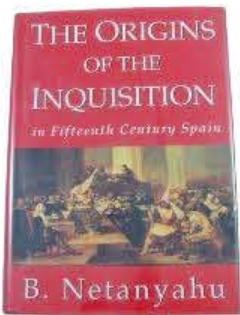
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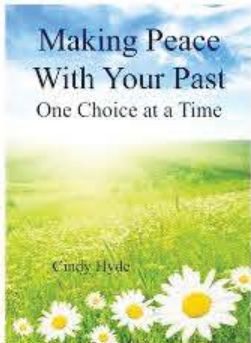
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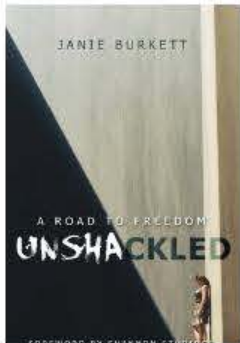


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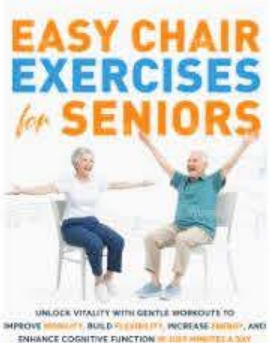


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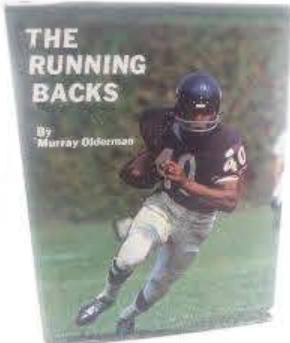
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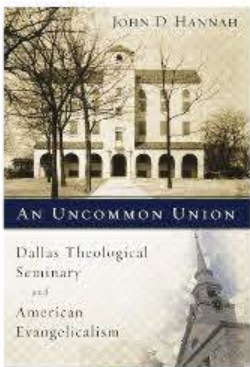
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Lufkin to Host Global Leadership Summit Simulcast in Augut, Featuring World-Renowned Speakers

by **Amanda Crocker**
Director of Marketing & Communications,
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The Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that Lufkin will serve as an official host site for the 2025 Global Leadership Summit (GLS), one of the most highly anticipated leadership development events in the world. The event will be held August 7–8, 2025, at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center, streamed live in simulcast from the GLS headquarters near Chicago.

Bringing world-class leadership insights directly to East Texas, GLS 2025 will feature dynamic speakers, cutting-edge content, and practical takeaways designed to empower leaders across every sector—from business and education to faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

“Being a GLS host site allows us to provide our community with direct access to global thought leaders and actionable strategies for real-world leadership challenges,” said Tara Watson-Watkins, President & CEO of the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. “This is a powerful opportunity for our region to grow stronger, together.”

Who’s Taking the Stage at GLS 2025?

This year’s speaker lineup includes a diverse and influential group of best-selling authors, CEOs, pastors, coaches, artists, and change-makers, each bringing a unique message to inspire personal and organizational growth.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Craig Groeschel – Founding & Senior Pastor, Life.Church**
Known globally for his leadership podcast and digital ministry innovation, Groeschel will challenge attendees to embrace the power of consistency in his session, *“Boring Your Way to Success.”*
- **Thasunda Brown Duckett – President & CEO, TIAA**
Named to the TIME100 and lauded by Forbes and Fortune, Duckett is a trailblazer in financial leadership. *(Topic to be announced.)*
- **Nick Saban – Legendary Coach & 7-Time National Champion**
One of the most successful coaches in college football history, Saban will share insights from his decades of elite team-building. *(Topic to be announced.)*
- **Christine Caine – Activist, Author, Cofounder of A21 Campaign & Propel Women**
Known for her bold, purpose-driven messaging, Caine brings global advocacy experience to the GLS stage. *(Topic to be announced.)*
- **Jon Acuff – INC Top 100 Leadership Speaker; Bestselling Author**
Acuff’s talk, “Procrastination Proof,” will tackle the barriers that keep us from realizing our potential and provide a framework for momentum and progress.
- **Tasha Eurich, Ph.D. – Organizational Psychologist; Bestselling Author**
Her powerful session, “Shatterproof,” unveils how to move beyond resilience to thrive in chaos by building a sustainable second skillset.
- **John C. Maxwell – Leadership Legend; Author of 90+ Books**
Back for his sixth GLS, Maxwell continues to shape leaders around the globe. *(Topic to be announced.)*
- **Walker Hayes – Grammy-Nominated Country Music Star**
Known for hits like “Fancy Like,” Hayes brings heart, humor, and personal storytelling to the stage. *(Topic to be announced.)*
- **Bradley Rapier – Founder, Groove Theory; Emmy-Nominated Choreographer**
Blending rhythm, movement, and leadership, Rapier will offer a unique take on creativity and connection. *(Topic to be announced.)*

Event Details:

- **What:** Global Leadership Summit 2025 (Simulcast Event)
- **When:** August 7–8, 2025
- **Where:** Pitser Garrison Convention Center, Lufkin, TX
- **Hosted by:** Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
- **Register:** LufkinTexas.org/global-leadership-summit-2025
— Early Bird special pricing ends July 16

Whether you’re leading a business, a team, a classroom, a congregation, or simply leading yourself, GLS 2025 is a chance to pause, grow, and return equipped to lead with greater impact.

For sponsorships, group registration, or additional details, contact the Chamber at 936-634-6644 or visit LufkinTexas.org.

About the Global Leadership Summit:

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THE FIRST BURIAL IN SECTION I WAS MARGARITA LUNA PENA (1869-1912), WIFE OF JUAN PEDRO PENA. THE TWO EARLY PRIESTS FROM THE SACRED HEART CHURCH YARD IN DOWNTOWN NACOGDOCHES WERE REINTERRED HERE IN 1937: REVEREND FATHER WILLIAM SWENEY (1844-1874) OF SCOTLAND AND REVEREND JOHN PETER BOTTET (1830-1857) OF FRANCE.

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It is hard for me to imagine that it is already time to start spraying pastures and hay fields. Complete Ag started spraying a couple months ago for thistles and have been booking appointments to take care of Spring and Summer annuals, perennials, and biennials. Typically, in our area, farmers try to have all of their spraying done before the middle of June. In the past, this has always been the most beneficial time to spray.

For this article, we are only going to look at the application of chemicals to the land and not look at more organic options. If you would like to inquire about organic options, please contact me at the phone number or email address listed above. I will post articles in the future on more organic or mechanical means for addressing pests.

In agriculture, “any living thing, such as animals, plants, organisms, etc., that are unwanted in a given area” are defined as pests. So, when we say we are going to control pests, it can encompass weeds, grasses, animals, fungi, bacteria, organisms, etc. If you want to grow only coastal Bermuda grass in a field, then everything but the Bermuda grass is considered a pest. The most important step, and one of the most common steps that is completely missed, is identifying what pests you are wanting to control. Most people apply herbicides and pesticides just because their neighbors do it, however, what is missed is they may be wanting to control a completely different pest than you do. Or they may not know what they are doing either!

I recommend walking your land and identifying pests that you want to get rid of. It could be a particular weed, rodent, insect, grass, etc. Once you have identified those write them down on a pad and do some research to determine what it takes to get rid of those nuisances. If you don’t want to do this step, then contact your local ag service provider and ask them to do it for you. It is a great help to us if when you call if you can tell us what pests you want to target and get rid of. A quote that I often refer to when talking to people is “The most expensive application that you will ever make is the WRONG application.” All chemicals are expensive, and it costs a good bit of money to treat these pests. If you select the wrong herbicide, identify the wrong pests, apply it at the wrong time, don’t allow enough time for the chemical to work, then you have cost yourself valuable time and money.

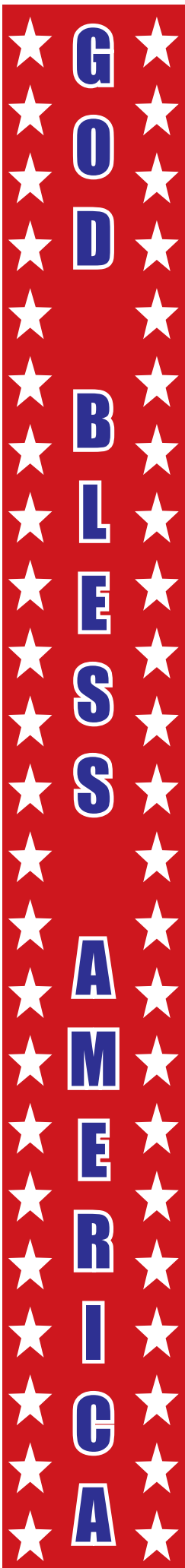
Another common question I am asked is “do I need to mow the grass before you apply the chemical or after.” The answer is no...you do NOT mow BEFORE or AFTER the application. Let the chemical do the job that it is engineered to do. Most chemicals work by foliar absorption. This means that the chemical must hit a green leaf on a plant, be absorbed by the leaf, travel through the stem, and then to the root to kill the plant. The same applies for animals too, the chemical must hit the animal and travel through their system to eradicate them from your land. If we are in drought conditions, like last year, there may be green leaves on the plant that can soak up the chemical but there is not water in the ground to feed the plant and allow the chemical to be pulled down to the roots. When applying pesticides, timing is everything.

In thinking about applying chemicals to treat pests, keep these things in mind:

- Identify what pests you are trying to control.
- Research what chemical will control the pests that you have identified.
- Pick the right time to apply those pesticides and allow them time to work.
- Take the time to see if what you did worked. If not, identify what did not work.
- Educate yourself on this subject. Your local extension agency is the best place to obtain knowledge about this. Also, contact your local ag service provider or Complete Ag Services.
- Determine if you need a license to purchase the pesticide that you are wanting to use.

Through this process, it is important to understand that chemical control of pests is not a “one and done” type of application. Plan on several years of treating the same pest to gain control. Researchers say the first year of applying chemicals, you are considered successful if you get 50% control, the second year 30%, and the third year the remaining 20%. Even after 3 years of applying chemicals, you may need to keep going. Again, remember timing is everything. If you are applying herbicide to a plant that is an annual (meaning it must be replanted every year) and it has already gone to seed, you will likely not gain much control of it. You need to kill the plant before the seed is developed to gain control of it.

I can agree, a lot of this can be overwhelming for a farmer or just more than what you want to do. This is when you trust in your local extension service or



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Complete Ag is always here to answer questions. We also provide you with the chemicals needed for application or provide the service to help keep your ground maintained. Feel free to reach out to our professionals at any time, 936 305 3346 or sam@completeag.us.



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2025 BLUEBERRY CUPCAKE BATTLE

CALLING ALL BAKERS

for this Berry Exciting Showdown!

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

DOWNTOWN NACOGDOCHES

Mast Hall | 317 E. Main St.

Family Crisis Center of East Texas



Get ready to show your cupcake skills at the **Blueberry Cupcake Battle!** Amateur and pro bakers alike, it's your time to shine at the Texas Blueberry Festival's showdown, all in support of survivors at the Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas.

Craft six cupcakes to impress our judges with your creativity, appearance, and flavor. Deliver your creations to **Mast Hall at 317 E Main St, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 by 10am, Saturday June 14**, during the Texas Blueberry Festival.

Judging begins at 10:30am, with awards at 12pm. Entry fee is \$25 per entry, with all proceeds fueling the life-saving mission of the Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas.

For any questions, reach out to Mallory Harris via email at mharris@fccet.com.



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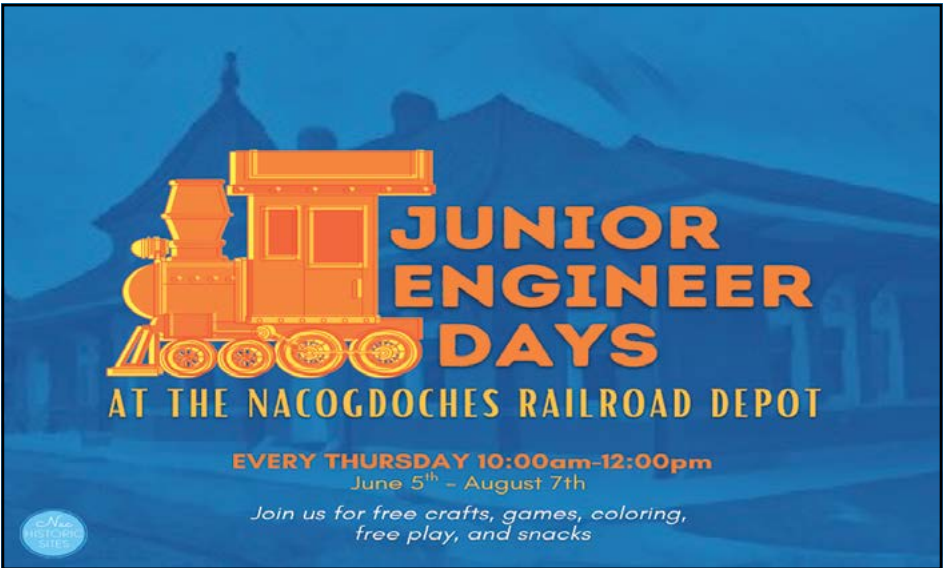
The Nacogdoches Shrine Club Building is available for event rentals. We can accommodate 250 people. Tables and chairs available. Large paved parking lot.

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Rental Managers:
Michael and Leshia Harrell
936-404-1776

We are seeking new members!

Shrine Contacts:
Robert Parrish 936-645-2883 cell; 936-560-4881 home
Calvin Taylor 936-591-1580



JUNIOR ENGINEER DAYS

AT THE NACOGDOCHES RAILROAD DEPOT

EVERY THURSDAY 10:00am-12:00pm

June 5th - August 7th

Join us for free crafts, games, coloring, free play, and snacks

Answers to Puzzles from page 42.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



June 2025

Duck Derby
Thurs. June 5th 5:30pm
Splash Kingdom Timber Falls

Classic Car Cruise In
Fri. June 6th 4-7pm
Clear Springs Restaurant

Market on Main
Sat. June 7th 9am-1pm
305 East Main St.

Brendyn's BBQ Birthday Bash
Sat. June 7th 11am-2pm
Brendyn's BBQ

The Basics of Designing Great Garden Borders
Thurs. June 12th 7-8:30pm
Brundrett Conservation Education Building

Blueberry Jam Concert
Fri. June 13th 6pm
Festival Park

Critter Costume Contest
Fri. June 13th 6:30pm
Fredonia Brewery

Four Course Blueberry Dinner & Wine Tasting
Fri. June 13th 7pm
Stone House Kitchen

35th Texas Blueberry Festival
Sat. June 14th 8am-4pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

Running of the Blueberries
Sat. June 14th 9:30am
Pecan Acres Park

Blueberry Wine Down Market
Sat. June 14th 10am-1pm
Nacogdoches Farmers Market

June Arts Market
Sat. June 14th 10am-3pm
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative

East Texas Chamber Winds Concert
Sat. June 14th 7-9pm
The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center

Summer Makers Market
Sun. June 15th 12-5pm
Fredonia Brewery

East Texas Bourbon Society Meet-Up
Thurs. June 26th 7-9pm
Nacogdoches Cigar Co.

Nac Snack Friday
Fri. June 27th 11am-2pm OR Sold-Out
Downtown Nacogdoches Square

Wine Dinner
Mon. June 30th 6:30pm
Red House Winery

Junior Engineer Days
June 5th, 12th, 20th, & 26th
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

Nacogdoches Summer Scavenger Hunt
June 1 - Aug 8th
Various Locations in Nacogdoches

Nacogdoches Exposition and Civic Center
6/7: The Sportsman's Night Out Gala
6/7 & 6/8: Whitetail Deer Showcase
6/20-6-22: G&S Gun Show

SFA Planetarium Shows
Sat. June 7th, 21st, & 28th
3:00pm, 4:30pm, & 7:00pm
SFA Stem Building

SFA Fine Arts
(Locations are italicized)
The Cole Art Center:
6/1-6/11: Texas National Competition & Exhibition
Griffith Fine Arts Building; Adams Gallery:
6/1-6/9: Rebecca Talbot "Material Memory"
Flex Theater:
6/25-6/28: Curious George: The Golden Meatball

The Fredonia Hotel
Music on the Patio (Every Friday 6-9pm):
6/6: Larry Greer and the Shades of Blue
6/13; Enrique Munguia
6/20: Logan McCune
6/27: Marshall Hance

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 6/3 & 6/17 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 Fredonia Brewery

Pemberley's Afternoon Tea
Pemberley's at The Jones House
Every Thursday @4pm

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
Live Music:
6/21: Hometown Showcase

Farmers Market
Every Saturday 9am-12pm
Nacogdoches Farmer's Market

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music
6/4: Zach Mason 7pm
6/11: Diane Sizemore 7pm
6/14: Nac Noise 7:30pm
6/18: Patrick James 7-10pm

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
6/6: Trivia Bike Night 5-8pm
6/7: Bourbon & Bikes 12-3pm
6/14: Blueberry Bash 9-3pm
6/18: Dealer Ride to Pelican Pointe 6pm
6/21: Back to the Basics Workshop 12-3pm
6/28: Splash of Summer: T-Shirt Design
Battle 12-3pm

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday @ 7pm
Live Music & Events:
6/7: Brightwire Live 6-9pm
6/11: Books & Beer Monthly Meeting 6-7pm
6/13: Critter Parade 6:30
6/14: BlueBEERy Fest 10:30am-10pm
6/15: Summer Makers' Market 12-5pm

The Madhatter Distillery
6/5: Celebrating National Moonshine Day
6/14 Celebrating National Old Fashioned Day

Front Porch Distillery
"Pickin' on the Porch" every Saturday:
Live Music & Food Trucks
Summer Sips & Stories:
6/11: Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez

Cottage Restaurant & Bar
Live Music: every Friday & Saturday

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza every Thurs-Sat.
Live Music on Saturdays @ 5:30pm:
6/7: Randy C Moore
6/14: Joe Cuellar
6/21: Raymoth Gilead

LugNutz Bar & Grill
Thursday Steak Nights
Karaoke & Burger Fridays
Live Music Saturdays

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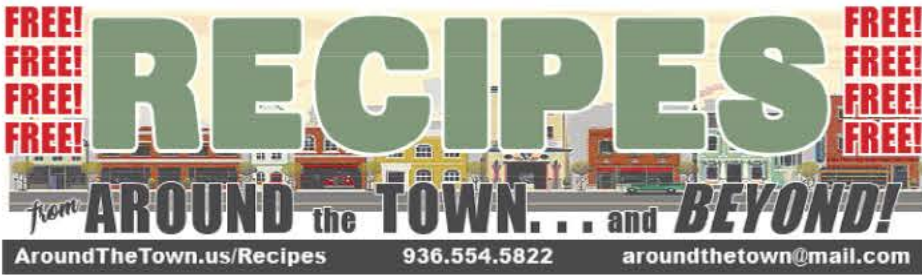
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Big's - 4609 Hwy 103E
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Brookshire Brothers Express - 2106 S. 1st St.
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Catfish King - 806 S. Medford Dr.
Chen's - 302 S. Timberland Dr.
Cherry's Grocery & Valero - 2701 N. Raguet
Crown Colony Shell/Snappy's - 101 Champion Dr.
Food Mart Exxon - 612 Frank Ave
Food Mart Exxon - 6480 Hwy 69S
Holiday Inn Express - 4404 S. 1st
JR Food Mart - 1114 E. Denman Ave.
Lone Star Charlie's Family Restaurant - 1910 E. Denman Ave.
Lucky's Chevron - 3385 Ted Trout Dr. (Hwy 94W)
Lucky's Valero - 1707 N. John Redditt Dr.
Massingill's Meat Mkt - 3728 Hwy 69N
Maytag Laundry - 601 S. 1st
Mexico Express - 1603 W. Frank Ave. (Hwy 94W)
Mom's Diner - 420 W. Frank Ave.
Napoli's Restaurant - 107 W. Lufkin Ave.
On the Road - 4110 S. 1st St.
On the Road - 3503 S. Chestnut
On the Road - 1001 E. Denman Ave.
On the Road - 2909 E. Denman Ave (Hwy 69S)
On the Road - 3049 Hwy 103 W
Pablo's BBQ & Mexican Food - 3900 Hwy 69N
Pelican Pointe Cajun Kitchen - 1302 N. John Redditt Dr
Ralph and Kacoo's - 3107 S. 1st (Hwy 59S)
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Ruslica's Kitchen - 317 S. Timberland Dr.
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Little Boots Grocery & Chevron - 101 Hwy 69S
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In Pollok:

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In Redland:

JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59N

In Zavalla:

Brookshire Brothers Express - 198 E. Main St.
Coleman's Store - 188 Hwy 147 (@ Hwy 63)

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY (124 LOCATIONS)

In the City of Nacogdoches:

Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' - 6530 FM 2609
Appleby Sand Depot - 3023 Appleby Sand Rd.
Arbor - 3002 Westward Dr.
Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road
Harbecue House - /04 N. Stallings Dr
Barkeeps - 3308 North St
Big's - 2430 SE Stallings Dr.
Big's - 540 NE Stallings Dr.
Blue Eyed Coco's Market Square - 412 E. Main St.
Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.
Boles Feed - 913 South St.
Brendyn's BBQ - 601 E. Main St.
Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.
Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South St.
Brown Family Health Center - 1407 E. Main St.
Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.
Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings Dr.
CC's Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Dr.
Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.
Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St.
Chevron - 1000 N. University Dr.
Chevron - 3228 North St
Chique-n-Tiques on Main - 409 E. Main St
CiCi's Pizza -3801 North St. - Suite 19
Claw Daddy's Market - 3322 Center Hwy
Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.
Coldwell-Banker Blueberry Realty - 112 E. Main St.
Comfort Suites - 3429 South St.
Copy Center Nac - 2618 North St.
Country Kettle Buffet - 3205 N. University Drive - Suite S
Days Inn and Suites by Wyndham - 2724 North St;
Depot Chevron - 428 W. Main St.
Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W
Dr. Ronnie Hancock Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguet St..
El Ranchero Restaurant - 123 King St.
El Taco Salsa - 4512 North St.
Exxon - 3104 N. University Dr.
Exxon - 5105 North St;
Farmers State Bank - 3540 NE Stallings Dr.
Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr
G & G Lock & Safe - 916 Park St.
Gound Chevrolet - 1015 North Street
Granary Health Foods - 4411 South St.
Guacamole's Mexican Restaurant - 1315 North St.
H & Z Valero - 1626 N. University Dr.
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In Tenaha

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