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# Casa Morales: From Migrant Farm Workers to Restaurant Entrepreneurs *50 Years of Authentic Mexican Cuisine and Family Tradition*

by Jose Rene Morales

In a world where restaurants come and go with the seasons, Casa Morales stands as a testament to enduring family values, the pursuit of dreams, and, of course, delicious Mexican cuisine. Recently, Casa Morales celebrated a remarkable milestone - its 50th anniversary. For half a century, this family-owned and operated restaurant has been a beloved fixture in the city of Lufkin.

The proprietors, Juanita and Ambrosio Aguilar, are beaming with excitement as they reflect on this remarkable achievement. To them, this celebration represents the culmination of decades of tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to their beloved establishment.

Originally situated at the inter-



50-year celebration with the Chamber of Commerce

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# Blue Eyed Cocos Market Square Now Open in Nac!

by David Stallings

I recently spent several hours inside a building in downtown Nacogdoches that brought back many fond memories. The “Woodmen of the World” building at 412 East Main was the location of my dad’s store, Stallings Furniture Mart, back in the 60s when I was in high school and an SFA student. I was furniture assembler, delivery man, floor and sidewalk sweeper, salesperson and performed countless other duties. Dad was a child of the Great Depression and a World War II Veteran who believed in hard work and not much nonsense. I learned many life lessons in that old building and the memories came flooding back as I looked into his old office, at the hardwood floors that are just the same, his upstairs office area where he did newspaper ad layouts until late hours and at other locations within the store.



Cocos owner, Connie Alders (center), with staff members, Sandy Montgomery (left) and Jackie VanOstrand (right)

My friend, Connie Alders, recently opened her Blue Eyed Cocos Market Square in the building and it’s a wonderful addition to Main Street. She was born in Houston, raised in Beaumont and moved to Nacogdoches in 1982. Always a hard worker, Connie worked at a local nursing home on weekends and at Memorial Hospital during the week as she was attending nursing school. She was a Registered Nurse at the hospital from 1991 until 2015. At Memorial, she attended to Dad during his last days of life and I will always remember her kindness and compassion during that time.

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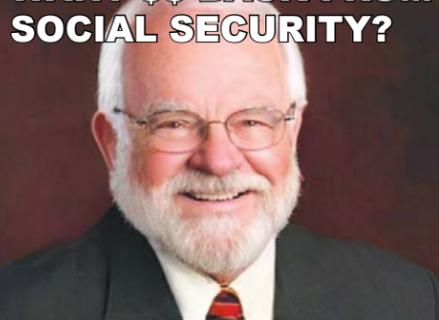
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ever use again, she began selling them at rented booths at Memory Lane and later at Decades. When Decades at 412 East Main closed several months ago, she negotiated a lease with the building owner and 70% of the vendors who had booths in Decades chose to remain in the building with Connie's new business. There are now 60 booth spaces with thousands of unique albums, including: Woodcrafts, ceramics, vintage items, handmade jewelry, record albums, books, boutique clothing items, jeans, boots, shoes, handmade fishing rods, homemade candles, baseball cards, Star Wars collectibles, games, miscellaneous electronics, candles, crystals, more than 2000 comic books, homemade wood signs, Harold Coats paintings, food items, Rowe Casa Organics Wellness Collection with sleep products, lotion and baby products. There's even a Scottish booth with kilts, jewelry, shortbread, wall hangings and coffee cups. Three SFA students with the Nacogdoches Art Collaborative feature their crochet items, photography, paintings and shadowboxes with fossils.

Connie will assist non-profit organizations each month with Breast Care Awareness in October. Family-friendly events will be a big part of the store operation, with a Halloween kids' coloring contest featuring prizes from the Vision Box.

Among the vendors is Teresa Coats, of Douglass. Teresa's Country Time Canning is a result of learning the recipes and procedure from her grandmothers in Nacogdoches and in Fairview more than forty-five years ago. She always loved fresh vegetables and fruits and purchases them locally when possible. She has dozens of items, including; Jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, and salsas. Teresa also takes special orders for bread and other baked items. In addition to stocking her booth at Blue Eyed Cocos, she sells her products every Saturday at the Lufkin Farmers Market located at the VFW Hall. Teresa also makes her items available at various festivals throughout East Texas.

Blue Eyed Cocos is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 412 East Main Street in Nacogdoches. Phone 936.305.3661, Email blueeyedcocos@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page BlueEyedCocosMarketSquare.



Blue Eyed Cocos Market Square vendor, Teresa Coats, sells Around the Town Publisher, David Stallings, a jar of her homemade fig preserves. Teresa can be contacted at 936.552.1698 or 936.569.9772 for special orders of her home baked breads and baked items.



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## CASA MORALES

section of Denman and Chestnut streets in Lufkin, Casa Morales opened its doors in the spring of 1972, becoming one of the first authentic Mexican restaurants in East Texas. The driving force behind this culinary gem was Juanita Aguilar, whose passion for creating delicious Mexican dishes had already gained her renown among family and friends.

However, in 1976, Casa Morales embarked on a significant move that would shape its destiny. The restaurant relocated to its current location at 1001 S First Street after purchasing the property from another iconic restaurant of the 1960s, Iona's. This move marked a pivotal moment in Casa Morales' history, solidifying its presence in the community.

The year 1984 brought yet another chapter in Casa Morales' evolution. The restaurant expanded its reach beyond the city limits, establishing a location in Redland, Texas, where it introduced an ice house atmosphere. For 34 years, Casa Morales offered not only its delectable dishes but also ice-cold brews and margaritas to a growing customer base. This Redland location would prove to be a crucial lifeline for the flagship store in Lufkin.

In 2007, tragedy struck when a kitchen fire ravaged the South First Street location, threatening to extinguish the Casa Morales legacy. The loss was heavy as echoes of the past along with a landmark building that dated back to the early part of the twentieth century came down. However, the indomitable spirit of Juanita and Ambrosio ensured that the restaurant would not only survive but come back stronger than ever. The South First Street location was rebuilt, and Casa Morales continued to serve its loyal patrons with the same warmth and flavor they had come to love.

In 2019, the Redland location saw its final days as the expansion of Interstate 69 prompted its closure. Countless memories were packed away as the Casa Morales family bid farewell to this beloved outpost and consolidated its operations back into the flagship store in Lufkin.

Throughout these changes and challenges, Casa Morales remained true to its roots. It continued to be a charming family-style café, a haven where patrons could savor the same authentic Mexican flavors that had made it a local institution. The restaurant's ability to adapt and persevere, even in the face of adversity, is a testament to the unwavering dedication of Juanita, Ambrosio, and their loyal staff.

In the late 1960s, the Morales family, originally hailing from South Texas, embarked on a life-changing journey prompted by a call for laborers from the Temple Industries in East Texas where eventually the dream of Casa Morales took root. Prior to this pivotal move, the Morales clan had traversed the breadth of the United States as migrant farmworkers, toiling in Wisconsin's cranberry fields and Mississippi cotton. It was in the latter that Juanita's eldest son, Joe, would eventually attend Delta State University, becoming the family's first college graduate.



Grandpa Rene Morales on the tractor and Grandmother Nina Morales, circa 1967 in Wisconsin

Casa Morales swiftly emerged as a beacon of authentic Mexican cuisine in the region. Beyond its mouthwatering offerings such as the Morales Special, Wally's Special, and the cherished Pappa Special, the restaurant provided a unique and heartwarming touch – the presence of Juanita at the cash register. For five decades, she has welcomed patrons with her infectious smile. To leave Casa Morales without receiving Juanita's blessings is, for loyal customers, an experience left incomplete. This restaurant not only built a loyal customer base spanning over four generations but also expanded the Morales family. To Juanita, family holds immeasurable value, and her genuine love for everyone she encounters is evident in every interaction.



Chef Hector Morales

When asked how she managed to sustain a business in an industry rife with challenges, Juanita humbly responds, "First, you have to show up every day. The challenge is not the work, but the fear within yourself. You must have a solid foundation to stand on and solid support." For Juanita, that foundation is her unshakable faith in God, and the support comes from her loving husband and dedicated family.

In 1982 after a split with her co-founder Rene Morales Jr., Juanita met Ambrosio Aguilar who has been her unwavering partner for the past 42 years, not only showcasing his culinary talents but also providing a calm presence in an industry known for its turbulence.

Another essential ingredient in Casa Morales' enduring success is its remarkable employees. Juanita proudly celebrates a third of her staff members who have remained by her side for the past forty years. Angel and Silve Diosdado, Maria Elvia Salinas, Tolo (Shorty) Basoria, and Raul Valdez have traversed Casa Morales with a passion for service and a dedication to this company's mission statement which is God, family and service. This longevity can be attributed to the unique culture of Casa Morales,



(l-r) Tolo Basoria, Maria Elvia Salinas, Angel Diosdado and Silve Diosdado

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As Casa Morales marks 50 years of culinary excellence and heartwarming hospitality, the city of Lufkin and its residents celebrate not just a restaurant but a cherished institution that embodies the spirit of dedication, resilience, and love for family. Casa Morales is more than just a place to enjoy delicious Mexican food; it's a testament to the enduring power of family, faith, and the pursuit of dreams. Here's to another fifty years of Casa Morales, where every visit is not just a meal but a warm embrace from the heart of the Morales family.



Raul Valdez and Diana Morales



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# SFA's University Series Returns With The Centennial Season

After a three-year hiatus, the University Series at Stephen F. Austin State University will return for the 2023-24 academic year with exciting touring performances that audiences are sure to love.

The series, sponsored by the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts, was suspended during the pandemic and during the renovation of the Griffith Fine Arts Building that included upgrades to William M. Turner Auditorium, home to University Series shows.

The series returns with performances by a jazz and blues legend, Grammy and Dove award winners, a popular comedian and a world-renowned jazz trombonist. The line-up offers a great "comeback" for the series, which celebrates SFA's 100th birthday with The Centennial Season, according to Dr. Gary Wurtz, dean of the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts.

"Having been forced into a several-year hiatus, we have been told by numerous friends that folks are enthusiastic about the return of the series," Wurtz said. "We would love to hear from people in the community regarding the types of acts they would like to see in the future, and we also want to invite event sponsorships by local businesses and individuals."

Adding to the excitement of the series' return is a recently refreshed and welcoming Turner Auditorium, with new comfortable seating and furnishings, all part of the renovation and expansion of Griffith Fine Arts Building.

The Centennial Season opens with Grammy-nominated American singer-songwriter of blues and folk Ruthie Foster performing at SFA Thursday, Oct. 12. Foster, who tours extensively around the world, was raised in a family of gospel singers and performs gospel and blues, jazz, folk and soul, often being compared to Bonnie Raitt and Aretha Franklin. Foster's ninth studio album, "Healing Times," represents a new high-water mark for the veteran blues artist – a collection of songs possessing pure power, "like a tidal wave of musical generosity."



Ruthie Foster

SFA welcomes back Dailey & Vincent for another performance that's sure to sell out Turner Auditorium once again. Grand Ole Opry members, five-time Grammy Award winners individually, three-time Grammy Award nominees collectively, four-time Dove Award winners and winners of 35 IBMA Awards altogether, Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent and their world-class band offer a unique and modernized spin on American music, offering the best of country, bluegrass and gospel this side of heaven. Dailey & Vincent performs their holiday show Thursday, Dec. 14.



Dailey & Vincent

American stand-up comedian Joe Zimmerman has appeared on "The Late Show," "The Tonight Show," "Last Comic Standing," "Comedy Central" and other TV shows. He has also contributed humor pieces to The New York Times and has his own weekly comedy podcast called "A Great Listening Experience." He has performed at many university and corporate events and is currently touring venues across the U.S. Zimmerman brings his "clean" comedy to SFA Thursday, Feb. 22. Opening act is Justin Smith.



Joe Zimmerman

An acclaimed trombonist, composer and producer, Delfeayo Marsalis has also dedicated his prolific career to music theatre and education. A member of the legend-



Delfeayo Marsalis

ary Marsalis family of musicians, Delfeayo was destined to a life in music, touring internationally with jazz legends such as Ray Charles, Art Blakey, Max Roach, Elvin Jones and Slide Hampton, as well as leading his own groups. He has founded three non-profit organizations that strengthen the arts community in New Orleans: Uptown Music Theatre, Uptown Jazz Orchestra, and Keep New Orleans Music Alive. Marsalis joins SFA's Swingin' Axes in a performance Friday, April 19.

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. in Turner Auditorium in the Griffith Fine Arts Building, 2222 Alumni Drive, on the SFA campus. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [sfasu.edu/boxoffice](http://sfasu.edu/boxoffice), stop by the Fine Arts Box Office in Griffith Fine Arts Building, or call (936) 468-6407 or (888) 240-ARTS. Ticket prices range from \$3 for SFA students to \$35 for adults.

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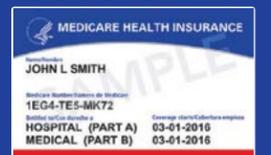
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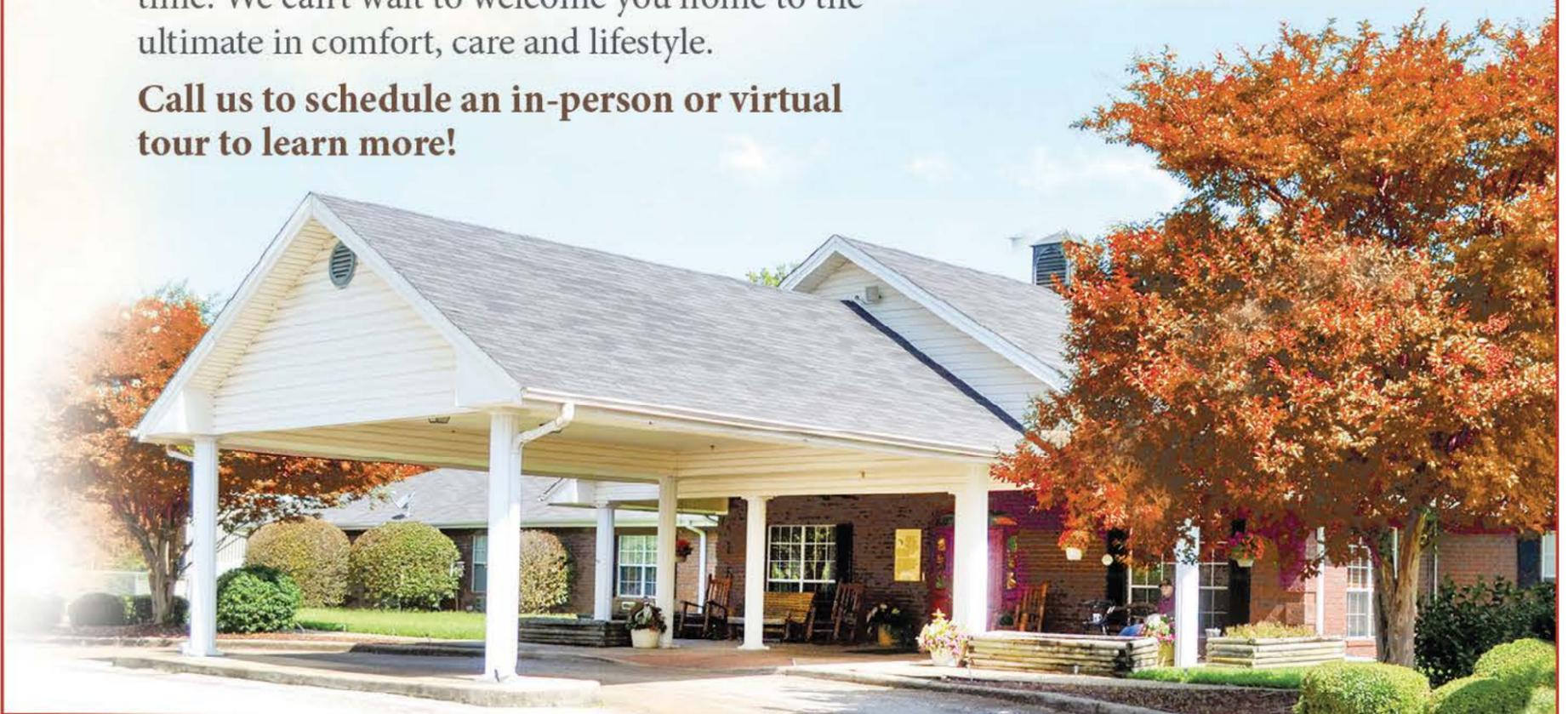


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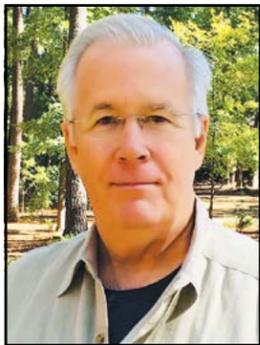
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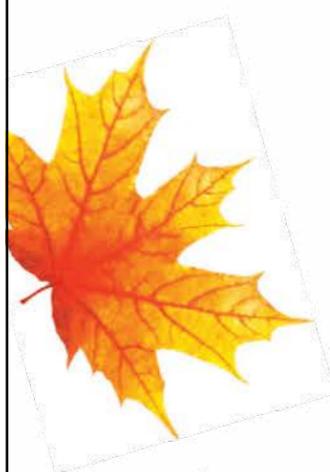
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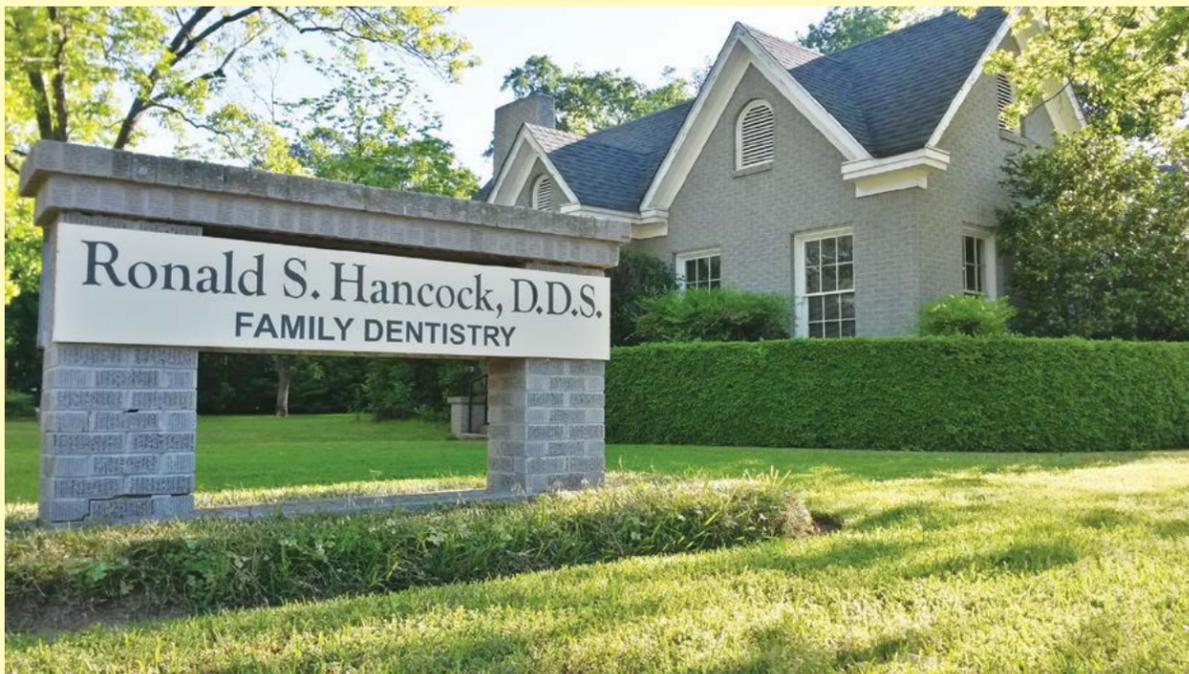
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The OUB was built in 1858 as an institute of higher learning for students in the East Texas area. The University, which was chartered during the Republic of Texas era, is the only building of its kind still standing out of the eight universities chartered between 1836-1845. The building was built at a cost of \$10,500.

Today, the Old University Building serves as a museum for the time period 1845-1904, an Event Center, and the home of the Nacogdoches Federation of Women’s clubs who are the trustees of the building. Fundraising began in October 2020 during Covid. Through the generous donations given by individuals, local businesses, foundations and community partners, Federation was able to reach its financial goal and construction began in January 2023.

Join Federation members on October 27th at 10 a.m. for the Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Enjoy light refreshments while visiting with Sam Houston (Brad Maule) and Thomas Jefferson Rusk (Bill Small). Both men had historic connections to the building. They will have interesting things to share during the event!

This grand reopening event is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Nacogdoches Federation of Women’s Clubs, local businesses, donations and the dedication of countless volunteers who have worked tirelessly to restore this beloved structure.

The Old University Building is a Texas State Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. It has also been recognized by the Nacogdoches Historic Landmark Commission.

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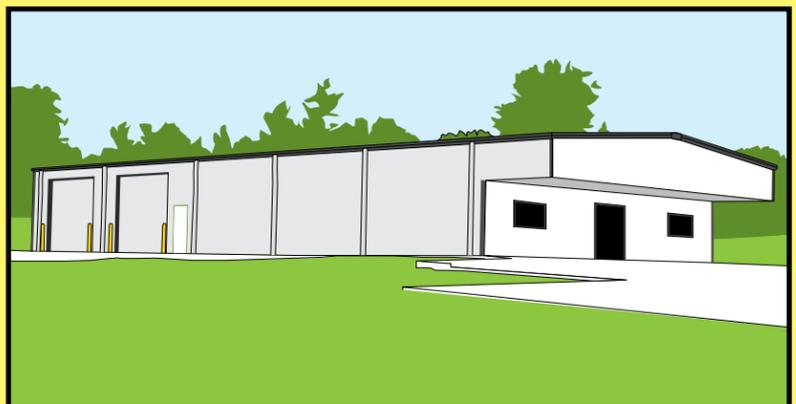
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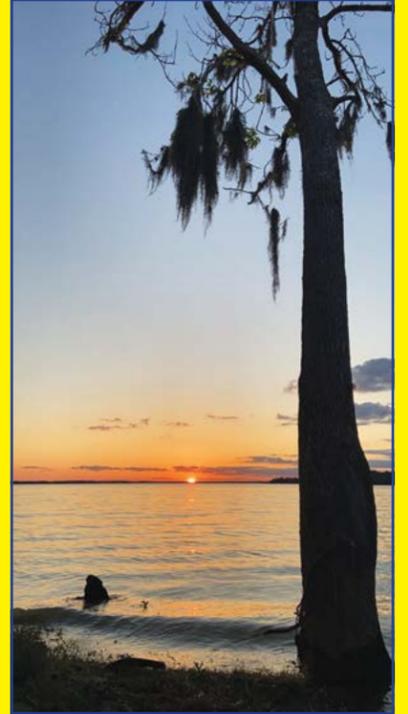
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### Tuesday, October 10th

Time	Event
9:00am	Youth Baking Contest
12:00pm	Arrival Market Rabbits
1:00pm	Judged Market Rabbits
2:00pm	Arrival Breeder Rabbits/Show following Market Show
<i>(After Judging - Market &amp; Breeding Rabbits Released)</i>	
3:00pm-6:00pm	Entries for Photography Arts, Canning, Craft Show

### Wednesday, October 11th

Time	Event
8:00am-9:00am	Broiler Arrival & Sifting
1:00pm	Market Swine Arrival
9:00am	Broiler Judging
1:00pm	Education Exhibit Awards Posted
4:00pm-5:00pm	Market Swine Validation

Time	Event
3:00-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
4:00pm-11:00pm	<b>MIDWAY OPEN</b> Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
6:30pm-7:00pm	SFA Twirl-O-Jacks
7:30pm-9:00pm	TBA
5:00pm	Ag Mechanics Projects in place by 5pm



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### Thursday, October 12th

Time	Event
9:00am	Ag Mechanics Judging
10:00am	Floral Show Upstairs Hall
1:00pm-4:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Arrive
4:00pm-5:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Weigh In
3:00pm-7:00pm	Beef Heifers Arrive (In County)

Time	Event
3:00pm-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
4:00pm-11:00pm	<b>MIDWAY OPEN</b> Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet the Jacks
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Time	Event
9:00am	Market Lamb Showmanship
Market Lamb Judging following Showmanship	
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1:00pm	Market Goat Showmanship
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Time	Event
10:00am	Market Swine Released
1:00pm-3:00pm	Pilgrim's Early Bird <b>Free Admission till 3 PM</b>
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6:00am-8:30am	Beef Heifer Arrival (Out of County)
10:00am	Beef Heifer Judging
Beef Heifer Showmanship after all breeds shown	
Heifers released following Judging	
11:00am-10:00pm	Vendor Booths Open

Time	Event
11am-11pm	<b>MIDWAY OPEN</b> Free Admission till 1 PM
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Time	Event
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# The Dove Hunt

by Taylor Millard

When the calendar shows September in Texas, it is time for Dove Season. After the long hot summer and no hunting since the spring turkey ventures, the local sportsmen are ready for action. Now, technically the summer weather is still in full heat mode as the outdoor thermostat is stuck in the nineties through October some years, no Fall feeling yet. The weather be damned, it is time to drive off to the south and west in search of flocks of doves.

During covid times, there was a shotgun shell shortage that caused frantic searches for the proper ammo required to take down the elusive birds. A network of friends was quickly formed to locate the preferred 7 1/2 shot size. This became more valuable than a hot stock tip on Wall Street. We would text and hear rumors of an Academy in Louisiana that had some or the Walmart in New Caney just got two pallets in, according to my cousin's barber's next-door neighbor, so you can trust that. It was crazy times, like the great toilet paper search of 2020.



*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.*

Once the shells are adequately secured, then the bird reports start coming in around late August. *I heard there were big numbers north of Sweetwater. My buddy knows a guy that says Brackettville is down this year. Around Falfurrias they are seeing a few. White-Wing in the valley are thick as a Whataburger milkshake. Northern birds have not moved down to Uvalde yet, but should with this weather moving in.* It is like a political season of rumors and innuendos and always hope.

Texas dove hunting is a big business. An estimated 400,000 hunters will spend 300 million on an average year. There are men in dove prolific areas of our state making good money off just dove hunting. These people gather up leases from landowners and carefully scout to constantly ensure the hunter sees birds on their days in the fields.

Let me be very clear, shooting doves can be very difficult. The winged targets can dip and turn, just as you pull the trigger. They can be high in the sky making the lead two Suburbans long. They can suddenly appear on the horizon, and you swear you can hear them laugh at you as they whistle past your ear. The day is spent cussing and laughing, but occasionally the universe allows a magical moment for you to make a stupendous shot, causing your brethren to shout out, *Great shot!*

The sounds of the hunt may be my favorite part of the outdoor experience. The rows of hunters calling out to assist their compadres. *Over you, Behind you, A big group to the right, Good shot, and the How did I miss that!* The sounds of the blasting shotguns as the sun finally creeps high enough, signaling the time to start a morning hunt.

We then gather to clean our limits on tailgates or designated areas. Hunts can last for hours with sporadic bird sightings, or they can be done in 30 minutes of crazy action. Old stories fill the air with beer ignited laughter of old men and young. There are men that can shoot like trained assassins and there are some that you wonder if they will ever hit one. It makes no difference; the dove hunt is not about the birds as much as it is about the fellowship of kinsmen. The swapping of stories of business and grandkids and our own misspent youth. It is indeed glorious. See you in the field!



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In a world where some seem to be enamored with crime and those who commit it, I think back on the Hollywood folk heros of Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid along with Bonnie and Clyde. Robbers, burglars, murderers, thieves, drug dealers and pimps seem to be fashionable in our culture...even heros to some.

A world where there is a popular musical genre focused on defunding and fighting the police we see songs like "No Snitching," that starts a movement of people wearing bright red shirts with bold white letters stating the term.

People are either supportive of the subculture, apathetic toward it because it hasn't effected them yet, or in fear of reprisal.

Crime Stoppers is a program to enlist the "good" people of Nacogdoches in taking an active role to protect their neighbors, themselves and their city. While we can't do a lot about those who are enamored with the criminal element and take pride in doing jail time and all that goes along with that lifestyle, we want to invite the apathetic and fearful to reconsider their responsibility, anonomously, to see that it does not reach the proportions it has in larger cities. Nacogdoches can be different.

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# Movin' On Up... But Why? (Part 1)

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.*

The average-sized house in the U. S. is over 2,300 square feet. Utah has the largest average, at 2,800 square feet. Hawaii has the smallest average, at around 1100. Historically, owning a house has been a good investment—especially nowadays when prices are out of sight.

This is not about those who buy and sell their houses for investment purposes; most of us don't do that. I'm curious about reasonably intelligent people who buy a comfortably sized house that is perfectly adequate and affordable, then they suddenly decide they need a monster-sized place for reasons that aren't exactly clear. If you haven't guessed by now, the author of this piece is writing about himself.



Our first house was 1,680 square feet in size—perfectly adequate for the two of us and what would eventually be an additional occupant—who had her dad tightly wrapped around her finger. We knew there would be no more additions, due to certain medical conditions, so we certainly needed nothing larger, as we were very comfortable.

We lived there for several years, then came what I think was our insane period. With both of us working and getting promotions, it quickly became obvious that we could afford a house that would provide much grander living conditions. Some of our friends were doing this, and we thought this was just something we were supposed to do.

Not satisfied with the meager housing offerings readily available, we decided to have our "mansion" built—on five acres of land, no less! I guess I thought I was going to be a country gentleman or something, giving no thought to the fact we were working five days a week and driving for an hour each way to our jobs. When the dimensions of the new house were being staked out, Sandy said, "This room looks too small; let's push it out a bit—and the contractor happily complied. It didn't occur to us that a staked-out house always looks smaller than the finished product turns out to be.

Fast forwarding to completion, we found ourselves masters of a 3,400 square-foot house with four bathrooms for three people. The front yard was so huge, I had to buy a tractor and bush hog to mow it. Since the place was so costly, we couldn't afford help, so Sandy did nothing but keep house and try to keep up with daughter Mindy, who was easily misplaced in the vastness of the edifice. We were forever exhausted.

We had no intercom, so communicating with each other from opposite ends of the house was impossible; neither of us could scream that loudly. We had a gourmet kitchen, but no time to cook, and a relatively empty pantry that would have held enough food for a cruise ship.

Finally, we realized this wasn't working; we were slaves of the monster we had created and rarely had any time as a family. We put the house on the market, sold it quickly and decided we would never do that again. We moved into town and rented a nice duplex until we were sure we were over our insane period. As it turns out, we weren't. But you'll have to wait for the next column to get...the rest of the story. (Email: mikemills159@pm.me)

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This group of **OLD Nacogdoches High School Alumni** meets every Saturday at 9 a.m. for breakfast at Kinfolks Restaurant. They're all on fixed incomes, so it would be good if some of you nice readers would pick up their tab once in a while!

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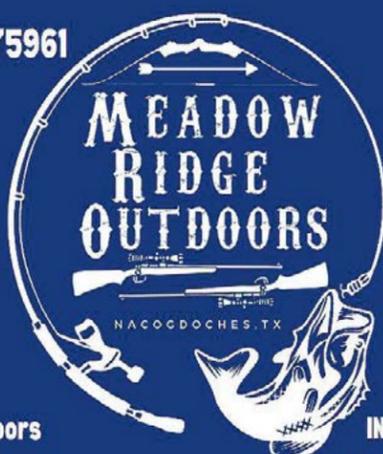
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Members of the Singing Sanders Family lead the congregation of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe, played by Mark Strange, in a Saturday Night Sing. After having been on hiatus for five years, Burl, played by Michael Dean, his wife Vera, played by Carrie Butler Swann, their children, played by Nikolaas Van Kley, Linda Licht, and Stephanie Oldmixon, and Burl's brother Stanley, played by Kevin Helmer, sing over two dozen rousing gospel songs and provide their Christian witness during this hilarious and heartwarming story of an evening of spiritual revival in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina in 1938.

Davy Thomas serves as Musical Director and Katherine Parrish Whitbeck serves as Director. Candyce L. Wagnon and Ameer Johnson join the congregation as Miss Maude and Miss Myrtle.



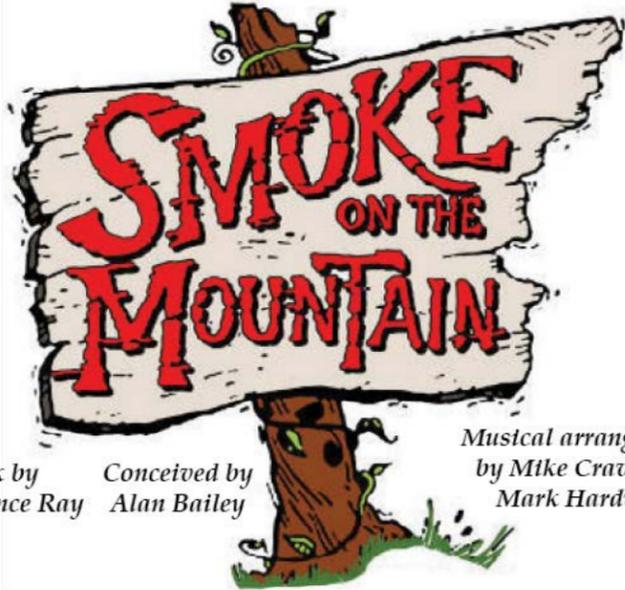
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Tickets for *Smoke on the Mountain* are on sale at Klines/Wrap-It-Up and the CVB. The tickets are also on sale 30 minutes prior to all performances at Lamp-Lite Theatre. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+ years old, and \$8 for students/children. All seats are general seating within each reserved performance. Benefactors may reserve their seats by calling 936-564-8300 or emailing [lamplitetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:lamplitetheatre@gmail.com).

Season tickets are also available at Klines/Wrap-It-Up, the CVB, and the Lamp-Lite Theatre Box Office at \$80 for adults, \$65 for seniors 60+ years old, and \$40 for students/children. The season tickets may be used for *Smoke on the Mountain* and the remaining productions in the season in any combination the theatre-goer wishes.

Information about Lamp-Lite's 51st Season, A HISTORIC SEASON, may be found at [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com) or on Facebook. *Smoke on the Mountain* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com).

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# Snapshot from Around the Town

*Around the Town's* food trailer was recently at Covington Lumber & Building Materials in Center for Customer Appreciation Day. We had a great time meeting so many nice folks and serving them BBQ sandwiches! Pictured L-R: James Aston, Robert Parrish, Calvin Taylor, Johnny Covington, Sharon Roberts & David Stallings.



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**Wednesday, October 11th is *KTRE Ride-A-Mania Night*.** Armbands for unlimited rides are sold from 6pm-10pm for \$25. The Midway will be open from 4pm-11pm, Vendor Booths in the Civic Center will be open from 3pm-9pm. SFA Twirl-O-Jacks 6:30pm-7:00pm on stage.

**Thursday, October 12th is *FOX 51 - KETK Buddy Night*.** The Midway will be open from 4pm-11pm. **One person buys ride tickets, two can ride!** (No Armbands). The Vendor Booths will be open from 3pm-9pm in the Civic Center. 5:00pm-6:00pm Meet the Jacks, 6:30pm – No Limit's Dance Studio, 7:00pm-8:00pm McMichael Middle School Dance Team & Twirlerettes.

**Friday, October 13th is *PILGRIM'S DAY - Early Bird Special*.** Gates open at 1pm **FREE admission until 3:00 pm**. After 3:00pm, admission is \$5.00. **Early Bird Armbands for \$15 - Unlimited Rides from 2pm-5pm, OR 6pm-11pm Armbands - Unlimited Rides for \$25.** Open Midway 1pm-11pm. Vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3pm-10pm. Glenn Lenderman & Band on Main Stage 7:00pm-9:00pm.

**Saturday, October 14th - 11am-11pm MIDWAY OPEN – FREE ADMISSION till 1pm.** Sponsored by: **COMPLETE AG TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT, SPARTAN MOWERS & TYM TRACTORS.** Admissions \$5.00 per person after 1pm. **12pm-3:00pm \$15 Armband Special for Unlimited Rides sponsored by-COMPLETE AG TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT.**

The Ag Mechanics sale will begin at 3pm in Barn 1. The **Complete Ag Tractor & Equipment Junior Tractor Pull** registration begins at 4pm in the Civic Center. The midway will be open from 11am-11pm. Vendors in the civic center will be open 11am-10pm.

The **Pineywoods Premium Sale Dinner** begins at 5pm and the sale will begin at 6pm in the main arena.

**Sunday, October 15th is Evans United Shows Appreciation Day.** Armbands for unlimited rides are only \$25 in two separate sessions; first session 1pm-5pm or the second is 6pm-10pm. Midway opens at 1:00 pm. Vendors in the civic center will be open from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

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#### OCTOBER 27, 2023 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DEEPEAST TEXAS

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# You're Not in That Big of a Hurry

I recently traveled to Louisiana for a weekend getaway and decided to travel by way of Interstate 10 after a day in Galveston. About an hour later, I was sitting still in traffic because of construction west and then again east, of Beaumont.

I know. I talk about construction and put out alerts about construction daily. But I realized while I was sitting on I-10, that it's different when you are the one who should have and could have taken an alternate route, and who wants very much to be somewhere else.

We lost about an hour and finally made it to our destination. But what surprised me once we got through the congestion, was the way other drivers tried to "make up" for their lost time by driving too fast on an already congested roadway.

Speed remains to be the number one contributing factor in traffic crashes. Most drivers would argue that if you don't drive and "keep up" with the speed of those traveling around you that another speeding driver might hit you. That logic makes no sense to me.

In 2022, one-third of the roadway fatalities in Texas involved speed. That translates to 1,469 lives lost because of someone driving too fast. As the other motorists sped around us somewhere east of Beaumont, I wondered if we are all really in that big of a hurry? And what are we hurrying to that our lives and the lives of others matter so little? If you could calculate the minutes you might save by speeding to your destination, it would only be about 5 minutes at the most.

Another pet peeve of mine are drivers who give no thought to road conditions, work zones or weather conditions. There were several crashes involving injuries in recent days in East Texas during or right after a rainstorm while roads were too slick to be driving the posted speed limit. Many times, I remind you to drive to conditions. That just means to slow down if the road is wet, or if there are other roadway or weather conditions to consider.

Smart, safe driving means more than following the speed limit. Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy, or roads are slick. Watch and stay alert to traffic slowing or stopping ahead of you, or if there are signs posted to alert you to reduced speed limits ahead.

The next time you are caught in traffic for a crash, construction (like I was) or bad weather, I hope you are a little thankful that you were not the one in that crash, or you are safe even though you might be stopped in traffic doing nothing but waiting when you don't think you have the time.

Truth is, we all have time. We simply are not in that big of a hurry that we should ever put our own lives or the lives of others in danger.

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## Overcoming “The Pew Potato” Syndrome

*“I walked by the field of a certain lazy fellow and saw that it was overgrown with thorns, and covered with weeds; and its walls were broken down. Then, as I looked, I learned this lesson: ‘A little extra sleep, A little more slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest’ means that poverty will*

*break in upon you suddenly like a robber, and violently like a bandit.” (Proverbs 24:30-34, The Living Bible)*

Every year the folks at Merriam-Webster print thousands of publications of all sorts in search of new words or new definitions of old words. And every year they find and include many such words in the latest edition of their dictionaries.

In 1982, a new word was added to the English Dictionary. It was added because of the amount of usage it received in the press and other places in the two or three previous years. That new word was “Couch Potato”! Merriam-Webster defines a “Couch Potato” as “a person disinclined to activity or exertion, especially one who spends a great deal of time watching television.”

I’ll wager that as soon as I said “couch potato” the image in your mind probably was that of a person sitting on a couch with a remote in his/her hand, something to drink in the other hand, a bag of chips and a blank stare on his/her face.

There is a similar problem within the church at large. The problem can be summed up in a new word: “Pew Potato”! A “pew potato” is a Christian who makes his/her way into the sanctuary at every available opportunity to sit and watch what’s going on while snacking on his/her religion. Probably all of us have played the part of a “pew potato” at some point in our lives. And like the “couch potato,” we are disinclined to Christian activity or exertion. For many, Christianity is a spectator sport. They come and watch what’s going on and never involve themselves in the working of the kingdom of God.

Let’s face it, service is not usually fun. It’s hard to put ourselves at bay and serve others, especially when we’re talking about working in the nursery, or opening doors and greeting people, or picking up dropped bulletins after the service, or teaching a Sunday School class, or visiting the sick, etc.

The “pew potato” doesn’t feel he/she has anything to offer. He feels like the work of the ministry is to be done by professionals. After all, that’s what we pay them to do. Some may feel they are too old; others feel they are too young.

President Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth President of the United States (1872-1933) said, “No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been a reward for what he gave.”

Repeatedly, the Bible says “to serve the Lord with all your heart.” God wants you to serve Him passionately, not dutifully.

### A LITTLE HUMOR:

He wasn’t much for stirring about  
It wasn’t his desire  
No matter what others were doing  
He was sittin’ by the fire.

When the frost was on the pumpkin  
And the wind was creeping higher  
He spent his time just this way  
He was sittin’ by the fire.

Same old habit day by day’  
He never seemed to tire  
While others were building a great church  
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At last he died as all must do  
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# Empowering Texas Teachers: Addressing Their Needs

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Teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our society. They inspire, educate, and nurture the leaders of tomorrow. In Texas, like in many other parts of the United States, educators face various challenges in their profession. The importance of supporting teachers cannot be overstated, as they are the cornerstone of a strong educational system.



The Charles Butt Foundation conducts an annual teacher survey to gain insights into the challenges and needs of Texas teachers. The survey is a valuable tool for understanding teacher perspectives and addressing their concerns. A primary purpose of the poll is to increase teacher retention and recruitment, which in turn has a profound positive impact on student achievement.

## Teacher Retention and Recruitment

Supporting teachers is crucial for retaining experienced educators and attracting new talent to the profession. Texas, like many other states, faces a shortage of qualified teachers. High attrition rates among teachers can result in a loss of valuable experience and negatively impact student learning outcomes. Adequate support can contribute to teacher job satisfaction, which is vital for their long-term commitment to the profession.

## Student Achievement

Teachers are the primary influencers of student achievement. When teachers receive support in terms of resources, professional development, and classroom management tools, they are better equipped to deliver effective instruction. The ripple effect of quality teaching extends beyond individual classrooms, positively affecting entire communities and the state's educational landscape.

## Teacher Compensation

In last year's teacher poll, 91% of teachers said that low pay is a significant factor in why they would leave the profession. According to the 2023 survey, a significant percentage of Texas teachers expressed dissatisfaction with their current compensation levels.

Many educators struggle to make ends meet, especially early in their careers. Statistics show that 81% of teachers in the survey believed they were not fairly compensated for their work, with 56% saying this causes major stress on them and their families. This dissatisfaction can lead to lower morale and, in some cases, prompt educators to leave the profession in search of better-paying opportunities.

## Support with Student Discipline

Another noteworthy finding from the survey was the need for additional support with student discipline. In the 2022 teacher survey, 97% of teachers said that creating a positive work culture and environment was essential to them staying in the profession.

In the 2023 teacher poll, the specifics of a positive work culture were studied further by asking teachers what needed to be improved on within the schools. Of those polled, 94% reported that they think it is extremely important for an administrator to support them with managing classroom behavior and maintaining a conducive learning environment. Discipline issues can be a significant source of stress for teachers and can hinder the learning process for all students in the classroom.

## Vouchers

Currently, vouchers are at the center of every debate within Texas about making education better for our children. When asked, 73% of the teachers included in the 2023 survey said that a voucher system would be harmful to public schools and teachers within the state. The percentage of teachers opposed to school-choice vouchers increased to 80% if the private schools receiving the money do not have educational oversight by the state for academics or finances.

The unmet needs of special education students in public schools are the primary reason identified by state lawmakers for the sudden need to implement a voucher or Educational Savings Account system in Texas. According to findings

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from the Texas Commission on Special Education Funding for the 88th Texas Legislature, special education funding provided by the state per eligible student has not been increased in Texas since the mid-1990s; you read that right, the state's share per child has remained the same for about 30 years.

According to Raise Your Hand Texas, a non-partisan nonprofit organization that advocates for public schools in Texas, there is no other school program that is as underfunded as special education; currently, it is operating at about \$2 billion under what is needed annually. I would argue that the lack of state funding in public schools for special education services is the real culprit, and correcting the funding issue would produce educational improvements that are more impactful and sustainable than any voucher.

## Support teachers

Supporting teachers in Texas is paramount to ensuring the success of the state's educational system. Addressing the issues identified in the teacher survey could lead to improved teacher job satisfaction, retention, and ultimately better educational outcomes for Texas students.

To support Texas teachers effectively, policymakers, school districts, and communities must come together to address these concerns. This may involve increasing teacher salaries to reflect the value of their work and providing comprehensive training and resources to help teachers manage student behavior effectively. By recognizing the importance of supporting teachers and taking concrete steps to address their needs, Texas can continue to build a strong and thriving educational system that benefits both teachers and students alike.

The full Charles Butt Foundation 2023 Teacher Poll can be found at: <https://charlesbuttdfdn.org/what-were-learning/2023txteacherpoll/>

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# This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

Happy Fall!

We're fast approaching the season of cooler temperatures, pumpkin patches, delicious wassail, and holiday shopping. Nacogdoches takes the cake when it comes to small town charm this time of the year.

Events will start ramping up the 2nd weekend in October with The Great Pumpkin Patch, Market on Main, the SFA Gardens Fall Plant Sale and the Pine Top Pickleball Tournament all happening on October 7th!

The fun doesn't stop there, with the Pineywoods Fair happening the next weekend. October 21st brings another slew of autumn-themed events, from a showing of Halloweentown inside the newly renovated Zion Hill Baptist Church, to the Dink or Treat Spooky Pickleball Tournament. Plus, the Annual 12x12 Art Show & Fundraiser is happening the weekend. Not only that, but it's also SFA Homecoming weekend!

The last weekend of October goes out with a bang, with the 3rd Annual Tobaccodoches Cigar Festival, and the Ghosts of Millard's Crossing event on Saturday, October 28th.

You'll have no trouble filling in the gaps with live music and food trucks every weekend. Just take a look at our October "What's Happening" poster included in this issue.

We're not sure how the Fall Foliage will be this year after record-breaking temperatures and a drought this summer, but we know that the Garden Capital of Texas never disappoints.

We hope to see you in town at one of the many events happening and come see us at the Charles Bright Visitor Center to get details on all of the events listed! Check out [visitnacogdoches.org](http://visitnacogdoches.org) to see what's on the horizon for the Oldest Town in Texas.

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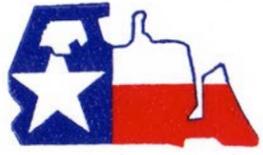
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# Shrinky Dinks

by Jim Garrett

If you look back, Dear Readers, at the first article I wrote in July 2022, you will see that I introduced my wife, Mary Beth, as a master cook at age twenty-one. Today I would like to refer to her as Mrs. Sew & Sew. Not only is my wife a master cook but she is also an accomplished seamstress. MB has sewn night-gowns for our daughters, her mother, Ma Sitton (our neighbor when we lived in town), and herself. She has also made robes for the men in our family as well. In addition, Mary Beth has constructed numerous curtains in our home.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

When I first began teaching at SFA, I was determined to be a stylish dresser with the help of Mrs. Sew & Sew. She complied and I was the recipient of her skills with two sport coats, three vests and numerous ties made from some of the most outlandish materials one could imagine. I plan to elaborate on these in some detail in a future article.

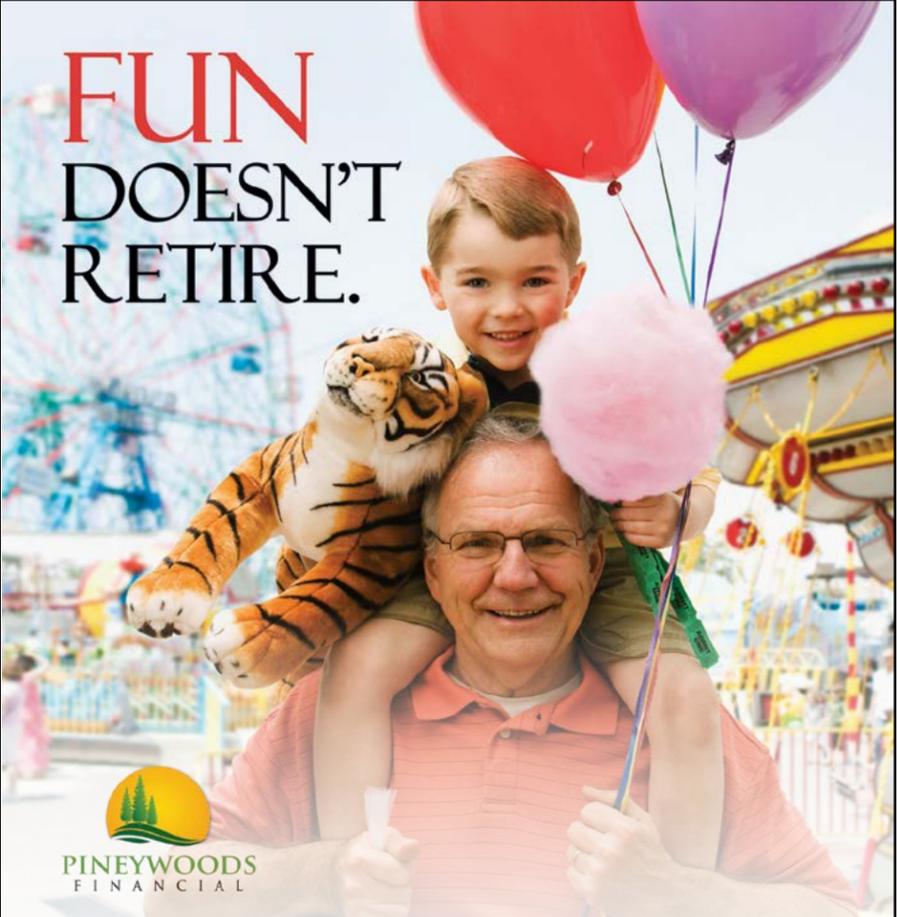
My late uncle, Dr. James Lewis, was a dentist in New Braunfels. His wife got a pattern and made him some clip-on ties that were small enough that they would not get in the way of his work. She sent one of them to us. Mary Beth immediately took the tie apart and used it as a pattern for making me some of the miniatures. These little ties were unique to say the least. I enjoyed wearing them since I spent considerable time in the lab in my early teaching career and I did not want chemicals to destroy any of my precious conventional long ties.



The small ties are best described as follows. Imagine, if you will, an inverted V with two legs pointing downward. Each of the legs are about three inches long and are joined at the top with a conventional knot. These cloth ties, to which our children gave the affectionate term "Shrinky-Dinks," are mounted on plastic tie-clips for easy placement/removal. One can wear the ties to gatherings in which

conventional ties are appropriate; however, if the dress for the occasion is more casual than expected, these ties can easily be inverted in one's shirt or coat pocket where they will appear to be a folded handkerchief. I believe we call that multi-functional.

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# The Refuge

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

*Ceryl 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.*



## The Power to Change

*Without [Jesus] you can do nothing. John 15:5 NKJ*

I can tell you what the Bible says, but I cannot make you believe it's truths and in response do what it says. Neither would I want to because that

is not my responsibility as a Christian. I would want for you the same as I want for myself: The grace from God to believe and the Holy Spirit's power working in me to do what the Bible says (Phil 2:12-13). Jesus alone causes a longing inside a regenerated heart for Himself—a longing for His thoughts to be our thoughts, His ways to be our ways. A heart that belongs to Jesus is a heart that longs for Jesus.

Before August 1997, I was without faith in Jesus. I was without salvation, without repentance and belief in the gospel. All of that changed in 1997 when Grace found me at Grace Chapel while stationed at Ft Lewis, Washington (renamed Joint Base Lewis-McChord). Now I know that to be saved is to have an eternal desire for Jesus, a hunger and thirst for Him, the one true and living God.

The reality of my life in my unregenerate condition was this: I was a stench in the nostrils of God. Before salvation we all smell like God's enemy, the devil, because we are his children (1 John 3:10). The Bible says, “we are all like an unclean thing.” Our lives stink to high heaven while dead in trespasses and sins. If you have ever smelled death, you know of the repugnant odor that rises through your nostrils. That is the smell sin emanates unto God. But thanks be to God, the blood of Christ cleanses the born-again believer from all sin.

I was helpless to change my spiritual condition. I had no power to stop sinning. I was powerless to effect change in my sin-saturated life. That is until that glorious Sunday when I got connected to the life changing Power Source. He is Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the power of an endless life. Christ's life in me has made my life “a fragrance presented by [Himself] to God” (2 Cor 2:15).

People ought to see what we say. If we say, “I am a Christian” (meaning Christ in me, the hope of glory) people ought to see the power of Christ's life changing and transforming our lives, becoming more like Him (Gal 5:22-23). Christ reproduces Himself (His character) in the lives of everyone whose faith is in Him.

Faith in Jesus Christ makes change possible. If you are lost come to Jesus. The power of God is available in Jesus to change the course of your life now and for all eternity if you will ask God in faith.

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# SFA to Present Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-Winning 'The Piano Lesson'

August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece "The Piano Lesson" will be the inaugural play presented in the new Flex Theatre in Griffith Fine Arts Building on the Stephen F. Austin State University campus.

Opening Sept. 28 for a four-day run, "The Piano Lesson" is described as "the play for now."

"It reaches into the souls of the present, revealing startling truths about how we perceive our past – and who gets to define our legacy," according to information at [pianolessonplay.com](http://pianolessonplay.com).

Cleo House Jr., director of the School of Theatre and Dance, selected Wilson's play as "something special" for SFA theatre students to present in the new theatre space and as the opening production for the Mainstage Centennial Season celebrating SFA's 100 years.

"Funny enough, in our 100 years of theatre at SFA, we have never performed an August Wilson play as part of the Mainstage season," House said. "In my mind, we needed to do something special for our inaugural production in the brand new space."

A prolific and celebrated playwright, Wilson wrote a collection of 10 plays that make up the Pittsburgh Cycle. Each play takes place in a different decade exploring the vastness of the African-American experience over the last 100 years, and all but one of the plays were set in Pittsburgh's Hill District.

In "The Piano Lesson," lead character Boy Willie travels to Pittsburgh to convince his sister, Berniece, to sell a family heirloom piano that she doesn't want to sell. Boy Willie wants to use the piano proceeds to purchase the same Mississippi land that their family had worked as slaves.

"The piano has a history that connects Boy Willie and Berniece to the Sutter family, who enslaved their ancestors," House explains. "The most recent Sutter has just passed away, and Boy Willie wants to buy the remaining part of the plantation, if he can get the money. However, Berniece doesn't want to sell the piano because she knows it has caused great pain to their family before."

It's unclear who killed Sutter. Different people give different explanations, and the more they talk about it, the less certain the truth becomes, according to House. Berniece believes that Boy Willie might have done it. Boy Willie claims it was the Ghosts of the Yellow Dog, vengeful spirits of Mississippi who punish certain white men. But something is causing Sutter's restless spirit to roam.

"The Piano Lesson," as a script alone, is enigmatic and requires as much study as Shakespeare," House said. "So my approach to directing this play leans heavily in developing a strong comprehension of the text and then an understanding of what is not being stated directly but that the audience needs to perceive. I also plan to really explore the ethereal and ghostly parts of the show. It's both kitchen-sink dramedy (drama/comedy) and a little bit ghost story."

House believes "The Piano Lesson" is appropriate for all ages, "from junior high students to our most senior citizen."

"It is for anyone who loves language and rhythm," he said. "August Wilson does such a great job with dialogue; it feels and sounds natural. The characters will remind the audience of people they already know or have met. The play is also surprisingly funny, which is a tribute to Wilson's deft writing hand."

Wilson's love of language will be appreciated in the characters' monologues and long speeches of reflection, according to House. "It is going to be crucial that the meaning is conveyed, and that what isn't being said is also revealed to keep audiences engaged," he explained.

The play opens only one month after the first day of school at SFA, making for a significantly short rehearsal time for the students and crew. "The actors are going to have to come in ready to go; there's no time to warm up to the process," House said. "The characters in the play have some epic speeches and dialogue that affect the rhythm of the show, so they will be put through their paces with memorization."

House thinks the School of Theatre and Dance's presentation of "The Piano Lesson" will "create some August Wilson fans."

"Audiences will be entertained and enlightened," he said. "People will leave the theatre and order his 10-play cycle to read."

"The Piano Lesson" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 28 through 30, and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, in the Flex Theatre. General admission ticket prices are: adult, \$15; senior (62+), \$10; youth (high school and younger), \$8; SFA faculty/staff, \$8; non-SFA student, \$8; and SFA student, \$5. For ticketing information or to purchase tickets, call the Fine Arts Box Office at (936) 468-6407 or (888) 240-ARTS, or visit [sfasu.edu/boxoffice](http://sfasu.edu/boxoffice). For information about the play, call (936) 468-4003 or visit [sfasu.edu/theatre-dance](http://sfasu.edu/theatre-dance).

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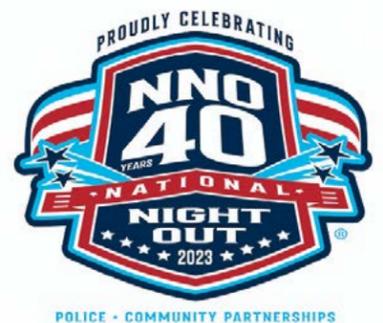
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# Nacogdoches Police Department to Host National Night Out

Neighborhood Watch Programs and First Responders will be celebrating National Night Out in Nacogdoches on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Neighborhood Watch groups within the city of Nacogdoches will host "block events" on the evening of October 3rd. This year first responders have again partnered with the Nacogdoches Public Library to host an event at the Nacogdoches Recreation Center for those citizens that don't have a neighborhood watch program in their neighborhood. Beginning at 5:30 pm to 8pm there will be food, games, and first responders there. Additionally, Stephen F. Austin State University will also be hosting an event for their students and staff on their campus.

National Night Out is a night when residents are encouraged to lock their doors and spend the evening getting to know their neighbors in the name of crime prevention. Law Enforcement officers and other officials visit these communities to form relationships with the residents. Anyone interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program in the city or hosting an event should contact Sgt. Brett Ayres with the Nacogdoches Police Department at 936-559-2618 or email to [ayresb@nactx.us](mailto:ayresb@nactx.us). Neighborhoods should register with the police department by Thursday, September 28th.



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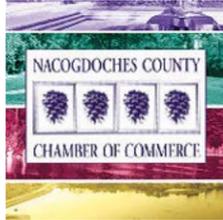
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by C. Wayne Mitchell  
IOM, President & CEO,  
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### SO...WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT NON-PROFITS?

The biggest difference is that our bosses change almost every year. In a for-profit business the owners are most often in position for many years. In non-profits, we elect new leaders to our board of directors every year. In most cases, the Chair of the Board (chief volunteer leader) changes every year as well.

Think about this...those of us in staff positions are required to begin a brand-new relationship with our volunteer leaders every year.

Now, I think I am a lot like the humorist Will Rogers who said "he never met a man or woman that he didn't like." Having said that, I would add "but there are some people I work with better than others."

When non-profit board leadership turns over it is often a shot-gun wedding.

### WHAT'S YOUR POINT WAYNE?

My point is this. Those of you folks that are in key volunteer positions on non-profit boards need to pay attention to the track records of future candidates for key board positions. Before you nominate a candidate ask the following questions:

- How did this person perform in other organizations?
- What unique skill set does this person bring to this position?
- Does this person "play well with others?"
- Do they believe in the mission of the organization?
- Do they have resources to do the job (time; employer's support)

If the nominating committee knows the answer to these questions, they will avoid many challenges in the future.

In addition, ask the paid staff their opinion as well. I have always suggested to my employers to find value in what your staff thinks as well as what they do. I have always been blessed to work with women and men that helped me in making key staff positions.

The bottom line is this, it is critical that we run our non-profits just like a for-profit business. Our members are sending us their dues with the expectation of a return on investment. We can accomplish that goal if we have the right team members on our boards and staff.

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# The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers

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.



The title of this column, first spoken on stage around 1590, and first published in 1594, evidences a basic animosity toward lawyers among the folk of the Renaissance period.

In the 428 years since the composition of this line, attitudes toward lawyers among the common folk have changed very little.

The Spanish novelist, Francisco de Quevedo, suggested, "A lawyer is like a cartwheel – he must be greased before he'll move." He also wrote, "A lawyer is one who picks your pocket, and shows you a law for it."

Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the USA, said, "I used to be a lawyer, but now I am a reformed character."

Sir John Hamilton warned his contemporaries, "An attorney is like a porcupine; it's impossible to touch him without pricking one's finger."

The following lawyer riddles have been around for awhile, and have been voted the best by us common folk.

1. How can you tell when a lawyer is lying? (When his lips are moving)
  2. Why won't a rattlesnake strike a lawyer? (Professional courtesy)
  3. What do you need when you have three lawyers up to their necks in Cement? (More cement)
  4. What is black and brown and looks good on a lawyer? (A doberman pinscher)
  5. What do lawyers use for birth control? (Their personalities)
  6. What do you call two hundred lawyers at the bottom of the sea? (A good start)
  7. What do you call a lawyer with an IQ less than 50? (Your honor)
  8. What do you get when you cross a lawyer with the Godfather? (An offer you can't understand)
- This is reminiscent of a remark made by Will Rogers, "The minute you read something you can't understand, you can be sure it was drawn up by a lawyer."
9. What is the difference between a dead skunk in the road, and a dead Lawyer in the road? (There are skid marks in front of the skunk)
  10. What is the difference between an alligator and a lawyer? (You can make a pet out of an alligator)
  11. What is the difference between a chopped onion and a chopped up lawyer? (People cry when they chop up an onion)
  12. Why are lawyers buried twelve feet deep instead of six feet? (Because down deep they really aren't so bad)

Did you hear about the blizzard in Amarillo? The weather was so bad that schools had to close, pipes were frozen, and streets had to be sanded. It was so cold that a lawyer was actually spotted with his hands in his own pockets.

One evening an honest lawyer, a dishonest lawyer, and the tooth fairy were sitting around a table. There was a ten dollar bill on the table. Suddenly the lights went out. After a while, the lights came back on. The ten dollar bill was gone. Who took it? (The dishonest lawyer. You don't believe in the other two, do you?)

Once the Devil was walking through hell when he saw one of the big shot lawyers who was a resident. Satan walked over to him and said, "You know, the trouble with you lawyers is you think you're the best people in hell. But you're not. You are just the more numerous."

All of these stories about lawyers help us to laugh at them, and at ourselves, and at the stressful situations which require us to deal with lawyers. Some of my best friends are lawyers.

Excerpts from: *Corners of Texas*, by Francis E. Abernethy

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# Canine Influenza

by Steven Martin, *Owner of Martin Kennel*

Canine influenza (CI, or dog flu) is caused by the canine influenza virus (CIV), an influenza A virus. It is highly contagious and easily spread from infected dogs to other dogs by direct contact, nasal secretions (through barking, coughing or sneezing), contaminated objects (kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes), and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. Dogs of any breed, age, sex or health status are at risk of infection when exposed to the virus.

Currently, two strains of CIV have been identified in the U.S. The H3N8 strain of canine influenza was first identified in 2004 in Florida. Since then, it has been found in several other states. In 2015, the H3N2 virus strain was identified as the cause of an outbreak of canine influenza in Chicago. The virus was known to exist in Asia, but the 2015 outbreak was the **first report of the H3N2 virus affecting dogs outside of Asia.**

Canine influenza can occur year round. So far, there is no evidence that canine influenza infects people.

## Canine influenza and cats

In early 2016, a group of cats in an Indiana shelter were infected with H3N2 canine influenza (passed to them by infected dogs). The findings suggested that cat-to-cat transmission was possible. Cats infected with H3N2 canine influenza show symptoms of upper respiratory illness, including a runny nose, congestion, malaise, lip smacking and excessive salivation.

## Canine influenza symptoms and diagnosis

The symptoms of a CIV infection resemble those of canine infectious tracheobronchitis (“kennel cough”). Dogs infected with CIV develop a persistent cough and may develop a thick nasal discharge and fever (often 104-105°F). Other signs can include lethargy, eye discharge and reduced appetite. Canine influenza infections can cause mild to severe illness in dogs. Some infected dogs may not show any signs of illness, but can still be contagious and able to infect other dogs



Most dogs recover within 2-3 weeks. However, some dogs may develop secondary bacterial infections which may lead to more severe illness and pneumonia. Anyone with concerns about their pet’s health, or whose pet is showing signs of canine influenza, should contact their veterinarian.

Laboratory tests are available to diagnose both H3N8 and H3N2 CIV. Consult your veterinarian for more information regarding testing for CIV.

## Transmission and prevention of canine influenza

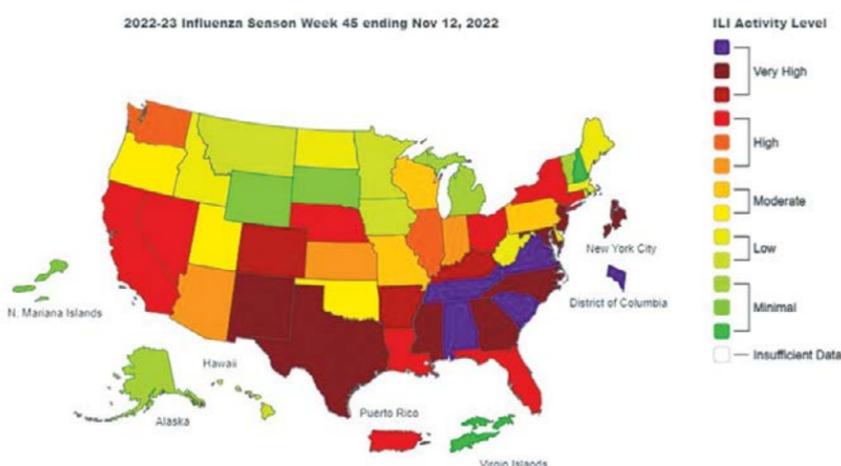
Dogs infected with CIV are most contagious during the two- to four-day virus incubation period, when they shed the virus in their nasal secretions but do not show signs of illness. The virus is highly contagious and almost all dogs exposed to CIV will become infected. The majority (80%) of infected dogs develop flu-like illness. The mortality (death) rate from CIV is low (less than 10%).

To reduce the spread of CIV, isolate dogs that are sick or showing signs of a respiratory illness, and isolate dogs known to have been exposed to an infected dog.

Isolate dogs infected with H3N2 canine influenza for at least 21 days and dogs infected with H3N8 CIV for at least 7 days. Practice good hygiene and sanitation, including hand washing and thorough cleaning of shared items and kennels, to reduce the spread of CIV. Influenza viruses do not usually survive in the environment beyond 48 hours and are inactivated or killed by commonly used disinfectants.

Vaccines are available for both the H3N8 and H3N2 strains of canine influenza virus. The CIV vaccination is a “lifestyle” vaccination, recommended for dogs at risk of exposure due to their increased exposure to other dogs – such as boarding, attending social events with dogs present, and visiting dog parks. Your veterinarian can provide you with additional information about the vaccines and whether you should consider vaccinating your dog.

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# Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Good Day Readers,

I don't know about you but I am looking forward to some cooler weather. Halloween and Christmas are right around the corner and we are gearing up for our Ghosts of Millard's Crossing and our Old Fashioned Christmas Events coming up. We will have a lot of good things going on, some new things for you to do and have fun with at both events. Please see times below and be sure to check out our Web and Facebook pages for more details.



Our Mission Statement here at Millard's Crossing is to portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlement in East Texas and to connect the present generation to those of the past. We host our Easter, Halloween, and Christmas Events to help support our mission. We try to keep the cost down to our community and guests so we are very grateful to our generous sponsors who help to accomplish this. It is our staff and volunteers' dedication to Millard's Crossing and its mission to help make these events the best they can be for our guest. Please see a list of our sponsors below, please accept my apologies if I have left you or your business off.

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We have been very busy the last few months with updating the buildings and adding restrooms, working on the Cotton Gin and so much more. Can not wait until we are complete. We are still open for business from 9am – 4pm with last self-guided tour at 3:00pm.

Hope to see you soon at the Halloween event "Ghosts of Millard's Crossing" and Old Fashioned Christmas.

Drop by anytime during business hours and we will have a cup of coffee or find a cold beverage for you to cool off with.

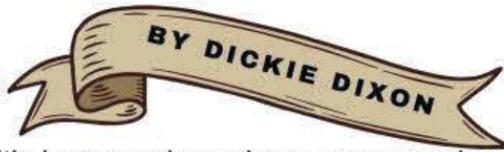
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## A Little Bit of History



If you're wondering why my perspective is skewed, it's because I was born cross-eyed.

### When I Was John Henry

A few days into the spring semester of 1969 at Lufkin High School in Mr. Schmidt's Civics class, someone from the office came into his classroom to ask some of us to go over to Mrs. Lively's class to even up the classes. I looked at my girlfriend, Mary Neel, and said "Let's go, Mary." We had already heard one semester's worth of his stories about Wynn and I, so I figured we might as well as give Mrs. Lively a chance.

When we walked into her class, she was not there because she was sick, so her student teacher threw the seating chart at me and said: "Put your John Henry on there!," which I did: John Henry Dixon. For about two weeks, the lady called the roll using my new name, John Henry, and every time the class roared with laughter, she never caught on to what I was doing.

The occasion for me to bring up this story is that John Henry Tatum will celebrate his birthday on October 31st, so I wanted all of you to wish him a happy birthday. Mail him a card at Tatum and Tatum Attorneys at Law 211 North Second Lufkin, Texas 75901, or call him at (936) 634 5594. While you are in the birthday greeting mode, here are some other ones you will want to put on your calendar: October 10, Rob Tompkins; October 12 th Ina Jane Thames and Dee Winston; October 16, Ghita Brockway Carter; October 20, Betty Ricks Collins October 28 th Jamie Carter Bollich October 29th Ava Dixon Hermes. Happy birthday, John Henry!

Even though we call it Keltys, it could've been Klein.

In 1837, Charles Louis Klein, a Jew, emigrated with his family from Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine to New York City, New York, where they lived in the garment district. He was a teenager when he ran away from home and assumed the name Charles Louis Kelty, and, in time, he ended up in Angelina County at Homer. After a short stint in the Civil War fighting under John Bell Hood and after the war, he and a German shoemaker, Edmond Steinetz, bought a steam sawmill from R. C. Albritton in 1866 on Biloxi Creek. According to Effie Mattox Boon, Kelty moved his sawmill to the western edge of Burris Prairie in 1870, and in the late 1880s, he sold his sawmill which he owned with his son-in-law James A. Ewing to Joseph H. Kurth, Sr., who in 1890 created Angelina County Lumber Company with Simon W. Henderson, Sr. and one of the Wiener brothers.

And there you have it, the reason why even though we call it Keltys, it could've been Klein.

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## Kissin' Kuzzins

By Dickie Dixon

**(1)The Angelina County Genealogical Society** will have a booth at the Catfish Festival in Huntington on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@aol.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@aol.com)

**(2) Lufkin native Mike Capps** will discuss "My Memoirs of Growing Up" at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, for the October monthly meeting of the Angelina County Genealogical Society at Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin. A short business meeting will precede Mike's speaking at 4:30 p.m. Desserts and refreshments will be waiting for guests and members to enjoy at 4 p.m. The executive board will also meet at 2:30 p.m. at the library that day.

**(3) Bill Lazenby**, a native of the Old Salem community in Newton County, Texas, will discuss "Rosenwald Schools in Newton County, Texas" at about 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, the day before homecoming, at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. The Deep East Texas Archeological Society hosts the event, and you do not have to be a member to attend. The door prize is "You Need a Schoolhouse" by the granddaughter of Julius Rosenwald, and a member donated a copy to the Newton County Public Library for the public to check out. Sandra Litton and her helpers will have desserts and refreshments ready for those attending to enjoy; at 2 p.m., Ruth Dusan will conduct a short business meeting. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 379-5694 or [jrdusan@windstream.net](mailto:jrdusan@windstream.net) or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@aol.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@aol.com)

**(4) The Angelina County Genealogical Society** will host its free-to-the-public Genealogy Fall Conference from 10 am-5:20 pm on Friday, October 20, 2023, at the Railroad Depot Reading Room of Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin. The whole day is free to the public, and you do not have to be a member of the Angelina County Genealogical Society to attend. Those who want to participate can do so in person or virtually. Besides, great genealogy sessions pre-recorded and played back for the public, ACGS will provide free pizza and refreshments for lunch for the convenience of the genealogy enthusiasts attending. The sessions are 10 a.m. Linking the Generations With Court and Land Records Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist; 11 a.m. Visiting the Hill College Texas Heritage Museum John Versluis noon Genealogy Basics: Start Searching for your Ancestors Today Irene B. Walters 1:25 p.m Tame the Chaos Tiger: Organize Your Records and Research Susan Ball 2:25 p.m. Uncover Your Family's Story Using the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Elizabeth Hodges 3:25 p.m. Placing Your DNA Matches on your Tree Ryan Russell 4:25 p.m. Secrets to Successful Writing and Publishing Angela Breidenbach The link to participate in the Genealogy Fall Conference will be released early in the morning of Friday, October 20, 2023. Email [dixonhershel51@aol.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@aol.com) or call him at (936) 671-1419. The link is good until midnight on Friday, October 20, 2023.

**(5) The Angelina County Genealogical Society** will host a Cemetery Workshop on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28, 2023, to learn how to care for cemeteries and headstones. Perky Beisel will instruct those attending beginning on Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Office of the Huntington Housing Authority on 210 East Walnut Street in Huntington, and Saturday, she will show attendees how to clean the headstones either at Ivy Cemetery or Huntington Cemetery from 9-11 am. The event is free to the public. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@aol.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@aol.com),



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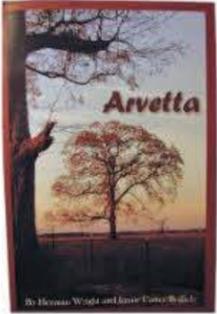
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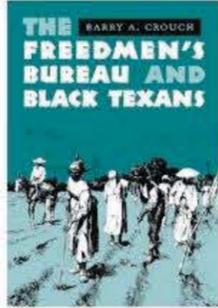
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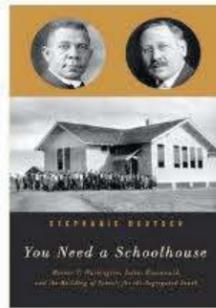


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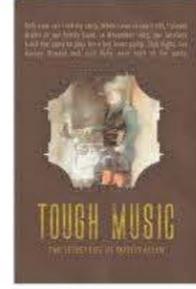


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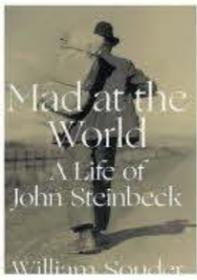


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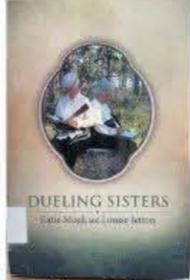


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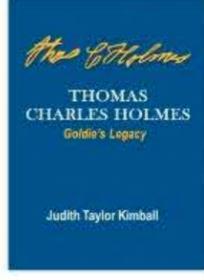
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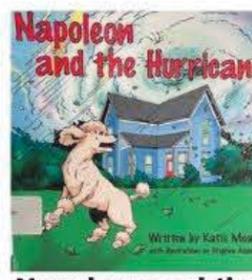
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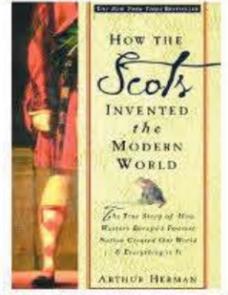


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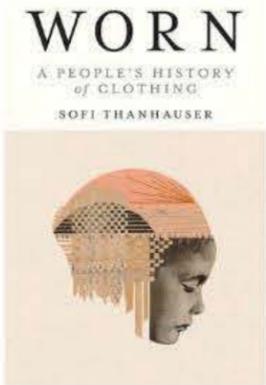
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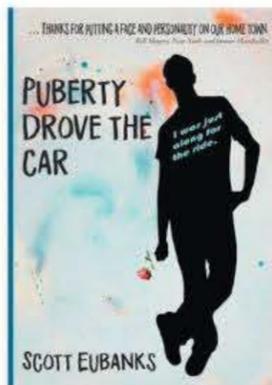
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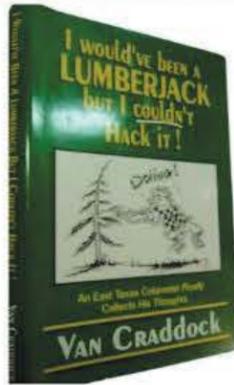


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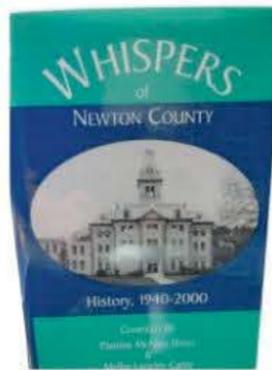


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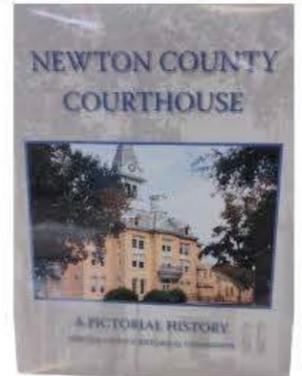


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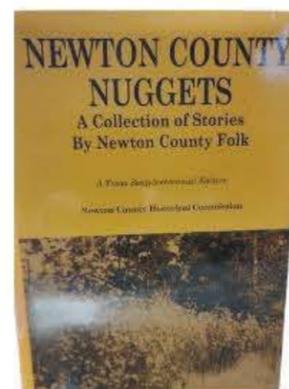
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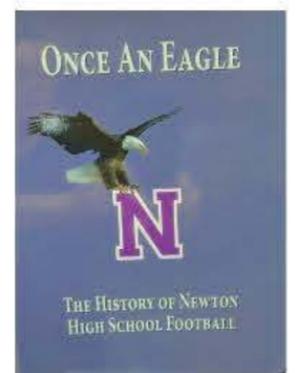
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# NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

The Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is delighted to announce that we've leased space at 411 East Hospital Street, where we will host gallery shows, classes and meetings. The grand opening is scheduled for mid-November, details TBD. The non-profit will continue to partner with other arts organizations in hosting performances and larger events at a variety of locations.

Slightly cooler weather made for successful events in September. For the second year, NAC decorated the windows at Mast Hall for the Old Town Rig Down hospitality suite, also hosting an array of artists vending their wares. NAC sponsored ArtFest the following weekend around the square downtown with all vendor spaces sold out. A big thanks to Crystal Hicks for all of her hard work for this event. Popularity continues to grow for "Make Your Mark" activities at all NAC events, where the public is invited to color, do chalk art, or paint.

Look for NAC volunteers at the Nacogdoches Farmer's Market Fall Fling Saturday, October 7, 9-1. Super promoter Joanna Temple is putting together a fundraiser for NAC at The Cottage Wine Bar, 122 N. Mound St., on October 13 and 14. Expect live art, vendors, music, plus a "sip & paint" activity each evening. Look for details on our web page [www.nacartscollab.com](http://www.nacartscollab.com) and our Facebook page.

## OCTOBER Artist Spotlight

### Meet our Executive Director CC Conn!

CC Conn is an arts professional with a deep background in education, mentoring and theatre technical skills. Since 2005, CC has taught theatre at SFA where she is currently professor of sound and lighting and remains dedicated to the art of teaching students how to be theatre professionals. Her work has been seen and heard in hundreds of plays, musicals and radio plays at SFA and in theaters and entertainment venues across the US, including the '96 Olympics in Atlanta. CC's skills at SFA have been recognized with several teaching and creative awards, including the 2021 Teaching Excellence Award and a 2021 President's Innovation Grant. She is currently serving as Faculty Senate Chair for 2023-2024.



CC Conn

Despite hailing from out-of-state, CC now has deep roots in Nacogdoches. When she was hired by SFA, CC moved to town with her 8-year-old son. He grew up here, and graduated from Nacogdoches High School. When he went to college in 2016, CC realized that she had fallen in love with East Texas in general and with Nacogdoches in particular. By then, CC had established important connections within the local artistic communities; not just with other theatre people, but also musicians, painters, sculptors, writers, dancers and singers. "There is so much talent here. I wanted to help these artists showcase their art and create opportunities for them to get paid for their work. The Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative was established as a 501(c)(3) organization to do just that."



Children "making their mark" at Mast Hall

reality. We want it to be a welcoming spot in the community for all artists, and we look forward to seeing everyone when our doors are officially open." Stay tuned.

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Greetings from the Expo!

Happy October! We are enjoying a welcome change in the weather for sure. Cooler temps and Fall activities are here and we have a full calendar of great events lined up. To kick off the month, on October 7-8 we will have the Junior High division of the Texas High School Rodeo Association back in Lufkin. To learn more go [www.thsra.com](http://www.thsra.com).

The very next weekend sees the Pineywoods Youth Rodeo Association return to the Expo on October 14-15. We are proud to have this great group of parents and young contestants travel to Lufkin. Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying and all Roping events will be on display all weekend. This organization began back in 1987, and sanctions 10 rodeos a year. Contestants aged 5 to 18 compete. Go to [www.pyra.com](http://www.pyra.com) to find out more.

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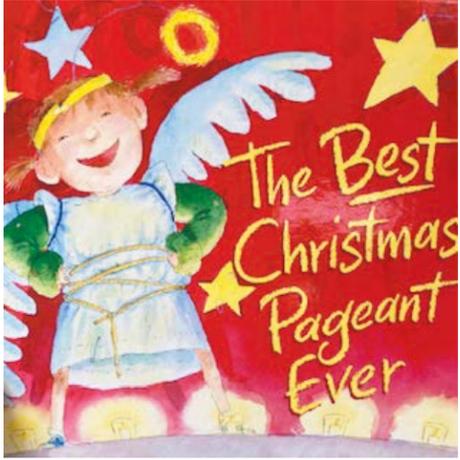
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The Lamp-Lite Community Theatre announces AUDITIONS for *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* by Barbara Robinson Thursday, October 26, 2023, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm and Saturday, October 28, 2023, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, at Lamp-Lite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas. Children ages eight-years-old and older, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to audition at one of the sessions. Auditions will consist of readings from the play, with auditioners reading individually and in groups.

Lamp-Lite Players Pat Harris and Tim Hogle will direct *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER*. Rehearsals will begin early November and performances will consist of two day performances at 9:00 am and 11:00 am on December 14th for area schools and three performances for the public at 7:30 pm on December 15th and 16th and 2:00 pm on December 17th.

For more information about Lamp-Lite Theatre, the 2023-24 51st HISTORIC SEASON, auditions for this production and others, visit the website [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com) or email [lamplite-theatre@gmail.com](mailto:lamplite-theatre@gmail.com). Also, follow us on Facebook at Lamp-Lite Theatre.



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Mary Frances Johannessen - graduate of San Augustine High School, Angelina College Nursing School, Stephen F. Austin Nursing School - Retired Registered Nurse with a 40 year career - Ambassador for San Augustine since retiring 8 years ago. Member SA Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce. Likes traveling and family time.



Whether you have graduated from a high school or a college, there is a specific time during the year which we all look forward to attending, it is called our school homecoming. Welcoming alumni back to celebrate the school's existence, you could be attending a football game, a parade, a pep rally, or a entire week-end of scheduled events such as Stephen F. Austin State University holds yearly.

High school friends depart their high school upon graduation day, but those friendship ties seem to never come to an end. Homecoming is a time to travel back home for a reunion, gathering, event, celebration, and/or function planned by the school administration. However, at other times individuals plan their own particular class event to reconnect and rekindle old friendships. The most popular years of high school class reunions would be the ten, the twenty-fifth, or even the fifty and sixty year ones. Reunions never get old because those high school friends look forward to seeing each other and to hear all about the changes of life happening for each other, such as marriages, children, new homes, jobs, etc.

In San Augustine, as in other communities, you can see a parade, pep rally, and football game in one day. Wearing mum corsages was started back in the 1930's. Parents now buy their child a corsage as early as first grade and couples exchange mum corsages with each other. The gartered mum is elaborately decorated in school colors and can be quite costly depending upon all the trinkets attached. During homecoming week, the schools set aside specific days to theme out a dress code, such as western day, pajama day, etc. During the homecoming football pregame ceremony, a king and queen will be crowned.

San Augustine has another type homecoming event during our Sassafras Festivities in October, called THE SAHS GRAND REUNION. It has been held downtown on the historic square for twelve years. The event was started by myself, Mary Johannessen, and is scheduled and known to always be held annually. During the festival years ago, an older graduate friend diagnosed with cancer was walking around/visiting at the festival; however, no one could find him to meet or greet. I decided the next year to have a specific meeting place from 11am-3pm for all SAHS alumni to meet and greet one another on that last Saturday in October. It has been such a successful tradition that we all look forward to attending and seeing all SAHS graduates from every past graduating class. We have a guest book there to sign and update our addresses, as well as an honor/memory board to list those who have sadly gone before us.

Back in the late 1950s, two San Augustine teachers wrote the words and music for our high school song. That same song is played at games and the pep rallies by our band as everyone sings along and it goes like this..... "Deep in the piney woods, where our dear school does stand, throughout the years ne'er failing to lend a helping hand, and those there who taught us to honor and obey, may we now pause to remember San Augustine High School today."

Homecomings are usually held in September and October. It is that time of the year now to travel back, as each of our 'grownup lives' takes each of us to a place where we are truly known and loved, for a grand celebration of hugs, sharing past memories, and making more memories as we socialize together.

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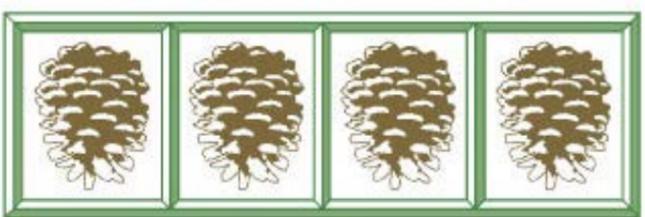
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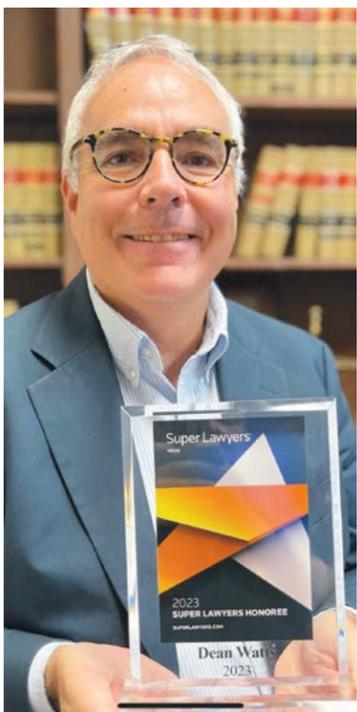
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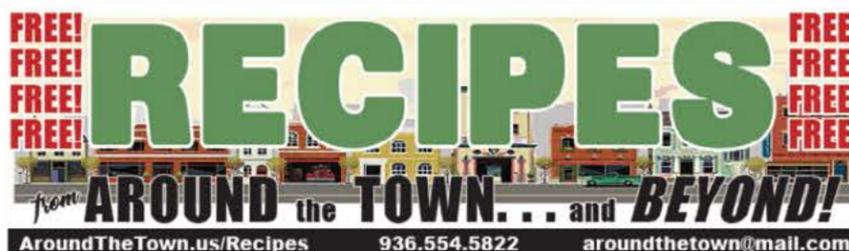
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### ANGELINA COUNTY

#### In the City of Lufkin:

Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce - 1615 S. Chestnut  
 Angelina Manufactured Housing - 3907 N. Medford  
 Best Western - 3211 S. 1st St.  
 Big's - 2400 E. Denman  
 Big's - 1203 S. Chestnut  
 Big's - 1902 W. Frank  
 Big's - 2701 N. Raguet  
 Big's - 3644 Hwy 69N  
 Big's - 3122 Adkinson Dr. (Hwy 103E)  
 Big's - 4609 Hwy 103E  
 Big's - 620 N. Raguet St.

Big's - 1910 N. Timberland  
 Bodacious BBQ - 2207 W. Frank  
 Brookshire Brothers - 301 S. Chestnut  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1807 W. Frank - Gaslight Plaza  
 Casa Morales Mexican Restaurant - 1001 S. 1st St.  
 Catfish King - 806 S. Medford

Chen's - 302 S. Timberland Dr.  
 Comfort Suites - 4402 S. 1st. St. (U. S. Hwy 59)  
 Crown Colony Shell - 101 Champion Dr.  
 Food Mart Exxon - 612 Frank  
 Food Mart Exxon - 6480 Hwy 69S  
 Guacamole's Restaurant - 2660 W. Frank (Hwy 94W)  
 Holiday Inn Express 4404 S. 1st  
 JR Food Mart - 1114 E. Denman Ave  
 Lone Star Charlie's Family Restaurant - 1910 E. Denman  
 Lucky's Valero - 3385 Tom Temple (Hwy 94W)  
 Lucky's Valero - 1707 John Redditt Dr.  
 Lufkin Barbecue - 203 S. Chestnut  
 Lufkin Farm Supply - 1217 E. Lufkin Ave.  
 Maddux Lumber & Hardware - 1603 Atkinson Dr.  
 Massingill's Meat Mkt - 3728 Hwy 69N  
 Maytag Washateria - 601 S. 1st  
 Mexico Express - 1603 W. Frank Ave (Hwy 94 W)  
 Midway Shell #29 - 3008 Atkinson Dr. (Hwy 103 E)  
 Mom's Diner - 420 W. Frank  
 Napoli's Restaurant - 107 W. Lufkin Ave.  
 On the Road - 4110 S. 1st  
 On the Road - 2902 E. Denman Ave (Hwy 69S)  
 On the Road - 3503 S. Chestnut  
 Pablo's BBQ & Mexican Food - 3900 Hwy 69N  
 Pelican Pointe Cajun Kitchen - 1302 N. John Redditt Dr.  
 Quality Inn - 4306 S. 1st  
 Ray's Drive In - 420 N. Timberland  
 Restoration Bistro - 210 S. 1st  
 Rustica's Kitchen - 317 S. Timberland  
 Sleep Inn - 2409 N. Timberland  
 The Home Place - 5105 FM 326  
 Tia Juanita's Fish Camp - 3102 S. John Redditt Dr.  
 Timberland Chevron - 804 N. Timberland  
 Tommy's Watch & Jewelry - 800 S. Timberland  
 Walgreens - 102 N. Timberland  
 Walgreens - 1000 W. Frank  
 West Loop Chevron - 904 S. John Redditt Dr.

#### In Diboll:

Big's - 605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Big's - 710 S. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Brookshire Brothers - 221 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Diboll Depot - 1605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 Diboll Public Library - 300 Park  
 Los Jarritos - 903 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)  
 On The Road - 1580 N. Temple (US Hwy 59)  
 Tacos Mexico - 575 N. Temple (US Hwy 59)

#### In Homer:

Homer Mini Grocery - 7075 Hwy 69S

#### In Hudson:

Brookshire Brothers Express - 5750 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W  
 Brookshire Brothers Express - 6564 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W

#### In Huntington:

New Way - 461 Hwy 69  
 Little Boots Gro.- 101 Hwy 69S  
 Brookshire Brothers - 104 N. Main  
 Papa's Pit & More - 510 N. Main

#### In Pollok:

Brookshire Brothers/Polk's - 6925 Hwy 69N

#### In Redland:

JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59 N

#### In Zavalla:

Coleman's Store - Intersection of Hwys 63 & 147

### NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

#### In the City of Nacogdoches:

A & D Hydraulics - 2124 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Appleby Sand Valero (just outside loop) FM 2609  
 Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road  
 Barbecue House - 704 N. Stallings Drive  
 Barkeeps - 3308 North St.  
 Best Western - US 59 South  
 Best Western - 4809 NW Stallings Dr  
 Big's - University Drive @ SE Stallings Drive  
 Big's - Center Hwy (Hwy 7E) @ Loop 224  
 Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.  
 Boles Feed - 913 South St.  
 Brendyn's BBQ - 601 E. Main St.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South Street  
 Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.  
 Carney Real Estate - 3001 North St.  
 Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings  
 Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.  
 Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St.  
 CiCi's Pizza - 3801 North St. #19  
 Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.  
 Coldwell Banker Blueberry Realty - 112 E. Main St.  
 Comfort Suites - US 59 South  
 Cutting Edge - 2211 S. University Dr.  
 Cowboy Jack's Saloon - 422 E. Main St.  
 D' Gorditas - 3609 SE Stallings Dr.  
 Dialysis Clinic - 4731 NE Stallings Dr.  
 Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W  
 Dr. Ronnie Hancock - Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguet St.  
 Eastex Glass & Mirror - 3102 South St.  
 El Lindo Mexico - 1102 SE Stallings Dr.  
 El Ranchero Restaurant - 123 King St.  
 El Tia Beto - 4512 North St.  
 Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr.  
 Fortney Home - 310 N. Mound  
 Gateway Shell/Denny's - 2615 N. Stallings Dr.  
 Goose Landing - 11332 S FM 225 (Lake Nacogdoches)  
 Gound Chev - 1015 North Street  
 Guacamole's Mexican Restaurant - 1315 North St.  
 H & Z Texaco - Starr Avenue @ University Drive  
 Hampton Inn - US 59 South  
 Harry's Building Material - 7008 North St.  
 Herman Power Tire - 222 South St.  
 Holiday Inn Express - US 59 South  
 IMPACT Store - 720 E. Main Stree  
 J & S Small Engine Repair - 12769 State Hwy 7W  
 Java Jack's - 1122 North Street  
 Johnson Furniture - 106 E. Main  
 Kampus Books - 305 E. College St.  
 K.J.'s Convenience Store/Exxon - 5713 South St.  
 Kinfolks - 4817 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Kline's Wrap-It-Up - 628 N. University Dr.  
 Kroger - 3205 N. University Dr.  
 Lehmann Eye Center - 5300 North St.  
 Luquette Chiropractic - 4712 North St.  
 M & S Pharmacy - 917 E. Austin  
 Ma's Jewelry - 2423 North St  
 Martin Kennel - 512 CR 217  
 Marty's Barber Shop - 2805 North St, Suite B1  
 McCoy's Building Materials - 4009 NW Stallings Dr.  
 McWilliams & Son Air Conditioning - 2915 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Meadow Ridge Archery & Gun - 1090 CR 231  
 Mike Perry Mottors - 3812 South Street  
 Mike's BBQ - 1622 South Street  
 Milford's Barber Shop - 110 N. Church St.  
 Millard's Crossing Historic Village - 6020 North St.  
 CC's Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Dr.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 428 W. Main St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - Appleby Sand Rd. @ Austin St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 1000 N. University Drive  
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 3325 North St.  
 Morgan Oil Chevron Truck Stop - 4919 NE Stallings  
 Mustard Seed - 1330 N. University Dr.  
 NacBurger - 3205 N. University Dr  
 NacSpace - 2400 N. Stallings Dr.  
 Nacogdoches Expo Center - 3805 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Nacogdoches Floral - 3602 North St.  
 Nacogdoches CVB - 200 E. Main St.  
 Nacogdoches Senior Center - 1601 W. Austin St.  
 Napoli's Restaurant - 2119 North St.  
 Northview Condos - 4100 North St.

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#### In the City of Nacogdoches

Perry Propane - 6500 Franklin St.  
 Pike Saw & Tool - 2502 NW Stallings Dr..  
 Renfro's Glass - 714 North St.  
 Red House Winery - 108 E. Pilar St.  
 Rhinestone Rifles Botique VIP - 404 E. Main St.  
 Rick's Valero - US 59 South  
 RV Outfitters - 2631 NW Stallings Dr.  
 Sam's Southern Eatery - 1220 North St.  
 Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Trail  
 Sombreros - 3000 North St.  
 Ables-Land Office Supplies - 412 North St.  
 Sunshine Food Mart - 2013 North St.  
 Super 8 Motel - US 59 South  
 Taquitos El Jaliscience - 3217 North St.  
 Taqueria El 21 - 1422 Douglass Road  
 Thrall's Grocery, Deli & Cafe - 7144 SH 21 East  
 VIP Cleaners - 4515 North St.  
 Walgreens - 3004 North St.  
 Windhill Apartments - 1324 Pruitt Hill Dr.  
 Woden Rd. Quick Stop - Woden Rd @ SE Stalling

#### In Appleby:

Sammy's Mini Mart - U.S. Hwy 59 N.  
 Tom's Grocery & Shell - U.S. Hwy 59 N.

#### In Central Heights:

Morgan Oil Chevron/Whataburger - Hwy 259 North  
 Polk's Pick It Up Truck Stop - Hwy 259 North  
 Taco Riendo - Hwy 259 North

#### In Chireno:

Chireno's Cafe' - 716 Main St.

#### In Cushing:

Clyde Partin Monument Co. - Hwy 204  
 Cushing Food Mart - Hwy 204  
 Rawhide's Tire Service - 470 6th St.

#### In Douglass:

Douglass Cafe' - State Hwy 21  
 Douglass General Store - State Hwy 21

#### In Etoile:

Etoile Shell - Hwy 103 @ FM 226  
 Shirley Creek Marina Office & Cabins - 23177 FM 226

#### In Garrison:

Bulldog Express/J & S Food Mart - U.S. Hwy 59  
 Garrison Gas & Convenience Store Exxon - U.S. Hwy 59  
 Garrison Hardware & Feed - 121 South B Ave.

#### In Martinsville:

L & M Quick Stop - 13101 Hwy 7

#### In Reklaw:

What the Fork Cafe' - Hwy 204

### NEWTON COUNTY

#### In Burkeville:

Burkeville Heritage Society - 142 St. Hwy 84E

#### In the Newton:

Newton Co. History Ctr. - 213 E. Court St. - Newton  
 Newton Co. Public Library - 212 High St. - Newton

### SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

S. A. County Chamber of Commerce - 611 W. Columbia  
 Mike Perry Chevrolet - 101 W. Main St.

### SHELBY COUNTY

#### In the City of Center:

Ace Hardware - 5438 Loop 500 East  
 Boles Feed Co. - 101 Porter St.  
 Boyd Adams Barber Shop - 504 Hurst St.  
 Brookshire Brothers - 105 Hurst St.  
 Chamber of Commerce - In the old jail on the square  
 Covington Lumber & Bldg Materials - 1595 Teneha St.  
 H & S Discount Foods - 705 Shelbyville St.  
 Mathews Realty - 616 Teneha St.  
 Piney Woods Seafood - 1003 Hurst St.  
 Rancho Grande - 816 Teneha St.  
 TR's Steaks & More - 892 Hurst St.

#### In Joaquin:

Brookshire Brothers - 113 Haslam Sawmill Rd. - Hwy 84  
 NuWay Convenience Store - 13054 Hwy 84  
 Quick Stop - 12762 U.S. Hwy 84

#### In Timpson:

Brookshire Brothers- 829 N. 1st St. - Hwy 59  
 Frontier Cafe' - 101 Austin St.  
 Quick Stop - 674 N. 1st St. - Hwy 59

### TYLER COUNTY

#### In Warren:

Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve - 527 CR 4777

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## October 2023

**The Great Pumpkin Patch**  
2111 N FM 95 Nacogdoches  
October 7th 8am-5pm

**Market on Main**  
305 E. Main Street  
October 7th

**Thursday in the Garden**  
Durst Taylor House & Garden  
10am - 11am  
October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

**Pine Top Pickleball Tournament**  
Maroney Park  
Oct 7th - 8th

**SFA Gardens Fall Plant Sale**  
Oct 7th & 8th  
Pineywoods Native Plant Center

**Pineywoods Fair**  
Nac Expo Center  
Oct 11th-15th

**Nac at Night: Movie at Zion Hill**  
Halloweentown Showing  
Oct 21st 7-9pm

**Dink or Treat Spooky Pickleball Tournament**  
Oct 21st & Oct 22nd  
Maroney Park

**Annual 12x12 Art Fundraiser**  
Sat, Oct 21st  
Cole Arts Center

**Nac Snack Friday**  
Downtown Square  
Fri. Oct 27th 11am - 3pm

**SFA Football vs Abilene Christian**  
Homer Bryce Stadium  
Sat, Oct. 21st 4pm

**3rd Annual Tobaccodoches Cigar festival**  
Oct. 28th 3-8pm  
Nacogdoches Cigar Co.

**Ghost of Millard's Crossing**  
Oct. 28th 11am - 7pm  
Millard's Crossing Historic Village

**Fredonia Hotel**  
**Music on the Patio (Friday Evenings):**  
10/6 Jonathan Webster  
10/13 Joshua Mullin  
10/20 Sean Christopher  
10/27 Enrquie Mungia

**Fredonia Brewery**  
Wednesday Game Nights & \$1 off pints,  
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm  
10/6 Ben Theiring Live  
10/7 Country Willie Edwards/Reed's Fish & More  
10/13 Jeff Jurgonski/Chambers Smokehouse  
10/14 Oktoberfest ft. Shali's & Huffie & The Paintfish Live  
10/20 Paul Noyola/Reed's Fish & More  
10/21 Loose Gravel Band/Big Fella's BBQ  
10/27 Haylee Lewis/Chambers Smokehouse  
10/28 Halloween at the Boeroy

**SFA Planetarium Shows**  
Saturdays Oct. 7th, 21st & 28th  
3:00pm, 4:30pm & 7:00pm

**Front Porch Distillery**  
Pickin' on the Porch  
LIVE music and Food Trucks every Fri. & Sat.  
10/6 Ryan Paul Davis/ Chambers Smokehouse  
10/7 Best of the 80's Party/ Viet Fusion  
10/13 River Bottom Boys/ Eat a Bite  
10/14 Spooky Brunch & Bloody Mary's  
10am-1pm  
Best of the 90s/ Chambers Smokehouse  
10/20 Todd Freeman & Bullet Proof/ Revolution Road Pizza  
10/21 Fall Market 11am - 3pm  
Brian Winfield/ Revolution Road Pizza  
10/27 Live Music/ Eat a Bite  
10/28 Spooky Spirits Party  
DJ MAD Entertainment/ Chambers Smokehouse

**Pemberly's Afternoon Tea**  
Pemberleys's at The Jones House Every Thursday @4pm

**Cottage Wine Bar**  
Tuesday Nights: Happy Hour  
Wednesday Nights: \$10 Cocktail Happy Hour

**Farmers Market**  
Nacogdoches Farmer's Market  
Every Saturday 9am-12pm  
10/7 Fall Fling

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

**Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro**  
Wine Down Wednesday's  
Pint Night All Day Thursday's & Sunday Nights  
Weekend Brunch Every Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm  
10/13 Halloween Horrorthon  
Feat. Huffie & The Paintfish, Burner & Sleep Juliet Live + Costume Contest  
10/28 CYRQ's Halloween Bash:  
A Night to Dismember

**Naca Valley Vineyard**  
Pizza on the Pavilion:  
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm  
Live Music:  
10/7 Randy C Moore @ 5:30  
10/14 Jay and Linda @5:30  
10/21 Andrew Toole @ 5:30  
10/28 SFA Steel Drum Band @5:30

**Lumberjack Harley-Davidson**  
10/6 Full Throttle BBQ Cookoff 6-9pm  
10/7 Full Throttle BBQ Cookoff 11am - 4pm  
10/14 The World Famous Wheelie Wizzard Stunt Show 12-3pm  
10/26 Colossal Halloween Costume Contest  
Cash Prizes  
10/27 Little Kids Trunk or Treat 12-3pm

**Banita Creek Hall**  
Thursdays: Dance Lessons (7-8:30) & Ladies Night  
Fridays: Dollar Night  
10/7 Randall King w/ Hayden Baker  
10/14 Jacob Stelly  
10/21 Priscilla Block w/ Walker Montgomery

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