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# Meadow Ridge Outdoors - East Texas' Hidden Jewel

## Customer Appreciation Day, September 30, 2023

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If you are looking for a five-star archery and shooting range, then Meadow Ridge Outdoors, in the Pineywoods is the place for you!

You will have an opportunity to meet the Meadow Ridge staff on Saturday, September 30th, when *Around the Town* people will be there with a free barbeque sandwich lunch, to thank their customers for their support.

Meadow Ridge Outdoors, located in Nacogdoches, Texas, is owned and operated by Kerry and Lori Pruitt. They opened the range with the mission statement to "treat everyone like family." They are a full-service sporting goods store/shooting complex geared toward community and education. They seek to serve the greater East Texas communities with a unique destination for archery, firearms, fishing, fund raisers, and much more. They feature both indoor and outdoor ranges, along with plenty of rental options. Their shooting ranges include an indoor 25-yard handgun range with eight lanes, an outdoor 50-yard handgun range with steel targets, an outdoor rifle range out to 500-yards, an indoor 30-yard archery range, and a skeet and trap range.

Nacogdoches native, Kerry, is the son of Pat and Jean Pruitt. He and Lori have been married for 36 years. They have two girls, one of which is a business partner at Meadow Ridge Outdoors. In addition to flying for American Airlines, Kerry is a builder. He has built all the buildings on their farm, several buildings and homes in their community, the hangar for SFA's Aviation Program out at the AL Mangum Airport, and he continues to dream and design. He has also been a bush pilot, corporate and commercial pilot. His wife Lori says he is a builder, dreamer, go getter, and a "hyperactive genius. He is one talented guy!"

Lori's job is teaching shooting and gun safety lessons, bookkeeping, and keeping up with Kerry.

Their daughter Caroline is a hunter, mother, and a pilot. It was while Caroline worked at an archery shop in Nacogdoches that they dreamed of opening an archery business which morphed into the dream they are building today.

Their daughter, Kimberly Pruitt, has an "awesome ability to represent and sell our products; she is a great member of the management team, and also the

special events coordinator, offering services such as stippling on the side. She is brightly talented as an artist, singer songwriter, and just a great asset to Meadow Ridge Outdoors," Lori said.

Kimberly was raised in Nacogdoches. She graduated from SFASU with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2019. She is the general manager of Meadow Ridge Outdoors and has been with the company since it opened in 2016. Kimberly is an LTC instructor and a skilled marksman, traveling the world on many successful hunts.



The Pruitts' mission was multi-fold. "We first were interested in building a museum-like space to share animals from around the world with everyone. As we were thinking about this, we thought, how about a 'mini-Cabela's' like store offering retail sporting goods, shooting ranges for both archery and firearms and have the space for training classes and special functions? We are a work in progress for sure!" says Lori.

The Pruitts have a stealth work ethic, something inherited and inspired by Pat and Jean, Kerry's parents, and Meadow Ridge Outdoors' biggest supporters. Pat

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## MEADOW RIDGE

and Jean were married at 17 and 18 years old, started their family that first year with very little resource or support. Pat worked a couple of full-time jobs while he pursued his undergraduate degree from SFA, worked as an ag teacher at Latexo and Crockett, started a welding shop, put up steel buildings, and cut pulp wood while earning his Masters from Sam Houston. They moved to Oklahoma where Pat earned his PhD in ag mechanics and was then hired by Utah State University. They moved back to the family farm in 1990. Now Pat and Jean are enjoying their hard-earned retirement and proudly frequent their son and daughter-in-law's shop. Customers at Meadow Ridge Outdoors enjoy pleasant conversations with Pat, the store's resident tour guide and historian.

Certainly this ethic and drive passed on to Kerry, who at an early age knew he wanted to fly. In high school, Kerry worked for a local rancher and nights at a local grocery store to earn money for flight lessons. He flew every chance he had between school and work. He also worked for a local gun store called the Trader's Den where he learned a wealth of knowledge from his bosses Dennis and Darla Clark. They have the Clark's collection for sale in their store. (See Kerry if you are interested in these prized collectibles).

When he had his flight ratings, Kerry loaded his truck with can goods, including a case of grape jelly (which he won't eat to this day), and headed to Alaska. Having no money, his first job at an FBO as a flight instructor, the owners let him sleep on the sofa in the flight school lounge as long as he was up and

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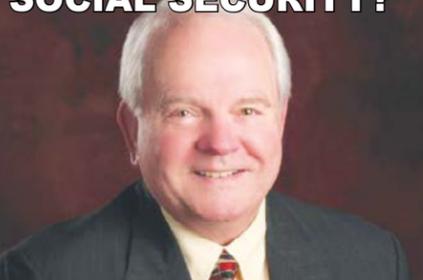
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ready to work by the time business opened. He enjoyed instructing, flew for a small commercial company, and then flew as a bush pilot as well. (Eventually he did make enough to move into a small apartment). When he had accumulated enough flight hours to be considered by the major airlines, he came back to Utah to finish his degree.

In Kerry's first semester back, he met Lori in a small graphic arts technology class. Lori was taking private pilot ground school and Kerry caught her eye (and her heart). They were married in May '87 and headed back to Alaska for one more summer of bush flying before returning to USU to finish his degree (in Industrial Technology and Education). Kerry is a woodshop teacher by trade. His first job out of college was flying corporate for Skaggs Alpha-beta in the Dallas area. Ironic, but all Texans come home.

Kerry was hired by AA January of 1991. They started their family in 1994. Moved onto the Pruitt family farm in Nacogdoches in 1998 and started life in Nacogdoches, their forever home.

Although keeping up with Kerry is her main priority, Lori has passions of her own. She has always been drawn to teaching. Her part of the plan was the classroom where the basics can be taught prior to going out to the range. While the building was under construction, Lori pursued credentials that would lead to instruction in firearms, archery, and safety in all areas. She is a Texas License to Carry instructor as well as a handgun and archery instructor. Lori's focus is training the mindset and handling of one's firearm or bow. She sees herself as the hub of a wheel with many spokes. With her, students can learn the basics and then spoke out to intermediate and advanced instructors in whatever discipline they want to pursue. She also handles the back office which, because it's portable, is perfect when she is called out of town to take care of her new grandson. Their classroom is available to outside instructors as well. They have many of the area PDs, probation, and others using our facilities on a regular basis. This is a dream come true for Lori.

Meadow Ridge Outdoors also offers courses taught by Lori, including the basics of handgun lessons and License to Carry courses. Her basics of handgun classes are one-on-one by appointment only, and focus on safe handling skills with a tactical advantage. The License to Carry are taught at least once a month, with the option to join a class or schedule a private group. There is also the option to simply do the shooting qualification test with a Meadow Ridge licensed instructor, having completed required online training on the laws concerning carrying a handgun. Archery instruction is also offered and is designed to improve accuracy, technique, and safety.

Education and safety are priorities at Meadow Ridge Outdoors, and training is encouraged. "You are never too skilled to practice your fundamentals, increase your hand-eye coordination, and develop better concentration," instructors at Meadow Ridge have shared. Sign up for an archery or handgun course at our range to learn about safety and better your skills one lesson at a time."

Whether you are looking to practice shooting with your own gun or want to try out a variety of different handguns or rifles, Meadow Ridge Outdoors has the facilities for you, and you will be greeted by well-trained professionals in this field who are happy to help customers with their outdoor needs.

Customers are coming long distances just to experience the indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, and having the convenience of everything else they need in one place. The five-star reviews all say how much the customers love everything about Meadow Ridge Outdoors.

"The folks are really good people. Love this place," one visitor shared.

"Great facility for archery and gun enthusiasts. Friendly, knowledgeable, helpful, awesome."

"Took my pistol to Meadow Ridge Outdoors for repair. Although it took a bit of time, we had a minimal charge..."

"It was an incredibly beautiful setting, and impressive facility..."

With all the five-star reviews, it is no wonder people are going to Meadow Ridge Outdoors for their firearm and archery needs. All visitors to Meadow Ridge Outdoors stated they were given friendly advice by the well-trained staff.

Sam Harrison, born in South Padre Island, TX was raised in the DFW area. He moved to Nacogdoches in 2019 and came to work for Meadow Ridge Outdoors in 2020. He is an avid outdoorsman and travels the country competing in many different bass fishing tournament trails. In the fall of 2022, he launched the fishing department at Meadow Ridge Outdoors to offer a wide array of rods, reels, and tackle.

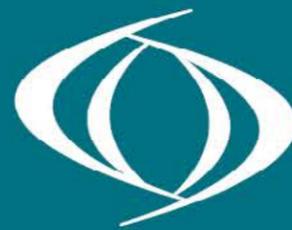
Glenn Dudley has been with Meadow Ridge from the day they opened. He is a brightly talented Archery Bow Technician, and he is the Archery store manager. He has over 30 years' experience and is a tremendous asset to our company. Glenn is an all-around talented guy from archery to firearms and everything in between.

Andrew E. Symmank, (Andy), started working at Meadow Ridge in 2020, working as a bow technician, range safety officer, and is an instructor on both rifles and bows. Andy is also an instructor for skeet and trap. Andy also has an amazing talent in cooking, especially wild game. He makes lunches for our staff regularly and even brings goodies on his days off. Great appreciated!

Cassidy Kelly was born and raised in Waller, Texas, moving to Nacogdoches in 2017. Her passion is for the arts, particularly theatre and graphic design. Cassidy manages all the social media accounts for Meadow Ridge as well as designing custom advertisements, logos, and other promotional materials for the store.

Sean Cash has worked in the firearms industry for 15 years. He holds a master's degree in security studies from Sam Houston State University. Sean is

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the silencer specialist helping customers through every step of the filing process. Sean plans to pursue a career in law enforcement to further serve his community.

Harrison Brown is from Marshall, TX and came to work at Meadow Ridge in 2021. He is currently a SFASU student, a part of SFA ROTC, and plans to join the US military after graduation. Harrison is our in-house firearms historian, helps with weapon maintenance, and is also a range safety officer.

Cole Stephens was born and raised in Nacogdoches. After a one-year stint at Baylor University, Cole moved back to Nacogdoches to attend Stephen F. Austin State University and pursue a career as a country musician. Cole started working at Meadow Ridge in February of this year to pursue his other passions of hunting and fishing, firearm sales, fishing tackle sales, as well as being a range safety officer.

Meadow Ridge Outdoors looks forward to being your go-to for your firearm, archery, and outdoor needs. For more information about classes, memberships, or general questions, give them a call at (936) 569-9880, email at fbquestions@mraag.com, or check out their website at mraag.com or their Facebook page. Or even better, swing by for a visit to see this magnificent facility at 1090 Co. Rd. 231, Nacogdoches, Texas. Their hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Sunday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Guaranteed you will be greeted with a smile and have a great time.

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Good Day Readers,

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Lera Thomas' maternal grandfather built this home and started out with a country farmhouse, along the same lines as the Dogtrot house. It was modified to fit the style of the Victorian period, the bay window, parlor, and front porch with the Gingerbread detailing, was added. Although it does not work, this house has a well on the back porch, which would have been a luxury for East Texas families.

This rental is used for many things, parties, baby showers, bridal showers, and more. A most exciting feature is for brides on their wedding day. This house has a private dressing room for the bride to get together before their big day. I can imagine sitting in front of the beautiful mirror, the thoughts running through their head. Today, my life changes forever, I become some one's wife, I no longer am my parents little child, single, divorced person, or even a widow, I become one with the person I choose to spend my life with. Our journey called life will take us through, the fun, bad, sick, hard, and yes easy times, but to know we will take this path together is all one can dream of. They have their something old, new, borrowed, blue, and a sixpence in your shoe. Nails, hair, makeup fixed, jewelry in place, now the time has come to step in the dress as they turn from the mirror with the reflection of hope and dreams. Bouquet in hand, flower girl and ring bearer, leads the way from the bride's room, through the house and out the door to the beautiful life's journey that awaits.

If you are looking to get married, please call or come by and look at this beautiful house and rest of the venue. Please know we rent the Barn, Chapel, Reception House, and Parsonage; if you would like to have the whole village for your day, please ask how. Getting married in a Historic Village may inspire you to think about old wedding customs and traditions to make your special day unique.

Our up coming events will be Halloween and Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation, volunteer, or come out, please come by the office / Visitor Center and we will be happy to visit with you. We can always find a cup of coffee or a cold beverage for you.

Hope you have a wonderful rest of your month.

Thank you for reading,

Grace Handler  
Executive Director

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## Saints Rest Cemetery Homecoming 2023

Saints Rest Cemetery Homecoming will be held **Sunday, Oct 1st**. There will be **lunch** on the grounds at **12 noon**. **Business Meeting** will follow at **1:00 pm**. Saints Rest Cemetery is located on CR 538, Nacogdoches, Texas. For those unable to attend, contributions for upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to:

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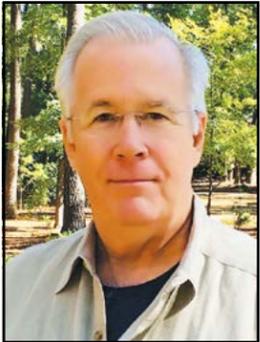
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# The Knights of Pythias 2023 Poster Winners Announced

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The Knights of Pythias, LaNana Lodge of Nacogdoches, recently announced the winners of their annual poster competition. The contest was open to students enrolled in the 9th through 12th grades of any high school in the U.S. and Canada, or equivalent level home-schooled student. Any two-dimensional mediums were allowed, including computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting, etc. Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st place with a prize of \$750.00 was awarded to Toni Saucedo, 11th grade, of Nacogdoches High School; 2nd Place award of \$600.00 went to 11th grader, Erica Anderson of Cushing High School; 3rd Place prize of \$450.00 went to Kadi Ballard, a 12th grader of Woden High School; and 4th Place Prize winner was Joshua Knepp, a 9th grader at Nacogdoches High School.

Sponsored by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the contest permits high school aged students to earn cash awards for their artwork geared toward a specific subject determined by the Supreme Lodge. The Grand Lodge, as well as subordinate lodges may offer cash prizes to artists whose work is selected to compete at higher levels of the competition.

The Knights of Pythias was founded toward the end of the Civil War on February 19th, 1864. Ten years later, the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed in Houston on April 6th, 1874. President Abraham Lincoln, upon being advised of the teaching of the Knights of Pythias, said, "The purposes of your organization are most wonderful. If we could but bring its spirit to all our citizenry, what a wonderful thing it would be. It breathes the spirit of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence..." Being formed during the Civil War, the founder, Justice H. Rathbone, believed that it could do much to "heal the wounds and allay the hatred of civil conflict."

The goal of the Knights of Pythias has been to attract "like-minded people who want to be good stewards in their hometowns by volunteering, actively participating in programs geared to enrich children's lives, or other local initiatives unique to members committees. To date, during the more than 140 years, the Knights of Pythias have raised millions of dollars for programs, impacting the lives of children and their families. Those funds have gone toward the assisting of the Texas Pythian Home, Family Care Center, and providing scholarships for higher education and college scholarships for Texas youth.

For further details about next year's poster contest and information regarding the Knights of Pythias, you may contact local member, Roger Fangman at rfangman@frstech.com.



*Pictured left to right: Willie Jones, Josh Lankford, Roger Fangman, Jalon Peterson, Erica Anderson-2nd Place Winner (11th Grade Cushing High School), Gary Sutlive, Sue Fangman*



*Pictured left to right: Willie Jones, Josh Lankford, Roger Fangman, Jalon Peterson, Kadi Ballard-3rd Place Winner (12th Grade Woden High School), Gary Sutlive, Sue Fangman*



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# The Joys of Mowing

by Taylor Millard

When the spring begins to warm the ground, my yard needs mowing. There may be only native winter grasses and weeds sticking up in a few spots but time for a mow. I love mowing. Now I love it because I have a fancy sixty-inch wide zero turn mower. I can fly about the ground in efficient patterns with no wasted movement. If I was pushing a small device, I can assure you the joy would not be the same.

Later in June and July, pastures need to be mowed. Again, the experience is just as rewarding, but on a much larger scale. Tallow trees and thorn bushes collapse to a violent end under the fifteen-foot Rhino batwing bush hog being pulled across rough ground as I sit in the cab tractor, listening to the loud hum of swirling blades and a straining 95 Horsepower diesel tractor. It is glorious indeed to spend an early morning driving across the acres.



*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.*

That is the idyllic nature of mowing, but as we all know, equipment breaks down. Days are spent in frustration when the mower won't start; needs a new battery. The blades need replacing, the fuel needs refilled, and the larger the scale of operation, the more the money. My bush hog needed four new blades, two hydraulic cylinders repacked, and one replaced, and a rear wheel bushing repaired. Taking off the old blades required the strong young assistance of Roy and Aaron and ultimately a torch to heat the bolts before an impact drill loosened the old steel from their home of the last ten years. That was nearly nine hundred bucks, but boy it is working great now.

In our jobs, for most of us anyway, we don't get to see an immediate reward like fresh cut grass gives us. Of course, there are many other tasks that we can see our work unfold immediately but mowing is the best for me. I use the time to allow my mind to wander as the loud engine calms my mind to a state of blissful pondering. The other day while on my tractor, I thought of what my legacy will be after I leave this world. A man in his mid-sixties sees the days ahead as fewer than the days behind. Time becomes more precious as we age, and we wonder if we have actually done anything worth noting.

I think it is a common reflection for man to think of what we have done to make a difference in this world. Were we successful, by whatever definition we apply to the word success. Did we make a mark worthy of remembrance? Was our business career one that gained wealth? Would we be remembered as a leader in our chosen field? Or were we just an average person with average gains, that no one would remember after we are gone.

But for all we may do while walking this earth, isn't it about how we treated others and not what we did. The friends we made and the time we spend with those people that make us better humans is the best. The encouragement we give to the friend in a low place, or the laughter between old compadres, those that we love and those that love us. My daughter and granddaughter did a funny little video together that made me laugh hysterically. After watching that snippet of time, I realized I knew my true legacy.

The family we create just like our forefathers created us, is our true mark on this earth. The greatest gift from God are the children and their children and so on and so on... Blessed legacy indeed. Happy mowing out there!

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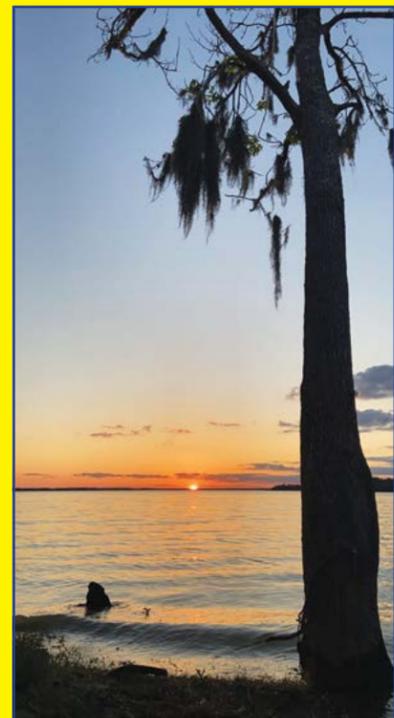
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GREG GRANT will take us further into the life of these creatures and how to attract them to your garden on the 19th of September, 2023 as he presents a lecture entitled: "Gardening for the Birds and Bees: Saving the World One Garden at a Time (what our ancestors did wrong and how I evolved into an ecologically sound gardener.)"

Location will be at the County Extension Services conference room beginning at 10:00 am and ending at Noon. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Mail your checks payable to NCMG, County annex, 203 W. Main St., Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

*Greg Grant, horticulturist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, also writes for Texas Gardener Magazine and other publications around the state, is the author of several gardening books, and maintains a social media presence to assist and educate others. He is a member of several garden and nature societies and has decided to get his doctorate in forestry, right here in the Piney Woods of East Texas.*



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**SOLUTION IS:** Susan Sowards, a master popcorner from back in the day, has taken on the goal of making the “POP” a whole new experience in Nacogdoches. Su-Su’s Popcorn and Candy Store at 115 E. Main Street has been a big center of activity since March. Popcorn, even those who try to make it different, don’t produce varieties like SFA purple, St. Patty green, Brendyn’s BBQ, dill pickle, and now, among the 31 or more flavors, offers Unicorn (a



combo of birthday cake, vanilla, and candy flavors complete with sprinkles) for the kids and those who want to be kids. Susan experiments with flavor combinations to find new and exciting flavors that you can’t get online or in any other stores, and it’s less expensive than the stuff at the theater, with no unpopped colonels or hulls to fight with later. Imported candies and wax lips like the ones we seemed so enamored with in the Fifties are available as well as soda pops some Texans have never heard of.

Susan and her mother began their popcorn careers in Fort Worth shortly after her graduation from high school and operated a successful popcorn store for over seven years.

Big SFA supporters, her and husband Alan have deep roots in Nacogdoches. Called to teach in 1995, they moved to East Texas where Susan taught in the Lufkin and Chireno high schools and he as professor emeritus in the school of elementary education and founder of Bugsby’s Butterfly program at SFA.

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# ‘Elvis’ Returns to the Pines in Lufkin!

Submitted by Steve Fountain

**What:** World Famous Elvis Tribute ‘Travis Powell’

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Who could beat the King of Rock and Roll with his song, “Suspicious Minds?” Not many. But there is one man who comes close — Travis Powell.

This 41-year-old North Carolina native has traveled the nation as an Elvis impersonator for years. With his whiskey-smooth vocals and “Well, thank ya, thank ya very much” lines, most people can’t tell the difference.

East Texas is in luck, because this smooth impersonator will perform songs from Elvis’ 1968 comeback special and 1970s concert years at 7 p.m. on September 29th at the Pines Theater, Lufkin. In the two-part act, Powell dons a svelte, playful black leather-clad outfit like Elvis wore in the ‘68 comeback. Powell will also be seen wearing the iconic Las Vegas-era white jumpsuit and singing songs like “American Trilogy” and “If I Can Dream.”



Travis Powell aka “Elvis”

Houston promoter Steve Fountain has been producing Elvis tribute shows for 15 years and said Powell is one of the best. “He (Powell) takes you back in time,” Fountain said. “It’s as if you are watching the real Elvis in Vegas. He is amazing.”

Powell has won many Elvis tribute contests, including the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino’s “A Tribute to the King” competition in January, which put \$25,000 in prize money in that jeweled jumpsuit pocket of his.

Powell’s love of Elvis started when he was four. “I have a VHS tape of myself in my grandparents’ living room in a jumpsuit singing Elvis songs,”



Powell said. “I just wanted to be Elvis. He was cool to me and had an amazing voice.”

Though the avid Elvis fan never got to meet his hero, Powell believes Elvis was a “great guy.”

“One of the things that doesn’t get mentioned much about Elvis is how he helped others,” Powell said. “You can go to Greystone and see a lot of the different checks he wrote to people and different organizations. We all have our flaws, but deep down I think he was just a great guy who cared about people.”

Besides having a big heart, Powell said Elvis had “it.”

“He had charisma, what you’d call ‘it’, in the entertainment business,” Powell said. “He could walk on stage and just smile and people loved him. I wanted to be Elvis.” If someone had told Powell at four years old that he would be performing as the greatest entertainer of all time, he’d think they were crazy. “Second of all, I’d be like, ‘Yes!’” Powell said. “I would be very happy. And I am. I get to live the dream every day and go to work happy. I don’t know too many people in this world that enjoy everything about their job. I’m very blessed.”

Powell invited the community to attend this two-hour show for “a great night of good, clean fun.”

Powell will be backed by the 8 member band ‘Edge of Reality.’ East Texas favorites “Shake Rattle & Roll” will perform as special guests and back up singers. Special guest performer will be ‘The Man Of Many Voices,’ Colin Dexter.

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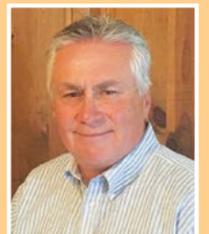


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# Pickleball Growing Fast in Nacogdoches

by Robert McCandless

It didn't take long for Nacogdoches pickleball to develop a competitive arm. As suspected, interest grew so quickly that younger, more active players began showing up and formed "The Nacogdoches Pickleball Club" to hold league play one night a week at Maroney Park, filling the courts with high intensity players from all around East Texas, looking to better their game and compete in upcoming tournaments. Bryce McLeod, a Firefighter/Paramedic from Douglas has poured gas on the pickleball fire here in Nac by forming the league and is being assisted by Jordan Jackson, from Texas Farm Bureau Life Insurance, in taking things forward.



Over 50 players await assignment to teams on league night

Due to the fact that young folks move quite a bit faster than "older" ones, a senior league is being formed for those over 50 years of age.

The original organization, "Old Town Pickleball," now has truly fulfilled the double entendre of it's name. United States Senior Pickleball Association rules will be used in its implementation and tournaments will be in 5 year age brackets.

Pickleball continues to grow exponentially around the world as Italy, Mexico and Germany have just finished their national competitions and Europe is planning an international "super bowl," if you will. It requires 75 countries to be involved in a sport in order to be considered by the Olympic committee. As of last year there were 70.

The Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce just won the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives media award in category 2, for the video they did on the growth of Pickleball in Nac.

As the game grows, there is still the ability to learn without feeling intimidated. You don't even have to be competitive as some of us play to see how many times we can return the ball. It's great exercise in a friendly community of all ages. Physical issues? Come see. The seating may be a little harder but it's more fun than sitting on the sofa watching sports on TV. It is a great place to meet people and make new friends.

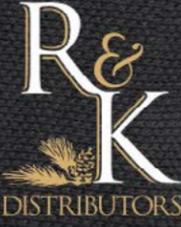
Early mornings and evenings, except league nights, at Maroney are filled with novices learning to play and old schoolers who will love to teach you and your friends or give individual instruction. Do like I do. Go out there with the correct shoes on and a paddle in your hand. Then stand in an obvious spot and put the hungry puppy look on your face. Just kidding, if you show up with a paddle, you will be in a game in less than 15 minutes.

There is an early morning group who does drills to improve their game and Banita Creek courts are always available without all the activity. In September, Banita will be the future home of a program to educate visitors through the Visitors Bureau and the city's hotels that pickleball is available and players are on call to meet them at the court at no cost to play, learn to play, fill in for a fourth person or just find someone to drill with. This program will also be available to Nac residents. Just call the visitors bureau or ask the hotel conserge and they will contact available volunteers to show you the ropes of the game or drill with you. Dates and times will be posted in the next *Around the Town* pickleball article.

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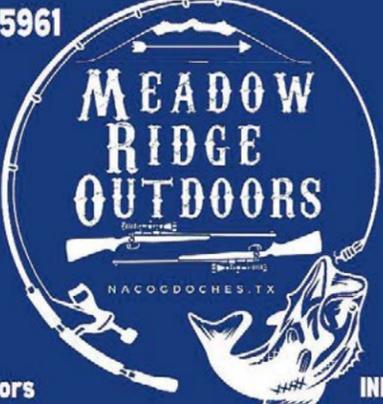
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# Showing Texas Pride

by Tweed Scott

While every state exhibits its own regional pride, as they should, Texans are unique in ways that they display their pride. Where else can one find items ranging from frying pans, ice cube trays, to tortilla chips and even waffle irons in the shape of their state? If it can be marketed or sold, there is a good possibility you'll find it in the shape of Texas. I know of no other place in the country where the state's colors and symbols are so commonly and prominently displayed or used for that purpose.

It is quite rare to find a Texas community where the Texas flag is not visibly flown. In neighborhood after neighborhood, you only have to drive past a few houses before you come across the Lone Star displayed. It is not uncommon to find people who have a flagpole or two installed on their property flying the Texas flag right alongside "Old Glory." If only one flag is unfurled often, it is the Texas flag on display.



I have driven many times from Austin to a hundred miles north of Boston. The only time I saw a state flag once I left Texas, was in front of a state building or on the side of a police car. You won't find it on barns, mailboxes or cars. Just sayin'.

If you just think about it for a moment, Texas lends itself to marketing. Think about it. Here is a state so big in Texas that a number of automobile manufacturers have designed Texas models, editions or packages directly targeted at Texas consumers. Ford even developed the "King Ranch" model of pickup truck. I don't believe I've ever seen the Wisconsin version of the Chevy trailblazer. Have you?

The Texas colors and symbols are displayed frequently and in almost limitless imaginative ways. Perhaps one reason for this is that the colors and symbols naturally lend themselves to be used in a number of ways. The Texas State colors are essentially the same as the national colors. Americans are proud of their homeland and are quick to wrap themselves in the red, white, and blue when the mood or situation arises.

Well, Texans are no less proud of their country and embrace all the symbolism that is part of being a Texan and Texas has plenty to choose from. Make no mistake there is still a palpable nationalism that thrives in Texas still to this day and Texans love to show it! It was pointed out to me recently that Texans never refer to the state boundaries as state lines—they are still called to this day, borders! Think it is a throwback to honor those days of the Republic of Texas—after all, sovereign nations have borders.

There are infinite ways to market Texas. Why, they even have a "National Beer of Texas!" You'd be hard-pressed to name another state that has a "national beer" for their state. In fact, I bet you can't name one.

When marketing Texas, the most prominent displays include the outline of Texas, the state flag, the Alamo profile, Lone Stars, longhorns, cowboys, boots—even the capitol building in Austin displays elaborate door hinges. Regardless of which corner of the state you encounter as you travel across Texas, you are always reminded that you are deep in the heart of Texas!

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# Before Karens Were “Karens”

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.*

As you may know, the name Karen has, in the last few years, been appropriated among those who use urban slang to mean, “A pejorative term for a middle-class white woman who is perceived as entitled or demanding beyond the scope of what is normal,” according to Wikipedia. This verbose definition could probably be reduced to one word, but it would be a bit impolite, I’m afraid, for *Around the Town*. This tortured meaning of Karen is terribly different from, for example, the Latin meaning for a baby named Karen, which is “pure and clear.” Among Asians, the name means “pretty” or “lovely” and sometimes is associated with flowers. No one seems to know how or where the ugly meaning originated.



When I was in elementary school in Nacogdoches, back when dinosaurs still roamed the earth, I had a classmate named Karen, who was well liked and certainly fit the positive meanings of her name, as cited above. I remember being invited to a birthday party at her house, and I still recall how charming she was and the fun we had playing kids’ games.

I cringe now when I hear the transmogrification of the name thrust upon my classmate and all others named Karen, quite undeservedly. However, it is what it is and, hopefully, its overuse will cause it to fade, as “groovy” did, after it was exhausted in the sixties and seventies.

That said, there is an event I recall from around 20 years ago, when we first began traveling around by RV, where the female protagonist in the story fits perfectly the urban slang definition of a “Karen.” With apologies to all named Karen, I feel compelled to refer to this woman as a Karen, although the current derogatory meaning had not crept into the national discourse at the time of this event.

We were set up at an RV park in Kerrville, next to an RV whose owner appeared to be living there on a long-term basis, judging from the well-kept grass and the presence of various forms of yard art in her large, treed lot. The owner of the RV on this lot was a middle-aged white woman, whose mannerisms were anything but pleasant. She seemed rather peeved, in fact, that we had parked so close to “her” territory, judging from her scowl as we parked and set up for the evening. I will mention here that such behavior is highly unusual among RVers who, generally, are some of the nicest folks you will find anywhere.

Our evening and overnight were uneventful but, upon beginning to make breakfast the next morning, I heard a loud knock on the door. Peeking through a window, I saw it was the unpleasant lady from the next lot, so I opened the door and greeted her with a smile. “Good morning, ma’am; can I help you?”

Without breaking her seemingly permanent scowl, she said, “Your dog pooped on my yard.”

Shocked, I hurriedly said, “But ma’am, we don’t have a dog.”

Still almost hysterical, she said, “Likely story; this has never happened before you got here!”

Keeping my composure, I said, “Ma’am, I can assure you that we have no dog, cat nor any other animal with us.”

I sensed she wanted to come inside and look for herself, but I stood my ground, blocking the entrance with my hulky frame.

“Ma’am, there are at least fifty other RVs in this park; have you checked with anyone else?”

“No,” she said. “I know most of those who are close by, and they would never allow their dog to do that without cleaning it up.” And then, astonishingly, she said, “Would you like to come look at it?”

I can’t imagine what she thought would be accomplished by this or what interest I would have in doing so, but I no longer felt that being courteous was working for me. Brusquely, I said, “Madam, I suggest you leave, or I will call the park manager.”

She complied and began walking away, but she yelled back, “Okay, but I’m going to have it tested, and it better not have come from your dog.”

I stood there for a moment, mouth agape, then closed the door and looked at Sandy, who was quite wide-eyed. She heard the entire exchange and, shaking our heads in disbelief, we both decided neither of us was hungry. Little did we know we had met our first Karen, even before Karens were a thing.

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The topics discussed at this year's meeting included:

- Agricultural trade
- 2023 Farm Bill
- Right to farm and ranch in Texas
- Passing the farm to the next generation
- Overview of USDA programs
- Drought Proofing the Ranch course

Hyman Boozer, Bill Stanaland, Randy Brewer, Albert Thompson and Clay Jones (pictured left to right) attended the conference.

"This was a great conference with many relevant topics. We heard from several experts on some issues that are impacting agriculture and private property right here in Nacogdoches County," Bill Stanaland, Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau president, said. "There's a lot happening in agriculture right now, and it was good to learn more on how we can work with Texas Farm Bureau, our legislators and fellow farmers and ranchers to enact change."

The conference was held June 26-28 in San Marcos.



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Tue 8th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:30 pm
Thu 10th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Fri 11th	S.P.J.S.T. Dance	Lufkin VFW	7:00 pm
Sat 12th	Senior Dance	Conroe	6:30 pm
Tue 15th	Guacamoles	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Wed 16th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Sat 19th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Tue 22nd	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:30 pm
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Today, I find myself torn between trying or thinking I need to sell and the wierd feeling that I don't care if I do or not. I guess thats what happens when you hang out with others who are as confused as you.

The Woodworkers Club of East Texas is a consortion of atypical business men and women. They had just as soon teach and share information with you as to take your money for something they made. I am reluctantly learning this new approach whether I want to or not. I am being convinced that I just want to make stuff, and if someone wants it they can buy it. When the inventory collects under my feet to a point I can't get things done, it goes to charity auctions. And yes, I do need to make enough to buy material to support the wooden monkey on my back.

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(Revelation 3:20, LB)

Is it not possible to know all about Jesus and at the same time not to know him personally? John Wesley of the Church of England was so zealous in his calling that he came to America to convert the Indians. During a storm on the Atlantic, he was extremely frightened and asked a calm Moravian, “Are you not afraid?” He replied, “Why should I be afraid? I know Jesus Christ.” Then, looking into the eyes of Wesley, he asked, “Do you know Jesus Christ?” For the first time in his life, Wesley realized that he did not know Jesus personally.

A man named Matthew was at work in his tax office when Jesus entered and sat opposite his desk. This was a personal confrontation: man to man, eye to eye, and heart to heart. Looking into the eyes of Matthew, Jesus said, “Follow me.” (Matt. 9:9)

To know Jesus we too must have a face-to-face confrontation with him. How is this possible since Jesus left the earth over two thousand years ago? The average Christian has attended church and Sunday school habitually since childhood. But does he know Jesus personally, individually, actually?

In many homes a picture of Christ has been hung on a wall. If Christ is really to be known, he must step out of that picture and into the heart of the viewer, for Christ is best known as a personal friend, a constant companion, and the living Lord of life whom we love and obey.

Martin Luther said, “If you should knock on the door of my heart and ask, ‘Who lives here?’ I would not answer, ‘Luther lives here; but Christ lives here.’” Christ is knocking on the door of your heart and asks, “Who lives here?” If you would pray asking Jesus to come into your heart you too may reply, “Christ lives here.”

### INTO MY HEART

By Harry D. Clarke

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My soul is so troubled and weary, Come into my heart today.
  2. Come into my heart, blessed Jesus, I need Thee thro’ life’s dreary way;  
The burden of sin is so heavy, Come into my heart to stay.
  3. Come into my heart, blessed Jesus, And take all my guilt away;  
Then spotless I’ll stand in Thy presence, When breaks Thine eternal day.
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Fill me with Thy wonderful Spirit, Come in and take full control.
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[*Making Melody*, Compiled by N. A. Woychuk, Bible Memory Association, INC.  
St. Louis 12, Mo., page 98.]

**A LITTLE HUMOR:** Four-year-old Kate was at the pediatrician for a check-up. When the doctor looked in her ears, he asked, “Do you think I’ll find Big Bird in there?” Kate only giggled.

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Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heartbeat, he asked, “Do you think I’ll hear Barney in there?”

“Oh, no!” Kate replied. “Jesus is in my heart. Barney’s on my underpants.”

[*WORLD’S GREATEST COLLECTION OF CHURCH JOKES*. Compiled and Edited by Paul M. Miller. 2003 by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Pages 144-145.]

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# Senior Driving Is an Enlightening Experience

The weekend trip to Nashville with my mom and sister was great until we sat on the tarmac for five hours waiting out storms there and in Houston. My husband was riding with my dad to pick us up at the airport. It would be the only time he ever rode in a vehicle with my dad driving. He said he saw his life flash before his eyes several times during the 120-mile trip.

My dad was a good driver. He had only one crash in his life to my knowledge. He was retired when it happened, and he was at fault when he pulled out in front of another vehicle. Dad never slowly stopped at a signal or a stop sign. No, he stopped on a dime. If the brakes didn't almost lock up, he didn't think he was hitting them hard enough. The family still laughs when we get together, and the subject of his driving comes up. We all experienced it. He drove almost until the day he died and never changed those driving habits.

I thought about that the other day when the Lufkin District held an event for senior drivers in Lufkin. What a great idea! Teach seniors how to drive. But my smug attitude changed when I realized they know how to drive. Most of them know how to drive better than we do. They have already experienced everything that could happen on a roadway. From flats before there was roadside assistance to a break-down that required mechanical skills when there was no mechanic around. The shoulder of the road became a spot to pull over for a little nap during a long trip and a wide spot off the road became a place where the picnic lunch came out for the family on vacation. Driving just seemed to be a little safer back then.

Somehow my dad made it safely through his driving years. But there were things he never had to worry about. Today's roadways present dangerous challenges to senior drivers. Things like distracted drivers, drunk drivers, and those under the influence of drugs. Seniors also face what we think of as normal - increased roadway congestion, longer commute distances and faster speeds. And for me, I hate those big city "spaghetti bowls" that seem to rise into the clouds before we get over them.

Our seniors grew up not having to worry about drivers who were looking at their phones instead of the road. Today's drivers pose a threat to most seniors, along with modern technology. That's where CarFit comes in.

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The U.S. Census Bureau says that by 2030, there will be about sixty million drivers over the age of 65. That means that one in four people will be older drivers. Our Traffic Safety Division realizes there is an opportunity now to prepare all of us aging drivers for the time we will fit into the elderly driving category, and to educate those who are already there and trying to safely maneuver the roadways. In addition to the CarFit event held recently, the Lufkin District will begin to accept appointments to check the fit of the vehicle for mature drivers, point out safety features, and demonstrate options on their vehicles designed to keep them safe.

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“The world has been crucified to me and I to the world.”  
Galatians 6:14 NKJV

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untrained medics. The injured party hesitated to get in the vehicle, afraid she would drip blood inside the cab. I said, “Girl, get in this truck and let’s go! If you get blood on anything it can be cleaned later.” My pickup is always ready for Jesus when He has need of it. Here are three ways we can be Jesus Ready.

**Salvation.** The very first requirement to be Jesus Ready is you must be born again. You must receive the life of Jesus before declaring yourself Jesus Ready. All mankind is lost in sin (Rom 3:23) and needs a Savior. The Good News is Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose from the grave on the third day. All who call on His name shall be saved. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17).

**Surrender.** Once we receive Christ’s life, the process of surrender begins. It is first and foremost the work of the Holy Spirit. We cooperate by a deliberate act of our will. We say what Jesus said, “Not my will but Your will be done.” Surrender requires knowledge and belief of the truth found in the Bible. Surrender requires transformation through a mind renewed by Scripture which changes our conformity to this world’s belief system. You will know you are Jesus Ready when you, with joy, say, “yes Lord” to God’s will for your life.

**Service.** We must make everything the Lord owns (Ps 24:1) and entrusted to us available for His service. All Christ had was a body prepared by the Father (Heb 10:5). It was through His service to God in coming to do His will by offering His body once for all that believers are sanctified (Heb 10:10) and perfected forever (Heb 10:14). Everything under my stewardship (my truck, my home, my body) is never off-limits for Jesus’ use. My finances are available to Jesus for this is the promise I have from God: “[He] is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Cor 9:8).

When I leave home each day, I want to be Jesus Ready for service. Not consumed by my problems. If God hasn’t fixed the problem before I leave, I can trust Him, that He is working on it. This frees me to serve others. It’s a wonderful life to be Jesus Ready. Are you Jesus Ready?

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# Parental Rights: More Like Private School Rights!

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

The current trend of funding private schools with taxpayer money is a slippery slope with many disparities and unintended consequences. This newer type of school funding is being tried in many states and is known by many names; vouchers, educational savings accounts, school choice, parental rights, tuition scholarships, and scholarship tax credits are the most common. I am adamantly against spending taxpayer money on private or home schooling because the move diverts already inadequate funding from public schools, undermines accountability and transparency for academics and finances, and reinforces segregation and inequality based on race and socioeconomic status.



## Inadequate funding

Texas already publicly funds two types of education, traditional public schools and charter schools. Texas legislators, through their general appropriations bill (HB1), have set aside \$500 million to fund the inception of what they are calling school choice. Having the funding earmarked and allocated in the budget, also known as a contingency rider, allows state lawmakers to pass voucher legislation up to the contingent amount. To put the amount set aside for vouchers into perspective, \$300 million is earmarked for school safety improvements and \$500 million for curriculum.

If you are like me, this leaves you scratching your head and wondering in what world fewer dollars could be spent on school safety than on school choice legislation. When comparing Texas school funding to other states, we are near the bottom per student at 44th. This is a travesty that will only get worse if public school funds are diverted away from schools.

The voucher systems start small and expand rapidly. Arizona introduced a voucher system in 2011, under the guise of educational opportunity and called empowerment scholarship accounts or ESAs. This system was funded with just a few million dollars at first and is now costing the state almost \$1 billion annually to fund, which is almost 10% of the entire annual budget for education in Arizona. What started as a small option for a few struggling students has turned into a state-funded private school system called “universal vouchers” and is quickly crippling the public schools in the state.

## Accountability and transparency

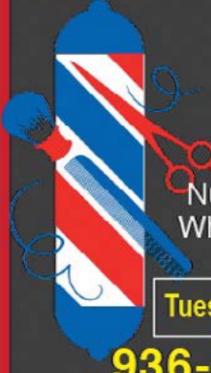
In Texas public schools, academics are measured annually through the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR), and the financial system of each district is measured through the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST); both systems hold schools accountable while also providing transparency to the public. If public funds go to private or home schools through a voucher system, then, they will either adopt more stringent academic and financial accountability systems like what is used in public schools, or they will act outside of formal accountability systems.

Either of these two options should be alarming. One of the primary allures to parents when choosing a private education over the more common public education is the freedom of curriculum, lack of state mandates, and the notable absence of a STAAR exam for their student. The alternative is a system where there is no accountability for the performance of the students attending these schools nor for how the money is spent; this seems to be a gross misuse of taxpayer money if no oversight is tied to the funding.

## Segregation and inequality

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, about 5.7 million students attend private schools in America. Of those students, almost 70% are white and almost 90% come from affluent homes. The voucher system will subsidize the annual tuition for private schools in Texas, but it will not be enough to cover the entire tuition, and students will lose services like free and reduced lunch and transportation to and from school. Disguised as “parental

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rights,” private schools are being used as vessels to perpetuate inequality and segregation. These public funds should instead be used to promote diversity and provide equity in education for all students in Texas.

## School Choice

Vouchers or education savings accounts are not available to any parent who wants one. First, a parent must apply to a private school and their child must be accepted by the school. The school can accept whichever students, based on any admittance criteria they deem adequate. The private school can legally say “yes” to some students based on grades, ability, gender, race, or educational successes while simultaneously saying “no” to those that do not meet their admittance standards. This seems more like private school rights than parent rights to me.

In Florida, over 60% of the students that left public schools for private education have returned to their public schools over the past two years; however, the years’ worth of money allocated for their education stayed with the private school when they withdrew. The state has increased spending on vouchers over the past year from 4% to 10% of the overall educational budget. In 2024, the cost of vouchers in Florida will reach \$4 billion and make up about 30% of the overall state budget for public education. As in other states, many parents hold a school choice voucher, in Florida it is currently valued at \$8,500, but are unable to use the voucher. The voucher goes unused because they cannot afford the difference in tuition, cannot provide their transportation, or are not accepted through the selective private school admission process.

Do Texans want these vouchers? Overwhelmingly, no. When asked if parents should have “parents’ rights in education,” then, the answer is maybe. But these answers quickly become emphatically no if asked detailed operational questions. In a recent poll conducted by the Charles Butt Foundation of Texans who are favorable to parents’ rights in education, a mere 12% said they would still favor these vouchers if public accountability were not attached and only 17% still favor the vouchers if the schools can turn away special education students.

## Bottom line

Speaking as an educator who has served students in both public and private school settings, I can honestly say I am appalled at the idea of using public funds to pay for private school tuition. Not only will it divert the funds away from services that serve the greater community, but the funding to private schools will also come with stringent accountability measures by the state; if not immediately then eventually. Private schools are unique because they can choose whom they serve, they can teach what and how they like, and they avoid using the time-consuming and stringent state accountability testing to determine their rate of success. Muddying the lines between these two systems will produce no winners. Proponents of public and private schools should come together to be heard. Our elected officials in Texas need to hear from you. Go to <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home> to get the contact information for your representatives.

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**August  
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In July we hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. It was wonderful to see many of our valued helpers all in one place and hear their stories. We plan to continue hosting these appreciation events for years to come! If you're interested in being a volunteer with us, you can always contact Mike Bay at 936-564-7351.

We're gearing up for another busy season! We're anxiously awaiting cooler temperatures and the glorious turning of leaves that Fall brings us. Hopefully we'll get another spectacular fall foliage show this year!

With Fall comes many shopping events Downtown, Dia de los Muertos, and the return of the Old Town Rig Down! The big rig event will take place in Downtown Nacogdoches from September 15th-16th this year and will feature over 100 "decked out" semi-trucks. Make plans to stay for the evening, where there will be a Truck Light Show, and a free concert in Festival Park. Last year the event hosts donated thousands of dollars back to the City of Nacogdoches and made quite an impact.

We're continuing our "Nac Snack Fridays" with food trucks on the Downtown Square on the fourth Friday of every month from 11am-3pm. This event is family and pet friendly, and we'll pipe music through the speakers while you enjoy your lunch!

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# The Birthday Party

by Jim Garrett

As I begin this article, Dear Readers, let me assure you that even though it may appear to be disjointed to begin with, eventually the pieces of the puzzle will fit together.

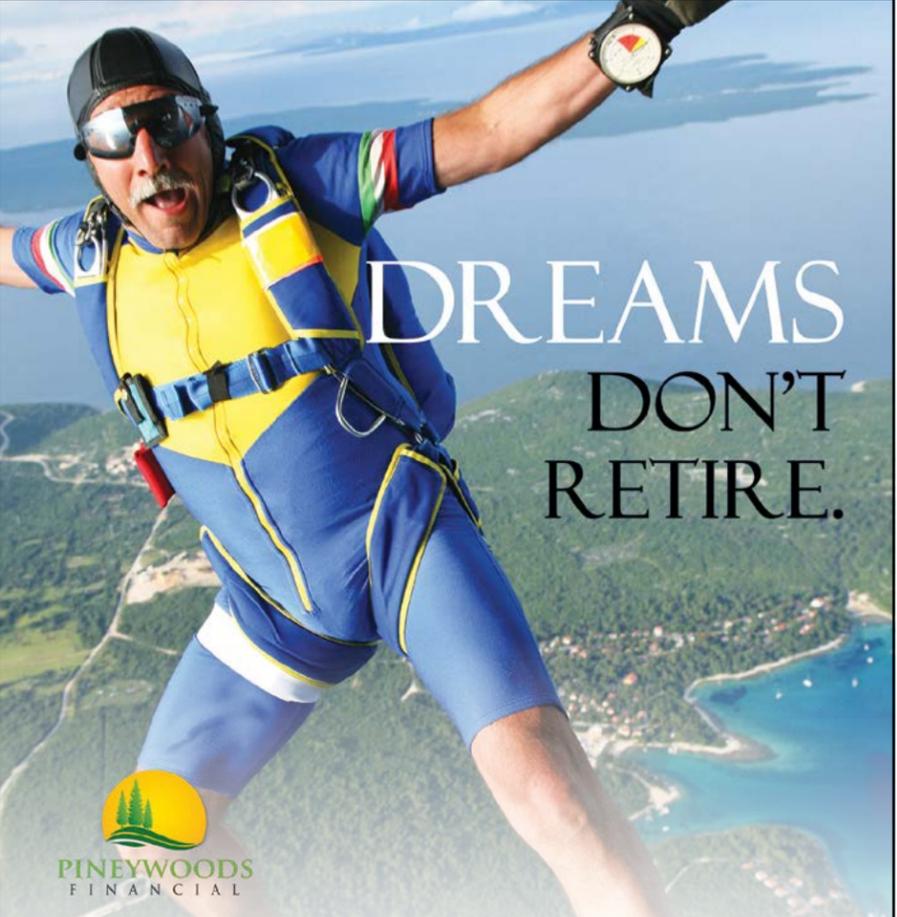
A number of years ago Mary Beth and I purchased our meat from Clark's Meat Processing plant which was located on the south loop in Nacogdoches. On one such occasion MB decided that she wanted to try what I consider an unusual cut of meat, namely cow tongue. She asked the butcher if he had any to which he replied, "No," and then left the room. She heard two loud pops coming from out back. Shortly thereafter he returned carrying two tongues which she described as being so fresh that the moo had just rolled off them. She brought the tongues home and put them in the freezer. Sometime later she prepared a bar-b-que dish that I did not recognize. My immediate response was to ask her, "What's this?!!" You do know, Dear Readers, that in the Old Testament story of the Children of Israel wandering in the wilderness, God supplied the people a food they did not recognize. Their response was to ask, "What's this?" which is the English translation of the Hebrew word "Manna." Let me step aside to comment that on a number of occasions in our married life, my sweet wife has served dishes by candlelight which could best be described as "manna"!



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

Over the years Mary Beth and I have taught a number of young marrieds' Sunday School classes. Somehow the above story has always seemed to come up. When we taught the classes, we also planned monthly parties, all of which had a theme. One in particular which we both remember quite well is one we had one August. The theme was "Birthday Party." For that party we celebrated the birthdays of all of the members of the class who had had a birthday **that year**. Mary Beth prepared brisket, rolls, and dessert; the young couples brought side dishes. That evening we played a game entitled "Two Truths and a Lie" as an ice-breaker. Each person was given a 3"x5" card on which they would write two truths about themselves as well as a lie. The objective was for members of the class (spouse excluded) to try to guess which was which.

Please allow me to back up for a moment, Dear Readers, to the week prior to the party. Mary Beth and I were in Wal-Mart looking for possible favors which we could pass out. As we looked, what should we see but a basket of brightly colored plastic tongues which had been reduced for quick sale! The hollow tongues were filled with bubblegum powder. These tongues were designed to be held in the mouth with tightly pursed lips. They extended from the mouth about an inch, turned downward about an inch, and then turned back parallel to the floor for about an inch. We also purchased a corresponding number of small paper sacks. On the evening of our "Birthday Party," all of the sacks were assembled on a tray. Once the meal was finished, Mary Beth began to pass out the favors with instruction to **not open** their sacks until everyone had one. As she was doing that, I casually mentioned that on Monday they could tell their friends that they had had tongue at the Garrett's. One of the young women challenged me by stating, "Unh-uh! I asked Mary Beth and she said that the meat was brisket!" I responded by reminding her that the sub-theme of our party was two truths and a lie. I then turned to Mary Beth and said "**Tell the truth, Mary Beth!** On Monday, will they say to their friends that they had tongue at the Garrett's?" Mary Beth sheepishly bowed her head and answered, "yes" as she continued to pass out the favors. Those attendees that evening were **sick at their stomachs!!** When MB finished passing out the favors, she gave the go-ahead for the class to open their sacks. When they did, they laughed ferociously because then and only then did they know what kind of tongue they would have had at the Garrett's!!



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# A Complete Guide to Brushing a Dog the Right Way

## According to a Trusted Pro Groomer At Martin Kennel

by Steven Martin, *Owner of Martin Kennel*

Did you know that you shouldn't brush a Pug the same way you would a Poodle? And that a Boxer requires a different set of brushes compared to the Pomeranian?

As a veteran groomer with years of experience, I always tell my clients that not all brushes and dog brushing methods are created equal. Brushing a dog requires different tools, techniques, and frequencies that all depend on the dog's coat type. And it's important to get it right because it can help prevent matting and other skin issues later.

So, let's talk about the different coat types, popular dog breeds of each coat type, which brushes each coat type needs, and when and how to brush a dog. This is the advice I would give my own clients.

### Best Dog Brushes and Brushing Methods for Your Dog's Coat Type

I recommend different brushing methods for different coat types because using the wrong brush could damage your dog's fur, and improper technique could cause mats or skin irritation. To find the best brush for your dog, take a look at the different coat types below and the suggestions for brushing those types of dogs.

**PRO TIP:** No matter your dog's coat type, always brush in the direction that your dog's fur grows.

#### Brushing Dogs with Short, Smooth Coats

The most popular dog breeds with short, smooth coats include:

- Bulldogs
- German Shorthaired Pointers
- Dachshunds (smooth coat)
- Boxers
- Great Danes

For clients with dogs that have short hair, I recommend they use rubber brushes, I advise them to use this brush on their dogs at least once a week, running it along the fur using medium to firm pressure.

Dogs with smooth coats typically don't shed much, but if your dog is the exception, you can use the FURminator Short Hair Dog DE shedding Tool no more than once a week. I recommend you use short, gentle strokes and that you don't go over the same spot more than three times—you can cause bald spots or brush burn.

#### Brushing Dogs with Short or Medium Double Coats

Dogs with short or medium double coats include:

- Labrador Retrievers
- Pugs
- German Shepherds
- Corgis
- Huskies

For dogs with **short double coats**, like Labrador Retrievers and Pugs, use a rubber brush, like the Zoom Groom, at least once a week and as often as every day using medium to firm pressure.

If your pup has a **medium double coat**, like German Shepherds, Corgis and Huskies, start with a slicker brush, like the Hertzko Self-Cleaning Dog & Cat Slicker Brush. Use medium pressure to brush in the direction of fur growth.

To help **reduce shedding**, use a metal comb, like the Andis Steel Pet Comb, or an undercoat rake, like Conair PRO's Undercoat Rake. Pull the comb or rake through your dog's hair, being careful not to pull too hard when you reach a clump of fur.

When the fur really flies, you can use a **DE shedding tool**, like the FURminator Short Hair Dog DE shedding Tool, no more than once a week. Use light pressure and don't go over the same spot more than three times.

#### Brushing Dogs with Long Double Coats

The most common dog breeds with long double coats include:

- Golden Retrievers
- Australian Shepherds
- Pomeranians
- Bernese Mountain Dogs
- Border Collies

This coat type is tricky because it sheds a lot and can also get matted. A few times a week, use a slicker brush, like the Hertzko Self-Cleaning Dog & Cat

Slicker Brush, to remove undercoat and prevent mats.

Once a week (and more often during shedding season), pull a rake, like ConairPRO's Undercoat Rake, through your dog's fur to remove more **undercoat**. Up to once a week, you can also use a **DE shedding** tool, like the Pet Republique DE matting Rake. Use short strokes with medium pressure to get out more undercoat than the slicker brush and rake can manage.

If your pooch has **mats** you can't brush out, use the Master Grooming Tools Ergonomic Pet DE matting Tool to gently pick them apart, from the top of the mat to the bottom. Keep a comb between the mat and your pup's skin—you can cut your dog if you aren't careful! Let a groomer shave out mats next to the skin.

#### Brushing Dogs with Curly or Wavy Coats

Popular pups with curly or wavy coats include:

- Poodles
- Bichon Frises
- Portuguese Water Dogs
- Havanese (some)
- Goldendoodles

Curly and wavy coats **mat** easily and require daily brushing unless you keep your dog's coat clipped short. Every day, use a slicker brush, like the Hertzko Self-Cleaning Dog & Cat Slicker Brush, followed by a metal comb, like the Andis Steel Pet Comb.

The key is to make sure you're brushing down to your dog's skin:

- Start at your pup's feet, lift a section of hair and brush underneath the raised hair.
- Move your way up your dog with this technique.
- You can then use the metal comb to check for mats and tangles you missed with the brush.

You should be able to get the comb through all your dog's fur. For mats you can't brush out, use a **DE matter**, like the Master Grooming Tools Ergonomic Pet DE matting Tool, to pick them apart gently. This tool is sharp and can cut your dog, so keep a comb between the mat and your pup's skin. If you notice the mats are too close to the skin, I recommend you enlist the help of a groomer to shave them off.

#### Brushing Dogs with Straight Coats

Dog breeds with straight coats include:

- Yorkshire Terriers
- Miniature Schnauzers (some)
- Shih Tzus (some)
- Havanese (some)
- Maltese (some)

Whether fine or thick, straight coats can be tricky to keep **brushed out**. If you choose to keep your dog in a short clip, you can use a slicker brush, like the Hertzko Self-Cleaning Dog & Cat Slicker Brush, a couple of times per week. Use medium pressure and make sure you brush down to the skin.

If you keep your pup in a longer clip or a full coat, the best long hair dog brush is the Safari Wire Pin Brush. Work on the hair one section at a time. Starting at your dog's feet, lift a section of hair and brush underneath. Using this technique, gradually make your way up your dog.

**PRO TIP:** Holding a section of hair while you brush the end helps you not to yank on your pup's skin.

After using the slicker brush or pin brush, use a metal comb, like the Andis Steel Pet Comb, to check for mats you missed. You should be able to get the comb through all your dog's fur.

#### Brushing Dogs with Wire Coats

Some of the most common dog breeds with wire coats include:

- Dachshunds (wire-haired)
- Miniature Schnauzers (some)
- West Highland White Terriers
- Cairn Terriers
- Airedales

You need to brush dogs with wiry coats about once a week to remove undercoat and keep them looking nice. Use gentle pressure with a slicker brush, like the Hertzko Self-Cleaning Dog & Cat Slicker Brush, then run a metal comb, like the Andis Steel Pet Comb, through the hair.

#### When Should I Brush My Dog?

How often should a dog be brushed? We've already talked about how often to brush each coat type, but there are other times you'll want to brush your pup, too.

#### Before and After a Bath

Did you know that water makes mats worse? You should always brush your dog and remove mats before bathing them. Plus, you'll wash less hair down the drain.

After the bath, once your dog is dry, brush again to remove any knots, prevent mats and help them look their best.

#### After Getting Wet

Water causes your dog's hair to get tangled, so brush them once they're dry. That will help prevent painful mats from forming.

#### During Shedding Season

Brushing a dog becomes even more critical during shedding season—usually spring and fall. Suddenly, your house seems to be overrun with fur! Brush your dog daily with a rubber brush or slicker brush, then once a week with a DE shedding tool, according to their coat type.

#### Why Is Brushing a Dog Important?

There are many reasons brushing a dog is a crucial part of giving them the

best life. Brushing your dog:

- Prevents painful mats from forming.
- Reduces shedding.
- Allows you to spot lumps, bumps, parasites and skin issues.
- Keep your pup looking their best.
- Is a wonderful bonding opportunity.

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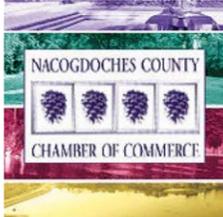


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by C. Wayne Mitchell  
IOM, President & CEO,  
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# We All Have Gifts to Give

Pablo Picasso is credited with a quote that brings inspiration to me in whatever stage or phase or age that I'm living: The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.

I see that daily in the workings of our chamber volunteers and leaders. During the past 100-plus years, people who love Nacogdoches have continuously and generously given their gifts through the chamber of commerce – gifts of encouragement, problem solving, humor, advising, vision, befriending, consulting, listening, funding, peacemaking, patience, mentoring, speculation, planning, questioning, leading, discernment, collaboration, honoring and many, many other good things.

August is my birthday month and also my chamber anniversary month, so I have a lot to celebrate! God has blessed me with my family and my community! Seventeen years of work at the chamber has put me in the presence of thousands of people who possess thousands of unique combinations of gifts. Frankly, it's a thrill for me to witness the wonderful results that are achieved when all of our different gifts are mixed together.

Our Chairman of the Board Dustin Beavers has been a star example of giving by leading the chamber as the voice of the business community during a time of transition and growth. I have been impressed with his ability to not only communicate with our members, but form meaningful relationships with them. No matter the situation, the challenge or the celebration, Chairman Beavers has stepped up to the responsibility of leadership, sharing his gifts and guiding the chamber to a place where we can do the work needed for our businesses.

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# Toilet Paper – Over or Under

by Neal Murphy

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



When you walk into your bathroom you probably aren't paying much attention to the toilet paper until you reach for it. When you finally go to tear a sheet off, you may notice if the roll is run with the paper facing over or underneath. While you continue about your business, you may be wondering to yourself, which way is the right way?

This question has perplexed users since 1891 when the toilet paper roll was invented by Seth Wheeler. Some people prefer the "over the roll," and some prefer the "underneath" approach.

My research into this perplexing question reveals some interesting things about us users. For example, psychopaths tend to love working for erratic, overbearing bosses. People with more friends tend to outlive those with fewer friends. Cussing can make you stronger, at least for brief periods. And, evidently how you hang your toilet paper can reveal clues about your personality.

Those who roll over the top like to be in charge. They like organization and order, and are likely to overachieve. Interestingly, some roll-overs feel so strongly about how toilet paper should be hung that they will flip a roll at a roll-under's house. How's that for needing to be in charge!

Those who roll under tend to be more relaxed, more dependable, and seek relationships with strong foundations. Those who don't have a preference prefer to minimize conflict, appreciate flexibility, and enjoying placing themselves in new situations.

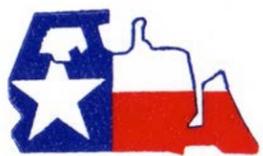
Assertive (roll over) people are more likely to be in leadership roles, and to have a "take charge" attitude. Those hanging the roll under are more likely to be submissive. Submissive people tend to be more agreeable, flexible, and empathetic.

Oddly enough, how you choose to hang your toilet paper rolls could also reveal clues about your earning power. One survey found that nearly three out of four people who make under \$20,000 a year roll under, while nearly two out of three people who earn over \$50,000 a year roll over the top. Still, if you're the "roll under" type, switching sides to join the "roll over" team won't automatically increase your earning power.

Seth Wheeler, the inventor of the toilet paper roll, seems to agree with the "roll over" side. Drawings in his patent application show rolls of toilet paper hanging over, not under. While Wheeler did not definitely come out and say which way is correct, it is safe to say that the illustrations speak for themselves.

I recently conducted an informal "survey" on Face Book asking the question on who prefers which way to place the roll. Overwhelmingly, the "over" the roll votes won out. Only one out of forty people voted for the "under the roll."

The question is, should the "under the roll" people switch up how they hang their toilet paper? If you believe that it will help you in some fashion, then it can help. As for me, I plan to start hanging rolls differently in different bathrooms throughout the house. I want to be a leader, and I want to earn more. But, I also want to be more relaxed, build relationships with strong foundations, and keep experiencing new things. How about you?



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## A Little Bit of History



### Never A Dull Moment

In my growing-up summers, there was always something to do, If I wasn't playing baseball in the neighbourhood or in an organized way, swimming at the city-run pool at Winston Park, or mowing yards, there were other ways to bide my time.

My dad's mother, Blanch Dixon, the wife of Bony Dixon, planted two gardens each year: to the right of her house was a garden about the size of a football field. Some have called it a kitchen garden, but we didn't use that term, and across the road from her house was a two to three-acre field. She let each of her children's families, the families of her seven daughters-in-law and her daughter Marvell Card pick the vegetables she raised each summer. Sometimes we went to pick her vegetables with Aunt Eleanor and her daughter Judy, and after we did, we retired to my other grandma's house, Granny Hinson. While Judy, Laura, and I shelled the peas and butterbeans under the hickory trees,, Mother and Aunt Eleanor converted the ears of corn to creamed-style corn in her kitchen. We shelled until our fingernails turned purple, and we were through.

Once, our family went to the Jacksonville area to pick peaches; attending were Aunt Eleanor, Mother, my sister Laura, Judy Dixon, my grandmother Blanche Dixon, and me. Much to my surprise, MawMaw climbed the trees because she couldn't reach the peaches. (She was only four feet eleven inches tall). I don't know how many bushels we picked, but they were cheap—only \$2.50 per bushel, as I recall. When we got home, we ate all we could before Mother folded them into homemade ice cream, peach cobblers, and frozen ones for good use come winter. Truly they were a sumptuous delicacy.

I always had several yards I could mow and put a little money aside: the yard of Mrs Truban Ricks, Lula Burkett's, ours, the yard of Mrs Sam Sellers (only once), and the yard of Peter Pan Kindergarten owned and operated by Mrs Harry Kerr, Jan Kerr's mother (only once). When Charles and Deidre Dixon moved to 418 Montrose, he let me mow their yard and the warehouse for his pesticides (now where AAA Trophy is). When Charles's sister Judy and her husband Avery Holland moved to their second residence in Lufkin on Calvert, they let me mow theirs, too.

Also, between 1962 and 1964, before they became the Houston Astros, we went a few times to the ball games of the Colt 45s, where Pete Runnels had become a team member.

So you can see that in the summers as I was growing up, there was never a dull moment!

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### Kissin' Kuzzins

By Dickie Dixon

(1) The Logging Camp and Sawmill Reunion is set to occur at the Office of the Huntington Housing Authority on 210 East Walnut Street in Huntington, Texas, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Speakers scheduled so far include Matthew McBroom, Associate Dean of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin State University, on a topic to be determined, Joyce Pitts, who wrote her masters thesis at Stephen F. Austin State University on the Pickering Lumber Company, will speak on the content of that topic, and Dickie Dixon on two topics: "T.O. Sutton: Sawmill Entrepreneur" and "A Survey of Angelina County Sawmills." The conference cost is \$10 to attend, no matter whether you attend one or all of the sessions, and the meal cost is \$10. The meal prepared by Donna Hooton and her associates will be a sawmill supper. You can pay at the door, or to RSVP, mail a check or money order to Betty Dufner, Treasurer c/o Angelina County Genealogical Society P. O. Box 150631 Lufkin, Texas, by Thursday, August 10, 2023. This Conference is partnered this year with the cooperation of the Angelina County Genealogical Society and the Huntington Genealogical and Historical Society.

(2) Dr George Avery's presentation is "Excavation at Two Freedom Colonies in East Texas: Sand Hill and Shankleville," when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society on Monday, August 7, 2023, at about 7:15 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church on 308 High Street. Avery has served as a staff archaeologist at Stephen F. Austin State University for several years. At 6:30 p.m. Sandra Litton will have the desserts and refreshments organized and ready for the members of the Society and guests to enjoy. At 7 p.m., President Ruth Dusan will conduct a short business meeting. The public is invited to attend, and you do not have to be a member to come. The door prize and the gift to George for speaking will be "Ancient North America" by Brian Fagan, and a member donated a copy of the book to the Newton Public Library for the public to check out. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 379-5694 or [jrdusan@windsatream.net](mailto:jrdusan@windsatream.net) or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

Patti Huff Smith's topic is "Gedmatch: Getting the Most Results from Your DNA Matches," when she speaks to the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023, at the Railroad Depot Meeting Room at Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin, Texas. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

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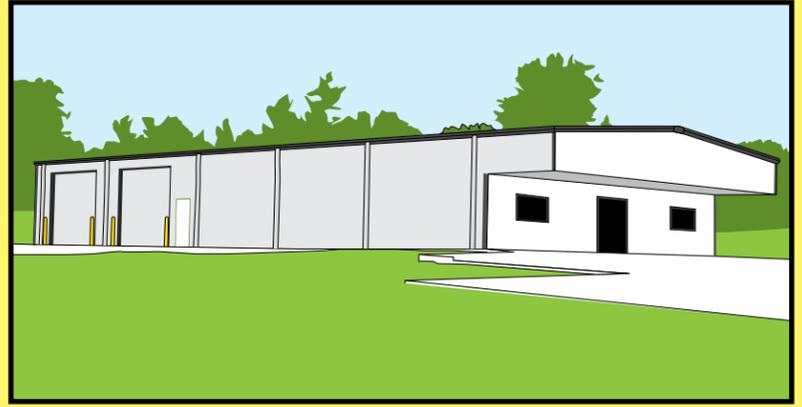
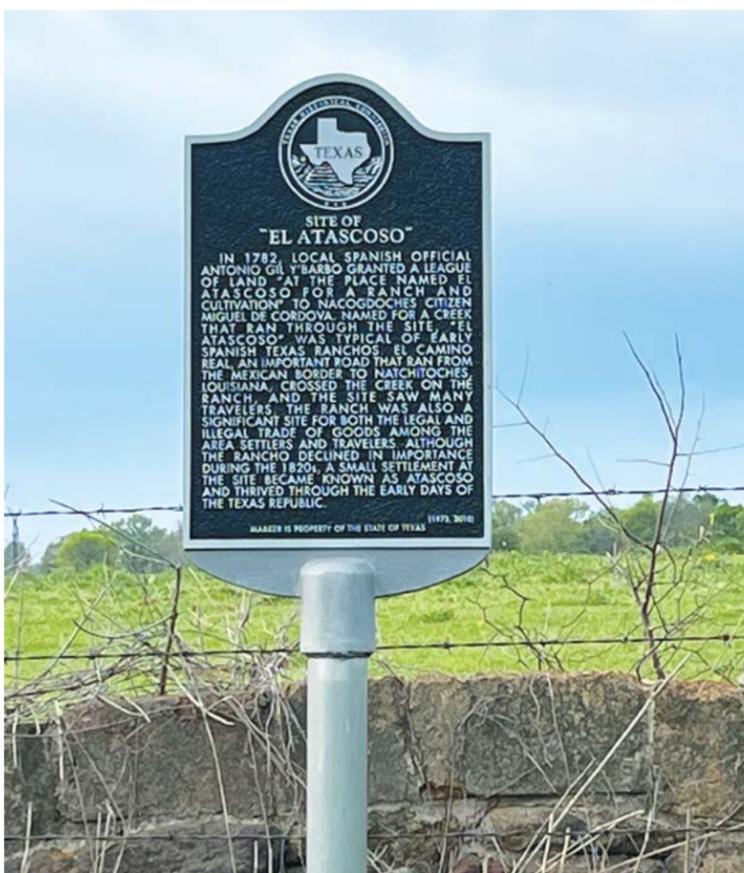
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by Deborah Chaddwick, *Director*

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by Julia Jones, Impact Founder

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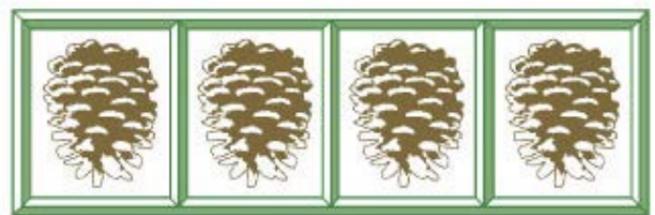
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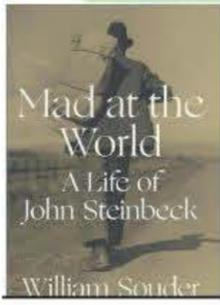
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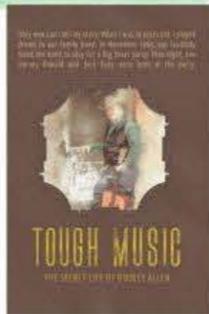
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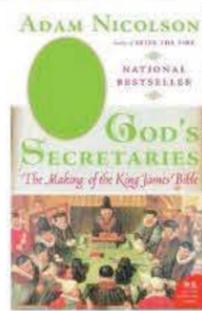


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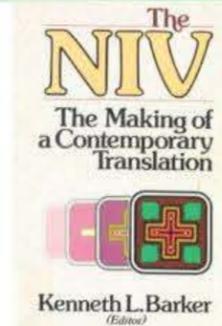


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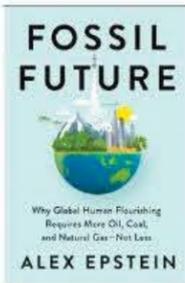


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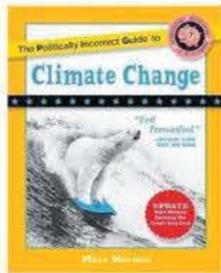


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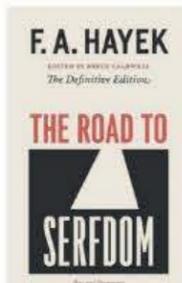
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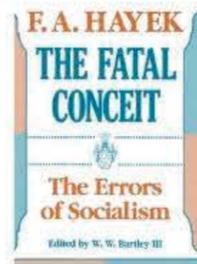
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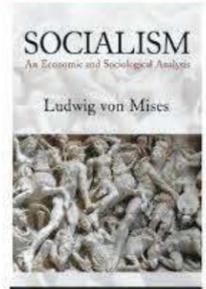
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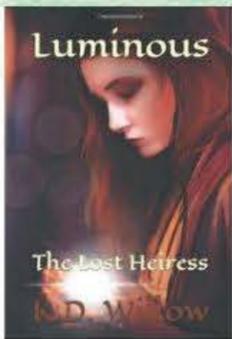
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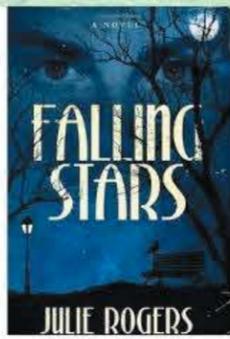
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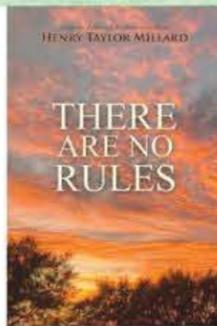
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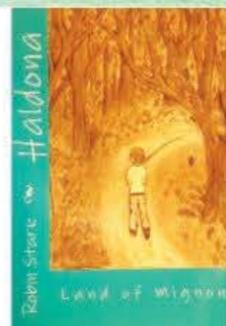
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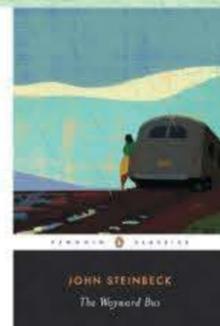
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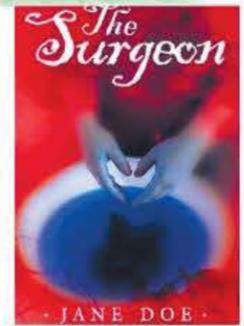
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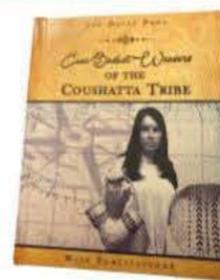
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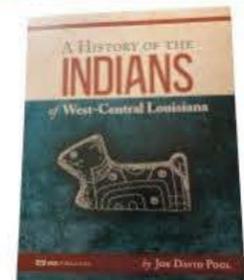
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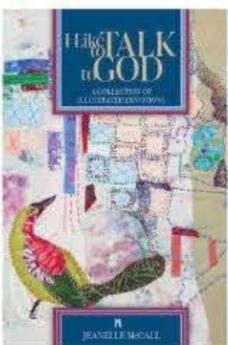
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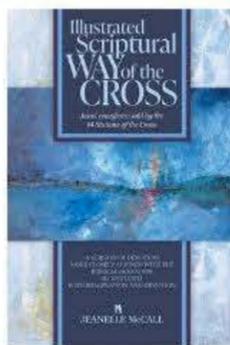
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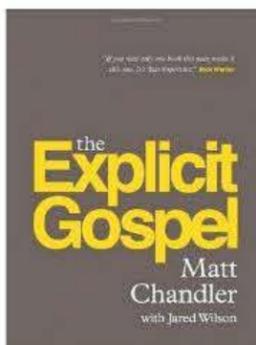
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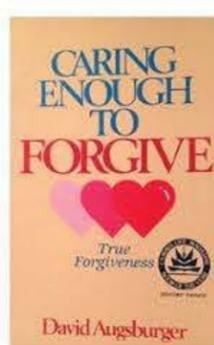
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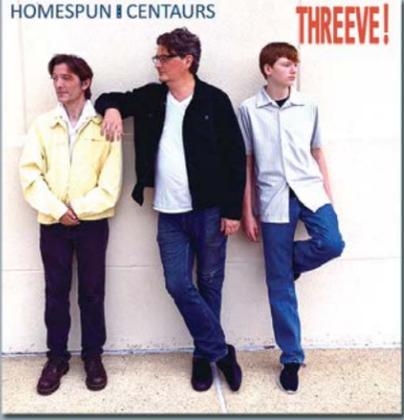


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# NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

Junior Jacks Theatre Camp for grades 3-9 will culminate with performances at 10 AM and 2 PM on Saturday, August 5 at the LampLite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-lite Lane, near the west loop and Old Tyler Road. Admission is free.

After a successful artsy popup vendor fair in May at Old Tyler Road Cafe, original plans were to repeat this event throughout the summer. However, due to the Heat Dome, this plan will be reconsidered in the fall. Stay tuned.

A limited number of vendor spaces are still available for ArtFest Nacogdoches. This annual event, sponsored by Nac Arts Collaborative and the Nacogdoches Public Library, is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 downtown. Vendor and volunteer information can be found on the ArtFest 2023 Facebook page or [www.nacartscollab.com](http://www.nacartscollab.com).

**AUGUST Artist Spotlight**

Meet painter and teacher Gary Parker!

Parker was born in Pennsylvania where he pursued a degree in biology until he discovered painting. He received his MFA from SFA and was employed at a variety of positions at the university including Art Shop supervisor, teacher, and Cole Art Center gallery preparator. He directed the school's Summer Art Academy program for children for 22 years and also ran the on campus student galleries while teaching students Professional Practices - how to install exhibitions. Gary was also instrumental in creating the 12x12 scholarship fundraisers and the Texas National Competition. His mentoring of students is legendary and many alumni credit him with their discovery and love of art. Now retired, the SFA Friends of the Visual Arts honored Parker with a named scholarship awarded annually to a worthy art student.



Gary has pieces in many collections across the US and locally. The Falling Star Gallery hosted a solo exhibition of new works in 2022. He continues to make art every chance he gets. You might also see Gary working behind the scenes at Old Stone Fort events, where his wife Carolyn Spears is Director.

Parker's solo exhibition at Falling Star Gallery was featured in \*Glasstire's popular "Five-Minute Tours" in April 2022. You can check it out here: <https://glasstire.com/2022/04/26/five-minute-tours-gary-parker-at-falling-star-gallery-nacogdoches/>

\*Glasstire is a Texas focused online place to find information about visual arts.

*Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization dedicated to bringing the arts to Nacogdoches and providing space for artists of all disciplines to thrive. An initiative to obtain a space for an arts center is in progress.*

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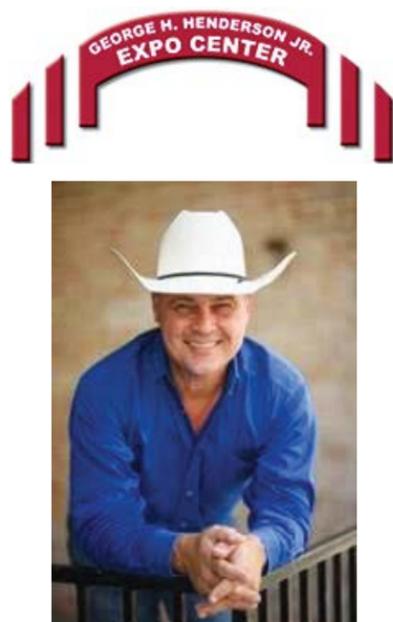
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# In the Loop... Expo Center in Lufkin

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Greetings from the Expo!

Well, I know I said we slow down in the Summer a bit, but as it turns out, we have 3 weeks out of the 4 available in August booked! It's still hot but we have a great ventilation system here at the Expo and can keep folks comfortable. One positive thing about our dry weather is that it keeps our mowing to a minimum. However, our thoughts go out to all the East Texas hay producers and cattlemen in the area.

On August 12-13, we welcome the Pineywoods Youth Rodeo Association back to Lufkin for the first rodeo of the 2022-23 season. Believe it or not, we will have about 300 horses on the grounds for a full weekend of rodeo!

The Lufkin FFA Livestock show is on August 19. Exhibitors from around the area will showcase their hard work and leadership as well as some great looking animals.

Region V of the Texas High School Rodeo Association and their Junior High Division will share the weekend of August 26-27. The High School Rodeo will be on Saturday and Junior High contestants will compete on Sunday.

As for upcoming events, make sure to put September 14-17 down on your calendar for the Texas State Forest Festival. This is a 4-day event with food, carnival rides and live acts. Plus, don't miss the Annual Texas State Forest Festival BBQ Cookoff. Call the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce at (936) 634-6644 for more info.

Our Summer break is just about over. In fact, school will start back before you know it.

As always,

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# Hello Again from San Augustine County!

Several employees from Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative in San Augustine recently attended the Lineman's Rodeo in Seguin, Texas. The Texas Lineman's Rodeo Association, Inc. (TLRA) is a non-profit organization created to offer line workers in the great State of Texas a way to showcase their pride and skills as professional high voltage lineworkers. The event helps build relationships of trust, teaches teamwork, and idea sharing. It also helps bring innovation to the industry and networking to foster better working relationships between utility companies. Linemen from Deep East Texas Electric Co-op, based in San Augustine, tested their skills in competitions against linemen from all over Texas.

Apprentice Josh Lankford brought home 2nd place in the Hurt Man Rescue. Over 118 entries competed in that race. The Hurt man Rescue simulates the task of bringing an injured co-worker down from a pole. Participants must be fully equipped with climbing hooks and a loaded tool belt, ascend the pole, disconnect a 200-pound dummy, and lower it to the ground. Josh completed the task in 1 minute, 24 seconds.

Journeyman Coy Bennefield took 3rd place in the Speed Climb. Fifty-eight entries competed in that race. The Speed Climb tests competitors' agility and speed. Linemen must climb to the top of a pole, ring a bell, and descend, all with a real egg in their "ditty bag." If the egg breaks, they lose points. Coy completed the race in 27 seconds.

Apprentice Blaine Gaddy completed the Speed Race in just 25 seconds but unfortunately suffered a broken egg.

Other DETEC participants were Bryar Wagstaff, Clayton Bennefield, and Mac Lowe. Aaron Steptoe and Casey Sowell (Team Coach) served as judges.

DETEC is proud of all its hard working crew members!

Watch for details as Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative sends another crew to the International Lineman Rodeo held in Kansas. The Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills coming in October.



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**ACROSS**

- 1. More down in the dumps
- 6. Will Ferrell's 2003 Christmas character
- 9. Century Gothic, e.g.
- 13. Twisted cotton thread
- 14. Greek "t"
- 15. Biblical mount
- 16. Dessert sandwiches
- 17. Barley bristle
- 18. Pungent edible bulb
- 19. \*Shared ride
- 21. \*Yellow Brick Road traveller
- 23. Member of the Benevolent Order
- 24. Sword handle
- 25. The little one "stops to tie his shoe"
- 28. AI "fodder"
- 30. \*Gas station option
- 35. Thailand money
- 37. Phone cam images
- 39. Fill with happy spirit
- 40. Bora \_\_\_\_\_
- 41. Vexed
- 43. Uncontrolled swerve
- 44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
- 46. Genesis twin
- 47. "The Odyssey," e.g.
- 48. Hooray!
- 50. Speaking platform
- 52. Campfire residue
- 53. What sailors are to captain
- 55. Lawyers' org.
- 57. \*Jack of "On the Road" fame
- 61. \*Refreshment break
- 65. Live sign for radio, 2 words
- 66. Shakespearean "fuss"
- 68. Bar order, with "the"
- 69. Ownership document
- 70. Mitt Romney's title, abbr.
- 71. Christmas Eve visitor
- 72. Keats' works, e.g.
- 73. \*Major road, abbr.
- 74. \*Certain number of cylinders

**DOWN**

- 1. Cold War's Warsaw Pact, e.g.
- 2. Turkish money
- 3. One on drugs
- 4. Run off to Vegas?
- 5. Sold on eBay, usually
- 6. Short for "and elsewhere"
- 7. Hammurabi's code, e.g.
- 8. Plural of fundus
- 9. Porto \_\_\_\_\_, Italy
- 10. Got this!
- 11. Sodium hydroxide
- 12. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
- 15. Foray
- 20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
- 22. Like one of the Testaments
- 24. Fine-toothed metal cutter
- 25. \*Famous road from Beatles crossing
- 26. Actress Watts
- 27. Minute parasite
- 29. \*Spare one
- 31. "If all \_\_\_\_\_ fails"
- 32. Sarpa \_\_\_\_\_, coral reef fish
- 33. Tiny purses
- 34. Olden day phlebotomy instrument
- 36. Waterproof canvas
- 38. Clothing line
- 42. UAE's most populous city
- 45. Close the fastener, e.g.
- 49. Epoch
- 51. Between 90 and 180 degrees
- 54. E-wallet's content
- 56. Very, in music
- 57. Japanese zither
- 58. Author Bagnold
- 59. Goes with interest
- 60. Great masters' medium, pl.
- 61. \*Hoofed "express" traveler
- 62. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" actress Lola \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. Solemn promise
- 64. Surveyor's map
- 67. Morning drops
- 62. State of mind
- 63. One in a litter
- 65. \*King George \_\_\_\_\_
- 67. Farm structure

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# Lamp-Lite Theatre Hosts Gala for 2023-24 51st Historic Season

The Lamp-Lite Playhouse and Community Theatre announces its GALA for the 51st HISTORIC Season on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 6:30 pm, at Lamp-Lite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas. The entire EAST TEXAS community is invited to our 51st Season Catered Reception, Membership Meeting, and Evening of Entertainment.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 pm, during which time guests may peruse the productions being presented for 2023-24 and purchase their 2023-24 Season passes. The passes are the ORIGINAL Flex Ticket and may be utilized however the patron wishes to use them. Photographs and Posters from productions from the past 20 years will be available to purchase for a donation to the Building/Air Conditioning Fund. The plaques for audience chairs will also be available to purchase for a \$50.00 donation to the Building/Air Conditioning Fund. Beginning at 7:15 pm, Lamp-Lite Board President Ric Berry will conduct a short ANNUAL Members Meeting, followed by entertainment by Lamp-Lite Troupe Members.

Lamp-Lite Board members include President Ric Berry, Vice-President Ken Untiedt, Secretary Tina Oswald, Interim Treasurer Bill Small, House Chair Judy Moore, Buildings and Grounds Chair Brian Oswald, Audience Development Chair Pat Harris, and Publicity Chair Katherine Whitbeck. For more information about the 2023-24 Lamp-Lite Playhouse and Community Theatre 51st HISTORIC Season and GALA, visit the website [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com) or email [lamplitetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:lamplitetheatre@gmail.com). Also, follow us on Facebook at Lamp-Lite Theatre.

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**HEALTHY LIVING**

# Sunscreen Is a Great Start to Skin Protection. But Don't Stop There

(StatePoint) The warm weather months serve as an important reminder that the choices you make can help you keep your skin healthy and reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Experts say that your routine can and should go beyond simply wearing sunscreen.

“Taking care of your skin is absolutely essential no matter your age, skin color, or what time of year it is,” says New York City dermatologist, Dr. Rachel Nazarian. “Shielding your skin from damage from the sun and other sources of free radical production will not only help you look and feel your best in the years ahead, it will ultimately help prevent skin cancer.”



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As you hit up the pool, the beach, the backyard and more this season, here are four skin protection tips to keep in mind:

1. Do the basics. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen daily. It's one of the most basic steps you can take to protect your skin. Be diligent about application and reapply as needed throughout the day, following the directions of the product you're using.

2. Go above and beyond. UV rays from sun exposure are a major cause of skin cancer because they produce free radicals. The good news? You can neutralize their negative effects with a daily supplement that has antioxidant properties, such as Heliocare Daily Use Antioxidant Formula. Each dose of Heliocare – a dermatologist-recommended, natural daily supplement – has 240mg of Fernblock PLE technology, an exclusive extract with antioxidant properties from the Polypodium Leucotomos plant. Studies have shown that Polypodium Leucotomos helps to counteract free radicals and decrease their damaging effects.

“Taking a supplement such as Heliocare is a great idea, because unlike sunscreen, it doesn't wash away,” says Dr. Nazarian. “Incorporating it into your morning routine along with your SPF can help you start the day with peace of mind.”

3. Reduce exposure. You can greatly reduce your sun exposure by choosing to be in the shade while you're outdoors, and by wearing a hat and protective clothing. These days, there are special UPF fabrics to consider that offer UV protection. Simply wearing long, loose-fitting clothing that covers your arms and legs can also make a big difference in keeping you cool and protected.

4. Don't wait. Finally, don't wait for a special occasion such as a beach or pool day to take precautions. Exposure to the sun and other damaging elements happens all the time, even when you're indoors. So be sure to protect your skin from the inside out every day, this season, and beyond.

To learn more and to access additional skin care information, visit [heliocare.com](http://heliocare.com).

As you enjoy a season of sun, take care of your long-term health and wellness. Adopt a skin protection regimen and be sure to keep it up all year long.

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## August 2023

**Inaugural NIL & Retailer Reception**  
SFA Student Center  
August 3rd 5:30pm

**Market on Main**  
305 E. Main Street  
August 5: 10am - 2pm  
August 19: 10am - 2pm

**Lone Star Trivia**  
Napoli's on North Street  
Every Wed. August 2 - 30th: 7pm

**Open Mic Night**  
Millard's Crossing  
August 17 @ 6pm

**2023 Football Meet the Jacks**  
WJR Coliseum  
August 22nd @ 6:15pm

**Tax Free Weekend**  
August 11th-13th  
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**Red House Winery Live Music:**  
August 12: Jay White 6 - 8pm  
August 19: Jeff Jurgonski 6 - 8pm

**Lamp Lite Theater**  
51st Historic Season  
Reception, Entertainment, etc.  
August 26 @ 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Nac Snack Friday**  
Downtown Square  
Fri. August 25th 11am-3pm

**Splash Kingdom**  
**Friday Night Movie:**  
Every Fri. 4 - 8pm  
**Toddler Tuesday's:**  
Every Tues. 9 - 10:30am  
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**Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center**  
8/12: Dancing with the Nacogdoches Stars! Doors open at 5pm  
( For ticket's call 936-234-1932)  
8/30: Jordan Shrine World Circus

**Fredonia Hotel**  
**Music on the Patio (Friday Evenings):**  
8/4: Jonathan Webster - 6pm-9pm  
8/11: Cameron Barnes - 6pm-9pm  
8/18: Sean Christopher - 7pm-10pm  
8/25: Joshua Mullin - 6pm-9pm  
Boys & Girls Club Yacht Rock Bingo  
August 26: @6 - 9pm

**Fredonia Brewery**  
Wednesday Game Nights & \$1 off pints,  
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm  
8/2: Books and Brew/ Taqueria Rancho  
8/4: Sean Christopher/ Chamber's Smokehouse  
8/5: Ryan Paul Davis Trio/ Big Fella's BBQ  
8/11: Selah Burns/ Viet Fusion  
8/12: The Bamboo Tones/ Reed's Fish & More  
8/18: Joshua's Mullin/ Reed's Fish & More  
8/23: Karaoke/ Taqueria Mi Rancho  
8/25: Philip Ferguson/ Uncle Bubby's Snackle Box  
8/26: Silosoul/ Viet Fusion

**Front Porch Distillery**  
Pickin' on the Porch  
LIVE music and Food Trucks every Fri. & Sat.  
8/2 - Libations & Literature/Chambers BBQ  
8/4 - The Hopeful Few/58J Food Truck  
8/5 - Jonathan Webster/Chambers BBQ  
8/11 - Andrew Toole/Revolution Road Pizza  
8/12 - Silosoul Band/Revolution Road Pizza  
8/16 - National Rum Day  
8/18 - Glenn Parker/Chambers BBQ  
8/19 - Brian Winfield/Viet Fusion  
8/25 - Randy C. Moore/ Revolution Pizza  
8/26 - Jackson Wendell/Chambers BBQ

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

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

**Planetarium Shows**  
SFA Planetarium  
Every Saturday @ 3:00, 4:30 & 7:00pm

**Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro**  
Wine Down Wednesday's  
Pint Night All Day Thursday's & Sunday Nights  
Weekend Brunch Every  
Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm  
8/16: Johnny Mullins Live  
8/23: Haylee Lewis Live  
8/30: Lefty Live

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

**Naca Valley Vineyard**  
Pizza on the Pavilion:  
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm  
Live Music:  
8/5 - Randy C Moore @ 5:30pm

**Cottage Wine Bar**  
Tuesday Nights: Happy Hour and Prime Rib Night  
Wednesday Nights: \$10 Cocktail Happy Hour  
Hungry Thursdays: \$25 Ribeyes  
Saturday & Sunday: Brunch

**Lumberjack Harley-Davidson**  
8/11 - Tax Day Tent Event  
8/12 - The Sturgis at Home Experience @ 12 - 3pm  
8/16 - Dealer Ride @5:30pm  
8/19 - Biker Breakfast @ 9am - 12pm  
8/18-19 - Demo Rides  
8/26 - Love you Back Cash Back & Bike Wash @ 12 - 3:pm

**Banita Creek Hall**  
Thursdays: Dance Lessons (7-8:30) & Ladies Night  
Fridays: Dollar Night  
8/5: Randy Rogers Acoustic  
8/12: Chris Colston  
8/19: Tristan Marez  
8/26: Treaty Oak Revival with Matt Williams

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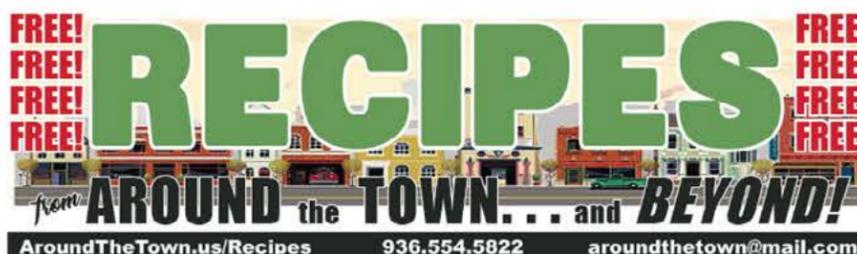
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 Papa's Pit & More - 510 N. Main

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 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.

### NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

#### *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 - 618 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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