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Defying the Odds —A Brave Child’s Journey *Katelyn Grumbles*

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

Many of us cherish a favorite children’s book—one that inspired us, uplifted our spirits, and left a lasting sense of hope. For me, that book was E.B. White’s book entitled *Charlotte’s Web*, the unforgettable story of Wilbur the pig and his unlikely friendship with Charlotte the barn spider. In 1970, E.B. White penned another classic that quickly became my second favorite: *The Trumpet of the Swan*. This tale follows Louis, a trumpeter swan born without a voice who overcomes his challenges with perseverance, creativity, and hard work. Stories like these—where characters survive against all odds and find hope amid adversity—have always resonated with me. It is in that spirit that I introduce the remarkable journey of Katelyn Grumbles.

Katelyn is well acquainted with life’s challenges. Her story is every bit as inspiring as the characters found in E.B. White’s work, proving that individuals can overcome adversity and discover their unique purpose. Born in the Nacogdoches–Lufkin area to Amber Grumbles and Steven Kerr, Katelyn was adopted at age one by her grandparents, Kevin and Angela Bradford. Despite this



Katelyn Grumbles

Exploring Garrison’s Past *Garrison Heritage Society Historical Event*

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

The Garrison Heritage Society invites you to a truly historic event celebrating the town’s rich past. On Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., guided tours will be offered at both the Wiley Hotel and the Greenwood Cemetery, bringing to life the stories and legacy of our community. According to the Garrison Heritage Society, the history of the once thriving town is slowly fading with every generation. The historical tour of the Wiley Hotel and Greenwood Cemetery are dedicated to spreading the amazing history and stories of Garrison’s past, and reviving the historical value to newcomers and the younger generation.



Wiley Hotel today

In 1884, Capt. Jim Garrison, considered the founder of our town, exchanged property in Rusk County for 387 acres in what is now Garrison. Soon after, he conveyed 125 acres to the Houston East West Texas Railroad (HEWT) in 1886, allowing the rail line to run through the center of town. By 1887, Sarah Ann Gar-



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KATELYN GRUMBLES

early change, she credits family—especially her mother, for providing unwavering love and support, stating, “Family has always been at the center of who I am, and I love mine with all my heart.”

Much like Louis from White’s novel, Katelyn’s life was marked by significant obstacles. Born with clubfoot, she faced severe challenges with both her feet



Katelyn at Shriners Hospital for Children after one of her many surgeries

and legs. Doctors doubted she would ever walk. Her first six years were spent undergoing numerous surgeries and painful treatments at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Despite enduring repeated hospitalizations, castings, and moments of fear and frustration, Katelyn drew strength from the compassionate staff and her family. Most of her early childhood was spent at Shriners Hospitals, and while many memories of that time remain faint, she vividly remembers the kindness of the staff, the comfort the hospital provided, and the small joys—like choosing a toy after each visit. The support she received helped her cope during difficult moments, particularly when other children singled her out for her limitations.

“Being wheelchair-bound sometimes felt like being tied up and trying to stand—frustrating, painful, and limiting,” Katelyn explains. “When the final cast was removed, I knew deep down that I could do it—and I did,” she recalls. Defying the odds, she not only learned to walk, but also turned to dance as a form of healing and self-expression—transforming what once seemed impossible into a source of confidence and joy.

Through unwavering determination, she achieved walking independently between the ages of six and seven. Beginning to dance at eight or nine not only boosted her self-confidence but also served as an effective form of physical therapy. After attending Garrison High School through her sophomore year, she transitioned to homeschooling, which she ultimately found unsatisfying. This experience led her to seek new opportunities, and she enrolled at Shear Perfection Beauty Institute in Nacogdoches. There, she found guidance under dedicated mentors, forged lifelong friendships, and discovered her passion for cosmetology. Upon graduation, she founded All Natural Touch salon, where she now shares her talent and dedication with her clients. Reflecting on her journey, Katelyn emphasizes that the obstacles she faced during childhood instilled in her the resilience, strength, and determination that define her today. What once seemed impossible became the foundation for a life built on perseverance and hope. Katelyn’s story stands as a testament to the power of hard work and an indomitable spirit.



Katelyn at home with a walker



A young Katelyn dances to Shout! with friend James Aston at a dance at Appleby Sand Mercantile

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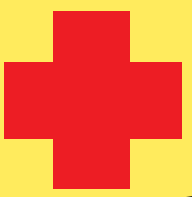
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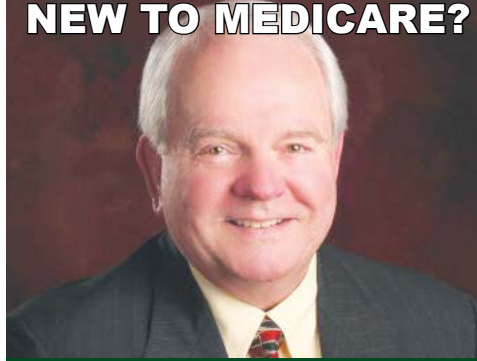
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rison Willis, Capt. Garrison’s cousin, purchased land from the railroad to build a hotel, which opened the following year as The Greenwood Hotel. In 1890,



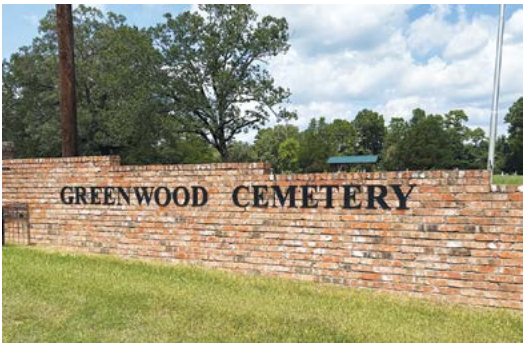
An archive photo of the Wiley Hotel

the town itself—once known as Greenwood—was renamed in honor of Capt. Garrison and officially incorporated. Just ten years later, Sarah Willis sold the hotel to James W. and Mattie Wiley, who renamed it the Wiley Hotel. Over the decades, the building changed hands several times and was used not only as a hotel but also as office space and even a flea market. By the 1980s, the

once-grand structure had fallen into disrepair and faced demolition. Thankfully, in 1986, the newly formed Garrison Heritage Society stepped in to save and restore this historic treasure.

The tour of the Wiley Hotel will feature upstairs rooms which will be sponsored and decorated with heirlooms from local families, many of whom will be present to share their history. Downstairs, visitors can view an extensive collection of photographs and artifacts that tell the story of Garrison’s past.

The cemetery tour will highlight the lives of Garrison’s earliest settlers, including Garrison Greenwood, who received a land grant of nearly 1,500 acres in the mid-1800s. This property adjoined what would later become the town of Garrison and Greenwood Cemetery, giving rise to many of the “Greenwood” names still remembered today. Gina Bradshaw, Heritage Society stated, “It has been speculated through the years about how everything became known as Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood Springs, and Greenwood Hotel. Through hours of research it was learned it was because of the original patent of land of a Texas Ranger by the name of Garrison Greenwood.”



Entrance to the Greenwood Cemetery

The cemetery’s first burial took place in 1855, when Clorinda Norris, daughter of early settlers John and Sarah Stockman Norris, was laid to rest. Today, Greenwood Cemetery holds the stories of many prominent families, including but not limited to:

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| • Norris Family | 39 descendants |
| • Oxsheer Family | 64 descendants |
| • Wiley Family | 5 descendants |
| • Little Family | 57 descendants |
| • Jopling Family | 64 descendants |
| • Simpson Family | 15 descendants |
| • Garrison Family | 46 descendants |

As part of the cemetery tour, tribute will be paid to 171 veterans interred at Greenwood Cemetery I and II. These men served in conflicts ranging from the Civil War through Vietnam, with six having given their lives in battle. Confederate soldiers will be honored with special flags, as will twelve individuals who lived during the Republic of Texas. A special dedication will also be held at the grave of Theo Simpson Jarvis, a “Real Daughter” of the Republic of Texas from the Nacogdoches Stone Fort Chapter of Daughters of the Republic. She is the great-granddaughter of William Clark, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.



Grave marker of John Greenwood, 1814-1886

from Garrison’s early days.

Tickets will be available at the Wiley Hotel on the day of the event for \$10, which includes admission to both tours. Proceeds will support the ongoing preservation and much-needed repairs of the historic hotel. Donations are also gratefully accepted to help sustain this important landmark for future generations. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to experience the people, places, and stories that shaped Garrison. In case of rain, the event will be re-

cheduled for November 15, 2025.

Special Note: Sincere gratitude is extended to the distinguished members of the Garrison Heritage Society for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in the preservation of the historic Wiley Hotel. Gina Bradshaw is recognized for her foresight, diligent research, and exemplary planning in making the tours a reality.



Grave marker of Clorinda Norris, 1836-1855; oldest grave in cemetery

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Snippets Part II

by Jim Garrett

As we mentioned in last month’s article, various dictionaries define a snippet as a small part, piece or thing. What follows in the current article are additional vignettes which are pictures in time of real incidences that occurred.

#1 When Mary Beth’s mother was in her final two or three years of life, we made numerous trips to Houston to check on her and take her to doctors’ appointments. On one such trip, we decided to stop at a large service station for a “pit stop.” As we pulled off of the highway, I suddenly realized that we had a flat tire. I pulled the truck over to the edge of the parking lot to change out the tire with the spare. A rather routine task suddenly became a nightmare; the tire would not “crank down”! In my frustration I prayed, “Dear Jesus, I need help!” No sooner had the words left my mouth when a young Hispanic man stopped and offered to assist us. He tried to free the spare but to no avail. He then offered to jack the truck up (with his jack), remove the flat tire, and have it repaired; I readily agreed. Once the tire was removed, he and I both drove to his friend Juan’s shop which was about two miles away. Juan aired the tire up and immersed it in water. He marked it where there were bubbles, removed it from the rim, and patched it. We then returned to Mary Beth and the truck. The tire was placed on the truck and after we gave the young man a generous gratuity, we were “good to go.” Oh, by-the-way, Dear Readers, did I mention that the young man who assisted us was named Jesus and his friend who “baptized” our tire was Juan, the Hispanic equivalent of John? What are the chances?

#2 Early in my teaching career at SFA I had a graduate student working with me who was from, shall we say, the hippy vintage. I knew that he lived outside of town and had a garden - nothing more. One day he did not show up for lab and I began to inquire concerning his whereabouts. I discovered that his “garden” contained numerous marijuana plants. He was aware that peace officers were patrolling from the air trying to spot clandestine garden plots. He had a rather ingenious idea: He hung red Christmas ornaments from the plants so they would look like tomato plants. What he had not considered was that the ornaments were shiny and when the sun’s rays hit them, they sparkled!! It was as though they were screaming, “Here I am; come get me!!”

#3 Sometimes those of us in a university setting are privileged to meet some rather unusual characters. Invariably there are equally intriguing stories attached. A number of years ago I had a student named Ralph. He came by my office with some questions and during the course of our visit, he got out his wallet. It was a work of art!! The wallet was black and white and appeared to be the hide of an animal. Ralph told me that it was his cherished dog whom he named Ralph. When his dog died, student Ralph carefully removed and tanned the skin before converting it to his wallet. (Seems that he also had a steer and a flying squirrel, both of which he had named Ralph.)

One day Mary Beth got a call from an older woman inquiring if MB were the person she had talked to concerning getting some flower bulbs. Mary Beth answered, “No, but I would like to have some of what you can spare.” It turns out that the lady lived just a few miles up the highway from us. MB went for the first of many visits during which time they formed a wonderful friendship. In one of their conversations Mary Beth learned that she had a son who attended SFA. Guess what. She was the **mother** of my student, Ralph, whom I described in the previous paragraph!!

#4 When our children were in high school a hurricane hit Nacogdoches. The eye passed right over our home, knocking out our electricity as it traversed the county. This gave MB and me a wonderful opportunity to take our three hungry teenagers out for breakfast. I thought that I had heard that the local hospital had an all-you-can-eat buffet. We loaded everyone up in the car and headed to town. On the way I reminded the children that it is all-you-can-eat so get as much as you want. We all helped ourselves to generous portions of food and then got in the checkout line. Wendy was the first in our group. The cashier asked Wendy, “How many strips of bacon do you have, Honey?” To which Wendy replied, “I have no idea.” It was at that moment I realized that I had made a terrible mistake. As we made our way to our seats with loaded plates, I am sure we caught the eye of other patrons that morning. Thank goodness our son saw to it that nothing was wasted!

#5 At one time our grandchildren were really into super-heroes, so much so that they asked our son if he had any superpower. He replied, “As a matter of fact I do; I have **all** of them!!” He further pointed out that the reason he was often late getting home at night was because he was fighting crime in the neighborhood. The children were gleeful at the news and said, “Just wait ‘till we tell our friends.” “**NO**, you cannot tell them!!” our son admonished, “Because it is some of their parents that we are investigating!!” **Ugh, what a bummer!!**

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The Point of No Return

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determine to press on. The plane has such momentum that if the pilot hesitates a moment beyond that invisible barrier, it’s too late to act. If something is wrong and the plane is unable to take off, the speeding craft will plunge over the end of the runway to disaster. Decision time is past, and now the consequences must be faced.

In life, too, there is that intangible point of no return. We develop habits and patterns of behavior that point in a certain direction. On occasion we may think to ourselves, *I certainly know where this seems to be headed, but when I want to, I can call a halt.*

That may be true at the outset, and it may be true at the moment, but deep down you know there is indeed a point of no return. It’s that moment in life when you become so accustomed to sin that you no longer recognize it as sin or see the need to stop it.

But slowly and imperceptibly the point of no return looms up, and the whole momentum of life settles your final direction—and destiny. At that point you become so insensitive to sin that you recognize no danger and send out no appeal for help. The help is there, but beyond that point, the inclination to call out is gone.

Maybe your reaction is to throw up your hands and say, “What’s the use? I’ve gone beyond the point of no return. My sin has separated me from God, and the wages of sin is death’ (Romans 6:23). There’s no help for me.” But there is!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV).

If you still care enough to be concerned that you may be beyond the point of no return, that’s the best evidence that you haven’t yet reached that place. Christ lovingly speaks to you when he says, “Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in.”

If you believe in the power of Christ to save you, you need to answer Him. The message from the heavenly control tower is clear. “Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 11:13).

But act now. The point of no return may be nearer that you realize.

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The mother told her to tell the pastor she would call him back.

The little girl told the pastor what her mother said, and then she added, “She can’t come to the phone right now because she’s hitting the bottle.”

(Mommy Hits the Bottle: 1002 Humorous Illustrations by Michael E. Hodgin. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2004, page 108).

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9am - 11am	Judged Market Rabbits / Rabbit Showmanship
11:30am	Breeding Rabbit Arrival **Breeding Rabbit show following Market Rabbit Show
After Judging -	Market & Breeding Rabbits Released
1:00pm-6:00pm	Ag Mech Arrival
3:00pm-6:00 pm	Entries for Photography, Arts, Canning & Crafts

Wednesday, October 8th

Time	Event	Time	Event
8:00am-9:00am	Broiler Arrival & Sifting	3:00-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
9:00am	Broiler Judging	4:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Market Swine Arrival	6:30pm-7:00pm	TBA
1:00pm	Education Exhibit Awards Posted	7:30pm-9:00pm	Bryan Harkness - <i>Musician</i> - Main Stage
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9:00am	Ag Mechanics Judging	3:00pm-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
10:00am	Floral Show Upstairs Hall	4:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person
1:00pm-4:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Arrive	5:00pm-6:00pm	TBA
5:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Weigh In	6:30pm	No Limits Dance Studio
3:00pm-7:00pm	Beef Heifers Arrive (In County)	7:00pm-8:00pm	McMichael Middle School Drill Team & Twirlerettes
6:00pm	Market Swine Judging		
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	Lambs released following Showmanship	3:00pm-10:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
	Market Goat Judging	3:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person
	Market Goat Showmanship	6:30pm	TBA
	Goats released following Showmanship	7:00pm-9:00pm	Glenn Lenderman & Band on Main Stage

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10:00am	Beef Heifer Judging	Sponsored by:	
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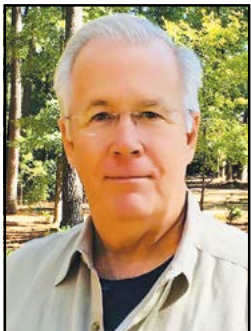


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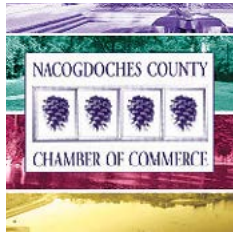
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Networking Is a Chamber Benefit That Increases Opportunities – Use It!

The verb “network” is defined as: to cultivate people who can be helpful to one professionally, and The Chamber is the number one go to for tons of networking options.

October offers a list of networking events, so put them on your calendar and plan to make the most of these opportunities:

Blueberry Golf Bash Social sponsored by Dream Vacations. This mixer starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9 at Lumberjack National, 3001 US Hwy 59. It is open to all chamber members and guests and there is no charge to attend. Guests will enjoy food by Brendyn’s BBQ and beverages from R & K Distributors. A putting contest will start at 6 p.m. and all registered Blueberry Golf Bash golfers will have a free putt, and all others can purchase a putt in the contest for \$20.

28th Annual Blueberry Golf Bash at Lumberjack National with tee times starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. All golfers will have a fun day of friendly competition, but this event is open to volunteering, too. So if roaming the course on a pretty day sounds like a good way to connect with other business leaders, call The Chamber for volunteer options.

Alive After Five hosted by Nacogdoches Eye Associates is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16. The come-and-go reception will be held at the host’s location, 3208 N. University Dr., and we are celebrating the business’s 100-year anniversary! This business-after-hours mixer is the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, exchange business cards, make valuable connections and enjoy a relaxed networking event. Guests will enjoy refreshments and chances to win cool door prizes. Plus, all chamber members are entered in a cash prize drawing, but you must be present to win.

Fourth Friday Luncheon serves as The Chamber’s monthly membership meeting and will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24. The guest speaker is Nacogdoches ISD Superintendent Grey Burton. All chamber members will receive an invitation, but these luncheons are open to the public. So please consider attending if the guest speaker or topic of discussion is of interest to you, or if you would like to be in the room with active, engaged members of the Nacogdoches County Chamber. There is a charge for lunch, and pre-registration through The Chamber is requested.

In addition to these networking opportunities, October will be a busy **ribbon cutting** month. These 15-minute ceremonies are celebrations with local businesses for a variety of reasons, and the public should attend to learn more about the products and services from the people who have picked Nacogdoches to grow their businesses. Layne’s Chicken Fingers, Christian Women’s Job Corp., the American Legion Post 86 will be hosting ribbon cuttings as well as the Nacogdoches County Chamber, celebrating the completion of the facility’s exterior improvement projects, including a one-of-a-kind mural.

In conclusion, networking within a chamber of commerce is a powerful tool for business growth and success. It provides members with access to a built-in community of business professionals, referrals and warm leads, instant visibility, a support system, collaborations and strategic partnerships. Go to www.Nacogdoches.org online event calendar and check for more networking opportunities.



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Stories From the Heart – Hidden Gems from Charlotte Corbell Ingle

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Lufkin resident and author, Charlotte Corbell Ingle, has a rich history in the East Texas Pineywoods, especially in the Huxley area. Her great-great-grandparents, Charles and Nancy Corbell, moved to Shelby County in the 1820s. Their son, Perry Cornelius Corbell Sr., traveled on horseback to Shelbyville and there joined the army during the Civil War. He married Emily Strong, part of the family for which Huxley's Strong cemetery and Strong school were named. Perry and Emily's son, Perry Cornelius Corbell Jr. was born during the Civil War near where his father served as ward master in a hospital in Keachi, Louisiana. Perry Jr. married Sallie Celeste Davis who, with the local doctor's wife, started the Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church in Huxley in 1896. Her brother Bob donated land for the church. Perry Jr. and Sallie's son, Perry Cornelius Corbell (P.C.) was Charlotte's dad. He was born in Huxley in 1903 and lived there the rest of his life. In 1934, P.C. traveled to Chillicothe, Texas to pick cotton. There in the cotton fields, he met the love of his life, Lovetta Emmons. They married and had ten children. Out of these ten, only five girls and one boy survived the hardship of delivery and illness. Charlotte, the ninth and last of the surviving children, was born on August 26, 1950, in Center, Texas at the Warren Hospital, with Dr. Spencer Warren attending. She lived in Huxley until she enrolled in Stephen F. Austin State College in 1968.



Charlotte's father, P.C., was a hard worker, taking on a variety of jobs to support his family. He went to school in Tyler and studied telegraphy. During WWII, he had a job at AAA in Center, distributing commodities, and moved his family there for a short while. Later, he worked on a pipeline. While working as a logger, a tree fell on him and broke both his feet. He then went into the chicken business in the early 1950s and worked as a chicken farmer with twelve thousand chickens at a time, about fifteen cows, and an occasional pig or two.

"We all had to help on our farm," Charlotte shared. "We fed chickens, worked the garden, shelled purple hull peas, and much more. I never did learn how to milk a cow, but I did have to feed them sometimes, though I was terribly afraid of them."

Charlotte's father continued to be an important member of the Huxley community and was instrumental in getting a phone system in Huxley in the 1960s. Later, he tried to get a gas system which resulted in Huxley being incorporated and him being elected mayor of Huxley where he served nine years. He helped get both a gas system and a water system for Huxley.

Lovetta worked hard raising her six children, sewing many dresses and cooking and canning, washing clothes and hanging them on the clothesline. She served as the women's Sunday School teacher at Smyrna Missionary Baptist church from the early 1950s until she passed away in 1984. She was also Huxley's seamstress, sewing for many families and made several wedding dresses for the young women of Huxley. Of course, Charlotte said she and her sisters greatly enjoyed the dresses their mother made for them.

Charlotte attended Strong School in Huxley through eighth grade and then transferred to Joaquin High School, graduating in 1968. She earned a bachelor's degree (1971) and a master's degree (1974) in art, and a master's degree in 2000 in psychology.

While taking teaching courses in college at Stephen F. Austin, Charlotte met Larry Ingle, also an art major at SFA, and they married shortly after their graduation in 1971. Charlotte worked at the newly built Kroger's on North Street as a cashier for a few months. Soon after, they opened an art store to supply art students at SFA with what they needed for their classes, thus the name, "Student Art Supply." They later had four children, Lana, Jay, Kevin, and Micah. As a stay-at-home mom and homeschool teacher to her children, Charlotte wanted most of all to have a good marriage and a happy home in which to raise their children.

Charlotte returned to SFA in 1998 as a graduate student in psychology. To provide for her family, while a student, she taught art appreciation and psychology classes as an adjunct professor at Angelina College.

After earning her psychology degree and her license as a professional counselor, Charlotte worked as a psychological associate at Skyview, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility for mentally ill inmates, at Rusk State Hospital, and at Lufkin State Supported Living Center. The last ten years before she re-

tired, she worked for the Burke Center, the local authority in the twelve counties of Deep East Texas for mental health and intellectual disabilities. Her duties at the Burke's Mental Health Emergency Center included intake coordination and crisis therapy and then at the intellectual disabilities side of Burke as one who evaluated individuals to determine whether they met criteria to receive services as intellectually disabled.

Between her heritage in the Shelby County area and her experiences in teaching and then psychology, Charlotte had much to draw upon that would enhance her writing skills.

"My first writing experience did not go well," Charlotte said. "In third grade, I was forced by my teacher, Mrs. Susan B. Clifton, to write a poem. I stressed my eight-year-old brain until I could handle no more and came up with 'There was a nurse who had a purse.'" But it was later in high school, after writing and submitting a short story to her English teacher, Mrs. Grace Wheeler, that she received the accolades and validation of her writing.

Charlotte explained, "Mrs. Wheeler said to me, 'I think you have talent. Keep writing.'" And so began an adventure and love for writing she did not know she would later pursue in life.

As she raised her children, Charlotte occasionally wrote stories about them and their adventures. The more she wrote, the more affirmation she received on her short stories from friends and acquaintances.

Charlotte said, "A lady in my church, Josie Lee Garner, taught English for many years and took classes in creative writing. She loved to read and to write. She asked for some of my stories, and I left two of them with her. She called me the next day. 'I know you're a very busy person, Charlotte, but don't let anything stand in the way of your writing, because it is really rich and needs to be published.'" "

Charlotte became more serious about writing after her father died. After the funeral, she and her mother drove around Huxley, returning dishes to those who had brought food to the family. They drove up to Fred and Ruth Kay's house.

Fred came out to the car and looked at Charlotte. "I remember the day your daddy rode his horse into my yard. He was so excited. He said, 'Fred, I found me a little Louisiana girl, and I'm going to get her and bring her to Huxley.' And he did." Charlotte knew from that encounter she had to write those memories and all the rest of her family stories, to preserve them for her children, her sisters, the many nieces and nephews in her large family, and for many family friends. She took a creative writing class at Angelina College where her teacher, Sue Rolf, was a great inspiration and encourager even today in her writing.

"My first publication was a human-interest story of letters between my daughter Lana and me while I homeschooled her. I submitted the story to "Creative Keepsakes," a scrapbooking magazine. It was accepted and I was thrilled, but I thought that was the end of my publishing career," Charlotte said.

Living in the East Texas Pineywoods influenced Charlotte's writing, with it being such a rich and interesting place to grow up. Charlotte shared that the people were kind and friendly and shared themselves with her family. She loved spending time at each of their homes with each one having furniture, decorations, pictures, and wonderful food that are now a part of her memories.

"I remember my friend Sherrie taking me to her grandmother's house where she had Cracker Jack prizes strung across her living room ceiling, Charlotte said. "Each home and each family was so unique. My high school principal called Huxley God's Country."

Charlotte shared that she continued to write stories over the years. As she approached her retirement, she began to put them together and write more family stories. In 2019, Charlotte's sister Sally suddenly died from a heart attack just a few days after spending their family Christmas together. Charlotte then knew she had to get busy if she wanted to share her stories with the rest of her sisters and family. It took about two years to write and compile her stories for publication.

"I kept it a secret and looked forward to the day I could take my book to each of my three sisters and to my sister-in-law and share it with them," Charlotte said. "When the day arrived, I couldn't believe it when they each made their orders for books for their children and grandchildren as Christmas gifts. Soon after, I began to work on my Christmas book. This took another two to three years," she added.

Since retiring in 2020, Charlotte has spent her time writing and publishing two books. The first, *Under the Pines of Deep East Texas*, is a family storybook covering the years from the 1820s when her family first moved to East Texas to Sally's funeral in 2020. Her second book, *Christmas Under the Pines of Deep East Texas*, is an advent of twenty-five family Christmas stories and twenty-five gifts from God. Another edition, with a shorter title, *Christmas Under the Pines*, is the same book with ten additional stories by well-known authors like Charles Dickens, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Louisa May Alcott, Dostoevsky, and others.

"My hope with this book is to share my family Christmases and add to each a gift from God that would clearly present the gospel message and the Christian life to each who read it, Charlotte said. "I have been blessed with much positive feedback from readers who express that the books have encouraged them in their spiritual lives." Charlotte has continued to write, always finding the strength to look on the bright side among those precious memories of childhood and her faith in God.

Charlotte's books are delightful and warm the soul with her easy writing style, stirring up memories for all who read them. She is currently working on a novel about a girl who is searching for her family after growing up in an orphanage, loosely based on a story about one of her great-grandmothers. She also has two children's books in the works.

Under the Pines of Deep East Texas and *Christmas Under the Pines* will make great gifts to give to anyone who has grown up in the Pineywoods area or who would like to pursue a deeper Christian life. Charlotte's books may be found on Amazon along with a short author biography, or you may contact her by email at charlotteingle@yahoo.com. You may also message her on Facebook messenger at Charlotte Corbell Ingle or by phone at 936-414-2916.

A Growing Adventure

We are excited to share this message about what is happening at a place that is 122 years old this year. This is an old experience but it is more than history. It is a church of living people and not a religious museum. There is a lot of history identified with our church buildings and cemetery. We are a historical marker in Shelby County which makes us important. The truth is we are, as our church history is titled, *A Growing Adventure*.

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Friday Night

by Taylor Millard

Every fall Friday night across Texas, young men prepare for battle. Big and small schools marching bands proudly enter their schools on Friday afternoons to the rhythmic beat of the drumline and soaring brass section, creating a frenzy of excitement for the football game to be played that night.

I recently saw a video of an Allen High School pep rally. If you don't know about Allen, Texas north of Dallas, it has almost 7000 students. A 100 million budget for athletic facilities is closer to universities than high schools. It is huge, even for Texas! The stadium seats 18,000 and the band has 900 members!

The opposite of Allen is what my grandchildren in Garrison get to be a part of. There are more drummers in the Allen High band than there are total students in Garrison, but the pride is the exact same, maybe even more. When Garrison has had out of town playoff games in the past, signs around the little town say, "Last One Out, Turn Out the Lights!"

It is a source of community pride when the boys of fall are doing good.

It permeates the talk of the town with supportive signs painted on storefront windows. The player's names are repeated in restaurants and auto repair shops. Grandmothers brag on their family whatever their role. Cheerleaders, band members, twirlers, drill team, flag bearers, and mascots all lend their support to players.

The pinnacle of Texas high school football is playing in an NFL stadium for a state championship. The novel, *Friday Night Lights*, did its best to capture the insane culture of our state's obsession. It led to a movie and then a television series to let the world know what we have known our whole lives.

I have a friend whose son is a head football coach for a 2A school in South Texas. My friend has two grandsons on the team as well. Every Friday until November is reserved for watching the family team. The highs and lows are intense when it is family, but those kids become all of our kids.

In a time when professional athletes are paid millions, win or lose, the purity of sport is on display at those small schools. They are in a tiny pond of just a few choices to make it big. Most will never have a chance to play in college and almost none will play on Sundays, but Friday night belongs to them. A time where glory is possible and hope is in the air when the season begins.

They represent their school and more importantly hometowns when they run onto the gridiron proudly wearing the school colors. Sports have no script, and every game is different with a chance for some boy to be a hero!

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

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The physical footprint includes Church Street, Hospital Street, and Mound Street north of Main Street. Imagine a horseshoe for good luck. The event is designed for individuals aged 21 and older. Similar to Wine Swirl, patrons will need to buy tickets either online or on-site using Cash App or Venmo. A ticket includes an event cup and a pub crawl punch card valid for four drinks or tastings at each participating venue. The venues are: Apertivo Café & Gelato on Church Street, hosting the Paver Stage; Madhatter's Distillery on Hospital Street, hosting the Patio Stage; The Fredonia Brewery on Mound Street, hosting the Porch Stage; and The Cottage Wine Bar & Restaurant, hosting the Pergola Stage. The Nacogdoches Cigar Company is setting up a cigar lounge and will have Naca Valley Vineyard wines available for purchase. Each location will feature different music genres.
Chili's will be manning the three ticket booths placed within the music fest footprint. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks and area downtown restaurants. Monograms on Main will be selling event t-shirts out of its location on Church Street. Rogue Aesthetics, Salon Haven, and Motorhomes of Texas will serve as green rooms for visiting bands.
None of this will be possible without the financial support of individuals and companies who wish to experience live music on the brick streets of Nacogdoches. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in as sponsors, vendors, and venues.

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On Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 PM, Zion Hill will present *Dessert & Jazz*, featuring the smooth sounds of Dan McMahon. Guests are invited to enjoy complimentary coffee and a dessert spread before settling in for an evening of relaxing jazz in the beautiful sanctuary.



Later in the month, on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 PM, singer-songwriter Christie Cook will take the stage.



Cook’s performance will showcase her original songs, paired with engaging storytelling, offering audiences a heartfelt and memorable concert experience.

Tickets for both concerts are \$10 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or in person at Zion Hill beginning September 24. Seating is limited, so guests are encouraged to secure tickets early.

Both concerts are part of Zion Hill’s growing series of cultural programs that highlight

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“Pull Over, Bud”

by Robert McCandless

“Go ahead cut across,” I heard my wife, Gail, say as we waited on the light at King and North Streets, that seems to favor those on the major thoroughfare. It’s not the first time she has suggested it and probably won’t be the last. It has occurred to me to do so, but I’m reluctant to perform the criminal act and there is a reason why. The suggestion brings back my past as I immediately travel back to 1965 and Reuben’s purple ’49 chopped Merc.

With my friend Gary in the front seat and me in back, the light turned yellow as we approached the corner of Madison and Jefferson. High school kids that we were, gave no reason to be in any kind of hurry, when Reuben surprised us by making a decision to trim a little time off our trip, avoiding the red light and going through the Comet Cleaner’s corner pickup and delivery drive through, which, at the time, was conveniently empty. We thought it funny as we waved to the employees in teenage, smart aleck fashion, to tell them we were getting away with something.

The lowered Merc’s back bumper scraped a little as we exited the elevated driveway avoiding the light. Two more blocks to Reuben’s house where we would do something, such as make prank phone calls or involve ourselves in some other useless activity. We had not recovered from the bounce created by the uneven surfaces when we were immediately confronted with another red light, attached to the roof of a black, 1965 Ford Custom, with the obligatory budget package of small hubcaps and lack of chrome. The “bubble gum machine,” as we affectionately referred to the spinning light on it’s roof, spun around, catching everyone’s attention without having to engage the siren, notifying Reuben to pull over and accept the consequences of saving the 20 or so seconds he had attempted to add to our “productive” lives.

He had forgotten to check his rear view mirror before executing the soon to be discovered, illegal move. We were now being, not too, hotly pursued, at ten miles per hour, within sight of our final destination, as the policeman executed the same move, on our heels. We hadn’t even made it to the next intersection.

“Cutting across private property to avoid a traffic signal” was what the ticket read. I mean, we all had been ticketed for loud mufflers, exhibition of speed, and some other things the cops would make up to fit the situation. It was 5 to 10 dollars a shot, so no one went broke paying them unless they went, what we called “alias,” by not paying on time and creating a situation that could double the fine or result in arrest.

I usually answer Gail with, “I’m not going to spend two hundred dollars and all day Saturday in a defensive driving classroom.” I’m tempted and can probably get away with it as I have seen others do it, but memory prevents it. I hardly ever watch any movie twice but the training films in the many defensive driving classes I have taken, in the past, made an indelible mark on my life, before I removed the lead weight in my right shoe and stopped trying to cut corners in life. I can repeat lines from the from those films like some quote Shakespeare. My driving habits have calmed in the last few years, having pulled a trailer for seven years across the U.S. I receive dirty looks at the courses now, when I give my reason for being there as “insurance discount.” No one believes it. They think I’m lying.

The King St. corner is tempting and I may even “cut across” some day if I have a medical emergency and need to get to Nac Medical Center. Until then though, I’m just going to spend what sometimes seems to be a significant amount of my life at that corner waiting for the light to change, sometimes, watching the car behind me cut across as I dutifully wait.



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SERVING OUR SAVIOR

by Patti Goodrum
Executive Director, Love in the Name of Christ Nacogdoches

Spiritual warfare is very real—alive and active in our nation, our state, and certainly in our own community.

In recent days, we have seen troubling evidence of evil at work in people from every walk of life, from those crying out for help to respected professionals in the workforce. It is sobering to witness how the enemy can infiltrate a person's life, influencing their actions in ways that reveal the presence of dark spiritual forces.

No one is exempt—mothers and fathers, grandparents, or neighbors. Satan looks for any opening: moments of doubt, seasons of discouragement, and especially times when pride convinces us we can handle life on our own. When we rely solely on our own strength—our "flesh"—we step away from the protection and guidance God offers.

We were created to live in community, to walk in peace, and to honor our Creator together. Now more than ever, we must remain vigilant, humble, and united in faith.

When people become trapped in a cycle of despair, the enemy seeks to consume them. With nothing more than a thought, a temptation, or the weight of societal pressures, he can begin to influence their lives. Before long, they may see themselves as blameless for every hardship or struggle they face. Spiritual attacks often strike in moments of anxiety, confusion, or vulnerability. Even coping mechanisms formed in the pain of childhood trauma can fuel patterns of distrust, paranoia, and fear, leaving some unable to think or act with clarity.

Where Spiritual Warfare Unfolds: The Mind and Heart. The mind is often the central battlefield, where thoughts, doubts, and temptations shape our actions, beliefs, and affections. When you least expect it, spiritual warfare attacks. It is not confined to extraordinary moments; it often appears in the ordinary through tension in relationships, attacks on personal identity, and during your everyday life. The influence to succeed in your work, your family, the world, and battles for the soul, Satan uses anything and everything to harness your thoughts.

What can we do? When you find yourself in conflict with someone you believe is under spiritual attack and you and others can clearly see the evidence of that battle, your first and greatest response is prayer. Pray, and then pray again. Pray without ceasing. Scripture reminds us that our true weapons are not of this world: they are truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word of God.

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The Pineywoods Fair returns to the Nacogdoches County Expo Center this October, bringing with it a blend of tradition and fun for the whole family. From thrilling carnival rides and livestock shows to live entertainment and mouthwatering fair food, the fair showcases the best of East Texas community spirit. Families and friends alike gather each year to celebrate, compete, and create lasting memories at one of the region's most beloved fall events.

LUNCH ON THE MIDWAY - OCTOBER 9TH

Join us for Lunch on the Midway at noon during the Pineywoods Fair, where the Expo Center comes alive with the sights, sounds, and flavors of the fair. Guests can step away from the office or school and enjoy classic fair food favorites, stroll the midway, and soak in the festive atmosphere—all in the heart of Nacogdoches. It's the perfect midday break to enjoy good food, good company, and a taste of the fair.

Wednesday, October 8 – KTRE Night

- 4:00 PM – Gates Open
- 6:00–10:00 PM – *Armband Special*: Unlimited rides for \$30, or \$25 with 3 canned goods

Thursday, October 9 – Buddy Night

- 6:00–10:00 PM – *Buddy Special*: One person buys ride tickets, and the other rides for FREE

Friday, October 10 – Pilgrim's Night

- 1:00 PM – Gates Open
- Free Admission until 3:00 PM
- After 3:00 PM – Admission \$5
- 2:00–5:00 PM – *Early Bird Special*: Armbands \$20
- 6:00–11:00 PM – Armbands \$30

Saturday, October 11 – Complete Ag Day

- 11:00 AM – Gates Open
- Free Admission until 1:00 PM
- After 1:00 PM – Admission \$5
- 12:00–3:00 PM – *Armband Special*: \$20

Sunday, October 12 – Family Day

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The Pineywoods Fair is more than rides and fair food — it's a tradition that brings East Texas families together each fall. Organizers invite everyone from Nacogdoches and all the surrounding counties to come out, enjoy the fun, and be part of a community celebration that continues to grow year after year. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!



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Safer Buses, Stronger Communities

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

Imagine waiting for your child to return from a field trip or a sporting event, only to receive a call that the bus carrying your child has been in a serious accident. For too many families, this nightmare has become reality. And because school travel is so frequent, I know it will happen again.

In March 2024, a Hays CISD bus collided with a cement truck, killing two people, including one student. On September 8th of this year, a Minco Public Schools bus carrying a high school softball team left the road and rolled over as it tried to avoid hitting a deer. Six student athletes were ejected and several members of the team including coaches were severely injured. These tragedies are not isolated incidents. As a school administrator, I feel a constant weight of responsibility, knowing that every trip carries risks that we constantly attempt to mitigate.



That is why raising awareness and taking action around school bus safety is critical.

Each October, districts across the country recognize School Bus Safety Month. But protecting children cannot be reduced to a single month of reminders. Safety must be a year-round priority for students, parents, and school employees.

Texas lawmakers have taken a significant step forward. During the 89th Legislative Session, the Legislature passed SB 546, authored by Senator Jose Menendez of San Antonio. The new law, effective September 1st, requires all Texas school districts to equip their school buses with three-point seatbelts within four years and adopt policies requiring their use by all passengers. This investment is significant, but so is the payoff: fewer devastating injuries, fewer grieving families, and greater peace of mind for every parent who waves goodbye to their child at the bus stop.

School buses are already among the safest modes of transportation. Yet we can, and must, do better. With seatbelts and stronger safety policies, we have the power to prevent tragedies before they happen.

We cannot control every accident on the road, but we can ensure that our students are better protected when they do occur.

Dr. Enos is the superintendent of schools at Gunter ISD in Gunter, Texas. He is a strong advocate for the students and staff of Texas public schools and serves as the Legislative Chairman for the Texas Rural Education Association (TREA).

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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

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Make plans to attend the new exhibition at Falling Star Gallery @ NAC. Opening Saturday, October 18 is **BLOOM: Flower and the Human Spirit, paintings by Jim Leysath and ceramics by Maggie Leysath** with artists in attendance. At 2pm there will be a brief art talk followed by a reception. The show continues Saturdays through November 29. You don’t want to miss this wonderful collaboration!

We are now accepting vendor applications for the annual Winter Workshop on the square downtown on the day of the Christmas parade, from 10-2 December 6.

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

OCTOBER ARTIST SPOTLIGHT!

Meet Maggie Leysath!
Maggie Leysath (pronounced “Lye-sick”) and her brother-in-law Jim Leysath are opening a special joint show called “Bloom: Flower and the Human Spirit” paintings by Jim Leysath and ceramics by Maggie Leysath at Falling Star Gallery on October 18.
Originally from Chicago, Maggie is a retired art educator. Her specialty is working with clay; she throws pots and other works in her Nacogdoches home studio. “I got interested in working with clay when I took a class in Japanese raku firing techniques. I really love making things from clay.”
Maggie has a bachelor’s from Sam Houston State University and eventually, got her teaching certificate. “I was one class away from getting my degree in art and I said, ‘I can’t make a living doing this’ and I changed my major to English, of all things,” she said, laughing. But when she was offered a job teaching art in tiny Onalaska, Texas, where there was no established art department or program, she accepted the challenge. Maggie spent 11 years there, teaching classes to 4th through 12th graders, organizing student art shows, and helping students to discover their artistic voice by helping them find what interested them. “I taught the importance of art. Why is it important? It’s a human endeavor. Humans create art, and clay lasts forever.”
Eventually, as her program expanded and her school art show grew from 30 attendees to 650, Maggie needed a break and decided to go back to school at SFA, where she obtained a master’s in art education in 2011 and a doctorate in educational leadership in 2013. Her thesis focused on integrating the teaching of art with other subjects like chemistry. For example, students would study the chemical composition of pottery glazes to understand how changes in temperature and composition would affect the look of a piece.



Maggie Leysath



Ceramic piece by Maggie

“The idea of ‘Anybody can do that’ in any artistic discipline is a myth,” says Maggie. “In order to work like an artist, you need technique and training. Skill building teaches you what you can actually do with your medium, and helps you make the work you want to make. The best way to turn into the human you are is to practice art.”

You can take ceramics classes with Maggie at Muddy Pants Pottery in Nacogdoches.

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

October has arrived, ushering in crisp evenings and a hint of fall charm across the oldest town in Texas. While the brilliant fall foliage won’t reach its peak until November, October still brings plenty of seasonal spirit to Nacogdoches. From spooky ghost tours and festive plant sales to SFA homecoming pride and community celebrations, there’s no shortage of ways to enjoy the season.

Every fall, SFA Gardens welcomes visitors to their Fabulous Fall Festival Plant Sale at the Pineywoods Native Plant Center. On October 4th, plant lovers, from experts to novices, can browse a wide selection of Texas-tough plants, perfect for starting your own fall garden.

If you are looking to fully immerse yourself into the fall experience this October, Chulita Hill Farm and Creamery will host their Fall Farm-to-Table Dining Experience on October 11th in partnership with Merci’s World Cuisine. Guests will enjoy a guided farm tour followed by an exclusive dinner featuring classic Southern flavors with a seasonal twist.

No fall season is complete without football, and there’s no better time to celebrate than SFA Homecoming Week, October 13th–18th! The week is packed with events, but highlights include the Homecoming Bonfire and Concert at the Intramural Fields on October 17th, the Homecoming Parade in Downtown Nacogdoches the morning of October 18th, and of course, the Homecoming football game at Homer Bryce Stadium that evening.

Keep the fall festivities going with Nac Snack Friday in Downtown Nacogdoches on Friday, October 24th from 11am-2pm! The crisp autumn weather makes it the perfect afternoon to enjoy local food trucks, catch up with friends, and listen to music piped through the square.

Continue your fall celebrations with a taste of history at the Old Stone Harvest Fest at the Stone Fort Museum on October 25th. The afternoon features traditional cooking demonstrations, including jelly-making with native plums and Dutch oven cornbread. Enjoy live acoustic music from Camino Real de Nacogdoches, try your hand at heritage crafts like bookmark weaving, and more! Evening performances include Sons of Atlantis and an open mic showcasing local talent. All activities are free and open to the public.

Get into the spooky spirit this October at Millard’s Crossing Historic Village! Every Thursday night, join their first-ever Ghost Tours, a two-hour walking adventure that’s perfect for thrill-seekers and history lovers alike. Then, on October 25th, bring the whole family to the annual Ghosts of Millard’s Crossing event. Enjoy a spooktacular auto show, costume parade, hay maze, and plenty of fall fun for kids of all ages. It’s a seasonal celebration that blends history, community, and Halloween excitement in one charming historic setting.

October is just getting started, and there’s so much more to experience in Nacogdoches this fall! From seasonal events to local traditions, every weekend brings something new to discover. For the latest updates and a full list of October happenings, visit visitnacogdoches.org/events and check out our October What’s Happening flyer in this paper!



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

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



Jesus—You Have Allotted Us Time to Serve

Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You. You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass. Job 14:1, 5

John the Baptist was brought forth from his mother’s womb into the world for one primary purpose: to fulfill prophecy to serve as the forerunner for Christ (Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:3-6; John 3:28). John was sent by God to bear witness of the Light (John 1:6-9). John did what the Lord required of him, though his life and ministry in fulfilling God’s purpose were short lived according to the ways of man (Isa. 55:8, 9). His ministry lasted about six months. It ended when he was wrongly imprisoned

by King Herod. What was John’s offense, his crime? It was telling the king the truth concerning his marriage to Herodias. John told King Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife” (Mark 6:16-29). He was executed by beheading. John the Baptist died when he was around thirty years of age. His allotted time to serve ended according to God’s number of his months.

I submit to you that no one will outlive God’s number of his allotted days. When John the Baptist’s life and his ministry served out the full measure of God’s will, when there were no more good works prepared by God for John to do, God took His breath away from him (Gen 2:7). All of the works God had prepared for John to do were finished.

Are Christians any different from John the Baptist in terms of having an allotted time to live for and to serve Christ? No, we are not. We all have an allotted time to tell people the truth as it is written in the Bible and to share the hope of the gospel. An allotted time to share the hope of salvation and eternal life that can be found only by believing the message of the cross and the empty grave. It was on the cross that Jesus Christ shed His blood for sin so that in Him we may receive forgiveness of our sins against a holy God (Matt. 26:27, 28; Heb. 9:22).

Only Jesus, who became sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21) can forgive our sins (Mark 2:5-7; Eph. 1:7), destroy the record of our sins (Heb. 10:12-18), and make us guilt free before God as evidenced by the presence and seal of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14). Only Jesus, who conquered death on the third day by leaving the tomb (Luke 24:13-27; John 2:19-22), can give life to our mortal bodies (Rom. 8:11). Only in Jesus can we receive eternal life (John 10:10).

Did John know the allotted time God had given him to serve? Did he know that his days in this world would be so few? God spent more time preparing John for his assignment and ministry than He did in using him to carry it out (Luke 3:1-2). How long John had to serve is not what mattered most. What mattered is he used the time God allotted in faithfully doing the will of God. His faithfulness and obedience cost him his life. Yet John knew that man could kill his body, but he could not touch his soul (Matt. 10:28). John knew he had eternal life through faith in the Man who was his cousin yet chosen as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Every born-again believer has an allotted time to serve God in fulfillment of His purpose for our lives. God keeps every Christian on earth after our conversion in order to carry out our kingdom assignment to advance His kingdom. Are we living fruitful lives in service to God, doing His will? Or are we living selfish self-centered, cowardly and disobedient lives that advance the kingdom of Satan?

Serving God now is only the beginning of a life of eternal service. It is a high honor and privilege, one which we don’t deserve, to serve Christ in this life. Where we serve is His choice. How long we serve in our allotted pilgrimage here is left to God. And if our final opportunity to serve Jesus ends with our death, then even in that God is glorified (John 21:18, 19).

Are you in the place of Christ’s choosing for service? Is Christ moving—frustrating your plans, shaking things up in your life to get you to the right place of service? Ask yourself, “Am I serving with an eternal kingdom mindset knowing my allotted time to serve will not pass the Lord Jesus’ appointed limits?”

God admonishes us to “walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil (Eph. 5:15-17). Our lives on earth are very short in comparison to the eternity we will spend with Jesus. We should redeem the time we have in these evil days to advance Christ’s purposes in the world, even if it costs us our lives.



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An Arm and A Leg

by Neal Murphy

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



I am certain that you have heard someone use the phrase, “That cost me an arm and a leg.” We understand it to mean that it refers to something of great cost or value. It is in common usage, but where did it originate? Here again, research reveals interesting data.

Most “experts” tell us that the phrase dates back to at least the 1800s and involved portrait painters. Since there were no cameras back then, if one wanted a portrait done it had to be done by these painters on canvas. It seems that the portrait painters would charge more for larger paintings and that a head and shoulders painting was the cheaper option. If one wanted the arms and legs included, the price was much more due to the extreme detail involved in painting the limbs. Thus the phrase “costing an arm and a leg” was born.

Other “experts” disagree with this and argue that the saying originated around World War one. It is a grim reality that there were many US newspaper reports of our servicemen who had lost an arm and a leg in the war. It is possible that the phrase originated in reference to the high cost paid by those who suffered such amputations.

Another possibility is that the expression derived from two earlier phrases: “I would give my right arm” and “even if it takes a leg,” which were both coined in the 19th century. An example in print is from an 1849 edition of *Sharpe’s London Journal*: “He felt as if he could gladly give his right arm to be cut off if it would make him, at once, old enough to go and earn money instead of Lizzy.”

Consequently, the “experts” cannot agree on when or where the phrase originated, but does it really matter? Perhaps you have heard of the conversation between God and Adam in the Garden of Eden. God came to the Garden to reveal to Adam that He was going to give him a helper, or a mate. Adam was confused and asked God for more information on this “helper.” God explained that his helper would be a female, something Adam had never seen. “She will be a perfect companion. She will bear your children without complaint. She will make your home into a perfect place to live. She will never get sick. She will attend to your every desire, and never have a headache. She will clean the dishes, wash your clothes, and clean the house without complaint. She will treat you like a king.”

Adam thought about this new revelation for a minute then asked God a question. “What is this new creature going to cost me?” God replied, “An arm and a leg.” After pondering this information, Adam asked God, “Well, what can I get for just one rib?” And the rest is history.

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A Big Bend Series: Visiting the National Park

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.

Within the panoply of U. S. National Parks, Big Bend is the least visited, and that is perhaps not a bad thing. We can recall the vast crowds at Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Yellowstone, in which our experiences, while memorable, seemed less personal when viewed over the shoulders of other visitors. This was not the case here in Big Bend and the massive Chihuahuan desert area. The drive through the scrubby vegetation toward the Chisos mountains does not spoon feed us with frequent eye candy; instead, there is a feeling we are explorers of a land guarded by roadrunners, rabbits and coyotes. The vastness of the territory allows no distraction by anything manmade, and the impossibly blue skies are embroidered only by an occasional wayward white cloud.

We travel upwards toward 7,825-ft. Emory Peak which, with several accompanying mountain tops, guards the Chisos Basin, an Eden-like area of greenery that provides a respite for travelers. A stop at The Window, a break in the basin walls allows a distant view outside the surrounding rugged and long-extinct volcanic outcrops.



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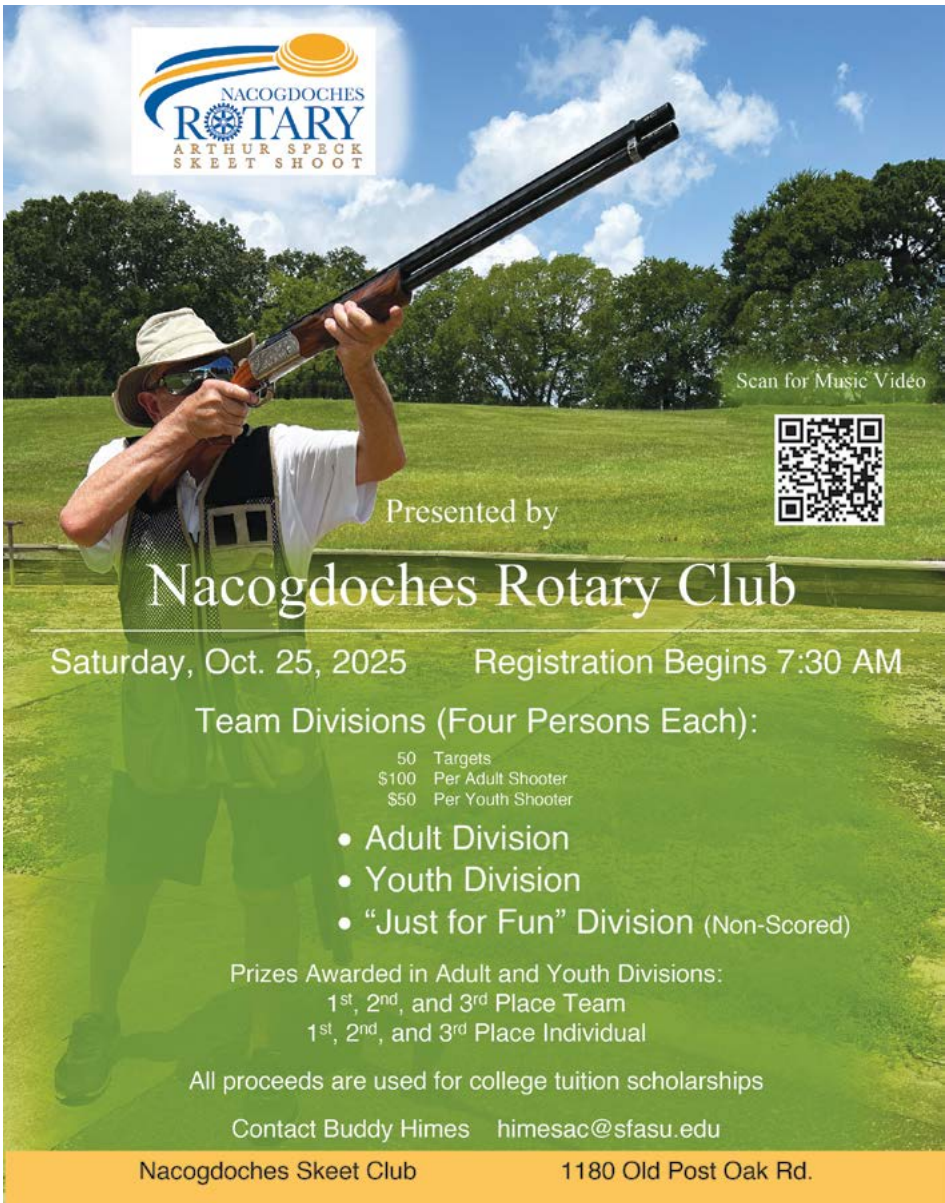

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Lamp-Lite Theatre Auditions For *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Barefoot In The Park*

The Lamp-Lite Players announce AUDITIONS for two of their upcoming plays during the month of October: *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* by Barbara Robinson, Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, 2025, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm, and *BAREFOOT IN THE PARK* by Neil Simon, October 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, and October 26, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, at Lamp-Lite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Children ages eight-years-old and older, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to audition at one of the sessions for *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER*.

Roles for *BAREFOOT IN THE PARK* include one female, mid-twenties; one male, mid-twenties; one female, mid-forties/fifties; one male, mid-fifties/sixties; two males, mid-thirties/fifties. Auditions will consist of readings from the play, with auditioners reading individually and in groups.

Lamp-Lite Player Roz Couch will direct *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER*. Rehearsals will begin early November, and performances will consist of three day performances, December 17, 2025, for area schools and performances for the public, December 18-21, 2025.

Lamp-Lite Player Katherine Parrish Whitbeck will direct *BAREFOOT IN THE PARK*. Rehearsals will begin early January, 2026, with performances, February 13-15 and 20-22, 2026.

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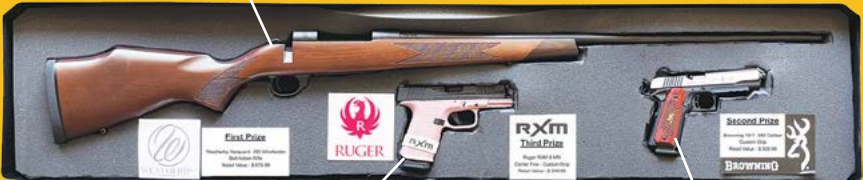
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Millard’s Crossing News and Calendar

Good day Readers,

I hope everyone had a great September! Cooler weather is upon us as the little ones dress in their favorite costumes and get as much candy and treats as possible.

We are decorating and getting ready for our Halloween event, “Ghosts of Millard’s Crossing.” It will take place on October 25, starting at 11:00 AM, with all the fun and candy you and your children can stand. We will have the Headless Horseman, a petting zoo, hayrides, demos, crafts, a pie-eating contest, food, popcorn, face painting, vendors, and much more. If we have people sign up for the auto and tractor show, we will have a great show. The car and tractor show will be by the Cotton Gin. Make sure to dress in your costume for the costume parade starting at 2:00 PM by the Carriage House. The buildings will be decorated for Halloween fun; you may even see Boo from Monsters Inc., a little witch broom shop, some ghosts, and much more. Once you pay your entrance fee, everything listed is included EXCEPT food, vendors, pumpkins for smashing, decorating, and taking home, and our gift shop. Entrance fee \$5.00 for children 1-4, \$10.00 for 5 and up and as always children under 1 are free.



We will be having some spooky fun while learning the history of our beautiful village every Thursday night in October from 7-9 PM through our Ghost Tours. Space is very limited, so you will need to sign up in advance. The price is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple.

We always want to thank our Sponsors for all you do in helping sponsor our fundraisers. When you come to visit Millard’s Crossing, you will find a list of sponsors on our self-guided tour maps.

Just want to remind the public, we do not host, sponsor, or have anything to do with a private rental of the village. For example, if you rent the whole village for your wedding or event, we close the village and you have the grounds to use. The only events we host or sponsor are the events put on by Millard’s Crossing. Please check our website for Millard’s Crossing upcoming events. www.mchvnac.com, FaceBook page, or give a call to 936-564-6631.

Would love to give a shout-out to Bill S. for all the hard work cleaning out the chapel and working on the other flower beds. They look fabulous! Thank you to our volunteers who put in many hours for our events and field trips.

The village is closed on the 11th due to a private event; we will see you on another date.

Look for some exciting news about Millard’s Crossing in next month’s column.

Please feel free to call us if you would like to be a volunteer, sponsor, book a field trip, rent one of our rentals, or just come by for a visit. We can always find a cold drink or a cup of coffee to share with you.

Best Regards,
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Forgotten No More: Grave of Early Douglass Settler Robert C. Crofton Discovered and Memorialized

“You are the first Crofton to stand here in over 160 years.”

by K Banigan

A quiet grove near Crofton Lake in western Nacogdoches County—long known to locals for its fishing and deer leases—has become the site of a remarkable rediscovery. Thanks to the persistence of family researchers and the knowledge of a lifelong Douglass resident, the grave of **Robert C. Crofton**, a pioneer settler from Alabama, has been located and memorialized, along with the resting places of two of his children.

The story begins over 170 years ago, in **1850**, when Robert C. Crofton, a Georgia-born farmer, married **Tobitha Bradshaw** in **Henry County, Alabama**. Just months later, the newlyweds embarked on a wagon journey west—traveling hundreds of miles through Mississippi to settle in the thick pine forests near **Douglass, Texas**, along the banks of the **Angelina River**. According to family tradition, Robert customized a wagon yoke to pair an ox and a milk cow, ensuring both traction and fresh milk during the journey. Tobitha walked most of the way beside the wagon, knitting socks and singing as they moved westward.

Crofton purchased 250 acres in 1856, in two parcels, from the Whitaker family. This land—then remote frontier—now lies under timber lease, with a quiet lake still bearing the name **Crofton Lake**, though few ever knew why.

The couple settled, farmed, and started a family. Their five children were born here—**Catherine, Robert Jr., and George**—but two others, **Macomb** and **Malcolm**, died young and were buried on the family land. Then, around **1857**, tragedy struck again: Robert C. Crofton succumbed to blood poisoning after a tick bite. His fifth child, George, was born just months after his death.

Widowed, pregnant, and with two surviving children, **Tobitha Crofton** made the brave choice to return east to her family in Alabama, leaving behind the graves of her husband and children. Before leaving, she filed a **Power of Attorney** in Nacogdoches County, authorizing Eliel Rowe to oversee the land. For generations afterward, the location of the graves was lost- passed down only through oral family tradition.

A 21st Century Discovery

In **2022**, Crofton genealogists began the search anew. Using land records, family stories, and maps, they traced the Crofton property and reached out on a local history Facebook page, asking if anyone knew of old, unmarked graves in the Douglass area.

That’s when **Fred Athey**, lifelong Douglass resident and local historian, responded.

“I know exactly where that is,” he said.


Fred led the searcher to an old, overgrown site near **Goodman Bridge**, where he had previously discovered several graves. At first, they believed they’d found the Crofton burial site—but further investigation showed it wasn’t the right property. Disappointed but undeterred, Fred turned his attention to another area: **his own family’s land**.

As it turns out, Fred Athey had grown up playing in the woods and fields of what was once Robert Crofton’s land. He had fished at Crofton Lake, swam near Crofton Springs, and walked paths where Crofton himself likely drove cattle.



“I always wondered why it was called Crofton Lake,” Fred recalled. “No one ever knew where the name came from.”




Local Historian, Fred Athey, located the unmarked graves of early settler, Robert C. Crofton and family, in Douglass.



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Using a method called **grave dowsing**—a traditional practice involving metal rods that react to disturbances in soil—Fred searched the area near an abandoned road that once crossed the land. And there, nestled in the pine forest, **he found them**: three unmarked graves.

Subsequent confirmation using **ground-penetrating radar** validated the discovery. One adult grave, and two smaller ones, precisely matching the Crofton family tradition passed down for generations.

A Memorial for the Forgotten

In **March 2025**, a **memorial marker** was placed at the site by descendants with the help of Fred Athey, honoring **Robert C. Crofton** and his sons **Macomb** and **Malcolm**. The marker stands just 300 feet from where Fred Athey once lived, overlooking the woods that have held this secret for over a century and a half.

The Marker reads: “For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land” with information on the early settlers. “Gone to Texas, Gone too soon”

Standing at the grave, the Crofton family members who began the search were overcome with emotion.

Fred remarked to the family, “You are the first Crofton to stand here in over 160 years.”

“And none of this would have been possible without Fred Athey.” The Croftons replied.

Fred Athey, ever humble, brushed off the praise. “I just like helping people find their people,” he said.

But to the Crofton family, and to local historians, Fred is much more than helpful, **he’s a Texas treasure**.

The Crofton Legacy

Though his life was brief, Robert C. Crofton’s legacy lives on in Texas, Alabama, and Florida—where many of his descendants eventually settled. His wife, **Tobitha Bradshaw Crofton**, died in 1903 in Washington County, Florida. Their grandson, **Lemuel Curtis Crofton**, preserved many of her stories, which inspired this modern rediscovery.

Robert C. Crofton may have arrived in Texas with little more than a modified wagon, a few livestock, and a dream—but thanks to the dedication of his descendants and the kindness of a neighbor, his name is now etched in stone, no longer lost beneath the pines.



A memorial stone placed in 2025 marks the burial site of Robert C. Crofton and his two young sons near Crofton Lake, Douglass, TX.

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In January 1981, my family and I returned to Dallas for me to finish the last twenty-four hours of my theology degree at Dallas Theological Seminary, and we were fortunate enough to find just the right place to live at just the right price, just down Del Norte from Temple Emmanuel on Hillcrest. The Lord had answered our prayers, which even included a climbing tree for our oldest daughter, Sasha, and we had saved enough money so that I would not have to work so much while I finished.

That summer, I met a first-year student named Roger Haas, who had come to Seminary from my former pastor's church in Victoria, the church of Hamp Keathley. Characteristically for first-year students, Roger was getting his feet wet in finding employment and finding his way around Dallas. One morning in the basement of Mosher Library, I spoke to Dave Gibson for Roger because I knew Dave worked at the freight docks, and I wanted to see if he could get Roger on there. Not long after this, I saw another student named Jerry Spurlin in the same place, who told me that indeed the freight docks had an opening for Roger and that they needed not just one employee but three. Since the pay was good (\$12.76 per hour) and it was only for one night per week, I decided to hire on. Sure enough, they hired me, Roger, and Jerry to work Friday nights each week beginning at 5 p.m. until the dock was cleared the next morning.

A few months had passed with me going to school and working there, when, on the morning of October 24th, when I got home about 5 a.m., Jana told me Sasha was sick with a 105-degree fever and she was going to take her to the hospital, which she did. For a full week, she was treated in the Children's Ward of Presbyterian Hospital until she was released the next Saturday, Halloween Day. By that time, I think we owed about \$3000 because our policy only paid \$50 per day, and the rate was \$135 for that, among other charges.

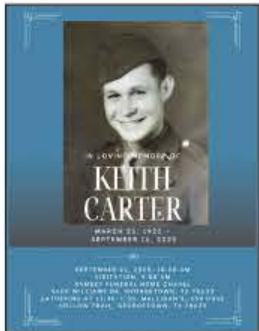
The following Friday, November 6th, I went to work at the usual time, but this time in the break room, my boss Steve Coats was there, and he said to me, "Dixon, I need you to start calling in during the week. That Christmas freight is beginning to come in, and I need you." I replied: "That's great, Mr. Coats. My little girl just got out of the hospital, and we have lots of bills." Little did I know that, because of deregulation, I think, ICX was going out of business, and so Mr. Coats had me wash the fleet of trucks on Saturdays and Sundays to get that done. The pay was about the same as the dock work, and our finances sorely needed the money. These are just a couple of the ways the Lord took care of us while we were in school, but His timing was always amazing!

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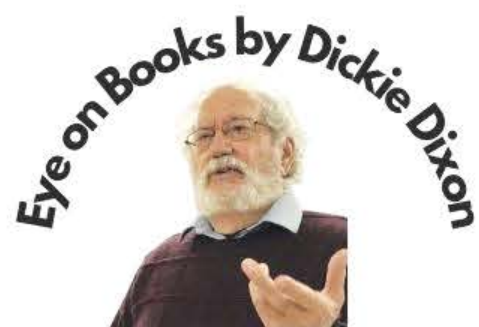
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(1) Historian Stanley Fletcher will present "Fort Teran" to the Hardin County Genealogical Society at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Hardin County Genealogical Library in Kountze, Texas. For more information, contact Owen Vaughn at (409) 651-0990. (2) The SFASU's Campus Master Plan map, the "Draft Illustrative Plan," does not include the Stone Fort Museum; rather, its space is taken by a new proposed science building. For more information, contact Carolyn Spears at (936) 468-2408 or cspears@sfasu.edu or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com (3) Randy Holland's book is out: the public can obtain a hardback or paperback copy of his new book "Journey to the Top Cop" from Barnes & Noble in one of 10 languages, and it is available on Kindle on Amazon and can be ordered on Audible. Randy is now serving as a policeman at Angelina College, but he took the time to write the book and screenplay for the movie *Texas Grit*, which will be directed by none other than Ron Howard. Randy is thrilled and is hoping it will become a New York Times bestseller. (4) "Old Zavala" is Dickie Dixon's topic when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society about 6:15 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2025, at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or ruthdusan35@gmail.com or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com. (5) Jeanelle McCall has written a children's book, "Stuffie and the Great Flood," as a reaction to an image she saw of a stuffed rabbit and the contact of the owner about it. All profits go to flood victims and their families of the flash flood in Kerrville. You can buy your copy at the Museum of East Texas. (6) Thu Von Ellis has written a book about her escape from Vietnam entitled "From Vietnam to Texas," and you can buy your copy at Amazon.com. (7) The Lufkin High School Class of 1969 will hold its reunion at the VFW on Saturday, October 11, 2025, with entertainment provided by Glenn Lenderman and his band. For those attending, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and food will be available from 6:30 p.m. Music and dancing will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Andra Jay at (936) 238-9009.

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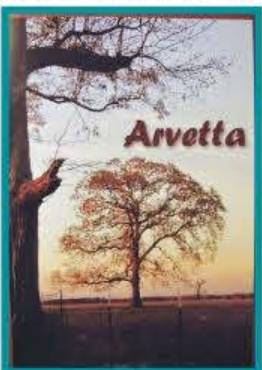
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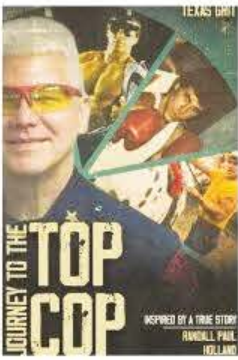
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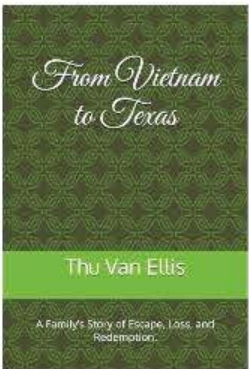
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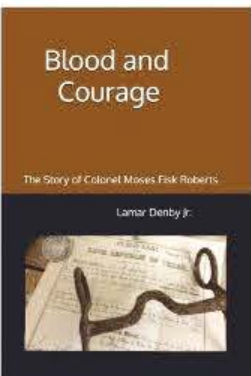
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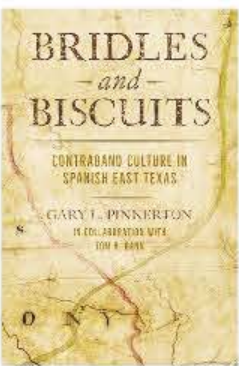


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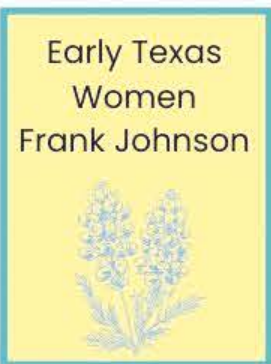
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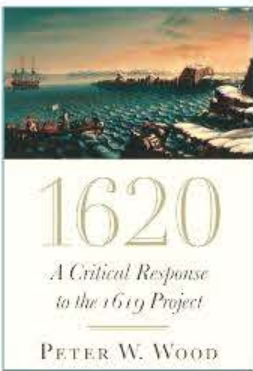


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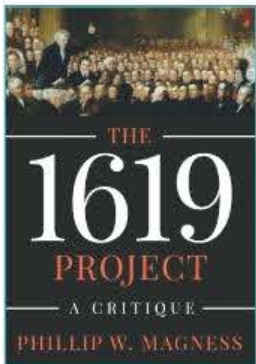


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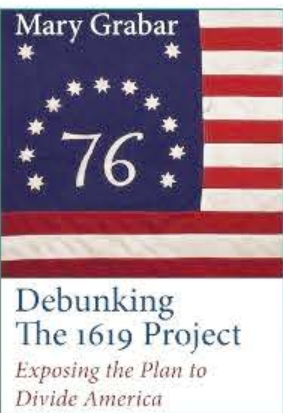


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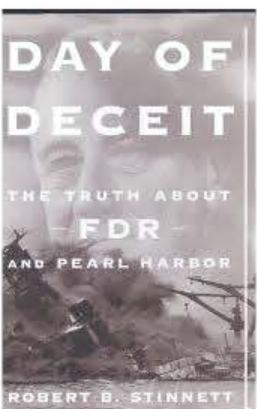


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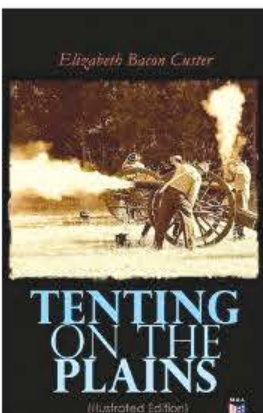
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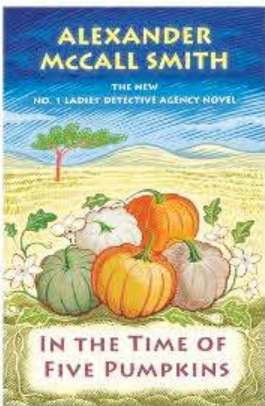
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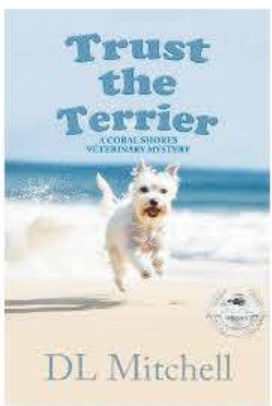
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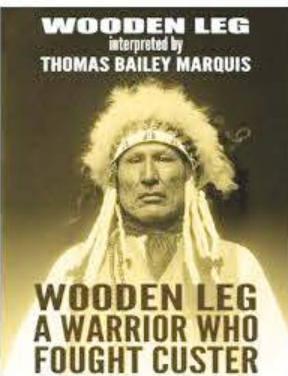


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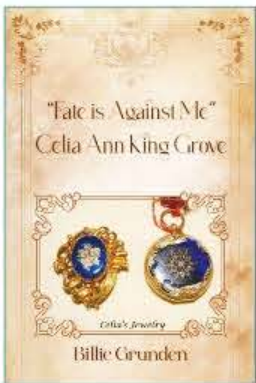
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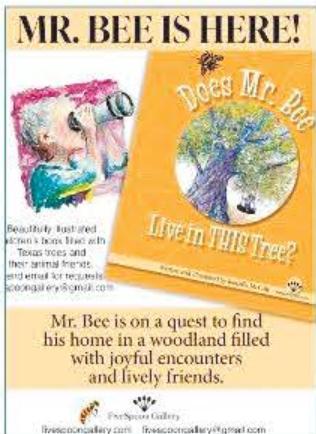
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On Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 PM, Zion Hill will present Dessert & Jazz, featuring the smooth sounds of Dan McMahon. Guests are invited to enjoy complimentary coffee and a dessert spread before settling in for an evening of relaxing jazz in the beautiful sanctuary.

Later in the month, on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 PM, singer-songwriter Christie Cook will take the stage. Cook’s performance will showcase her original songs, paired with engaging storytelling, offering audiences a heartfelt and memorable concert experience.

Tickets for both concerts are \$10 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or in person at Zion Hill beginning September 24. Seating is limited, so guests are encouraged to secure tickets early.


Both concerts are part of Zion Hill’s growing series of cultural programs that highlight the history and vibrancy of the site while supporting its ongoing preservation.

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Christie Cook is a singer-songwriter whose music uplifts, comforts, and inspires. With a heartfelt approach to her original songs, she weaves together themes of faith, humor, love, and everyday life. Whether performing Christian-themed songs or storytelling ballads, Christie’s music resonates deeply, leaving listeners with a sense that they have just heard something worthwhile.

Over the years, she has released seven albums and numerous singles, including her most recent original songs *Armor of God*, *Door to Heaven*, *Abide*, and *I Have a Cat*.

Beyond songwriting, Christie also composes instrumental piano pieces, featured in her album *Fare Thee Well*. She continues to perform at Christian retreats and intimate concerts while recording new music regularly. She resides near Nacogdoches, Texas, with her husband, Stan, and their beloved dog, Blanca.



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October 2025

Classic Car Cruise In
Fri, Oct. 3rd 4-7pm
Clear Springs

Pine Top Pickleball Tournament
Oct. 3rd - Oct. 5th
Maroney Park

Fabulous Fall Festival Plant Sale
Sat, Oct. 4th 9am-2pm
Pineywoods Native Plant Center

Market on Main
Sat, Oct. 4th 9am-1pm
305 East Main St.

Pineywoods Fair
Oct. 8th - Oct. 12th
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center

Fall Farm to Table Dining Experience
Sat, Oct. 11th 6-9pm
Chulita Hill Farm and Creamery

SFA Homecoming
Oct. 13th - Oct. 18th:
10/17: SFA Bonfire & Concert at Intramural Fields
10/18: Homecoming Parade in Downtown
10/18: Alumni Tailgate 4-7pm at Pineywoods Dining Hall
10/18: Homecoming Game 7pm at Homer Bryce Stadium

Remembering Jerry Lee Lewis
Thu, Oct. 23rd 7pm
Appleby Sand Mercantile
Info 936.554.5822

Nac Snack Friday
Fri, Oct. 24th 11am-2pm OR sold out
Downtown Nacogdoches

Oktoberfest 2025
Sat, Oct. 25th 12-10pm
Fredonia Brewery

5th Annual Tobaccodoches Cigar Festival
Sat, Oct. 25th 3-9pm
Nacogdoches Cigar Co.

Old Stone Harvest Fest
Sat, Oct. 25th 4-8pm
Stone Fort Museum

4th Nacogdoches Police Dept. Trunk-or-Treat
Fri, Oct. 31st 4-7pm
Nacogdoches Police Department

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

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

Brick Street Burger Battle
Oct. 1st - Oct. 19th
Participating Downtown Restaurants

Thursdays in the Garden
Thu, Oct. 6th & 20th 10-11am
Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens

Flowers After Hours
Wed. Oct. 1st, 15th, & 29th 4:30-6pm
Both Bloom Studio

Zion Hill Historic Site
10/7: Dessert & Jazz Live Music 7pm
10/21: Christie Cook Live Music 7pm

SFA Fine Arts
Locations are Italicized
W. M. Turner Auditorium:
10/7: SFA Wind Ensemble w/ Composer Viet Cuong & the Kenari Quartet
10/24: Marshall Charloff & The Purple xPerIENCE
10/28: SFA Symphony Orchestra
Flexible Theatre:
10/9-10/12: Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet
Cole Art Center:
10/14-11/8: 12x12 Art Scholarship Fundraiser & Auction
(Closing Reception/Auction on 11/8)
Cole Concert Hall:
10/24: A Cappella Choir

SFA Gardens
Locations are Italicized
Pineywoods Native Plant Center:
10/4: Fabulous Fall Festival Plant Sale 9am-2pm
10/21-10/22: Livestock AgVentures for grades K-2
10/25: 40th Anniversary Celebration 10-2pm
Brundrett Conservation Education Building:
10/9: Plants are the Answer Lecture 7-8:30pm

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative
Locations are Italicized
Mill Room at Banita Creek Hall:
10/4: I Want My 80s Arts Ball 7-9pm
141 Walker Avenue:
10/16, 10/19, 10/23, 10/26, & 10/30: Art Cafe
Falling Star Gallery:
10/18-10/29: Bloom: Flower & the Human Spirit
10/18: Reception for Bloom: Flower & the Human Spirit

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music
10/4: Undead Nac II 9pm
10/24-10/25: EMO NAC 9 Spooky Edition

Old Tyler Road Cafe
Live Music:
10/3: A'na and Micah
10/10: Logan and Company
10/17: Gabe Shipp
10/18: Sanctuary Goth Night
10/24 & 10/31: TBD

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 10/7, & 10/21 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, & 10/30 Fredonia Brewery
Sunday: 10/26 Fredonia Brewery

The Fredonia Hotel
Music on the Patio (Every Friday):
10/3: Larry Greer & the Shades of Blue 6-9pm
10/10: Enrique Munguia 6-9pm
10/17: Logan McCune 6-9pm
10/24: Ryan Lawless 6-9pm
10/31: Marshall Hance 6-9pm

Millard's Crossing Historic Village
Every Thursday: Ghost Tours 7-9pm
10/25: Ghost of Millard's Crossing
10/25: Spooktacular Auto & Tractor Show

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
10/3: BBQ Bike Night 6-9pm
10/4: BBQ Cook-Off 12-3pm
10/11: Hogs & Dogs Fashion Show! 12-3pm
10/16-10/19: Born Free Texas Rally in Mt. Enterprise
10/18: Full Throttle Party 12-3pm
10/25: Trunk or Treat 12-3pm
10/31: Colossal Halloween Bike Night & Costume Competition 6-9pm

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday @ 7pm
Live Music every Friday & Saturday
10/1: Books & Beer 6-7pm
10/4: Ryan Paul Davis-PD Davis Tribute Show 6-9pm
10/8: Karaoke Night! 6:30-9pm
10/11: Joe Cuellar 6-9pm
10/12: Fall Makers Market 12-5pm
10/17: Paul Noyola 6:30-8:30pm
10/18: SFA Homecoming Weekend
10/25: Okto-bier-fest 12-10pm
10/26: Harry Potter Trivia!

Madhatter Distillery
Halloween Movie Nights: 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 10/9, 10/10, 10/16, 10/17, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25, & 10/30
Every Wed: Mario Smash Brothers Tournament 7-9pm
10/11: Grand Opening Phase Two 2pm & J Webb Live 7pm
10/18: A'na and Micah Live 7-9pm
10/31: Halloween Party and Costume Contest 7-10pm

Cottage Restaurant & Bar
Live Music: Every Friday & Saturday

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
10/4: Giovannie & the Hired Guns
10/11: Tyce Delk
10/18: Kolby Cooper
10/23: Braxton Keith
10/31: \$1005 Costume Contest

Bottlecap Alley
Live Music on Fridays
10/3: Nessa & Bailey 6-9pm
10/10: Saloan Debut Show 6-9pm

SFA Planetarium Shows
Sat, Oct. 11th, 18th, & 25th
3:00pm, 4:30pm, & 7:00pm
SFA Stem Building

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza every Thurs-Sat.
10/4: Randy C Moore LIVE @ 5:30pm
10/11: Caden Rutz LIVE @ 5:30pm
10/18: Anna Stockdale LIVE @ 6:30pm
10/25: LaDarius Daniels LIVE @ 5:30pm

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Saints Rest Cemetery Homecoming 2025

Saints Rest Cemetery Homecoming will be held Sunday, Oct. 5th. 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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The **Nacogdoches Memorial VFW Post 3893 Auxiliary** is gearing up for the second annual **Trunk or Treat** at the post on Halloween Night. We are inviting anyone from the community to come out and set up to give out candy or goodies to the trick or treaters. This year we will be giving out trophies for the **First, Second and Third place** to the best decorated trunks. We will have the public vote on their favorite. Trick or treating will begin at 6:30 pm. The address is 2406 Hunter St., Nacogdoches. If you have any questions please call Auxiliary President, Tammie Mosby at 936-414-5293. Help us have a safe place for our youth to come trick or treat.



Bonita Methodist Church will be celebrating its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary on October 25th and 26th. Activities on Saturday will begin at 2 pm with a service featuring a message by Rev. Dr. Lynne Settlemire, former pastor. Special music, a slide show, and memories will be a part of this service. Outdoor games, a “train ride” and music will follow this service. Refreshments and ice cream will be served.

On Sunday Global Methodist Bishop Scott Jones will be the guest speaker at a service of praise and worship which will begin at 10:30 am. At noon an old-fashioned covered dish “Dinner on the Grounds” will feature fried chicken furnished by the Church. All drinks and tableware will be supplied.

Bonita pastor, Brad McKenzie, will host these events and invites all former members and friends of the church to come home to Bonita for two days of celebrating a rich heritage.

Bonita Methodist Church
1030 HWY 259 @ Central Heights
Phone: 560-2028 (Church)
Judy Corley: 559-3861

St. Luke’s Health Memorial in Livingston and Lufkin will be hosting Blood Drives in October

- Livingston’s Blood Drive is October 13, 2025 from 10am to 2:30pm in the Community Conference Center at the hospital.
- Lufkin’s Blood Drive is October 22, 2025 from 11am to 5pm in Community Rooms A&B at St. Luke’s Health Memorial Lufkin.



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Other Events to Add to Your Community Calendar:

- Tuesday October 14th is Power of Pink to be held at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston. Tickets available for purchase for \$50 each in General Admission seating or Reserved table of 10 for \$500. Tickets may be purchased at the Polk County Chamber of Commerce or the hospital Administration office.
- Thursday October 16th Power of Pink at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center in Lufkin. Tickets available for purchase from the Gift Shop or Cashier’s office at St. Luke’s Health in Lufkin or Temple Cancer Center. General Admission tickets are \$50 each or Reserved Table of 10 for \$500.

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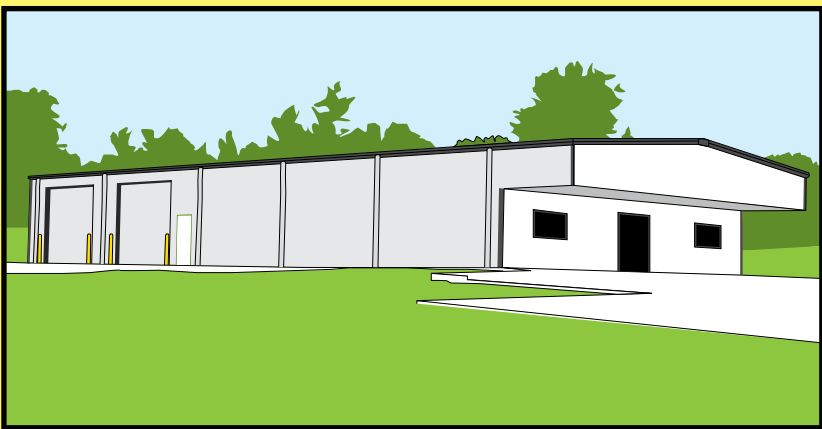
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