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Bonita Methodist Church Celebrating 125 Years

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

A quasiquicentennial celebration is a rare and special event that marks a significant period in the history of an entity. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and milestones achieved over the past 125 years, as well as to look towards the future with optimism and excitement. The Bonita Methodist Church in Central Heights will mark its quasiquicentennial on October 25 and 26, 2025, with a weekend of celebration. Bonita pastor, Rev. Brad McKenzie, will host these events and invites all former members and friends of the church to come to Bonita for two days of celebrating a rich heritage.

Bonita Methodist Church traces its beginnings to the late 1800s, when a group of Methodists met for several years at the Red Oak School, which was just west of the current Bonita location. Adkin Corley played a leading role in the early Methodist Quarterly Conference meetings, with the 1895 records listing the church as “Red Oak.” Adkin Corley came to Texas from South Carolina around 1857, where he met and married Sarah Marshall Campbell of Tennessee, granddaughter of Rev. Clemens Smith Means, who was the pastor of Rock Springs Presbyterian Church for 31 years. The Corley and Campbell families soon joined with others to plan the first of three church buildings. On November 16, 1900, Adkin’s son, Roe Corley, deeded two acres to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The first building was completed in 1901. Lumber for construction was brought by wagon by Eddie McCuiston, with help from Eddie Hogan, a Baptist



Adkin and Sarah Corley

Deep East Texas Nurse Honor Guard: Honoring a Legacy of Service

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

In 2021, while working the late shift in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas, registered nurse Brandi Barringer came across a moving video about the Nurse Honor Guard. The video captured a heartfelt tribute delivered by fellow nurses at a colleague’s funeral, symbolizing profound respect, gratitude, and recognition for a life devoted to caring for others. Brandi was deeply touched.

A few months later, when her mother-in-law passed away in September 2021, she wished to honor her with the same ceremony. However, no existing Nurse Honor Guard chapters were available to travel to the region. Out of this need, the Deep East Texas Nurse Honor Guard was born, with its first tribute held at Brandi’s mother-in-law’s funeral. Reflecting on that moment, Brandi shared, “Getting up at her funeral was the hardest thing I’ve ever had to do, but it was also the most rewarding.”

The Nurse Honor Guard exists to recognize and pay tribute to nurses who dedicated their lives to the service of others. These ceremonies, conducted at the time of a nurse’s passing, provide comfort to grieving families while honoring the dignity and legacy of the profession.



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who generously gave his time to the project. Adkin Corley suggested the name “Bonita” because it was such a beautiful place. Old records indicate that Adkin offered the first prayer in the new building, and Eddie Hogan closed the meeting with the final prayer.

In its early years, Bonita Methodist Church was served by a traveling circuit rider, with the preacher visiting only once a month. On other Sundays, members held Sunday School and worship led by laymen of the church, including J.A. Speer. Early services were simple—men and women often sat separately, and “protracted meetings” (extended revival gatherings) were common. Among the earliest stewards were Adkin Corley, Roe Corley, John McCuistion, S.A. Wells, Charlie Watkins, J.C. Campbell, Charlie Corley, P.E. Corley, Bob Corley, brothers Bennett and Charlie Baker (also led the singing), O.D. Ammons, Edward Corley, and Billy Wilburn. Women such as Miss Katherine Birdwell, Mrs. J.A. Speer, Leta Barron, Eunie Corley, and Sarah Campbell Corley and her sisters, Mary and Becky Parmley contributed greatly to the church’s life. Among the early pastors were Reverends M.I. Brown, Bob Crawford, and Jim Wilson.

In the late 1920s, a second building was erected beside the newly built Central Heights School and the community was named Central Heights. This building, still in use today, houses the Bonita After-School Program, serving area children for more than 35 years. The church has always maintained a strong connection with the school. Lloyd Hudgins was a leader in the church and the school for many years. A new sanctuary was added in 1951, and the building was bricked in 1973. From the late 1970s to 1989, Pastor Billie Thomas led the congregation, followed by Rev. Lynne Settlemire, who had the vision for the After-School Program and plan for more space. In 1993, construction began on an educational building, “The Christian Life Center,” which was dedicated on February 15, 1998.

In 2023, Bonita Church joined the Global Methodist Church, continuing in the Wesleyan tradition. Members were led by Rev. Richard Anderson and currently served by Rev. Brad McKenzie, who is an elder in the Global Methodist Church. The church has seen remarkable growth and outreach in recent years. Today, Bonita Methodist remains a vibrant, faith-centered community—serving God and serving others.



Reverend Brad McKenzie and family

Bonita Methodist Church is excited to announce the celebration of its 125th anniversary on October 25th and 26th. Festivities will begin on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with a special service led by former pastor Rev. Lynne Settlemire. The afternoon will feature music, an anniversary celebration video, historical photos, and shared memories. Following the service, guests can enjoy outdoor games, a “train ride,” music, refreshments, and ice cream.

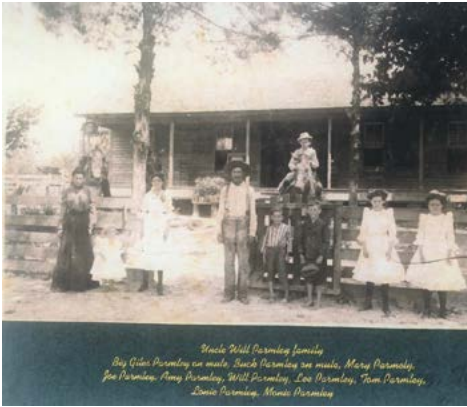
On Sunday, Bishop Scott Jones of the Global Methodist Church will deliver the message at a praise and worship service starting at 10:30 a.m. Afterward, everyone is invited to an old-fashioned “Dinner on the Grounds” beginning at noon. The meal will include fried chicken provided by the church and dishes inspired by early cookbooks. Drinks and tableware will be supplied.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation” (Psalm 95:1). Everyone is invited to an extraordinary weekend, as Bonita marks a significant milestone in the church’s history—commemorating 125 years of faith, love, and community at Bonita Methodist Church.

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Clockwise from top-left: Bonita Church, Roe and Ludee Corley, Willie Mae Hardy and Sunday School Class Circa 1952, Parmley Family photo



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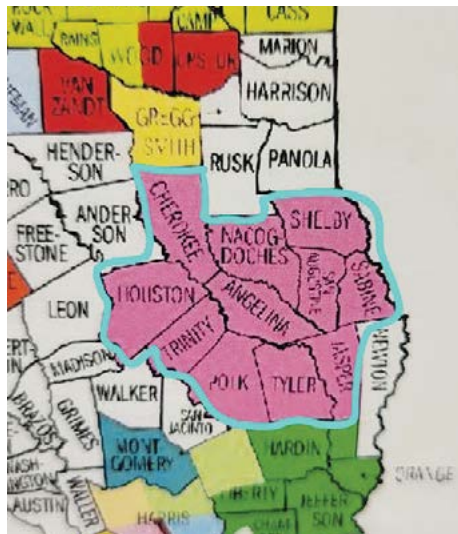
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The Nurse Honor Guard tradition began in Kansas in 2003, when the Kansas State Nurses Association introduced the Nightingale Tribute. Since then, the movement has grown to more than 220 chapters across the United States. Ceremonies often feature symbolic elements such as; the Florence Nightingale Lamp, the placement of white roses, a moment of silence, and a tribute to the nurse's service. In addition to funeral services, the Deep East Texas Nurse Honor Guard also provides Living Tributes to nurses in hospice care.

Founder and president Brandi Barringer is a lifelong resident of Lufkin and a 1995 graduate of Lufkin High School. Inspired by her mother, who is also a nurse, Brandi began working in the medical field in 1997. She earned her LVN from Angelina College in 2007, her ADN in 2011, and her BSN from Texas Tech University in 2021. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing Education at University of Texas Medical Branch, with plans to continue toward a doctoral degree in either Education or Nursing Practice.

Since its founding, the Deep East Texas Nurse Honor Guard has grown into a registered nonprofit organization. In its first four years, the group has conducted 90 tributes across 11 counties, offering families a meaningful way to honor their loved ones with no charge. Brandi recalls, “In the beginning, I paid for everything out of my own pocket,” today, the organization is sustained through donations. Future goals include establishing a scholarship fund for East Texas nursing students.



The Honor Guard welcomes volunteers, including active nurses, retired nurses, and student nurses to help carry out tributes throughout the region. For those nurses interested in volunteering, supporting, or requesting services, please reach out using the co

Brandi Barringer, President

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The First Day of School

by Taylor Millard

While on my daily early morning walk, I noticed something in the dawn air. It was a smell that reminded me of the first day of school. That end of August dry dust along with the accompanying dying grass of my sizzling lawn. Our memory is strong when it comes to smell. I can still smell my grandmother’s kitchen from my childhood.

The taste of onion when an empty Whataburger bag is accidentally left in the car has its own unique flavor. Many of you are now flooded with a memory associated with a place and time and what it smelled like for you.

When I graduated from high school way back in 1975, the most common gift for the boys, for some reason, was cologne. Maybe people were trying to tell me something. I remember Stetson, Faberge Brut, English Leather and the height of olfactory delight, Hai Karate. It is no secret as hormones take over the young male, body odor can follow. The perfume industrial complex to the rescue.

Ask any middle school teacher the assault they take in from the boys is tough. A mix of old gym socks and Axe Body Spray walks up and down the hallways creating a long day for the more sensitive noses. My middle school teacher daughter is an expert on the hallway odors and all teachers deserve hazard pay for the array of offenses they innocently wander into in the halls and classrooms.

My dad had a dairy that I worked as a teenager which an average person could find a bit stinky but not as bad as a chicken house or a hog farm. The most common expression you hear in these places is, “Smells like money to me!” Not a great way to sell the business in my opinion, but I give the marketing people credit for trying.

I even worked on a project to reduce hog and poultry farm offensive odors in my past life. I traveled to a Tennessee hog farm, North Carolina State University to meet professors and finally a hearing in Washington DC. Explaining to attorneys why animal waste stinks should be obvious, it wasn’t. I sat in a crowded room of politicians, congressional aids, lobbyists, protesters, and experts unable to come to a logical conclusion that %&#@ stinks. A new low in my life but a lesson for sure in how Washington works.

How did I go from the first day of school to this? Think about cookies coming out of your mother’s oven. There you go, keep that one in your mind!



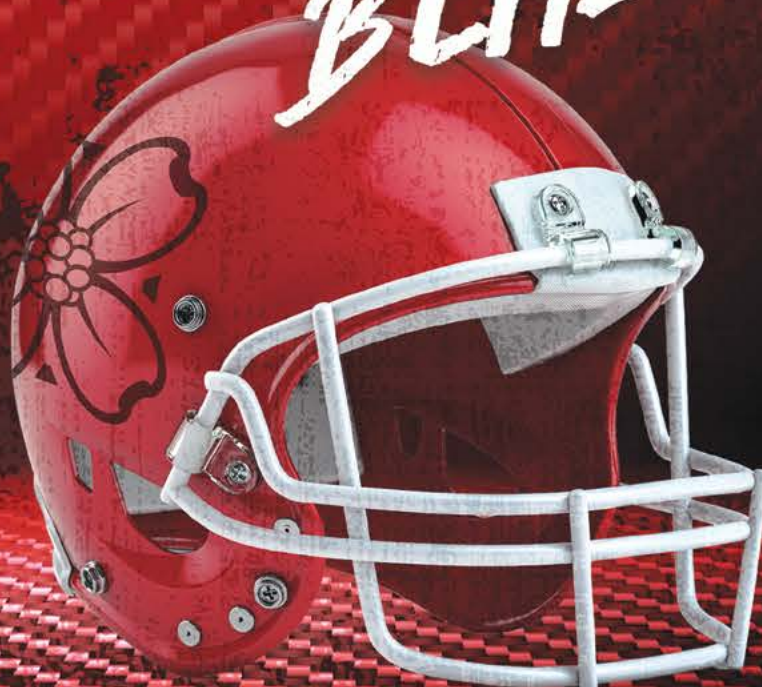
Henry Taylor Millard, known as Taylor, to almost everyone, grew up in Nacogdoches with a story telling father and a history reading mother. Taylor is a seventh generation Texan and lives on the same family land dating back to the eighteen-thirties. He and his wife attend Old North Baptist Church that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




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Snippets

by Jim Garrett

A number of dictionaries define a snippet as a small part, piece or thing. What follows in this article are a number of vignettes which are pictures in time of real incidences that occurred.

#1 Shortly before my uncle, who was nine years my senior, died, I felt a strong need to ask for his forgiveness for something that occurred over fifty years prior. Our immediate family had gone to his home to visit and sing for him. Now was my chance.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

An interesting story is involved. As I indicated in a previous article, during World War II my mother and I lived for a short while with a great uncle and his wife. The younger uncle, referred to in this account, lived nearby and had come for a visit also. We both went outside to play and my mother sternly warned us **not** to leave the yard. No sooner had she gone inside the house than my uncle jumped on his bike and rode off. I reminded him before he left that my mother had said, “Stay in the yard!!” His sarcastic reply was that he did not have to obey my mother. As soon as he was out of sight, I went inside and told my mother exactly what had been said.

In a few minutes my uncle returned and my mother opened the door and ordered him to come inside. She took him in to the house and what followed was a severe beating with pitiful crying. All the while, I sat on the front porch just outside the curtained bedroom window, initially gleeful and then sorrowful for what I had put my uncle through.

As I finished my confession, my uncle just smiled and said, “I didn’t get a beating. I just screamed and hollered while your mother beat the bed. You see, it was all an act to impress you not to leave the yard and **it worked!!**”

#2 A number of years ago a friend of mine, Gene Graves, and I came up with an ingenious idea for getting together with a few friends and at the same time ordering some useful gifts for an upcoming **Mother’s Day**. We decided to throw an **all-male Tupperware party**. I called the area Tupperware representative and told her our plans. After some hesitation she said that she would get back with me. What she did was to call Mary Beth to see if such a strange request were on the up and up. Mary Beth assured her that it was all legitimate. The rep then asked about what to do for snacks and what games to play. Mary Beth told her that she should approach the gathering just as she would one of her “regular” parties.

Part of my responsibility was to make some cookies. I made some white sugar cookies and attempted to “write” the phrase *Use Tupperware* in orange icing. When that didn’t seem to work, I just put the abbreviation *UT* on all the rest. (As many of you, Dear Readers, may know, my friend Gene is a well-known Aggie in these parts.)

And then it was time for the games. We had just gotten started on a game. (At this point in time, I have forgotten the rules – only the name of the event.) About that time one of Gene’s friends, opened the door. He was a cowboy dressed in all black including a long trench coat and a black mustache. In that dark, misty evening he looked like something right out of the movies. Gene, not knowing exactly what to say, admonished his friend, “Come on in, Bart. We’re playing Run, Grab, and Giggle!!” What transpired next seems to have escaped my memory.

#3 I have written previously of a well-known character in the Chemistry Department and a treasured friend, the late Dr. Albert Machel. The first semester I was at SFA, I heard Dr. M. talking to the secretary about a problem she was having with an armadillo in her yard. He told her that she ought to shoot it and she replied that she did not own a gun. The next Friday Dr. Machel walked into the office and handed her his 22 rifle. That weekend she “took care” of the critter that was destroying her yard and brought the rifle back to the university. Dr. Machel was giving a major exam that Monday so he picked up the rifle, placed it under one arm and his exams under the other and proceeded to walk down the hall to his classroom. Upon entering the room, he placed the rifle on the front desk and passed out the exams. A young man sitting near the front of the class raised his hand and asked the purpose of the 22 - to which Dr. Machel replied, “I have my own way of handling cheaters.” I’m sure that you realize, Dear Readers, that the episode I have reported here would **never** have taken place in 2025!

#4 There are much more subtle ways of handling cheaters but with the sharpness of university students, a faculty member has to constantly be vigilant in order to protect the honest students. Throughout my career I gave both major exams and weekly quizzes. For major exams I could spread the students out in one of our large lecture rooms – not so for weekly quizzes. The students were almost sitting on top of one another. I came up with what I considered an innovative way to discouraging them from looking on someone else’s paper. I made out **three** short quizzes on **two** colors of paper. When the quizzes were passed out, they would alternate yellow-white-yellow-white. This meant that the closest person to a student with a white quiz would be a student with a yellow quiz - two seats over! That takes the fun out of trying to cheat.



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If You Are Going to Be a Fool, Be the Right Kind

“We are fools for Christ’s sake . . .” (1 Corinthians 4:10a, NASB)

The Bible has a lot to say about fools. In the Book of Proverbs forty-five times the word “fool” is used and another twenty-nine times “fools” or “foolish.” You might ask, “Why would the Bible talk so much about fools when Jesus said you should never call a person a fool?” The answer is found in the context of Matthew 5:22. Jesus was saying that you should not call someone a fool in a spirit of anger and hate.

The word “fool” in the Bible does not refer to a person who is mentally deficient. A retarded person is not a fool. In the Bible a fool is the person who is morally and spiritually deficient. The problem is not with the head – but the heart. And the fool is a fool by choice.

It is possible to reduce the causes of folly to two principle choices. First, the fool is one who has willfully determined not to follow the way of wisdom (Proverbs 1:20-25). Second, one becomes a fool by trusting in himself. Proverbs tells us that the fool is self-confident, trusting in his own wisdom, rather than in God (12:15; 28:26). A Yiddish proverb says, “Don’t approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back, or a fool from any side.”

The only fools who are “wise fools” are Christians, because they’re “fools for Christ’s sake” (1 Corinthians 4:10). The world calls them fools, but in trusting Jesus Christ and committing their lives to Him, they’ve made the wisest decision anybody can make. I believe it was Donald Grey Barnhouse, who on a ship with a group of Christians who were singing and praising the Lord, when another person who had been watching and listening to them referred to them as fools. Barnhouse heard what he said and replied, “Fools? Yes we are fools. We are fools for Christ. Whose fool are you?”

A LITTLE HUMOR: A young preacher was scheduled to give a special sermon at the evening hour, but in the afternoon he began to get hoarse. He asked an older preacher what to do to relieve it. The elder minister advised, “Get some brandy and pour a little in a glass and fill the rest of the glass with water. Take it into the pulpit and as you preach, just sip it a little at intervals and your voice will clear up.”

After the sermon was concluded, the young preacher asked the older minister how he liked it. “Well, in all candor, I didn’t,” he replied. “You didn’t?” asked the young preacher. “Why didn’t you?”

The older minister answered, “I have my reasons. In the first place, I didn’t say gulp it, I said sip it. Second, the Sermon on the Mount was not preached in New York City. Third, there are 10 Commandments not fourteen. And in the fourth place, when David killed the giant Goliath, he used a sling and a stone – he didn’t stomp his insides out.”

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by Deborah Chadwick, *Director*

The 49th Annual Poultry Festival, sponsored by Farmers State Bank, is just a few weeks away. The Festival will be held October 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the downtown square in Center, Texas.

The first East Texas Poultry Festival was held on Saturday, July 23, 1976. The festival began as a way to celebrate the broiler industry in the East Texas area. Now, celebrating nearly 50 years, the East Texas Poultry Festival has grown into a fun three-day event featuring food booths from local volunteer and church organizations, arts and crafts booths, a quilt show, photography show, creative arts show, live entertainment and a carnival.

The Opening Ceremonies will be held on October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. under the main tent. The 2025 Poultry Festival Queen will be crowned on September 27th. The Queen and her Court will cut the feathers at the Opening Ceremonies and officially kick off the festival. Local elementary school groups provide fun entertainment for the rest of morning.

There is excellent line up of entertainment throughout the 3 days.

There will be a 5K run the morning of October 4th starting at 8:00am on the at Portacool Park. Proceeds will go towards the Center Rotary Club. The Annual Car will be on the downtown square from 10am until 2pm. Show off your clucking and strutting skills at the Clucking Contest on Saturday evening at 5:00pm.

The Fajita Lunch and Doo Dah Parade will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

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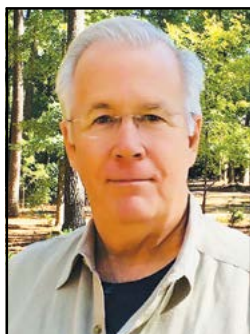


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The concession stand will be open and the profit from the sales will benefit the Angelina Senior Center/Meals on Wheels program.

September 18 – September 21, 2025 — Texas State Forest Festival

Presented by Brookshire Brothers, the Texas State Forest Festival is an East Texas tradition that attracts over 13,000 people to Lufkin/Angelina County with thrilling competitions, yummy festival food, fun carnival rides, exciting shows & so much more! This year, the four-day festival will be held from September 18-21, 2025 at the George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. Annually, the Texas State Forest Festival requires over 200 volunteers working about 2,500 hours to stage the event, and continues to be one of the premier annual events in Deep East Texas!

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Just as sobering and tragic is the fact that more of those deaths have happened in Texas than in any other state. Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke has claimed the lives of five Texas children since June 27, 2025.

The deaths have occurred in Brownsville, Galena Park near Houston, San Antonio, and most recently, Poteet, which is approximately 30 miles south of San Antonio.

“We haven’t had any of these tragedies in our immediate area this year,” said Tim Monzingo, public information officer for the Lufkin District, which covers 9 Deep East Texas counties. “Unfortunately, just because it hasn’t happened doesn’t mean it can’t happen, and it can happen to anyone.”

Frequently, the reason for Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke is something as simple as a memory lapse, where a caregiver, operating on autopilot through their daily tasks, forgets about a child in the vehicle. This accounts for approximately 53 percent of deaths.

Children getting into unattended vehicles without a caregiver knowing accounts for about 24 percent of cases, while a caregiver intentionally leaving a child in a car is behind 22 percent of the fatalities.

“We all know accidents happen, but they are preventable, and it’s particularly important to prevent those that may lead to the death of a child,” said Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety Specialist for the TxDOT Lufkin District. “If you make it a habit of reminding yourself to check the back seat if you travel with children, it really reduces the chance of a memory lapse.”

To encourage safe habits for those who travel or care for kids, follow the ACT acronym, which stands for **A**void heatstroke-related injuries; **C**reate Reminders; **T**ake action.

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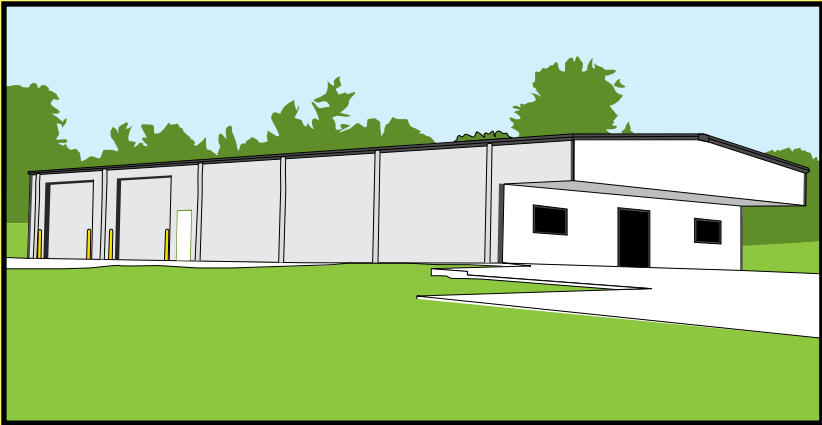
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Snapshot from Around the Town

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Paige Reynolds turned the presidency of the club over to Sally Ann Swearingen. The club will resume meeting in September.



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Buchanan and her Nacogdoches High School sweetheart, Mike, have celebrated more than 39 years of marriage. She attends First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches and serves on the Stephen F. Austin State University Rusche College of Business Advisory Council Board and on the Nacogdoches United Way Board. She served as president of the Kiwanis Club and the NHS Alumni Association Board, is past Chairman of the Finance Committee for the SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors and recently retired from the Stephen F. Austin State University Foundation Board of Trustees. In her spare time, she likes to travel and explore new places around the world.

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The Commanding Client: From the outset, they insist that, as a Christian organization, we're obliged to provide anything and everything they request. Balancing our heart for generosity with wise stewardship of resources becomes essential in these relationships.

The Mysterious Client: These individuals bristle at our questions, feeling our assessment digs too deeply into their personal affairs. Even when they request assistance with a utility bill, they insist they shouldn't have to justify why they can't pay. We gently remind them that Love INC's mission requires us to validate and verify each need, ensuring every resource is stewarded responsibly. Despite our best efforts to explain this process, some clients remain unconvinced that these steps are essential to how we serve.

When Generosity Is Met with Disregard: There are moments when the spirit of service is met not with gratitude, but with indifference—and those moments are, especially disheartening. We respond to requests, make home visits, and coordinate deliveries with care. Yet sometimes, our volunteers are hurried out the door before the furniture is even placed, as if the act of giving is merely transactional.

We also see families who complete all the paperwork for Back to School or Christmas assistance, only to disappear when it's time to receive the gifts. After multiple follow-ups, we're told simply, "Never mind."

Because our resources are limited, we can't serve every request. When we reach our funding cap and must turn others away, it's heartbreaking to know that some who were selected treat the generosity of this community with such disregard. Every gift represents someone's time, compassion, and sacrifice—and when that's dismissed, it weighs heavily on the heart. Mainly unconvinced that these steps are essential to how we serve.

Trusting in His Way: Jesus calls us to love even when it's difficult—to extend grace to those who may not return it, and to rejoice in every circumstance. We strive to follow His example, seeking His presence daily and trusting that He will handle what we cannot. In our obedience, we find peace, knowing that He is faithful to care for every detail beyond our reach.

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Convenience

by Robert McCandless

Long before Southland Corporation’s old “ice house” became 7-11, the convenience stores in Oak Cliff had a different look. My travels indicate they did elsewhere around the nation also.

In many of the poorer neighborhoods stood an old frame house that had been converted into a store. It seemed as if one large room, probably the living room, was designated as the store and it’s owners occupied the rooms behind or above it. In those days, for fifteen dollars or so, one could go to the city and have a zoning change made to a piece of property making it commercial.

The five-hundred pound gorilla of Southland Corporation was rapidly pushing these home stores out of the neighborhoods. My family and I did our “quick” shopping at the 7-11 on the corner of Ninth and Tyler but further down the street toward John H. Reagan Elementary, where I went to school, not far from the next 7-11 five blocks further to it’s east, a little store on Adams St. stood among other houses on the block. It was later known as Wylie’s, when one summer passed and the old lady, whose face had donned the cardboard cash box in back of the shelves full of merchandise, was replaced by that of a younger man’s with a cash register.

Just as the other stores around the neighborhoods, it was discernible by the pressed metal 7-Up or Coca-Cola signs attached to the screen door, whose job was to keep flies and other sorts of unwanted creatures from entering the unair-conditioned space. It’s presence allowed folks to quickly get items they had forgotten at the Wyatt’s or Safeway. You see, not everyone had a car in those days. In our neighborhood and those containing these feeble enclaves of commerce, not everyone could afford a car, so the little stores made sense. There was one that served every 10 block area it seemed.

Being so close to our schoolyard, the store stocked a plethora of items we needed as elementary school kids. Pencils, notebook paper, wax lips, wax Coca Cola shaped bottles containing sugary liquids in various colors, Pixie-Styx, and several flavors of bubble and chewing gum that eventually came to rest on the bottoms of our desk tops and on the schools recess blacktop, where it followed you on hot days. There were so many sugary products our twenty-three cent lunch money could purchase it’s a wonder the whole school wasn’t on hyperactive medications, but then, Ritalin hadn’t been invented yet and our only ADHD medication was a paddle.

Before it became Wylie’s, I had an encounter with the old frame structure and it’s contents. Being in the third grade, I was inquisitive. When two friends coaxed me into going, catty cornered, across Adams and Ninth, within sight of the school, I felt no reservation as its shelves were magnetically drawing the two dimes and three pennies I had in my pocket.

The plan was to go at recess when two or three classes would fill the recreation yard. There would be so many kids, no one would notice us slipping away through the opening in the chain link fence at the back corner of the school yard less than a hundred feet from the store.

The shelves of candy were set in a way that they could be seen by the owner to prevent kids from stealing. All around it were other shelves containing flour, sugar, and things adults needed to survive on. I remember the wooden floors of the old store undulated in a way similar to one of the sideshow exhibits at the state fair. It rolled from one place to another. Only, unlike the one at the fair, it wasn’t in motion, although it seemed to be. We went in and spent our whole twenty-three cents of lunch money on junk. I hadn’t been back in class twenty minutes when I was called out to the office by Ms. Boone, our principal. My first school paddling occurred that day. This may have been the precursor to my immense dislike of shopping today.

Mr. Wylie, an entrepreneur of sorts, had seen an opportunity to make some cash before the original convenience stores gave in to the ever present and growing 7-11, Circle K and other chains. After I returned from my tour in the Army, the little store had closed and the sign outside, on the tall pole, stating Wylies, had been painted over leaving the structure abandoned, like so many others that returned to being residences or were demolished in the name of progress. Mr. Wylie moved on to open one of the finest gun stores in Wills Point. I still experience anxiety on the candy aisle.

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Pineywoods Youth Rodeo - September 19-20th
The PWYR will be at the exposition and Civic Center. The event emphasizes not just competition, but community and personal growth. President Brian Metteauer highlights PYRA’s mission to provide young people a structured, supportive environment to experience rodeo while honing athleticism, determination, and discipline. Held over the weekend, PWYR includes dozens of runs—sometimes over 600 in a single day—with events scheduled from morning into the evening. Participants compete for prizes and recognition, while families and peers cheer them on, reinforcing the tight-knit, family-first atmosphere that rodeo culture embodies.

G&S Gun Show - September 26th-28th
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Debt-Free and In Demand: The Promise of Trade Careers

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

A four-year college degree is not the only path toward a prosperous future for high school graduates. For many, hands-on trade programs, particularly in fields like electrical, plumbing, welding, construction, and HVAC, offer an equally viable route to a stable and meaningful career. These trades are in high demand, rooted in everyday life, and grounded in practical skill rather than abstract academic theory.

Trade schools offer faster entry into the workforce. Many programs span months, not years, allowing graduates to begin earning quicker. The certification programs combine classroom learning with hands-on training, often culminating in industry-recognized certifications that are in high demand from employers.



Young adults pursuing careers in the trades do not face the burden of student-loan debt that often burdens traditional four-year college graduates long after graduation. With shorter programs, students can start a career with minimal financial strain on themselves or their families. Many vocational fields don't just pay the bills; they can provide a sustainable living wage. Skilled and certified HVAC technicians, plumbers, welders, and electricians earn solid wages and enjoy job security even in economic downturns.

Some trade schools now offer on-site housing, giving students a safe, convenient place to live while they learn. Many also provide scholarships that help cover the cost of tuition, tools, or housing. These kinds of support make it easier for people to get the training they need without added financial stress.

Choosing a trade path doesn't reflect academic failure; it reflects thoughtful career planning paired with a desire for meaningful and impactful work. Communities benefit when we diversify post-high school options, acknowledging that not all young adults thrive in a traditional college atmosphere, or need to.

Over the past decade, Texas schools have reflected this shift by offering more Industry-Based Certifications (IBCs) that help students transition directly into trades or prepare them for advanced trade schools after graduation. These certifications, earned through Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, equip students with real-world skills and recognized credentials. For parents of students who enjoy working with their hands or who aren't interested in a traditional college path, I would recommend asking your child's middle and high school counselors about which pathways they offer. A career in trades could be the key to a rewarding, debt-free future built on skill, confidence, and purpose.

Dr. Brandon Enos is the proud superintendent of Gunter ISD in Gunter, Texas, and the Chairman of the Legislative Committee at the Texas Rural Education Association. Dr. Enos is a strong advocate for Texas public school teachers and students.



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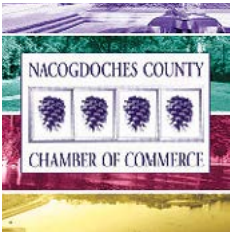
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by Kelly Augustine
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Back to School Means Leadership Development for LOT Crew Students

For Nacogdoches County, the new school year brings around 30 eighth-grade students together to experience one of The Chamber’s most unique and highly impactful programs – Leaders of Tomorrow, also known as the LOT Crew.

LOT Crew is based on the concept of The Chamber’s Leadership Nacogdoches program but geared toward middle-school students. The group takes a day each month to gather and explore our community with field trips, presentations, tours, and group exercises. These young leaders in training will get the “behind the scenes” look at local government, healthcare systems, higher education, fine arts, economic development, manufacturing, entrepreneurship models, agriculture and natural resources management, STEM, and a variety of leadership and career opportunities.

LOT Crew is housed in The Chamber’s Community Services Division under Vice Chair Dr. Jason Reese and organized by Education Committee Chair Erin Windham. The 2025-2026 program co-chairs are Denise Thompson, Etech; and Terrence Reeves, Concerned Black Men of Nacogdoches. It is a true collaboration of business leaders and volunteers!

Through the years, I have watched the program evolve to include home-school and private school students, and not long ago, students from Mt. Enterprise were invited to participate. Although resources are limited, volunteers and sponsors show amazing support for these students, enhancing their opportunities for personal development. They are molding our future leaders by expanding their vision, improving their understanding of the world around them, teaching them valuable life skills, and inspiring each student’s dreams.

The Chamber applauds the following businesses for investing in the LOT Crew program, and the businesses’ logos and names will be on the official LOT Crew t-shirt worn by every student.

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We enjoy hearing from adults, now working in Nacogdoches who will enthusiastically state, with a big smile, “I was in LOT Crew!” How I wish we could look into the future and see the current LOT Crew class as adults, moving through Nacogdoches as community and business leaders, serving on boards, giving back to youth-focused activities and non-profit programs.

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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

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The late great Nacogdoches Film Festival has disbanded and donated their balance of \$640 to NAC as sponsor of the 2025 Arts Ball! They also donated leftover event t-shirts and two posters from the 2020 festival that have ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS from GEORGE FOREMAN and RUTH BUZZI, both stars we lost in 2025. According to former film festival president Ron Johnson, “We are delighted to donate our cash balance and merchandise to Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative to continue their programs that add so much to the arts scene in our community.” Come on back for the ball, Ron!



of the NAC board. “I’m flattered, honored and humbled” he said. This retired security professional returned to Nacogdoches in 2023 after a long career in Southern California, and he seeks to spread the word that the arts should be part of everybody’s life. His own is a perfect example.

Originally from Port Lavaca, Texas, Les moved to Houston with his family after his widowed mother remarried. “It was the middle of my junior year in high school and I was pulled away from everyone I’d known since kindergarten, and thrust into a new school in a new town. It was awful.” He needed an elective and on a whim, chose Speech. That class was taught by the school drama teacher and soon, Les made his stage debut in a small role in a school production of “Romeo & Juliet.” It was his initiation to the arts, and he fell hard.

Les came to Nacogdoches in the early ‘70s to pursue a BFA in theater at SFA. After a few semesters, he was inspired to break from his studies, and moved to Nashville to train as a Methodist missionary. Putting himself through school there, he worked nights as a bodyguard for celebrities performing at Opryland USA, including Roy Acuff, Tanya Tucker and Jim Stafford. He decided that he was not meant for missionary work. So Les returned to SFA to complete his theater degree, graduating in 1976. “I knew I was never going to be someone who worked three jobs in order to act.” After a miserable stint in retail, Les accepted a job as a locksmith trainee. Soon, Les wanted more challenges. He moved to Los Angeles for a better job. “Over 42 years, I went from an entry-level trainee to the executive suite. My acting skills were repurposed and I found ways to use them in business, in public speaking and in negotiations. That training was not wasted.” Not long after his move west, he met Cheri, a now-retired public school teacher who is the love of his life. They have been married 34 years.

“When we lived in Southern California, we supported local arts organizations regularly. We loved the theater and we liked collecting art. Since we moved to Nac in 2023, I’ve gotten involved with the NAC writing group and volunteered at various NAC events, including the Arts Ball. The arts are not just for professionals. Practicing any art is important for one’s development as a person. So paint a picture, take a photo, audition for a play or a choir, dance the tango or recite a poem you’ve written. These kinds of activities enhance your life, lift your spirit, and bring joy to others.”

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

September has arrived, marking the beginning of fall with slightly cooler temperatures and a full calendar of exciting events happening around town. From Friday night football to food truck favorites and community celebrations, this month promises to showcase the very best of the season.

Car enthusiasts won't want to miss the **4th Annual Old Town Rig Down**, returning to the brick streets of Downtown Nacogdoches on September 12th and 13th. Some of the biggest and boldest big rigs will be on display along the streets and in Festival Park, each one featuring unique designs and custom details. While you're there, explore local shops, browse pop-up vendors, and enjoy delicious food options throughout downtown. The event kicks off Friday night with a live concert on the square. Then on Saturday, September 13th, the excitement continues in Festival Park with a high-energy concert featuring multi-platinum country artist **Neal McCoy**, followed by fan-favorite **Aaron Watson**. Event times will be announced soon. For more information, visit www.oldtownrigdown.com.

Fall also means the return of **Friday Night Lights**. Stephen F. Austin State University kicks off its football season on September 13th as the Lumberjacks take on Sul Ross State at Homer Bryce Stadium. Game time is 7 pm. Show your school spirit by wearing SFA purple and cheering on the team. Additional home games will take place on September 20th and 27th.

Nac Snack Fridays return this month after a summer break. Join friends and family downtown on September 26th from 11 am to 2 pm, as a lineup of local food trucks sets up around the square, offering a wide variety of tasty lunch options.

Burger connoisseurs, get ready, the **Brick Street Burger Battle** returns this fall, running from September 12th through October 19th. Local restaurants will be serving up unique, limited-time burgers crafted specially for the competition. Throughout the month, try as many as you can and vote for your favorites. Keep an eye on the Nacogdoches Main Street Facebook page for a list of participating locations and updates.

With the weather starting to ease up, it's a great time to get outdoors and enjoy Nacogdoches' natural beauty. While the **Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden** shines brightest in the spring, its winding paths and lush landscape make it a scenic spot to visit year-round. For those looking for a longer adventure, the **Lanana Creek Trail** stretches for miles through the heart of town, offering the perfect place for a peaceful walk or a brisk hike.

September is packed with events you won't want to miss, making it the perfect time to mark your calendar and get out into the community. To stay up to date on everything happening around town, visit visitnacogdoches.org/events for the latest details.

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



Jesus—You’re Creating A New Humanity

[Jesus] Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation...so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.
Ephesians 2:14,15 (emphasis added)

The race that matters most is the race against time, the time that a lost soul has to be saved. The children of God have no right to take up the race card while serving in His kingdom. We have been called by God to take up the soul card for every soul matters to God. A sinner’s soul has no color. Adam is a type of Christ who was to come. God never intended the first Adam to be His final creation. God gives us confirmation of this with these words, “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,

‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die’” (Gen. 2:16, 17). Adam’s sin allowed both spiritual and physical death to enter the first humanity. Through one man sin entered the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because all sinned (Rom. 5:12). All humanity is infected with this deadly virus. Jesus alone is the cure.

God in Christ is creating a new race—a new humanity—a people who will worship Him in spirit and in truth for all eternity. And there are far too many in the church who can’t handle this truth. We want to cling to what has passed away. Racial prejudice in the church—the body of Christ—continues to run rampant because we are unwilling to embrace what we have become in Christ, a new creation. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Instead of hallowing Jesus’ holy name, we profane it before a lost world by the sinful way we live as members of God’s family.

We do not have the right to use the color of our skin in determining how we are going to serve God. We do not have the right to determine who we are going to serve and who we will allow to serve us. We do not have the right to determine who we will allow God to bless through us. Christians give up all rights to self in the new creation. It is no longer the Christian who lives but Christ who lives in him.

We accept the devil’s scheme of separate racial identities for followers of Christ who are one with Him to our own detriment and to the detriment of others. We misrepresent God’s character when we use skin color for evil and not for good, to curse and not to bless, to destroy and not to save. We should no longer regard anyone according to the flesh. Christians must stop evaluating people with the values of the world. God has given His children a ministry of reconciliation. Racial prejudice is prohibitive to the ministry of reconciliation. I believe living according to a skin color identity grieves the Holy Spirit and inhibits His work and power in and through the believer’s life.

The flesh, the devil, and the world are constantly assaulting Christians, and they pose a dangerous threat to our faith and steadfast devotion toward Christ our Savior. Coming into the kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ means a total renunciation of our earthly Adamic heritage and identity and choosing to live as strangers and foreigners here. Born-again Christians are in the world but not of the world. Our citizenship is in heaven. This is not our home.

We were changed spiritually in the regeneration, the new birth. We will be changed physically in the resurrection. The Spirit tells us that we are now children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when [Jesus] is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in [Jesus] purifies himself, just as He is pure (1 John 3:2, 3).

We must stop living and thinking according to our skin color and think with the mind of Christ which we have received. How can Christians expect race relations in America to change or improve when we have some of the biggest racists in the house of God? We need to let Christ be who He is in us in our relationships with one another. Until change happens at 101 Heaven’s Boulevard (the Church), change will not happen in our communities and our nation.

The historical narrative of man changes when he is born-again. He loses his tribal earthly identity received in Adam and he receives a heavenly eternal identity in Christ. God wipes out the old historical narrative of a believers past which is rooted in sin. God gives every believer a new beginning in Christ on the day of his spiritual rebirth and from that day forward, a new historical narrative is written by God. In creating a new humanity in Jesus, God removes the Christian’s identity with the old man, every aspect of him.



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Fair to Middlin’

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.



You are walking down the sidewalk downtown and you meet a friend – “How’s it going, John?” you ask. “Fair to middling,” he responds. I know you have heard that phrase for a long time, but do you know for sure what it means? Where did it originate?

I have always understood it to mean “about average” – you’ve been better and you’ve been worse. I did a little research on this little phrase and offer the following:

Some “experts” say that it began as a weather report in England. It was originally worded, “fair to the midlands,” with the midlands being the center part of England.

Other “experts” say that it comes from the grades of cotton. Under the old method of grading cotton, which was phased out in the 1970s, cotton was given a grade according to its quality. Each bale of cotton was sampled, and the samples were graded by trained cotton classers. Those samples ranged (listed from best to worst) from “fine” to “good” to “fair” to “middling” to “ordinary,” with intermediate classes later added. So a “fair to middling” grade was okay but not particularly good. It was probably acceptable, but not what was truly desired. These terms still exist in use in the cotton trade, although computer grading of samples and numerical grades have largely displaced them.

Another clue surfaced. In the early 1900s, an elderly lady got on the bus every day in Houston, Texas, and when the bus driver asked how she was doing, her answer was, “I have the fare to Midland so I’m doing okay.” He then asked her every morning “fare to Midland?” and she would nod.

It is probable that the phrase is American, most probably dating from the nineteenth century. There is a clue in the *Century Dictionary of 1889*: “Fair to middling- moderately good; a term designating a specific grade of quality in the market.” The term middling turns out to have been used as far back as the previous century for an intermediate grade of various kinds of goods, both in the US and in Britain – there are references to a middling grade of flour, meal, pins, cotton, and other commodities.

Early examples of literary works like Mark Twain, Louisa May Alcott, and Artemus Ward, suggest that it became common on the east coast of the US from the 1860s on. The first example in the *Oxford English Dictionary* is from Artemus Ward in his *Travels of 1865*, when he wrote “The men are fair to middling.”

It would seem to me that this phrase, “fair to middling,” was so well known in the cotton trade that it seems to have eventually escaped into the wider language. I think it safe for us today to understand it to mean “from average to better.” So whenever someone tells you that they are “fair to middling” you know exactly what they mean, even if they don’t.



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A Big Bend Series: Driving Along the Rio Grande

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.

One of the more interesting and enlightening drives we made during our visits to Big Bend country was the 65 miles on Texas 170 from Presidio to Terlingua. For us, it was a fascinating discovery of desert vistas and massive tortured rocks along the Rio Grande that appear other-worldly, especially since it is largely uninhabited. The river was flowing rapidly below us, the water aqua colored—not the muddy stream we had expected.



Arising from its banks were huge mountains on the Mexican side and giant monoliths and escarpments on the U. S. side, where the massive Big Bend National Park was situated. The sheer rock faces were not unlike much smaller versions of El Capitan in Yosemite, except more colorful. The variety of rock layers and formations cut by the Rio Grande revealed a geologist's paradise.



The earth's carcass had been opened to reveal every texture imaginable and every color in the spectrum, complete with hoodoos and outcrops of countless strange rocks, smoothed and shaped into both amusing and grotesque figures through millennia of erosion. Adding to the show was the desert backdrop itself, serving much like the skirt at the bottom of a Christmas tree. It was composed not so much of sand, but of pebbles, rocks and boulders of every size, festooned not only with the ubiquitous prickly pear cacti, but with dozens of other varieties of succulents, some of which were blooming in colors that were almost alarmingly intense.



There was no border wall here to detract from the order and cleanliness of the desert artistry, nor is one needed, due to the remoteness and the challenging topography. It is easy to forget that another country lies on the other side of the river. It looked for the world like it had all been professionally landscaped (and I suppose, in a way, it had, by the great Gardener Himself). Sandy and I were totally amazed that such a beautiful place existed in our very own home state, and we didn't even know it! It certainly lived up to its billing as one of the most scenic drives in the country. A recommendation would be to drive westbound in the morning and eastbound in the afternoon to have the sun at your back for photography.

Highway 170 ended for us at Terlingua, the site of the famous chili cookoff and home to a few eccentric types, including what appeared to be a small colony of hippie dropouts from the sixties. There were a few outdoor cottage businesses

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along the highway, one of which even included a brightly painted old rusting school bus with flowers festooned on the exterior—something you might have seen, say, at Woodstock. (Memo to these folks: It's over; let it go.) A hand-painted sign at one of these junky places advertised 'cosmic hamburgers' but we really didn't have much motivation to stop and find out why they were cosmic.

The last 86-mile leg up state highway 118 from Terlingua back to Alpine was just as nice as the earlier drive from Alpine to Presidio. The unlimited visibility allowed us to enjoy the grandeur of the mountains, mesas and buttes from very long distances as we approached them on the nearly empty highway. Texas, our Texas: **What a state!**

The Lamp-Lite Players Present *Twelfth Night*

The Lamp-Lite Players introduce their 53rd Season with *Twelfth Night*, by William Shakespeare and adapted by Roz Couch, September 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2025, 7:30 pm, and September 14 and 21, 2025, 2:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale online only at <https://lampliteplayers.ludus.com/200487494>. All tickets are assigned seats for a specific performance. Prices are Adults-\$15.00, 60+ Adults-\$12.00, and Children/Students-\$8.00. 2025-26 Season Passes may also be purchased online and then redeemed online for *Twelfth Night*. An audience dress rehearsal preview will be held September 11, 2025, 7:30 pm, for \$5.00, with tickets only available at the Box Office the night of the performance beginning at 7:00 pm.

Twelfth Night is a fast-paced romantic comedy with several interwoven plots of romance, mistaken identities, and practical jokes. Separated from her twin brother, Sebastian, in a shipwreck, Viola disguises herself as a boy, calls herself Cesario, and becomes a servant to Duke Orsino, who sends her to woo the Countess Olivia on his behalf. But the Countess falls in love with Cesario. Meanwhile, Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby Belch, gets drunk with his friend, Sir Andrew Aguecheek, and they play a trick on Malvolio, Olivia's steward. Eventually, Sebastian shows up and causes even more confusion, chaos, and comedy.

Roz Couch directs *Twelfth Night*, with Davy Thomas directing music. Members of the cast include Nikolaas Van Kley, J.S. Couch, Austin Raymond, Samantha Johnson, Riley Nichols, Jamie Couch, Todd Phillips, Lisa Reid, Cristoban Morones, Bill Small, Kevin Helmer, Kirsten Baker, River Delcambre, Mark Hooker, Faith Kolosci, Roni Lias, Amy Maurer, Adan Morones, Scott Parrish, Angel Reyes, Arti Roberts, and Jessica Shelkey.

For more information about *Twelfth Night*, visit www.lamplitetheatre.com, email lamplitetheatre@gmail.com, or follow on Instagram and Facebook at Lamp-Lite Theatre.



Cast of *Twelfth Night*: (1st, l to r) Todd Phillips, Cristoban Morones; (2nd, l to r) Nikolaas Van Kley, J.S. Couch, Austin Raymond, Samantha Johnson, River Delcambre; (3rd, l to r) Riley Nichols, Kevin Helmer, Scott Parrish, Adan Morones, Mark Hooker, Jessica Shelkey, Kirsten Baker, Faith Kolosci, Lisa Reid, Amy Maurer, Roni Lias



(l to r) Director Roz Couch with Samantha Johnson as Countess Olivia and Jamie Couch as Malvolio

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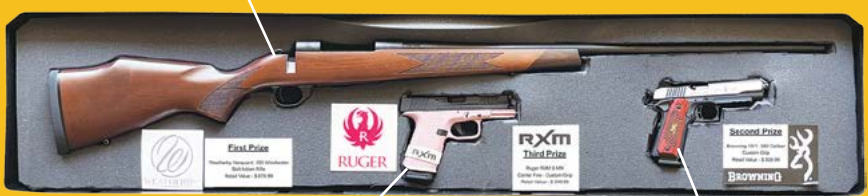


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Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Dear Readers,

We hope you have managed to stay cool throughout the warm month of August. As we look ahead, October is just around the corner.

About six years ago, our "Ghosts of Millard's Crossing" event featured participants dressed as ghosts sharing historical narratives on porches and distributing candy. This year, we will be offering private two-hour tours, providing histories of our buildings along with ghost stories, shared by previous guests. Ghost Tours for up to 10 guests each Thursday from 7-9 PM during the month of October, admission is \$30.00 per person.

Our Halloween celebration remains one of the highlights of our calendar, featuring pony rides, train and hayrides, face painting, vendors, tractor and car shows, games, candy, and much more for the enjoyment of your entire family.



Events like these are vital for Millard's Crossing. We host three major fundraisers each year. When you participate, not only do you enjoy a memorable day, but you also help sustain Millard's Crossing. As a non-profit unaffiliated with city or state funding, our operations rely on revenue from rentals, guest admissions, field trips, donations, sponsorships, and grants. Your support ensures we can maintain our facilities, cover operating costs, and continue our mission.

To ensure our events remain meaningful for the community, we invite you to share your thoughts on Easter, Halloween, and Christmas at Millard's Crossing. What aspects do you appreciate? Where could we improve? Please send feedback to grace@mchvnac.com. Your input helps us tailor future events to better serve our community.

If you wish to volunteer, donate, or sponsor an event, please contact us using the email above or call our office at 936-564-6631. We offer donation opportunities starting at \$10.00 per month, which include benefits such as discounted rentals and complimentary passes to the village, including our principal fundraisers.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors for their partnership and ongoing support. When you visit, be sure to pick up a self-guided tour map featuring the names of all our sponsors. We also thank those who rent the village for private events, weddings, meetings, showers, parties, and more.

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When we rent the entire village or individual buildings, Millard's Crossing serves only as the venue. These events are independently hosted by the renters and are not sponsored by Millard's Crossing.

Finally, we express our heartfelt appreciation to *Around the Town* for their excellent publication and dedication to our community.

We look forward to a cooler September and invite you to visit Millard's Crossing—whether to chat, enjoy a cold beverage, or even a cup of coffee. Thank you for your continued support. We eagerly await your suggestions for our core events and hope to see you soon.

Grace Handler-Welch
Executive Director

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When my brother, Ardie Dixon, was a boy, the east end of Finley Street, between Montrose and Moody, was still part of a connected neighborhood; the families still socialized with one another. Beginning in 1939, we lived at 609 Finley Street (behind what is now Sherwin-Williams), two houses away from Treacy and Yancy Rhodes. Because Ardie couldn't pronounce her name well, he called her Frodes, and both Yancy and Treacy loved him a lot.

One day, because Ardie had misbehaved, Mother was about to spank him. Having a differing opinion, he decided to run away from her through the back yards of 609 and 613 to Frodes' house, his sanctuary. Hazarding a glance backward to see how much she was gaining on him, because he was a taller boy, a clothesline collared him and knocked him down, and Mother nabbed him. This time, Frodes' sanctuary was of no avail to him. This article from Ardie's past is written in honor of his birthday in September.

Kissin' Kuzzins

(1) Randy Holland has released his new book, "Journey to the Top Cop," which is available to the public in hardback and paperback editions from Barnes & Noble in ten languages. The book is also offered on Kindle via Amazon and can be ordered as an audiobook through Audible. While currently serving as a police officer at Angelina College, Mr. Holland allocated time to author both this book and the screenplay for the forthcoming film "Texas Grit," set to be directed by Ron Howard. Randy is thrilled and is hoping the book will become a New York Times bestseller.

(2) Dr. Matt McBroom, Associate Dean of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin State University, will present on "John Henry Kirby's Sawmills," with particular focus on the mill at Bon Weir. His talk is scheduled for approximately 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center, 213 East Court Street, Newton, during a meeting of the Deep East Archeological Society. Desserts and refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting conducted by Ruth Dusan Garcia at 6:00 p.m. For additional details, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or ruthdusan35@gmail.com, or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com.

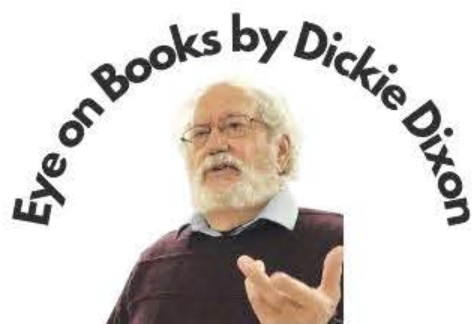
(3) Angelina County Genealogical Society President will present a two-part program at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, to commemorate "Happy Birthday Lufkin" in the Fellowship Hall of Keltys United Methodist Church on 1867 Old Mill Road. *Part 1:* He will discuss how the shape of the lower half of the original plat of the City of Lufkin was altered. *Part 2:* How Long Did It Take for the Lots to Be Sold on the Original Plat? For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com.

(4) Joe Collmorgen, supported by John Yates, will discuss "The Legacy of William Collmorgen" at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of Keltys United Methodist Church, 1867 Old Mill Road, Lufkin. The event will follow a brief business meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. Afterwards, the Angelina County Genealogical Society will host the speaker's dinner at Outback Steakhouse between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com.

(5) 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 p.m., and food will be available at 6:30 p.m. Music and dancing will last from 7-10 p.m. For more information, contact Andra Jay at (936) 238-9009.

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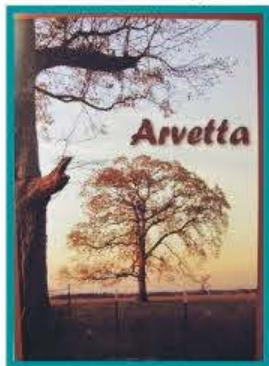
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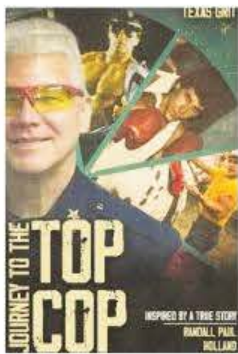
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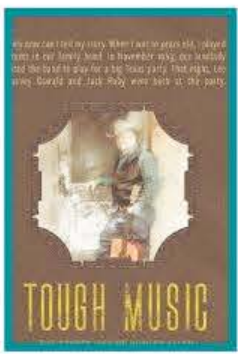
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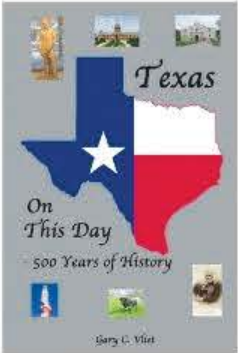


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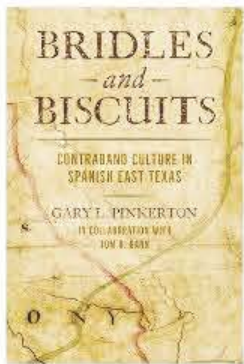
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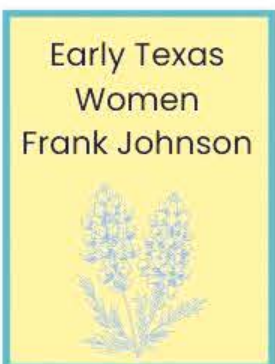


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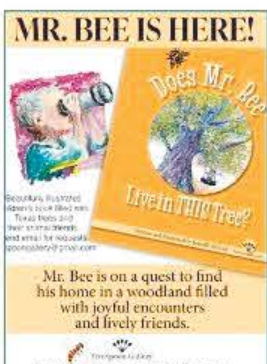


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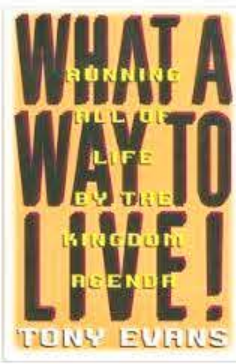
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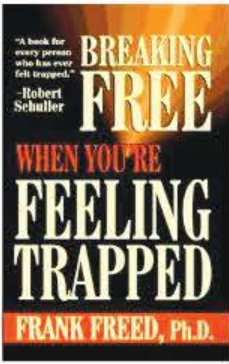


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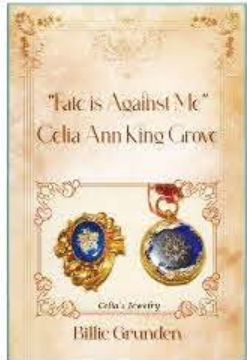


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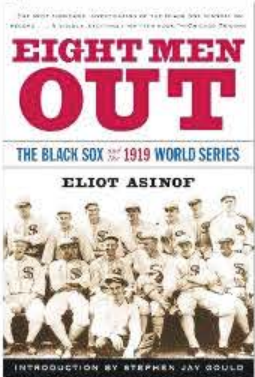


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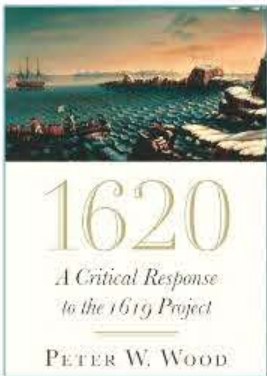
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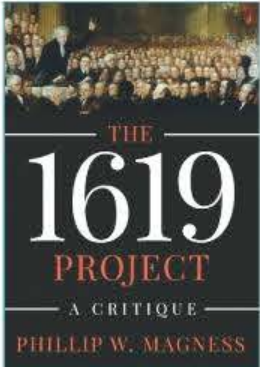
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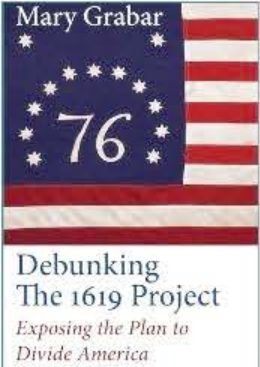
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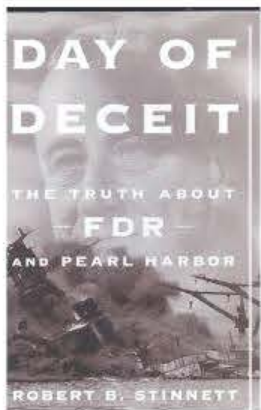


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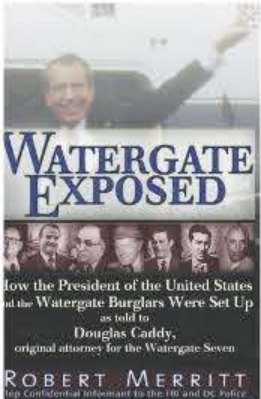


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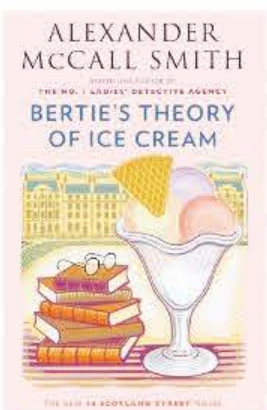
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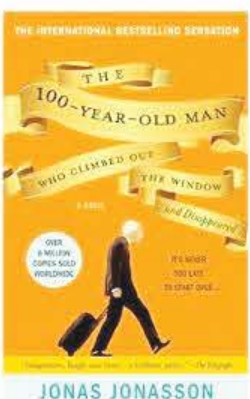
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Science confirms that generosity and gratitude significantly enhance personal happiness. A 2020 University of Chicago study found that people who intentionally give to others experience deeper and longer-lasting joy compared to those who spend only on themselves.

Educational entrepreneur and author of "The Happiness Experiment," Carl B. Barney is sharing practical, achievable steps to experiencing more happiness today:

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Photo by Carl B. Barney, author of "The Happiness Experiment"

the joy and impact of his generosity firsthand, rather than leaving his loved ones to benefit only after he was gone. Discover more about this transformative approach and start enhancing your happiness today at happinessexperiment.com.

Happiness can't be bought, but it can be cultivated. As science and real-world experiences show, generosity and gratitude are fundamental pillars to long-lasting joy.

FOOD

Fuel Your On-the-Go Adventures With Real Food This Summer

(StatePoint) Does your summer involve active, outdoor fun? Whether it's a hike, a road trip, a day at the pool, or just a busy afternoon, fueling your adventures the right way can keep you energized. Here are some important nutrients to focus on:

Electrolytes: Hydration is about more than drinking plenty of water, it's also about keeping your electrolytes in balance for healthy heart, nerve and muscle function. When outdoors on a hot day, especially when you're exercising, consider drinking some coconut water, or adding a pinch of lemon juice and sea salt to your water bottle. Pickles, olives and yogurt are also quick grab-and-go foods that provide electrolytes.

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NHS Distinguished Alumni Announced

The Nacogdoches Alumni Association is proud to honor **Terry Westmoreland** as its first Distinguished Alumni for the fall of 2025. He is a member of the NHS Class of 1975.

Terry is the son of the late Ocie and Joyce Westmoreland. Following in his father's footsteps, joining the fire service. He has three brothers, Randy and Ricky Ivy, Class of '74 and David Ivy Class of '76. His sister is Angela Westmoreland Howarth, class of '80. All are NHS alumnus. Terry joined the fire service five days after graduating from high school and would go on to serve for forty-five years. During his high school years he participated in baseball at NHS and would continue the sport by playing semi-pro baseball for ten years. Terry became a police officer in 1996 followed by becoming a paramedic in 1998 and eventually a wildland firefighter, being deployed across Texas to help other departments.

Terry is a proud native of Nacogdoches and a proud alumnus of NHS. He has served as President of the Alumni Association and as Past President.

Terry has three daughters Jaime Jones, Kallie, and Kori Westmoreland and owns and operates the Black Silk Bakery.



The NHS Alumni Association is proud to honor **Tommy Lee McAninch Family** as our Distinguished Alumnus Family for the Fall of 2025.

Thomas Lee McAninch (Tommy) McAninch, was a 1974 Nacogdoches Independent School District graduate. Tommy enjoyed playing baseball and football as a Dragon. He remembers Lufkin bonfires and the infamous autographed "N." His favorite teacher was Mrs Pulsipher for typing. Tommy currently sells real estate in Nacogdoches with ETX Realty where he enjoys working with the community. In 1979 Tommy married Cay Capel McAninch, a 1976 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. Cay taught Kindergarten for 25 years for NISD. Her last 10 years, before retiring, she was a lecturer in the Elementary Education Department at Stephen F. Austin State University. Cay remembers being a Dragonette and singing in choir with her favorite teacher Barbara Reid. Tommy and Cay's greatest accomplishment and joy is being parents of Lynsey and Justin, and grandparents of Connor, Emberly, Ellie, and Enslee.

Lynsey McAninch Ramirez graduated from Nacogdoches ISD in 2000. She earned her bachelor and masters degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. Lynsey is currently a principal for Nacogdoches ISD at Emeline Carpenter. Her favorite teacher was Karl Gibson for A&P. Lynsey's son, Connor McAninch, is a recent graduate from NISD in 2024. Connor was a Dragon football and baseball player. His favorite teacher was Coach Richard Strickland. Connor is continuing his education at Blinn College in Bryan Texas.

Justin McAninch was a 2008 graduate. Justin enjoyed representing the black and gold on the football and baseball fields. His favorite teacher was Mrs. Marla Christian. Justin currently works for SFA, his other Alma-mater. In 2012, Justin married Alyssa Swenson McAninch, who also graduated from Nacogdoches High School in 2008. Alyssa enjoyed her time cheering and was secretary for the student council. She was also voted Ms. NHS her senior year. Her favorite teacher was Mr. John Wayne Valdez. Alyssa is a speech language pathologist with Christus Mother Francis health system. Justin and Alyssa now live in Bulard, TX and have 3 beautiful daughters Emberly, Ellie, and Enslee.



The NHS Alumni Association is proud to honor **David Alders** as our Distinguished Alumnus for the Fall of 2025.

David Alders grew up on a cattle farm in Nacogdoches County and as a high school student became very involved in the youth organization then known as Future Farmers of America (now known simply as FFA). During the years 1977-80, he served one-year terms as President of the Nacogdoches High School FFA Chapter, the Piney Woods District and the Area IX and Texas FFA Associations. In 1978, he became the first Texan to win the National FFA Public Speaking contest. In addition to his FFA involvement, David also was active in the NHS Student Council and was elected by his fellow students as Senior Class President and Mr. NHS. He was selected by the NHS faculty to be a member of the Who's Who of the Senior Class of 1979. Among David's favorite teachers were Mrs. Claudette Brown, his government instructor, and Mr. Larry Poe, Mr. Albert Thompson, Mr. Roy Mills and Mr. Fred Burrell, his vocational agriculture instructors.

In 1980, David was elected as National FFA Vice President – Western Region and traveled throughout the U.S. and even internationally representing the national FFA organization.

Following his FFA experience, David returned to Texas A&M University in 1982. During his tenure at A&M, he was involved in various student activities and University committees. In 1983-84, he served as Speaker of the Student Senate and as the first student representative to the Faculty Senate. During his senior year of 1984-85, he served as Student Body President and as a member of the MSC Council. Upon his graduation in May 1985, he received the University's highest student award, the Brown Foundation/Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award.

After graduating with honors with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1985, David worked in Dallas for three years for Trammell Crow Company, a commercial real estate developer. In 1988, he returned to his hometown of Nacogdoches, where he began working in and eventually managing his family's timberland and cattle operations which today are known as Alders Enterprises, LTD, and Caddo Farms LLC. In 1989, David and his wife Nicole established Carrizo Creek Corporation, a poultry production business. He currently manages these three businesses as well as Principatus Properties LLC, Dagwood Timber LTD, Buck Bay Timber LTD and El Camino Estates LLC. He is a part-owner of PineyWoods WaterWorks and Texas Elderberry Company LLC.

David's current civic involvement includes serving as President of the Texas Forestry Association, as a director of Citizens 1st Bank, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, Heartbeat Pregnancy Center, and Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau, as a member of the Executive Committee (and former chairman) of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group and as Vice Chairman of the board of Regents Academy, a Classical Christian school in Nacogdoches. He serves as chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Loan Committee of Citizens 1st Bank.

He is a past President of the Texas Broiler Council and a former chairman of the board of directors of both Heritage Land Bank Association and the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation. David is a former member of the boards of Stephen F. Austin State University, the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (now part of Texas Department of Agriculture), the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District, New Saint Andrews College, Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Poultry Federation. David was recently inducted into the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry of Former Students in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University.

In 1998, David helped found Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, Texas, and still serves it as an elder. David and his wife, Nicole, have ten children and nineteen grandchildren (with three more on the way).



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5. *Super Bowl halftime performer Kendrick Lamar’s genre
8. 1/168th of a week
12. Purse to match a gown
13. Karl of politics
14. Model builder’s wood choice
15. *YDS, TD or INT
16. Black like certain tree
17. *Last season’s NFL MVP
18. *Worth 6 points
20. Way, way off
21. Owl cries
22. Come and ____ it
23. Ape
26. Stucco or aluminum on a house wall, pl.
30. “Wheel of Fortune” request
31. Bette Green’s “Summer of my ____ Soldier”
34. Stag, not doe
35. Like an uncomfortable mattress
37. European Economic Community
38. *NFL Hall of Famer Greene or comedian Hart
39. Seed coat
40. Cylindrical flower cluster
42. Stir or fuss
43. City in Illinois
45. #10 Down’s counterpart
47. Small dog’s bark
48. Adams of “Summer Of ‘69” fame
50. *Point value of a safety in football, pl.
52. *Worth 3 points in football (2 words)
56. Behind a stern
57. Raise the roof
58. Classroom parasites
59. Blooper
60. Actor and singer Kristofferson
61. Some are slippery
62. Scraps
63. Ballpark fig.
64. Dark loaves

DOWN

1. Bothersome one
2. *Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Graham
3. Molokai party
4. Leeches, alt. sp.
5. R2-D2, e.g.
6. Declares to be true
7. *College, home to football’s Nittany Lions
8. *Football intermission
9. Paella pot
10. Addict
11. *What the NFL’s Jim Brown famously did
13. Fixed up
14. Bleated
19. Hoagie, alt. sp.
22. Bathtub hooch
23. Green side
24. Accustom
25. Imitate
26. *Quarterback’s downfall
27. The N of U.S.N.A.
28. Move smoothly
29. Mister in Madrid
32. ____-view mirror
33. What Harry and Sally did
36. *Pre-championship games
38. Work the dough
40. High tea vessel
41. Bucolics
44. Gustatory sensation
46. Hook, line and sinker person
48. Coffin holders
49. Rekindled
50. Type of ski lift
51. Drift like aroma
52. Type of fish net
53. Like acne-prone skin
54. Climber’s destination
55. It’s more, to some
56. Don McLean: “A long, long time ____...”

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



September 2025

Classic Car Cruise In
Fri, Sep. 5th 4-7pm
Clear Springs

Market on Main
Sat, Sep. 6th 9am-12pm
305 East Main St.

Nac Area United Way 75th Diamond Jubilee
Sat, Sep. 6th 6-10pm
The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center

Floral Workshop
Wed, Sep. 10th 4:30-6pm
Both Bloom Studio

Swing Dancing Class
Thu, Sep. 11th 7:30pm
C. L. Simon Recreation Center

Old Town Rig Down
Sep. 12th & 13th
Downtown Nacogdoches

Twelfth Night
Sep. 12th, 13th, 19th, & 20th @ 7:30pm
Sep. 14th & 21st @ 2pm
Lamp-Lite Players

Fiestas Patrias Festival
Sun, Sep. 14th 8am
Catholic Nacogdoches

Fruit Research Field Day
Fri, Sep. 19th 9am-3pm
Pineywoods Native Plant Center

Nac Snack Friday
Fri, Sep. 26th 11am-2pm OR sold out
Downtown Nacogdoches

Big Mike and the R&B Kings Live
Sat, Sep. 27th 7-11pm
Old Tyler Road Cafe

Floral Workshop
Tue, Sep. 23rd 4:30-6pm
Both Bloom Studio

East Texas Bourbon Society Meet-Up
Thu, Sep. 25th 7-9pm
Nacogdoches Cigar Co.

ArtFest
Sat, Sep. 27th 9am-2pm
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative

Thursdays in the Garden
Thu, Sep. 11th & 25th 10-11am
Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens

Brick Street Burger Battle
Sep. 12th - Oct. 19th
Participating Downtown Restaurants

SFA Football Home Games
Homer Bryce Stadium:
9/13: SFA VS Sul Ross State 7pm
9/20: SFA VS Cal Poly 7pm
9/27: SFA VS McNeese State 7pm

SFA Fine Arts
Locations are Italicized
Griffith Fine Arts Building; Jill Adams Gallery:
9/1-10-7: Van Redin - Photographs and Memories
Wright Music Building, Cole Concert Hall:
9/18: Pi Kappa Lambda Faculty Recital 7:30pm
Griffith Fine Arts Building, Turner Auditorium:
9/23: SFA Symphony Orchestra Concert 7:30pm
Wright Music Building, Cole Concert Hall:
9/30: Chamber Singers Concert 7:30pm

SFA Gardens
Locations are Italicized
Jimmy Hinds Park:
9/6: Pick Your Own Muscadines Day 8am-12pm
Brundrett Conservation Education Building:
9/9: Gardening and Horticulture 5:30-7pm
9/11: Alternative Fruits for the Home Orchard 7-8:30pm
9/13: Gorgeous and Ghoulish Gourds 9am-12pm

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music
9/6: Open Mic Night 8-11pm
9/20: Steffany Karback (8-9pm) &
Bad Boy Leroy 9pm-12am)

Cottage Restaurant & Bar
Live Music: Every Friday & Saturday

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 9/9 & 9/23 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 Fredonia Brewery

Bottlecap Alley
Live Music on Fridays
9/5: Logan McCune 6pm
9/12: Fred Limbston 6pm
9/19: Jake Shoemaker 6pm
9/26: A'na & Micah 6pm

The Fredonia Hotel
Music on the Patio (Every Friday):
9/5: Larry Greer and The Shades of Blue 7-10pm
9/12: Enrique Munguia 6-9pm
9/19: Logan McCune 6-9pm
9/26: Marshall Hance 6-9pm

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

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
9/5: 70's Bike Night with Karaoke! 5pm-8pm
9/6: Rev to Remember! 12pm-3pm
9/13: Fair Fest! 12pm-3pm
9/17: Dealer Ride @ KSU! 5:30pm
9/20: Pipes & Pigskins! 12pm-3pm
9/27: Oktoberfest! 12pm-3pm

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday @ 7pm
Live Music every Friday & Saturday
9/3: Books & Beer Monthly Meeting
9/5: Johnny Mullins 6:30-8:30pm
9/12: Jared LoStracco 6:30-8:30pm
9/13: The Kirbys 6-9pm
9/19: Scott Floyd 6:30-8:30
9/20: Tommy Simpson & The Loaded Dice 6-9pm
9/21: FredTalk: AI by Travis Killen 2-3pm
9/27: Huffie & The Paintfish 6-9pm

Madhatter Distillery
9/12-9/13: Drink Specials for Old Town Rig Down
9/24: Mario Smash Brothers Tournament 6-9pm

Nacogdoches County Expo and Civic Center
9/13-9/14: Region V High School Rodeo
9/19-9/20: Pineywoods Youth Rodeo
9/26-9/28: G&S Gun Show

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
9/19: 49 Winchester w/ Jason Scott & the High Heat
9/27: Jackson Wendell

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

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SFA Stern Building

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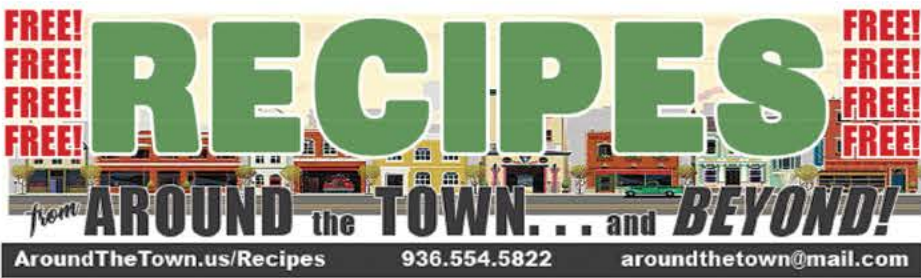
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On The Road - 1580 N. Temple Dr. (US Hwy 59)

In Homer:

Homer Mini Grocery - 7075 Hwy 69S

In Hudson:

Brookshire Brothers Express - 5750 Ted Trout Dr. (Hwy 94W)
Brookshire Brothers Express - 6564 Ted Trout Dr. (Hwy 94W)

In Huntington:

Brookshire Brothers - 885-A Hwy 69S
Little Boots Grocery & Chevron - 101 Hwy 69S
Papa's Pit & More - 501 N. Main St.

In Pollok:

Brookshire Brothers/Polk's - 6925 Hwy 69N

In Redland:

JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59N

In Zavalla:

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

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

In the City of Nacogdoches:

Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' - 6530 FM 2609
Appleby Sand Depot - 3023 Appleby Sand Rd.
Arbor - 3002 Westward Dr.
Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road
Barbecue House - 704 N. Stallings Dr.
Barkeeps - 3308 North St.
Big's - 2430 SE Stallings Dr.
Big's - 540 NE Stallings Dr.
Blue Eyed Coco's Market Square - 412 E. Main St.
Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.
Boles Feed - 913 South St.
Brendyn's BBQ - 601 E. Main St.
Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.
Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South St.
Brown Family Health Center - 1407 E. Main St.
Buckle Up Insurance - 1122 N. University Drive - Suite 119
Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.
Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings Dr.
CC's Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Dr.
Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.
Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St.
Chevron - 1000 N. University Dr.
Chevron - 3228 North St.
Chique-n-Tiques on Main - 409 E. Main St.
CiCi's Pizza -3801 North St. - Suite 19
Claw Daddy's Market - 3322 Center Hwy
Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.
Coldwell-Banker Blueberry Realty - 112 E. Main St.
Copy Center Nac - 2618 North St.
Country Kettle Buffet - 3205 N. University Drive - Suite S
Days Inn and Suites by Wyndham - 2724 North St;
Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W
Dr. Ronnie Hancock Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguet St..
El Ranchero Restaurant - 123 King St.
El Taco Salsa - 4512 North St.
Exxon - 3104 N. University Dr.
Farmers State Bank - 3540 NE Stallings Dr.
Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr.
G & G Lock & Safe - 916 Park St.
Gound Chevrolet - 1015 North Street
Granary Health Foods - 4411 South St.
Guacamole's - 1315 North St.
H & Z Valero - 1626 N. University Dr.
Herman Power Tire - 222 South St.
HoneyBee Health Foods - 3801 North St. - Suite 17
Hop In/Roady's Chevron - 4919 NW Stallings Dr.
Independence Manor - 1501 Pruitt Hill Dr.
Java Jack's - 1122 North Street
Johnson Furniture - 106 E. Main
K.J.'s Convenience Store/Exxon - 5713 South St.
Kinfolks - 4817 NW Stallings Dr.
Kline's Wrap-It-Up - 628 N. University Dr.
Kroger - 3205 N. University Dr.
Kyle Brasher Insurance - 212 South St.
Lehmann Eye Center - 5300 North St.
Linda's Cutting Edge - 2211 S. University Dr.
Lone Star Farm & Home Center - 608 W. Main St.
M & S Pharmacy - 917 E. Austin St.
Ma's Jewelry - 2423 North St.
Martin Kennel - 512 CR 217
McCoy's Building Materials - 4009 NW Stallings Dr.
Meadow Ridge Outdoors - 1090 CR 231
Memory Lane - 3205 N. Univrsity Dr. - Suite F
Mike Perry Motors - 3812 South St.
Mike's BBQ - 1622 South St.
Mustard Seed - 1330 N. University Dr.
NacBurger - 3205 N. University Dr.
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative - 320 North St - Suite 307
Nacogdoches County Expo/Civic Center - 3805 NW Stallings Dr.
Nacogdoches CVB - 200 E. Main St.
Nacogdoches Senior Center - 1601 W. Austin St.
Napoli's Restaurant - 2119 North St.
Nikki Evans-Wallace State Farm Insurance - 332 N. University Dr.

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In the City of Nacogdoches

On The Road Valero - 1304 NW Stallings Dr.
Papi's Mexican Restaurant - 422 E. Main St.
Perry Propane - 6500 Franklin St
Pike Saw & Tool - 2502 NW Stallings Dr.
Pineywoods Financial - 303 Creek Bend Blvd - Suite B
R & K Distributors - 6821 North St.
Red House Winery - 108 E. Pilar St.
Renfro's Glass - 714 North St.
Rick's Valero/Dickies BBQ - 3505 South St.
Roma's Italian Kitchen - 124 E. Main St.
Sam's Southern Eatery - 1220 North St.
Simpson Real Estate - 104 North St.
Sombremos - 3000 North St..
Sunshine Food Mart - 2013 North St.
Taquitos El Jaliscience - 3217 North St.
Taqueria El 21 - 1422 Douglass Road
Texas Bank - 500 North St.
Texas State Optical - 4729 NE Stallings Dr.
Thrall's Grocery, Deli & Cafe' - 7144 Hwy 21 East
VIP Cleaners - 4515 North St. - Suite 1
Walmart - 4810 North St.
Windhill Apartments - 1324 Pruitt Hill Dr.
Woden Rd. Qwik Stop - 2500 Woden Rd

In Appleby:

Gimme's Exxon - 14542 North U.S. Hwy 59
Stuckey's - 14084 North U.S. Hwy 59

In Central Heights:

Brookshire Brother's Express - 9855 U.S. Hwy 259 North
Central Heights Depot/Whataburger - 10175 U.S Hwy 259 North

In Garrison:

Bulldog Express/J & S Food Mart - 381 N U.S. Hwy 59
Garrison Gas & Convenience Store Exxon - 432 N U.S. Hwy 59

In Martinsville:

L & M Quick Stop - 13101 Hwy 7

In Woden:

Dollar General Store - 5130 FM 226

SHELBY COUNTY

In the City of Center:

Boles Feed Co. - 101 Porter St.
Boyd Adams Barber Shop - 424 U.S. Hwy 96N
Brookshire Brothers - 105 Hurst St.
Covington Lumber & Bldg Materials - 1595 Tenaha St.
Farmers State Bank - 115 Shelbyville St.
H & S Discount Foods - 705 Shelbyville St..
Rancho Grande - 816 Tenaha St.
ReSale Mall - 730 Shelbyville St.
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce - 100 Courthouse Square A-101
T/R's Steaks & More - 892 Hurst St.

In Huxley:

Trail's End Grocery & RV Park - 5437 FM 3172

In Joaquin:

Bink's Joaquin Quick Stop - 12762 U.S. Hwy 84
Brookshire Brothers - 113 Haslam Sawmill Rd. - Hwy 84

In Shelbyville:

Shelbyville Grocery and Valero - 5270 Hwy 87S

In Tenaha

Bink's Quick Stop - 300 S. George Bowers Dr. (Hwy 59)

In Timpson:

Bink's Timpson Quick Stop - 674 N. 1st St. - Hwy 59
Brookshire Brothers- 829 N. 1st St. - Hwy 59
Tie & Timber Lodge & Event Center - 397 Jacob St.

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