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# Rooted in Family, Served with Love *The Story Behind N'AXE Eats*

**by Dr. Vi Alexander, *Staff Writer***

Every great story begins with a dream, a little faith, and a willingness to take a chance. For Stacey Ogden, that dream took root in her home in Sacramento, California, where family, creativity, and a love for cooking laid the foundation for an unexpected journey to Nacogdoches, Texas, and ultimately, the opening of N'axe Eats.

Stacey and her husband, Ken, reared their three children—Elijah, Kay, and Jacob—in a home filled with warmth, imagination, and family values. As a stay-at-home mom, Stacey home-schooled her children, nurturing their individual interests. Her ingenuity eventually inspired her to launch a home-based business, where she spent nine years creating natural body care and cleaning products.



*Stacey and Ken Ogden*

Motivated by a desire to find safer products for her family, Stacey began developing her own creations using food-grade ingredients. What began as a mother's desire to protect her children, gradually grew into a creative endeavor that combined her love of making things with her commitment to providing practical, safer alternatives.

With their children nearing adulthood, and the youngest graduating from high school, Stacey and Ken found themselves approaching a new chapter in life. They began considering the possibility of a fresh start in a new place they

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# Breaking a Barrier With Precision: *Leah Moncure*

**by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer**

***Scott Sosebee is a Professor of History at Stephen F. Austin State University and the Executive Director and Editor of the East Texas Historical Association.***

Sometimes it's amazing what one remembers from bygone days, and when I began to look at material for this week's topic one of those unique recollections percolated in my brain. Like I am sure many of you had, Fannin Elementary School in San Angelo every year had something we called "Career Day." On that day—I think it was in the morning and I think I was in the fifth grade, which meant that this was 1972 (yes, I'm old)—instead of our usual studies our entire class decamped to the cafeteria and heard a succession of speakers tell us about what they did for a living. We had lawyers, policemen, bankers, and numerous others that day tell us all about what they did for a living. One thing that stood out for me today as I recalled that day was that we did not hear from any women telling us what they did, even though I know that most of the student's mothers in our middle-school class had careers—including my own—and we had an almost all-female faculty at that school. But more significantly, another recollection stood out for me. We had a civil engineer, the father of a sixth-grader, as one of the presenters. After he delivered his talk, he asked if any of us wanted to "be an engineer



*Leah Moncure (June 7, 1904 - January 17, 1972)*

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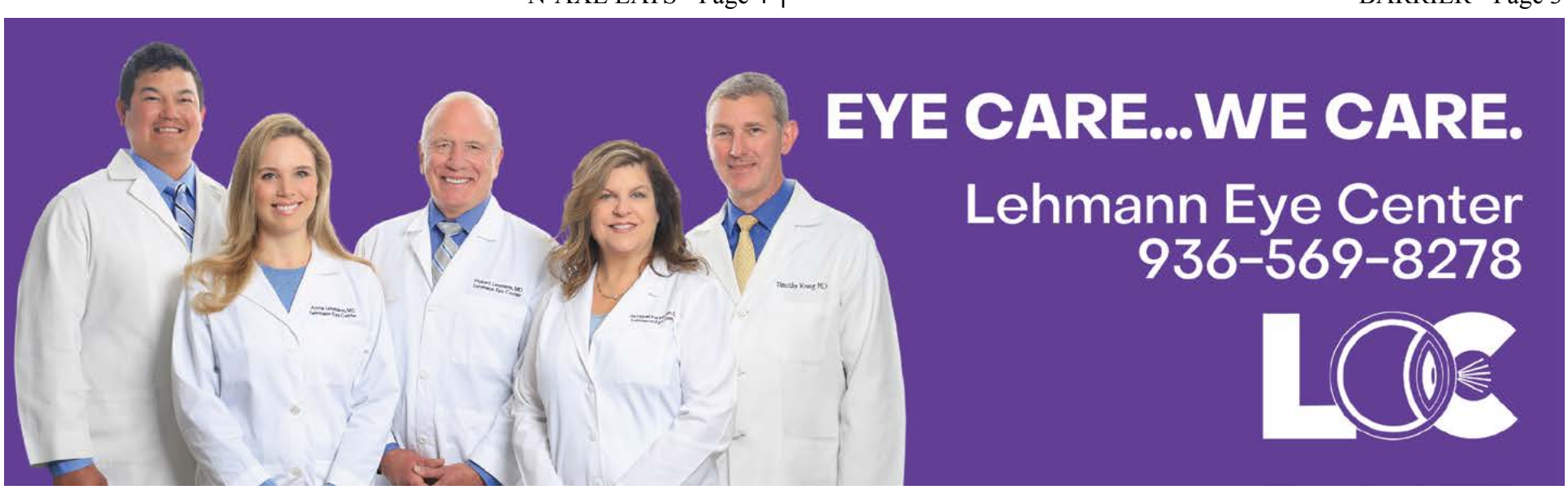

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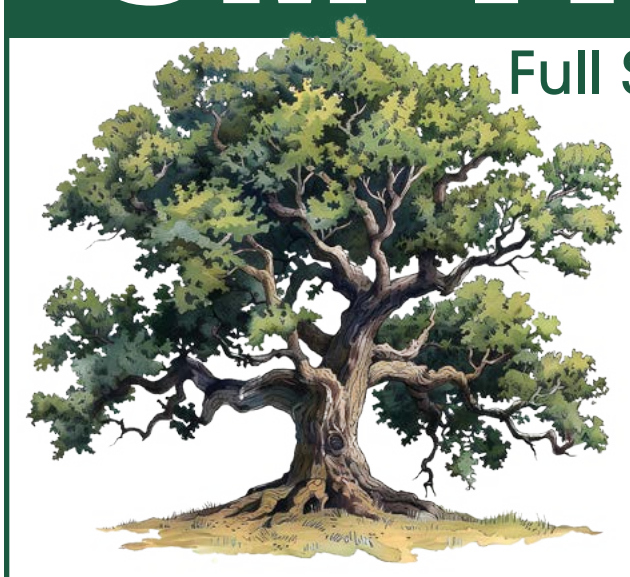

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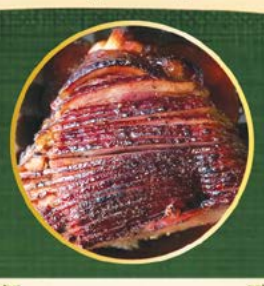

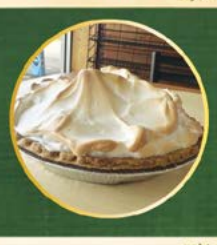

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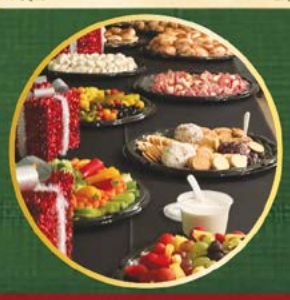

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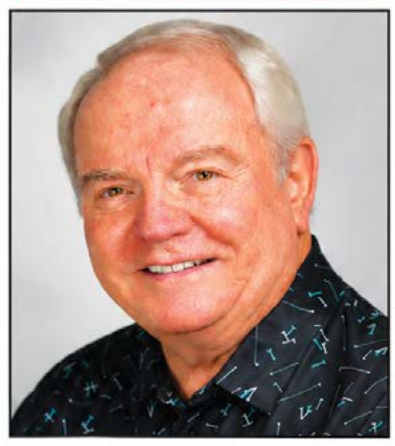

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when they grew up." A few hands raised, all male except for one young girl and this man—for a reason I can't imagine—chose to single her out, but not in a positive way. He said to her, "I'm sorry, but you might want to think about doing something else. I don't know of any girls who become engineers." She looked crestfallen, and while I have no idea if such an affect occurred, but I sure hope that one episode did not destroy her dream.

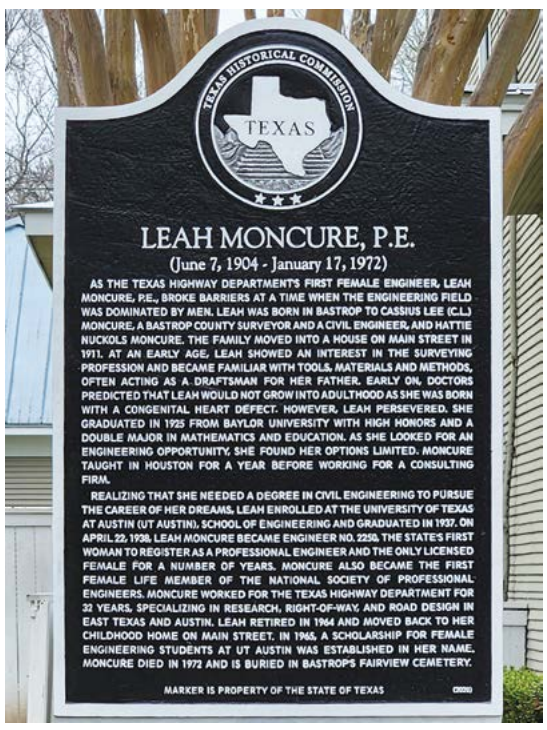
It was ironic that such an episode happened in 1972, as that was the year of the passing of a Texas icon, granted one that few people are aware of. Leah Moncure died in that year at the age of 67 in her hometown of Bastrop. Moncure had the great distinction of being the first female to ever be licensed as an engineer in the state of Texas. She worked for years for the Texas Highway Department (now TxDOT) and in the course of her career broke a number of barriers for women.

Leah Moncure was born in Bastrop in June 1904, the first (by fifteen minutes) of twin girls to Hattie Nuckols Moncure. Her father, Cassius Lee (C.L.), was the long-time Bastrop County surveyor and—like she would become—a licensed civil engineer. When Leah was only three-years-old doctors diagnosed her with a serious congenital heart defect. They told her parents that it was a grave deficiency and she would likely not survive childhood. That diagnosis became the first barrier that Leah Moncure cleared as while she had to certainly take precautions, she outlived her doctor's prognosis. As a child, Leah accompanied her father on a number of his surveying jobs. She took not only great interest but delight in not only watching him but beginning to learn his trade. She also showed great aptitude, and by the time she was a teenager she could ably use his equipment, translate field notes, plat maps, and also—amazingly—she even began to draft her father's projects.

She was an honor student in high school and after graduation matriculated at nearby Baylor University. Baylor, at that time, did not offer an engineering degree, but even if they did, like other Texas universities, they would not have allowed her to choose that as a major. So, Moncure decided to become a double major in math and education. That aptitude she had shown continued at Baylor and she graduated in 1925 with high honors. She was quickly hired to teach math at a Houston junior high school. However, teaching was not what Leah Moncure really wanted to do, so after only a year she applied for a position at Howe & Wise, an engineering consultant firm. Howe & Wise had just been awarded a large state contract to build county roads and desperately needed employees with drafting and surveying experience. Although reluctant to hire a woman, they could not deny her experience and their demand so they brought her onboard.

She performed ably for the three-year duration of the project, but when it ended so did her position with Howe & Wise. Undeterred, Moncure made two crucial decisions. One was that if she wanted to advance her career, she would need an engineering degree. The other was that she needed a job to pay for that schooling. Using her experience at Howe & Wise, she applied for and received a part-time job with the Texas Highway Department. At the same time, she enrolled at the University of Texas in their civil engineering department. Her schedule was hectic. She would work at THD and also go to classes, and also had to—periodically—take to bed rest because of her heart condition. She finally graduated in May 1937, and when Texas passed a law that required engineers to be licensed and certified in their field (action taken in response to the 1937 New London School explosion), Leah Moncure applied, passed, and was certified in 1938 as the first woman in Texas to become a registered professional engineer. She was not done with "firsts;" she became the first woman to be a Life Member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the also the first woman to be a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Moncure continued to work for the Texas Highway Department after her graduation and certification. She was an instrumental part of the historic boom of Texas road-building in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. She worked on projects in Beaumont, Lufkin, and a number in Houston. She worked for the THD for thirty-two years, and then retired in 1964 as her life-long heart condition began to accelerate. The Texas Society of Professional Engineers established the Leah Moncure Memorial Scholarship in 1965 for female engineering students at UT. She passed away in 1972. Today, there is a Texas Historical Commission Historical Marker honoring her at her childhood home in Bastrop. I wish I had known about her career in 1972. Maybe it would have made a difference to my classmate on Career Day.

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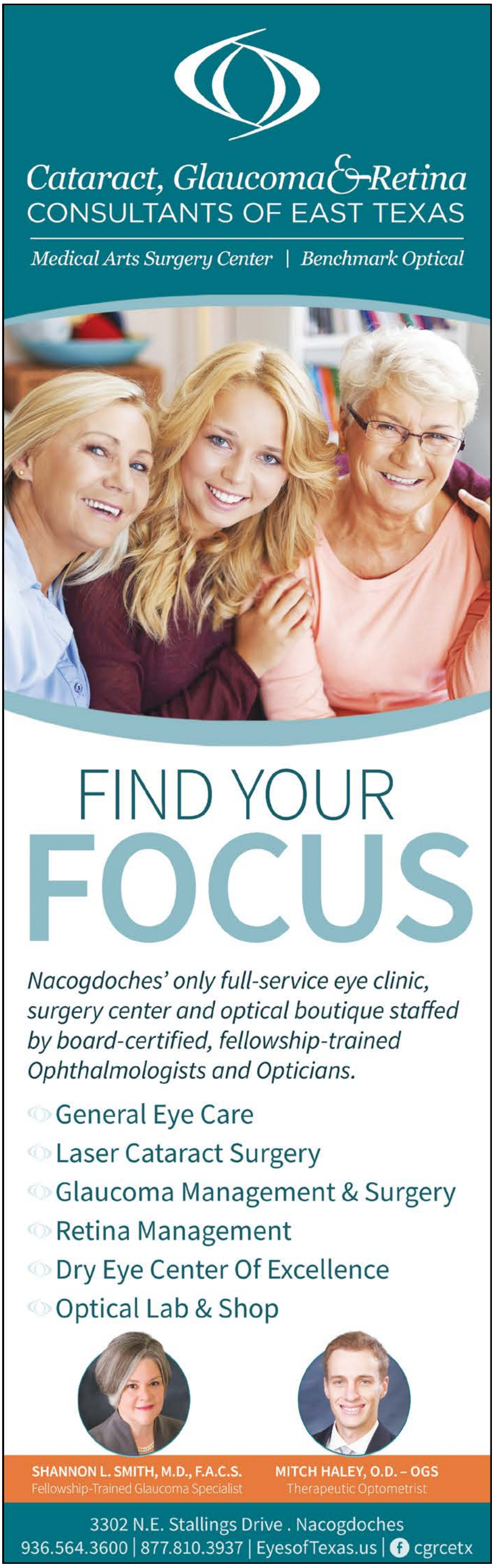
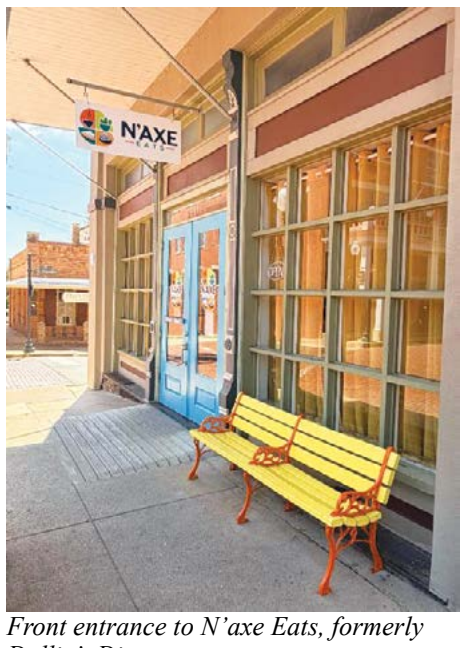


# N'AXE EATS

could call home. Stacey researched communities throughout Texas, searching for a town where their family could put down roots and build a future. After considering their options, they chose Nacogdoches. In 2019, Stacey, Ken, the children, and Stacey's parents left Sacramento behind and made the move to East Texas, embracing a new beginning in a community they would soon call home.



*Front entrance to N'axe Eats, formerly Dollie's Diner*

Stacey's homemade cinnamon rolls had long been a favorite among family and friends, who frequently encouraged her to share her delicious creations with a wider audience. In April 2026, Stacey and Ken, decided to turn that encouragement into action by opening an eatery in downtown Nacogdoches. Leasing the former Dollie's Diner location, they embarked on extensive renovations to transform the space into a welcoming eatery that would bring Stacey's culinary vision to life. With determination, teamwork, and a shared belief in their dream, Stacey and Ken set out to create something special for the community.

Stacey and Ken named N'axe Eats to honor Nacogdoches and Stephen F. Austin State University, reflecting their connection to the community. Rooted in the belief that food has a special way of bringing people together, their eatery extends Stacey's longtime passion for cooking and hospitality into the community. Stacey and Ken working alongside two of their children and Stacey's parents are building more than a business—they are shaping a family legacy of teamwork, togetherness, and community.

Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., N'axe Eats also extends its hours during special downtown events, welcoming locals and visitors alike to stop in and enjoy a homemade meal. Adding to its charm, the eatery features artwork by local artists, bringing creativity and character to its walls while highlighting the artistic talent of Nacogdoches and the surrounding communities.


*N'axe Eats staff front row L-R: Kaniyah, Hannah, Lainey, (not pictured-Kay); back row L-R: Michaela, Jacob, Gavin, Adam, Ella, Stacey*

The menu at N'AXE Eats features comforting soups and custom made salads, along with customer favorites, such as, classic grilled cheese sandwiches and artisan grilled sandwiches that include sauce, meat, and toppings served on sourdough bread. They also offer gluten and dairy free options. For those with a sweet tooth, Stacey's homemade cinnamon rolls, s'mores dip served with graham crackers, and creamy banana pudding, offer a delightful finish to any meal. For Stacey and her family, however, N'axe Eats is about more than serving good food. It is about creating a place where everyone feels at home. As Stacey explains, "It's important to us that every customer is made to feel welcome and the food is delicious." That simple philosophy captures the heart of N'axe Eats—a family working together to serve homemade goodness, extend genuine hospitality, and become a welcoming part of the Nacogdoches community.

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| Tue 8th | Guacamoles | Nacogdoches | 6:00 pm |
| Thu 10th | Private Party | Lufkin | ——— |
| Wed 16th | Tia Juanitas | Lufkin | 5:30 pm |
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| Sat 26th | Ralph & Kacoos | Lufkin | 6:00 pm |
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Life on the East Texas frontier required hard work, resourcefulness, and ingenuity. Families relied on the land and their own skills to provide for everyday needs, and Christmas was no exception. Decorations were often fashioned from materials readily available, including evergreen branches, pinecones, ribbons, and handmade ornaments. As Christmas trees became increasingly popular during the 19th century, families might decorate them with strings of popcorn, dried fruit, and other homemade treasures.

For children, Christmas morning brought excitement, even if gifts were modest by today's standards. Handmade dolls, wooden toys, knitted clothing, and small treats such as nuts, candies, or oranges were treasured surprises. Many gifts were crafted by parents or family members, making them all the more meaningful. The joy of Christmas came not from the number of presents received, but from the thought and care behind each one.

The Christmas table was another important part of the celebration. Families prepared special meals using ingredients they had grown, raised, or preserved throughout the year. Freshly baked breads, pies, roasted meats, and homemade preserves might make an appearance, depending on the family's resources. Recipes and cooking traditions were passed down through generations, becoming cherished parts of family celebrations.

Perhaps the most enduring aspect of Christmas on the East Texas frontier was the importance of community. Neighbors gathered to share meals, attend church services, and enjoy one another's company. In a time when daily life could be difficult, the holiday season offered an opportunity to celebrate blessings, strengthen relationships, and create lasting memories.

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*Ruby Woodard (r) provided entertainment for the recent meeting of the Nacogdoches County Retired Teachers Association. She recounted her journey into becoming Ruby the Whistler and whistled favorite tunes. Pictured with Woodard are Immediate Past-President Marilyn Griffith (l) and Programs Vice-President Joyce Hancock (c). NCRTA is a branch of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, an organization that advocates for the retirement benefits for all TRS recipients. To join, email kpwhitbeck@yahoo.com.*




*At a recent meeting, NCRTA members donated toys to be distributed to LOVE, INC. Officers collecting the toys are (l to R) Federation Delegate Katherine P. Whitbeck, Secretary Pris Krieg, and Hospitality Chair Vonda Windham. NCRTA is a branch of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, an organization that advocates for the retirement benefits of TRS recipients. To join, email kpwhitbeck@yahoo.com*




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# News From City of Nacogdoches

## *Nac Historic Sites Presents:* Miracle on 34th Street *at Zion Hill*

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Gather your family and friends for a cozy evening filled with nostalgia, holiday cheer, and a little movie magic inside the historic Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The movie will take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.

## *Nac Historic Sites Presents: Holiday Concert at Zion Hill: SFA Chamber Singers*

Celebrate the holiday season with a free concert featuring the Stephen F. Austin State University Chamber Singers at historic Zion Hill!

Get into the holiday spirit with an evening of beautiful music at Zion Hill Historic Site! Join us on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. for a special holiday performance by the Stephen F. Austin State University Chamber Singers.

Enjoy the sounds of the season as this talented vocal ensemble fills the historic sanctuary with festive melodies and holiday cheer. Whether you're continuing a holiday tradition or looking for a new way to celebrate the season, this concert is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music in one of Nacogdoches' most beautiful historic settings.

Admission is free, but an RSVP is required. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

## *Nacogdoches Parks & Recreation Welcomes Park Improvements in 2027*

The City of Nacogdoches Parks & Recreation Department is excited to announce several park improvements scheduled for 2027! New playgrounds are set to be installed at Lake Nacogdoches East and Lake Nacogdoches West, as well as at Lakeside Park. Additionally, new park restrooms will be installed at Mill Pond Park, Ritchie Park, McCrimmon Park and Banita Creek Park. These new features are all directly funded by the 2023 bond election.

# Nacogdoches High School Scholarship Applications Available

NHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nacogdoches High School Alumni Association Scholarship Applications are currently available in the NHS GO Center and Counselors' Office for the NHS Class of 2027 Seniors. Each scholarship is valued at $1,000 and will be applied to the student's tuition at an accredited post-secondary institution in which the student enrolls to advance in their education. All completed applications are due to the NHSAA Executive Assistant by Tuesday, February 16, 2027. Recipients will be announced at the NHS Scholarship Assembly, May 13, 2027.

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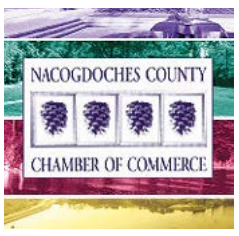





## Chamber Connection

**by Kelly Augustine**
**IOM, President & CEO,**
**Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce**

# Lights, Camera, Opportunity!

Nacogdoches will have an opportunity to learn more about the growing impact of the film industry and what it could mean for our local businesses at The Chamber's membership luncheon meeting on Dec. 11. From noon to 1 p.m., film actor, director, writer, and producer Tanner Beard will join us to discuss the economic opportunities created by film production and how communities like ours can benefit from this expanding industry. Also involved with the presentation are Annie C Carr and Jessica Shelkey with the Nacogdoches Film Commission.

When people think about filmmaking, they often focus on what appears on the screen. What is less visible is the economic activity happening behind the scenes. Every film, television production, commercial, documentary, or digital media project requires a wide range of local support services. Hotels, restaurants, retail stores, construction companies, transportation providers, equipment suppliers, printing services, event venues, and countless other businesses can benefit when a production chooses to work in a community.

Texas has become an increasingly attractive destination for film and media production. Communities across the state are finding ways to leverage their unique character, historic settings, natural landscapes, and local talent to attract projects that bring new spending and new attention to their communities. Here in Nacogdoches, we have assets that many production companies are looking for. From our historic downtown and beautiful natural settings to Stephen F. Austin State University and the rich stories that make our community unique, Nacogdoches offers a distinctive backdrop that cannot be replicated.

For our local businesses, the conversation goes beyond entertainment. The film industry represents another avenue for economic development. Productions need places to stay, places to eat, goods and services to purchase, and local expertise to help them operate efficiently. The more prepared a community is to welcome these opportunities, the greater the potential return for local businesses and the local economy.

At The Chamber, we are always looking for opportunities that support business growth and strengthen our community. Exploring the potential of the film industry aligns with that mission. It is about understanding how Nacogdoches can position itself to capitalize on emerging opportunities while showcasing everything that makes our community special.

We invite you to join us for The Chamber event and meet Tanner, Anne, and Jessica. Whether you're a business owner, community leader, or simply interested in the future of Nacogdoches, this promises to be a fascinating discussion about an industry with the potential to create lasting economic impact.

The Fourth Friday Luncheon will be held from noon to 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11 at The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center and is open to the public as well as all Chamber members. There is a cost for the lunch meal. More information is available at www.Nacogdoches.org or call 936-560-5533.


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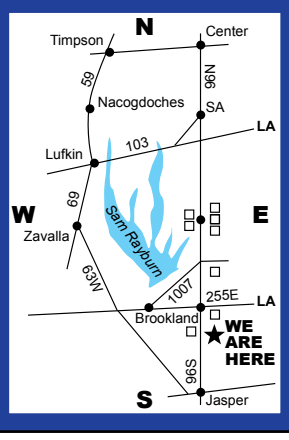


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# This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

December has arrived in Nacogdoches, bringing the holiday season along with it. There is something special about this time of year in our charming, historic town. The air turns cooler, homes and storefronts glow with twinkling lights, and the sounds of Christmas begin to fill the streets. From longtime holiday traditions to festive events around every corner, Nacogdoches is ready to celebrate the season.

The first weekend of December is packed with holiday cheer! On December 4th, step back in time at **Millard's Crossing Old Fashioned Christmas,** from 5-9 pm. Enjoy festive carolers, live music, holiday shopping, Christmas crafts, a live Nativity, visits with Santa Claus, and more. Guests are even encouraged to dust off their Victorian attire and experience Christmas the old-fashioned way.

The celebration continues Saturday December 5th with the **Nine Flags Christmas Festival.** Start the morning with the **Jingle Bell Run,** beginning and ending at Aperitivo Café and Gelato at 7:30 am. Then, stay downtown for the **Market on Main Christmas Market,** from 10 am-2 pm. The festivities continue that afternoon with the **Winter Workshop Art Market,** hosted by the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative from 4-9 pm, featuring live music, shopping, art vendors, food trucks, and more on the Downtown Square. That evening, the **Nine Flags Lighted Christmas Parade,** begins at 6:30 pm in Downtown Nacogdoches. With glowing storefronts, sparkling floats, and crowds gathered along the historic brick streets, the parade brings the community together for one of Nacogdoches' favorite holiday traditions. It is an evening filled with Christmas spirit and a little storybook charm for all ages to enjoy.

On December 11th, the **Very Victorian Christmas Dinner** returns to the historic Sterne-Hoya House, beginning at 6:30 pm. Guests are invited to enjoy an evening inspired by the customs and merriment of the Victorian era. The celebration features a historically inspired Christmas dinner, festive holiday drinks, music, dancing, and plenty of good cheer within one of Nacogdoches' treasured historic homes.

For those who love historic charm and holiday décor, the **Christmas Tour of Homes** on December 12th, from 1-5 pm, offers a special opportunity to step inside beautifully decorated homes throughout Nacogdoches. Each stop showcases its own architectural details and seasonal style, giving guests a closer look at the history and character of the homes while celebrating the warmth of the holidays.

If you're looking for a festive night out with friends, join Visit Nacogdoches for the **Brick Street Bar Crawl** on December 12th, from 5-10 pm. Jingle and mingle your way through historic downtown, stopping at some favorite local spots along the way. The crawl begins at Red House Winery from 5-6 pm, continues at Nine Flags Bar from 6-7 pm, then heads to Aperitivo Café and Gelato from 7-8 pm, before wrapping up at Fredonia Brewery from 8-10 pm. Participation is free, and drinks are available for purchase at each location. Grab your friends, wear your favorite festive attire, and enjoy a merry night out on the brick streets!

And these are only a few of the ways to celebrate the season! From holiday performances and local shopping to twinkling lights and cherished community traditions, December is full of opportunities to make memories in Nacogdoches. Whether you're visiting for the weekend or enjoying the festivities close to home, there's always another reason to get out and explore.

Make plans to experience the holidays in the Oldest Town in Texas, and find even more seasonal happenings at visitnacogdoches.org/events. We'll see you *Around the Town!*

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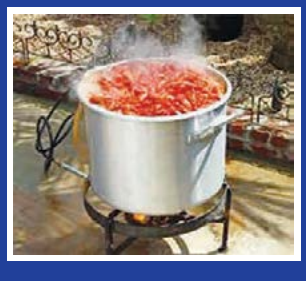

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# East Texas Fall

**by Taylor Millard**

I love the fall in East Texas. The heat finally breaks with the first cool morning, known as false hope day, because it doesn't last. We are right back to summer that afternoon and maybe for another few weeks. But around the middle of November, we settle into a cooler pattern. It is too cool for light shirts any longer as the sun rises but back to warmer in the afternoon, but not hot.



*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.*

The time change is brutal though. I am never prepared for early darkness and the feeling that it is close to midnight at 7 PM. The electric bill finally gets a break with the cooler days and with energy prices high, it is a welcome relief on the budget. Driving around town is also greeted with lowered windows, allowing the rush of fresh air into the car.

There is a unique smell in the fall and if you live in the country, the early morning silence can be broken by the crack of a deer rifle, and I never really know from which direction the blast came. I say to myself, "I hope it was a big one" for the hunter. Outdoorsman start getting photo texts of trophies posed with rifles or bows, with a grinning camouflaged person. "Did you hear about that big buck killed in Melrose?" or wherever the latest big one was taken. I grew up seeing pictures in the *Sentinel*, mostly of younger boys, posing with an eight point, knowing there was a proud dad close by.

I am no longer a deer hunter, but I do love seeing the random buck crossing a highway or darting across my back pasture. The wall of leaves changing to yellows and gold and red is a last farewell with the dormant stage approaching. One last dramatic exit for the foliage that surrounds us all. I know there are areas with more colorful fall landscapes, but we do have a changing view every year that delights my old eyes.

With fall comes football. The grand theater of sports fought on a hundred-yard field. The passion of 2-A high school kids on Friday nights rivals the big colleges. It is the entertainment business at its highest level. Fans fill the stands and watch the plays on the field as if they were watching a play in the theater. I wonder why we use the same word, play.

The final chapter of the Fall is Thanksgiving. I hope all of you had a good one as we had 35 this year. I am now the oldest in the room, but that's fine. We will watch football and eat too much and listen to grandkids play. It is glorious because it is the fall, my favorite time of the year.

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# Being Bamboozled

**by Neal Murphy**



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

The last several months we citizens were subjected to being "bamboozled" by thousands of stump speeches and political commercials on television. Yes, it was election time in the United States again. We voters were "bamboozled" by much "gobbledygook" from the many politicians seeking your vote for a political office.

"Bamboozled" is an interesting word. The earliest meaning of bamboozle was "to deceive by trickery, hoodwink, or to take in by elaborate methods of deceit." This is why many believe that it arose among the criminals of the underworld.

"Bamboozled" is one of those words that has been confounding etymologists for centuries. No one knows for sure about its origin. One thing that we do know is that it was originally considered "low language," at least among such defenders of the language as British satirist Jonathan Swift, who hoped that it would quickly fade from the English language.

One unlikely theory has it that bamboozle comes from "Bombazine," a kind of fabric that when dyed black was used to be worn for mourning. One can only imagine black-bombazine-wearing widows in the late 17th century bilking young gentlemen out of their purses.

By around 1712, the word had acquired the sense "to perplex or mystify." This idea may have emerged under the influence of the Scottish word "bombaze," which means "to confuse," similar in both sound and meaning. Given the befuddling qualities of alcohol, it's not too surprising that in the 1800s, bamboozle showed up on college campuses as a slang term for "drunk."

Efforts have been made to connect the word to the French word "embabouiner" which means "to make a fool of." Of course, the word could just as easily been invented by someone to fit a momentary need and then went on to gain popular usage. A good example of that is the word "gobbledygook" which was coined in 1944 by U. S. Representative Maury Maverick who was the grandson of Sam Maverick. Sam had a habit of not branding his cattle which gave the name "maverick" the meaning of "independent." Representative Maverick, overseeing factory production during WWII, described the doubletalk and jargon he was encountering from government officials as "gobbledygook." The word was an instant hit. He later explained that "gobbledygook" was his attempt to imitate the sound a turkey makes. But, in one inspired moment he gave us the perfect word for the sound that a bureaucracy makes.

So, far from slinking into obscurity, the word bamboozle today has left its roots behind and found a secure place in the lexicon of our English language. Its very longevity stands as a reminder that you can't predict or enforce the fate of a word.

So, during this recent election cycle, hopefully you were aware of being "bamboozled" by the "gobbledygook" of the many politicians who will promise you anything just to get elected, then do as they please thereafter.

Remember what Mark Twain said – "The best day for people of any age to trick and be tricked is April Fool's Day, when we celebrate being bamboozled by harmless hoaxes. April 1st is the day on which we are reminded what we are on the other 364 days."

# Sowell Family Cemetery Dedication to Honor Generations

Sowell descendants, relatives and the public are invited to the dedication of two historical markers at Sowell Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Everyone laid to rest in the cemetery is related or connected to one of the three Sowell brothers – Ransom, John or James- who came to Texas giving this recognition of Texas history a deeply personal connection.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Ezekiel Cullen Chapter will unveil a marker designating the cemetery as a Republic of Texas Historic Site. The San Augustine County Historical Commission will dedicate a marker documenting the cemetery's history.

Honoring the family's ties to the Republic of Texas, the ceremony will recognize Defenders David Bullock, a participant in the Battle of San Jacinto, and Thomas Malone, a participant in the Battle of Bexar. Veterans Ransom Sowell and Thomas Lowery, along with seven Citizens of the Republic, will also be recognized.

Descendants and relatives are especially invited to bring their children and grandchildren to honor the generations laid to rest here. Friends, neighbors and the public are welcome to gather with the family for this special occasion.



# A Transformative Election: The 1948 Texas Senatorial Race

**by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer**

***Scott Sosebee is a Professor of History at Stephen F. Austin State University and the Executive Director and Editor of the East Texas Historical Association.***

Texas, and the nation, just had an election, and no matter what "side" you stood on coming into the race I think we can agree that the outcome was unexpected. Some might be tempted to say that it was transformational, but as a historian I will offer that such an assessment is premature. The proper response would be, "We'll see," because for something to truly be transformational it has to be lasting. So, we'll have to wait and see if this was an election that turned on conditions that were unique to time and place, i.e. could have only happened in 2026, or if the results presage a new electoral shift in Texas politics.

When one searches Texas history we can point to a number of transformational and consequential elections in the state's past. The 1857 governor's race, for example, became the only election Sam Houston ever lost, but it set the stage for his comeback win in 1859, which in turn, because of his opposition to secession, turned in to his leaving the Governor's Mansion after he refused to take an oath to the Confederacy. The 1890 election brought James S. Hogg to the Governor's Chair, and with it a Democratic response to Populism that helped to quell that agrarian rebellion. Certainly, another such election was the 1978 Governor's race, when Bill Clements became the first Republican governor of Texas since Reconstruction, a harbinger of a future shift in Texas politics. I could go on, but one Texas election that had perhaps the most consequences nationally was the 1948 Senatorial race, a close and contested competition that led to the rise of a politician that would ultimately take up residence in the White House.

Texas has always been full of prominent politicians, larger-than-life personalities, and people who spent decades on the national stage, but perhaps no one fits all three descriptions as well as Lyndon Baines Johnson. As a member of the House of Representatives, a senator, vice-president, and ultimately president, Johnson used his wiles, passion, and sheer will to dominate every office and body in which he served. No matter what one thinks of his politics or methods, no one would ever say that he did not leave his mark on the state or the nation.



*Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th president of the United States*

Every politician has to begin somewhere, and Lyndon Johnson's ascent in national politics started when he won election to the United States Senate in 1948. In those days, Democrats dominated one-party state Texas since Republicans offered little to no opposition in the general election. Thus, the only elections that really mattered were the Democratic Party primaries. At the time Johnson was considered one of the most prominent members of the "liberal wing" of the Texas Democratic Party, predominantly due to his strong support of the New Deal and President Franklin Roosevelt during the 1930s and 1940s. Johnson had previously run for a senate seat in 1941, but lost that bid to W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel—an election that Johnson always believed the popular former governor had stolen, primarily by claiming ill-begotten votes in East Texas. So, when the seat came open again in 1948 Johnson immediately filed. He also swore that he would never be "out-hustled" in an election again.

Johnson was not the favorite in the race; that distinction went to his opponent, the popular former governor Coke Stevenson. Stevenson was an establishment figure in Texas politics, having served as speaker of the House of Representatives, lieutenant governor, and as governor through the years of World War II. He was the personification of the men who had governed Texas for years—rural, conservative, and traditional. As the race began, most observers and commentators believed that Johnson would put up a good fight, but Stevenson's organization and backing from the establishment would eventually prevail.

What those who predicted a Stevenson victory did not consider was that Johnson was no ordinary Texas politician. Certainly, as a son of the Hill Country he understood how to appeal to ordinary Texans, but he was also dynamic, outgoing, and indefatigable in a way that few Texans had ever seen. He campaigned incessantly, traveling from town-to-town in a helicopter—a new machine that naturally attracted attention—and he spoke about progress, industrialization, and the future. In many ways the race was a watershed event for a new post-war Texas, a state that was ready to move away from its old, rural, agricultural roots and embrace a more vigorous, modern, urban economy and society.

The primary was scheduled for July, and in the first vote Stevenson won a comfortable plurality. However, since it was an eleven-man race, he had garnered only forty percent of the vote and Texas election law required a run-off if no one candidate captured fifty percent. Thus, Johnson and Stevenson would meet in a head-to-head choice in August.

Johnson once again waged a dogged campaign, but most pundits counted Johnson out, even going on record that he would lose by a larger majority than he did during the first vote. When the first votes began to trickle in it became obvious that something remarkable was happening; Lyndon Johnson, the anti-establishment, liberal faction candidate was running neck and neck with the popular Stevenson. It took more than a week to count the ballots, and both sides alleged fraud. Finally, the party's executive committee announced that Johnson, largely on the strength of an overwhelming victory in Jim Wells County, had won the election by a scant eighty-seven votes.

The Stevenson camp immediately protested, charging that Johnson had committed massive voter fraud. Had he? Perhaps, but then Stevenson's organization had also no doubt committed their share of vote scheming and stealing as well. Recent analysis of that election seems to conclude that if it had been conducted fairly Johnson would have won by a comfortable margin. Unfortunately, that was how candidates and those in other positions conducted Texas' elections in that era.

Lyndon Johnson would go on to crush the token Republican opposition in November to become a United States Senator. After taking his seat in that body he would rise to leadership in record fashion and become the youngest Senate majority leader in American history. From there he would go on to be vice-president and, upon the assassination of John Kennedy, the President of the United States. If he had not won the 1948 election more than likely none of that would have come to pass. Lyndon Johnson, to the nation, would become known as the architect of the Great Society and, fairly or not, the face of the contentiousness of the Vietnam War. But in Texas, after 1948, we just knew him as "Landslide Lyndon."






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# Retirement: My Story

**by Mike Mills**

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*I wrote this almost exactly 15 years ago when I retired from a management position in the FAA where I oversaw an office of 60 employees:*

Now having one month's retirement under my belt, I thought it might be interesting to share my initial impressions of life as a retiree. I just sort of belly-flopped into this new lifestyle after 45 years of constant employment, except for a few weeks when I was between jobs. Frankly, I didn't know what to expect, but I can tell you now that it didn't take long for me to adjust. And I can also tell you that I like it. A lot.



Here are some of my first month's impressions:

1. The wakeup alarm on my clock radio has not sounded even once. I have always hated that darned thing, and I still haven't decided what action to take if it has the audacity to start blaring again at some point. Who knows, it might even involve gunfire; there is a pistol in my nightstand drawer...

2. I don't have to be in my car, backing out of the garage at exactly 6:50 a.m. every morning in order to travel in 40 minutes what would normally be a 20-minute drive to the office. This daily struggle was caused by endless road construction and 100,000 other drivers trying to kill me while talking on their cell phones or putting on makeup at 75 miles per hour. I saw some pretty horrific wrecks over the years, and I thank the Almighty for watching over me.

3. I don't miss working even a little bit. I have older friends, however, who are still there even though no economic need exists to hang around. I'm sorry, but I don't get it; life is too short, and there's so much of God's creation left to see. I don't have many regrets up to now, and I really don't want to start any new ones if I can help it. Regrets torment us because they almost always involve the consequences of something we unwisely did or did not do in the past and which are, of course, irreversible. Frankly, I can't think of anything I would regret more than taking my last sightseeing trip being wheeled out of my office on a gurney.

4. I find I now have way too many clothes. I will never need to buy anything else to wear for any purpose as long as I live. I believe I could do quite nicely now with perhaps two dozen articles of clothing. So, what do I do with the hundred others in my closet? I'm sure a heavily-laden trip to a charity collection center will be in the offing.

5. There is little need to go to the dry cleaners much anymore to maintain my executive look, such as it was. When I told the owner of the cleaners I was retiring, he hung black crepe around his door and mumbled something about suicide.

6. It's true what they say about not knowing what day it is! I really didn't believe that until I retired and stopped wearing my watch, upon which the date and day of the week appear rather prominently. However, any unsettling feeling I might have about this is mitigated by my realization that I generally have no need to know what day it is! If I need to do something on a specific day, Sandy will tell me. She always knows what day it is, along with a whole bunch of other stuff from which I try to extract only those things I think I need to know. I quickly tune out the obvious, such as the incomprehensible fuss over which clothing style is appropriate for the event, the season, the weather, the style and what other ladies may be wearing. This, for me, is unknowable, and for that, I am grateful.

7. Perhaps retirement's greatest benefit is freedom. Freedom from deadlines; freedom from limitations on time and travel; freedom to linger at a special vacation spot or over coffee and good conversation; freedom to pursue a hobby or interest that was suppressed during the grind of the workweek; freedom to visit friends and family and rekindle old relationships. And yes, most importantly, freedom from regret.

*Over the years, we visited all 50 states and several foreign countries, and God granted me the uncharacteristic wisdom to write about it all. In the end, those memories revisited are the next best thing to doing it all over again.*







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# Lamp-Lite Players Present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

**by Alyssa Faykus-Smith, Publicity**

The Lamp-Lite Players present ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,*** by Barbara Robinson, December 17-20, for one weekend only. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. December 17-19, 2026 and 2 p.m. December 20, 2026.

Demand is high for the annual Christmas production, so patrons are advised to purchase tickets online at lampliteplayers.ludus.com or in-person at the Box Office, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, **December 7 and 14, 2026, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Tickets go on sale now, and there is no audience dress rehearsal. Leftover tickets, if available, will be sold at the Box Office the day of the performance 45 minutes before curtain. All seats are reserved seats.

The Herdmans, played by **Maddox Gaond, Londyn Aycock, Stihl Adams, Amirabella Higginbotham, Kinsley Baeza** and **Penelope Winslett,** are "the worst kids in the world." After hearing about desserts at church, they take over the main parts of the Annual Christmas Pageant, to the chagrin of the Bradleys, played by **Paige Paulette, Alan Gaska, Madie Boyer** and **Robert McDermand.** Can Mrs. Bradley turn the impending fiasco around?




*The Bradley Family is portrayed by (l to r) Robert McDermand, Alan Gaska, Madie Boyer, and Paige Paulette.*

Mrs. Armstrong and the other Ladies of the Church, played by **Heather Patterson, Tammy Miller, Dakota Hauff** and **Ember Finch Stewart,** do not think so. They continually give advice to Rev. Hopkins, played by **Mars Scharer.** In addition, Beth's best friend Alice, played by **Cadence Glazener,** provides her insights, and the Sunday School Kids, including Maxine, played by **Kenzi Clark,** and the rest, played by **Jojo Contreas, Graham Payne, Hadley Rutherford, Olive Gaska, Arianna Espino, Jackson Smith, Cassidy Witcher, Madelyn Patterson,** and **Emma Sparks,** enter the fray. Added to the chaos are the Firemen, played by **Jeremiah Winslett** and **Faithlynn Stockman.**

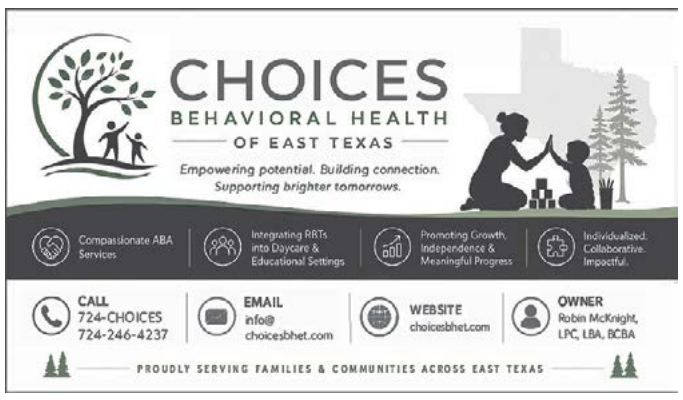
**Cristóban Morone**s directs this cherished Christmas tradition featuring adult, youth, and child Lamp-Lite Players. **Riley Nichols** serves as assistant director. **Davy Thomas** directs the music and provides accompaniment. **Christen Smith** serves as stage manager, assisted by **Alex Baeza** and **Kirsten Baker. Cindy Hughes** serves as costume coordinator, **Isaac Calderon** as props master, and **Avari Williams** as crew.

Audience members are asked to arrive at Lamp-Lite Theatre 15-30 minutes prior to curtain. More information may be found at www.lamplitetheatre.com. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.












# S O S
## SERVING OUR SAVIOR

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

# Announcement

With heartfelt gratitude, Love INC Nacogdoches is deeply honored and humbled to announce grant awards and significant gifts designated for the renovation of a building on the Love INC campus. We are sincerely grateful for this investment in our community and for the confidence these generous partners have placed in our ministry.

We also celebrate the remarkable partnership between North Street Church of Christ, Harvest House Food Pantry, and Love INC Nacogdoches. This collaboration is a powerful testimony of ministries coming together to serve our neighbors as one body. It reflects the model God has given His children: working together, sharing resources, and demonstrating His love through acts of service. We are grateful to be part of a partnership that puts faith into action and brings hope to our community.

The awarded funds will renovate a facility that will serve as the home of our new Food Pantry and Food Co-op Program, an innovative initiative designed to increase access to nutritious food while encouraging dignity, choice, and community engagement.



*Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches*

Love INC Nacogdoches gratefully recognizes The Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation, T.L.L. Temple Foundation, Dr. Bill and Barbara Gandy, and Chris and Terry Kline for their extraordinary generosity and commitment to bringing this unique vision to life. Their support makes it possible to create a resource that will serve individuals and families throughout Nacogdoches for years to come.

On behalf of the Love In the Name of Christ Nacogdoches Board of Directors, staff, and the many volunteers who faithfully contribute to our mission each day, we extend our deepest appreciation to the Board Members of the T.L.L. Temple Foundation and The Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation, as well as the Gandys and the Klines. We are profoundly thankful for their generosity and trust. We embrace the responsibility these gifts bring and are committed to stewarding these funds with integrity, accountability, and compassion as we serve our neighbors in need.

**Christmas Shared Blessings:** We are collecting new gifts for boys and girls. Please drop off at 917 Ruby Street, Monday thru Thursday from 9-4:30. Event is December 9th, 2026. Connects churches and families through meaningful Christmas support. Builds relationships and offers hope.

**Relational Ministries:** to build relationships, Love INC offers services to connect with neighbors; Laundry & Shower Ministry, Warehouse Ministry, Warehouse on Pearl, Home Visit Team, Crew Love, Furniture Repair & Restoration Shop. These ministries provide year-round opportunities for neighbors to receive support, encouragement, and practical assistance.

**CHAIRished Blessings: CHAIRished Blessings** raises vital financial support to sustain the mission and ministries of Love INC. Join us on February 5, 2027, for an evening of inspiration, celebration, and community impact. Tickets are now available at the Love INC office! Stop by our main office at 917 Ruby Street.

This year's CHAIRished Blessings event will feature several exciting new opportunities to engage and have fun, including the launch of the **Local Shoppers Challenge.** You won't want to miss this unique community-wide experience and the surprises planned throughout the season.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for updates, announcements, and all the latest details as we count down to the event!

**Warehouse on Pearl:**

This great ministry will be the home of a voucher program that will allow neighbors to earn vouchers and points from educational classes and programs that can be spent at the store as a reward for the hard work put into those classes. A parenting class, budgeting class, gardening class or other could earn them free hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, home decor and more. If you know a community class or program that would like to be a part of the voucher program, tell them to contact us. We are currently recruiting and seeking community partners to collaborate with to benefit neighbors we all serve.

**The Warehouse on Pearl is NOW OPEN to the public as well.** Join us on **December 5, 12, and 19** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for great finds and affordable treasures. New items are added every week, so there is always something new to discover!

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# The Refuge

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



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# Images

*The spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man [Adam] was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man [Jesus] is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*
(1 Cor. 15:46-49)

It is not man's earthly physical appearance that matters in reflecting the image of God but a circumcised heart. Man's physical appearance displays the creative power and wisdom of God in bringing form to the life growing inside the mother's womb. God joins together the reproductive capability of male and female to create another human being, either male or female, whose physical appearance differs from the parents physical appearance, yet there is a likeness there because they are of the same kind—human.

Instead of Christians joining with the world in seeing people according to skin color which leads to racism, division, hatred and evil, we should celebrate the wisdom of God, giving Him the glory, every time we see His creative genius when looking at another human being whose outward appearance differs from our own. We should praise God for having made each of us fearfully and wonderfully in His eyes. He formed us in the womb with a human DNA that is distinct and unique for every person.

Our vision is so distorted, we're blinded by and preoccupied with the external shell, the outward appearance, that we cannot see God's handiwork and the value of the human life He created. This is one very good reason why the human mind marred by sin must be renewed by the truth of Scripture (Rom. 12:1-2). Christians must be taught and trained how to think and what to believe by the Word of God.

After Adam sinned, the image of God in Adam was changed. Sin marred, changed Adam's heart. His heart became a heart of stone toward God when he turned away from the truth; a heart hardened, calloused toward God. God's image in mankind—the mind, will and emotions—were all changed when Adam sinned. Adam, serving as the federal head of the human race, brought sin into the world (Rom. 5:12). We know the image of God that Adam was originally created with changed when he sinned against God because when they (Adam and Eve) "heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden" they "hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees" (Gen 3:8). Before sin there was no shame, guilt or fear of God. Sin changed Adam and Eve's heart. Sin ushered in not only physical death but spiritual death as well. It is this spiritual death that separates us from God.

Man is born into the world with a diseased heart. The disease is sin. Everyone has this disease for the Scripture says, "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Sinful man must be changed on the inside by God, given a new heart that is evidenced by a life and lifestyle being conformed by the Holy Spirit to the image of Christ. A spiritual circumcision of the heart is required. Sinful man must be born again, recreated in the spiritual image of God in Christ in this life. He must become a partaker of the divine nature of God by being born of the Spirit. We are born of the flesh in the image of Adam, earthly human beings with a sinful nature. We must be born of the Spirit to return to the spiritual image of God. Our dead spirit must be born again, made alive, by receiving the life of Christ. How? By grace through faith as evidenced by genuine repentance—turning around from a life without Christ to a life under the lordship of Christ.

We are bombarded by and consumed with images daily. Images that are seductive, sensual, provocative, and enticing, tempting us to sin; images of death and destruction showing the depravity of man, the depth of the power of sin in uncircumcised hearts; images of wealth and fame influencing us for evil gain; images of good and evil, life and death, rejoicing and weeping; images of anger and hatred on display all over the world.

What the world needs to see more of is the image of Christ in the lives of His people, people who call on and are called by His name. What the world needs to see more than ever is the image of what a born-again Christian under the authority and lordship of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God genuinely looks like, a new creation manifested in a life hidden with Christ in God. The image the world needs to see from Christians is a spiritual unity that is like the oneness of the Father and the Son. They need to see that we belong to the Lord and to each other. Are you that image? We should pray as Jesus prayed for this spiritual unity in the body of Christ (John 17:20-23).

Christians should be united around the gospel of Christ, a message with the power to transform lives. Our spiritual unity in Christ, brothers and sisters in the same family with the same heavenly Father, is what the world needs to see. Not the division and separation among us brought on by the shade of our earthly tent. One day we will all put off this tent, our little dirt bodies in which we live. Everyone, both the saved (born-again believers) and the unsaved (died in unbelief) will put on a body in the resurrection that will serve them in their eternal habitation—either in heaven with Christ or in hell with the devil and his angels.

Jesus had an earthly body that veiled His glory. Jesus did not cease to be God while clothed in human flesh. His divine glory was veiled because no one can see His glory and live. Peter, James and John "were eyewitnesses of [Jesus'] majesty" when they were "with Him on the holy mountain" (2 Pet. 1:16, 18; Matt. 17:1). They were permitted a brief spectacular view of Christ's glory in a vision. Jesus is now in heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father, glorified together with Him with the glory He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:5). The believers glorification is the final stage of our salvation.

Everyone bears the image of the man of dust marred by sin, but only those who belong to Christ bear His image, the spiritual image of the heavenly Man. As for me I will see [Christ's] face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake in [His] likeness (Ps. 17:15; 1 Jn.3:2).




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# From the Bandstand to the Battlefields of Vietnam
# The Dalton Charles Wheeler Story

**by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer**

In 1966, 22-year-old Dalton "Charles" Wheeler was building a life around two very different paths: pursuing his college education and playing bass guitar in the Johnny Winters' Band. That future took an unexpected turn when Charles received news that would change his life. While he and the band were in Oklahoma, his mother called to tell him that a letter from the Selective Service had arrived, notifying him that he had been drafted into the United States Army. His time on the road with the band was suddenly put on hold.



Soon, Charles found himself beginning a journey that would take him from Fort Polk to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he underwent basic training, AIT, and what is known as "jungle training." From there, he traveled to California, where he boarded the USS General John Pope, bound for Vietnam. Sgt. Dalton C. Wheeler would now serve with Company A, Third Platoon, Panther Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 47th Mechanized Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. He arrived in Vung Tau, a coastal city approximately 30 miles from Bearcat Army Base. Having trained as a track commander, he was assigned to an M113 armored personnel carrier responsible for transporting infantrymen into combat zones. Once the soldiers engaged the enemy, the M113 carriers moved into position around them, providing protection and supporting fire. Armed with .50-caliber and M60 machine guns, these vehicles played an important role in supporting and protecting troops on the ground.

During Operation Junction City, Charles and his platoon had just established a security perimeter when they received orders to bring their M113s back to command headquarters. As they traveled down a dark, narrow road, a sudden, tremendous explosion shattered the silence ahead of them. A couple of hundred yards farther down the road, they discovered a large crater and the bodies of two Viet Cong soldiers who had apparently been killed when a land mine they were attempting to plant detonated prematurely. The explosion knocked out the GRA radio. With communications becoming critical, Charles took the handheld radio and climbed onto the top of the carrier so he could stay in contact with his driver. However, the noise of the engine made it difficult for the driver to hear his instructions. Without warning, the driver suddenly accelerated, throwing Charles off the vehicle and into a nearby tree. He suffered injuries to his hip and arm and was transported to a nearby Australian camp for initial treatment before being evacuated to a hospital in Japan. After receiving medical care and completing his rehabilitation, Charles returned to Vietnam.



Charles can recount many stories from his time in Vietnam. Some are serious and heartbreaking, others frightening, and a few bring a touch of humor to an otherwise dangerous experience. One such incident began when Charles and his fellow servicemen were ordered to dismount their carrier and proceed on foot. As they moved through the jungle, they came upon two Vietnamese soldiers interrogating a Viet Cong woman who, as it turned out, was the girlfriend of a Viet Cong major. During the questioning, the soldiers obtained information about the location of a Viet Cong position. Armed with this intelligence, Charles and his fellow servicemen moved toward the enemy bunkers. However, the woman had deceived them, leading them straight into enemy territory. As they approached, heavy gunfire erupted. Charles immediately dove behind a large log for cover, with his lieutenant taking shelter right behind him.

In the middle of the intense firefight, they noticed an overpowering, unpleasant smell but had little time to wonder about its source. The M113s were called in for support, and their arrival helped drive the Viet Cong out of the bunkers. Once the immediate danger had passed, Charles was still trying to figure out the source of that terrible smell. His lieutenant finally explained that the log they had taken cover behind was in the middle of the Viet Cong's jungle "latrine." That was one discovery neither man had expected to make that day. Needless to say, when it was time to return to command headquarters, Charles and his lieutenant politely walked well behind the carrier rather than ride.

As Charles's tour of duty in Vietnam came to an end, he returned home with an honorable discharge and the distinction of being a Purple Heart recipient. After experiencing the hardships and dangers of war, he began rebuilding his life as a civilian, finding gainful employment and looking toward the future. In 1993, he married his beloved wife, Sue Mangham, beginning a new chapter filled with love and companionship. Sue and his three children are among his greatest blessings. Through the years, his faith has remained an important part of his life. He is an active member of his church and particularly enjoys participating in the music ministry. There, he has been able to return to something that was such an important part of his younger years—playing his guitar and sharing his love of music with others. From the stage where he once played bass guitar to the battlefields of Vietnam, and finally to the church where he plays today, music has remained a meaningful thread throughout Charles's life.



*Charles, thank you for your important service during the Vietnam War. You answered the call when your country needed you and served honorably. We are grateful for the time and commitment you gave to our country. May God bless you.*

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# Service Across Three Generations & Four Wars
# The Robert Marion McDonald Story

**by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer**

Some family histories are remarkable not only because of the events they contain, but because of the generations of courage, sacrifice, and service woven into them. The story of Robert Marion McDonald of Lufkin, Texas is one such history. Long before he wore the uniform of the United States Navy, his grandfather, Jessie Henry Vaughan,



had served his country during the American Civil War. Robert was only four and a half years old when his grandfather died, yet those memories stayed with him throughout his life. It is remarkable to think that Robert had the opportunity, even briefly, to know a man who had personally experienced the Civil War. Robert's father, Robert William McDonald served in World War I and Robert's brothers, J.W. and R.L., served during World War II. Following in their footsteps, Robert Marion McDonald also answered the call to military service.

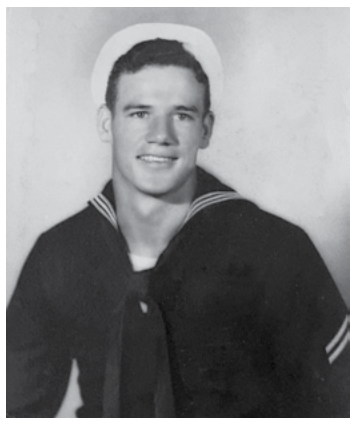
In 1950, at 21 years old, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy and attended boot camp in San Diego, California. Then, attended navigation school in Bain Bridge, Maryland aboard the largest aircraft carrier at that time, the USS Valley Forge, which could easily carry 110 planes. It was among the first U.S. carriers to participate in combat operations after North Korea invaded South Korea in June 1950. As Quartermaster, Robert had significant responsibilities for navigation, ship handling, and helping the commanding officer safely operate the vessel.

Robert was trained to chart the ship's location at sea using the stars to help navigate. Celestial navigation was an essential skill for sailors before modern navigation systems existed. Robert learned to recognize specific stars and constellations and use their positions in the sky as natural navigation markers. Using a sextant, he measured the angle of a known star above the horizon and recorded the precise time of the observation with a chronometer. By combining measurements from two or more celestial bodies with nautical charts and navigation tables, he could calculate the ship's approximate position at sea.



The USS Valley Forge conducted extensive combat operations against North Korean targets. Robert recalls the fierce fighting on land and sea. Navy ships maneuvered along enemy coastlines and in open waters to support the fighting taking place on land. Destroyer ships would run ahead of the USS Valley Forge to check for mines in the water. On one occasion, Robert and the crew was maneuvering along the Korean Peninsula, when their ship was struck by a torpedo fired from a Korean submarine. Although, the ship was fired upon frequently, this impact knocked out the ship's operating systems and caused it to begin taking on water. Fortunately, the crippled vessel made its way to Japan for repairs. There were many other hardships, including injuries, frostbite, equipment failures, and shortages of food and ammunition. These experiences are lasting reminders of the dangers and sacrifices associated with his military service during the Korean War.

As Robert's Navy service drew to a close, he experienced two especially meaningful milestones that would remain among his most cherished memories: a goodwill tour throughout the Mediterranean and his marriage to the love of his life, Joyce Coslow McDonald. During a United States Navy goodwill tour aboard the USS Coral, he traveled throughout the Mediterranean, visiting numerous European ports, including Beirut, an important center of diplomacy in the Middle East. Yet, even more meaningful than his travels was his marriage to Joyce Coslow McDonald, in 1954. Their marriage marked the beginning of a beautiful life together, built on love, devotion, and family. This year, they celebrate an extraordinary 72 years of marriage—a lifetime of memories and a lasting legacy of love.



After receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1955, Robert and Joyce returned home and eventually ventured into business, operating a Ralston Purina store in Conroe, Texas. Today, they enjoy life on their ranch, where they continue to spend time caring for their family. They have two children, a daughter, Joyce Lynn, and a son, Dr. Robert Bruce McDonald, as well as a son-in-law, Dan Jones, and a growing family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert's legacy lives on through the traditions and lessons he continues to pass down—from sharing stories of his Navy days and the wisdom he gained through business and life, to teaching his great-grandson boxing techniques. From a youngster, Robert had a passion for boxing and as a high school student, he competed in state boxing competitions, carrying on an enthusiasm shared with his father. For both men, boxing, much like military service, instilled discipline and perseverance. Today, Robert is passing those same skills and values on to his great-grandson, sharing not only the art of boxing, but also a meaningful piece of his family's history and a tradition that connects generations.




This story honors Robert's service, sacrifices, and accomplishments while celebrating the family that shaped him and the family he and Joyce built together. It pays tribute to the generations who came before him and those who will carry his memories, values, and traditions into the future. Robert's life is a testament to resilience, love, and the enduring importance of family—a legacy that will continue for generations to come.

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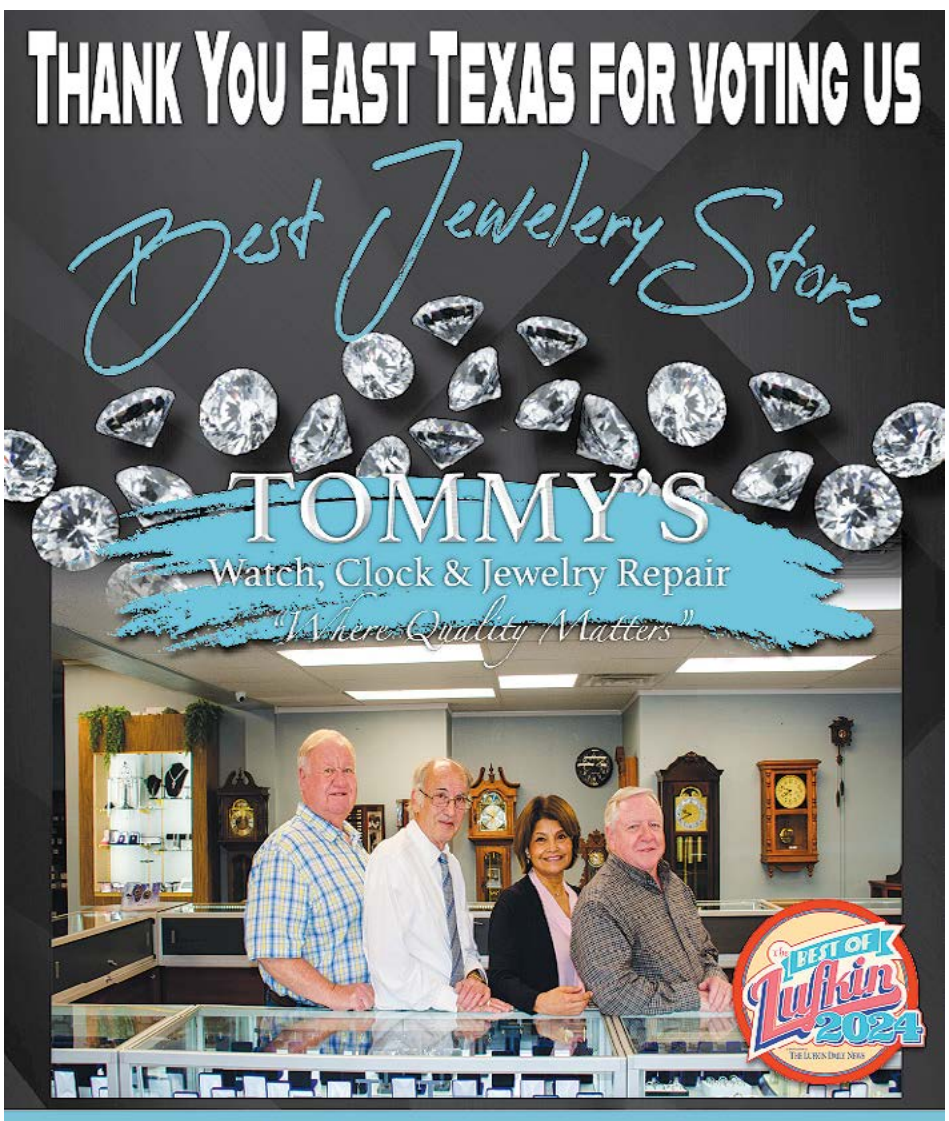


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"I've learned and developed my computer and communication skills; I was so terrible at communicating with others. Being at CWJC, I learned to establish boundaries and develop a professional resumé and cover letter. I would love to say thank you to the entire Nacogdoches community for making this opportunity possible."

"I learned the most from financial literacy class. I learned about savings, credit, debit, and taxes. I learned more from this program than what I expected. I've learned so many skills that will help me so much in life. I want to work with kids and go to school for social work- and I will. Thank you Ms. Demetrius for not letting me quit."

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"Getting my GED has definitely given me the confidence I needed to give my family a financially stable life. My goal is to attend Angelina College to become a sonographer then eventually make enough money to save and build a house for my family."

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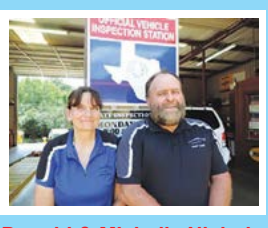

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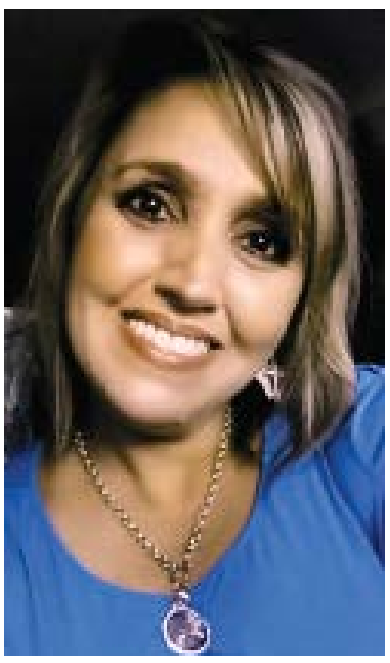

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# NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

**CONNECTING COMMUNITY | SUPPORTING ARTISTS**

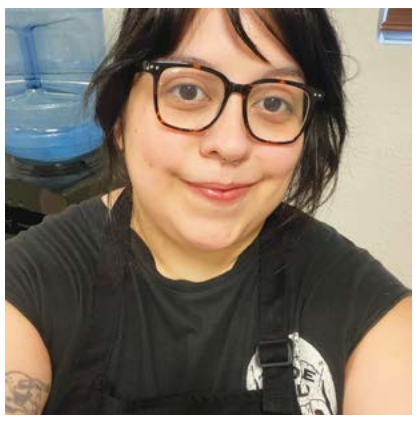
Happy Holidays from all of us at the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative! We're celebrating with gratitude all the good things that have happened to us this past year. Thanks to your generous support, NAC spent 2026 doing exactly what we set out to do: connecting community and supporting artists, enriching the lives of Nacogdoches children and adults alike through practicing the arts.



*Nancy Ellen Walker*

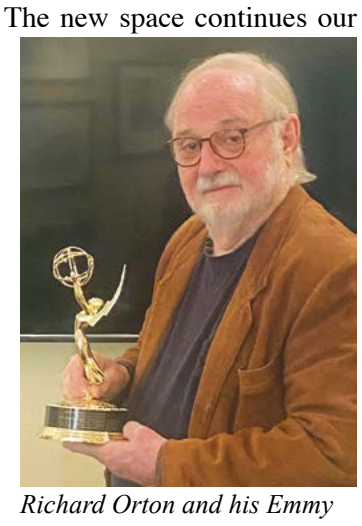
Our NAC Kids Theatre Camp and NAC Kids Art Camp gave young people the chance to discover their creative voices and build lasting confidence. These summer programs served more families than ever before. They were made possible by support from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), Better Together, the Nacogdoches Junior Forum, and donors like you. We are grateful.

ArtFest 2026 was a standout, welcoming more than 50 vendors and enthusiastic crowds ready to invest in local creativity. Falling Star Gallery had a remarkable season featuring the work of Cindy Glad, Lisa Stewart, Carol Eaton Walsh, Luke Russell, Mandy Clay, Weelynd McMullan, and many other gifted artists. Supporters of our Arts Ball Masquerade in October helped us raise essential funds for our annual operating budget. Our friends at Live Oak Listening Room hosted two shows from the TCA Texas Touring Roster artists, a beautiful reminder of why live music matters. Jenny Stokes kept the creative energy flowing through classes and paint & sip events all year long. We thank all of you for supporting us and supporting the arts in Nacogdoches.



*Jenny Stokes - Paint & Sip and art class instructor*

And we've got news! NAC and its gallery are moving! Falling Star Gallery at 320 North Street closed on November 28 and will reopen at our location at 141 Walker Street, Nacogdoches, TX, in early 2027. The new space continues our mission of connecting community and supporting local artists, with room to keep showcasing the work of our network. Thank you for visiting and supporting the gallery. We look forward to welcoming you at our new home.



*Richard Orton and his Emmy*

Special shout out to NAC supporter Richard Orton, who has just been awarded a regional Lone Star Emmy Award for his film *Raise Your Head Up*, about the 19th-century freedom colonies established after Emancipation in East Texas and their descendants to the present day. NAC is honored to have been part of the grant-writing efforts to get this film completed.

Light up the holiday season with our annual Winter Workshop Arts Market on Saturday, December 5, from 4 to 9 pm. Located behind and beside the downtown Convention & Visitors Bureau, the market will be open before and after the Lighted Christmas Parade. Support your local small businesses! We will also be raffling a patriotic handmade quilt, stop by the NAC booth to enter.



*Elton Scifries - official photographer for NAC*

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*Right: CC Cortez, NAC director & Sue Saxton volunteer*

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Hogg is now in achievement phase 8 which will result in a promotion to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

Anyone interested in becoming a Civil Air Patrol cadet can attend a meeting at the CAP Wing Headquarters at the Nacogdoches Airport. Meetings are every Monday between 6 pm and 8 pm.



*Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Samual Hogg's father, James Hogg and his sister apply his new rank chevrons at a promotion ceremony at CAP Wing Headquarters.*

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BY DICKIE DIXON

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In January 1981, my family and I moved back to Dallas so I could finish the last 24 hours of my Th.M. at Dallas Theological Seminary, and this story is about how God took care of us so we could go back. When we left in August 1978 after the birth of my oldest daughter, Sasha, there were only three of us, but by January 1981, there were four of us—Sara having been born on July 4, 1980. We were fearful that housing had gone up considerably during that span of time, and we prayed for a reasonably nice place to live in a reasonably nice neighborhood at a moderate cost. We even prayed the girls would have a climbing tree. And our God showed himself strong: the first duplex* we looked at was only $225 per month, and right across the street, Debbie Stanwyck's apartment with the same floor plan was twice the amount, and ours came with the asked-for climbing tree. This time we were located right down the street from the synagogue Temple Emmanuel, on Del Norte Lane.

We had saved up enough money so I wouldn't have to work that year, but by August we had eaten into those funds quite a bit. In August I met a first-year student named Roger Haas, from my former pastor's church in Victoria, Texas, and I undertook to help him find employment. During that year, I met a student named Dave Gibson, who worked at the freight docks, and knowing the pay could be really high there, I approached Dave about helping Roger. Not long after, in the library, I saw another student named Jerry Spurlin, who told me Dave had told him they needed three workers, not just one. The work setting was unusual: the pay was $12.76 per hour, part-time, and you only worked from 5 p.m. Fridays until the dock was cleared of freight. I thought, "Well, hey, I can do that, and we could use the extra money".

Then a crisis developed. I came home about 5 a.m. from work on Saturday, October 24th, and my wife, who was living then, told me Sasha had a 105-degree fever. She took her to Dallas Presbyterian Hospital, and, because of the wisdom of DTS requiring all students to have hospitalisation coverage, they admitted her to a children's ward there. The hitch was, we had not adjusted our daily room rate up from Lufkin, where the policy paid $50 per day; this children's ward charged $135 per day. Sasha steadily improved, but it was not until October 31st that they released her.

I went to work the Friday night before, October 30th, only to find my supervisor, Steve Coats, in the breakroom before I started work that night. He told me to start calling in during the week because the Christmas freight was beginning to come through. My reply was, "That's great, Mr Coats. My daughter is in the hospital, and I owe about $3000 to them. So, on Saturday, November 6th, he had me come in to wash the trucks on Saturday and Sunday. The pay was a little less. $12.44, but we could pay off the bill at the hospital. And so, for as many weeks as it took, I washed the whole fleet of the ICX freight dock on Royal Lane in Carrollton, the bobtails and the tractors. Little did I know I was washing them for the last time because ICX was going out of business because of trucking deregulation.

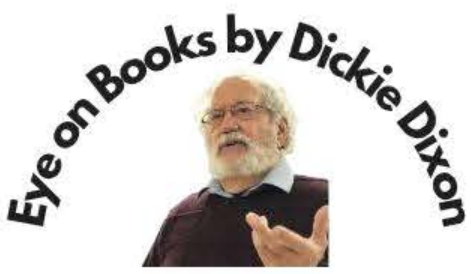
So there you have it, short and sweet, the story of how the Lord took care of us in two instances when we went back in 1981 for me to finish my Master's in Hebrew at Dallas Theological Seminary. What a mighty God we have!

*When my nephew Cory Cavin, a three-year-old, saw our duplex, he exclaimed: "Oh, Uncle Dickie, you live in two houses stuck together!"

## A Little Bit of History

**(1)** The Deep East Texas Archeological Society will host its Christmas Dinner and Impromptu Auction at the Newton Civic Center, 213 East Court Street, in Newton, beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2026. Members will bring food for the dinner at 4 pm, and they will also bring items to be auctioned off. Funds raised from the auction support DETAS in 2027. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. To donate items for the auction, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia or Dickie Dixon. **(4)** The Angelina County Genealogical Society will host its annual Christmas Dinner and Impromptu Auction beginning at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2026, at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 304 Park in Diboll. Members will bring food for the dinner, and they will also bring items to be auctioned off. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member to attend. To donate items for the auction, contact Dickie Dixon. **(5)** Matt McBroom will speak on the topic "The John Henry Kirby Sawmills with special reference to Bon Weir" when DETAS meets on Monday, January 4, 2027, at about 6:15 p.m. in the Newton Civic Center. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member to attend. **(6)** Jane Clark's topic for the January 25, 2027 meeting of the Angelina County Genealogical Society at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library, 304 Park Rd in Diboll. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member to attend. **(7)** The Hardin County Genealogical Society has three history and/or genealogy books for sale: "1859 Taxpayers of Hardin County," "Hardin County Timeless Treasures," and "A Short History of Hardin County". Contact Owen Vaughn for more information at (409) 651-0990. **(8)** Regarding Item 4 in Eye on Books (next page), staff archeologist George Avery's dissertation on olive jars is listed in the bibliography of this book. **(9)** Regarding Item 13 in Eye on Books (next page), Richard S. Orton has some of those DVDs for sale.

**December birthdays:** 13th: Seth Tippit - 31st: Ann Parker Flournoy

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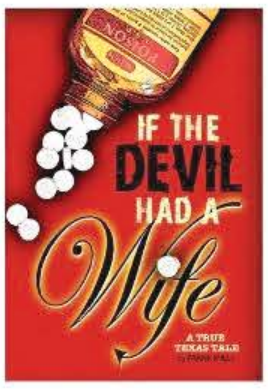


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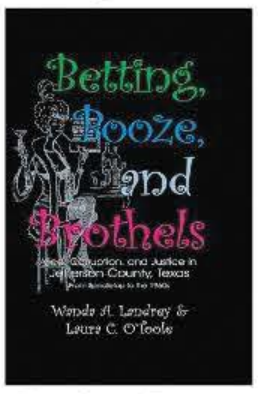


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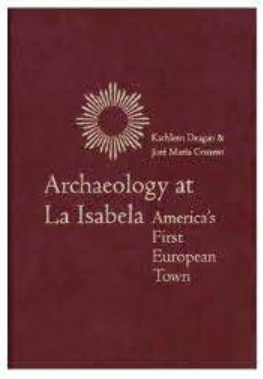


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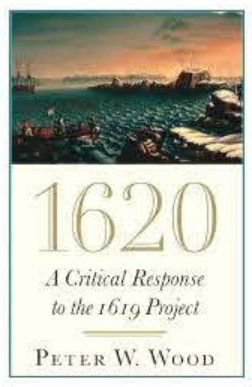


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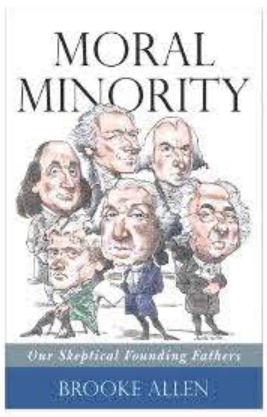


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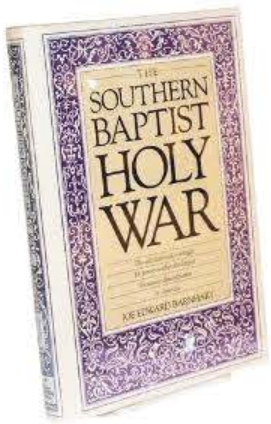


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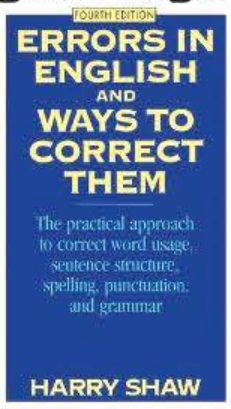


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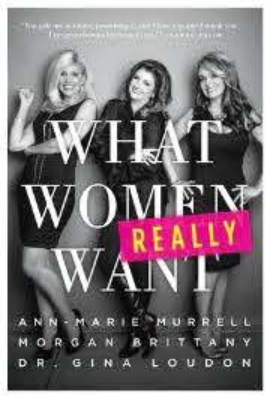


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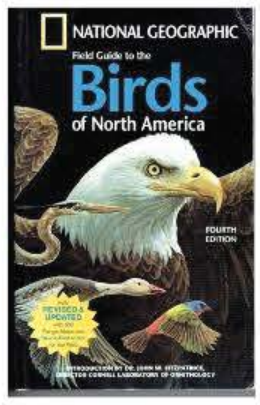


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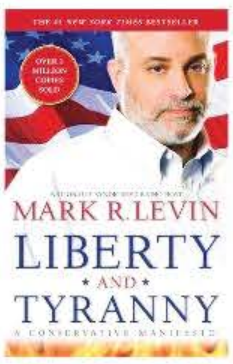


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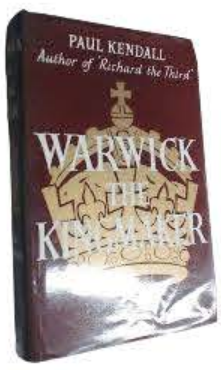


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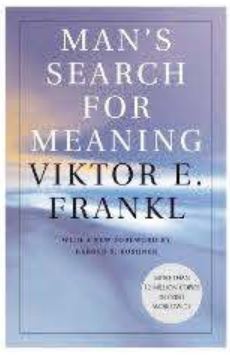


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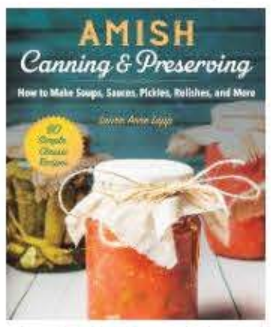


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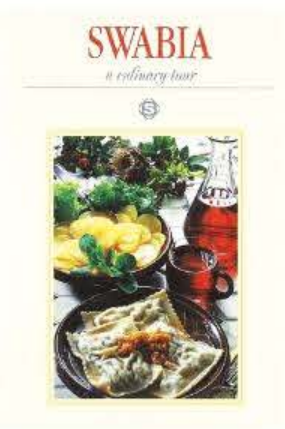


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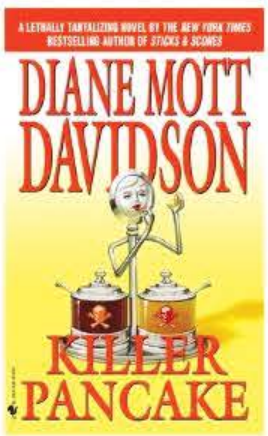


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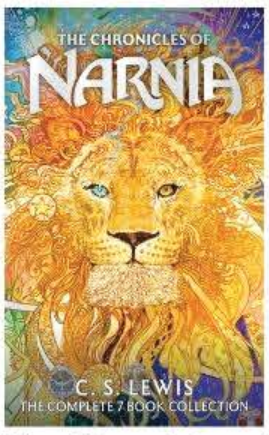


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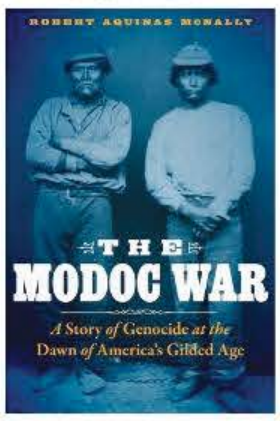


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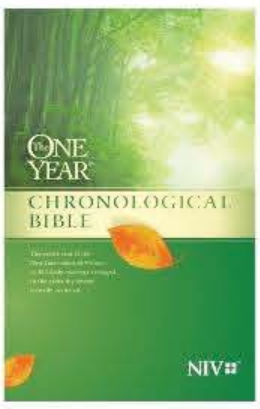
## Biblical Studies




**The One-Year Chronological Bible**
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# Your Health Doesn't Have to Wait for a New Year

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How many times have you said, "I'll start next month" or "I'll do something after the holidays"?

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# MONUMENT CORNER

This month we would like to feature a monument dedicating Mansola Road of Nacogdoches. For Nacogdoches residents you may know it by its later name of Spanish Bluff Road, located on Highway 7 West between Loop 224 West and the Moral community. The monument reads as follows:

## THE MANSOLA ROAD OF NACOGDOCHES

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DESPITE THE SERIES OF REBELLIONS AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE AREA FROM 1800 TO 1820, THE MANSOLAS WERE ONE OF THE FEW FAMILIES WHO NEVER RETREATED TO LOUISIANA. SPANISH TROOPS FREQUENTED THE ROAD IN THEIR TRAVEL FROM EL SALTO TO THE MILITARY POST TO THE SOUTHWEST ON THE TRINITY RIVER, MONITORING ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AND PATROLLING THE TENUOUS BORDER BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. THE MANSOLA ROAD CONTINUED TO PLAY A PART IN THE TRANSFER OF GOODS, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL, AND CONNECTED COMMERCE AND COMMUNICATION. OVER TIME, THE MANSOLA ROAD BECAME KNOWN AS THE SPANISH BLUFF ROAD AND IS THE PRECURSOR AND GENERAL ROUTE OF STATE HIGHWAY 7 WEST.

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You can read Muckleroy's story, and TxDOT's advice on staying sober behind the wheel, at TxDOT.gov.

**Reminder to Motorists**

Drivers are urged to remain alert in work zones, obey posted traffic controls, and watch for construction crews and equipment. Remember to move over or slow down to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when passing or approaching TxDOT vehicles, law enforcement, and other vehicles with activated overhead lights on the side of the road.

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# Dealing With the Pain and What Follows

**by Robert McCandless**

As we become more and more concerned about the opiate problem in our nation, I have found that it no longer only effects the underworld lifestyle we commonly attribute addiction to.

Coming from that subculture in my past, I was surprised to find that the new folks around me were just as susceptible to the trap as my former associates. A prescription for dental work or a wrenched back… sports injuries and just plain old arthritic pain along with a susceptibility for dependency is all it takes. Even some of my church friends had succumbed to this form of pain maintenance.

Do not get me wrong. Some folks are in pain so bad nothing else will help them get through the day. With a history of being laid up in bed and having to crawl to the restroom at times, due to a bulging disk, I thought I was one too.

The trap comes easily. For me, in my new world of of hanging out with normal people, the issue came up as age induced arthritis was added to a back injury from my past. The chronic pain was treated with "Hillbilly Heroin," a street name for prescription opiates, like Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Norco, Percodan, Tramadol and others, one obtains from their family doctor. When the pain continued, my doctor decided I should be on a maintenance program and prescribed two a day…if needed. Needless to say they were, or I thought so.

Over four years, the prescription was doubled from 60 a month to 90 to 120 to 160 and over a period of 9 years I succumbed to it's numbing effects. I found myself pushing the pharmacist to refill the prescription a day earlier…then two, then three…and finally to the point I was forced to wait. The pain and discomfort from withdrawal became worse than the pain I was trying to treat. New laws prevented refills without a doctor's visit and the last prescription I received was denied by two pharmacies when they told me they could no longer fill them from "that doctor." I had, not so blindly, fallen into a trap with what we, back in the Hood, used to call a "script doctor"…a fine Christian man who may have been just as blind to the effects of addiction as my new friends.

It went on for 8 or 9 years as I told myself I could quit anytime I wanted. Having friends in church who were dealing with the same issue, I found my actions somehow justified. I wasn't doing anything illegal. Tolerance levels increased as I took even more, no longer to rid myself of the arthritic pain but to rid myself of the withdrawal that had begun knocking at the door. Everything hurt when I didn't have them.

It's been 20 years or longer since I quit. The pain I began with became more bearable as the pain of addiction subsided. Hydrocodone and other stronger derivatives of this drug are supplemented with Tylenol and wreak havoc with the liver.

What follows after quitting is not fun…for a while. Tapering off can be difficult and usually leads back to continued use. For me, it was just delaying the inevitable. After several attempts I decided to go, what some call, "cold turkey," just as I had with cigarettes. The discomfort becomes almost unbearable as, what seems like a real bad flu increases for a week or so followed by not being able to sleep, for days, due to one's legs uncontrollably jerking ( giving us the term "kicking" the habit) and causing discomfort for several more weeks. At some point you will wish you had never quit…but have heart…this also goes away.

Following the physical discomfort, a mild anxiety may arise and take the form of what some may call depression. This too will pass. For me, it took 3 months. I felt tired and didn't care to do anything or go anywhere.

As life returns to "normal," the original pain may or may not come back, but in most cases, the relief from withdrawal makes it seem bearable.

***Robert McCandless*** *holds a B.S. degree in psychology and sociology from Sam Houston State University and has worked with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Certified Criminal Justice Professional and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.*




## Snapshot from *Around the Town*

Have y'all noticed these days how many people walk around lookin' like they've just eaten a bushel of persimmons?....Or, rather than speak to you, they look down at the floor or to the side. It's so refreshing to see someone who always greets you with a smile and says, "How you doin', Mr. Stallings?" This is my buddy, **Kelvin**, who works at **Kroger on University Drive.** He makes my day! Wish more folks would be like Kelvin!






# Looking Back With Gratitude and Ahead With Excitement

**by Amanda Crocker, IOM**
***Director of Marketing & Communications***
***Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce***



*Amanda Crocker*

As 2026 begins to wind down, we find ourselves reflecting on another busy year at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. It's hard to believe we're already preparing to turn the calendar to 2027, but this time of year gives us a chance to appreciate all that's happened, celebrate the people who made it possible, and look ahead to the opportunities still to come.

When we think about what makes a successful year at the Chamber, it's easy to point to the events we've hosted, the programs we've offered, or the businesses we've celebrated. And while those things are certainly important, what stands out most are the relationships that develop along the way. It's the business owner who makes a connection at a networking event that turns into a new opportunity, the young professional who finds the confidence to get more involved, or the community leader who walks away from a conversation with a fresh perspective. Those moments may not always make the headlines, but they're a big part of why we do what we do.

Throughout 2026, we've had the opportunity to bring people together in so many different ways. Our First Friday Luncheons, Power Networking Breakfasts, Cheers with the Chamber gatherings, Women's Networking Series, and Chamber University sessions have continued to provide opportunities for our Investors to connect, learn, and grow. We've welcomed new businesses to our community, celebrated milestones with longtime Investors, and worked to make sure our local businesses have opportunities to be seen, heard, and supported.

One of the things we're especially proud of is the continued investment in leadership development. Through Leadership Lufkin, Leadership Tomorrow, Leading Edge, and our Young Professionals Network, we're helping people build relationships and discover how they can play a role in shaping Angelina County's future. It's encouraging to see individuals step outside their comfort zones, develop a deeper appreciation for our community, and find new ways to get involved. The relationships and experiences gained through these programs often extend well beyond the time spent together, and that's exactly what we hope to see.

This year also brought plenty of opportunities to celebrate what makes our community special. The 42nd Annual Texas State Forest Festival once again brought families, businesses, volunteers, and visitors together for four days of fun and tradition. It's an event that takes months of planning and countless helping hands, and every year we're reminded just how fortunate we are to have a community that shows up and supports it. We also had the privilege of recognizing outstanding businesses, organizations, and healthcare professionals through Celebrate Business and Salute to Healthcare, shining a light on the people whose hard work and dedication make a difference throughout Angelina County.

Of course, none of this happens without the support of our Chamber Investors, sponsors, volunteers, Board of Directors, Diplomats, and community partners. So many people give their time, share their talents, and invest their resources because they believe in this community and want to see it succeed. We don't take that support for granted. Whether it's a business sponsoring an event, someone volunteering behind the scenes, or an Investor encouraging another business to get involved, every contribution helps strengthen the work we're able to do.

And as much as we enjoy looking back, we're equally excited about what's ahead.

We're already hard at work preparing for 2027, and there's a lot to look forward to. Our calendar is filling up with opportunities to connect, learn, celebrate, and get involved, but our focus isn't simply on how many events or programs we can offer. We want to make sure what we're doing continues to provide real value to our Investors and meets the changing needs of our business community.

We know that running a business comes with its share of challenges, and what one business needs may look completely different from another. That's why we want to keep the conversations going, hear what's working, understand where additional support is needed, and look for ways the Chamber can help. Sometimes that means providing professional development or advocating for issues that affect local businesses. Other times, it may be as simple as making an introduction, sharing a resource, or helping someone get their business in front of the right people. Those connections matter, and we want our Investors to feel that their Chamber investment is making a difference.


## Bethel Baptist Church

along with our Pastor Chris Robeson invites you to join our celebration of Christ on Sundays.

**Bible study begins at 9:30**
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Yes we do sing from old time gospel hymnals accompanied by a great pianist. Our song director is 94 years young, and is spry as a teenager.

You are invited to stay after the Service on December 6th as we celebrate our Thanksgiving/ Christmas potluck meal in our fellowship hall..

We look forward to seeing everyone there, Merry Christmas as we celebrate The Reason for the season, Our Risen Savior, Jesus

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As we head into the new year, we'd also love to see more people take advantage of the opportunities available to them. Maybe that means attending a networking event for the first time, joining a committee, participating in a leadership program, or simply reaching out to another local business to see how you can support one another. You never know where a conversation might lead, and some of the best things happening in our community started with people coming together and sharing an idea.

There's a lot to be proud of in Angelina County, and we believe there's even more to look forward to. We're fortunate to live and work in a place where businesses support other businesses, neighbors show up for one another, and people genuinely care about the future of their community. That spirit is something we see throughout the year, and it's what continues to motivate the work we do at the Chamber.

As we close out 2026, we want to say thank you to everyone who has been part of another great year. Thank you for showing up, getting involved, supporting our local businesses, and believing in the work we're doing together. We're grateful for the relationships we've built, proud of what we've accomplished, and looking forward to all that 2027 has in store.

Here's to another year of new connections, exciting opportunities, and continuing to make Angelina County an even better place to live, work, and do business.

Brookshire Brothers

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# Brookshire Brothers Pineywoods Pavilion Activity Lineup

## *Lufkin's Newest Event Venue to Host Live Music, Family Activities and Football Watch Parties*

Families, runners and Halloween enthusiasts were invited to celebrate the season Brookshire Brothers' new Pineywoods Pavilion in Lufkin officially opened at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, ushering in a season of community events, live entertainment and family-friendly activities. Throughout November and December, the venue will welcome guests for live music, football watch parties, seasonal crafts, giveaways and a series of special celebrations leading up to the store's Grand Opening on Dec. 9.

Located alongside the new Brookshire Brothers store at 2110 S. First St. in Lufkin, Pineywoods Pavilion offers a gathering place for the community, with something planned for guests of all ages.

**Live Music Under the Pavilion**

Guests can enjoy live music from local and regional performers on select evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. The entertainment schedule includes:

- Thursday, Nov. 12 – Mary Clare
- Friday, Nov. 13 – Hance & Hughes
- Saturday, Nov. 14 – Clint Alford
- Thursday, Nov. 19 – Skippy Diggler
- Friday, Nov. 20 – Tara Grace
- Saturday, Nov. 21 – Austin Edwards

**Family Fun at the Pavilion Craft Corner**

The Pavilion Craft Corner offers opportunities for children to get creative with seasonal, hands-on activities. Upcoming crafts include:

- **Saturday, Nov. 21, 3–5 p.m. | Feathers and Fun:** Join us for a festive seasonal craft as children create their very own turkey masterpiece! This hands-on activity gives little ones an opportunity to get creative, have fun, and take home a seasonal keepsake.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2–4 p.m. | Apron Creations:** Just in time for Thanksgiving, little imaginations can run wild as children decorate and personalize their very own aprons! This creative activity gives young artists the opportunity to express themselves while making a one-of-a-kind keepsake to take home.
- **Saturday, Dec. 5, 3–5 p.m. | Snow Much Fun:** Celebrate the holiday season with a fun, winter-inspired snowman craft! Children can enjoy getting creative and making their own festive snowman creation at the Pineywoods Pavilion.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, guests stopped by the Pavilion for **Picture Perfect at the Pavilion,** a selfie station where they could snap a photo and capture a memory at the new community gathering space.

**Football, Food and Game Day Giveaways**

Sports fans will have a new place to catch the action this season. Pineywoods Pavilion will air select college and NFL games on its impressive 20-foot screen, making it a great spot to gather with friends and cheer on favorite teams.

Brookshire Brothers' deli is also serving up a special Game Day appetizer menu, featuring select items priced at $2, $4, $6 and $8.

Fans of both the Aggies and Longhorns were invited to a special watch party for the Texas A&M versus University of Texas game on Friday, Nov. 27. Guests enjoyed tailgating favorites from the deli while watching the rivalry unfold on the big screen.

The fun continues Nov. 30 through Dec. 4 with **Random Gift Card Giveaways.** Each day, several lucky customers will be randomly selected to receive a Brookshire Brothers gift card to put toward a grocery, fuel or deli purchase.

**Grand Opening Celebration Set for Dec. 9**

The weeks of activities will build toward Brookshire Brothers' official Grand Opening Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The community is invited to join in a full day of festivities, including free product samples from dozens of vendors, door prizes, giveaways and opportunities to sign up for Celebrate Rewards, Brookshire Brothers' customer loyalty program.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for 10 a.m. The celebration will also feature performances by the Lufkin High School band, cheerleaders and drill team. Brookshire Brothers will recognize several local organizations through charitable donations benefiting communities throughout Angelina County.

**Family Fun Day Returns Dec. 12**

The celebrations continue Saturday, Dec. 12, with Family Fun Day at Pineywoods Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Families can enjoy an afternoon of activities, including a selfie booth, caricature artist, face painting, yard games, giveaways and a special opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children can also enjoy coloring sheets and write letters to Santa.

"One of the things we're most excited about with Pineywoods Pavilion is having a place where our community can come together," said Melissa Crager, Public Relations and Corporate Responsibility Manager for Brookshire Brothers. "Whether it's enjoying live music, watching a big game, bringing the kids out for an afternoon craft or celebrating with us during our grand opening, we want this to be a place where people can make memories and feel at home. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone."

Brookshire Brothers invites the Lufkin community and surrounding areas to join in the festivities and experience all that Pineywoods Pavilion has to offer.

For additional information and updates on upcoming activities, follow Brookshire Brothers on social media.

**ABOUT BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS**

Brookshire Brothers is a 100% employee-owned, community-centered grocer based in Lufkin, Texas. Founded in 1921, this regional grocery chain operates nearly 120 locations that stretch west to the Texas Hill Country and east to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Though its focus remains on traditional grocery and pharmacy, Brookshire Brothers has complimentary formats that include fuel and tobacco operations, coffee shops and event venues. Brookshire Brothers is committed to quality and service in its stores and is known for its good people who sell good food and do good deeds in the communities they serve. https://www.brookshirebrothers.com/

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## The Pictures We Keep

Somewhere in most East Texas homes there's a box of old photographs. It might be a shoebox on a closet shelf or a cedar chest at the foot of a bed, and every December it seems to find its way to the kitchen table. After the Thanksgiving dishes are put away, someone opens it, and before long three generations are leaning over curled snapshots, arguing amiably about which uncle is which.

Those pictures hold a special kind of history. They show a Christmas tree that leaned badly to the left, a cousin's first bicycle and a grandfather asleep in his recliner with the newspaper folded across his chest. Many of these pictures were not planned. They exist because someone in the room happened to be paying attention.

That habit of attention sits at the heart of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council's Holidays Ahead campaign message: stay sober, make lasting memories. The phrase sounds modest, yet it is backed by solid science. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism notes that alcohol impairs the brain's ability to form new long-term memories, and that heavy drinking can lead to blackouts, gaps in which a person recalls little or nothing of what took place. A season built around gathering can slip by half-recorded.

For people in recovery from alcohol or drug misuse, December brings its own set of photographs, and some of them are hard to look at. The holidays have a way of calling up previous years. Many people find the season easier with a plan in place. One person might keep an early meeting on the calendar, while another saves a friend's number for a long evening. Someone else may decide ahead of time to leave a party early and drive home sober under a clear winter sky.

Families can help without making a fuss. A host who sets out cranberry spritzers and hot chocolate instead of alcoholic beverages has quietly widened the welcome. Children notice gestures like that. They watch closely how the adults in their lives handle the season, and those observations shape their own choices years before anyone asks them to make one. A calm conversation at home, held well before the parties begin, gives them words they can use later.

Every family has its own way of seeing in the new year, whether that means paper hats and noisemakers at the kitchen table, fireworks over a pasture or a quiet supper with the grandparents. However your family marks the turning of the calendar, keep the roads safe by never driving impaired.

Years from now, someone will lift the lid on that box again and find this December inside, a little faded around the edges. Let the pictures show a family fully present, and let everyone in them recall the evening clearly.

Make lasting memories this season. Stay sober.

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## Connie Sanders Owens, Vice President, DRT Ezekiel Cullen Chapter, San Augustine

History is about to thunder back to life in San Augustine. On January 21, 2027, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Ezekiel Cullen Chapter will launch a once-in-two-centuries celebration marking the exact 200th anniversary of the Battle of Fredonia. Stand on the ground where Texas' future hung in the balance, experience an extraordinary story of cross-cultural courage, and honor the defenders who stopped a deadly clash before a single shot was fired.

Are you a descendant of Stephen Prather, Stephen Eliphalet Prather, Thomas Freeman Prather, James Bridges Sr., James Bridges Jr., Ross Bridges, Peter Galloway, John McGinnis or Alexander Horton – or of the courageous Native American warriors who stood with them? If so, you are a guest of honor. All descendants are invited to step forward, join the festivities, and be publicly recognized in a powerful tribute to the families whose ancestors shaped this history.

Picture the Ayish District on the tense night of January 20, 1827: 200 armed rebels poised to seize local lands for the rogue Republic of Fredonia. Sixteen-year-old Alexander "Sandy" Horton believed his family stood alone and defenseless. Then, through the darkness, help arrived. Stephen Prather, veteran trained under Andrew Jackson rode in with sixty Native warriors and seven Anglo settlers. Their united show of resolve shattered the rebels' momentum, prevented a bloody battle, and changed the course of Texas history—without a single shot.

A full day of unforgettable moments awaits:

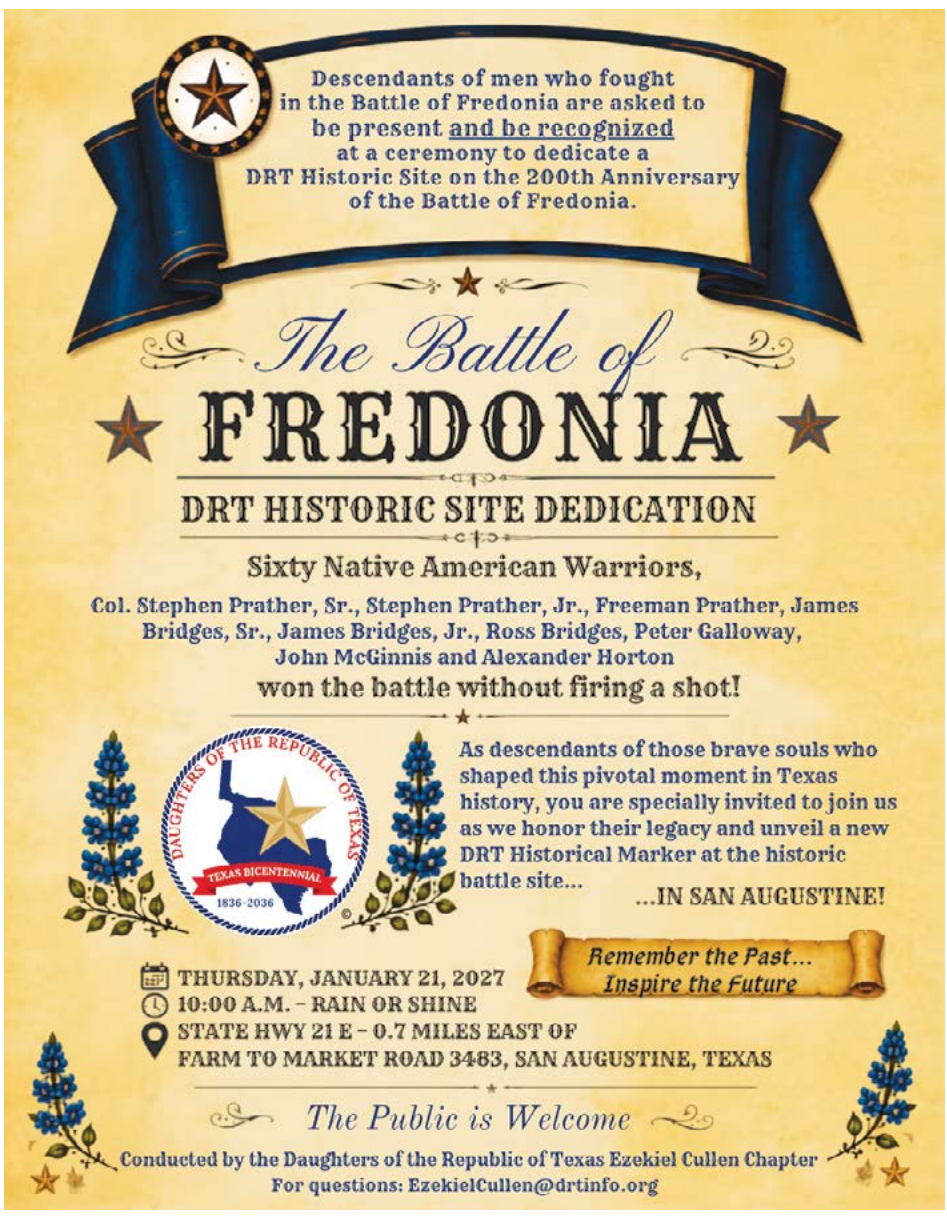
- **10:00 AM: The DRT Historic Site Marker Dedication**
  Gather at the battle site as schoolchildren, descendants, tribal representatives, and history lovers witness the unveiling of a marker that will permanently declare this ground a DRT Historic Site. It will be a powerful moment of remembrance—honoring the named defenders, recognizing the Native warriors, and fixing their shared courage in public memory for generations to come.

- **1:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Dynamic Bicentennial Symposium**
  Then the celebration surges into downtown San Augustine at the Historic Augus Theatre. Renowned historian Dr. Caroline Crimm will illuminate the dramatic Tejano experience, while Joy Montgomery, Executive Director of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, presents the battle through a Native American lens. The afternoon builds to an unforgettable finale as descendants rise together – one living legacy, two hundred years in the making.

Cameras will be rolling. Ben Friberg, in association with Don Frazier of Schreiner University, will capture this landmark tribute on film so the story – and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas role in preserving it – can endure for the next two hundred years.

Best of all? Every single event is completely FREE and open to everyone! Plus, teaches can earn 6 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits just for attending the afternoon symposium.

Don't just read about history – be a part of it! Due to high expected attendance, secure your spot, trace your roots, and register today by emailing, EzekielCullen@DrtInfo.org. Become part of a Texas bicentennial moment that will never come again.

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1. a.k.a. Manila hemp
6. Unit of electric current
9. Army dining hall
13. Channing of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
14. Spy org.
15. A in AV
16. Are not
17. ____-been
18. Beech tree pulp fabric
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21. *2004 Indian Ocean disaster
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24. Chutzpah
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28. Zohran Mamdani's branch of Islam
30. Like some breads
35. Sun beams
37. Cathedral recess
39. Fungal skin infection
40. *Shrek or Fiona
41. *Sasha Baron Cohen's role
43. *Mr. Incredible's son
44. What scribes do
46. Awful
47. Silage holder
48. Bee's favorite drink
50. ALCS counterpart
52. ____ Tsu
53. Hoodlum
55. Not hers
57. *Peter ____ of "The Lord of the Rings" fame
61. *Social network
65. Saudi neighbor
66. Not a sweet wine
68. Sign of cancer
69. Subway coin
70. Long time
71. Mideast V.I.P.
72. Place at angle
73. Genetic info carrier, acr.
74. Pulls apart

## DOWN

1. Antioxidants-rich smoothie berry
2. Yeasty foam
3. ____ 51
4. "Come on, shake your body, baby, do the ____"
5. Modifies
6. Hurting
7. *Jukebox musical "Mamma ____!"
8. Fusilli, e.g.
9. Unstable particle
10. Tropical tuberous root
11. Thailand, once
12. Solo, pl.
15. Protective necklace
20. Substance abuse treatment inst.
22. *"Rocky Balboa" writer and director
24. Stove burner (2 words)
25. *"The Da Vinci Code" author
26. High wave
27. Chicago opera house
29. *Revolutionary music-playing device
31. Helps
32. Type of mail
33. *All-electric Roadster manufacturer
34. *Popular search engine, with !
36. Badger's den
38. *"My Name Is ____"
42. Related to technology
45. Dines at home
49. Greek R
51. *Train's "Hey, Soul ____"
54. Six feet where?
56. Sea foam
57. Scribbles down
58. In a frenzy
59. *"Short Skirt/Long Jacket" band
60. "I ____ it!"
61. Mimicking bird
62. End of prayer
63. College girl, old-fashioned
64. Mistakes
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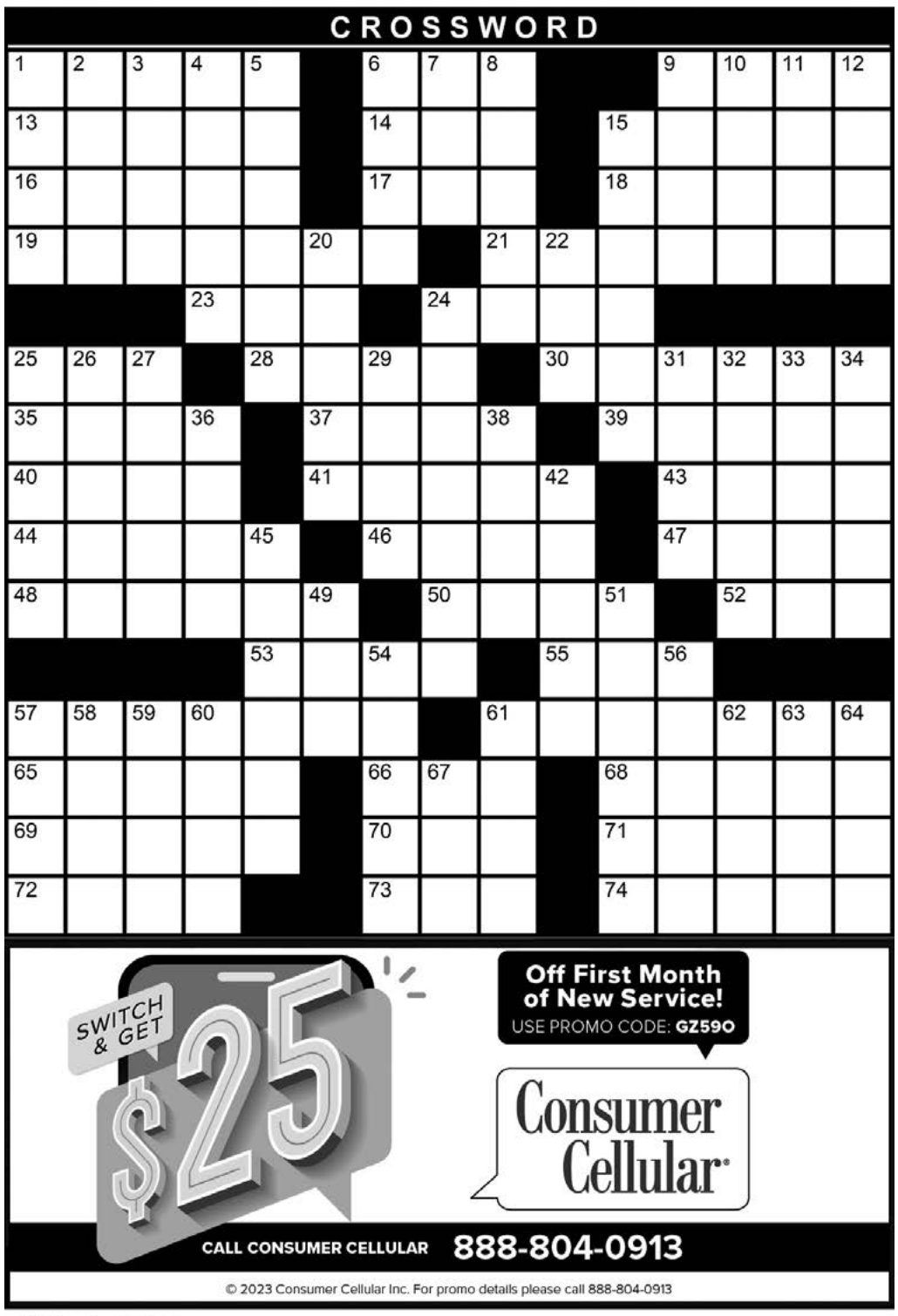


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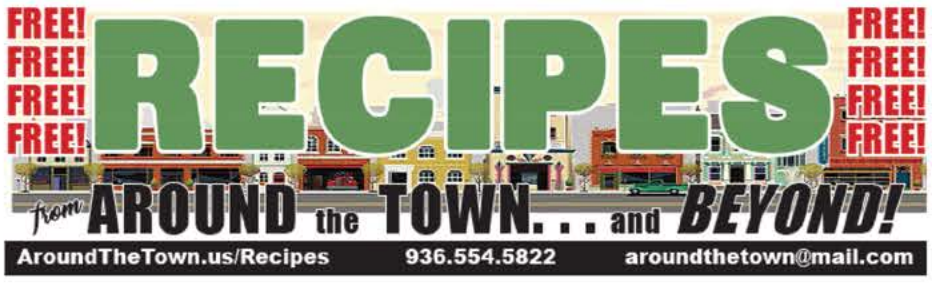

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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## December 2026

**Classic Films at Zion Hill: Miracle on 34th Street**
Tue, Dec. 1st 6-8pm
Zion Hill Baptist Church

**Old Fashioned Christmas**
Fri, Dec. 4th 5-9pm
Millard's Crossing Historic Village

**Movie Night: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**
Fri, Dec. 4th 6:30pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Loblolly Model Train Display**
Every Friday-Sunday: Dec. 4th - Dec. 13th
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

**Classic Car Cruise in**
Fri, Dec. 4th 4-7pm
Clear Springs Restaurant

**Merry Market on Main**
Sat, Dec. 5th 10am-2pm
305 East Main St.

**Jingle Bell Run**
Sat, Dec. 5th 7:30am
Starts at Aperitivo Café & Gelato

**Winter Workshop & Arts Market**
Sat, Dec. 5th 4-9pm
Downtown Square

**Nine Flags Lighted Christmas Parade**
Sat, Dec. 5th 6:30pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Hearth and Harmony**
Sun, Dec. 6th 2-4pm
Old University Building

**Holiday Concert: SFA Chamber Singers**
Tue, Dec. 8th 7-8pm
Zion Hill Baptist Church

**Very Victorian Christmas**
Fri, Dec. 11th 6:30pm
Sterne-Hoya House

**Nacogdoches Christmas Tour of Homes**
Sat, Dec. 12th 1-5pm
Various Locations in Nacogdoches

**Classic Films at Zion Hill: The Year Without A Santa Claus**
Sat, Dec. 12th 2-4pm
Zion Hill Baptist Church

**Brick Street Bar Crawl**
Sat, Dec. 12th 5-10pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Rockin' Around the Christmas Keg**
Sat, Dec. 12th 6-9pm
Fredonia Brewery

**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**
Dec. 15th 12:30pm | Dec. 17th-19th 7:30pm | Dec. 20th 2pm
Lamp-Lite Theater

**Justin Ward's Moveable Traveling Culinary classes**
Dec. 11th - Dec. 20th
SFA Human Sciences Building North

**Movie Night: Elf**
Fri, Dec. 18th 6:30pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Stocking Stuffer Stroll**
Fri, Dec. 18th 10am-3pm & Sat, Dec. 19th 10am-3pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

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

**Mid-Day Noels**
12/5: Heart & Harmony w SFA Musical Theater 12pm
12/10: Nacogdoches High School Jazz Band 12pm
12/17: El Camino Real de Nacogdoches 12pm
903 North Street

**Lone Star Trivia**
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 12/1, 12/15, & 12/29 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17 Fredonia Brewery
Wednesday: 12/23 & 12/30 Fredonia Brewery

**Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center**
12/5: Hudson Westbrook Live

**Slash-O-Meadery**
Saturdays: Experience Mead: Wine Made with Honey 2-8pm

**Aperitivo Cafe & Gelato**
Tuesdays-Fridays: Happy Hour 2-6pm
Saturdays: Brunch 10am-2pm
Sundays: Brunch 10am-3pm

**Banita Creek Hall**
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
12/5: Hudson Westbrook Live at Nac Expo Center

**LugNutz Bar & Grill**
Thursdays: Steak Nights
Fridays: Karaoke & Burgers
Saturdays: Live Music

**Farmers Market**
Every Saturday 9am-12pm
Nacogdoches Farmers Market

**Fredonia Brewery**
Thursdays: Trivia 7pm
Fridays & Saturdays: Live Music
12/2: Books & Brews 6-7pm
12/4: Jared Lostracco Live 6:30-8:30pm
12/5: Christmas Parade Watch Location
12/12: Rockin' Around the Christmas Keg 6pm
12/13: Winter Makers Market 12-5pm
12/16: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party 5-9pm
12/18: Enrique Munguia Live 6:30-8:30pm
12/19: 3rd Annual Bulldog Summit
12/19: Ally Fuller Live 6-9pm
12/20: FredTalk Lecture Series 2-3pm
12/26: Johnny Mullins Live 6-9pm

**Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro**
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music

**Stone House Kitchen**
Beyond the Vines Cellars Open every Thu.-Sat.

**Naca Valley Vineyard**
12/3, 12/4, & 12/5: Pizza on the Pavilion w/ Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza
12/10, 12/11, 12/12, 12/17, 12/18, & 12/19: BBQ on the Pavilion w/ Be Blessed BBQ
Live Music:
12/5: Randy C Moore Live 5:30pm
12/12: Country Willie Live 5:30pm
12/19: Ramoth Gilead 5:30pm

**Lumberjack Harley-Davidson**
12/5: Ugly Sweater Contest 12-3pm
12/12: Oak Creek Center Toy Drive Drop-Off Ride 11am
12/19: Party with Santa 12-3pm

**SFA Fine Arts**
*Locations are Italicized*
*Turner Auditorium:*
12/1: SFA Band's Kaleidoscope Concert 7:30pm
12/5: Seasonal Celebration w/ vocalist Christie Dashiell 7:30pm
12/8: SFA Symphony Orchestra 7:30pm

**SFA Planetarium Shows**
Saturdays: 12/5, 12/12, & 12/19
3pm, 4:40pm, & 7pm

**SFA Gardens**
*Locations are Italicized*
*Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden:*
Now-3/6/27: Sculpture in the SFA Gardens
*Brundrett Conservation Education Building:*
12/5: Deck the Halls: Using Evergreens to Decorate for the Holidays 9am & 1pm
12/10: Trees & Shrubs You Shouldn't Live Without 7pm

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