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## Sacred Heart's Annual Multicultural Festival – Saturday, April 29 – Sunday, April 30th, 2023

by Terri Lacher  
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Spring is here, being chased by summer, along with all the great things to do outdoors when the weather turns nice again. This year as you enjoy the beautiful flowers in and around our Pineywoods area, you won't want to miss out on the annual Sacred Heart Multicultural Festival, to be held on Saturday, April 29th, and Sunday, April 30th. The festival will be held on the grounds of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2508 Appleby Sand Road, in historic Nacogdoches, Texas.

As a celebration of the many different cultures now residing in Nacogdoches, Sacred Heart Catholic Church has held their Multicultural Festival for more than thirty years. This year's event will be as exciting as past festivals. In addition to the 5K and 1 mile Fun Run, which will begin in the back parking lot of the church, there will be a variety of foods representing Mexican, Filipino, Vietnamese, Indian, German, and American nationalities, something that should please everyone's taste buds. There will be tamales, crawfish, funnel cakes, Italian ice, ice cream, and more.



Left to right: Father Matthew Stehling, Festival Coordinators Amanda Allen and Georganne McClain, Pastor Farther George Elliott

Additionally, the Festival will offer live music, authentic dances, a variety of local vendors, a petting zoo and bounce house for the children, as well as a silent auction and raffle. Tickets may be purchased for the Sunday raffle drawing either during the festival or at the church office.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church has brought the Multicultural Festival to Nacogdoches for over thirty years, weaving together the

many cultures which make up a large part of our East Texas communities. The church has its roots deep in Nacogdoches history, going back to the early 1700s when it was a part of the Spanish missions. Although activities were curtailed from 1773-1779, it survived the French incursions into Texas during those six years of abandonment by the Spanish. It has remained a strong presence in Nacogdoches following the Texas Revolution until today.

Following 1846, when Texas was admitted into the United States, the mission of Sacred Heart was then upgraded to an active parish, with a French priest, Father Louis Chambodut as the newly appointed priest. The area served was quite extensive, "from the Sabine River to the Red River, and west to Dallas, until the formation of other parishes during the next four decades." (Part of the Inscription on the Sacred Heart Church Marker).

Over the years the church grew from the original small frame building on Pecan Street. It expanded to include a rectory and a belfry. This served the church congregation well until 1930. In 1939 the 1847 church was moved from its location on Pecan to Fern Lake on Highway 59 toward Lufkin. They later moved to a larger facility located on North Street, and then moved again in 1992 to its current location on Appleby Sand Road.

For further information regarding the Multicultural Festival or for obtaining a booth or raffle tickets, you may contact the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Office at (936) 564-7807, or stop by for a visit at the church, located at 2508 Appleby Sand Road, Nacogdoches, Texas.



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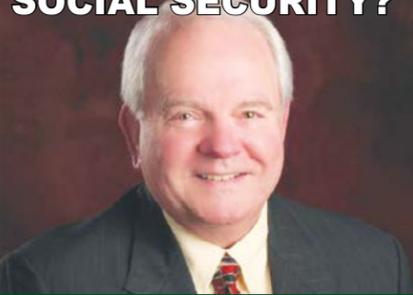
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Tickets for *Mary, Mary* are on sale at Klines/Wrap-It-Up and the Nacogdoches CVB. The tickets are also on sale 45 minutes prior to all performances at Lamp-Lite Theatre. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+ years old, and \$8 for students. All seats are general seating. Benefactors may reserve their seats by calling 936-564-8300 or emailing lamplitetheatre@gmail.com.

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# Honeybee Health Foods, a Honey-Do for Your Health Needs!

by Terri Lacher  
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For more than 25 years, Rebecca Mott, owner of Honeybee Health Food, has been studying health and wellness, sharing her knowledge and helping people find a natural approach to natural wellness. Honeybee Health Food, conveniently located on North Street, is an answer to her prayers for years. Rebecca's studies have included Iridology from the Life Training Institute. She is a member of the International Iridology Practitioners Association (IIPA), as well as a student of Naturopathy, so she is experienced in finding health and wellness naturally and holistically.

“In the near future, we are planning to do detox classes. These classes will include (but not be limited to) digestive detox, liver detox, heavy metal detox and more. The future of the store is dictated by the interests of the customers, in all reality,” Rebecca said. She shared a little more about her background in healthy living, “My parents were beekeepers for 52 years, beginning before I was born. My dad always called my mother, “Honey,” even to this day. Not only did they love beekeeping enough to experience all aspects of the industry, but they also passed that respect on to each of us kids. I love and respect the order of the honeybees and other pollinators have set in place in our world. Additionally, my parents had experienced a series of events that caused them to question much of the status-quo of the medical culture of that time. I, as well as all my siblings, was born at home with the help of a midwife. We were raised in a religious home with strong convictions and the belief in faith healing. We also raised our own food, sometimes vegetables, and sometimes both meat and vegetables. Mother taught us kids how to preserve fresh raised foods. We were definitely “outsiders in our community, so early in life, I became comfortable with being different.”

Even though she had the rich heritage of healthy eating, and knowledge in the goodness of organic foods, Rebecca said she had to find her own meaning to the perspective, “health.” Her journey began with her 2nd grade daughter following instructions to treat possible ADHD. After many trial and error medications, her psychologist said they could “fix her problem” permanently with no side effects with diet and nutrition. The results felt like magic, and her daughter's issues were corrected. The school still insisted she be on medications, which Rebecca knew would not be right for her daughter. It brought back the memories of her parents questioning status quos, and she said that set her direction in life.

“Time after time, God's nutrition and herbs have healed my friends and family members in the past 25 years. I have learned to face each question, each individual with a balance of natural healing and Western medicine, and they can complement each other very well. If I cannot offer an answer to their problem, there is always someone who is a professional who can. Staying connected and educated is important when carrying the burden of advising and helping others' wellness. I love seeing people reverse “terminal” conditions. I love it when individuals beat the odds. I love to see wellness win in human bodies. I have learned that no one is exempt from health issues. The question is never, “If I ever get sick...” but rather, “When I do get sick...” We will all get sick. We all have weaknesses in our bodies. Do you know yours? It is wise to know it and how to approach it in a balanced way.”

“I do believe one of our jobs here on Earth is to take care of our body. Food can be our detriment just as much as a bullet or any other addiction. Be careful how much sugar, preservatives, food dyes and other toxins we add into our home. Is it a driving spiritual belief? I cannot answer that. All I know is that I have always been taught to be the best I can be. To me, this even means be the best physical person, nutritional person, spiritual person, emotional person...I can go on. God loves me and I love myself. If I did not, I could not love anyone else enough to help them.” Rebecca went on to share the purpose of her health food store.

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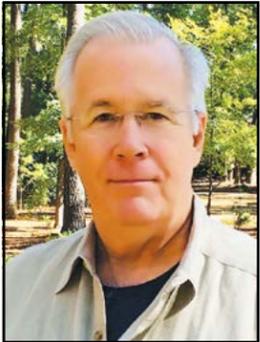
“I look forward to being a part of the community for many years, as the community's reception has been nothing less than phenomenal,” Rebecca said.

Rebecca Mott's HoneyBee Health Foods is a must do on your “honey-do” list. They are located at 3801 North Street, Suite 17, Nacogdoches, Texas 75965. You may visit their web page at honeybeehealthofnac.com, or you may call them at (936) 205-4100. Their hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They are closed Sunday and Monday.

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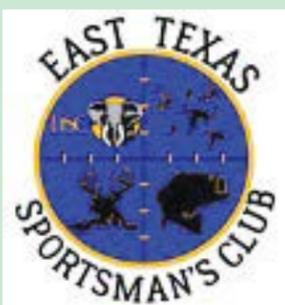
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# The Middle First

by Taylor Millard

I have been asked about my writing process and I can only speak for myself in this regard, as everyone has their own ways of telling a story. I wrote my first novel a couple of years ago and recently completed my second, pending final edits. My wife thought I could write a book, so for Christmas 2019 she gave me a book on how to write a book. I told her that her heartfelt purchase, while sweet, was not going to inspire me to write any book. She did not give up and she found another small book on writing, but this one had a different twist.

This booklet stated, write the middle of your book first. That way, you have your turning point, the middle, and if you know the ending, you can write the backstory to the middle, then march toward the conclusion. It becomes task oriented which for me made perfect sense. Writing was easier and harder than I thought it would be. I know that is paradoxical, but when you have never done something, then you don't know what is hard and what is easy.

One thing about writing fiction—characters drive the story. As the writer, these imaginary people start taking on their own personalities. I may know what the story will be, but these fantasy friends begin to take over my original storyline. I don't outline the story. Once I wrote the "middle" of the book, it seemed to flow naturally from one chapter to the other.

One other piece of advice I learned, and follow, is *have tension on every page*. Writers can fall in love with flowing description of every scene, but if there is nothing really happening, why bother to keep turning the page. The story should draw you in quickly, but keeping the reader engaged is the real trick. My novel, *An Honorable Place*, begins on page one with the discovery of a three-year-old black-haired girl in a dumpster outside of a small Texas town. The child has a head wound but is alive. The mystery of who she is and how she got there sets the story off quickly. I use a three-year-old instead of an infant for psychological reasons. At this age she is a little human with a personality, not just a baby. The reader is a bad person if they don't keep reading to see what happens to this child. Got ya.

There are many great writers that cannot tell a story, and storytellers that cannot write. I am unsure where I fall in this, that is for others to judge. I just know that my wife believed I could write a book and because of her, I have. It took me five months to write and eighteen months to edit and become self-published. It is work. Passion and grit are necessary to reach the end.

Self-publishing is an avenue for any and all to get their book in print. There are no more Stephen Kings out there submitting to seventy-five traditional publishers, hoping someone will call. The industry is controlled by literary agents as the gatekeepers to the lottery of the book business. Maybe it is a good system, maybe it is not, but hopefully good books will find a way to be read.

I will continue to peck at a keyboard and keep people up late at night turning pages, wondering how I was able to suspend their reality for a few hours as they delve into a world created by me. I have been truly blessed by the kind words of readers, familiar and completely unknown. I have not profited in my career as a writer to date, but that may change one day for some unforeseeable twist of fate, like a good book.



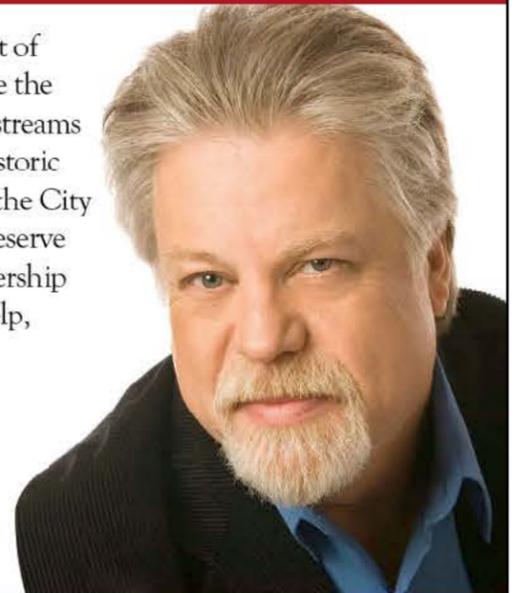
*Henry Taylor Millard, known as Taylor, to almost everyone, grew up in Nacogdoches with a story telling father and a history reading mother. Taylor is a seventh generation Texan and lives on the same family land dating back to the eighteen-thirties. He and his wife attend Old North Baptist Church that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

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- West Texas born and raised
- Came to Nacogdoches in 1972 to attend college
- SFA Graduate - Bachelors of Fine Arts Cum Laude, 1974
- 30-year professional career in Los Angeles
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- Discover educational scholarships we offer and support and learn how to apply.
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- See U.S. Flags and find out what the each of the 13 folds of the Flag mean.
- Talk with hospital volunteers and hear why they love to volunteer and bring smiles to the faces of hospitalized veterans in our community and how you can join them.
- Learn how you can take steps to change mental health in America. Learn the Five Signs of emotional suffering, obtain information about the Veterans Crisis Line and the VFW National Home for Children's Military & Veteran Family Helpline.
- We will have representatives there from Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Jacksonville, Trinity, Henderson, Livingston, Center, Palestine and Hemphill.
- There will be booths covering cancer, the National Home for Children and much more.
- Sign up to become a member; join the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.

Also, on **Saturday, April 8 from 9-11 am** the auxiliary will be having a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will be doing a pancake breakfast and taking pictures with the Easter Bunny and each child will get a little goodie bag. We are just doing this for the kids in our community. We will take pictures of the child and post them on our Facebook page so that the parents can get them.

**About the VFW Auxiliary:** *The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have more than 470,000 members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel and their families.*

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Other people fess up when they mess up, and then straighten up. That is what the Bible says to do. It is the healthy thing to do—mentally and spiritually. It is the path to forgiveness.

When anyone messes up and fesses up and straightens up, thank God for them. They are modeling the only right solution to moral failure. To cut them off, shut them out, or run them off sends a strong message to everyone that confesses and repentance that they are not tolerated, so it is better for them to lie and deny.

(Note: The original idea for this devotional was by Greg Cummings as found in the December 12, 2003 edition of the *Pulpit Helps Magazine*.)

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# Seeing the Future From Here

Ever think about what the future might look like in 20-25 years? Well, now you can get a glimpse. In fact, you can help determine it. TxDOT is planning an event in Lufkin on April 13 at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center, and you are invited to help us plan what East Texas travel could look like by 2050.

Connecting Texas 2050 will be an exciting event for East Texas. TxDOT is planning events just like this one in locations across the state. The event is come-and-go on April 13 from 5-7 pm in the Angelina Room at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center. We want you to be a part by giving your comments and opinions about future travel needs in East Texas.

With unprecedented growth in Texas, increasing demands on our transportation system and technological advances, it is time to reimagine how we will move around in East Texas. We want to put our priorities on the right projects, those that you see a real need for. In other words, as we look toward 2050, your input is crucial.

We already see the landscape changing in East Texas. We are constructing and upgrading roadways to meet interstate standards through the Lufkin District. The Diboll and Corrigan Relief Routes are both well under way and are being constructed to meet interstate standards. There are also sections of US 59 throughout East Texas that are being upgraded to meet interstate standards.

You will hear more about the upcoming Lufkin event as we get closer to April 13 but make your plans now to come by and hear our ideas from some of the most intelligent engineers in the state and leave your comments and opinions with them. Can't make it to Lufkin for the event? We've got you covered. You can also go online to learn more and leave comments at [www.ConnectingTexas2050.com](http://www.ConnectingTexas2050.com) beginning next week March 21 and continuing through May 31.

We travel through East Texas in many ways. Not just in our vehicles, but travel includes moving freight successfully by 18-wheelers, moving around by bicycle, plane, bus, rail, and we are already making positive improvements in East Texas for our pedestrian traffic. But what will best serve us in the future? That is the question we need your help to answer.

Helping us plan the future is important because it not only will impact us, but it will also impact our children and grandchildren. Connecting Texas 2050 will help address the needs of the future in how we move around and how efficiently we move goods and provide services for those who travel our roadways and those of us who live and work in East Texas.

We are growing, and those smarter than me project that the population in Texas will double by 2050. We will need a guide into the future of East Texas to be ready for the coming growth.

Connecting Texas 2050 will help guide the development of TxDOT's state-wide plans, corridor plans, the Unified Transportation Program, and the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program. Your opinions and comments about what those plans should include will help us establish strategies and policies that will take us into the future.

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We are in the last stretch of the school year and have a lot of field trips this time of the year. We look forward to our wonderful students and teachers that come spend their day with us, having fun and learning in the process. Our Board, Staff, and amazing volunteers are grateful for the vision of Ms. Lear Millard Thomas, we stive to keep her vision and mission going strong. It gives joy when you see a child get the concept of pioneer days, when you ask, "if you did not have a store to buy your milk, how would you get some?" Butter, the same thing, then they get to make butter, children are amazing little sponges that soak it all up. Ms Thomas' vision was spot on, (portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlement in East Texas and to connect the present generation to those of the past). Showing them how to make butter, paper, candles, plowing, blacksmithing, looking at the old buildings, asking questions like in the Sitton Dog Trot "What room do you think this was" and others like it, does just that.

We have been blessed to have such a beautiful place here in Nacogdoches for people to get married, have a party, have a business meeting, showers, and so much more. We host events here at Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. This year was our first Valentines Dinner and Dance and we had a blast. Throughout the year we will be having demos on the weekends, classes, and children days. Please keep watching our Facebook Post for upcoming events as well as, Millard's Monday, Wondering Wednesday, and Find Me Friday. We are always trying to have some fun, you may even be able to win a ticket to an upcoming event. We are looking to add more music, so if you would like to see more out this way, reach out and come have fun. We host Open Mic once a month, formally know as Stew Stroll and Strum. It will be on the third Thursdays, 6 – 8pm, please reach out and let us know you can make it, we will have a mic ready for you.

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# The Runaway Scrape

by Tweed Scott

187 years ago, this day, the Runaway Scrape was in full force and still gaining momentum. This is one of the less publicized events of the Texas Revolution that led to the creation of the Republic of Texas in 1836.

What the Runaway Scrape was was the mass exodus of the Texas population to get away from the approaching Mexican Army led by Mexican General Santa Anna. The Mexican President and Dictator of Mexico had a long history of brutality in his previous campaigns. I would describe it as a “scorched earth” policy. He would kill anyone he perceived as an enemy and destroy their property to humiliate them as well.

Let me give you just a little of the “backstory.” As the revolution was building more momentum, one of the military actions that brought the aggression to a flash point was called the Siege at Bexar. In December of 1835, the Mexican Army occupied the city of San Antonio and the Alamo. There was an assault initiated by the Texan forces that led to driving the Mexican Army out of San Antonio. The Mexican General was Martin Perfecto de Cos and he was sent packing back to Mexico. Cos was the brother-in-law of Santa Anna.



It would be a gross understatement to say Santa Anna was not happy. He immediately was determined to come back to Texas to put an end to the revolution. The Mexican Army crossed the Rio Grande River on the 18th of February enduring two blizzards on his way back to San Antonio. The army shows up in San Antonio on the afternoon of February 23rd and the 13-day siege of the Alamo began. The fatal attack took place on the morning of March 6th. Santa Anna turned his army loose at about 5 in the morning. The battle was over about an hour and a half later shortly after sunrise. All the combatants were killed.

Susanna Dickenson and her daughter Angelina survived the onslaught. Santa Anna gave Susanna a note to give to Sam Houston and the general wanted her to tell of the deaths and carnage she witnessed. He sent her to Gonzales to find Sam Houston. A few days later she was discovered on the road by “Deaf” Smith, Houston’s chief scout who sent another scout ahead to tell Houston of the fall of the Alamo. Susanna related her story directly to Houston himself.

Houston knew that the Mexican army was on the way to capture and kill his army. He gave the order to burn Gonzales so there would be nothing the Mexicans could use. He ordered his army and the town’s people to evacuate. They moved east for about 10 miles and made a quick camp under a tree which still stands to this day—Sam Houston’s Oak. It is believed it was under that tree where the Runaway Scrape began. Truth be known the ‘Scrape had been underway ever since the Mexican Army crossed into Texas on February 18th. People were afraid of being caught by the Mexican army, so they packed up and moved away quickly. There are several descriptions of people leaving so quickly they abandoned meals that were still on the table. The fear was that great.

After the Alamo, many communities involved found thousands of people who were close to panic. They packed up what they could carry and started east—old men & women, children of all ages and especially the wives. In most cases, the men had joined up with Sam Houston’s army and, therefore, the families were left to themselves to make that seemingly endless trek. The weather conditions were relentlessly bad. The spring of 1836 was wetter than usual which meant there were many swollen and fast-moving creeks & rivers. Many people died of diseases. At some points near the river crossings, the traffic was backed up for miles.

The conditions were harsh and just outright dangerous, but the participants were trying to stay close with the army figuring if they stayed closer, they would be safer. When the army moved, the people moved. When the army stopped, the people stopped. It rained almost all the time. This was life for six weeks or more. Many people died on the roads or crossing the river.

When the Battle of San Jacinto was won on April 21st, the Republic of Texas was born, but the ordeal wasn’t over yet. Many people never returned to their homes and some of those that did had nothing when they got there. Towns had been burned to the ground. So many of these people had to start completely over. The only thing I could compare the Runaway Scrape to is perhaps the exodus we read about in the bible—thousands upon thousands of displaced people. On the move for what must have seemed like forever.

The Runaway Scrape was real. It was an awful byproduct of war but if anything, it did help to mold some of what we call the Texas Character. You had to earn the right to live in Texas and you earned it by surviving. Those brave people had to dig down deep into their hearts and souls and adopt the attitude of “Never Ever Give Up.” We can look at the Runaway Scrape and know that it was partly responsible for what we recognize as that Texan “Can Do spirit.”



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The City of Nacogdoches has 6 multi-use courts at Banita Creek Park and recently installed 12 dedicated pickle ball courts at Maroney Park.

Attendees can purchase crawfish with corn and potatoes by the pound at the current market price in April. Other food options include red beans and rice by the bowl for \$10 and sausage on a stick at \$10 per stick. All proceeds from the food sales will go directly towards pickle ball court improvements at both parks.

Crawfish for the event will be provided by Fredonia Brewery, while the red beans and rice and sausage are courtesy of Commercial Bank of Texas.

For details on the *Crawfish for a Cause* fundraiser, please call the City of Nacogdoches Community Services Office at 936-559-2935 or email brayb@nactx.us.



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## CAP Cadets Experience Glider Flights

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Each cadet got to fly two flights in the front seat of a CAP glider with a CAP glider pilot in the rear seat. In the words of Staff Sergeant Wyatt Anderson, "It's hard to put to words how incredible it feels to go up in the air for the first time, not behind an engine, but entirely on the wind under your wings. It's a memory I will treasure and something I wish every cadet could experience."

The gliders were towed up to altitude by a Cessna 182 aircraft piloted by a CAP pilot and released to soar around the area and eventually land at the airport. In some conditions, gliders can catch updrafts and remain in the air for a long time.

Cadets who flew gliders at the Sulfur Springs airport were: Staff Sergeant Wyatt Anderson, Senior Airman Nikolai Doncarlos, Staff Sergeant Lou Johnns, Senior Master Sergeant Jericho Maness, Master Sergeant Nate Smith, Airman First Class Benjamin Valdez and Technical Sergeant Nate Weiner.

Cadets also have the opportunity to attend week long powered and non-powered (glider) flight academies held each summer.



Staff Sergeant Lou Johnns in cockpit of glider waiting for flight



Staff Sergeant Wyatt Anderson in front cockpit of glider



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# East Texas Giving Day Set for 25th of This Month

East Texas Communities Foundation (ETCF) is pleased to host the 8th annual East Texas Giving Day. It is an 18-hour, regional day of giving, that takes place online at [www.EastTexasGivingDay.org](http://www.EastTexasGivingDay.org). Many non-profits across 32 counties participate in this event.

Community RX Help ([www.CommunityRXHelp.com](http://www.CommunityRXHelp.com)) is one of the many non-profits that rely on East Texas Giving Day to generate financial resources to support their program each year. Community RX Help provides medication assistance to those in Nacogdoches, Shelby, San Augustine and Angelina counties who do not have prescription insurance and cannot afford the cash price of their medications. Community RX Help serves as the liaison between doctors, their patients and the pharmaceutical companies, helping patients navigate the complicated application process to access patient assistance programs offered by these companies. Patients who have lost their insurance when they got sick from Covid and could no longer work can get help. Also, people who have applied for disability and are awaiting the long determination process can get some of their necessary medications while they wait. Our emergency program can provide up to 30 days of life saving medications, such as heart, diabetes, epilepsy and antibiotics.

John R. ended up in the emergency room with a blood clot and was prescribed Eliquis, a common blood thinner. When he got to his pharmacy, he was shocked to find a 30-day supply was over \$600. On his limited income, the cost was out of his reach and he turned to Community RX Help for assistance. We were able to obtain his 30-day supply while signing him up for the long-term maintenance program through the pharmaceutical companies.

On April 25th this year, beginning at 6 am, you can go to [www.EastTexasGivingDay.org](http://www.EastTexasGivingDay.org) and search for your favorite non-profit to make an online donation. The website will be open and taking donations for 18 hours, until midnight. This is an easy way to support the non-profits of your choice.

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Sat 8th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Tue 11th	Guacamoles	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Thu 13th	Fund Raiser "Tex-Books on Reserve" Banita Creek Mill Room Hosted by Bill Webber	Nacogdoches	7:00 pm
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## April Nac Art News

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) has been out in the community facilitating art this spring. The Plein Air, or outdoor painting, classes in March were successful with happy students all around. Their experience culminated at Nacogdoches ArtWalk where they painted outside to the delight of downtown merchants and shoppers. NAC is now the official sponsor of ArtWalk, a showcase for working artists living and working in and around Nacogdoches. An “emerging artists” version is planned for later in 2023.

NAC is partnering with two local events on April 1. The Nacogdoches Farmers Market annual Spring Fling is 9 AM -1 PM, and NAC will have a booth featuring live painters Brenda DuBose and Di Martin. Then from 5-9 PM the annual Wine Swirl takes to the brick streets downtown. NAC will have a booth there with live painters Dagon Blank and Susan Roberts. Limited edition t-shirts and totes (perfect for toting wine!) will be available for purchase at both events.

This month NAC presents the first installment of Special Spotlight, a monthly feature showcasing a local creative talent—some new to town, some legends—covering all artistic endeavors in which our neighbors participate: fine art, music, theatre, dance, creative writing, crafts, promoters and volunteers!

### Meet Nacogdoches painter Lynn Carey Myers!

Myers is relatively new to Nacogdoches, having moved here in 2019. She bought a vintage Victorian house on Mound which is now home to The Fortney House furniture, decor and gift business owned by Brad Fortney. Myers used to live near Wimberley, Texas, a noted arts center in the Hill Country. While there, she displayed her art in a couple of galleries and served on numerous committees to promote the arts in the area. In an effort to bring more tourists to town, she started a public outdoor sculpture project with six foot tall cowboy boots painted by many local artists. Called “Bootiful Wimberley” the result was 50 boots all around town which are a source of pride for citizens and a trail of boots for visitors to admire. She was also commissioned by HEB to paint two boots for new store openings.



Since moving to Nacogdoches, Myers has helped to resurrect the popular Nac Art Walk and has painted another big boot called “Bootanical,” which is on display at the CVB downtown. She also painted an electric box at the soccer complex, a project that proved challenging. As a member of the Main Street Advisory Board, she is now spearheading a city initiative for a series of murals in our historic downtown area and is mulling over the idea of a public sculpture escapade for Nacogdoches. As time permits, Myers paints and takes workshops, and brags, “I’m a bonafide graduate of Michelle Filer’s fabulous plein air class which is the most fun I’ve had in a while.”

### NACOGDOCHES NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS

### *Spring Charity Fun Day Fundraiser*

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the organization will hold a charity fun day fundraiser at Windham’s Yellow Rose Venue, 645 Co Rd 217, Nacogdoches, TX.

**TICKETS: \$25.00** and may be obtained by calling Marilyn Griffith at 936-715-5600. Tickets must be purchased by April 5, 2023.

**TIME: 10 AM – 3:00 PM; Check in 10-10:30 AM, ICE-BREAKER 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Lunch 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, GAMES 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Silent Auction Raffle and prizes will be given throughout the day.**

This year instead of holding a fashion show and luncheon, the organization is hosting a fun day consisting of a silent auction, raffle for a beautiful painting by Karen Lostrocco Austin, various games, bingo, and other activities. The ticket also includes lunch provided by Pizza Hut. Funds raised will be distributed to community charitable organizations.

Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends is an organization made up of new residents to the community and friends who find themselves in a new place in life. The organization is a spirited group of members who devote themselves to community needs, having a fun time and celebrating life together.

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# NACOGDOCHES COUNTY FARM BUREAU

## Local farmers, ranchers visit with lawmakers in Austin

Conversations about the right to farm, truth in labeling and rural broadband echoed through the halls and offices at the state Capitol as more than 300 Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members, including five from Nacogdoches County, met with state lawmakers.

"We met with lawmakers about issues important to Nacogdoches County and all of Texas agriculture," said Bill Stanaland, Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau president. "This helps elected officials and their staff better understand what's happening in Texas agriculture right now. When they talk about legislation that impacts agriculture, we want them to think about how it will impact people like us—their constituents."

Proposed right to farm legislation would help preserve statutory protections to ensure farms and ranches can continue operating, even if they are within city limits.

The truth in labeling bills address deceptive labeling of food products to influence con-

sumer purchases. They aim to ensure that food labeled as containing meat products does not falsely or misleadingly include alternative protein sources.

Many rural Texans, including individuals in Nacogdoches County, don't have access to broadband services. Several bills have been filed to address the disconnect and implement the next phase of rural broadband expansion.

"We are proud to represent Nacogdoches County's agricultural interests," Stanaland said. "Things can change quickly with legislative issues, trade or other outside influences, so it's good to have our folks there representing our issues and making sure they are heard."



Nacogdoches CFB leaders met with Reps. Travis Clardy (top) and Trent Ashby (bottom).



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## SERVING AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH IN NACOGDOCHES COUNTY!

# Representative Clardy presents RESOLUTION in Honor of LAMP-LITE THEATRE's 50th SEASON

Texas State Representative Travis Clardy (l) presents a RESOLUTION by the State of Texas House of Representatives commemorating the 50th Season of the Lamp-Lite Theatre in Nacogdoches to Lamp-Lite board member Ken Untiedt (r), who is directing *Two One-Acts: "Trifles" & "A Question of Sex"* as the fifth production of Lamp-Lite's 50th PURE GOLD season. The two plays, both written around the turn of the 20th century conclude with final performances Saturday, April 1st, 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00 pm, at Lamp-Lite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas.



Individual tickets are on sale at Kline's/Wrap-It-Up, 628 North University Drive, and at the CVB in the Charles Bright Visitor Center, 200 East Main. The tickets are also on sale 45 minutes prior to all performances at Lamp-Lite Theatre. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+ years old, and \$8 for students. Information about Getting Legit and all of Lamp-Lite's 50th PURE GOLD SEASON may be found at [www.lamp-litetheatre.com](http://www.lamp-litetheatre.com) or by emailing [lamplitetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:lamplitetheatre@gmail.com).

Celebration of Lamp-Lite's 50th Season continues with a Ribbon-Cutting by the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, May 4th, 10:00 am, at Lamp-Lite Theatre. The community is invited to join Lamp-Lite as it prepares for opening night of *Mary, Mary*, by Jean Kerr and produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing on behalf of Dramatists Play Service, the first play performed by Lamp-Lite Players at Christ Episcopal Church in 1971.



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# Income Tax Time

by Jim Garrett

As Income Tax season approaches, let me remind you, Dear Readers, that now is the time scammers go “full throttle.” Contrary to what a scammer may tell you on the telephone, the IRS will notify you in writing if there is a problem with your tax return; they will not call you.

Now that we’ve cleared that up, let’s look at a few somewhat humorous stories.

When our son, Jim, was a graduate student, he called his roommate, Craig, on the phone, disguised his voice, and left a message on the answering machine. He told Craig that his tax return was being investigated and that an agent would be meeting with him in a day or so to go over what Craig had submitted. Craig was a very meticulous person who kept all of his records in pristine order. When our son returned to his apartment that evening, there was Craig in a dither with records scattered all over the place. When the “joke” was revealed, Craig did not seem to think that it was funny at all.

I heard the story of a guy who wrote two letters: One was to the IRS protesting his tax evaluation and one was to his girlfriend telling her how he had ripped off the government. In his haste, he accidentally put the letters in the wrong envelopes. Imagine his surprise when he learned that he had confessed to the IRS his scheme to defraud the collection agency!

A colleague of mine at SFA called his mother-in-law (prior to caller ID), disguised his voice, identified himself as being from the IRS, and told her that she was being audited. Needless to say, that conversation as well as their relationship for a good while, did not go well at all.

Have you ever been working on some project, Dear Readers, and suddenly you had a flash back to something that happened in the past? That seems to happen to me all of the time, especially since I’ve been writing these articles. My flash back today deals with something which occurred the first year I taught at SFA. Mary Beth took organic chemistry at the University of Texas from an older professor who took a more classical approach to the subject. He was of the “old school” and even had some of the “old school” habits – like when, if he were walking down the hall and saw a puddle of a liquid in the floor, he would swoop down, get some of the liquid on his finger, and then TASTE IT! Such behavior is completely foreign to me. But then I have digressed, Dear Readers, and appear to be “chasing a rabbit.”

Having had a more traditional approach to organic chemistry, Mary Beth asked if she could sit in on my lectures in order to gain a more modern understanding of the subject. Of course, I readily agreed to her request. She and I had an understanding that we were not to blow her cover. The first class-period came for her to attend and she found a seat about three or four rows back and to my right as I faced the class. All went well, I thought, until the lecture was over and she came to the front desk and began to royally chew me out for standing between her and what I had written on the blackboard. What could I do? I spoke to her kindly and assured her that I would not do that again. Even though I did not think at the time that her challenging me was appropriate, in retrospect, a number of my students who must have thought the same thing probably appreciated her boldness. I will admit that I corrected that habit and did not repeat it for the remainder of my teaching career.

Let me again digress for a moment, Dear Readers, to explain something which is pertinent to understanding the next story. I will never forget the first meal Mary Beth prepared for me when we returned from our honeymoon. She made some meat balls which were somewhere in size between a golf ball and a tennis ball. She put NINE of these on my plate along with a generous slice of hot, buttered, homemade bread. Not wanting to hurt my bride’s feelings, I ate the whole thing. Needless to say, in the first three weeks of marriage, I gained **twenty-five pounds!** Not only did my knees ache from the weight gain but I was unable to wear my wedding band also.

My first semester at SFA, I was both young and, for all appearances, single. Early one Saturday morning a group of sorority girls was getting ready for a carwash and they decided to go to young doctor Garrett’s residence to see if he had any rags he could spare. They went to his home, rang the doorbell, and who should come to the door? It was that pretty brunette (Mary Beth) dressed in her night clothes – you know, the one who sat about three or four rows back in their class! What do you think, Dear Readers, those young ladies must have thought!? We won’t even go there!

We all have habits – some good and some bad. I have one that often gets me in trouble. Let’s say that Mary Beth has a list of seven things she wants me to do. As soon as she gives me her list, I immediately go to my recliner, lean back, and close my eyes. To her, I am ignoring her request; but, that is **NOT** the case at all. There in my chair, I am going over the list in my mind and determining the order in which I will most efficiently accomplish my tasks. One thing I tried to instill in our children is that there is an **order** which must be followed when approaching any multi-step problem. One day one of my colleagues at the university told a number of us that he would make out a numbered list of things he wanted to



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accomplish on his day off. As an example, let’s say he wanted to mow the lawn on his riding mower, clean the flower bed, paint the fence, etc. If he went out and his riding mower had a flat tire, he would fix the flat, add that chore to the top of his list, and check it off!

While I have food on my mind, let me share with you, Dear Readers, another story involving Mary Beth’s cooking. Shortly after we returned home from my teaching the ’82-’83 school year at the University of Texas, I got a call from one of my students there asking if I would write an evaluation for him to go to medical school. I readily agreed, gave him my address, and told him to send it to me. He then said that he was going to be traveling from Austin to Dallas and that he could “swing by Nacogdoches” (?) and give me any information I might need. I told him that if he were coming in the late afternoon, we would plan on having him as our guest for dinner. I told Mary Beth that Sang Lee was coming and that I had invited him to have a meal with us.

The first year Mary Beth and I were married, we made friends with a number of Chinese students at the University of Florida. In fact, my sweet wife prepared a full-fledged Chinese meal and invited our friends to our apartment. As they were leaving, one of them turned to her and said, “We weren’t expecting the food to be so good!” What a compliment!! When we departed our time in Florida, Mary Beth was given an authentic Chinese cookbook. The cookbook was in English, of course.

By the time Sang Lee arrived, MB had prepared a rather abundant multi-course meal. He must have been hungry because once we were seated, Mary Beth instructed him to help himself and he piled his plate with food. She invited him to have seconds – which he did. “This is **SO GOOD**,” Sang Lee told her. “Well, it’s just plain old Chinese food,” Mary Beth replied. “But I’m Korean,” Sang Lee exclaimed. Mary Beth and I learned a valuable lesson that day: Not all Asians are Chinese!!

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## News from Impact!

by Julia Jones, Impact Founder

As Spring approaches in East Texas, the volunteers at Impact are clearing out winter items and preparing children's summer wear and shoes. Our primary focus remains children in foster care, but we have expanded our ministry to include children in need who are referred to us by schools and agencies, as well as senior citizens in assisted living who have no family.



Our all volunteer staff includes Mike Waters and Teresa Cooper who are vital to the daily operations of our thrift store at 720 E. Main. We are open Monday through Friday 9-4 to accept donations, assist our families, and operate the thrift store which covers our monthly expenses in rent and utilities, as well as providing funds for new shoes and school uniforms.



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# The Four-Day School Week

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

As school districts across Texas are planning the 2023-24 school year, many are deciding to switch from a traditional five-day week to four days. These districts cite teacher retention, recruitment, and overall cost savings as justification for making the change. During the 2022 school year, 41 districts had four-day weeks, up from 14 districts in 2021. It is alarming that so many districts have decided to move to a shorter school week despite the overwhelming data that shows the switch does not achieve cost savings more than 1-2% and it is not beneficial to student academic or social outcomes. Unfortunately, the uptick in the four-day school week is not expected to slow any time soon.



In 2015, Texas Legislators passed a law that transitioned the public-school year from 180 days to 75,600 minutes. The change from days to minutes paved the way for the shortened school weeks now seen in many districts across Texas. Teachers in the four-day school week districts will undoubtedly have a few advantages not available to their five-day-a-week peers. Unfortunately, these perks will not be advantageous enough to overcome the detriment to student achievement, opportunities, nutrition, and childcare.

## Student achievement

In a 2001 Oregon study of four-day week student performance, the math and reading achievement data of 3rd-8th grade students from 2005 through 2019 were analyzed. The data revealed a significant reduction in math and a marked reduction in reading proficiency in the schools that opted into the four-day week as compared to the five-day a week schools. A 2022 multi-state study used NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing as a common measuring instrument to accurately determine the academic achievement of six million students over 12 years, 2008-2020. The results of this comprehensive study indicate a slight reduction in academic performance in the first year followed by increasingly more substantial losses in reading and math each subsequent year.

## Loss of opportunities

Teachers often introduce concepts in a classroom and then expand on the topic or curriculum with field trips, videos, learning activities, or projects. The one common thread among these learning-extension activities is time. In the early 20th century, John Dewey, an American Educational Reformer, said that learning does not come from experience, but instead it comes from reflecting on the experiences. This reflecting time occurs regularly within classrooms across Texas and will be greatly reduced in schools that transition to four days a week. Moreover, students who miss a day of instruction for an illness or appointment will miss a greater percentage at a four-day school when compared to a five-day school.

## Student nutrition and childcare

Surprisingly, rural school districts are adopting the four-day option more frequently than urban schools. Rural schools typically have a higher percentage of low-income students. It is common for students in poverty to miss meals on weekends or during the summer when they are not in school. For many of these students, a four-day school week means a day of missed meals regularly. Families also bear the costs of added childcare in homes where both parents work. In some communities across Texas where four-day weeks are being introduced there may not be enough childcare providers to adequately care for the younger students.

Data from various studies show us that the four-day school week is not the best option for students; however, it is increasing in popularity so teachers will stay in classrooms. The Texas Teacher Vacancy Task Force recently completed a year review and has provided recommendations to stop the mass exodus of teachers in Texas. Among their recommendations were increased pay, better working conditions, and support with discipline. None of the recommendations by the task force were associated with a four-day school week. Doing right by kids is essential to the future of Texas Public Education; longer days, even with fewer days a week, is not the answer to the teacher recruitment and retention shortages.

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# First Aid for Broken Nails in Dogs

by Steven Martin, *Owner of Martin Kennel*

Ouch! How can such a little injury cause such a big hurt? A tiny tear in a tiny nail on a single toe can be excruciatingly painful. The pain of a broken nail can be so intense that it can bring the biggest, bravest dog to its knees. Any breed, tough or fragile, will hold up a foot, limp around, and whine in discomfort. Plus, the bleeding that accompanies a torn nail further complicates the matter.



## Why do nails break?

Dogs break their nails by snagging them on carpet, upholstery fibers, grass roots, etc. Or they may jump off a chair or down from a porch and land on a toe in such a way that the nail bends back and breaks. Sometimes, the nails of older pets are so dry that they become brittle and break very easily. Longer nails tend to get caught on things more than short ones. Regardless of the reason, a broken nail hurts and bleeds so it requires immediate attention.

## Why are broken nails such a problem?

The nails of dogs consist of a central collection of blood vessels and nerves that are called the **quick**. The quick is covered by a layer of hard material called keratin, which surrounds these sensitive structures to protect them. The quick is living tissue while the keratin is not. That is why trimming the tip of the nail is not painful for your pet but exposing the quick is uncomfortable. The quick is also attached to the bone, so any damage to the quick can lead to an infection in the bone, which is very serious.

There are normally 5 toes on each front foot and four on each rear foot, but sometimes an extra nail called a **dew claw** is located higher up on the foot. All nails except the dew claws are worn down when the dog walks on hard surfaces such as the sidewalk, but normal wear may not keep nails short enough, making it necessary to trim your dog's nails. Dew claws do not bear weight so they need to be trimmed more frequently and are more susceptible to breaking.

## What should I do if my dog has a broken nail?

If your dog yelps in pain and suddenly begins to limp or hold his paw up, check his foot for a broken nail and follow this treatment protocol:



**1. Safely restrain your dog.** Have someone hold your pet while you tend to the nail. Remember that even the nicest pet may bite when in pain. A muzzle may help avoid injury. Provide restraint in the form of a hug which immobilizes the dog and makes him feel secure.

**2. Control bleeding** by wrapping the foot in gauze or a towel and applying pressure to the injured toe. If the bleeding does not stop in 5-10 minutes, apply a styptic pencil, silver nitrate stick, or cauterizing powder to the nail. These items can be purchased at the pet store or in the first aid section of your human pharmacy. If you do not have these products at home, try covering the nail with baking powder or flour. You can also stick the tip of the nail into a bar of soap to help stop the bleeding.

**3. Remove the damaged part of the nail.** Sometimes, there is a loosely attached sliver of nail that can be trimmed away easily with clippers at home, but most of the time this job is best left to your veterinarian. Keep the foot wrapped in a towel as you proceed to your veterinary hospital.

The damaged or broken part of the nail needs to be carefully removed. This procedure is often painful but can be accomplished quickly and often requires no sedation; however, depending on the degree of pain and where the break is, sedation and/or numbing the area with a nerve block may be required. The nail should be trimmed above the break to completely remove the damaged portion and to provide a good foundation for the nail to re-grow.

**4. Protect the nail bed from infection.** Your veterinarian may apply antibiotic ointment or powder to the exposed nail bed and bandage the foot to prevent contamination and to minimize further bleeding. An oral or injectable antibiotic may be advised as well. Since the nail bed or quick is attached to bone, prevention of infection is crucial. Bone infections are serious problems and only certain antibiotics are effective in treating them. Your dog's foot needs to be closely monitored so your veterinarian will schedule a follow-up visit to examine the affected nail and remove or change the bandage.

**5. Control the pain.** Without the keratin part of the nail to protect the quick, the tender live tissue including blood vessels and nerves is exposed and painful. Your veterinarian may prescribe pain medication for a few days to keep your dog more



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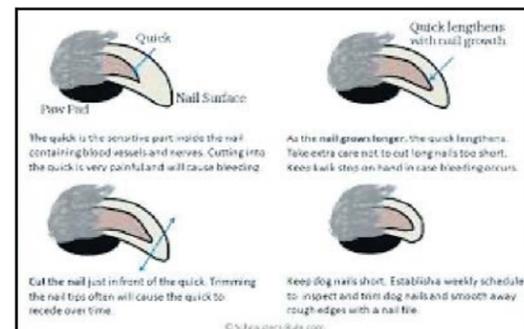
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comfortable.

To avoid the hassle of a broken nail, keep your dog's nails trimmed. Short nails are less likely to snag than long ones. Ask your veterinarian or veterinary technician to demonstrate proper nail trimming so you can clip your dog's nails at home. If you are not comfortable doing this, simply make regularly scheduled appointments to have your dog's nails trimmed at the veterinary hospital.



Regardless of who does the clipping, the goal is to trim the nail as short as possible while avoiding the quick. This is easier with white nails where the pinkish quick is readily apparent. Dark nails are more of a challenge. The right tools are essential to successful trimming. Sharp nail trimmers specially designed for dogs are a big plus. Dull trimmers shred the nail and increase the likelihood of a break.

Keep maintenance of your dog's nails on your list of tasks alongside bathing and walking so that you and your dog can avoid the broken nail dilemma.

Martin Kennel Nacogdoches or Center will be more than happy to help keep your pup's nails trimmed for a happier and a less painful walk.

# Crawfish and Pickles???

by Robert McCandless

Who would have thought a sport with such a silly name would become a social gathering among old and new friends, bringing people together in droves. Doves? Considering the size of Nacogdoches, I think the term fits. Every day someone new comes to the courts to find out what all the hubbub is about. We now have over a hundred people telling others about the fun they are experiencing playing pickleball and the result has yielded an average of four to five new visitors a week.

Old Town Pickleball has grown but has kept its initial focus to bring new people into what resembles a loosely organized social club with no membership fees, distinction as to age, ethnicity, religion, political persuasion, or socio-economic status. Some do, however, have preferences as to what color ball will be played. Doctors, lawyers and indian chiefs alike come to compete or just get some exercise. No one at a gym ever works out in groups and begs you to join in. I don't see that happening on the, now, seemingly empty tennis and racquetball courts all over town either.

I watch as the group grows. No one is a stranger more than ten minutes. With twenty-one courts around town, there is always room to hand new arrivals a paddle and take them to an empty court to teach. The only drawback is you can't get anyone out of a game to say much more than "Hi" as they continue to their eleventh point. When they finish, you may be mobbed with, soon to be, new friends.

We play at all levels, so there is no use to avoid getting involved. It is always part of the greeting and instruction to inform you of the risks and to play within the parameters your body allows. I'm seventy-five and I know I can't safely chase a ball more than four or five feet to hit it. So, I don't. I just look back at my opponent and say "Good shot." We also have some "hot shot" players who go for the win. Many are tennis and racquetball players who have made the transition to a friendlier more social sport.

Pickleball is gaining momentum in Nacogdoches with plans for a tournament on October 7th and 8th to raise funds supporting The Women's and Men's Christian Job Corps" and another event at Central Heights School District where it will be added to their "Family Health Fair" on the 13th of April. Even the Corporate Challenge event, in which local businesses compete for the title of champion, has added pickleball to the list of competitions. Eaton proudly displays their huge banners along University and Stallings. That may change this year as Commercial Bank is on the courts many evenings with a hard hitting team, including the mayor.

To fuel this enthusiasm and growth, both Banita and Maroney courts are in need of back-nets for safety and windscreens for competitive play. To make this happen, The Fredonia Brewery along with Commercial Bank are holding a crawfish fundraiser on April 15th beginning at Noon that will be selling mud bugs, sausage and red beans with rice. The Fredonia Brewery is a child and pet friendly facility that seems to have become the heart of Nacogdoches social gatherings. There will be games and contests related to pickleball for both adults and kids along with the usual games the brewery provides.

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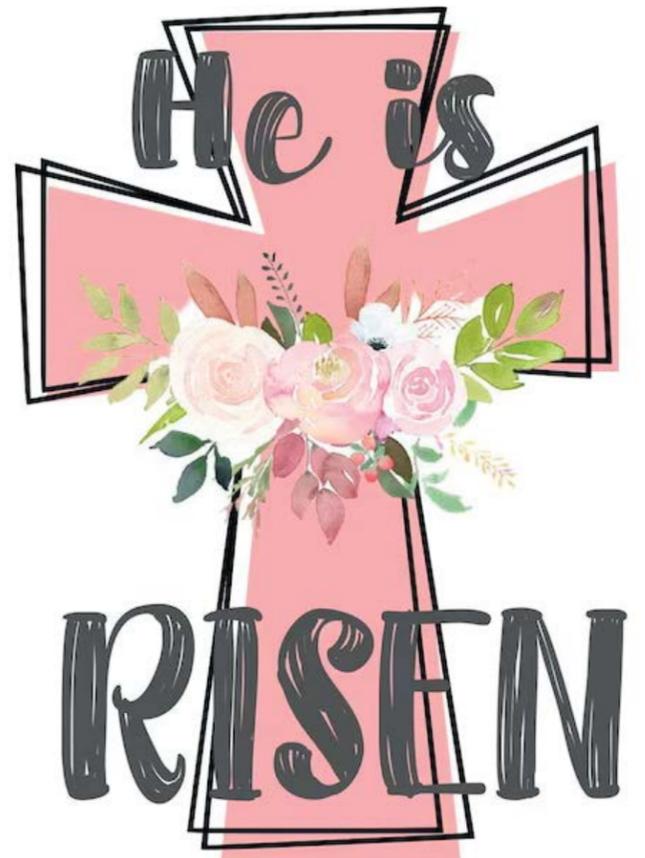
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Our azaleas started popping the first weekend in March. We weren't sure what to expect given the -4 degree freeze we had this Winter, but our Texas Tough flowers pushed through and gave a spectacular show, almost a month ahead of schedule. However, there are over 500 different varieties of azaleas, and they all bloom at different times. A good amount are now past-peak, but there are still flowers to be seen! The gardens have so much more beyond azaleas as well, so don't let the "season" shy you away.

Events are in full force, especially the first week of this month. With so many events happening on April 1st, we'd like to remind anyone planning events that you can call the Visitor Center at 936-564-7351 and ask us to check on dates you are looking at to help "spread the love!" You can also find out about events at [visitnacogdoches.org/events](http://visitnacogdoches.org/events)

Speaking of events, keep an eye out for the return and revamp of "Nac at Night" Outdoor Movie Experience! We're moving the location to Pilar Street, behind the Visitor Center on the Downtown Square. We'll project family-friendly movies for free (donations accepted, sponsors needed!) to provide a fun summer event for visiting and local families. All you'll need to do is bring a chair! More information will be available on our Facebook Page: Visit Nacogdoches, as well as our website. If you're interested in sponsoring this recurring event, contact Shelby Lero at [shelby@visitnacogdoches.org](mailto:shelby@visitnacogdoches.org)

We're in the midst of planning the 15th Annual Sale on the Trail! If you aren't familiar, it's a multi-city event between Nacogdoches, Texas and Natchitoches, Louisiana featuring hundreds of "sales" along the El Camino Real. You can expect trunk shows, yard sales, church sales and boutique bargains! For more information, go to [Facebook.com/SaleontheTrail](https://Facebook.com/SaleontheTrail)

Vendor registration forms will be accepted up until the day of the event, it's free to sign up! The form is available on Facebook or at [visitelcamino.com](http://visitelcamino.com)

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



## The Cross—The Story of God's Family

*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Ephesians 3:14-15*

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Easter is about the love of God for sinners. Easter is about Jesus in His humanity living in perfect obedience to the Father, keeping His commandments and in so doing could offer Himself as a sinless sacrifice. Easter is about Jesus dying by crucifixion for our sins. Easter is about Jesus' physical body being buried in the grave. Easter is about Jesus' resurrection after three days in a new body—the firstfruits of all who are heavenly (1 Cor 15:23, 47-49).

Jesus went to the cross at Cavalry so that God through Him would set apart to Himself a people separated and redeemed from sin; a people who would be His forever family. The Bible says, [Christ] was slain and have redeemed us to God by [His] blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. God created us to love us and to be our God and our Father. In our fallen humanity which resulted from Adam's disobedience by eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are incapable of loving God. In Adam we all became sinners. Sinners love sin. Sin prohibits any spiritual capacity to love God. In Christ believers receive forgiveness of all sins against God and become saints. In Christ believers receive an eternal divine love that binds us together as one with Himself.

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# Hope and Help for the Grieving

Grief for the loss of a loved one, an opportunity, or ability is not an event; it is a painful process that stuns us and can endure for weeks, months, or years. The process of grieving is different for each of us, though there are also many similarities. Just as a river flows, so does grief. At times we are angry. Sometimes we feel like we are drowning in our sorrow. We experience troubled waters that trigger a flood of tears, and it is difficult to cope. While others encourage us to "get over it," there is no quick fix or easy way to experience grief.

For many, comfort in the journey for healing grief can be found when gathering together with like-minded people as a group. There we can find comfort, helpful coping/survival strategies, mutual support, and reassurance that we are not "crazy."

A weekly grief support group for men and women experiencing grief will begin in April at Trawick Presbyterian Church which is located at 4410 CR 204 in the community of Trawick, 15 minutes from Nacogdoches. The first meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th at 1 p.m. It will be facilitated by Dr. Sharon Templeman, pastoral counselor and retired clinical social worker. For information, contact Sharon at 936-585-2847 or [stempleman@sfasu.edu](mailto:stempleman@sfasu.edu).

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# The Attoyac River Murders

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.



Some call it a stream. Some call it a bayou. Most people call it a river. Its headwater is due north in Shelby County, Texas, then meanders its way through San Augustine County, Nacogdoches County, and empties into the huge Sam Rayburn Lake. It was named the Attoyac River by persons unknown. In fact, no one even knows what the name means.

It was very near this river that the Duncan Hicks family settled and built a log home sometime in the late 1800s. Duncan's family consisted of himself, age 48, his wife, Nerva, age 54, and their daughter, Allie, age 19. Duncan was like most other men in this area, a farmer, tilling the land of his property. His farm was on the west side of the river in Nacogdoches County, Texas. The family lived a simple and peaceful life. It was said that his daughter, Allie, was a strikingly beautiful blonde. She could turn the head of most any young man.

On Saturday, October 10, 1902, J. W. Jernigan rode his horse past the Duncan farm house. He noticed that things were unusually quiet. This did not seem normal to him, so he hitched his horse to the gate, opened it and walked inside the front yard. He was stunned by the grizzly sight in front of him.

Lying on his back in the yard was the body of Duncan Hicks partially covered with a bloody sheet. Upon a hasty check to see if he was alive, J. W. noted that Hicks had been shot in the head by a shotgun. He was dead.

Running up the front steps to the porch he was stopped in his tracks. He noted the body of Duncan's wife, Nerva, lying on her back. She, too, had been shot in the head with similar injuries, also deceased. He then ran inside the house and found the body of the beautiful Allie, whose head and face had been beaten into a bloody pulp. She, also, was dead.

Jernigan left the house at a gallop to find a telephone to call the sheriff in Nacogdoches County. Sheriff A. J. Spradley arrived at the Duncan home early on Sunday morning, along with City Marshall Matt Spradley. The lawman began his investigation.

Surveying the area he noted the new wooden bridge that was in the process of being constructed over the Attoyac River approximately fifty yards north of Duncan's home. For years the people of both San Augustine and Nacogdoches Counties had complained that the cost charged to ferry across the river, \$1.50, was highway robbery. Finally, Jim Buchanan was hired by both counties to construct a wooden bridge across the river. The Sheriff questioned Mr. Buchanan to see if he had noticed anything unusual around the Hicks home.

Mr. Buchanan stated that one of his employees, a young black man named Bill Brown, failed to report back to work after lunch break on Friday. He had not been heard from since then. He stated further that he had noticed Brown hanging around the Hicks' home several times while on work breaks.

Word about the killings had spread around the area. Posses were being formed in both Nacogdoches and San Augustine Counties. However, young Brown was located and taken to the Nacogdoches County jail a few days later. He was hiding out at a relative's house when found.

Brown was quickly tried for his crimes of triple homicide and found guilty. He was sentenced to hang until dead. He was also quickly hung. It is unclear where his body was buried. Brown never gave a reason for his actions, and he denied sexually attacking Allie, although the doctor who examined her body stated she had been raped repeatedly.

Thus ended the saga of the murders of the Hicks family.

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# A Night Mail Pilot Stumbles Upon... Ray Price?

by Mike Mills

*Mike Mills is a 1965 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. After careers in airline flying and FAA management, he and wife Sandy, a retired teacher, took to the road in a motorhome, writing about their journeys. Their blog, "Phannie and Mae" has had more than a million views since its inception.*

I'm going to use another column or two to tell a few stories about flying the mail at night between East Texas and Dallas while most of you were asleep; this was between the years 1968 and 1973. In last month's column, I shared about the existence of the flights that were reminiscent of the early days of mail flying but resurrected for the second time fifty years later. I also mentioned that the terminus of the outbound evening flight was in Dallas. The airport then was Dallas Love Field, where all the other mail planes (and airliners carrying mail) converged. The new DFW International Airport hadn't opened at the time.



The mail planes all parked near an executive terminal, where they were unloaded, fueled and loaded for the outbound flights in the early morning. On one memorable arrival (I can't remember the date), I was walking toward the executive lounge after unloading the airplane, and I noticed a sleek Learjet parked near the terminal door with the airplane's door open and the interior lights on. As I walked past the jet, I saw that the flight crew was not aboard (they were inside the terminal) and that there was a sole occupant sitting on the rear bench seat with his reading light on. As I passed the open door, I recognized him immediately as none other than the country music legend, Ray Price.



Country Music legend Ray Price

Mr. Price had obviously just finished a concert in the Dallas area and was awaiting his crew to complete their preparations and fly him to his next stop. I assumed this because he was dressed in his sequined stage attire, but with his coat and tie removed.

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I couldn't help myself; poking my head in the door, I gulped and said, "Hello, Mr. Price; I just wanted to tell you I'm a big fan of yours! He looked up immediately at the intrusion and flashed a grin. "Come on up here; what are you doing out there, young man?" I had not expected this, but I sheepishly climbed the stairs, and he motioned for me to sit down in one of the mid-cabin seats, which I did and turned toward him. Before I could even think of what to say in such a private environment, he began to ask ME questions about what I was doing out there in the middle of the night. I explained that I was a mail pilot, and he seemed genuinely interested in the nightly gathering of mail planes. I'm pretty sure he wasn't, but he obviously wanted to put me at ease. We chatted a bit—I was too star-struck to remember the details, and I even forgot to ask for his autograph! I could see that his eyes were tired, and I suspect his having to make small talk with a nobody like me was not helping him get some needed rest. Soon, his pilots boarded, and I scurried off the jet, thanking him for being so generous with his time. He waved and smiled, as if we were old friends; the copilot closed the door, and Ray Price was gone.



My friend, David Stallings, the publisher of *Around the Town*, and I have had conversations about the days of his business relationship with Ray Price, and David was not at all surprised about the down-home friendliness the star had shown me. "That's just the way he was," said David. "He loved people and loved his fans." I believe it, David.



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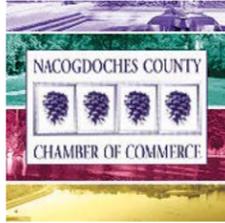
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# Please Do Your Part and ***VOTE!***

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a candidate forum for those women and men seeking office in Nacogdoches.

We want to thank those individuals who are seeking public office. It is a major personal commitment and we should all appreciate the willingness of others to serve in this way.

I was impressed with all the candidates' awareness of the challenges and opportunities here in Nacogdoches. They may not always agree on the solutions, but it was obvious that they have done their research and data collection.

I was also pleased that the forum was respectful of the opinions of others. Unlike Washington and other parts of the country, the candidates were polite and considerate and not once did our time keeper have to ask someone to conclude beyond their allotted time.

I would encourage all residents in Texas to participate in the voting process. Get to know the candidate's vision and plans. Ask them how they will govern and what solutions they will bring if elected. Get a sense of how well prepared they are to serve in the positions they seek.

And after you do your research, ***VOTE!*** Sadly, too many Americans elect not to participate in the election process. Today, we have many options to vote. Absentee ballots and early voting allow us ample opportunity to find the time or method to vote.

I use to say I knew when America was in trouble when my friends were being elected to office. I know that I said that with humor in mind. But, in some cases, I was speaking the truth. Most of us know our friends, we know their strengths and weaknesses and what they will bring (or not bring) to the table. As much as I loved them as friends and associates, many of these folks should never have been elected or sought public office.

The good news is that in the privacy of the voting booth, I can take the knowledge I've acquired and vote for (or not vote for) any person I want (**and they will never know!**)

This is the blessing of democracy in America! We may not be a perfect union but after living many years outside of the United States, I am not aware of a better system of government.

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Candidates at the Candidate Forum pictured from left are Dr. Rick Herzog, Kathleen Belanger, Anne Keehnen, Brad Maule and Randy Johnson.

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# MONUMENT CORNER

Next month we will head back to Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches. But this month we are back in Angelina County, in Lufkin, at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and Atkinson Drive. As we stand in front of the Dixon Furniture building there is an historical marker which reads as follows:

## MANTOOTH FARM

MEMBERS OF THE MANTOOTH FAMILY CAME TO ANGELINA COUNTY IN 1858. ALBERT EDWIN (EDDIE) MANTOOTH (1874-1969) WAS BORN IN HOMER, ANGELINA COUNTY, TO ALBERT AND MARY RICHARD HALL MANTOOTH. IN 1897, EDDIE MARRIED SARAH ANNIE ATKINSON MANTOOTH (1879-1914). IN 1909, THEY BOUGHT AN 11-ACRE FARM ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ORIGINAL LUFKIN TOWNSITE. THE FARM PRODUCED CROPS, COWS, CHICKENS, MULES, AND HORSES THAT PROVIDED AN INCOME FROM TRADE IN LUFKIN. IN ADDITION TO AGRICULTURAL RESPONSIBILITIES, EDDIE ALSO SERVED THE COMMUNITY AS THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR FROM 1908-1912 AND TAX COLLECTOR FROM 1918-1924. FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF EDDIE'S FIRST WIFE, SARAH, HE MARRIED OLEVA WISELY (1895-1964) IN 1920.

DESCENDENTS OF EDDIE MANTOOTH AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVED THE CITY OF LUFKIN FOR MANY YEARS. ERNEST PEYTON MEDFORD (1904-1976), THE HUSBAND OF JOSIE ETHEL MANTOOTH (1907-1934), ASSISTED THE COMMUNITY WITH FINANCES AS THE HEAD OF LUFKIN'S ONLY SAVINGS AND LOAN. WILLIE CALVIN ROYLE (1907-1972), THE HUSBAND OF ANNIE JEWEL MANTOOTH (1908-1997), WAS A WELL-KNOWN EDUCATOR AND SERVED AS A TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL AT LUFKIN HIGH SCHOOL. THE ROYLES ALSO OPERATED THE W.C. ROYLE COMPANY, AN OFFICE MACHINE AND SUPPLY SALES COMPANY, AT THIS SITE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS. JOHN MILTON HICKMAN (1909-1978), HUSBAND OF RENNIE MAE MANTOOTH (1911-2000), ASSISTED WITH THE GULF PIPELINE THROUGH EAST TEXAS THAT SUPPLIED GAS AND OIL DURING WORLD WAR II. ALL THREE DAUGHTERS LIVED IN HOMES ON THIS LAND AND ARE REMEMBERED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. MANTOOTH FARM AND THE FAMILIES ASSOCIATED WITH IT HELPED THE TOWN OF LUFKIN GROW AND PROSPER THROUGHOUT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

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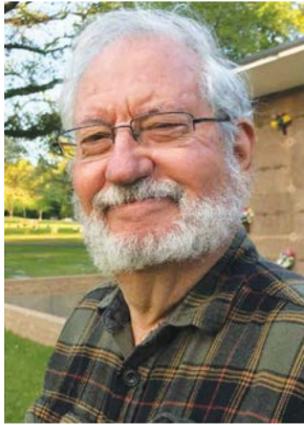
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# A Little Bit of History...

by Hershel "Dickie" Dixon

*Born in Lufkin, Texas to Hershel and Kathleen Hinson Dixon, Dickie Dixon is a sixth-generation Texan with deep roots in other parts of East Texas, too. His paternal g-g-g-grandparents, Zachariah Fenley and wife Rebecca, arrived in what is now Angelina County about 1837. Only a year later he was killed in the Cordova Rebellion, which caused Rebecca to gain an interest in the Old Stone Fort. All Dickie's ancestors were living in Angelina County by the 1880s, and one of them, Stanislaw John Pauszek (later Poskey) was a Polish immigrant.*

*Dickie holds several degrees and he served as a graduate assistant and grader at SFASU for Dr. Archie P. McDonald. Besides active roles in regional genealogy and archeology groups, Dickie speaks regularly at history events such as East Texas Historical Association conferences. Since 2016 he has written a weekly column on history and genealogy for several newspapers called Kissin' Kuzzins, a name which the column originator Carolyn Erickson authorized him to use after her retirement. Dickie is committed to keeping memories of all types of history alive.*



## Corey Peterson Finds First Pre-Production 1953 Corvette



Corey Peterson had been looking for it for 15 to 20 years and finally found it: the first Flint-built 1953 Corvette, and now he intends to restore it. Many thought the first pre-production 1953 Corvette had been destroyed, but Corey has proved them wrong. For the story, go to <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/first-1953-chevrolet-rediscovered/>

## The Place of Frank Hayes in Horse Racing History

Frank Hayes won his only race in horse racing when he won at Belmont Park on June 4, 1923, and he entered horse racing history in a different category: he was the only jockey to win a race though dead. For the story, search for it on DuckDuckGo under "Frank Hayes: The jockey who won a race despite being dead."

## Moody Street Baseball and Coping With R. M. Rosser

When I was about ten or twelve, my role in the neighborhood was to get the neighborhood together for a baseball game, and, to do that, I went to them all: Mickey Chumley, Mike Gibson, Loyd Minshew, Steve Finley, Robert Goode, Larry Evans, Miles Kimling and the like. We frequently played on the vacant lot behind T. O. McKinney's garage on East Kerr or at the backstop at the practice field right next to Panther Stadium, but sometimes, when either Robert or Harold Nelson—or both—were grounded, we had to play in their back yard on the corner of Conn and Moody—in front of Gloria Stringer's house. There were two distinct disadvantages to playing there: the back yard was small, and R.M. Rosser's garden was across Moody Street directly in the path of where batters might hit it.

Many times I was the outfielder playing across the street when one of the bigger guys like Mickey Chumley or Mike Gibson hit it over the road and into Mr. Rosser's garden. Frenetically, I would open the chain link fence gate, try to retrieve the ball and try to throw them out at the plate. Sometimes, there was a surprise when I opened the gate: Mr. Rosser was in his garden. Post haste, that was the end of the game, because Mr. Rosser refused to give the ball back, and let me add, that was always my baseball. The sequel to the story is: He never gave those balls back. And so, every time that happened, I had to go buy a new

# What's Happening in Shelby County!

by Deborah Chaddwick, *Director*

In the words of Piglet, "All in Favor of Spring, say 'I'". "I!" Winter is officially over and we are all looking forward to a beautiful Spring. East Texas is so beautiful during the Spring.

Spring means restoration and fresh starts. "Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." (Anonymous)

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. The Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center will be hosting its annual Butterfly Release, sponsored by Farmers State Bank, on April 13th at 4:00pm at the old Historic Courthouse, on our downtown square. Children and adults from all over the county come this wonderful event. Everyone will receive a butterfly to release. There will also be a Butterfly Release in San Augustine on April 6th. Time and location will be advised. We would love for you to join us for either one, or both. The amazing staff at the Advocacy Center, the Board of Directors, Law Enforcement and all the volunteers who help are truly making a beautiful change in a child's life.

As you start working in your yards, make sure you visit the Lily Farm in Center. Mark Carpenter has a huge selection of everything – plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, mulch, soil, decorative yard accessories, lilies and much, much more. Mark is incredibly knowledgeable and very helpful. It is a must place to visit in the Spring. The Lily Farm is located at 10056 State Hwy 7 Center, TX. The number is 936-572-1962. "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" - Audrey Hepburn.

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baseball, because rarely ever did I have more than one.

Now, in defense of R.M. Rosser (R. M.=Royal Moses), he was just defending his turf and didn't need some street urchins tromping down his tomato plants. However, he could have been more conciliatory and less difficult.

The rest of the story is: Much later, as an adult, we move back to that neighborhood, and, of all things, he became fast friends with both of my daughters and let them play in the loft of his shop. I couldn't believe it; I thought: "Could this be the same old man who kept my baseballs?" Oh what we had to do, to get to play a little Moody Street baseball while coping with R.M. Rosser!

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## Kissin' Kuzzins

by Hershel "Dickie" Dixon

(1) Photo of Scarlett Yarborough.

Scarlett Yarborough was the 2023 honoree of A Women's History Conference to honor notable women in music in Houston on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Emmitt's Place in Houston. Scarlett is the owner of Houston's oldest bar, Leon's Lounge, opened since 1947.



(2) "Sea of Mud: The Retreat of the Mexican Army from San Jacinto, An Archeological Investigation" is Gregg Dimmick's topic for his presentation to the April 3, 2023 meeting of the Deep East Texas Archeological Society about 7:15 p.m. At 6:30 Sandra Litton will have desserts and refreshments ready to go, and at 7 p.m. Ruth Dusan will conduct a business meeting. Gregg's book by the same name as his presentation is the door prize, and he has donated a copy to the Newton County Public Library for the public to check out. To check out the book, contact Stephanie Ducote at (409) 379-8300 or [stephanieducote\\_ncpl@outlook](mailto:stephanieducote_ncpl@outlook). You don't have to be a member to attend; the public is invited to attend. The meeting will occur at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Newton on 308 High Street. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 379-5694 or [jrdusan@windstream.net](mailto:jrdusan@windstream.net) or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

(3) Mike Maberry, member of the 1963 Lufkin Panther State Baseball championship team, will discuss "The History of Lufkin Youth Baseball" at 5 pm on Monday, April 17, 2023 for the Angelina County Genealogical Society in the Railroad Depot Meeting Room at Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin. The public is invited; you don't have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

(4) The Angelina County Genealogical Society is gathering for an in town field trip at the Family History Center on 603 Bending Oak in Lufkin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 to discover how to use the genealogical resources there. Those attending can do research that day until it closes at 1 pm. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

(5) The 60th Anniversary JFK Assassination Conference will be hosted by the Angelina County Genealogical Society on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Office of the Huntington Housing Authority on 210 East Walnut Street in Huntington. The cost of the conference is only \$10, and the cost of the home cooked meal prepared by Pam Hooten and associates is only \$10, making the cost for a whole day of enlightenment only \$20. Please RSVP by May 6, 2023 so we can get a head count for the meal by mailing a check or money order made out to the Angelina County Genealogical Society to Betty Dufner c/o Angelina County Genealogical Society P. O. Box 150631 Lufkin, Texas 75915-0631. Or you can pay at the door that morning. Speakers will include Jerry Hopkins on the bibliography of the assassination, Stanley Fletcher on the role of Oswald, Carroll Scoggin Brincefield on the possible involvement of LBJ, Dickie Dixon on the investigators of the assassination, and Paul Chachere on whatever he wants to discuss. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419

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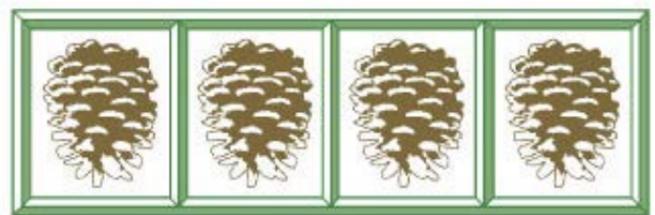
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# In the Loop... Expo Center in Lufkin

with **Burt Hairgrove**  
*Executive Director,*  
*George H. Henderson, Jr. Expo Center*  
*Lufkin, Texas*

Greetings from the Expo!

April is a busy month for us as we are just finishing up with the Angelina County Fair and getting back to lots of rodeo action. Every weekend in April is full! On April 1-2 we welcome the **Lone Star Little Britches Rodeo Association**. To learn more, visit [www.nlbra.com](http://www.nlbra.com).

Horse sales are back at the Expo! The **Texas Horse Sale** will be held here on April 7-9; go to Facebook/Texas Horse Sale for all the details.

**Region V of the Texas High School Rodeo Association** will be here April 14-16. To learn more go to [www.thsra.com](http://www.thsra.com). 24 time National Finals calf roper Mike Johnson returns to Lufkin with the **5 Star Vegas Qualifier Series Youth Calf Roping and Barrel Race** on April 21-23. Go to [www.johnsonsportline.com](http://www.johnsonsportline.com) for all the details.

And to finish April up with a big finish, the **Angelina Benefit Rodeo** is back! This Lufkin Tradition remains strong thanks to all of the hard work of the Lufkin Lions Club. Make sure to get your tickets early for this 4 night event that runs April 26-29. The top professional cowboys and cowgirls in the country pass through Lufkin on their way to the National Finals Rodeo at Las Vegas in December. Don't forget to buy your chance at winning a brand new Jeep! The winner will be drawn Saturday night.

As May gets closer, give us a call about attending this years' **Annual Expo Party**. Come out and enjoy a steak dinner and some lively bidding action to support the Expo. Give me a call at 637-3976 to reserve your table.

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# 5 Signs You're a Community Leader

by **Amanda Powell**  
 Director of Marketing & Communications  
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Leadership comes in many forms, from those who inspire dedication and support to those who rule through fear and intimidation. A true leader is someone who can command those under them without having to resort to extreme tactics. Many great leaders share some common traits, so work to improve these qualities in yourself to establish yourself as a leader in your community.

## A Vision for the Future

You won't get very far as a community leader if you don't have a destination in mind. In order to get your friends and neighbors to rally around you, they need to have a sense of what your goals are for the community. Take the time to think about what it is that you want for your neighborhood, and find out whether others share your vision. This way, you can all begin to work together towards a common goal.

## Humility

One of the marks of a great leader is the ability to recognize when you don't know something. Admitting that you need outside help or advice is not a sign of weakness but rather a show of wisdom. Just because you ask for help doesn't make you any less of a leader. Of course, you don't want to discount your own knowledge, as you have a unique perspective to offer your community. The key is to recognize when others are more qualified to handle certain tasks. True leaders know when to do the work themselves and when to delegate.

## Charisma

Some people seem to have a quality about them that just draws people to them, even if you can't pinpoint what it is exactly. You'll need charisma to succeed as a community leader because you need to be able to persuade people to listen to what you have to say. Take every opportunity you can get to refine your public speaking and networking skills. As you continue to rise through the ranks of your community, you'll need to draw on these skills more and more frequently.

## Bringing Out the Best in Others

A true leader knows how to maximize other people's strengths by encouraging and supporting them. Rather than clawing your way to the top by tearing down those around you, it is far better to build yourself up by building a strong team. With everyone working together, the entire team gains greater recognition, and as the leader, you'll get the most recognition of all. You'll get greater loyalty from your team as well, as they'll be more inclined to support you when they feel valued and that their skills are being put to good use.

## Patience

You won't become a community leader overnight, so you'll need to have the patience necessary to gradually build your audience over time. If you take the time to get involved in your community and listen to what your peers are saying, you'll establish yourself as an active member of society. Over time, your neighbors will start to get to know you and value your opinion. As you continue to grow and expand your influence, you'll be well on your way to establishing yourself as a community leader.

There is no time like the present to start grooming yourself to become a pillar of your community. Focus on self-development and improving the community around you, and the rest will eventually fall into place.



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**Hello Again from San Augustine County!**

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The Children's Advocacy Center has their annual butterfly release on the San Augustine County Courthouse square at 4 o'clock on April 6. This is a great chance to show the importance of our natural surroundings and community environment. The release is in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Jade Miller, from the Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center will speak at our membership meeting on April 18th. We will discuss the myriad ways to ensure the safety and well-being of the children in our community. Our meeting will start at noon every third Tuesday of the month at the Log Cabin in San Augustine. During the meeting, a delicious meal will be provided by the Chamber staff for \$10.

The next Church Chicken Chatter will be at the Log Cabin on April 19 at noon. It is a group of local ladies that get together to provide informative talks on health. This education is an excellent step in ensuring the well-being of your loved ones.

We are delighted to announce our Annual Sale on the Trail on May 5 and 6. It's a full two days of bargains at garage sales, flea markets, antiques, entertainment, and more following the El Camino Real Trail across two states and six cities stretching over 100 miles from Natchitoches, LA. to Nacogdoches, TX.

The San Augustine Main Street organization will hold their annual Heritage Days event June 2 & 3, led by Liz Jones, the Executive Director of the Main Street group. It is an honor to highlight the rich heritage of our community with vendors on the San Augustine downtown square. I hope to see you there! For more information about these events, contact the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce or Liz Jones (Main Street Group) at 561-779-2143.



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# Happiness Is a Choice

by Mary Francis Johannessen

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



If life is good - smiles will come easy as we feel a sense of wellness, joy and contentment.

Happiness is defined as a state of being happy or a state of emotional well-being. Positive things happen and we experience positive evaluations of our actions.

Synonyms for happiness could be joy, excitement, gratitude, delight, pride, optimism, love, pleasure, success, safe, merriness, comfort, etc. As we experience daily living, changes occur that will make us balance work, play, family, and friends each day. Three wants we have are peace, money, and purpose in life and indeed are connected.

Everyday is a new day and you deserve happiness which boosts the immune system to a longer life. Our mind and thoughts shape how we view ourselves as well as the world around us. Be yourself, find someone to love, things to do, and do not compare yourself to others. Boost your self esteem and pursue dreams and challenges. Manage stress, write a daily diary entry, listen to music, spend more time outdoors, exercise, share hugs, take pride in your appearance, laugh and dream big, go dancing, light candles, get adequate rest, and focus on a healthy diet.

Verses in the Bible suggest happiness, such as Proverbs 15:13, Psalm 16:11, Romans 12:12 plus many others. Live in harmony with your mind, body, and soul. The more you make others happy: the happier you will be with them. The road to happiness can also be a satisfying job surrounded with a friendly social support system.

A great book was recommended *THE GOOD LIFE* by Robert Waldinger MD and Marc Schulz PhD. When we dedicate ourselves to a cause or recognize something bigger than ourselves, we can experience a sense of meaning that there is simply no replacement for living our perfect happy days together. Your smile during those ups and downs will be contagious to others and make the world a happier place one day at a time.

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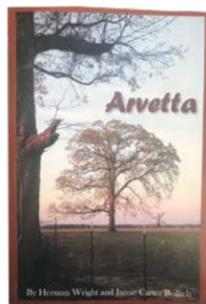
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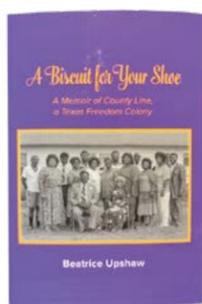
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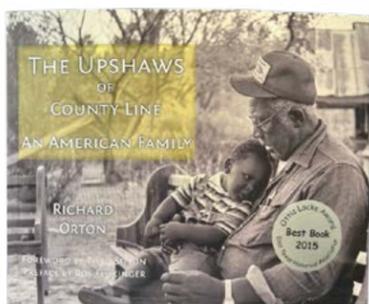
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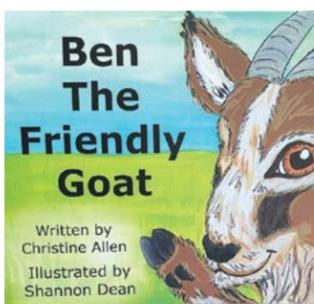
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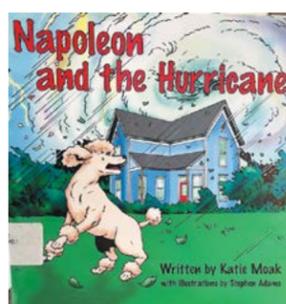
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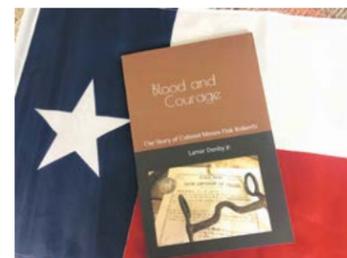
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### African-American History

(B) *A Biscuit for Your Shoe* by Beatrice Upshaw. Beatrice talks about her experiences of growing up in County Line and why they took a biscuit to church with them when they walked there. Available in the gift shop of the Museum of East Texas in Lufkin.

(C) *The Upshaws of County Line: An American Family* by Richard Orton. Richard has documented a generation of the Upshaws who live in the Nacogdoches community of County Line near Douglas, formerly a freedom colony. Also available in the gift shop of the Museum of East Texas in Lufkin.

### Children’s Books

(D) *Ben the Friendly Goat* by Christine Allen. Christine, a just retired employee of the Newton County Public Library, has written a lovely book for kids.

(E) *Napoleon and the Hurricane* by Katy Moak. Based on her experience with Hurricane Rita and the animals and evacuees; Katy has concocted a great book.

### English Language

*The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester. The story of James Murray and the making of the Oxford English Dictionary, Winchester relates the story of the contribution of Civil War American doctor Charles Minor to the dictionary. Published in England as *The Surgeon of Crowthorne*.

### Politics

Nonverts: *The Making of Ex-Christian America* by Stephen Bullivant. Bullivant maintains that later in the twenty first century, Christians will be a minority.

### Texas History

(F) *Blood and Courage: The Story of Colonel Moses Fisk Roberts* by Lamar Denby. With painstaking research for accuracy, Lamar has chronicled his ancestor’s attempts to serve in the Texas Revolution and help govern the new Republic.

### Author News

Lufkin native Julie Odom Rogers is poised to launch her new book *Falling Stars* on May 16, 2023.

Lamar University history professor Jeff Forret submitted the manuscript for his new book *Slave Ships to Freedom* to Oxford University in January and hopes it will be published this year. Two of his books *Williams Gang: A Notorious Slave Trader and his Cargo of Black Convicts* and *Southern Scoundrels: Grifters and Graft in the Nineteenth Century* have been published in the past, the former by Cambridge University Press, the latter by Louisiana State University Press. He is the Ralph and Edna Wooster Professor of History at Lamar University. Both of these are in stock and available for sale at Absolutely Fiction Bookstore in Lufkin, owned by Becky Jackson; contact her at (936) 639-4143.

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THEME: COLORS

**ACROSS**

1. Partner of pains
6. "Raiders of the Lost \_\_\_\_"
9. Opposite of flows
13. Flesh of fish
14. Grazing area
15. Soft palate hanger
16. Boatload
17. Wood-shaping tool
18. Old episode
19. \*Alice of "Color Purple" fame
21. \*Fruit and color
23. Long reef dweller
24. Sound of pain
25. Math class total
28. Excessively abundant
30. \*"Royal" color
35. Arrival times, acr.
37. \*Color quality
39. Shininess
40. White House "sub"
41. Spritelike
43. Cupid's counterpart
44. Serengeti grazer
46. \*Feeling blue
47. Hokkaido native
48. \*Color wheel inventor
50. Walk with a hitch
52. "Malcolm X" (1992) movie director
53. Stare open-mouthed
55. Napoleon of "Animal Farm," e.g.
57. \*Between blue and violet
60. \* \_\_\_\_ phobia, intense fear of colors
63. Opposite of cathode
64. North American country
66. Run \_\_\_\_ of the law
68. Geography class book
69. Local area network
70. It's firma
71. Has divine power
72. Banned insecticide, acr.
73. German surrealist Max

**DOWN**

1. "General Hospital" network
2. Crop of a bird
3. Zeus' sister and wife
4. Two under par on a golf hole
5. Meat-cooking contraption
6. Winglike
7. \*Predominant color of Mars
8. Type of membranophone
9. Like never-losing Steven
10. Town
11. \*Primary color
12. \_\_\_\_ Juan, Puerto Rico
15. 7th planet from the sun
20. Chosen few
22. Nicki Minaj's genre
24. Not womenfolk
25. \*Number of colors in a rainbow
26. Of service
27. Colorful parrot
29. \*The LumiÈre brothers' colorful creation
31. "Cheers" actress Perlman
32. Jeopardy
33. Sergio of Spaghetti Westerns fame
34. Follow as a consequence
36. Email folder
38. Cone-shaped quarters
42. Naiad or maenad
45. Motherless calves
49. Old horse
51. Long John Silver, e.g.
54. Modified "will"
56. Bottom-ranking employee
57. Opposite of "out of"
58. Hall of Fame Steelers' coach
59. June 6, 1944
60. " \_\_\_\_ Buy Me Love"

61. Between dawn and noon
62. Yours and mine
63. Expression of pleasure
65. Melancholy
67. Latissimus dorsi, for short

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# PUZZLE PAGES

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*Sudoku and Crossword answers from previous page.*

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## He's Alive

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Can you locate the words and phrases which are associated with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Although there is no apostrophe (') in the puzzle, it is assumed to be there. Careful! There are a few added words that aren't needed.

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|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Blood     | Darkness   | Golgotha      | Redemption   | Spear      |
| Burial    | Death      | He's Alive    | Resurrection | Suffer     |
| Christ    | Easter     | Jesus         | Risen        | Sunrise    |
| Condemned | Empty Tomb | Lamb of God   | Sacrifice    | Third day  |
| Cross     | Forgiven   | Messiah       | Sin          | Two angels |
| Crucify   | Friday     | Nails         | Soldiers     | Women      |
|           |            | Our Salvation |              |            |

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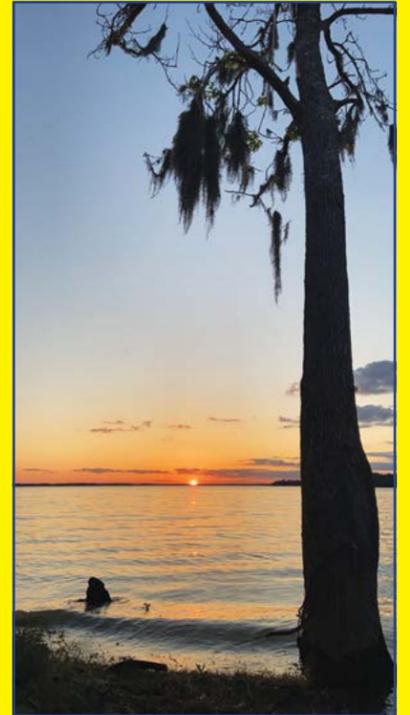
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April 2023

**Market on Main**  
305 E. Main Street  
Sat. Apr 1st: 10am-2pm

**Living History of Oak Grove Cemetery Tour**  
Oak Grove Cemetery  
Sat. Apr 1st 10am-1pm

**Spring Brewfest 2023**  
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center  
Sat. Apr 1st 12-6pm

**Nacogdoches Wine Swirl 2023**  
Downtown Nacogdoches  
Sat. Apr 1st 5-9pm

**SFA Gardens Garden Gala Day Plant Sale**  
SFA Native Plant Center  
Sat. Apr 1st & 2nd 9am

**Two One-Acts**  
Lamp Lite Theater  
Apr 1st, 7:30 pm & Apr 2nd, 2:00 pm

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
Millard's Crossing Historic Village  
Sun, Apr 2nd 1-5pm

**Bright Star**  
Baker Pattillo Student Center  
Apr 1st: 7:30 pm; Apr 2nd: 2:30pm & 7:30pm

**SORAC Crawfish Boil Cruise In**  
Ted Smith - State Farm Agent  
Tue. Apr 11th 5:30pm

**Stroll & Strum Open Mic**  
Millard's Crossing  
Thur. Apr 13th: 6-9pm

**Evan United Spring Carnival!!**  
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center  
Apr 13-15th

**Fifth Annual Kentucky Derby Dinner and Auction**  
The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center  
Fri. Apr 14th 6pm

**Spring Fest: Headliner Sean Kingston**  
Johnson Coliseum  
Fri. Apr 14th 8pm Doors Open @6:30

**Nac at Night! Outdoor Movie Experience**  
CVB Backstage  
Sat. Apr 15th 7:30pm

**Nac Short Film Fest 2023**  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Sat. Apr 15th 7pm

**The Helping House Family Kite Fest**  
556 Terry Crawford Drive  
Sun, Apr 16th 11am-4pm

**Crawfish for a Cause: Parks & Rec Fundraiser**  
Fredonia Brewery  
Sat. Apr 15th 12-10pm

**Robert D. Dickerson Memorial Golf Tournament**  
Woodland Hills Golf Course  
Tue. Apr 21st 5pm - Apr 23rd 4pm

**The Old Stone Fort Bicycle Ride**  
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center  
Sat. Apr 22nd 9am-3pm

**Nac Snack Friday**  
Downtown Square  
Fri. Apr 28th 11am-3pm

**Sacred Heart Multicultural Festival**  
2508 Appleby Sand Road  
Apr 29th-30th 10am-5pm

**Do Dat BBQ 2023 - \$15 per person**  
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center  
Sat. Apr 29th 10am-6pm

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

**Stone House Kitchen**  
4/15: Roaring 20s Murder Mystery Dinner  
4/16: Paint & Plaster Wall Art w Beautifully Made Nac  
4/22: Roaring 20s Murder Mystery Dinner  
4/23: Spring Welcome Door Hanger w Beautifully Made Nac  
4/29: Social Saturday

**Fredonia Hotel**  
4/9: The Fredonia Hotel's Easter Brunch 10am  
Music on the Patio Line Up:  
1/7: Johnathan Webster  
4/14: Larry Greer and The Shades of Blue  
4/21: Sean Christopher  
4/28: Ryan Paul Davis

**Red House Winery**  
4/1: Live music w Paula Ariza from 6-9pm  
4/7: Live music w Enrique Munguia 6-9pm  
4/14: Live music w Paula Ariza 6-9pm  
4/21: Live M+music w Enrique Munguia 6-9pm  
4/29: Live music with Jonathan Webster 6-9pm

**Lugnutz Bar & Grill**  
Thursday Steak Nights  
Karaoke & Burger Fridays  
Live Music Saturdays  
4/1: Down-Home Live 9pm-1am

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

**Fredonia Brewery**  
Wednesday Game Nights & \$1 off pints,  
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm  
4/15: Crawfish for a Cause!  
4/16: Nac Brew Club Monthly Meeting  
4/22: La Pompe-Swing Dance Event  
Music Schedule:  
4/8: The Buds  
4/14: Linda Licht  
4/15: The Habaneros  
4/22: La Pompe

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

**Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro**  
Trivia Monday's  
Wine Down Wednesday's  
Pint Night All Day Thursday's & Sunday Nights  
Live Music Schedule:  
4/1: Blue Louie

**Banita Creek Hall**  
Thursdays: Dance Lessons (7-8:30) & Ladies Night  
Fridays: Dollar Night  
4/1: Braxton Keith  
4/15: Priscilla Block  
4/22: Corey Kent  
4/29: Kolby Cooper w/ guest Ben Burgess

**Naca Valley Vineyard**  
Pizza on the Pavilion:  
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm  
Live Music:  
4/1: Randy C Moore LIVE @ 5:30pm  
4/8: Emily Atchison LIVE @ 5:30pm  
4/15: SFA steel drum band LIVE @ 5:30pm  
4/22: Ian Chandler LIVE @ 5:30pm  
4/29: Maryah and Martyn LIVE @ 5:30pm

**Front Porch Distillery**  
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LIVE music and Food Trucks every Fri. & Sat.  
4/1: Spring Goat Yoga  
4/1: Joe Cuellar Live / Chambers Smokehouse  
4/7: Josh Jaccard / Revolution Road Pizza  
4/8: Crawfish Boil: Nightfall Band/America's Best Crawfish  
4/14: Music: TBA / Chambers Smokehouse  
4/15: SiloSoul Band / Eat A Bite Food Truck  
4/21: Brian Winfield / Revolution Road Pizza  
4/22: Crawfish Boil 2: Jackson Pigg / America's Best Crawfish  
4/28: Randy C. Moore / Casa Del Bayou  
4/29: Kaelan Whitworth / Casa Del Bayou

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