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Bonnie and Clyde in Nacogdoches

by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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When the Great Depression swept through Texas and Nacogdoches it disrupted the everyday life of almost everyone. The Depression caused businesses and banks to fail, people lost farms that had been in families for generations, and almost all the rest who did not lose jobs or businesses saw their incomes and profits drastically reduced. Never before had the United States faced such a terrible economic downturn, and thankfully—largely due to the safeguards enacted by the New Deal and other federal governmental action—this nation never has again had to experience such commercial devastation.

The Depression also had another effect: it made “folk heroes” out of common—even brutal and sadistic—killers. Certainly, sensationalist media—newspapers, radio, and “news-reels” shown in theaters—looking for a way to sell advertising as well as generate an audience played a huge role in bringing these bandits great attention, however a larger social aspect also played a part. The despair of the Depression made people question their institutions, the broad assumptions that they held to be true—such as the infallibility of the American political and economic system—and they often looked for someone or something to blame. As was—and still is—often the case, those in power made natural targets for such blame, and since the Depression was an economic catastrophe, banks and the wealthy received a large number of arrows from the blame quiver of the public.

The casting of banks as villains of the Depression meant that when criminals



Bonnie & Clyde posing with shotgun, 1932

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Budweiser Clydesdales to Go to the Super Bowl

by Terri Lacher, Staff Writer
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If you have seen the world-famous Clydesdale commercials, you haven't seen anything until you see them up close and personal, which was exactly what the Nacogdoches community did during the holidays.

Jimmy Day, Branch Manager for R & K Distributors, made this happen for the first time since 2009. From a reception at the facility where the magnificent horses were on display, to several events around town, the Clydesdale horses were a great surprise for young and old alike.

According to Day, the Clydesdale horses are a symbol of excellence and quality for the Budweiser label since 1933 to celebrate the repeal of prohibition. Anheuser-Bush began their company in 1852, introducing Budweiser in 1876. This year Budweiser will be celebrating 150 years of service in the beverage industry. As one of the top advertisers, the Clydesdales will be featured in national ads during the 2026 Super Bowl.

Today, Budweiser's Clydesdales symbolize the brewer's heritage, tradition and commitment to quality, making hundreds of appearances across the country each year.

Preparation for the Clydesdale appearances requires a large team of dedicated handlers who travel with the horses about ten months out of the year. According to the history of the Clydesdales, they consume approximately 25 quarts of grains and minerals, 50 to 60 pounds of hay, and up to 30 gallons of water on



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such as John Dillinger, George “Baby Face” Nelson, or John “Red” Hamilton robbed those banks many people saw them not as the felons they were but almost as heroes striking back against those who caused this Great Depression. Of course, the crooks took advantage of such delusions, and they often projected an image almost like contemporary “Robin Hoods” who only stole from the wealthy. The reality of that image was mostly all myth, and in most instances these crooks did not discriminate between who they robbed or even who they killed.

Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker became two of the most famous of these criminals of the era, probably due to the unique aspect that half of the duo was a woman. They also gained a reputation as efficient thieves, as well as representative of those “Robin Hoods” of the Depression. The reality was that they were none of the sort. According to author Jeff Guinn in his *Go Down Together: The True Untold Story of Bonnie and Clyde*, they were the “two most incompetent criminals who ever got famous.” They bungled most of their attempts to rob banks, and their only real success was in raiding vending machines for change or stealing cars; in fact, stealing and driving cars was Clyde’s only real talent, and Bonnie was probably more “along for the ride” than a participant in any of the pair’s exploits. But, newspapers hungry for stories cast them as a glamorous pair who criss-crossed the country loving, robbing, and leaving a trail of destruction.



Bonnie and Clyde did spend much time in East Texas and Nacogdoches. Bonnie had relatives here, and Clyde’s lawyer, who was future Broadway star Ann Miller’s father, lived in Chireno. Thus, they no doubt did come to Nacogdoches to “hide out” from time-to-time. However, despite some local oral traditions, Bonnie and Clyde never robbed a bank or anything else in Nacogdoches, they did not maintain a house to the east of town to “hole up” in (perhaps people confused Clyde visiting his attorney with a house?), and Bonnie did not work at the diner located on the square downtown. Her sister did work there, but not the notorious femme fatale of the most famous bank robbing duo of the Great Depression. But, it makes a great story, doesn’t it?

(Read another of Scott’s stories on Page 32)

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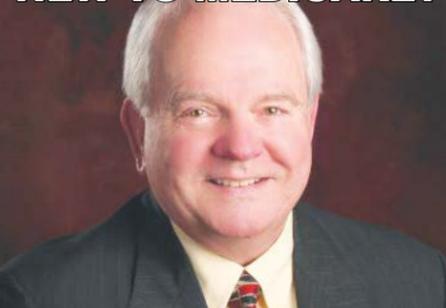
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a warm day. In addition to the large travel trailers for the horses, there are additional trailers transporting the beer wagon, and other “essential” equipment. Moving these great “beasts” is no easy task, so having them arrive in Nacogdoches County was a great undertaking.

For the residents of Nacogdoches and surrounding areas, the visit in December by the Clydesdales was more than special. Their appearances began at the R & K Distribution Facility with a meet and greet reception, giving guests an opportunity to have their pictures taken next to one of the Clydesdales. The horses had a full schedule around town, including being part of the annual Christmas parade, and a one-horse show on the Stephen F. Austin campus. It was quite a sight to see the excitement of adults and children lining up for pictures.

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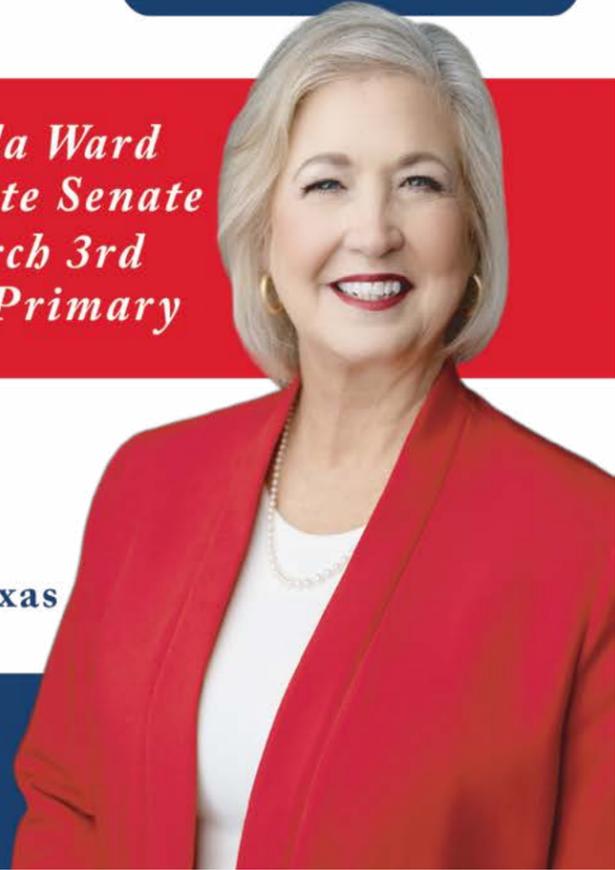
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Maybe

by Taylor Millard

As I have put more days behind me than I have ahead, I have tried to be a bit calmer in my daily approach to life. My friends would tell you that I remain steadfast in my usual excitable state regarding things like traffic, sports, parking lots and the media.

This is not a statement of one side or another of the mythical political aisle, just a view on what helps create a bit more calm. This is not my original life hack but that of a man named Chase Hughes, former CIA and expert on mental manipulation.



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.

He said something so simple but profound, to add perspective when hearing or observing anything that triggers an emotion, good or bad, just say to yourself, "Maybe." Maybe my team will come back and win after an awful start. Maybe a car will be leaving as soon as I turn into this full parking lot. Maybe that wreck will clear quickly as I see a long line of brake lights. Maybe the news is true or maybe not.

We all are manipulated by what feeds our environment and a hearty bit of skepticism can create a healthier you. Now I think that there are some things in life that we should have great faith, but that is reserved for God, not man, or algorithms.

The future of AI generated images is here and there is no better word we can learn than maybe. We face a world where we will literally be unable to trust our own eyes, or ears for that matter. AI can now mimic voices well enough that one of the new scams is a phone call from a company CEO using "their" voice to execute some action by an employee that allows access to hackers.

As we navigate in this new world of guess what's true, maybe we just try and return to being with our families and friends. We go to schools, jobs and churches and quit working from home as often. Nothing artificial, only reality. It is hard to have a deep fake when the people are across the table. We learn in varied ways but a teacher in a classroom is a genuine connection. We share our time together with God inside our chosen place of worship with those that share our religious views to create peace.

Our world changed during Covid and we lost the power of in person relationships. Many young people were affected by this, interrupting a key stage in their development. Virtual dating has failed young people because 90% of the women chose the same 10% of men. The tall ones, with great looks and making a huge salary get the women they want, the others are left to scramble for a woman with a very high opinion of herself. These are proven data points so do not be mad at the facts.

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T.J. Hassell – “Sharing Stories From Her Heart Through Music and Prose”

by Terri Lacher, Staff Writer
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TJ Hassell is a country girl at heart. Born in Jacksonville, Texas, deep in the heart of the Pineywoods, Tammy remembers running up and down Alexander Street as a young girl. When her family moved to Grapeland, Texas, she traded her Buster Brown's for a pair of basketball sneakers as soon as she was old enough to participate.

“All my people have been in East Texas for a very long time,” TJ shared. Her foundation of storytelling and music began at home from an early age through her parents and family singing at various church gatherings and performances. Her mother and her mother's sisters formed a gospel trio and included TJ in much of their music. Her father played guitar and harmonica, while her mother played piano. Their daughter has played fiddle since the age of eight and still plays in and around the Austin area.

Keeping up with the family tradition of music, TJ and her husband, Stuart, play and sing at the Ozark Folk Center in northern Arkansas and Texas as the acoustic duo, Stringfellows. TJ plays rhythm guitar and does vocals with Stuart, who is a Professor Emeritus of mathematics at East Texas A & M, when he is not “researching numbers.” During their performances, they share the rich, traditional folk music of the hills, interspersed with the storytelling gift she has crafted through the years. TJ has also included songwriting in her repertoire of many talents, adding some of their original songs in their sets. They began at the Folk Center playing mostly bluegrass and gospel, but have incorporated mountain tunes, including a bit of musical history as well to the park attendees.



Left to right, Stuart Anderson and T.J. Hassell perform together as Stringfellows

TJ said, “We really enjoy participating and have met folks from Finland, and North Dakota and Maine, and everywhere in between. It's the most fun when you realize fellow Texas have gathered around to listen to those mountain songs. We have to always be on our best behavior because Texas is not that big when it comes to having connections with other Texans.”

About her songwriting, TJ shares, “I'm not a prolific composer, but it's a nice challenge. It's the same way it is with literary writing — working toward a pleasing finished product, something worth listening to or reading.”

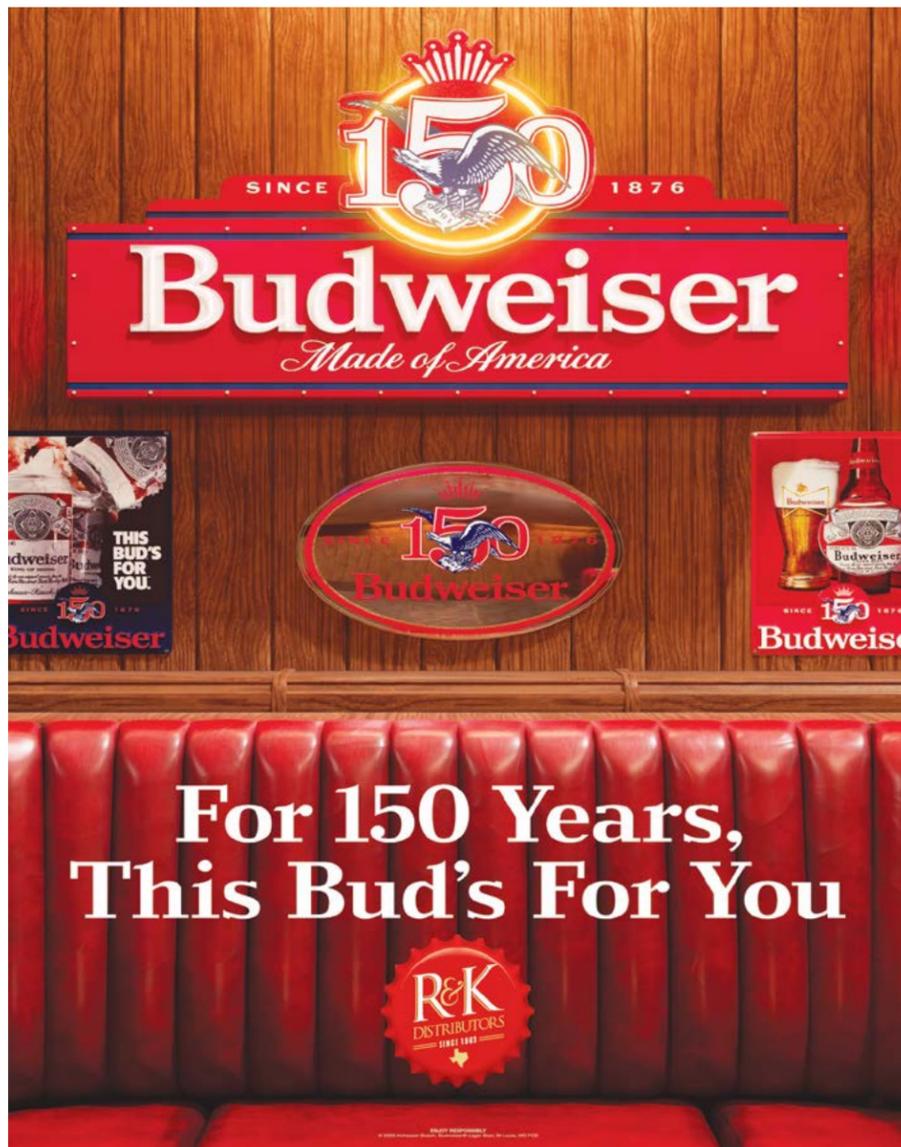
As a young girl, TJ said she discovered storytelling all around her. Her sister was a tenacious reader who would read aloud to her. By the time TJ was in third grade, she had a collection of short stories she had written, stapling them together in books with illustrated covers, none of which survived her mother's dedication to housekeeping.

Reminiscent of days gone by, the novelist shared that the art of storytelling was one of the “charming traits of that time” which she hopes will continue. One of her favorite things to do is to listen to her sons tell stories, since they are “usually funnier than most.” Throughout her thirty-plus years as a beautician and barber, TJ heard a lifetime of stories, some of which she has used in her books, but has changed the names and circumstances to “protect the hairdresser.”

“Some stories just needed to be put down, so I did,” TJ said. “There's no better storyteller than when someone is getting their hair cut. Be careful what you tell your hairdresser.”

From her childhood days of putting pencils to paper, Hassell began to pull together novels that filled the need for good clean reading in the literary fiction genre. She has shared stories of family sagas and mysteries with character conflict. She shared her books tell about good characters making bad choices, sprinkled with flawed actors around each corner.

“Because of this reality, it was important that the themes in the books include forgiveness, perseverance, and gratitude,” TJ said. Her books also incorporate characters who play mountain music, setting the mood for certain characters and scenes. She shared that music sets the mood, reminding people of the joy that music can bring into our lives.



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Presently, TJ has three novels that comprise the Travel Letters series which are available on Amazon. If preferred, signed copies can be accessed directly from the author. Her books are also available in north Arkansas and Branson, Missouri book stores as well as some East Texas bookshops.



Three novels by T.J. Hassell

Stringfellows and the novelist have scheduled music/book events in the area, but says they are open for more opportunities to preserve music and discuss books. The duo is a nice fit for book clubs, teacher associations, extension clubs, church groups and other friendly settings. TJ mentioned, “We enjoy helping preserve and share a few stories and songs and meeting nice folks along the way.” The Nacogdoches Public Library will be hosting a local author event on May 16th where you may hear Stringfellows and meet the author, TJ.

The author and Stringfellows can be contacted at TJHassell.com or TJHassell on Facebook.

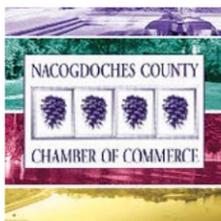


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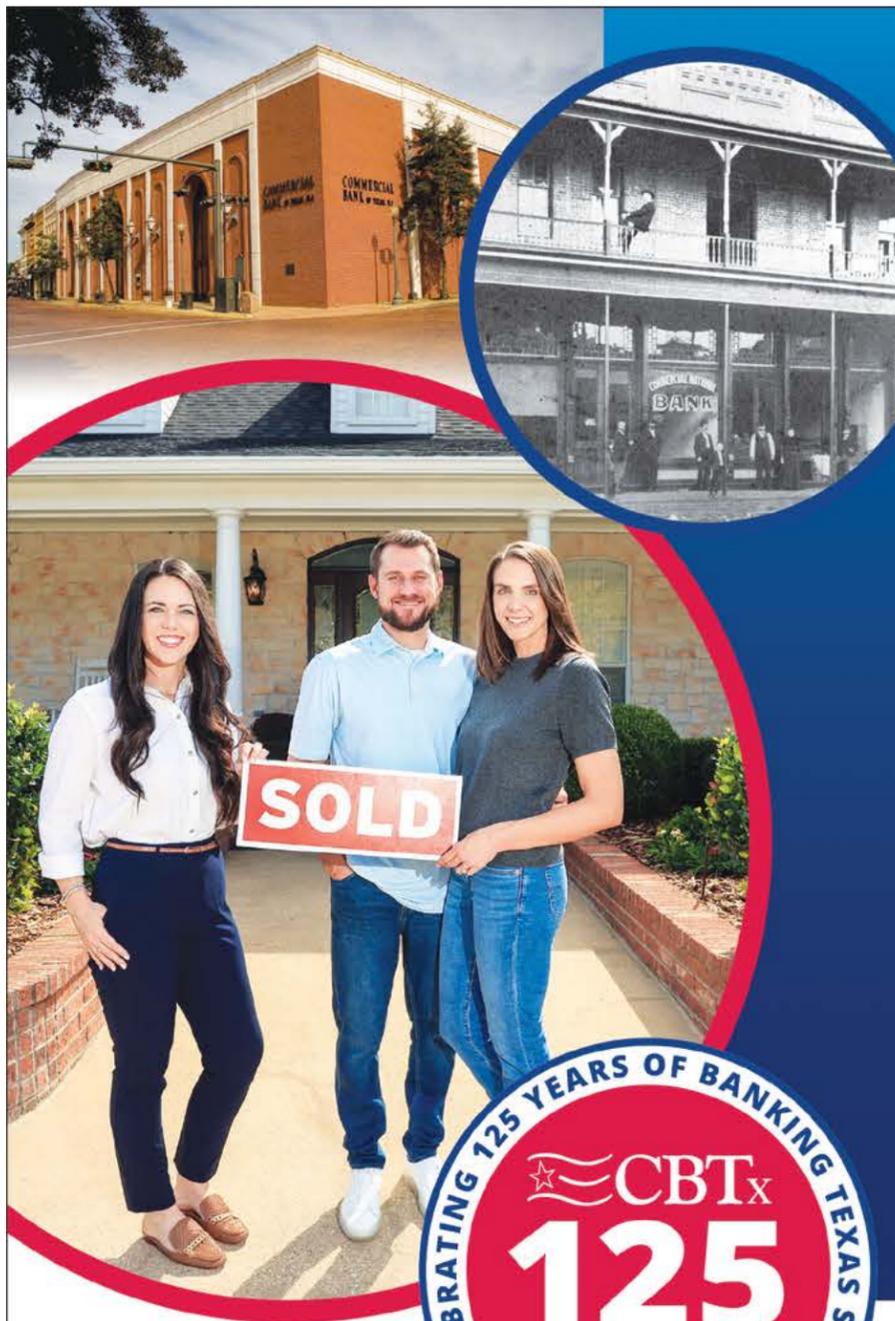
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Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

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Class Clown

by Robert McCandless

There I was. The class clown. Doing anything I could to rebel against authority. My artistic talent was noticed early by my high school art teacher. Problem was, the only things I wanted to draw were cartoons and to copy drawings of risqué girls. When she asked me to draw something else, in rebellion, I drew a beer can opener with the Schlitz logo on it. Realizing she wasn't getting through, her next attempt was with money.

"I notice you are really good making Old English style letters."

They were all over my notebook and text book covers.

"I will pay you ten dollars to draw a really nice capital 'A' with a leopard's head."

I goofed around and didn't do it, even after being asked several times if I had started. I guess I felt like I would be giving up the persona I sought so hard to maintain. She finally asked Eugene, another boy in class, and he finished it in two days. The image was made into a decal as the school logo and everyone had them in the rear windows of their cars before the year was over. I didn't. I continued to draw the nudes and was told, "One more and you will be out of my class." A dare? I did another and ended my secondary school art career.

I went on to do a little drawing here and there as the army and I shared time together. Upon my release from duty I decided to enroll in art classes at the local community college and when I decided to continue at a major university, I was asked by the department dean if "I wanted to paint bluebonnets or change the world."

Of course I told him I wanted to change the world, being immersed in the Hippie scene of the time and still rebelling against "The Establishment."

The art students and teachers seemed to be attempting to express their angst and political views and I did my best to go along but it seemed that there was no real future in it...financially. You could say I found myself mopping floors, broke, along with the rest of the arts crowd.

The term "starving artist" lost it's glow. I didn't want to be famous after I died. I didn't even want to be famous alive. I just wanted to make a living at something I loved to do...making things.

After having a paradigm shift, my efforts were immediately rewarded with a career in arts and crafts. I began to listen to what people wanted or liked and stopped thinking they should like anything I do because, "I'm an artist."

I found that very few of my many clients wanted a political statement or an expression of someone else's existential struggle on their living room wall.

Today, artists and students are required to spend as much time attempting to explain, through artist's statements and dissertations, why they do what they do, sometimes, at the expense of craftsmanship and skill. I doubt any of the famous artists had "Artist's Statements" until art historians wrote them posthumously.

Artist statements have gotten so vague and cloaked, there are comical web-sites poking fun at them.

I watch, today, as some "artists," like many in our culture, feel they are entitled to a safety net. At a follow up meeting after a large art show, I actually heard a participant ask if they could get their booth fee back because they didn't sell anything. I was surprised they didn't ask for gas and hotel compensation too.

The Lord blessed me by opening up opportunities that allowed me to develop the skills needed to produce art, allowing me to collaborate with designers and architects along with homeowners in creating what they wanted. It wasn't long before clients began asking me to, just do whatever I wanted. Even then, no one ever got my angst or existential struggle installed in their homes or businesses.

I listened to people and took their input to use my skills in building things they loved although I may not have. Those same skills were used in my studio as I began to make what Robert wanted to make, until I could find a market for it.

I believe there are a lot of great artists who, as I once felt, feel the need to use their talent as a tool to describe the struggle one sees in the world around us. I believe many people have great ideas and lack the skills to produce them. If an artist will listen carefully and serve others with their skills, they will find a common thread between their service and creativity. It beats mopping floors and doing art marketing on the side.

I'm reminded of a lesson learned each time I drive through Oak Cliff, near my old high school. The decal of Eugene's artwork is still being displayed in car windows, fifty-eight years later.

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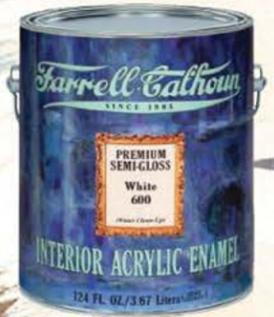
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Cheryl Brady is a native of El Dorado, Arkansas. Following graduation from college as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG), she went on to serve twenty-eight years as a U.S. Army logistics officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. She was 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.



Biblical Compromise —Avoid It at All Costs

You will be hated by all for My name's sake – Matthew 10:22

The Bible is the truth come from God. It is His story of creation—including the first male and female of the human race—it is the only God-ordained way mankind can be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1:27-28). It is God's story of sin and its devastating consequences; the birth of the Jewish nation; the virgin birth of Jesus—the Son of the Highest; the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins and our salvation; His burial and resurrection; His ascension and His coming again. The Bible is God's word concerning all things pertaining

to the past, the present and the future and I'm sticking to it! How about you?

Christians are going along with the winds of cultural and societal changes in order to get along and to get ahead. Jesus said we would be hated by all for His name's sake and He's using Satan and the people under his power to fulfill His word. If you have not discerned the times in which we are living in America, let me help you. Persecution is coming to a place near you. Are we prepared to stand and to keep standing for biblical truth when our faith and beliefs are confronted? Or will we compromise to try to escape hardships and difficulties persecution brings? Will we try to escape the fiery furnace and the den of lions by compromising, bowing down to the world's gods and the world's ways? Or will we be bold and courageous enough to declare to power and to the lost people of this world the words of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, “we do not serve your gods” (Daniel 3:18). Yet in reality, we see professing Christians deny Christ, His ways and His word by compromising with the wicked, turning away from eternal truth, piercing their own soul.

Jesus did not come to bring peace. He came to bring a sword to households, neighborhoods, cities and states across America and the world. Jesus was hated without a cause. Jesus said, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you” (John 15:18). The devil hated Him so much that he led the efforts for Jesus' betrayal by Judas (John 13:21-30; 18:2) and His execution by way of crucifixion on a cross (John 19:14-16). Yet the Bible tells us it was the Father's plan all along (Gen. 3:15; Is. 53:10). Trials will come to test the believers faith. It is part of God's plan for His people. Jesus said, “A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also” (John 15:20). Persecution, expect it. Why? “For [Jesus'] name sake because they do not know [the Father] who sent [Jesus]” (John 15:21).

When you think about compromising your biblical beliefs it may be helpful to remember you were bought with a price. The high cost of the life of the sinless one, Jesus, on your behalf. When you think about compromising your allegiance to Christ, it may be helpful to remember you are a born-again Christian, a new creation, counted among God's people who are no longer of this world. It will be helpful to remember this world is not our home. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are pilgrims passing through on our journey to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10). Though we may hold citizenship in this or another country, our allegiance is to Christ above all others as we live out our purpose, fulfilling our kingdom assignment under the governmental authority God has established.

I urge you not to compromise who you are in Christ, selling out to the enemy for temporary earthly gain. This world with all of its attractions and temptations—its applause, its fame and riches and glory and all of its unholy alliances against our God will soon come to an end. We commit spiritual adultery with the god of this world when we compromise by affirming, supporting and yielding our time, talents and treasures to that which is evil in the sight of Almighty God. Will you stand for truth, the whole truth and nothing but God's truth at all costs?

“Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get—only with what you are expecting to give—which is everything.” — KATHARINE HEPBURN

Drunker Than Cooter Brown

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.



Like me, I am sure that you have heard the phrase descriptive of total inebriation, "Drunker than Cooter Brown." The phrase is in common usage by both white and black southerners. The question is who is Cooter Brown and why was he such an infamous drunk? Well, the question is enough to drive a person to drink because very little can be found about Mr. Brown, although there are quite a few bars scattered around the country that call themselves "Cooter Browns."

There are only a couple of theories that I could find about the origin of Cooter Brown and his drinking. One theory is that Cooter Brown was a real man who lived during the mid-nineteenth century. Cooter reportedly resided somewhere along the innocuous line that divided the North and the South. Cooter's relatives of both Northern and Southern blood lived in the surrounding hills and valleys. It was fatefully only Cooter that lived right on the dividing line.

It is reported that Cooter Brown was a bi-racial man, half Cherokee and half black, a trapper by trade who lived alone in an old shack. When the civil war broke out, Cooter didn't want to choose sides because he didn't know who might win. He didn't like people much and was fearful of either side. Because of this, Cooter, who was a heavy drinker anyway, began drinking all the time. He always dressed like an Indian so as to confirm the fact that he was an Indian and not a black, and as such was a free man.

As tensions grew war became imminent. He found himself in quite the quandary – his position on the Mason-Dixon Line proved him eligible for enrollment in either side of the war. He was faced with the impossible position of deciding which side, and which family members with which to side. So, Cooter chose a third option – he got drunk, and stayed drunk. He got so drunk and stayed so drunk that he became useless to either side and therefore ineligible for service in the entire Civil War.

By the time the war ended, Cooter couldn't stop drinking if he had wanted to. Whenever soldiers, Yanks or Rebels, showed up in the area they would always find him drunk. Often he'd offer the soldiers a drink.

One night his shack caught fire and burned completely to the ground. When locals investigated the burned site the next day, there was nothing that remained of Cooter's body. They surmised that old Cooter had so much alcohol in him that he had just burned up. Ever since that fateful day, Cooter Brown has been synonymous with drunkenness.

Another theory is that Cooter is the slang term for a turtle. Another spelling is "coota." The derivation seems to be the West African words "kuta" or "kuts," all meaning a turtle. Now, what does it mean to be drunk as a turtle? Could it be slow, lumbering, and unable to perform any complicated task? It may not make much sense, but it is an accepted theory. If anyone can enlighten me as to how a turtle became a symbol of alcoholic inebriation, I'll be very appreciative.

So, I'll put my money on the side of the real Cooter Brown who remained drunk throughout the entire Civil War.

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The Heart of Love INC: Volunteers Who Bring Hope to Life



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

At Love In the Name of Christ, our mission has always been simple and profound: to mobilize the local church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. That mission comes alive every single day through the faithful, compassionate volunteers who serve with us. They are the hands and feet of Jesus in Nacogdoches quietly meeting needs, building relationships, and reminding families that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

Why Volunteers Matter: Every story of hope that begins at Love INC starts with a volunteer. Whether they're answering phones, sorting donations, praying with a neighbor, or delivering a bed to a child who has never had one, volunteers create the relational bridge that makes transformation possible. Their service opens doors for the gospel to be shared in meaningful, personal ways.

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Home Visit Teams: Trained volunteers visit families in their homes to understand their needs, build relationships, and to see neighbors in their home environment. This is important because we don't want to decide they are in need solely based on paperwork the neighbor brings us. These visits are where transformation deepens through listening, prayer, and genuine care.

Warehouse & Delivery Team: From sorting donations to delivering furniture, these volunteers ensure families receive what they need with dignity and respect. Delivering items to the home gives us another opening to share the significance of Jesus by physically demonstrating the hands and feet of Jesus.

Fresh Start Program: Mentors and facilitators walk alongside individuals seeking long-term change. Volunteers encourage, teach, and support participants as they build new skills and pursue stability.

Seasonal & Special Events: From our Back to School and Christmas outreach to CHAIRished Blessings, volunteers create moments of joy and connection for hundreds of families each year.

Prayer Partners: Many volunteers serve behind the scenes, faithfully praying for families, volunteers, churches, and the ministry as a whole. Their intercession is a quiet but powerful foundation.

The Impact of Serving: When volunteers step into these roles, they do more than complete tasks; they build relationships that restore hope. They remind families that they are not defined by their circumstances. They help churches live out their calling to love their neighbors. And they strengthen the fabric of our community one connection at a time.

Join Us: If you've ever wondered how you can make a difference, Love INC is a beautiful place to begin. Whether you have one hour a week or one day a month, your gifts can be used to bless families and glorify Christ.

The Love INC staff should only serve as the bridge between those who need help and those called to help. The staff cannot take the place of ministry given freely by God's people who volunteer in love. You are invited to serve, to care for the least of these, and to share the hope of surrendering to Christ. In eternity there will be no divisions only God and His people.

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Film Screening at Zion Hill: *Raise Your Head Up*, a Documentary and Photo Exhibit by Richard Orton

Nacogdoches Historic Sites will host a special film screening of *Raise Your Head Up*, a documentary by Richard Orton, on Friday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Zion Hill Baptist Church Historic Site, located at 324 North Lanana Street. The screening will include an introduction by Orton, followed by a Q&A session with the filmmaker.

Raise Your Head Up is the result of decades of research and relationship building. The documentary explores the history and legacy of freedom colonies in East Texas, communities established by formerly enslaved African Americans after Emancipation. The film began with Orton's first visit in 1988 to the Freedom Colony of County Line in northwest Nacogdoches County, where he began documenting the Upshaw family and learning about the community's history.

"In the beginning, my only objective was to satisfy my curiosity, enjoy the family, and make photographs that represented who they are," said Orton. "After many years, that work led to a book, a traveling photo exhibit, and eventually to meeting descendants from other freedom colonies. Learning their histories and forming those relationships ultimately led to the creation of this film."



In conjunction with the film screening, the photo exhibit, *The Upshaws of County Line*, will be on display in the Zion Hill gallery beginning February 11. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular operating hours. The exhibit was originally developed by the Stephen F. Austin State University School of Art and builds upon Orton's book, *The Upshaws of County Line: An American Family*, published in 2014.

The film screening and exhibit are presented in partnership with Nacogdoches Historic Sites, the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative, the African American Heritage Project, Friends of the SFA Friends of the Visual Arts, the Summerlee Foundation, and Alex and Suzanne Labry.

The film screening is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Registration is available through Eventbrite.com. Anyone needing assistance with registration may call 936 560 4441.

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

February in Nacogdoches brings cooler days and plenty of reasons to get out and explore. From Valentine's Day celebrations to downtown sipping and SFA basketball action, the month is full of events that make winter anything but dull.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, Nacogdoches offers no shortage of ways to celebrate love, romantic or otherwise. The month kicks off with the Sweetheart Market on Main on February 7th, when 305 East Main St. fills with local vendors, handmade goods, and sweet finds perfect for gifting. It's an ideal stop for those looking to shop small while discovering something meaningful for a loved one, or yourself.

For couples planning a classic Valentine's date night, The Republic Steak House provides a timeless option with an upscale menu and elegant atmosphere, making it easy to enjoy a special evening together. Whether it's a long dinner or a celebratory night out, it's a go-to spot for marking the occasion.

Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. Muddy Pants Pottery invites the community to A Heart Day Celebration for Everyone on February 14th from 2-6 pm. This creative, come-as-you-are event offers a relaxed space to paint pottery, spend time with friends, or enjoy a solo afternoon of creativity and self-care.

Beyond Valentine's Day, February brings another reason to explore downtown. From February 13th through March 16th, Nacogdoches Main Street hosts the Downtown Sip Around, a month-long drink competition featuring cocktails, mocktails, coffee creations, and more from downtown restaurants and cafés. Participants can sip their way through town, sample unique creations, and vote for their favorites, making it a fun and flavorful way to support local businesses throughout the season.

Sports fans also have plenty to look forward to this month, as Stephen F. Austin State University basketball is in full swing. Home games at Johnson Coliseum bring high-energy crowds, school spirit, and exciting matchups that make for a great night out. Whether you're a lifelong Lumberjack fan or attending your first game, SFA basketball adds an extra spark to February in Nacogdoches.

Whether you're planning a romantic evening, a creative afternoon, or a spirited night cheering on the Lumberjacks, February in Nacogdoches offers something for everyone. With seasonal events, downtown experiences, and community traditions filling the calendar, it's the perfect time to explore, connect, and enjoy everything that makes Nacogdoches special. To keep up with Nacogdoches and community events, make sure to check out our website at visitnacogdoches.org/events. We can't wait to see y'all *around the town!*

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A Primer on... Hot Dogs!

by Mike Mills

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

One of the perks of retirement is the ability to let my mind wander when it comes to sharing this screed among you, my east Texas friends. If you've been among my readers for a while, you know of the tessellation of subjects that may appear under my byline. (I also like to toss in words like 'tessellation' as a means of enhancing my vocabulary, assuming I can remember it afterward, which is not all that likely.)



For some reason the other day, I thought of a childhood experience involving my first hot dog at the Nacogdoches County fair back when the fairground was on South Fredonia Street near the Lone Star Feed complex. I still remember seeing steam locomotives on the nearby railroad track, so this had to have been in the early 1950s. I'm pretty sure it was the first hot dog my parents purchased for me from a vendor. It was a cool October night, and I can almost smell the aroma of the wieners and the chopped onions on the griddle. The marriage of these with a warm bun and some mustard was nearly hallucinogenic. Perhaps this fleeting happy memory was the catalyst for my curiosity about the origin of this classic American treat.

After a little research, it became clear that there are multiple versions of the annals of hot dog development, so it is anyone's guess as to the accuracy of the account you are reading. Nevertheless, there are certain elements that are mostly agreed upon, namely, that casings stuffed with meat have existed for a very long time, probably traceable to the Sumerians in 3,000 B.C. Furthermore, it is fairly settled that the modern hot dog has its roots in Germany. The term 'frankfurter' comes from Frankfurt, where a sausage made with pork was popular. The term 'wiener' refers to Vienna (Wien in German) where a similar sausage was made. German immigrants brought their sausage-making traditions to the United States in the 19th century, selling their sausages largely in their neighborhoods.

The term 'hot dog' is believed to have gained wide popularity in the mid-20th century, when American soldiers based in Europe during World War I encountered the sausages and coined the term based on the low-slung dachshund dog that is similar in appearance and indigenous to Germany. When the soldiers returned home, the hot dog rapidly became a cultural icon with certain varieties named after their cities of origin, such as the Chicago dog with its disturbingly green relish, the New York dog with mustard and sauerkraut and the Coney Island dog topped with chili and sometimes cheese.

In 1936, Oscar Mayer rolled out the first hot dog food cart that eventually morphed into the Wienermobile, and the rest is history. Oh, it just occurred to me that I wrote a column about the Wienermobile in the October 2024 issue of *Around the Town*, in case you're compelled to read more about it-something I would find a little troubling.

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The Falling Star Gallery show **Passports: New Work by Art Educators** will close on Saturday, February 14 with a reception inside the gallery from 2–4pm. The night before, Friday, February 13 @ 5:30pm, there will be an art talk by two of the educators, Luke Russell and Mandy Clay. They will talk about the inspiration for their work. The Art Talk will be at the NAC Annex, 141 Walker Street (behind the brewery), just a couple of blocks from the gallery. Passports now open every Saturday 11–4.

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February Artist Spotlight - meet Mandy Clay!

Currently teaching art at Nacogdoches High School, Mandy Clay has a long history of creating: ceramics, painting, even her own paintbrushes. She grew up in and around Nac. Her parents split up when she was little. Dad remained in Nac and her mom moved north to New Boston, Texas. “I also had a grandma in Timpson,” said Mandy. Her dad was artistic in his youth, painting and sculpting, but got no support for it at home. “My grandfather burned my father’s art supplies for entertaining such notions, but that never happened to me. I got encouragement. Art has absolutely been a saving grace for me and for my students’ lives.”



This single mom is one of four artists currently featured in “Passports: New Work by Artist Educators” at the Falling Star Gallery, which opened on January 10. Mandy said, “I hated high school and dropped out, but realized quickly that every job I wanted to apply for required at least an associate’s degree. So I knew I had to go back to school.” After getting her GED, Mandy enrolled in community college and ultimately, transferred to SFA where she earned a BFA and MA in art about ten years ago. “I fell in love with art history, the whole arts scene and with the art professors there.” She also credits her faith for guiding her artistic vision while she navigated through personal trauma and the isolation that came with COVID. “My Saviour was in the Word and the Book of Jeremiah,” Mandy said.

Mandy makes ceramics and also paints, and she points out that her art mostly deals with trauma. The show at Falling Star showcases one ceramic piece of hers, a traditional wedding vessel whose handle is broken and repaired with gold in the



Japanese tradition of *kintsugi*. “It’s a way of highlighting the trauma to the piece and making the broken spot beautiful.”

Mandy makes her own paintbrushes with her own hair. “I love kung fu movies and I once saw one called *Hero* where a character had a paintbrush the size of a mop with long bristles of horse hair and he was teaching traditional calligraphy with it. I wondered how to get a paint-

brush like that. The art supply websites had nothing, so I decided I needed a haircut and I made my own gigantic brush with the ends of my hair and a shaft of bamboo.” Some of Mandy’s handmade paintbrushes are also on display at Falling Star. Mandy will be part of the Art Talk scheduled for February 13. The show closes on February 14.

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February Stress and Heart Health

February often asks a lot of people.

The holidays are over, the days are still short, and winter has a way of settling in deeper than expected. For many families in Deep East Texas, February is when bills keep stacking up, routines feel heavier, and stress hasn't let up as people hoped it would.

February is also American Heart Month, a time when we are encouraged to think about heart health. People usually talk about heart health in terms of food and exercise. What gets less attention is how stress and constant fatigue wear people down, which is often when alcohol or drugs start to feel like a way to cope.

What many people don't realize is how closely substance use and heart health are connected. Alcohol and certain drugs can raise blood pressure, disrupt heart rhythm, weaken the heart muscle, and increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Over time, even routine or socially accepted uses can take a toll.

The effects are rarely limited to one person. Families notice the changes. Conversations grow shorter or more tense. Parents sense something is off but struggle to put it into words. Teenagers may try to fit in or escape feelings they do not yet know how to manage.

Genuine change usually doesn't arrive all at once. It shows up when people start noticing patterns they have learned to live with, like conversations they avoid, habits that are harder to manage than they used to be, or stress that never really lets up.

February doesn't have to be about big gestures or sudden change. For many people, it starts by noticing the signs they have been pushing aside, whether that's ongoing stress, health concerns, or changes at home that feel harder to ignore. In Deep East Texas, some families choose to reach out to the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council, often starting with a simple phone call to 936-634-5753.

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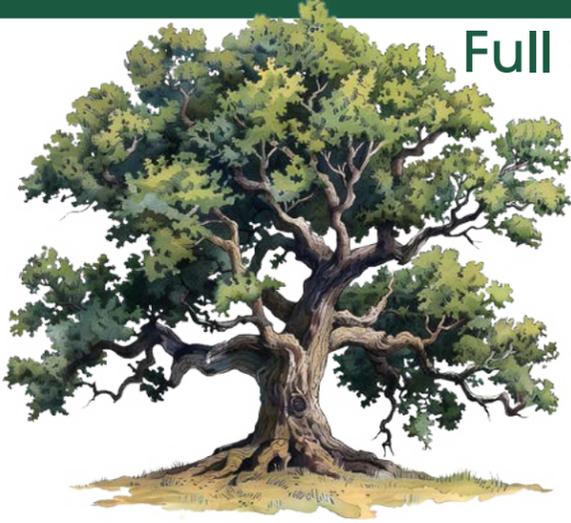
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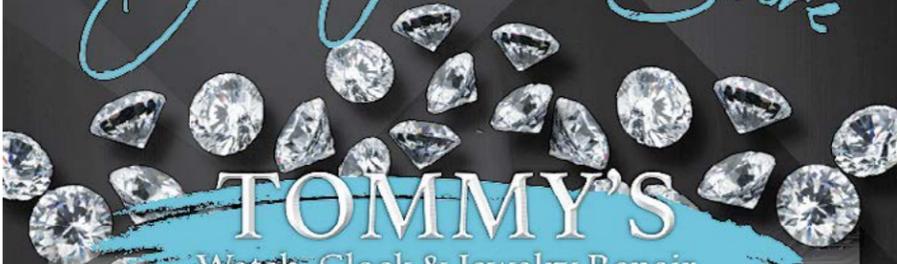
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What Kind of Music Do You Like?

by Robert McCandless

In search of the answer I stopped to think... In the sixties music began to change dramatically, from the Perry Como and Patti Page songs that were so popular on radio in the fifties. The transition came with new voices like Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis, and Little Richard, bringing sounds that some of our parents complained to be from evil spirits. Separation of races in the south created a lot of resistance to the sounds and singers... at least among the older folks. About the only acceptable black singers were the likes of Nat King Cole and Johnny Mathis as my music choices were forever changed early on in my life.

At the age of 16, I met a fellow named Bill Showalter through a neighborhood friend. Bill was a laborer and worked in the warehouses and construction sites that were predominately held by black men, in those days. Bill was dark complected (Black Dutch he said) and made friends with a lot of his co-workers. His father was a car salesman at the Lincoln Mercury dealership just across the Commerce St. bridge in downtown Dallas. His brother, a successful SMU football star, owned a couple of gas stations in North Dallas. Bill claimed to have tried out for the Dallas Cowboys when the team formed in 1960. Bill never grew up. Bill was 34 when I met him.

My mother and father owned a rooming house on Ninth St. across from Mr. Gray, a childhood mentor, whom I sat on the porch with every afternoon in good weather. It was through him that I met Bill as he came to sit on the porch with us many times. Bill said he had dated a girl who lived at our rooming house and that they were in a motorcycle wreck where she had died. I remembered the motorcycle pulling up that day to get her and the police coming to our door the next day to inform us of her death. I also remember her husband arriving at our door after several days searching for her and my father giving him the news. It may have been the first time I saw a man cry.

Bill had the scars on his head showing his bout with the accident. A couple of deep holes proved concrete was harder than bone. Bill drank a lot and I was getting to the age where drink fascinated me, so we made friends.

He took me under his wings and often he would buy a case or two of beer on Friday and off we would go to Lake Dallas, Galveston, or Turner Falls Oklahoma for the weekend, staying up all night or sleeping in the back of his 58 Chevy pickup. He was a big guy and I felt safe around him having been picked on by some of the bullies at Adamson High. My father had died in 1960 and I was in search for someone to fill his place.

Bill also liked to hang out at the bars in South Dallas and would take me with him occasionally. It was uncommon to see a kid in a bar, much less a white kid in a black bar, but tagging along with Bill made it somehow acceptable. I was sort of an oddity and got a lot of positive attention from everyone. They didn't seem to mind that I took swigs of beer in plain view from Bills bottle. The police didn't frequent the places and TABC found no reason to monitor them.

From the jukebox came sounds I had not heard on Top 40 stations like KLIF and KBOX. The sounds of Big Mama Thornton, Lightnin' Hopkins, Ray Charles, Leadbelly, Ike and Tina Turner, and many more were so far removed from what everyone else was listening to. When we cruised around quaffing Pearl, Bill's car was always at WRR on the dial where Dave Brubeck, Stan Getz, Charlie Parker, and others were played at night on Cab's Caravan. Bill also tried to introduce me to classical "long hair" music but I guess it never stuck. Ironic that 5 years later Rock would be a better example of the term.

With the times, I changed. Rock and Roll came as a way of fitting in with popular culture. For years, I listened, until a few years ago, either the music got louder and drowned the lyrics, the singers became incoherent in pronunciation, or my hearing has deteriorated, as evidenced by the devices I now wear behind my ears from standing in front of the stage at Willie concerts.

As a result I have come to describe my current musical preferences as having changed from young white guys to old black men.

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The King of Western Swing

by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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Texas has produced a number of musical artists that have either revolutionized their chosen genre or charted a new path for music itself. Ornette Coleman essentially invented “free jazz,” Willie Nelson and other Texas artists changed the entire direction of country music with their “outlaw” sound, and Buddy Holly injected new arrangements and techniques into the nascent birth of rock-and-roll. However, perhaps no Texas musical talent has so conclusively and fully blazed a new musical path like Bob Wills, the inventor of “western swing.” Wills combined jazz, blues and Big Band arrangements with traditional country instrumentation to create a new sound—Western Swing, which would in turn apply great influence on the progression of country music. As Ken Burns’ documentary on country music said about Wills, “He brought a new degree of sophistication and arrangement to ‘hillbilly music,’ one that reflected his Texas roots and that changed how we hear country music into the present.”

James Robert Wills was born to a sharecropping farmer and his wife in the small central Texas town of Kosse in 1905. His father, like so many other small Texas farmers of the era caught in the hard grip of a southern “agricultural ladder” that restricted most of them on the lowest rung, struggled to make it on the lands he worked. John T. Wills had to supplement his income in a number of ways, and one of those was to be a sought-after fiddle player for dances throughout the countryside. His son would follow in his footsteps. The Wills family moved to a new farm, one that he was able to purchase, in Hall County (in the Panhandle) when Jim—as his family called him—was eight. Their farm was between Lakeview and Turkey, and while John Wills was able to buy his land, farming cotton in the Texas Panhandle in the teens and the twenties was not for the faint of heart. The family continued to struggle financially.

Young Jim Bob Wills worked the field from an early age. When he could, his father hired laborers to help with planting and harvest, and most of those were itinerant African American laborers. Young Wills spent a majority of his time with these laborers and their children and he became an eager student in learning their musical styles and dances. The Black workers that he took such note of played and sang jazz and blues music, and Wills began to mimic their style, but since he played a fiddle like his father he played their tunes on the instrument he had, Wills’ lessons on the family farm was the beginning of “western swing.”

Jim Bob Wills was eager to make his own way, so he left the family farm when he was 16. He began to “ride the rails,” hopping trains as they moved across the Southwest. He drifted from town to town and took whatever jobs he could to earn his way; sometimes that job was playing his fiddle at local dances, while at other times he worked for whatever wages he could on farms or other low-paying jobs. He finally tired of such a nomadic life and when he was 22 he found a way to attend barber school. He married his first wife, Edna, in 1927 and moved to Roy, New Mexico, where he barbered, for a bit and finally went back to his hometown of Turkey. He found a job at Hamm’s Barber Shop where he remained for a year. Still restless, Wills moved to Fort Worth in 1929.

Like his father, Wills made extra money fiddling at dances and other musical shows besides working as a barber. He continued doing just that in Fort Worth. There he fell in with a minstrel show, which led Wills to don “black face” and besides playing the violin he appeared in comedy sketches. He played the violin and did some singing—although as a vocalist Wills was limited and mostly “talked” his lyrics—accompanied by two guitarists and a banjo player. Because there was another “Jim” in the show, he began to go by Bob. The name stuck and became his stage name from that point forward. He made his first record while in Fort Worth, although the record went unissued by the recording company.

It would be in Fort Worth where Bob Wills’ music began to evolve. While he had always included some elements of jazz and blues that he had learned from the African Americans he had worked with as a boy, he began to add elements of “rowdy city blues” to his repertoire. He idolized Bessie Smith and Emmet Miller, and it was their stylings that he began to incorporate into his traditional line-up of waltzes and “breakdowns” he had learned from his father. He also began to develop his distinctive vocal style, patterned after Miller and Al Bernard. It was more of a “patter” than singing. It would eventually evolve into his unique “A-ha” that he would use to accompany vocalists in his Texas Playboys. He would also use it to signify changes he wanted his band to make as they played and also to call for solos.



Bob Wills – March 6, 1905-May 13, 1975. Photo by Michael Stanhope

It was in Fort Worth that Wills formed his first real show band. He had met Herman Arnsperger when he was a guest at a radio show and, with Milton Brown joining as lead vocalist they called themselves the Wills Fiddle Band. Wills—pushed by Brown—began to bring more innovation and experimentation to their music, making greater use of jazz syncopation and “call and response.” They also changed their name to the Aladdin Laddies. But, Wills’ life would change most dramatically after he played as a guest on WBAP radio, the station with the strongest signal in all of the South. After the appearance, Burrus Mills, the makers of Light Crust Flour, offered Wills, Brown, and Arnsperger a regular spot on the WBAP with Burrus as the sponsor. The added income of a regular paycheck appealed to Wills and he and the band signed on. Burrus billed them as “The Light Crust Doughboys” and they became a hit. Wills and Brown began to add elements that would eventually become known as Western Swing, such as twin fiddles, a tenor banjo, and a slap bass.

Burrus brought in Wilbert Lee “Pappy” O’Daniel to manage their Fort Worth operation in 1925 and then put him in charge of PR and advertising in 1928. O’Daniel hated “hillbilly music” (although he would, in the end, use such musicians to great effect when he entered politics), so he fired Wills and the Light Crust Doughboys. The public outcry was loud and it forced O’Daniel to hire them back after a month. Still, O’Daniel—who began to appear on the weekly show more often as the Master of Ceremonies—and Wills could not work together and Wills quit the daily show in 1932 (Brown had left the band earlier in the year), moved to Waco, and then formed a new band, the Texas Playboys. Bob Wills was about to go national.

Bob Wills had left a successful radio show in Fort Worth. He moved to Waco, which he thought was a more central location, and formed a new band—the Playboys. The new group utilized the new accompaniment and style that he and Brown had begun experimenting with on WBAP. They began to tour the state, playing regular dates mostly at dances and sometimes on package shows. The band was popular and Wills began to rake in some true financial success. Wills also fully became the band leader with the new Playboys. He was an often cruel taskmaster—exacerbated even more by his binge drinking, which was often. He expected his musicians to be ready and innovative when he called on them to play, and if they were not he was publicly brutal in upbraiding them. He fired so many members of his band that sometimes he forgot the names of the ones he had just hired. He was also exhibiting the personal habits that would eventually lead him to five marriages; he drank frequently and also habitually stepped outside his marital vows. Edna finally tired of his philandering in 1935 and divorced him. He married Ruth McMaster almost as soon as his divorce to Edna was final, but it was a union that lasted less than a year.

Wills’ popularity in Texas grew and he decided he needed a larger market. He left Waco for Oklahoma City in 1934, but by the fall of that year had relocated to Tulsa when he accepted a contract for a daily noon show on 50,000 watt KVOO—in direct competition with Pappy O’Daniel and WBAP. Wills renamed his group the Texas Playboys and also added to his band in Tulsa. Everet Stover brought a trumpet to the Playboys, and Zeb McNally was hired to play saxophone. Wills was truly assembling a jazz ensemble so he needed a “time keeper,” which led him to add Smoky Dacus as a drummer. Leon McAuliffe came aboard with the pedal steel guitar in 1935 (McAuliffe also began to join Wills as a vocalist). By 1938, Wills would add both a lead guitar and electric guitar to the lineup. The true makeup of Western Swing began to take shape.



Bob Wills & his Texas Playboys at Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, 1937

Throughout the rest of the 1930s and into the 1940s, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys became a truly national hit. They began to make records and had hits with “Rat Cheese Under the Hill” “Take Me Back to Tulsa,” and “Trouble in Mind” among others. They also toured extensively and tirelessly, sometimes on the road more than 250 days a year, and no matter where they were they had to still find a studio and do the noon KVOO show. The Texas Playboys had a million selling record in 1940 with “New San Antonio Rose,” which became the group’s signature song. Wills, along with the Texas Playboys, branched out into movies in 1940 as well when they co-starred with Tex Ritter in *Take Me Back to Oklahoma*. Movie roles became more frequent; in all Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys would appear in 19 films in the 1940s. The Texas Playboys became a set group as well with Herman Arnsperger on guitar, Sleepy Johnson on guitar and fiddle, Johnnie Lee Wills playing banjo, McAuliffe and the steel guitar, Joe Ferguson played bass, Smoky Dacus on drums, Rueben Washington and Cecil Brower both playing fiddle, Robert Dunn on the trombone, Everett Stover playing trumpet, Ray De Geer on both the clarinet and sax, with Tommy Duncan providing lead vocals. Wills was the bandleader and, of course, also on the fiddle.

Various band members had to leave for service in World War II. Wills joined the army at the age of 37 in 1943, but his time in the military did not last long as he received a medical discharge within six months of enlisting; it was likely excessive drinking and alcoholism that led to his separation. When he left the army Wills moved to Hollywood where he concentrated mostly on making movies. He reorganized the Texas Playboys and began to appear daily on KMTR in Los Angeles. It did not take long for his show to become the most popular in the LA market. He and whatever band members he could pull together began to tour. Wills and the Texas Playboys played the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville for the first time in 1944. However, Opry policy said that drums and horns were not country instruments and were forbidden to play. Wills argued vehemently for their inclusion, but Opry officials would not budge. Still, they wanted the man who led one of the most popular bands in the nation to appear so they compromised: Wills' drummer—Monte Mountjoy—could play but only if he was concealed by a curtain. Wills had another idea in mind so he rigged the curtain to collapse and he had Mountjoy placed front and center onstage.

When World War II ended, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys were drawing larger crowds than Big Band acts such as Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman. KGO radio in San Francisco syndicated a Bob Wills show recorded at the Fairmont Hotel and it was the highest rated show of the year. Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys played the inaugural broadcast on KWKH of the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport. Wills' behavior and lifestyle, however, grew more erratic. His binge drinking grew worse and he missed shows more often. He began and ended two more marriages, to Mary H. Brown in 1938 (who he married and divorced twice within a year) and Mary Louise Parker, who he married and divorced in 1939. He married Betty Anderson in 1942 and this one would last until his death, although Wills still was a philanderer and he and Anderson's relationship was often strained.

Bob Wills ended the 1940s as perhaps the most popular musical act in the nation, and certainly the most popular one considered a "country act," although Wills always insisted that he was much more than that. Despite the popularity, though, Wills burned through money like water through a sieve. He lived a lavish lifestyle and the sheer size of his band meant his payroll was more than any act in music. Bob Wills had also likely seen his heyday, as the 1950s would bring a slow decline for Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys.

Bob Wills had reached the climax of both his creativity and popularity in the late 1930s and the World War II years, but in the decades afterward he would experience, personally and professionally, a slow but noticeable decline. Western swing, the genre he essentially created, would also begin to fall in popularity not necessarily because the public's ardor for it would lessen, but more for the reason that country artists specifically would begin to adopt western swing elements into the larger category of the musical stylings. It would not help, of course, that country music's overall popularity would begin a precipitous decline in the later part of the 1950s after the birth of "rock-and-roll," a new genre that generally blended country, blues, and jazz into a sound that was entirely new.

Personally, Wills became more erratic as the 1940s progressed. A notorious binge drinker, Wills' benders became more pronounced in the late 1940s, which made him an unreliable performer and "front-man" for his group. Quite often he could not even appear, which angered audiences who had come to see "Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys," not just the band. Vocalist Tommy Duncan became particularly peeved with Wills' unpredictable behavior, which caused the two to have heated arguments. Duncan's biggest complaint—which his bandmates shared—was that when Wills did not appear their pay reverted to the much lower union scale. One day, in 1948, after an audience in California was particularly incensed that Wills was not available and took out their anger on Duncan, the singer confronted his boss in an altercation that may have become physical, depending on whose version you heard. Wills spontaneously fired Duncan. Duncan would form his own band after his dismissal but would return to occasionally tour with Wills and the Texas Playboys between 1959 and 1961. The two once again got cross-ways and Duncan left once more. The most acclaimed and successful of Wills' lead singers died of heart failure in 1967.

Wills left California and moved back to Oklahoma City in 1949. He also opened another night club, The Bob Wills Ranch House in Dallas. However, Wills was a touring musician and had to hit the road to support his lavish lifestyle. That meant he had to turn the supervision of his night clubs over to on-site managers. Most of them took advantage of Wills' absence and lack of business acumen and stole from him and also failed to report all income. That led to huge debts for which Wills was responsible, including a heavy back-tax burden. Financially destroyed, Wills had to sell most of his assets, including his property in California and the publishing rights of many of his hits, such as "New San Antonio Rose."

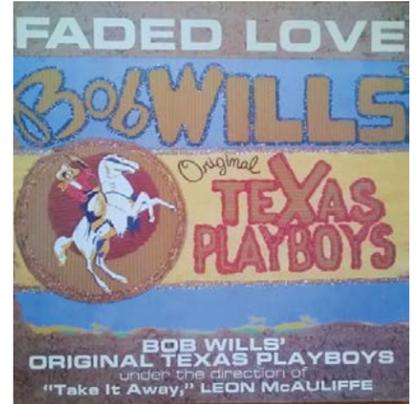
Wills had two hits in 1950, "Ida Red Likes the Boogie" and "Faded Love," but music was changing and along with it radio play. Western Swing began to disappear from country radio, and the stations that played jazz or Big Band standards began to switch formats. First, to what was becoming to be termed "pop music," and/or country. Later in the decade, many of those same stations would become outlets for the new "rock-and-roll" sound. Rock-and roll seriously ate into country music's popularity, which by the 1960s, saw that genre move toward the "Nashville Sound," an aggressively produced, more technically arranged genre with an extensive reliance on a large string accompaniments. It saved country music, but western swing did not really fit anymore into it or any of the other classifications. Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys were seldom heard on any stations. The lack of airplay meant a huge reduction in record sales, which meant Wills had to tour more extensively.

Wills and his band toured almost 300 days a year, but they did not draw the crowds they once did. Where in the 1940s Wills and the Texas Playboys regularly counted on 15,000 to 20,000 paying customers at a venue, as the 1960s began they were lucky to draw a thousand. The Texas Playboys were reduced to playing mostly small venues. Wills could not understand his loss of popularity, and also resisted any efforts to change his sound to fit the new, emerging musical

stylings. He insisted in interviews that he had been playing "rock-and-roll" since the 1920s, and he had a point as some of the earliest rock-and roll acts, such as Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, and Bill Hailey listed Wills as an influence. He saved his most vehement vitriol for the developing "Nashville Sound" of country music. The new movement, which some people called "countrypolitan," was a smoothly produced music characterized by background orchestras and choir vocals, instead of the rough-edged sounds of fiddles and steel guitars which had played such a role in the development of rock-and-roll. Wills called the new sub-genre "slick with no soul," or, in one interview, "an over-produced mish-mash that is almost unlistenable."

Wills may have hated the "Nashville Sound" when it first appeared, but paying customers loved it. Country radio, which rock-and-roll almost put out of business, began to recover. Record companies either had their acts "remake" themselves into sounds that fit the new growth, or they recruited new acts whose vocals leant themselves to the new sound. Bob Wills and western swing became an afterthought. Wills' health was also not good; he had two heart attacks, one in 1963 and again in 1965. After the last one, he dissolved the Texas Playboys. The Country Music Hall of Fame inducted him into its gallery of honorees in 1968, but it received little attention. Wills suffered a severe stroke in 1969, which left his right side paralyzed.

Then a funny thing happened. Some country artists, many of them who grew up in Texas, began to criticize and abandon the Nashville Sound as something too heavily produced and too "slick." Many of them also cited Bob Wills as a major influence. One of the biggest emerging stars of country music, Merle Haggard, cited Bob Wills as one of his major influences and recorded an album of Wills standards. He even convinced Wills to play on some of his cuts. Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson, the leaders of the new "Outlaw" movement in country music also cited Wills as an inspiration. Bob Wills was once again popular, and he even began to talk about recovering enough to start another tour. It did not happen. Wills could never fully recover his health and died in a Fort Worth hospital on May 13, 1975.



Faded Love LP – The first Playboys album produced by David Stallings in 1979



Bob Wills' Original Texas Playboys under the direction of Leon McAuliffe; 1979 recording session at Rosewood Studios - Tyler, TX

Front row L-R: David Stallings (producer), Terry Lowery (sound engineer), Gene Gasaway (fiddle), Leon Rausch (vocalist), Bobby Boatright (fiddle), Greg Hunt (sound engineer)

Back row L-R: Joe Frank Ferguson (bass & vocals), Eldon Shamblin (guitar), Leon McAuliffe (steel guitar & vocals), W. E. "Smokey" Dacus (drums), "Brother Al" Stricklin (piano)

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Jean Wicker Calls It Quits at 89

(1) 25-year Wal-Mart employee Jean Wicker welcomed in the New Year on New Year's Day with a retirement party at 1 pm in the break room of the Wal-Mart here in Lufkin. Supervisors, family, and friends joined her as supervisors presented a 25-year certificate for working 25 years at the store, and they shared in a very well-decorated cake to commemorate the occasion. Most of the time she worked there, she served as a cashier, but at the tail end of her career, she was a door greeter. (I always told her she was the best cashier there!) If you ever wondered how she could be so good with you, the customer, the answer is focus, concern, and experience. She turned 14 while working at the cafeteria of Perry Brothers in the basement of the corporate office downtown, making salads for her aunt Della Russell, the food line manager. Next, she worked for Hinkie-Pillot in Orange as a cashier because her husband was stationed at the naval base there; when it closed, she worked at the commissary at the naval base in Norfolk, Virginia, then San Francisco, back to Norfolk, and then to Orlando. Briefly, she worked for Kroger in Lufkin, making \$1.48 an hour—wages so low she could hardly pay her babysitter. After a few years cashiering at the Village Cafeteria, she was hired on at Safeway, where she worked for eleven and a half years—long enough to get a retirement check from them now. After working in the Dallas area for a vendor named Jan Bell Jewelry in Sam's, she worked briefly for Whitehall Jewelry before going back to Sam's, where she worked for another year and a half. It was in the year 2000 that she began working at this Wal-Mart store. What will she miss most? All the people she worked with, both customers and employees. **(2)** On February 2, 2026, Dickie Dixon will discuss "The Significance of the Old Stone Fort: Why SFASU Needs to Leave the Stone Fort Museum Where It Is" at about 6:15 p.m. at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 Court Street in Newton, Texas. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or ruthdusan35@gmail.com or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com. **(3)** The Newton County Historical Commission is pleased to announce it will hold the 2026 Newton County Genealogy Conference from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. \$20 is the cost for attending, including a box lunch; for more information, contact Terri Woods at the History Center at (409) 379-2109 or terri.woods@co.newton.tx.us. Please RSVP by Saturday, February 21, 2026. **(4)** Rosemary Tucker Allen is looking for a Tucker cookbook to replace the one she loaned out, but was never returned.

Blasts from the Past: On January 13, 1913, Gladys Kathleen Hinson Dixon was born at the Boll Weevil Sawmill on John Modisette Road near Clawson.



Jean Wicker holds the 25 year certificate supervision gave her at her retirement party



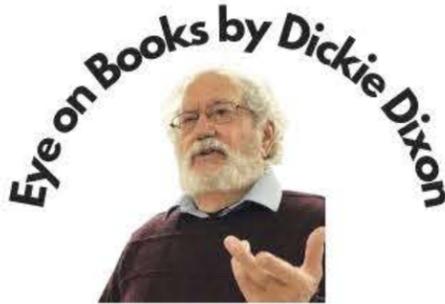
Pictured is the cake the bakery at Wal-Mart made for Jean's retirement party

Kissin' Kuzzins

(1) Dickie Dixon will discuss "The Significance of the Old Stone Fort" at about 6:15 p.m. for the Deep East Texas Archeology Society on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Newton Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. Sandra Litton will have the desserts and refreshments ready at 5:30 p.m., and Ruth Dusan Garcia will conduct a short business meeting at 6 p.m. The meeting is free to the public, and you don't have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com

(2) Chuck Dendy will discuss the life of trial lawyer J. J. Collins for the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 5:30 on Monday, February 23, 2026, in the meeting room of David Beard's Catfish King on the loop in Lufkin. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com **(3)** The Newton County Historical Commission is hosting the 2026 Newton County Historical Commission on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Newton Civic Center from 10 am to 4 pm in Newton. The cost is only \$20 for the whole day, which includes a box lunch, and the RSVP deadline is Saturday, February 21, 2026. At 10 a.m., Stanley Fletcher will discuss "Sawmilling in the Sabine River Basin," followed by John Langston at 11 a.m. on the "History of Bricks". At noon, Sherrie Leach will discuss "Using DNA to Overcome Brick Walls" by Nelta Nolen on "Finding Your Birth Parents". "Using DNA to Find Your Birth Parents" is Patti Huff Williams' topic at 2 p.m., and Dickie Dixon will be the last speaker of the day at 3 p.m. on "The Significance of the Old Stone Fort". For more information, contact Terri Woods at (409) 379-2109.

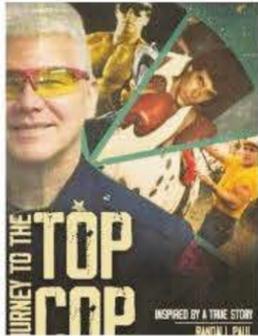
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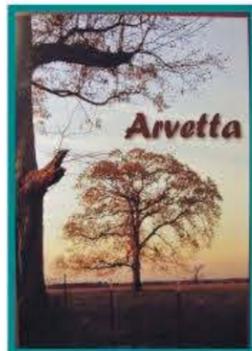
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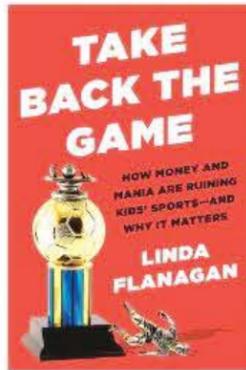
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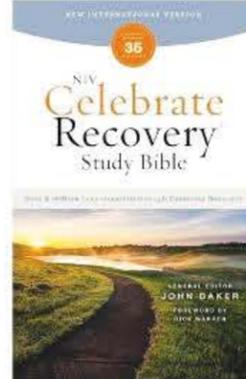
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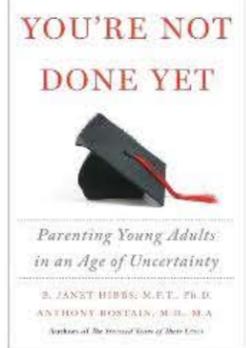
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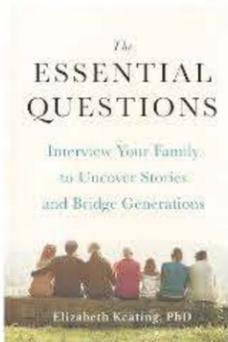
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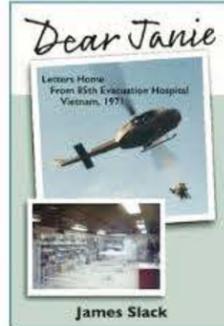


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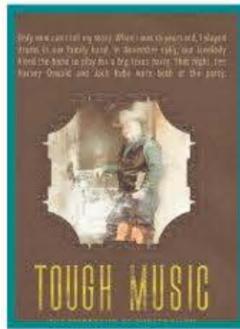


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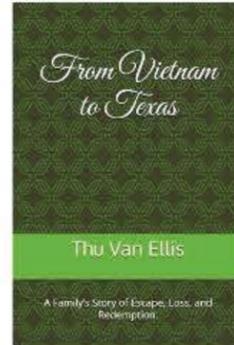


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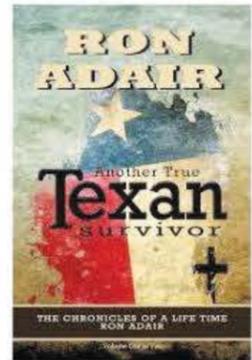
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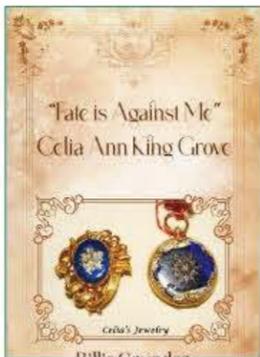


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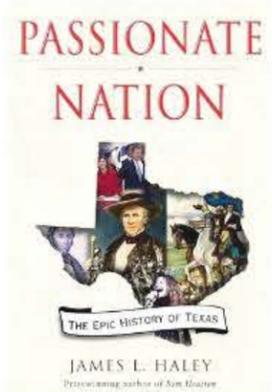
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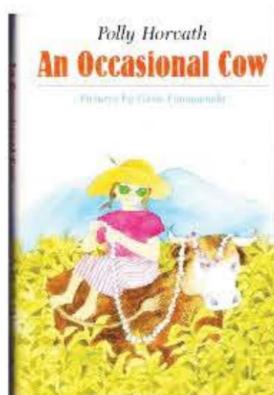
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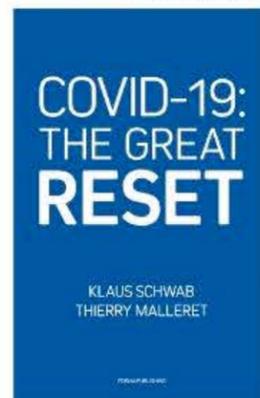
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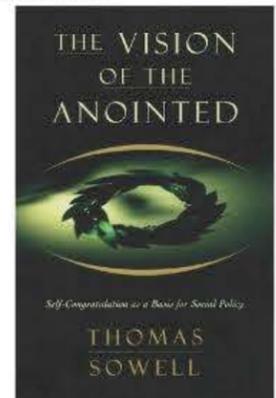


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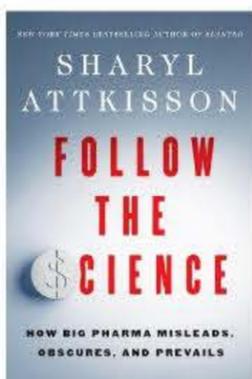


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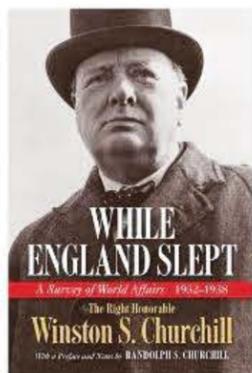
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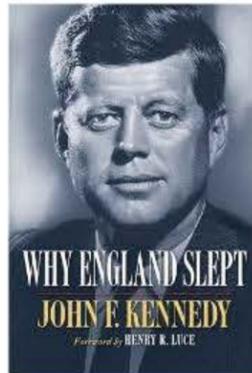


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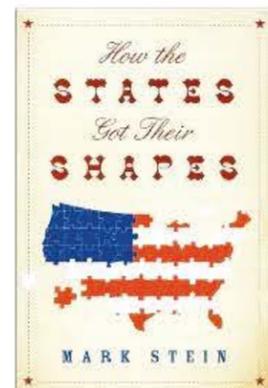


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Lamp-Lite Players Present *Barefoot in the Park*

The Lamp-Lite Players present *Barefoot in the Park*, by Neil Simon, **February 13, 14, 20, and 21**, at 7:30 pm, and February 15 and 22, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 Adults, \$12.00 Adults 60+, \$8.00 Students/Children and may be purchased now online at lampliteplayers.ludus.com. Tickets will also be sold at the Box Office the day of the performance 45 minutes before curtain. All seats are reserved seats. An Audience Dress Rehearsal Preview Night will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and are only available at the door the night of the performance. Seating is General Seating.

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Katherine Parrish Whitbeck serves as director, **Todd Phillips** as assistant director/set designer, and **Tari Dean** as stage manager. Production crew members include **Aaron Hall**, sets; **Nancy Smith**, costumes; **Melanie Buckler**, props; **Brian Oswald**, lights; **Alyssa Faykus**, sound and publicity; and **Chris Sence** and **Steve Chandler**, sound. Additional production assistants include **Sue Whatley**, publicity, **Elaine Lambright**, poster artist, **Lisa Norman**, Jo Price Gallery display of the cast; **Norm Markworth**, pre-show announcements; **Roz Couch**, cabinet designer; **Joy Claer**, featured artist; and **McKenna Fos**, Lamp-Lite.

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Cast of BAREFOOT IN THE PARK: (left to right) Tim Williams, Samantha Johnson, V Couch, Cristoban Morones, Pablo Marones, and Mark Hooker

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4 Smart Tips to Save Money and Stay Well This Season

(StatePoint) January is a natural time for reset, especially when it comes to budgets and better-for-you habits. With cold and flu season still in full swing, it's also a time when many people start thinking about how to stay healthy without spending more than they planned.

With a few tips and tricks, staying healthy doesn't have to be expensive. Here's what you can do:

Choose generic and save. January is National Store Brand Month, a reminder that many everyday health essentials don't require paying extra for a name on the label. Store brand over-the-counter (OTC) products offer a more affordable option for common needs, including pain relief and cough and cold care.

Perrigo, a leading provider of store brand OTC products makes trusted alternatives to name brands across key self-care categories, including ibuprofen, acetaminophen, cough suppressants, decongestants and multi-symptom relief. These store brand OTC products contain the same active ingredients and meet the same FDA standards as national name brands, but at a lower cost.

As health care costs continue to rise, consumers can opt for these store brand OTC products to save money without compromising on quality.

Shop ahead. Most people don't think about cold and flu products until they actually need them. Stocking up ahead of time can help ensure quick access to relief while making it easier to take advantage of savings. Using coupons, price-saving apps and shopping for store promotions can help bring down the cost of everyday health essentials.

Stay active. Staying active doesn't have to mean joining a luxury gym membership or having a complicated routine. Research published in the National Library of Medicine suggests that moderate amounts of exercise can help reduce stress and support immune function. Walking, running, free on-line workout classes or bodyweight exercises at home are all accessible ways to stay active throughout the season.

Adopt healthy habits. Small, everyday habits can also make a difference during cold and flu season. Washing your hands, staying hydrated and getting plenty of sleep are simple steps that support overall wellness and help reduce the risk of getting sick.

As consumers settle into their New Year routines, combining smart shopping choices with healthy habits can help them feel prepared and more in control throughout cold and flu season.

To stock up on affordable store brand self-care and OTC products, stop by your local retailer.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



February 2026

Classic Car Cruise In
Fri, Feb. 6th 4-7pm
Clear Springs

Pearls and Prosecco
Fri, Feb. 6th 4-7pm
Well Body Solutions

Sweetheart Market on Main
Sat, Feb. 7th 10am-2pm
305 East Main St.

Be M I N E Galentine's Event
Sat, Feb. 7th 10am-3pm
COR Boutique Nacogdoches

Swing Dancing Class
Thu, Feb. 12th & 26th 7:30-8:45pm
C. L. Simon Recreation Center

Galentine's Downtown Shopping Event
Fri, Feb. 13th 5-8pm
Various Downtown Boutiques

Passports: New Work by Artist Educators, Closing Reception
Sat, Feb. 14th 2-4pm
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative

A Heart Day Celebration for Everyone
Sat, Feb. 14th 2-6pm
Muddy Pants Pottery

Piney Woods Entrepreneurship Network
Wed, Feb. 18th 5:30-7pm
Barkeeps Eatery & Taps

Film Screening: Raise Your Head Up
Fri, Feb. 20th 7pm
Zion Hill Baptist Church

Snackadoches
Sat, Feb. 28th 11am-9pm
Corner of Mound & Hospital Street

Comedian Jerry Wayne Longmire
Sat, Feb. 28th 7:30pm
Lamp-Lite Theatre

Craft Haven Paint Night
Thu, Feb. 5th, 12th, & 26th 6-8:30pm
118 North Church St.

Barefoot in the Park
Feb. 13th, 14th, 20th, & 21st 7:30pm
Feb. 15th & 22nd 2pm
Lamp-Lite Players

Downtown Sip Around
Feb. 13th - Mar. 15th
Various Downtown Locations

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 2/24 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 2/5, 2/19, & 2/26 Fredonia Brewery

Aperitivo Cafe & Gelato
Thursdays: Piano & Pour 6-9pm

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

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza every Thu-Sat
Live Music 5:30pm:
2/7: Randy C Moore Live
2/14: Joe Cuellar Live
2/21: Caden Rutz Live
2/28: Andrew Toole Live

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative
Locations are Italicized
141 Walker St:
2/13: Artist's Talk for Passports 5:30pm
2/14: Paint & Sip 6-8pm
2/1, 2/8, 2/15: Art Cafe 2-4pm
2/5, 2/19, & 2/26: Art Cafe 5-7pm
320 North St:
2/14: Passports Closing 2-4pm
2/28: Opening for Toy Dinosaurs: A Study by Weelynd McMullan

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
2/7: Randy Rogers Acoustic Live
2/28: Bottomland Live

Madhatter Distillery
All Events 21+
2/7: Zach & Zach Song Swap 7-9:30pm
2/14: Jay & Linda Kaye Live 7-9:30pm
2/20: Charcuterie Class & Cocktail Pairing 6:30-9:30pm
2/21: Jeff Jurgonski Live 7-9:30pm
2/28: Food Truck Festival, Scott Floyd Live, Saxophonist 7-9:30pm

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
2/7: Superbowl Pre-Game
2/14: Couple Event
2/21: Mardi Gras
2/28: Factory Racing Event

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

Nacogdoches County Expo & Civic Center
2/6: CHAIRished Blessings 2026 6pm
2/13-2/15: G&S Gun Show

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

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday @ 7pm
Live Music every Friday & Saturday
2/6: Jeff Jurgonski 6:30-8:30pm
2/7: The Bamboo Tones 6-9pm
2/13: Lefty Gardner 6:30-8:30pm
2/14: Beads and Brews Mardi Gras!
Old Town Brass Band 4-7pm
2/15: FredTalk Lecture Series 2-3pm
2/20: Enrique Mungia 6:30-8:30pm
2/27: Jared LoStracco 6:30-8:30pm
2/28: Heart of Gold 6-9pm

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

SFA Fine Arts
Locations are Italicized
Cole Concert Hall:
2/3-2/6: SFA Piano Week
W. M. Turner Auditorium:
2/5: Pete the Cat 9:30am & 12:30am
2/12-2/14: Tableau: Dance Faculty Concert
2/17: SFA Symphony Orchestra 7:30pm
2/19: Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band 7:30pm
2/24: Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30pm
2/27: Sue Foley | University Series 7:30pm
Cole Art Center:
2/13-2/28: Exhibition of Works by Chris Talbot
Flexible Theatre:
2/26-3/1: Anna in the Tropics

SFA Basketball Home Games
William R Johnson Coliseum
2/2: Lumberjack VS McNeese State 6pm
2/5: Ladyjacks VS East Texas A&M 6pm
2/7: Ladyjacks VS Lamar 2pm
2/7: Lumberjacks VS Lamar 5pm
2/9: Lumberjacks VS East Texas A&M 6pm
2/19: Ladyjacks VS New Orleans 6pm
2/21: Ladyjacks VS Nicholls 2pm
2/21: Lumberjacks VS Nicholls 5pm
2/23: Lumberjacks VS New Orleans 6pm

SFA Gardens
Locations are Italicized
Brundrett Conservation Education Building:
2/12: Growing Your Best Garden Plants Using Raised Beds 7-8pm
2/14: Backyard Bird Bonanza 9am-12pm
2/21: Grafting with Dr. Creech 9am-12pm

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14. Al Roker's show
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16. Any minute, to Shakespeare
17. Sheep-like
18. *H. P. of science fiction fame
20. Hibernation stations
21. Boat station
22. Tennis shot
23. Packed in container
26. User-friendly interface, acr.
30. Genetic info carrier, acr.
31. *Love unquestioningly
34. Equal to 1.3 ounces in Asia
35. Not a minor
37. Poem addressed to certain subject
38. Hundred, in Italian
39. Nothing
40. Relating to clone
42. Division, abbr.
43. Sloughed off skin
45. Fluffy dessert
47. All good things come to this?
48. Between Octs and Novs
50. ___ Verde National Park
52. *B-52s' "little old place" (2 words)
56. Singing femme fatale
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1. Seed cover
2. Biking helmet manufacturer
3. Tel ____, Israel
4. #64 Across, redone
5. Like 1969 landing
6. Laugh with contempt
7. Fender-bender damage
8. *a.k.a. hickey (2 words)
9. Norse deity
10. "Off The Wall" shoe
11. Needle hole
13. Macy's Thanksgiving offering
14. Commotions
19. Silica variety
22. NaOH
23. Solder together
24. Dewey Decimal Classification, a.k.a. Relative ____
25. Pleasant Island
26. Small songbird
27. Harry's and Hermione's magic tools
28. Bigfoot's cousins
29. *Hand cover, with love
32. *Lemming relative, or anagram of love
33. Tokyo, formerly
36. *Couch for two
38. Lumps in liquid
40. Knave
41. Unit of electric current flow
44. Absurd
46. Theater guides
48. Nutritious beans
49. Black tie one
50. Grain grinder

51. "Cogito, ____ sum"
52. Stud site
53. Occasional heart condition
54. Prepare to swallow
55. Riddle without solution
56. Tree juice

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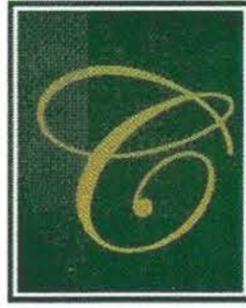
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