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The Convention of 1836: Chaos at Washington-On-the-Brazos

by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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The Convention of 1836 had intrigue since there was no guarantee that a Mexican Army would not show up before the delegates could skedaddle out of town. It had conflict because there was a real chance that a fight would break out right on the floor of the little unfinished frame building they were meeting in (if you have visited the replica at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park it is amazing that such a modest structure hosted such a momentous gathering), and it had mystery because no one could really predict what the delegates would do. It's a great story, and so, let me offer to you just a little "snapshot" of the Convention of 1836.



Replica of the building at Washington-on-the-Brazos

If you have lived in Texas any length of time then you know exactly what the meaning of a "blue norther" is. It is one of those unexpected blasts of cold air that in addition to freezing temperatures often brings wind and some freezing form of precipitation—usually that cold, stinging form of sleet that seems inimitable outside our state. That is what greeted the delegates as they gathered on March 1, 1836 in Washington-on-the-Brazos, a brand, spanking new town about 35 miles upstream from San Felipe (I have always thought it appropriate that the convention met in a new town

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Asleep at the Wheel Coming to the Pines Theatre April 16!

by David Stallings
Publisher, *Around the Town*

Asleep at the Wheel will perform in concert at the Pines Theatre in Lufkin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2025. Reserved seat tickets are available at www.angelinaarts.org or phone 936.633.5454.

Asleep at the Wheel is an American Western Swing music group that was formed in Paw Paw, West Virginia, in 1970, and is based in Austin, Texas. The band has won nine Grammy Awards, released over 20 albums, appeared in multiple films, toured widely in America and Europe, and charted more than 21 singles on the *Billboard* country charts. Their highest-charting single, "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read", peaked at number 10 in 1975.



In 1969, Ray Benson and Lucky Oceans (Reuben Gosfield), both natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, co-founded Asleep at the Wheel in Paw Paw, West Virginia, and soon after they found themselves opening for Alice Cooper and Hot Tuna in Washington, DC.

A year later, they moved to East Oakland, California, at the invitation of Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen. After being mentioned in *Rolling Stone* magazine by Van Morrison, they landed a record deal with United Artists. In 1973, their debut album, *Comin' Right at Ya*, was released by United Artists. At the invitation of Willie Nelson, they left Oakland for Austin in 1974.

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Mutton Bustin' registration will be at Boot Barn in Nacogdoches. More info on that soon.

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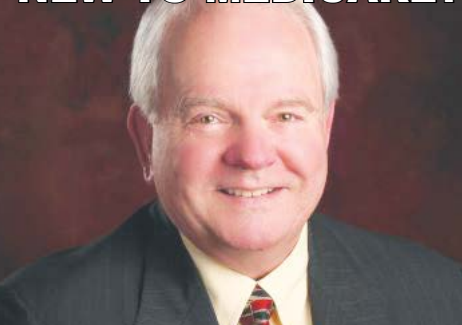
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ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

In 1974, Asleep at the Wheel released its self-titled second album, with a cover of Louis Jordan's "Choo Choo Ch'Boogie", which was the band's first single to hit the country charts. The following year had the release of *Texas Gold*, with the top-10 country hit single "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read". In addition, they played on PBS's *Austin City Limits*, where they have since performed a record-setting 10 times. In 1977, the band was voted Best Country Western Band by *Rolling Stone* and was awarded the Touring Band of the Year by the Academy of Country Music. They also went on tour with Emmylou Harris in Europe. The following year, they recorded a cover of Count Basie's song "One O'Clock Jump." Also in 1980, they appeared in the movie *Roadie*, along with Meat Loaf, Blondie, and Art Carney. By the end of the decade, the band recorded their first live album, *Served Live*, at the Austin Opera House.

The 1980s became a turbulent decade for the band. After moving to MCA, co-founder Lucky Oceans left, followed in September 1986 by Chris O'Connell due to her pregnancy. Asleep at the Wheel gathered a large amount of debt that required it to work on commercials and movie soundtracks. This band produced the soundtrack for the film *Liar's Moon*.

In 1985, the band released a virtually ignored self-titled album. By the late 1980s, Ray Benson had done some producing, allowing the band a second chance with Epic Records. In 1987, the band released *10*, which won them their second Grammy for Best Country Instrumental, helping to launch their comeback. The album also had contributions from legendary fiddle player and onetime Texas Playboys member Johnny Gimble. The following year, the band released *Western Standard Time*, which won them another Grammy for Best Country Instrumental. The late 1980s also had the growth of Jann Browne as a solo vocalist in the group; in 1989 she would later embark on a solo career on Curb Records.

The band moved to Arista Records and released the album, *Keepin' Me Up Nights*. Soon after, the band had turnover. Among its new members was former solo singer Rosie Flores, who joined in 1997. In 1991, Ray Benson directed the music and co-starred in the movie *Wild Texas Wind* with Dolly Parton. In honor of the 66th anniversary of Route 66, the band launched the *Route 66 Tour*. In 1993, the band released an instant hit with several guest musicians, *A Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys*, to much critical acclaim. Two years later, the band celebrated their 25th anniversary by releasing *The Wheel Keeps on Rollin'*. In 1999, the band and DreamWorks released *Ride with Bob*, as their second tribute album to Bob Wills. This album also enjoyed immediate success and garnered the band two Grammy wins, one for Best Country Instrumental,[4] and the other for Best Package Design.

According to *Rolling Stone* magazine, Ray Benson "didn't just enlist the obvious Wills fans" in this tribute album to Bob Wills like Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, and Lyle Lovett. He also brought in some of country's young lions the Dixie Chicks, Tim McGraw, and Lee Ann Womack, some pop stars, including Shawn Colvin, the Squirrel Nut Zippers, and fellow country preservationists such as Dwight Yoakam. In 2000, the Dixie Chicks were nominated for an award for Vocal Event of the Year for "Roly Poly" with Asleep at the Wheel from the Country Music Association. That same year, the band toured with Bob Dylan and George Strait. Benson recorded a tribute to Wills and Texas swing music, including Dwight Yoakam, Vince Gill, Merle Haggard, the Dixie Chicks, and Willie Nelson. They were scheduled to play at the White House on the fateful September 11, 2001. In 2003, the band released *Live at Billy Bob's Texas*, and by the end of the decade, the band had released two more albums: *Reinventing the Wheel*, an entirely new set of songs, including a collaboration with The Blind Boys of Alabama, and a two-disc set *Kings of Texas Swing*. In 2007, their second Christmas album was released, *Santa Loves to Boogie*.

Asleep at the Wheel received six Austin Music Awards for their efforts in 2007, including Band of the Year, Songwriter of the Year (Benson), Country Band of the Year, Record Producer of the Year (Benson), Male Vocals of the Year (Benson), and Acoustic Guitar Player of the Year (McQueen).

In 2023, Katie Shore (vocals/fiddle) left the band for a solo career, but she still continues to sit in with the group on a semi-regular basis.

Asleep at the Wheel was inducted into the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame in 2025.

Current members include:

- Ray Benson – lead vocals, lead guitar (1970–present)
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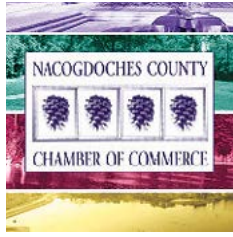


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Chamber Connection
by Kelly Augustine
IOM, President & CEO,
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Spring Break, Nac Style: Enjoyment Starts With the Chamber's New Guide!

Spring break is the perfect time to slow down, explore close to home, and rediscover what makes Nacogdoches special. Whether you are planning family outings or hosting visitors or simply looking for new ways to enjoy your week off, The Chamber's Nacogdoches Guide is your go-to resource for building a memorable spring break itinerary.

Start with the Big Picture

The guide captures the very best of Nacogdoches from its historic brick streets to its blooming gardens and scenic trails. Spring is when the community truly shines. With azaleas in full color and patios buzzing with activity, the guide helps you see everything in one place instead of searching multiple sources.

Inside, you will find highlights on local attractions, parks, events, restaurants and businesses that make planning simple. Want to map out a full day? Pair activities effortlessly, because the guide makes it easy to connect the dots.

Discover Signature Spring Experiences

Spring break is also the perfect time to explore some of the experiences that define our community. The guide highlights favorites like the public events, the charm of our notable sites, and the stunning blooms in the Garden Capital of Texas.

You will also find information about local parks, lakes, live music, art performances, and family-friendly activities. Instead of guessing what is open or happening, take a curated look at what to do and where to go.

Support Local While You Explore


One of the greatest benefits of using The Chamber's Nacogdoches Guide & Business Directory is knowing that every stop on your spring break adventure supports local businesses. From coffee shops and boutiques to entertainment venues and service providers, the directory connects you directly to Chamber members who invest back into our community.

Planning a staycation? Flip to the business directory for dining ideas. Hosting out-of-town guests? Use the guide to showcase why Nacogdoches is known as the Oldest Town in Texas. Looking for something new? The guide may introduce you to a hidden gem you have driven past for years.

Spring break does not require a plane ticket to feel special. Stop by the Nacogdoches County Chamber and pick up the 2026-2027 Nacogdoches Chamber Guide & Business Directory. With the publication in hand, you have a ready-made roadmap to live, work and play right here at home and to experience the very best of our community this season.




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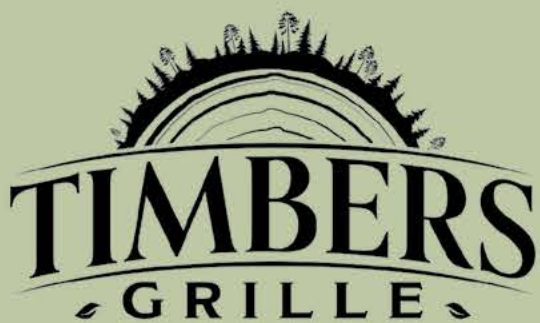
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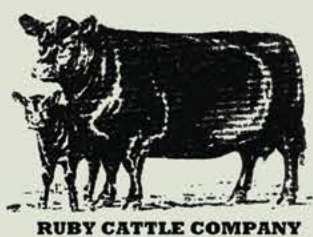
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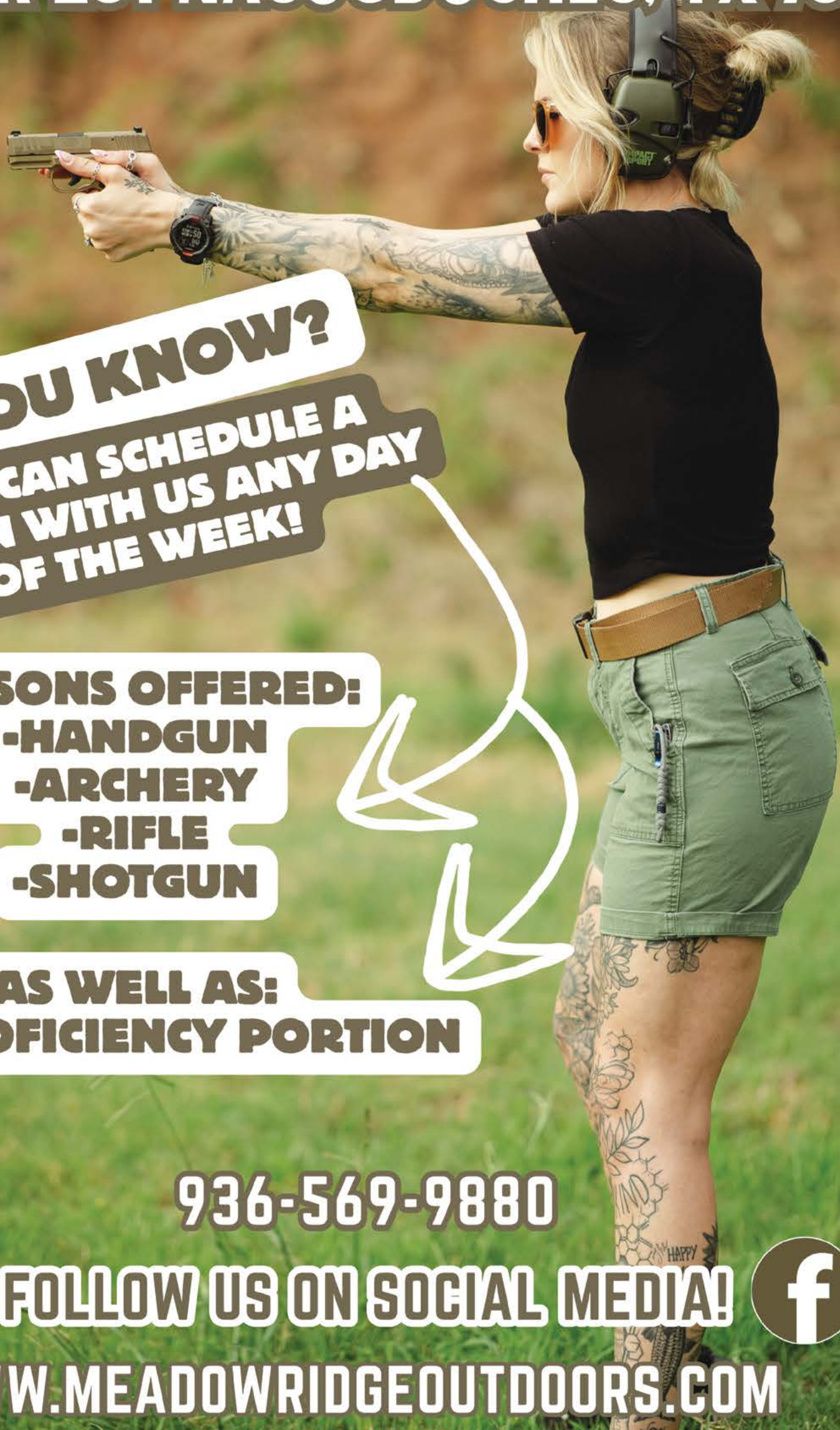
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since they would eventually construct a new nation. I have no idea if that thought occurred to any of the assembled, but it always has to me). One visitor from Virginia (not a delegate; he was just passing through), called it a “dismal place, not even a town or even a small village. It was more like an uncertain assemblage of poorly constructed or unfinished structures.” It had rained heavily on the last night of February, which left the single street in Washington virtually unpassable with ankle deep mud; and if you know south-central Texas mud you know that it is a thick, gooey, gunky mess that if you put a foot into it the best description I can give is that it is like taking a step into a vat of wall paste.

What we now call Texas Independence Hall at that time was an unfinished frame structure that the denizens of Washington (it did not gain the moniker of “Washington-on-the-Brazos” until after the Civil War when Texans began to “re-discover” their Revolutionary heritage) had quickly rented to house the Convention, which boosters had offered as a site of the Convention in an attempt to boost its visibility. I also find that so. . . “Texan.” In the midst of a potential war and when there was to be discussion about the “fate of Texas,” town boosters—we like to call them “economic developers” today—had scurried about and asked the delegates to meet all in an attempt to make their burgeoning little supply point and ferry town attract more commercial interests. When we say “nothing gets in the way of progress” we mean that in this state. The blue norther that had blown into town the evening before had caused the winds to howl at more than 20 miles an hour and the building they were meeting in had no windows yet installed, so the landlord had stretched thin cotton cloth across the opening and quickly tacked them up, but they must have served as very ineffective deterrents to the elements. Delegate Sterling Robertson wrote years later that “the wind was so chilled that I had to keep my hands wrapped in cloth,” and John S. Roberts (of Nacogdoches) supposedly continually burned paper and small twigs around his feet—lit no doubt by his ever present cigar—in an effort to keep warm. I am sure that he was not the only one trying such a tactic; it is a wonder the structure did not burn down.

That these delegates meet in such inhospitable conditions was, to me, appropriate because what had served as the Texas political structure and government up to that time was, in a word, also inhospitable. One could make a case that up until that point the rhetoric and contentiousness of the potential political leaders of Texas was just as vitriolic toward each other as it had been toward Santa Anna and the Mexican federal government. It seemed as everyone held a grudge against someone there, everyone had an agenda, everyone was angling for some position of power, and chaos was the order of the day. Maybe it was the tenor of the times; perhaps it was just how things were those days (because they have changed so much today—we rarely have political fights today, do we?), but most of all, it went back to the political conditions in Texas present in at least the half decade before the Convention and the current revolt against the Texians’ Mexican colonial host. So, we will need to delve into that a bit before we move on to the Convention.

While the military engagements of the Texas Revolution had begun in October 1835 at Gonzales and then moved on to a siege of San Antonio de Beñar, the political machinations in Texas bumbled and stumbled into chaos. No doubt the chief obstacle to stability was that Texians did not seem to have an idea why they were fighting. Was it to form a new nation? If so, wouldn’t a declaration of independence be in order? Was it instead a battle to establish a separate state within the Mexican federation? If so, it was a strange time to make such an attempt because Santa Anna had dissolved the federal republic of Mexico and thus along with it all states. Or perhaps, this was just part of a revolt against a centralist regime, of which Santa Anna was now a part, and the Texians in the field were just a smaller part of the ongoing federalist/centralist fight in Mexico. What was it? No one seemed to know.

The three attempts to establish some clarity just further muddled the situation. Texas would form two temporary governments in 1835 that failed almost as soon as the meetings to form them broke up (ironically, to me, was that the first one, formed on October 11, 1835, was known as the “Permanent Council”). The Permanent Council actually performed fairly well as it organized supplies and volunteers for the Army in the field, commissioned privateers to harass Mexican shipping, established an effective postal system, and also began efforts to obtain money and arms from the United States. But despite its name the Permanent Council was not meant to be permanent, and the delegates agreed to meet the next month in San Felipe to form another government. They would call this one the Consultation.

At the Consultation, the delegates immediately raised the issue of independence. Essentially, since the ascendance of Santa Anna Texians had argued over whether or not their issues with the Mexican government were ones that rose to the level of separation, or if instead they were part of the larger movement to restore the Mexican Constitution of 1824. For many Texians, where you stood on this issue depended on how long you had been in Texas. Those who had come to Texas as part of the initial empresario system had invested much in their ventures in Texas, had followed the rules, and received title to their land. A move such as independence might upset their position, and also make their economic livelihoods precarious. For them, that was a step that had to be very carefully thought out. For the more recent migrants to Texas, many who had come between 1830 and 1833 when immigration to Mexico from the U.S. was illegal, that was not a concern and, in fact, independence was probably their best option if they wished to receive land titles and have political power.

For three days a rigorous debate consumed the delegates, but finally they voted to establish a “provisional government” based on the principles of the Constitu-

tion of 1824, and one that would oppose the “tyranny” of Santa Anna. They also asked the rest of Mexico to join them, but they also stated that they held out the option of taking more extreme action, which had to mean declare independence. They then endorsed most of the work of the Consultation, made Sam Houston the commander in chief of the regular army—a body that did not exist—and then told him to go raise one. Houston, instead would dally through most of the rest of November and December, and then take a furlough from the army and head to Nacogdoches presumably to negotiate a treaty with the Cherokee. I have my own thoughts on what he was really doing in Nacogdoches, but let’s save that for another time, shall we? They then approved a plan for a provisional government with a governor and a general council, which would have a representative from each municipality. They then agreed to reassemble on March 1, 1836, unless the governor called them sooner.

That would not happen because of the huge mistake the Consultation made. While they had created an executive, which became Henry Smith, who was a vocal independence advocate, and members of the General Council, they failed to expressly delineate the duties of each. It took about a month for them to begin to squabble. Smith was a vehement supporter of independence (he was also an obstinate, blowhard of a man who never seemed to meet anyone he couldn’t make an enemy of. I have never understood how he got elected to anything). The majority of the General Council, however, believed the best course of action was to stay moderate and wait before taking any rash action—like declaring independence. The lieutenant governor, James Robinson of Nacogdoches, was the most visible supporter of this point of view. Their difference boiled over when the General Council began to support and advocate a hare-brained scheme cooked up by Francis Johnson to invade Matamoros, seize the town and thus entice the residents of the Rio Grande region to join Texas against Santa Anna. How in the world they thought that seizing the land and homes of people would make them want to join with them is beyond me. Smith saw the Matamoros venture for what it was—a blatant attempt to capture the spoils of war—so he bitterly opposed the scheme and sent a blistering letter to the General Council (he called James Robinson a “scurrilous scoundrel, a man whose mental faculties functioned only slightly more than the laziest sterile bovine who would be culled from any pen.” I think that means he called him a lazy, dumb, steer that should be instantly sent to slaughter).

The Council responded by declaring Smith impeached and removed, and the office of the governor vacant. They made Robinson governor. Smith, refused to vacate the office, he kept the archives and articles of the government in his possession, and began to appoint officers to the Texian regular army—one of those, of course, being William Barret Travis. So, when Texas needed the most leadership, the governing entities were too busy fighting with each other to provide direction.

Which was unfortunate because they had a storm coming their way. Santa Anna had concluded, after Gonzales, that the Anglos in Texas were in revolt and that—much like he had done in Zacatecas—he would personally raise and lead an army to subdue and quell any hint of opposition in Texas. He would have over 6,000 men under arms by late January 1836 and began to march toward Texas.

So, that was the situation when the delegates gathered on that cold, windy, sleety day in Washington. A lot had happened since they had formed the Provisional Government. The forces surrounding San Antonio, after an appeal by Ben Milam, had entered the city and forced the Mexican force under General Còs to surrender, and then subsequently, most of the men had left to join the Matamoros Expedition, but somewhere near 100 men had remained in San Antonio and would become trapped in the Alamo—and while the delegates met, Santa Anna’s huge force was laying siege to the mission. The General Council, right after the victory at the Battle of San Antonio, had voted to hold another convention, the one that would meet on March 1. Smith had vetoed the action, but the Council had gotten used to ignoring him, anyway.

The situation that confronted the delegates that day was dire. Santa Anna was, of course, five days from laying waste to the Alamo. Another General, Jose de Urrea was methodically crushing any opposition in South Texas; he would end any of Johnson’s dreams of invading Matamoros, and in mid-March defeat James Fannin at the Battle of Colleta Creek and then subsequently execute most of the Georgian’s command on Palm Sunday.

The delegates elected to this gathering did not have the same divisions that the one that had met in October 1835. These were mostly men who had been in Texas a short amount of time and supported independence. On the first day of the convention they elected Richard Ellis of Pecan Point to be their president, and selected a committee chaired by George Childress to expressly write a declaration of independence. While it was a committee of five, the rest of the committee other than Childress did what usually happens during committee work: they let Childress do all the work. If stories are accurate, the other four members spent most of the evening of March 1 getting drunk. Of course, Childress probably intended to all the heavy lifting anyway; he had already written most of the document before he even arrived at Washington—and of you read it he scribbled most of it from the one Thomas Jefferson wrote sixty years earlier.

The delegates assembled the next morning (no word on how the drinkers felt) and approved Childress’ draft. Sixty men affixed their names to the document and Texas now had a reason to continue their fight. They next turned to the crisis at hand and appointed Sam Houston to be “commander in chief of all the land forces of the Texan army, both regulars and volunteers, while in actual service.” This was important as Houston, as the commander under the Permanent Council, had had no authority over volunteers, only regulars. This had made him essentially without an army to lead, but now he was in fact the leader of the entire

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army. Many delegates—most vehemently David G. Burnet, the man who would eventually become interim president, implored Houston to raise a force to march to the Alamo and relieve the beleaguered men trapped in the old mission. Houston, however, had no such intention. He knew the Alamo was lost, and besides (and he was right about this), it held no strategic importance, which is why he had tried to convince James Bowie to abandon it a month earlier. Houston stayed in Washington until word of the fall of the Alamo came—some said (mostly Houston opponents and detractors) that he spent both days drunk. Burnet forever blamed Houston for this, became convinced he was a coward, and became his biggest political—and personal—rival for the rest of his life.

The delegates then stayed at Washington for the next two weeks and wrote a constitution, organized and appointed an interim government, and formulated a land grant policy for the new nation. They also made sure that they passed a law making slavery legal throughout Texas. Finally, on the last day of the convention, March 16-17, they formed the interim government. David G. Burnet became the President and Lorenzo de Zavala the VP. The delegates then left Washington as fast as possible; they had heard that Santa Anna was coming, and he was specifically looking for them, and he had bad intentions in mind.

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Boles Feed - Nacogdoches – Your One Stop Shopping for All Your Agricultural Needs and More

by Terri Lacher, Staff Writer
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Boles Feed has been a community name in selling full service agricultural and gardening needs since 1983, when owners, Ken and Cecelia Boles purchased the Massey Feed Store in Center, Texas. The business has thrived for over forty-three years providing a variety of supplies for livestock and pet needs. They expanded to Nacogdoches over thirty years ago, bringing their great customer service and products to the agricultural community.

In 2006, Justin Lee began working at the store in Nacogdoches. As a graduate of Center High School in 1998, Justin brought his skills and knowledge from growing up on the family farm in Center, tending cattle, growing watermelons, and other farming and agricultural needs. He started working for Boles Feed in Nacogdoches in 2006 after traveling across the country doing fiber optic work. It didn't take long for Cecelia and Ken to see what a valuable asset he was as an employee, with his work ethics and integrity. It is through great customer service that keeps people coming back.



"We try to treat customers just as we would like to be treated and offer the best customer service," Justin said.

Anna earned her Bachelor of Science from Stephen F. Austin, and a Master of Science from Texas Women's University. She used those learned skills at both Shelby Savings Bank and the store. Anna and Justin are very proud of their four children, Jacie, 15, Dylan, 9, Mac 11, and Beau, 3 years of age. The kids are very active in sports and Junior FFA where they show animals. Jacie has a Brahman heifer and lamb, and Mac and Dylan show sheep in competitions in the county, as well as competing in major shows in Houston and Fort Worth, achieving multiple jackpots for their hard work.

Justin and Anna purchased Boles Feed, Nacogdoches, LLC in 2011 from Ken and Cecelia Boles who owned the store since 2002. In addition to working at the store, they have a large farm in Center, and are raising cattle. Their commitment to all they do has earned them the award of 2016 Agribusiness of the year, and they were voted the Best Feed Store in Nacogdoches for two years in a row, in 2024-2025.

In addition to Boles Feed Nacogdoches, they also own Lee Agri-services, which is a drone spraying service where they spray herbicides and fertilizers on hay meadows, pastures, pipeline rights-of-way, ponds, and lakes. They own two drones, one of which Anna is the pilot. She also does all the public relations work in addition to the scheduling of their drone business. Both Justin and Anna have strong work ethics, utilizing their expertise from the farming families they grew up in.

Boles Feed Nacogdoches is your one-stop animal feed store and more. They also operate a boot and shoe repair shop, a garden center, pet supply store, and offer fertilizer supplies, whole farm supplies, and crop preparation for market. If you are looking for your garden needs, seeds, or fencing, they've got just about everything you would need, carrying name brands such as Purina, and they also carry Red Wing and Muck boots, local honey, and much more. For the last two years, Justin says they have been in the top ten dealers nationwide for sales on Big V feed.

"We try to have or get anything that our customers want or need and get them the best product and service for the best price," Justin has said. And the reviews from their loyal customers back up their great service. They have had five-star reviews from their regular consumers, and new customers, alike.

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COMMENTARY

A Short Life Story

by Jerry Hopkins

Everyone has memories and experiences we come to understand how dramatically those events become in our life story. There are people, family, friends, enemies and even strangers, who become important in what God is doing in our lives. Most of the time we don't initially recognize what, how or even why those people impact us and contribute to our personal life journey. I've had encounters with Evangelist Billy Graham and his wife Ruth, Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, Missionary/Evangelist E. Stanley Jones. For some time, I was the pastor of Dale Evans' mother Betty Smith in Italy, Texas, that resulted in meeting and sharing with her and Roy Rogers. Each of these individuals have contributed somewhat to my personal story, some more or less than others. I would like to begin sharing some other experiences as a way of recording how God has worked in me and through me—moved me and my family from place to place, time-to-time to work, to speak, to learn and to be a witness to others of God's good and gracious work.

In the spring of 1992, changes came in my professional life for a number of different reasons where I'd served for almost ten years as a pastor in a relatively large church and as a professor of history at Midcontinent Baptist Bible College. I had worked tirelessly and conscientiously with the church as their senior pastor and with the college during those years. I've always been what you might call bi-vocational, serving as a pastor of churches and working in higher education studying for degrees and serving in classrooms as an instructor or professor. I began work in higher education when just a sophomore taking a class with the history department chair, Professor Kerney Adams, at Eastern Kentucky University. He became my mentor and life-long friend, influencing me in many ways intellectually and spiritually. Through his influence and friendship, I began my work in higher education assisting faculty in teaching classes and grading tests. Later I would begin assisting and instructing in classes at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, and other schools, including the University of Kentucky and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, where I was the senior pastor of the historic Mt. Freedom Baptist Church for seven years. In May of 1992, we began the journey back to Texas. Moving all our stuff took several months and many trips between western Kentucky and East Texas. We initially moved to Marshall, Lucyann's hometown to temporarily reside with her parents on their ranch. In those months of transition, I was able to preach in several churches in Texas and Louisiana. I also began making contacts with schools about teaching in history, having graduate degrees from major universities in that subject. Panola College employed me as an adjunct to teach American survey in their Marshall college center, then in the old Gibson building across from the Marshall Convention Center.

It was in that July summer class that the Interim President of Panola College, Charles Hughes, came to my classroom door. He called me out of the class to talk, saying, "I've read your resumé carefully and I'm interested in offering you a job. We need a person of your experience to manage our off-campus center, the Shelby College Center, down in Center, Texas. I would like to offer you a job if you are interested. There are several challenges down there and I think you are the person we need to help us and them."

I responded to Interim President/Dean Charles Hughes' offer saying, "Well, before I accept your offer I would like to drive down and check out the situation. Then I'll let you know if I'm interested."

He agreed and, immediately after finishing my class that day, I drove to Center and visited the Shelby College Center. As I drove down Highway 59 through Tenaha where I turned south on Highway 96, arriving in Center and taking Loop 500 to the College Center, I prayed about this turn of events and the offer. I was able to meet Linda Vickery, Carolyn Lawson and several students, talking with them about their work and the possibilities at the center. Through that brief visit I was convinced this was where God would have us move. I learned of the strong Christian influences and commitment of the people working at Shelby College Center and that this was where God was moving us to a new educational and ministry adventure.

I drove back to Carthage and the Panola campus, meeting with Charles Hughes, accepting his offer to become the director of the Shelby College Center. Thus, in the opening of the fall semester of 1992, we began the move to Shelby County. Charles Hughes in talking with me about the position in Shelby County had said, "There is one requirement for your employment and that is you must move to the county. Also, you will answer directly to the office of the president, answering only to me, later to whoever becomes the president and to the college board."

This is how God worked to bring the Hopkins family to Shelby County and to work with the great and good Panola College in the Shelby College Center. Over my years working with Charles Hughes, I learned to love and admire him and his commitment to truth and Christian living. Over the months after my employment with Panola, we began searching for a place to live. That came about in a conversation with a secretary at First Baptist Church in Center who shared that her relative would be interested in selling their farm in Sardis on FM 414, off Highway 87 South. We bought our place from the McNeeses in the spring of 1993 and began our move as we were required by my agreement with Mr. Hughes.

It was an interesting turn of events that led to my wife becoming the baby-sitter and helper with Charles Hughes' daughter, Claire Windham's infant child Tori. Micah and Claire lived down the road from our place and it was convenient for them to drop off Tori for Lucyann and our daughters Sarah and Hannah to take care of. This is how God brought us to Shelby County where we have now enjoyed serving and sharing intellectually and spiritually for thirty-four years. There is more about this that I'll share on other occasions. I wanted to share this personal story because I read a statement by the former chairman of the Panola College trustees, Dr. Dennis Golden, on FaceBook a few weeks ago. I would welcome any comments or insights on how God has worked in your life. Share your ideas with me by email at drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com or by snail mail at P. O. Box 1923, Center, Texas 75935.

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Alamo Letter Society

by Taylor Millard

As a Texan, we grow up learning Texas history in school, and if we are lucky from our history loving family. Texans celebrate our own Independence Day on March 2nd, each year, which makes us unique among all the other states. This year marks the 190th anniversary of Texas declaring their independence from Mexico in 1836.

A big part of 1836 was the Battle of the Alamo, and before that, a letter written by William Barret Travis, us Texans refer to as the Travis Letter, or sometimes the Victory or Death Letter, or Alamo Letter. A few years ago, I wrote a novel and the first page of the fictitious story was the very real Alamo Letter asking for help that never came. For those that need a refresher, I have included it below.



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.

*Commandancy of the The Alamo
Bejar, Feby. 24th. 1836
To the People of Texas &
All Americans in the World-
Fellow Citizens & compatriots-*

I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man - The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the walls - I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch - The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily & will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country - Victory or Death.

*William Barret Travis.
Lt. Col.comdt.*

P. S. The Lord is on our side - When the enemy appeared in sight we had not three bushels of corn - We have since found in deserted houses 80 or 90 bushels and got into the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves.

Travis

Two years ago, I got a text from my friend, Sidney Dawson, with a link to a news story about a dedication of a plaque of the famous letter at a courthouse in Van Zandt County. I researched the event and discovered a group of patriots that were dedicated to placing a bronze plaque of The Letter in all 254 courthouses in Texas. The organization is The Alamo Letter Society of which I am a proud participant. I chaired the dedication in Nacogdoches in the fall of 2024 and have worked to get the surrounding counties involved.

This year on March 2nd at 10AM, I will be in Crockett for the dedication at the Houston County courthouse, representing the Alamo Letter Society. I will proudly tell our story of how this all began, when a young teenage girl named Slone McNutt, while visiting the Alamo, saw The Letter on a plaque and turned to her father, Bill, and simply said, "This needs to be everywhere in Texas and not just here."

Her father was inspired and agreed, and with the help of like-minded friends and Texas patriots, the idea became a reality. To date we have over 50 counties that are committed to or completed with great interest in many more.

If you would like to assist in this ambitious project or know someone in any county in the state that would love to help, you can visit alamoletter.com or, please let me know directly. My email is htmillard@yahoo.com and hope to see you in Crockett!

God Bless Texas

The Way Americans Buy and Own Smartphones is Changing

(StatePoint) What Americans want in their smartphone is changing rapidly, new research reveals.

The latest mobile survey from Allstate Protection Plans illustrates a mobile market no longer defined by annual upgrades, but instead by durability, value and sustainability.

Upgrade Slowdown

There was a time when smartphone manufacturers could count on blockbuster sales with each flagship release, but the era of annual upgrades is fading. With performance, storage and battery life now hitting plateaus, consumers are no longer chasing the latest device, and are now seeing smartphones as long-term personal assets:

- 27% upgrade every two years (likely at the end of carrier contracts)
- 23% now stretch devices to 3-4 years
- 21% delay upgrading until their phone breaks
- Only 22% upgrade within 12 months
- Only 3% replace a device within six months

Pragmatic Purchasing

As budgets tighten, consumers are redefining what "premium" means. Practicality now matters more than hype, with people choosing phones for core performance, not experimental features. Signaling a clear shift, the factors that matter most today are: battery life, price, storage, camera quality, screen size and brand reputation.

Despite the hype, only 17% of Americans say AI features are a big influence on their buying decisions. However, that number is expected to grow as AI becomes more integrated into daily life.

The Used/Refurbished Tech Economy

Despite 52% of respondents saying the environmental impact of smartphones is "extremely or very important," refurbished device adoption has stagnated, revealing a growing trust gap. In fact, only 18% have purchased refurbished phones. When asked why they are less likely to choose a refurbished device, 52% worry about quality, 51% worry about defects, and 40% worry about data privacy.

The Recycling Gap

Consumers care deeply about the environmental impact of their tech, but only 20% recycle old phones. The average household contains 1.8 unused smartphones — a sign of "sustainability inertia," in part because 26% are not confident they know how to recycle a phone. This disconnect reveals an opportunity for clearer recycling guidance and trade-in programs that make "doing the right thing" easier.

A New Environmental Battleground

While consumers don't always act on their green conscience, they're increasingly rewarding brands that take visible responsibility for their devices' footprint:

- 34% say they are more likely to buy from manufacturers committing to emissions reductions
- 34% say recycled ocean plastics increase purchase likelihood
- 30% say recycled glass makes them more likely to buy a smartphone, and 30% say recycled packaging has the same effect
- 27% say knowing their device will be responsibly recycled makes trade-ins more appealing

Leasing and Flex Subscriptions Gain Momentum

As subscription models reshape everything from entertainment to transportation, smartphone ownership is also becoming optional. Like leasing a car, 29% of Americans say they would be likely to lease a smartphone when they next upgrade or replace their device. This "Device-as-a-Service" mindset is driven by lower upfront cost, more frequent upgrades, greater flexibility and the ability to include protection, insurance, or repair services as part of their lease.

"With tighter budgets and diminishing emphasis on chasing the latest tech innovations, consumers are taking a more thoughtful approach to smartphone ownership," said Karl Wiley, global president and CEO of Allstate Protection Plans. "This is why we're seeing growing interest in leasing and Device-as-a-Service models, which integrate repair, recycling, and end-of-life management directly into the ownership experience."

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Carpets By Curiosity - They've Got You Covered!

by Terri Lacher, Staff Writer
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Carpets By Curiosity has been a trusted name in flooring and carpeting for over sixty-one years in Lufkin. Owners, Mark and Regina Ferden take pride in supplying the East Texas area with fine quality products, which not only include carpet and wood flooring installations, but they also offer a selection of well-made outdoor furniture crafted from treated pine, featuring porch swings, gliders, rocking chairs, picnic tables, and more.



Regina and Mark Ferden

In 1965, James Loomer was the original owner and founder of Curiosity Railroad Salvage, which over the years became known as Carpets By Curiosity. He later sold the business in 2006 to Mark and Regina. Mark was a graduate of Lufkin High School and Angelina College. He and Regina were married in 2017, and they have two grown children who live close by, Ryan and Megan Ferden in Nacogdoches, and Robin and Hunter Cockrell, in Lufkin. They love spending time with their grandchildren and try not to miss out on any of their activities. When he is not hard at work in the store, Mark enjoys fishing and "riding in his jeep."

Many of the top brands of carpet and flooring are carried and installed by Carpets By Curiosity, including Dream Weaver Carpets, Mohawk Shaw, Southwind Carpets, as well as top name brand flooring such as Southern Traditional Hardwood Floors, Regal Hardwoods, Mullican Flooring, and tile companies such as American Olean Tile Company, Marazzi Tile, and much more.

Being an owner of a business which has had a long history in Lufkin, Mark shared, "As a business owner, I enjoy helping people with their flooring needs, and to have many happy customers." It is this attitude that will continue the friendly and helpful service that area residents have grown to appreciate from Carpets By Curiosity over the years, and won them five-star reviews from their customers.

Winning the "Best of Lufkin" in carpet and flooring services for twelve years in a row from 2015-2026 speaks highly of the great customer service Mark has provided over the years. He hopes he may continue to meet the needs of his Lufkin, Nacogdoches, and surrounding East Texas customers for a long time to come. In addition to running their carpet business, Mark and Regina have been big supporters of Habitat for Humanity in Lufkin, both in donations and help.



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Another customer remembers her great-grandfather taking her to Mr. Loomer's Carpets by Curiosity as a little girl. Her memories were of rocking chairs, eating roasted peanuts, and tossing the shells into the fire. When she brought her little boy to the store, recently, it reminded her of all those happy moments of coming into the store when she was small.

Carpets By Curiosity is located at 4150 S. US Highway 69, Lufkin, Texas 75901. You may reach them at (936)824-2931. To find out more about their company, you may also visit their webpage at Carpets By Curiosity.

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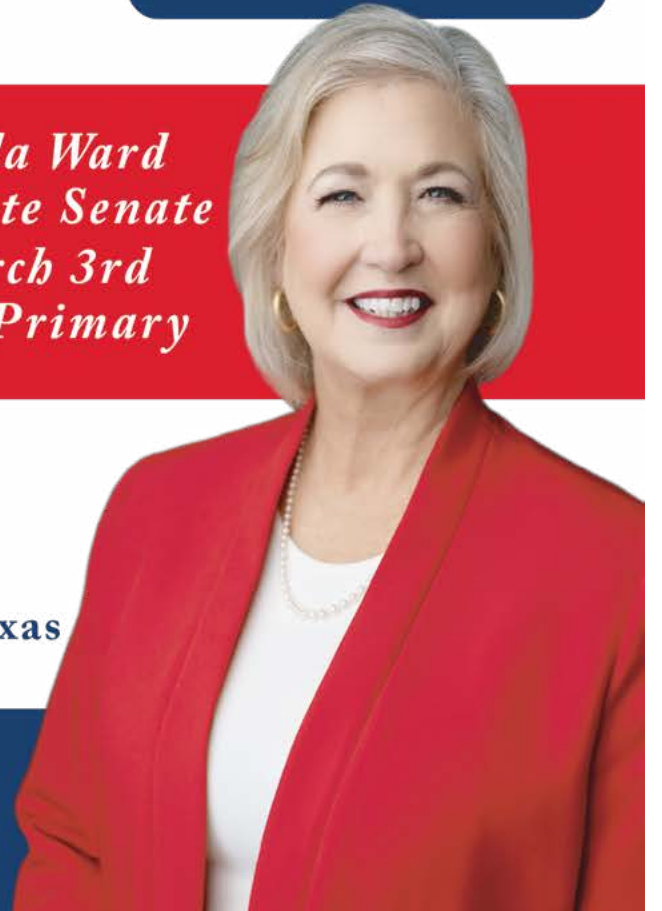


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Where to Turn to for Help in Navigating Financial Challenges

(StatePoint) Managing your finances can be challenging, especially when you're not sure where to turn for help.

Darlene Goins, head of Philanthropy and Community Impact at Wells Fargo, shares practical tips and lesser-known resources for taking the next step forward at various stages in your financial life.

What's happening: You need guidance and funding to launch your small business.

What you can do now: Securing capital can be especially challenging if you don't qualify for a traditional bank loan. A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) can help. These specialized lenders provide financing to small businesses, organizations and individuals, and are suited to helping new business ideas get off the ground. CDFIs offer such options as term loans, lines of credit, credit cards and real estate financing. Many also provide consulting, coaching, education, connections and financial planning at low or no cost.

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What's happening: You received notice of a rent increase.

What you can do now: Don't assume you have to accept a rent increase. If you're a responsible tenant with a solid rental history, you may have more negotiating power than you think. The best time to start the conversation is one to two months before your lease renewal. Come prepared with research on comparable rental rates, a list of your strengths as a tenant, and a clear ask — such as a lower monthly rate, a longer lease or added amenities. A respectful, well-prepared conversation could lead to tangible savings.

The Wells Fargo Foundation provides grant funding to organizations that can help. For example, SaverLife offers free financial tools and resources, including scripts for negotiating rent.

What's happening: You and your family are facing financial pressures related to a disability.

What you can do now: Consider leveraging a tax-advantaged savings program, like an ABLE account, to help cover qualified expenses such as education, healthcare, transportation and more.

Available to anyone in the United States, these accounts offer a way for people with disabilities and their families to save without potentially impacting their eligibility for public benefits.

The National Association of State Treasurers is building awareness about ABLE accounts through the ABLEtoday program. ABLEtoday partners with state treasurers to provide plan comparisons, best practices and strategies to help families maximize savings.

What's happening: You worry you're missing out on eligible tax credits and deductions because you can't afford a professional tax preparer.

What you can do now: Take advantage of free, IRS-certified tax preparation services to ensure you're claiming every benefit you're eligible for. These services are offered through trusted community-based organizations supported by Prosperity Now. Through a recent Wells Fargo Foundation grant, \$200,000 was deployed to 15 organizations across 12 U.S. markets and will help qualified experts prepare over 20,000 tax returns at no cost, returning an estimated \$25 million to households, according to participating nonprofits. Many of these organizations also offer year-round financial coaching and help navigating public benefits.

Whether you're negotiating rent or filing taxes, lean on available resources so you can do so with greater confidence and more support.

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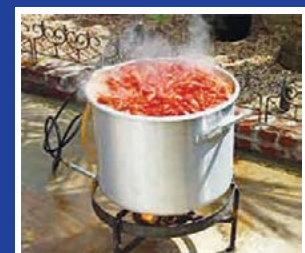
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"I'm sorry ma'am Your insurance won't cover it."

The total was more than her grocery budget alone for the month. So she did what too many of our neighbors quietly do. She reluctantly walked away.

Every day across our communities too many families face moments like this. A senior cutting pills in half to make them last a little longer. A father skipping his own medication so his child can have theirs. A grandmother praying symptoms don't get worse before payday.

When a doctor says, "You need this medication," it should bring relief. Instead, for many, it brings fear. Insurance denials. Long delays. Confusing paperwork. Transportation challenges. And above all, cost.

For someone living with a chronic illness, missing even a few doses isn't an option. For some it isn't just inconvenient, it can be dangerous. The smallest mistake can mean a trip to the emergency room. It can mean complications that could have been prevented. It can mean the difference between stability and crisis.

That's where we step in, Community RX Help.

We exist for the uninsured and underinsured, for the people forced to choose between their health and their rent, groceries, or gas. When the system feels overwhelming and out of reach, we walk beside them. When the system fails for them we help fill out the forms. We make the calls. We search for solutions. And we work tirelessly to put life-saving medication back into their hands.

In 2025, we were humbled and deeply moved by the compassion this community made possible. Because of their support we were able to help patients receive \$1.9 million worth of medications who might otherwise have gone without.

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And we are not done.

Our next goal is \$2 million in medications. There are still neighbors waiting, still families worrying, still prescriptions sitting on pharmacy counters.

When urgency cannot wait, our Immediate Medication Program makes sure patients don't have to. Already, more than \$8,000 in critical, time-sensitive assistance has been provided. We know sometimes tomorrow is too late.

This mission is powered by people who care. People who believe no one should have to choose between staying alive and keeping the lights on.

This work saves lives. It restores dignity. It replaces fear with relief. And most of all, it reminds our neighbors across East Texas that they are not alone.

Together, we are turning prescriptions into hope, one story, one family, and one life at a time.

Community RX Help is located at 1401 S. University Drive in Nacogdoches. We service Angelina, Nacogdoches, Shelby and San Augustine Counties. Call 936-568-0055 if you need help, or go to www.communityrxhelp.com and apply online. If you want to help save a life, you can support us during the upcoming East Texas Giving Day. (www.easttexasgivingday.org or go to our website.)

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Tue 17th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Wed 18th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Thu 19th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	5:00 pm
Tue 24th	Guacamoles	Jacksonville	6:00 pm
Sun 29th	Broken Vessel	Lufkin	10:00 am
Tue 31st	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
April			
Thu 2nd	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Sat 11th	Harley Shop	Nacogdoches	12:00 pm
Tue 14th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Wed 15th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Thu 16th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	5:00 pm
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Cheryl Brady is a native of El Dorado, Arkansas. Following graduation from college as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG), she went on to serve twenty-eight years as a U.S. Army logistics officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. She was transplanted from Washington State by the hand of the Lord to Nacogdoches in May 2019. She has grown to love this oldest town in Texas. She is a Bible teacher, published author, and motivational speaker who loves to encourage folks with the Word of God.



The Whole Armor of God—Full Battle Rattle

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand

Equipped to win. Every born-again Christian, all in this world with Christ's life in them, is equipped by God to win spiritual battles. Christians are soldiers in the Lord's army who are spiritually fitted with the whole armor of God, the gift of Christ received in the new birth. It is spiritual armor for use while serving Christ in enemy territory. We cannot physically see our spiritual armor. We must believe by faith that we have it. When I was a soldier in the United States army we had to physically put on our protective armor each day while serving in hostile environments. We called it our full battle rattle.

The Bible is every Christian's combat manual for spiritual warfare. The basic and advanced training location to learn how to use this manual is the local church. The primary trainers are pastors and teachers whose calling is to equip the body of Christ while serving in these spiritual roles (Eph 4:11).

Followers of Christ have five defensive protections and only one offensive weapon that we are trained to use in spiritual battle. Our defensive protections are:

-Belt of truth. Because the devil is a liar and the father of lies we defeat him when we walk in the truth; when we live by biblical truth and when the truth of God's word controls our lives.

-Breastplate of righteousness. The born-again Christian's righteousness in Christ (eternal position-2 Cor 5:21) and his daily life of righteous living (practical outworking of a godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit) assures him of his salvation.

-Shoes of the gospel. The gospel of Christ is a gospel of peace. It is by belief in this gospel we have peace with God which works itself out in peace with other Christians. Christians are never going to have peace or be at peace with a world hostile to our biblical faith and our Lord. We are Christ's ambassadors of peace, and we carry this gospel of peace every place our feet trod (Isa. 52:7; Rom. 10:14, 15). To those being saved Christ's gospel is a sweet aroma.

-Shield of faith. Our shield must always be up to quench the fiery darts of Satan—his lies, hate and hateful thoughts toward others, temptations to doubt God (Gen. 3:1-5), everything he throws at us. Faith is the shield. We must daily walk by faith in God, trusting and believing every single word of the Bible is the truth given by inspiration of God (2 Tim 3:16).

-Helmet of salvation. Our mind must be controlled by God. A mind controlled by God will not be easily led astray by Satan. We are commanded to set our mind on things above (Col. 3:2). We are to be transformed by renewing our mind with the truth of the Bible (Rom 12:2). The Word of God is our helmet which protects our mind from being blinded by the lies of the devil. Through the Word of God we grow in the wisdom and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The only offensive weapon God provides to fight our battles is this:

-Sword of the Spirit. This is God's Word. We read in Matthew 4:1-11 how Jesus used this sword against the devil when he tempted Him in the wilderness by saying, "It is written." The more we use God's word against Satan, in our daily conversations, and in our prayers the sharper it gets in the Christians life as we use it by faith.

Before we engage in any spiritual battle with the expectation of winning, we have to approach the battle according to the order the apostle Paul has laid out before us in our passage. We must first "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" before putting on the armor of God. Our strength and power to fight our battles comes from Christ and Him alone. If we attempt to fight our enemies from our own strength and power, the armor will be of little use.

Warfare results in battlefield casualties. The church is not immune to this reality. Every morning when we rise from our beds we prepare to enter a battleground and not a playground. We face three enemies who are stronger than ourselves, apart from Christ—the world, the flesh, and the devil. Under the Spirit's power we are enabled to appropriate Christ's life of victory for ourselves each day when we exercise our faith (trusting in the promises and power of God). Don't become a casualty of spiritual warfare. Put on each day your whole armor of God—your full battle rattle.

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Washer Pitching

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.



When I was in high school during the 1950s, the game of washer pitching (Texas horseshoes) was a favorite pastime of us students. Before school, during the lunch break, and even after school one could see boys pitching washers. Occasionally a girl would participate, but it was mostly a masculine game. I loved to play and got reasonably good at it.

The school yard was replete with holes dug in the ground in order to pitch washers at them. I suspect that an inspection of the school grounds today would find no washer holes, as this game has been gone for many years, replaced by home computers, iPods, and MP3 gadgets. Boys don't venture outdoors much anymore to play the old games.

The game was very simple to play. All one needed was a set of 2½ inch washers, and two 3½ holes dug in the ground approximately twenty feet apart. Usually two players with three washers each pitched against each other. Of course, the object of the game was to get the washer into the hole which was worth three points. A "hanger," a washer that teetered on the edge of the hole but did not fall in, was worth two points.

The history of washer pitching is unclear. It apparently dates back to ancient Egypt and Greece around 500 BC, as evidence has been found of the game being played. The first washers were made of fired clay, and because of this they were lighter than ours.

Tradition says that washer pitching was introduced into the United States around 1873 in Indiana. It is said that pioneers took work breaks and used spare washers for their wagon wheels to play the game. In the early West Texas oil fields, workers would pitch washers using the washers from their oil derricks. However the game was introduced to the USA, I am glad that it was, as I spent many hours refining my tossing method.

In today's modern world, I find that the game is still played, either indoors or outside. The game is now played with two boards, each with one circular hole in the center as the target, usually made of four inch PVC pipe. The boards are placed fifteen feet apart, with three washers per player. It is said that these boards with holes are superior to the holes dug in the ground because you can't take the holes with you when you leave. I guess that logic makes sense.

Well, at least the game of pitching washers is still around. I would like to see it get started again at our high school so the modern teenager could experience the thrill of tossing a washer twenty feet and have it land squarely in the hole for three points. That is almost as exciting as scoring a touchdown, or making a three-pointer in basketball.

I grew up in a simpler time when we kids had to make up our own games to entertain ourselves. Pitching washers was one of the best.

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

The Nacogdoches Community Dilemma

The Nacogdoches community is confronted with a persistent dilemma involving families in need. While there are various ways to address these challenges, it is important to recognize that quick solutions often fail to resolve the underlying issues.



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

The Love INC Approach: Love INC operates on a model that prioritizes authentic validation of families who are in need. This process involves a thorough assessment of each family's situation, allowing for informed and thoughtful decisions regarding assistance. Rather than simply providing money or a one-time solution, Love INC seeks to understand the complete context of a family's challenges. This model has been developed for over 50 years in this country. Please visit the National website, www.loveinc.org, to learn what is happening around our nation. Love INC Nacogdoches is only one of many organizations in the NATION connecting to churches In the Name of Christ.

The Harvest House Food Pantry: The Harvest House food pantry is a gap ministry of Love INC Nacogdoches. Validating families for food insecurity ensures that resources are allocated to those who genuinely need support. This approach helps prevent misuse of assistance programs and fosters a sense of trust within the community. Additionally, validation allows organizations to track data more accurately, enabling better planning and resource allocation.

The Harvest House continues to provide 500 children with backpacks for the weekends. Love INC is validating folks to go to the Harvest House for help with food. Love INC does not validate folks for any other food pantry in Nacogdoches. Remember, validation is more than an intake information sheet given to a recipient. There are follow-up processes to ensure verification has taken place.

I have written grants to help the Harvest House purchase food. Love INC will purchase the food from the vendor for the Harvest House to distribute. Keeping records of purchases and records reflecting the families who benefit from the generosity of this community is increasingly important. The community deserves to know families who need food are being served.

To help Love INC purchase food for the Harvest House to distribute to verified families, write Harvest House in the memo of your check. Love INC is committed to serving people who need food through the Harvest House Food Pantry.

Please understand, Love INC hands out a list of all the food pantries, churches, and organizations who offer food and other resources to all who ask for help. We also encourage everyone to seek out any organization that can assist them.

Organizations who disagree with the Love INC model are our friends! We do not have to agree with how we serve others, it's only important that we serve each other and be kind to each other along the way.

Building Relationships for lasting impact is what Love INC is about. Frequently, the verification approach allows Love INC to develop deeper relationships with families. By engaging beyond the immediate crisis, the organization can continue supporting and knowing the family over time. The Laundry and Shower Facility, The Fresh Start Program, Back to School, Christmas Shared Blessings, and our Warehouse Ministries (Home Team), are all programs that continue building relationships with the families we serve. The Harvest House Food Pantry is an additional ministry through Love INC's partner church that volunteers have in place to build relationships with families.

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2026 Nacogdoches Main Street Wine Swirl

The City of Nacogdoches Main Street program is thrilled to announce the 14th annual Nacogdoches Wine Swirl, set to take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in downtown Nacogdoches.

This year's theme, Red, Wine, & Blue, adds a fun and festive twist to the beloved downtown event with a celebratory nod to America's 250th anniversary. The event will feature Texas wineries, live music, shopping vendors and delicious food from local restaurants and food trucks. Downtown merchants will also be open throughout the evening, offering special sales and extended shopping hours for Wine Swirl guests.

"Wine Swirl is Main Street's signature event and we're proud to celebrate its 14th year in a way that brings people together and highlights everything our downtown has to offer," says Main Street Manager Tori Proctor. "The event supports local businesses, creates a vibrant atmosphere in the heart of downtown and directly benefits ongoing downtown revitalization efforts."

The Nacogdoches Wine Swirl serves as a primary fundraiser for the Main Street Program, with proceeds supporting downtown beautification grants, holiday decor and other downtown events that enhance the district's vitality and economic growth.

Tickets for the Wine Swirl go on sale February 13, 2026 and may be purchased online at <https://NacogdochesWineSwirl26.eventbrite.com> or in person at several local locations:

- Red House Winery (108 E. Pilar St.)
- Rhinestone Rifles Boutique (404 E. Main)

Ticket Options options include:

- \$30 - Appetizers Only: The only ticket available for guests under 21
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The Nacogdoches Main Street Program is grateful for the businesses and partners who help make Wine Swirl possible each year. Their support plays a vital role in strengthening Downtown Nacogdoches and funding revitalization efforts that benefit the entire community.

Main Street is thankful for the support of Excel ER and Unlimited Designs as early sponsors of the 2026 Wine Swirl and welcomes additional businesses interested in supporting the event.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Wine Swirl offer visibility while directly supporting the continuation of downtown's revitalization and beautification initiatives.

For more information about the 2026 Nacogdoches Wine Swirl, including ticket details or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Main Street Office at 936-559-2652 or email mainstreet@nactx.us. Event updates will also be shared at <https://www.facebook.com/NacogdochesSwirl>.

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

As warmer days arrive, the city comes alive with color, community gatherings, and signature events that make this time of year especially memorable. March invites you to slow down, step outside, and experience everything the Oldest Town in Texas has to offer.

As the Garden Capital of Texas, our city begins to show off from mid-March through mid-April, when thousands of azaleas bloom across neighborhoods, historic homes, and public spaces in brilliant shades of pink, white, red, and soft yellow. At the center of it all is the stunning Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, the largest azalea garden in Texas, where winding paths lead visitors through sweeping displays of color. Benches tucked beneath blooming branches invite you to sit, linger, and take in the fragrance and quiet rhythm of the season.

On March 14th, celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Stone Fort Museum from 2-4 pm. Enjoy live music by El Camino Real de Nacogdoches accompanied by a plate of traditional Irish treats. This festive afternoon concert is free and open to the public.

March 21st at 6 pm, head to Roma's Italian Kitchen for Noir at the Bar 2.0, a free event hosted by Nacogdoches T-Shirt Company. Set in Roma's charming garden space, the evening features captivating readings from five talented crime fiction authors. Come for the stories, stay for dinner and drinks from their outstanding menu.

From March 26th-28th, the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo takes over the Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center. Known as "The Wildest Show in the Oldest Town," this action-packed weekend includes national talent acts, mutton bustin', livestock shows, and more. They're also partnering with Stephen F. Austin State University for SFA Night on Thursday, March 26th!

Nac Snack Friday returns March 27th from 11 am-2 pm. After a winter break, food trucks will once again line the brick streets around the historic downtown square. It's the perfect excuse to grab lunch outdoors, support local vendors, and enjoy the lively downtown atmosphere with friends.

Spend a Saturday afternoon at Slash-O-Meadey from 2-8 pm, where hand-crafted mead and country views go hand in hand. Guests can feed the Highland cows, enjoy fresh pizza, and relax with friends and family in a laid-back setting just outside of town. It's an easygoing way to savor the slower pace of early spring in Nacogdoches.

From blooming gardens to live music, literary nights, rodeo thrills, and food truck favorites, March is full of reasons to get out and explore. To keep up with Nacogdoches and community events, check out our website at visitnacogdoches.org/events and our "What's Happening" poster included in this paper. We'll see you *Around the Town!*

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A Series: Thoughts on Aging

by Mike Mills

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

I was about 12 years old. On a winter's day, I traveled with my parents to visit my grandfather and grandmother at their country home near Nacogdoches. It was cold outside, and when we entered my grandparents' house, I suddenly became surrounded by a choking blast of hot air, the source of which was a roaring fire in the fireplace and a Dearborn propane heater nearby, whose grates were glowing bright red. My grandfather was wearing an extra flannel shirt, and my grandmother was clad in a thick sweater. I felt light-headed due to the absence of oxygen, which obviously had been consumed by the epic conflagration, but I was able to give grandpa and grandma a hug before collapsing.



My grandfather, in great mastery of the obvious, looked concerned. "Is it too warm in here?" I had revived, but the melted butch wax from my flattop was running down my face.

"Not at all, grandpa." (That was back when kids would get their ears boxed for saying what they really thought.)

As I watched my parents quickly removing their outerwear, I instantly followed suit, stopping reluctantly before reaching any layer displaying a Fruit-of-the-Loom tag. On the way home, I had a discussion with my parents as to what malady had befallen my beloved grandparents.

"Did they have the flu...or pneumonia?"

They smiled, knowingly, and gave an answer that every kid hates: "Don't worry; you'll understand one day."

Now in my seventies, as I turn the thermostat up and put on my flannel shirt, I still wonder what was going on with my grandparents.

Author's note: This is basically a true story, although perhaps embellished a bit with a twinkle in my eye. Now that I have reached the age required to be an oracle, I have some ideas on aging that I will be sharing in future columns. (Lord willing!)



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**Upcoming Events with
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative**

February 28 - Opening Reception 2-4PM
Toy Dinosaurs: A Study by Weelynd McMullan
Falling Star Gallery

March 9-13 - Creativity Camp for ages 8-15

**March 28 - Kickoff for 3rd Annual
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“TOY DINOSAURS: A STUDY,” new art by Weelynd McMullan is now on display in our Falling Star Gallery. The show is open Saturdays 11 - 4 and is free to the public. An art talk is scheduled for April.

Our first Arts Market in 2026 will be Saturday, March 28 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in NAC’s parking lot at 320 North Street. Find registration for vendors at www.nacartscollab.com/ vendors and come out to enjoy our markets and buy from local artists and craftspeople.

The 3rd Annual Naco Verde Upcycled Art Competition will kick off at the March 28 Arts Market. Entry into the contest is \$20. You will pick up some curated “trash” from our ample pile at the NAC booth, create a beautiful piece of creative (or functional) art and return it to us at our Arts Market Saturday, April 25th. We will host a show of the upcycled entries and prizes will be awarded to the highest sold piece and People’s Choice voted by show attendees. This year we are rolling out a THIRD prize category for students!! Kids 6-16 are encouraged to enter for an award given specifically for their category. Visit our website for details and registration.

March Artist Spotlight - Meet Kirby and Justin Oakley!

This married couple, both native Texans living in Garrison, has been participating in local East Texas arts markets since 2022 with what they describe as “Oddity Art.” Their unconventional pieces embrace the strange and unusual, and often involve sustainably sourced animal bones and skulls, pinned butterflies or scorpions and other offbeat elements in “cabinets of curiosities”-style pieces. Kirby’s assemblages are often in shadowboxes, while Justin is partial to broken antique clocks whose interior workings are then replaced with his artful oddities.



Kirby and Justin Oakley

“We’ve shown our work in Lufkin, Tyler, and Longview, as well as Nacogdoches” said Kirby. “Not everyone appreciates it, but those who do, really love it.” Their reputation has grown in recent years, fueled by their Facebook page, ladybonesbaubles.



Lady Bones Baubles art piece

People often bring them donations of raw materials for future projects. “We get cicadas, butterflies, and bags of animal bones.” But Justin emphasized that “it’s important to honor the remains of this animal that once was alive.” That said, there are limits to what they can legally use. “Any protected species, such as owls, or anything covered by the Migratory Bird Act, for example, is off the table. We won’t use them because legally, we can’t,” said Kirby. “Still, we have a friend with a 3-D printer and we’ve been experimenting with printing facsimiles of

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bat skulls or other bones we can’t obtain otherwise,” Justin said.

In 2026, Kirby became the Arts Market Manager for NAC. There will be six arts markets this year, the first taking place March 28 (see details above). “Everything is handmade. And there’s a wide variety of art on offer, everything from ceramics to paintings, original sticker designs to wire sculpture, and of course, our pieces too.” She notes that AI-generated art is barred from sale at the market and that this prohibition is noted on the vendor application form. “We’re only interested in original work created by humans.”

Remarkably, neither Kirby nor Justin have a background specifically in visual art. Both are SFA graduates. Kirby majored in political science and her husband took his BA in history. Justin is also a musician, playing locally with the Piney Rats, a Celtic-inspired ensemble in which he plays guitar, mandolin and Irish tenor banjo. But neither of them became oddity artists via any studio training. “We are curious people and always learning new things,” Kirby said. “Nacogdoches is a hotbed of artistic talent of all kinds and we have found our spiritual tribe here. There’s always something new. Come to the Arts Market on the 28th, and you’ll see what I mean.”

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative is located inside Williamsburg Plaza, 320 North Street. Falling Star Gallery @ NAC is in Suite 306 and is open Saturdays from 11-4 or by appointment by texting 917-209-1050. We are also an easy walk from downtown at 415 N. Fredonia Street, one block north of the Fredonia Hotel. The NAC Annex is at 141 Walker Avenue behind the Fredonia Brewery.

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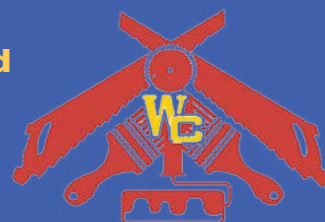


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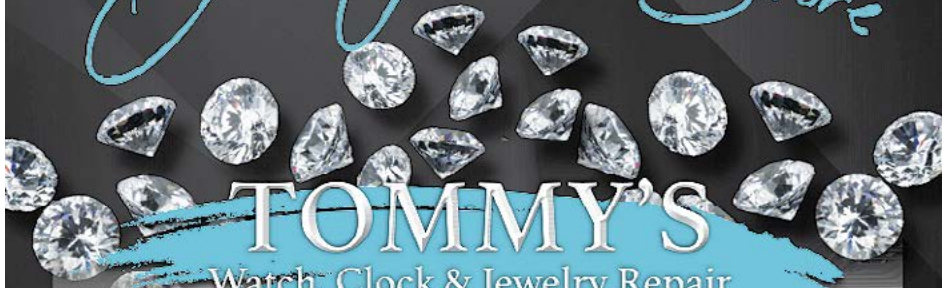
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Staying Ahead of Spring Break This Year

Spring Break has been on the calendar since school started, but it always seems to arrive faster than expected. Suddenly, alarm clocks don't matter, homework's gone, and the usual daily grind stops.

In Deep East Texas, March usually means warmer weather, wildflowers showing up along the back roads, and that unmistakable sense that winter's over.

The impact of Spring Break is different for everyone. Some families hunker down at home, while others take to the road. Kids celebrate their freedom from early mornings and assignments. Parents scramble to figure out this new rhythm on the fly, adjusting the normal routine and altering schedules to cover all the bases.

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council wants to encourage families to plan ahead. Be ready and prepared to recognize that when routines fall away, it impacts everyone, and not everyone reacts the same. Stress levels shift, choices look different, and behaviors adjust in response to the changing demands.

It is during these times that managing the work and home responsibilities becomes more complicated. Teens suddenly find themselves with extra free time. Boredom combined with peer pressure and easier access to substances is a combination that rarely ends well. Talking about the risk is proactive. The conversation you have before Spring Break will almost always serve you better than the one you find yourself having after something goes wrong.

The conversation doesn't have to be "heavy-handed" or harsh. Start simple. Ask about family members' plans for the week and who they will be spending time with. Talk about curfews and places they should avoid.

Even during time off, consistency helps. Keeping regular sleep schedules, eating together when you can, and maintaining a few responsibilities provide a backbone while still leaving plenty of room to relax and enjoy the week.

Parents aren't exempt from this either. School breaks have a way of coming with a certain amount of social pressure around drinking. Your kids are paying close attention to how you handle that pressure. How you choose to unwind during that time teaches your family something, one way or the other.

Color-coded calendars probably is not the way to get through Spring Break. However, getting outside, showing up to something in the community, or knocking out a project together is enough to keep the week from going off the rails. Eat together when you can. Connect with each other. Take a walk. It sounds simple because it is, and simple often works best.

If you want some concrete help talking with your kids about alcohol and other substances, SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You." campaign has practical resources at www.samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you. For more prevention resources and information, you may also visit www.adacadet.org.

Spring Break doesn't have to just happen to your family. With some awareness and honest conversation, you can shape it into something that feels like a break - time to rest, reconnect, and come out stronger as a family.

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March Gardening Education

by Elaine Cameron, Angelina County Master Gardener

Everyone is a gardener in March, as the warming days and budding trees beckon us out in the yard. Reliable gardening information is essential for productive, beautiful gardens of ornamentals or produce. Angelina County -Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, at 2201 S. Medford Drive in Lufkin is a source of educational programs and information that serves both producers and home gardeners. There is a wide range of educational resources, programming, and activities available to folks in Angelina County. For more information or to submit a gardening question, send an email to Angelina-tx@ag.tamu.edu or call 936-632-8239. Visit Angelina AgriLife online at www.angelina.agrilife.org to learn about all available programs.

Cary Sims is the County Coordinator, and County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Volunteer Master Gardeners are experienced gardeners who have taken 50 hours of classroom education and are available to assist Sims in providing gardening information and education to area residents. They answer gardening questions, speak to groups, care for demonstration beds, assist in planning educational programs, and host information booths at local events. Most programs are available at no cost.

Mark your calendar for these events:

- The Noon Gardening Program, hosted by Angelina AgriLife Extension and Angelina Master Gardeners, will be held on **Tuesday, March 17, noon to 1:00 pm** at the extension office at 2201 S. Medford Drive in Lufkin. Dr. Greg Grant will be the guest speaker and his topic will be "Everything You Learned about Gardening is Wrong." Dr. Grant is the County Extension Agent for Horticulture in Smith County. The program is free, and you may bring your lunch.

All gardeners will want to take time to hear Dr. Greg Grant speak. He is a Texas treasure. Greg Grant is an award-winning horticulturist, writer, photographer, conservationist, preservationist, and seventh-generation Texan from Arcadia, Texas, where he lives with his bride in his grandparents' old farmhouse.

Grant has introduced a number of plants to the nursery trade including Gold Star Esperanza, Laura Bush petunia, Pam's Pink Honeysuckle, Henry and Augusta Duelberg sages, Big Momma and Pink Turk's Cap, and the Nacogdoches yellow rose.

Grant authored "Texas Fruit and Vegetable Gardening," a key to successful food growing in our area. Grant co-authored "Heirloom Gardening in the South" and "Texas Home Landscaping." He writes "In Greg's Garden" for *Texas Gardener Magazine* and a monthly blog, "Greg's Ramblings." Grant is a prolific author, and this is an abbreviated list of his works.

- Angelina Master Gardeners will host "Mornings at the Market" on **Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am until noon**, under the arbor of their greenhouse in the Angelina County Farmers Market, at 2107 S. Medford Drive. You may bring your gardening questions and we will have information available for vegetables, and ornamentals. We look forward to visiting with you.



- The Spring Plant Sale, hosted by Angelina Master Gardeners, will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 8:00 am until sold out**, at their greenhouse in the Angelina County Farmers Market, at 2107 S. Medford Drive. We will have Texas tough plants, to include native plants and well-adapted plants. Payment accepted includes cash, check or credit cards. Visit Master Gardeners of Angelina County for more information.

Happy spring gardening and we hope to see you at our gardening events in March.



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What's Happening in Shelby County! Machines

by Robert McCandless

by Deborah Chadwick, Director

March is here, spring is so close. Here in Shelby County we are gearing up for a busy Spring.

February, being Heart Health Month was recognized with a Strong Heart, Strong Women luncheon featuring Dr. Erica Fidone. Dr. Fidone, an interventional cardiologist and staunch patient advocate spoke about the importance of heart health for women. Blood pressure, blood glucose and BMI checks were offered. Attendees also enjoyed a healthy lunch. This program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Texas A&M Extension Office, is one of many health related programs that will be provided throughout the year.

March is Women's History Month. Here's to the strong women "May we know them; may we raise them and may we be them." We have so many outstanding women in our communities. Please take the time this month to thank them and support them. They are teachers, business women, mom's etc. Support your local businesses that are owned by women. There are a lot!!



It began, with me, at the service club in Baumholder, Germany. Ms. Gross, a German National, made and served sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks in a small room in the service club, which housed a photographic lab and a lapidary shop to keep soldiers occupied during an era called "The Cold War."

The "hold the pickles/hold the lettuce" style came to an end as one day I entered the, almost, walk-in closet sized room to discover she had been replaced by three *machines* providing predetermined options for sodas, chips and questionably fresh sandwiches, none of which smiled, as did Ms. Gross. It wasn't long before someone, obviously missing human interaction, kicked in the front of the soda *machine* when it failed to produce satisfactory results. No one ever kicked Ms. Gross even though she spoke little English.

Now, I say all this to defend any inappropriate response you may hear me utter at the grocery store. I can only be told to "*put your item in the bag*" so many times before I fold. My various responses of irritation as the *machine* tries to exhibit its intellect by changing the repetitive drone to "*put your pickles in the bag*" sometimes elicits a laugh as it attempts to say "jicama" with a "G."

As a psychology major I have learned not to repress that which gives me anxiety, so in order to avoid issues later, I, sometimes, respond. The issue is that I have come to respond verbally to the *machine*, at times in a nice manner and others...not so nice, especially when it locks up and says "*help is on the way.*" I have heard this term from two presidential campaigns recently and never saw the cavalry. As I go to the stores, I won't mention names, in fear of being ostracized, I currently stand at the precipice, for verbally requesting assistance at a decibel level high enough to reach and get an employee's attention along with everyone else in the store. I believe they have, as a matter of personal privacy, deleted the app that interrupts employee screen time to announce customer the needs. My pleas for assistance in announcing my need for "Help" has been replaced by repeating the *machine's* message that "help is on the way"...loudly. After several customers looked as if they were about to abandon their buggies and come to some sort of rescue and having been loud enough the customer service department is contemplating a call to 911, I have kept our little arguments quieter in hopes that a softer tone will get better results. I do see improvement, if not with the *%)#^* machine, but with myself.

Transitions abound in my world. My first trip to New York came with a warning to avoid anyone talking to themselves. It was the mid 80s. Back then only those with psychiatric issues walked down the street talking to a non-existent person...much like I do today, when my phone rings through my hearing aids.

I am still, however, working on my patience with "marketing" calls as I sometimes just send them to "Messages" or attempt to engage them with equally absurd chatter. Most are recordings and I find myself emotionally responding to a machine which can't process the words I use... many of which once were four letter ones. My, more intelligent, wife has encouraged me to just not answer, but the resentment for having to end each day blocking and deleting the spam calls, initiates a retaliatory response I sometimes fail to resist. But they too are now mostly "*machines*" on the other end designed, I guess to save the poor telemarketer from having to deal with responses of an unkind nature. Although, now I find myself tempted to ask "are you a machine?"

These mechanical interactions of late, have reminded me of past verbal interaction with cars, plants, water heaters, and other inanimate objects made of two or more parts. As machines begin to talk back, give instruction and ask the same question over and over when the voice recognition prompt is out of sync, I begin to trust them less. Even Alexa fails to cooperate 100% of the time.

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My first day on the job as the manager of my father's newly acquired furniture store in Diboll, Dixon Furniture, I think, was March 27, 1985. I had left Lufkin at the end of May in 1983 to follow my Advanced Greek Grammar professor, Dave Lowery, as the pastor of Waxahachie Bible Church, and, as I returned, I had my tail between my legs: I had resigned my pastorate on August 27, 1984. I had left to conquer the world, but instead, the world had conquered me. The Lord was very good to my family and me in providing that for me to do, i.e., I needed a place to be, and my father needed a manager!

Things got off to a rocky start when I first got there, but we all stayed busy getting ready for the grand opening, which I think was May 10th. My almost four years in Diboll were a very good experience—community-wise: I became the Continental Trailways bus agent and made 5-cent photocopies for the public just to get traffic in the store; we drew about 300 people per month from this and made a little bit in the process. Alan Mosshart had bought Carl Pavlic's grocery store, and we became fast friends; I went some days to the Brisket House to have coffee with A. B. Conner and Nathan Edwards. But the one incident that touched me the most was my lunch invitation at Conway Grigsby's house. I barely knew him; actually, I knew him through his son Terry and Terry's father-in-law, the owner of J & L Woodmill. A couple of months after I got there, Conway came into the store and told me he wanted to cook lunch for me. I don't remember what we had for lunch, but what I do remember is how attentive he was to make sure I was well-fed and felt welcomed. It was salve to be sure for a hurting pastor.

Thought for the Month: "There are only 2 days in the year when absolutely nothing can be done. One is called yesterday, and the other is tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, think, do, and live." Melanie Gotz

Kissin' Kuzzins

(1) Be sure to read William Lanigan's article on McMahan Chapel in the February 2026 issue of Charm magazine. **(2)** Dickie Dixon will discuss "The Significance of the Old Stone Fort" at 5:30 p.m. for the Angelina County Genealogical Society on Monday, March 16, 2026, in the meeting room of David Beard's Catfish King on the loop in Lufkin. The public is invited, and you don't have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com **(3)** Save the Dates! Tom Gann is working on the program dates for the joint meetings of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Republic of Texas for 2026, which will be: February 26th, April 23rd, June 25th, and August 27th, all of which will be held at Ralph and Kacoo's on South First Street in Lufkin. For more information, contact Tom at (936) 635-8807. **(4)** Thu Van Ellis will present the findings of her book "From Vietnam to Texas" at about 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026, to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at the Newton Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. Sandra Litton and her crew will have desserts and refreshments out and ready at 5:30 p.m., and Ruth Dusan will conduct a short business meeting at 6 p.m. You do not have to be a member to attend; the public is invited.



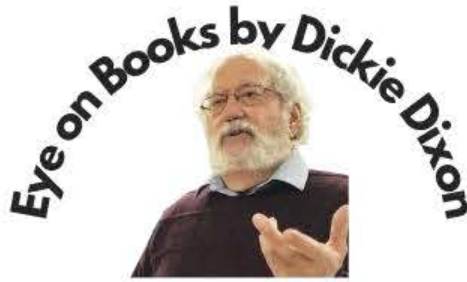
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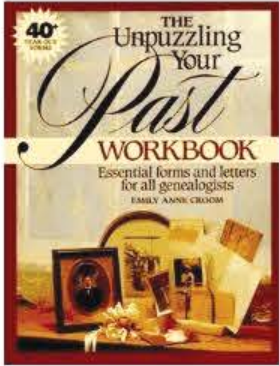
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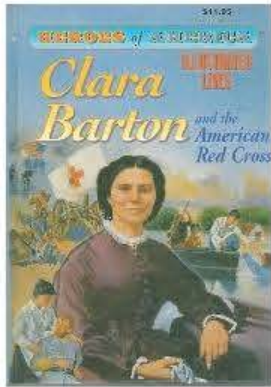
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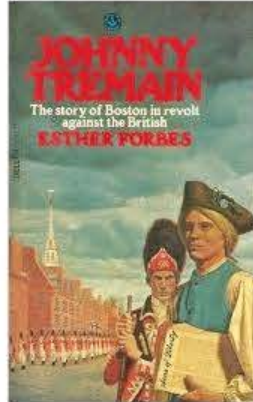


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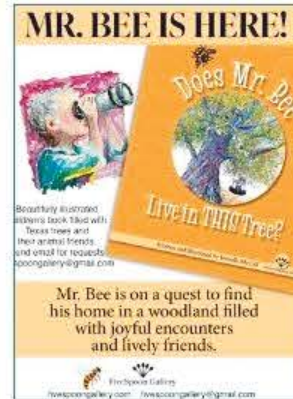


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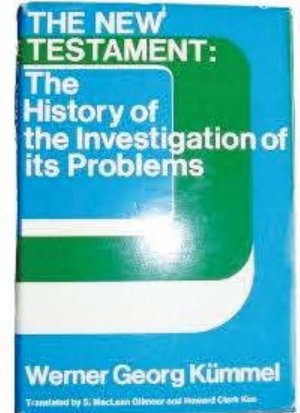


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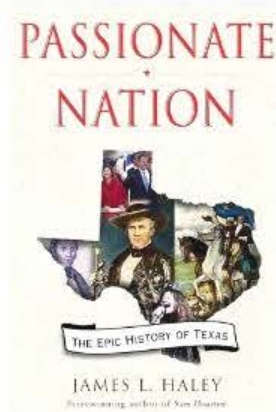
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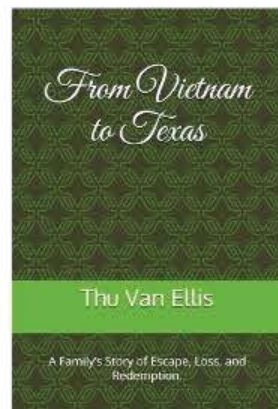
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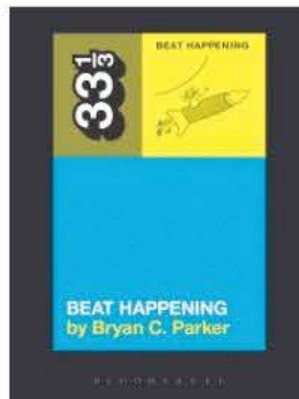
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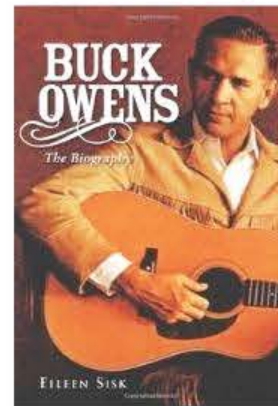


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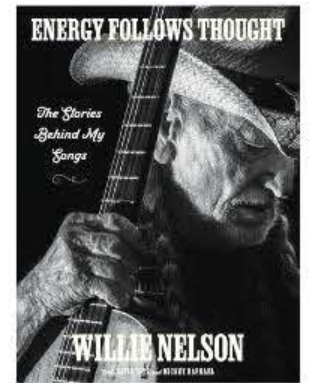
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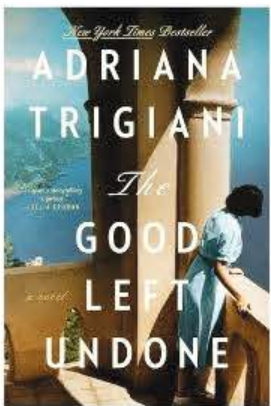


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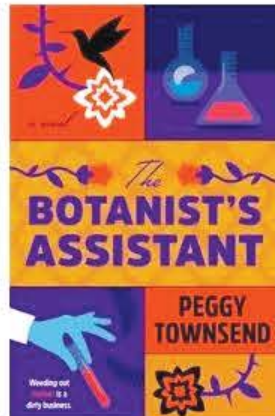


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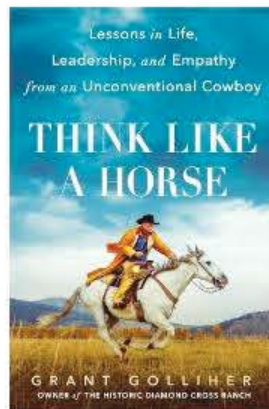


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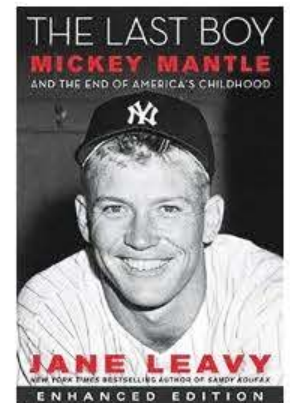
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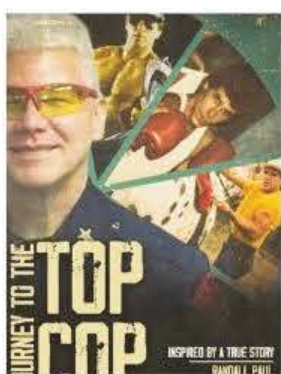
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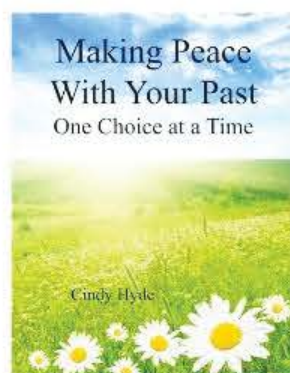
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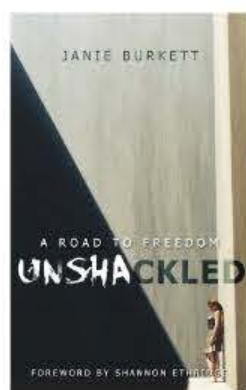


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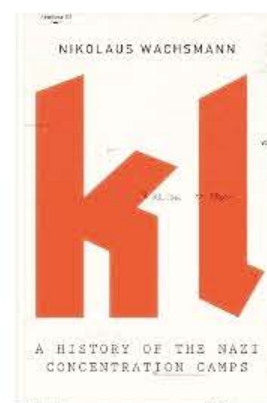


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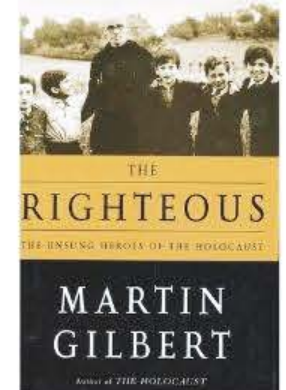


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Leadership Programs Now Accepting Applications

by **Amanda Powell**
Director of Marketing & Communications
Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Lufkin 2026-2027 | Leadership Tomorrow 2026-2027

The Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce is proud to open applications for two transformational leadership programs designed to strengthen our community today and for generations to come.

Leadership Lufkin

Leadership Lufkin is a premier nine-month program created to identify, equip, and connect established and emerging leaders across Angelina County.

Through immersive, day-long sessions, participants gain firsthand insight into healthcare, education, economic development, government, public safety, and quality of life in our region. The program not only deepens understanding of community issues but also builds meaningful relationships that inspire collaboration and collective impact.

As one of the Chamber's flagship initiatives, Leadership Lufkin reflects the Chamber's mission to promote and develop business support and growth through advocacy, alliances, economic development partnerships, and education. Graduates leave informed, connected, and ready to lead with purpose.

Apply at:

LufkinTexas.org/leadership-lufkin

Leadership Tomorrow

Attention Current High School Sophomores

Leadership Tomorrow is designed specifically for high school juniors in Angelina County and mirrors the Leadership Lufkin experience at a student level.

Participants explore the inner workings of their community through sessions focused on social services, healthcare, education, local economy, and government. Along the way, students strengthen essential leadership skills, including communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and decision making.

Community service is central to the experience, as students engage in volunteer projects that foster responsibility, empathy, and a deeper connection to Angelina County. Through mentorship and networking opportunities such as the Leadership Forum, students also gain exposure to career pathways and to local professionals shaping the future of our region.

Leadership Tomorrow continues its mission of developing capable and compassionate leaders who are prepared to make a difference wherever life takes them.

Apply at:

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Whether you are an established professional ready to deepen your impact or a student beginning your leadership journey, these programs represent an opportunity to invest in yourself and in the future of Angelina County.

Together, we grow leaders. Together, we strengthen our community.



From Resurrection to Rabbits: The History Behind Easter Traditions

Each Spring, church bells ring and children search for brightly colored eggs. Easter is both a sacred Christian celebration and a joyful season filled with symbols of new life. But how did we get eggs and bunnies?

The Christian Foundation

At its heart, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead on the third day. Christians proclaim this event as the victory over sin and death and the foundation of their faith.

Early believers within the Roman Empire began marking the resurrection annually during the Passover Season. By the second century, Easter was firmly established as the most important feast of the Christian year. Its date – the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox – connects the celebration to both biblical history and the season of Spring.

Why Eggs?

Eggs have long symbolized new life. For Christians, the egg represents the resurrection – just as life emerges from the shell, Christ emerged from the tomb. In many traditions, eggs were dyed red to symbolize sacrifice and victory. Over time, decorating and hiding eggs became a joyful custom for families.

Why the Bunny?

Rabbits, known for their abundance of offspring, became symbols of life and renewal in Springtime. German settlers brought the tradition of an Easter hare that delivered eggs to children. The hare eventually became the familiar Easter Bunny, and real eggs were joined by chocolate treats.

A Season of Renewal

While chocolate and baskets fill store shelves, Easter remains a celebration of hope and new beginnings. Whether observed in worship or around the family table, its symbols all point to life, renewal, and joy each Spring.

Join Us!!

Bring your baskets and join us for a traditional 1800s Easter celebration.

Join us for
Easter
 at
Millard's Crossing
 March 29th, 2026 from 2pm to 5pm
 located at 620 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas

Doors open at 2:00pm. Egg hunts start at 2:30pm

Children under 1yr are free
 \$2.00 for ages 1 - 3
 \$5.00 for ages 3 - 12
 Free entry for ages 13 and up (egg hunt not included)

Admission cost includes:
 Huge Easter Egg Hunt (ages 1 - 12), Photo op with Easter Bunny, Three-legged Race, Face Painting, and more

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A GOSPEL CONCERT, SINGING
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at

Clever Creek Baptist Church

A Congregation Praying, Praising & Proclaiming

the Lord's Good News

Friday – March 13, 2026 – Supper 6:00 pm

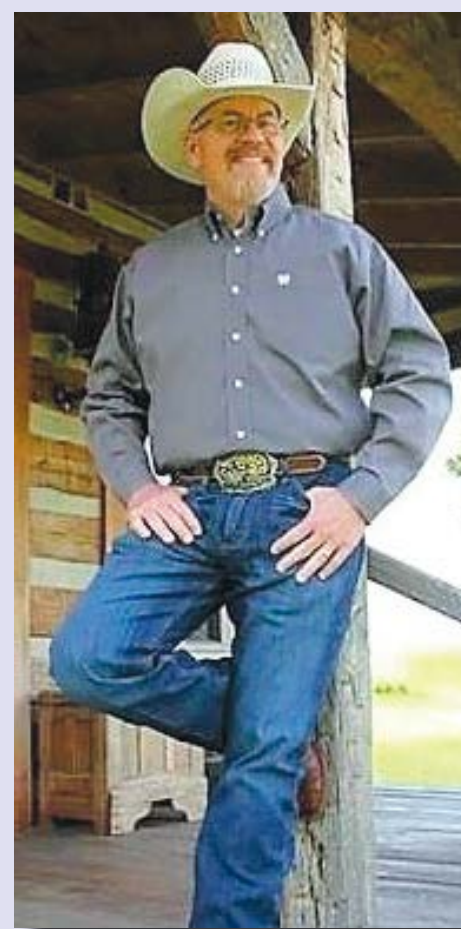
Singing & Preaching 7:00 pm

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- **OCTOBER 17** GENEALOGY FALL FESTIVAL 10 AM-5 PM COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY 706 SOUTH RAGUET STREET, LUFKIN, TEXAS

All meetings are free to the public; you do not have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonherrshel51@aol.com

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



March 2026

Ring Week Spring 2026
Mar. 2nd - Mar. 6th
Stephen F. Austin State University

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

Pour & Paint Night
Fri, Mar. 6th 6pm
Red House Winery

Market on Main
Sat, Mar. 7th 9am-1pm
305 East Main St.

Obvara Alternative Firing Workshop
Sat, Mar. 7th 10am-4pm
Muddy Pants Pottery

St. Patrick's Day Concert
Sat, Mar. 14th 2-4pm
Stone Fort Museum

Piney Woods Entrepreneurship Network
Wed, Mar. 18th 5:30-8:30pm
Aperitivo Gelato & Cafe

Noir at the Bar 2.0
Sat, Mar. 21st 6pm
Roma's Italian Kitchen

Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo
Mar. 26th - Mar. 28th
Nacogdoches County Expo & Civic Center

Nac Snack Friday
Fri, Mar. 27th 11am-2pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

3rd Annual Bike Safety Rodeo
Sat, Mar. 28th 10am-12pm
William R. Johnson Coliseum

5th Annual Day for Kids
Sat, Mar. 28th 12-3pm
Festival Park

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

The Upshaws of County Line Photography Exhibit
Mar. 1st - Mar. 31st
Zion Hill Baptist Church

Downtown Sip Around
Mar. 1st - Mar. 15th
Various Downtown Locations

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 3/10 & 3/24 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, & 3/26 Fredonia Brewery
Sunday: 3/29 Tournament Finale Fredonia Brewery

Aperitivo Cafe & Gelato
Thursdays: Piano & Pour 6-9pm
3/7: Cars & Coffee 9am-12pm

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza every Thu.-Sat.
Live Music 5:30pm:
3/7: Randy C Moore
3/14: Joe Cuellar
3/21: Justin Merritt
3/28: Gabe Shipp

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative
Locations are Italicized
141 Walker St:
3/1, 3/15, & 3/29: Art Cafe 2-4pm
3/5 & 3/26: Art Cafe 5-7pm
320 North St:
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, & 3/28: ToyDinosaurs: A Study by Weelynd McMullan 11am-4pm
3/28: Arts Market 11am-2pm

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Free Dance Lessons 7-8pm & Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
Live Music 8pm:
3/21: Jackson Wendell
3/28: Logan Ryan Band w special guest Cole Phillips

Madhatter Distillery
Events are 21+ | No cover unless stated otherwise
Thursdays: Bingo 6-7:30pm
3/7: 1-Year Birthday Party 2-10pm & J. Webb Live 7-10pm
3/13: Muddy Pants Pottery Glaze & Sip \$20 6:30-9pm
3/14: St. Pattie's Day Specials & Jay & Linda Kaye Live 7-9:30pm
3/20: Crazy Hat Party 7-9:30pm
3/21: Prohibition Gin Class \$40 12-2pm & Barry McKenna Live 7-9:30pm
3/27: Paint & Sip \$25 6:30-9pm
3/28: Mark Scott & Gina Live 7-9:30pm

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
3/7: TX Independence Day Celebration 12-3pm
3/14: St. Paddy's Day Celebration 12-3pm
3/21: Rally Ready Event 12-3pm
3/28: Crawfish Boil 12-3pm

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

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

The Fredonia Hotel
Fridays: Music on the Patio 6-9pm
3/6: Larry Greer and the Shades of Blue
3/13: Enrique Munguia
3/20: Logan McCune
3/27: Ryan Lawless

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

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday 7pm
Live Music every Friday & Saturday
3/4: Books & Brews 6pm
3/6: Brian Winfield Live 6:30pm-8:30pm
3/7: Fred Brew IX Anniversary + Huffie & The Paintfish Live 7-9pm
3/13: Haylee Lewis Live 6:30pm-8:30pm
3/14: Velvet Vyb Live 6-9pm
3/15: FredTalk Lecture Series 2-3pm
3/20: Ally Fuller Live 6:30-8:30pm
3/21: Wrights & Wrongs Live 6-9pm
3/28: Jay, Lynda Kaye, & Lefty Live 6-9pm

Slash-O-Meadery
Saturdays: Mead with the Highlands 2-8pm
3/14: Dan McMahon Live 4-7pm

SFA Fine Arts
Locations are Italicized
Cole Art Center:
3/1-3/29: Nature & Disposition Exhibit
3/1-3/29: Greetings from Texas (or somewhere in between)
Flexible Theatre:
3/1: Anna in the Tropics 7:30pm
Cole Concert Hall:
3/2: Choral Extravaganza Concert 7:30pm
W. M. Turner Auditorium:
3/2: The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs 9:30am & 12:30pm
3/5: Swingin' Axes and Swingin' Aces 7:30pm

SFA Gardens
Locations are Italicized
Brundrett Conservation Education Building:
3/12: The Secret Life of the SFA Garden Plants 7-8pm
Pineywoods Native Plant Center:
3/21: Royal Tea Party 10am-12pm & 1-3pm
3/28: Early Edible Plant Sale 9am-12pm

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

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- Appleby Baptist Church** — 13995 US-59, 75965
- Appleby Church of Christ** — 10494 FM 941, 75965 — 936.564.9792
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24. Vampire's tooth
25. Tai's partner
28. South American monkey
30. Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
35. Pilot's stunt
37. Forbidden, to a baby
39. Vampire of Greek mythology
40. Italian wine region
41. Not Astroturf
43. Alpine lift
44. Sports figures, e.g.
46. Cantina pot
47. Email folder
48. Not vivid and bright
50. Nessie's abode
52. *Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
53. Eagle's nest
55. Unreliable newspaper
57. *2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
61. *Chloë Zhao's nominee
64. Newton or Stern
65. Romanian money
67. Star-crossed one
69. To the point
70. a.k.a sodium hydroxide
71. Novelist Zola
72. Formerly, formerly
73. Aye-aye
74. "He _____ it like it is"

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1. Not NBC or ABC
2. Reluctant
3. Pantyhose hue
4. DNA and RNA, e.g.
5. Cups and saucers
6. 20-20, e.g.
7. *"One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
8. High IQ society
9. *#7's nominated co-star
10. "Anything _____?"
11. Wing-shaped
12. K to Romans, pl.
15. Like athlete's foot
20. Behind on rent, e.g.
22. Night spot
24. At last
25. Necklace fastener
26. Popular garden perennial
27. I to Greeks, pl.
29. *2026 nominated Benicio del _____
31. Benatar and Morita
32. Fly in _____, or a reminder of the past
33. Tarzan's swing rope
34. *Fictional table tennis champ
36. *Nominated "F1" star
38. Nobel Peace Prize capital
42. Sacrum, pl.
45. Communicating with spirits event
49. Hawaiian flower garland
51. *Inspiration for #61 Across
54. Pep gathering
56. Lawn ornament
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58. _____-friendly
59. Needlefish, pl.
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 Ralph and Kacoo's - 3107 S. 1st (Hwy 59S)
 Ray's Drive In - 420 N. Timberland Dr.
 Shell Food Mart - 3008 Adkinson Dr. (Hwy 103E)
 Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites - 2409 N. Timberland Dr.
 Stringer's Lufkin Barbecue - 203 S. Chestnut St.
 Tia Juanita's Fish Camp - 3102 S. John Redditt Dr.
 Timberland Chevron - 804 N. Timberland Dr.
 Tommy's Watch & Jewelry - 800 S. Timberland Dr.
 Walgreens - 102 N. Timberland Dr.
 Walgreens - 1000 W. Frank Ave.
 Wash & Dry Washateria - 114 E. Laurel Ave.
 West Loop Chevron - 904 S. John Redditt Dr.

In Diboll:

Brookshire Brothers - 221 N. Temple Dr. (U.S. Hwy 59)
 Diboll Depot - 1605 N. Temple Dr. (U.S. Hwy 59)
 On The Road - 1580 N. Temple Dr. (US Hwy 59)

In Homer:

Homer Mini Grocery - 7075 Hwy 69S

In Hudson:

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

In Huntington:

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

In Pollok:

Brookshire Brothers/Polk's - 6925 Hwy 69N

In Redland:

JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59N

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In the City of Nacogdoches:

Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe - 6530 FM 2609
 Appleby Sand Depot - 3023 Appleby Sand Rd.
 Arbor - 3002 Westward Dr.
 Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road
 Barbecue House - 704 N. Stallings Dr.
 Barkeeps - 3308 North St.
 Big's - 2430 SE Stallings Dr.
 Big's - 540 NE Stallings Dr.
 Blue Eyed Coco's Market Square - 412 E. Main St.
 Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.
 Boles Feed - 913 South St.
 Brendyn's BBQ - 601 E. Main St.
 Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.
 Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South St.
 Brown Family Health Center - 1407 E. Main St.
 Buckle Up Insurance - 1122 N. University Drive - Suite 119
 Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.
 Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings Dr.
 CC's Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Dr.
 Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.
 Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St..
 Chevron - 3228 North St.
 Chique-n-Tiques on Main - 409 E. Main St.
 CiCi's Pizza - 3801 North St. - Suite 19
 Claw Daddy's Market - 3322 Center Hwy
 Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.
 Coldwell-Banker Blueberry Realty - 112 E. Main St.
 Copy Center Nac - 2618 North St.
 Days Inn and Suites by Wyndham - 2724 North St;
 Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W
 Dr. Ronnie Hancock Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguett St..
 El Rancho Restaurant - 123 King St.
 El Taco Salsa - 4512 North St.
 Exxon - 3104 N. University Dr.
 Farmers State Bank - 3540 NE Stallings Dr.
 Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr.
 G & G Lock & Safe - 916 Park St.
 Gound Chevrolet - 1015 North Street
 Granary Health Foods - 4411 South St.
 Guacamole's - 1315 North St.
 H & Z Valero - 1626 N. University Dr.
 Herman Power Tire - 222 South St.
 HoneyBee Health Foods - 3801 North St. - Suite 17
 Hop In/Roady's Chevron - 4919 NW Stallings Dr.
 Hotel Fredonia - 200 N. Fredonia St.
 Independence Manor - 1501 Pruitt Hill Dr.
 Java Jack's - 1122 North Street
 Johnson Furniture - 106 E. Main
 K.J.'s Convenience Store/Exxon - 5713 South St.
 Kinfolks - 4817 NW Stallings Dr.
 Kline's Wrap-It-Up - 628 N. University Dr.
 Kroger - 3205 N. University Dr.
 Kyle Brasher Insurance - 212 South St.
 Lehmann Eye Center - 5300 North St.
 Linda's Cutting Edge - 2211 S. University Dr.
 Loblolly Properties, LLC - 1326 N. University Dr. - Suite 101
 Lone Star Farm & Home Center - 608 W. Main St.
 M & S Pharmacy - 917 E. Austin St.
 Ma's Jewelry - 2423 North St.
 Martin Kennel - 512 CR 217
 McCoy's Building Materials - 4009 NW Stallings Dr.
 Meadow Ridge Outdoors - 1090 CR 231
 Memory Lane - 3205 N. Univrsity Dr. - Suite F
 Mike Perry Motors - 3812 South St.
 Mike's BBQ - 1622 South St.
 NacBurger - 3205 N. University Dr.
 Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative - 320 North St - Suite 307.
 Nacogdoches CVB - 200 E. Main St.
 Nacogdoches Senior Center - 1601 W. Austin St.
 Napoli's Restaurant - 2119 North St.
 Nikki Evans-Wallace State Farm Insurance - 332 N. University Dr.

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In the City of Nacogdoches

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

In Appleby:

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

In Central Heights:

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

In Garrison:

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

In Martinsville:

L & M Quick Stop - 13101 Hwy 7

In Woden:

Dollar General Store - 5130 FM 226

SHELBY COUNTY

In the City of Center:

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

In Huxley:

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

In Joaquin:

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

In Shelbyville:

Shelbyville Grocery and Valero - 5270 Hwy 87S

In Tenaha

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

In Timpson:

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

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