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## The Inventor of “Honky-Tonk” Who Changed Country Music

by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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I enjoy all genres of music, even a little early hip-hop, which is—I think—rare for someone of my advanced age, but I suppose if you put me on the spot and asked me to name my favorite kind of music it would be country music (but not what passes for country today, primarily because I can’t figure out where it falls). Country, of course, comes in all kinds of shapes and formats from, the hard 4/4 rhythm of the “Bakersfield Sound,” the pop influenced “Countryopolitan” of the late 1960s and early 1970s, and the rock-tinged beats of the “Outlaw Movement” that defined the genre in the 1970s and early 1980s. One sub-field of the music that has persisted and still finds a home in the Americana category today is what is usually called the “honky-tonk” sound, a definite sound that was born in Texas “beer joints” in the 1930s and 1940s. You know you are hearing a “honky-tonk” song when it’s a driving, upbeat rhythm combined with lyrics that almost cry about how life has become a struggle. It is a sound that leans heavily on a pedal steel guitar, the fiddle (and more distinctly a “Texas fiddle”), and a strong lead electric guitar. When anyone begins to discuss “honky-tonk” tunes, there are always a few names that rise to the beginning of the discussion, giants such as Lefty Frizzel, Webb Pierce, George Jones, and—to me, at least—the



Clarence Albert Poindexter (Al Dexter)

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## Generational Entrepreneurial Spirit — Winders’ Sales & Services

by Dr. Vi Alexander

The road from Broaddus to Nacogdoches in 1940 was not long in miles, but it stretched wide with hope. Red dust trailed behind the family’s truck as it rattled over pine-shadowed roads, carrying everything that Norman and Virgie Williams owned and a belief that something better waited ahead. Back in Broaddus, Virgie Williams had been a midwife and caretaker—the kind of woman folks trusted in the quiet, urgent hours of night. She had delivered babies by lamplight, steady and calm, her voice soft but certain. But times were changing, and opportunities were scarce. Nacogdoches, with its deeper roots and growing community, promised something more. Not long after the Williams’ arrived in Nacogdoches, they took a simple but bold step. They built a walled-in patio on the back of their home and began caring for elderly individuals who needed help. Virgie dreamed of providing comfort, dignity, and a place to belong to a large audience. In 1961, that dream became a reality with the opening of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Nacogdoches.

Virgie and Norman had a vision, and over time this family carried that generational vision, casting a legacy of purpose and leadership across multiple generations. As we fast forward to the Williamses’ fourth generation, we meet another determined woman, Amy Lou Patterson Rushing, the great-granddaughter of Virgie Williams. Sharing Virgie’s entrepreneurial spirit, Amy dreamed of owning her own company.

When her neighbors, Pete and Vanessa Winder, decided to sell Winder’s Sales



Amy Rushing with Around the Town Publisher David Stallings

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## “HONKY-TONK”

greatest of them all Ernest Tubb. One name that you do not hear but should is Al Dexter. In fact, I’m willing to bet that most people have never heard of this influential East Texan. That’s a shame because we can rightfully point to Dexter as the inventor of the honky-tonk sound, the most pervasive country sub-genre there has ever been.

Clarence Albert Poindexter was born in Jacksonville, Texas on May 4, 1902. Poindexter’s father worked in a number of laboring jobs, mostly as a carpenter/handyman, and his son followed him into that life, working at various times as a house-painter and day-laborer on construction jobs. It was a living, for sure, but not one that would be characterized as comfortable, so to make ends meet, Poindexter turned to something else that he had showed a talent for—music. As a young boy, Poindexter had begun to teach himself various instruments such as the guitar, the banjo, and the harmonica. Using those talents, Poindexter—who decided to then adopt the “stage name” of Al Dexter—began to play around his East Texas home at square-dances, reunions, and in churches.

Dexter’s part-time job became more important when the country was plunged into the Great Depression in 1929, and generally by the end of 1930 Texas had certainly begun to feel its effects. East Texas was one of the hardest hit, and Dexter’s gigs at local venues began to become his primary source of income. The onset of the Depression in East Texas also coincided with something else that would change the young musician’s life. When Columbus “Dad” Joiner brought in the giant East Texas oilfield with his Daisy Bradford #3 gusher just outside of Henderson in Rusk County, almost overnight the entire region was inundated with speculators hoping to cash in on the growing oil boom. While most of those who came to East Texas in the 1930s arrived to try their luck in the oil fields, others capitalized on servicing those workers. Dexter was one of the latter. He had begun to save a little money, and he also recognized the need. When those rough-necks and tool-pushers finished their day’s toil in the oil patch they often looked for a place to quench their thirst and do a little unwinding. Dexter understood those men as he was essentially one of them, so he took his savings and bought a small building in Turnertown, the community that was established at the intersection of State Highways 42 and 64 in response to the growing oilfield activity.

Dexter’s little beer joint and dancehall was successful, partly because of the needs of the men it served, but also because of the man and his band that played in his joint. He crafted a sound the men wanted to hear. Like so many musicians of his day and region, Dexter was keenly aware of the African American sound that would be called the “blues.” He combined those blues with the traditional instruments and arrangement of country music and that sound became his primary songs. Dexter grew to be one of the most popular performers in the region, and that led him to a small recording studio in Longview, where he recorded a song he wrote titled “Honky-Tonk Blues” in 1936, which led to a contract with Columbia Records. According to most music historians, it was “Honky-Tonk Blues” that was the first utterance of that term and defined the genre.

With his contract in hand, as well as a hit record, Dexter looked to have his career take off. Unfortunately, that did not happen until seven years later when he had another hit with “Pistol Packin’ Mama.” The record would end up selling over three million copies—quite the achievement in 1943—and would go to #1 on both the Pop and country charts. It even led Dexter to Broadway, the first country star to appear on the Great White Way, and it also became the basis for a 1943 movie. Dexter became a wealthy man, earning almost \$300,000 in royalties.

While he would never have another hit of the magnitude of “Piston Packin’ Mama,” Dexter would have a number of country hits throughout the remainder of the 1940s. But, by the 1950s he had stopped performing and concentrated on other business interests he had, mostly in real estate in Dallas. Al Dexter died in 1971, largely forgotten by the country music establishment, but the genre he pioneered had continued to live on today.

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Around the Town and its publishers seek to provide the people of this area with news and information about the current events and happenings in the categories of dining, entertainment, sports and the arts, while providing a venue for retail and commercial establishments, as well as local artisans and non-profit and service organizations to present themselves to the public. We also strive to feature some of the rich history and culture this area is particularly known for.

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& Services, Amy and her husband Doug saw the moment as their opportunity to step in and run a business of their own. In 2022, after nearly forty years of operation, the reins were proudly passed to Amy Rushing.

Before acquiring Winders' Sales & Services, Amy reared four successful young adults and supported her husband in launching multiple start-up businesses. The company is proud to be female-owned and operated. She is passionate about her work and about building long term relationships with both customers and vendors. The company's success is rooted in loyal customers, dedicated employees, meticulous attention to detail, and a steadfast commitment to exceptional service.

As a distribution center, Winders' Sales & Services provides a wide range of products including: janitorial and cleaning products. Their inventory includes paper goods, vacuum cleaners, containers, office supplies, entry mats, auto scrubbers, and much much more. They also support small businesses by sourcing many of their products locally. With a smile, Amy noted, that people have occasionally called or stopped by asking what kind of winders they sell and if they have any wooden winders. Unfortunately, that's not an item listed in their inventory, but they can most likely get it for you.

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L-R: Victoria Rushing, Briana Rushing, Amy Rushing, Kathy Hight, Addy Reppond

From a great-grandmother's dust-covered journey in 1940, the Williams family story has been defined by steady vision, hard work, and a commitment to serving others. That same spirit endures today in Amy Patterson Rushing's business—guided by purpose, and carried forward with pride. While the paths have evolved over time, the mission remains unchanged: to build something meaningful, serve others with excellence, and leave a lasting, positive impact. As spring cleaning approaches, visit Amy and her team for high-quality products, expert guidance, and trusted solutions for a cleaner, healthier environment.

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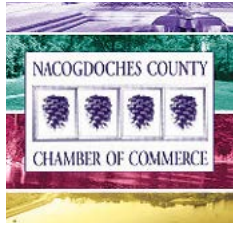
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**Chamber Connection**  
 by Kelly Augustine  
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# Texas Blueberry Festival Makes for the Sweetest Day in the State!

**Friday, June 12 —**

**Critter Costume Contest** – 6 p.m. at Fredonia Brewery

Bring your creatively dressed critters or just come out and watch the show! Hosted by Willie 103.3 and Tractor Supply.

**Blueberry Festival of Quilts** – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, at Fredonia Hill Baptist Church, 1711 South St.

The judged show, which coincides with the Texas Blueberry Festival, will feature over 100 beautiful quilts made by talented quilters of all skill levels. They are some of the finest quilts you will ever see. Hosted by Nacogdoches Quilters Guild.

**Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park** – Presented by Rex Perry Motorplex 7 p.m., Friday, June 12, in Festival Park. No charge and family-friendly. Live bluegrass music entertainment by multiple bands.

**Saturday, June 13 —**

**NEW! Texas Folklife Blueberry Jam** – 1 to 4 p.m. in Mast Hall venue, 317 E. Main St.

Cool off and jam on at the Blueberry Jam with live entertainment in air-conditioned comfort. Sponsored by Motorhomes of Texas.

**Ferrara’s Sweet Shoppe** – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Mast Hall venue, 317 East Main Street.

Enjoy sweet blueberry-inspired treats and drinks. Sponsored by Ferrara’s Heating & Air Conditioning.

**Cookin’ Up the Blues** – 10 a.m. in Mast Hall venue, 317 E. Main St.

Enjoy a fun and interactive cooking demonstration dedicated to all things blueberries! Whether you’re a seasoned cook or just looking to try something new, this session is packed with exciting flavors and fresh ideas you won’t want to miss! Event Sponsored by Pilgrim’s Nacogdoches.

**Pick Your Own Blueberries at The Blueberry Place**

Tour a local farm and pick your blueberries right off the bush! Drive out to 451 CR 2052 for this unique festival event. \$2.00/pound, cash or check only. Sponsored by Oncor Electric Delivery.

**Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** – Starts at 8 a.m. and lasts til they’re gone!

\$7/plate (or \$7.25 if paying by card) and proceeds benefit the Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club projects. Enjoy delicious blueberry pancakes cooking up on the brick streets in the 100 block at the intersection of E. Main St. and Pecan St.

**Blue Washer Board Tournament** – Tournament begins at 10 a.m. in Festival Park. This will be a double elimination event with pre-registration bracket for those who have signed up online, and on the day of, there will be a walk-up registration with a separate tournament. Entry Fee \$20.00 per person. Cash Prizes provided by Host Blue Thumb Pools and event sponsored by Badders Law Firm.

**Blueberry Festival Ford F1 Truck Photo Op** – A photo-op with blueberries and the F1 Blueberry Festival Ford Truck is planned for the Tipton Ford area on E. Main St. in front of the Charles Bright Visitor Center. “We want to give everyone who comes to the festival with friends and family a good, memorable experience,” Tipton Ford owner Neal Slaten said. “This is our opportunity to enjoy getting to know folks and celebrate one of the largest traditional outdoor events in Nacogdoches.”

**Fresh Blueberries for Sale** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the intersection of Pilar and Pecan streets, near City Hall.

Get your fresh, plump, and sweet Texas-grown blueberries on the downtown brick streets from Brookshire Brothers Blueberry. Pricing based on the market. Other sweet blueberry treats will be available, too.

**Activities for Kids in Festival Park** – Vendors and activities that include:

- Touch a Tractor.
- Train Rides.
- Kids’ KSWP/KAVX Obstacle Course and Cool Zone.
- Kids Splish Splash & Bounce Park - giant inflatables with water for giggles and spills. Individual and \$10 unlimited bounce wristbands are available.
- Petting Zoo and Pony Rides for children.
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**Blue Pies Smiling at Me Pie Eating Contest**

Adult and children’s contests run from 10 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Come hungry, leave messy! No charge to participate thanks to Event Sponsor McWilliams Heating, Cooling & Plumbing.

**Running of the Blueberries** – 10K start at 7:15 a.m.; 5K start at 7:30 a.m.; 1-mile fun run start at 7:35 a.m. at Pecan Acres Park on Starr Ave.

All run/walk levels welcomed, and dog walkers, too! Proceeds benefit Nacogdoches trails.

**Paul Kendrick Memorial 42 Tourney**

Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex meeting room, 101 W. Main St. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at the event, \$20/person and \$40/team. The tournament begins at approximately 8 a.m. Enjoy snacks and enter to win door prizes! Located in the Benefiting The Salvation Army of Nacogdoches.

**Blueberry Cupcake Battle** – Entries due by 10 a.m. in Mast Hall venue 317 E. Main St.

Bakers must prepare at least six cupcakes to be judged on theme, appearance, and flavor. The entry fee is \$25, and cupcakes must be delivered by 10 a.m. Cupcake displays will be available for public viewing until noon. Event by Family Crisis Center of East Texas.

**Plaza Principal Stage** – Live Entertainment Sponsored by Eaton;

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12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Country Willie Edwards
1:45 pm - 3 pm	Sugar Moons
3 pm – 4 pm	Skippy Digglar

**Festival Park Stage** – Live Entertainment located on the south side of the festival grounds in Festival Park.

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**Shopping** – Browse downtown merchant shops with sweet blueberry deals and the 100+ vendors that will line the festival venue, including Festival Park.

**Sunday, June 14 —**

**Sunday Blueberry Brunch** – From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 14 at Stone House Kitchen, 312 E. Main St. in historic downtown Nacogdoches. \$30/person

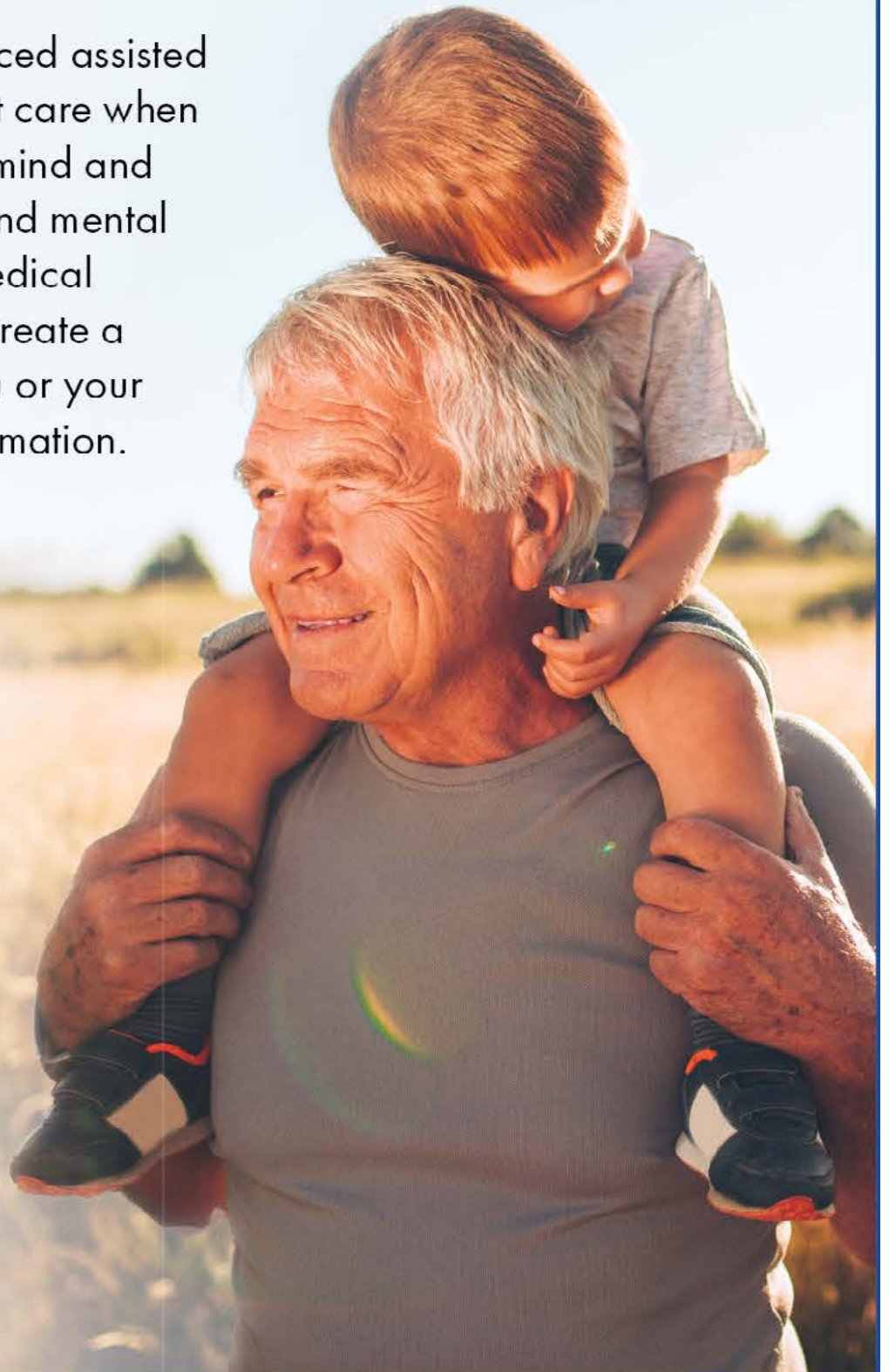
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NACOGDOCHES, TX — April 30, 2026 — KDW has called East Texas home for 130 years. Today, that commitment runs deeper than ever with the opening of its newly relocated office in Nacogdoches, reaffirming a long-term dedication to the businesses and community where it all began.

The office is now located at 6808 Frontier Dr, Nacogdoches, TX 75964.

Originally established in Nacogdoches in 1895, KDW began by constructing farm and ranch buildings that supported the local agricultural economy. Today, the fifth-generation, family-owned company delivers design-build, construction management, and general contracting services across Texas.

For more than a century, KDW has helped build East Texas, from schools and public infrastructure to the businesses that drive local industry. Notable work includes the historical Fredonia Hotel renovation, an Amazon warehouse, and multiple projects for Stephen F. Austin State University, including the Pineywoods Dining Hall, the Basketball Center, the Performing Arts Center, and the Ed and Gwen Cole STEM Building.

“That presence continues today through ongoing projects, generations-long client relationships, and an unwavering commitment to East Texas growth,” said Bob Kingham, fifth-generation owner and principal at KDW. “This move allows us to stay closely connected to the communities we serve while continuing to support long-term regional growth. We’re proud to continue building in the same community where our story began.”

KDW’s integrated design-build approach provides clients with a single, coordinated team from concept through construction, helping reduce delays, control costs, and bring projects to market more efficiently.

The company has completed more than \$750 million in education projects, \$1.3 billion in public sector work, and \$700 million in commercial developments across Texas. Its continued presence in Nacogdoches supports local job creation and regional investment.

## About KDW

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# Christian Women's Job Corps

The graduating class of Spring 2026 would like to share some of their experiences with you.

- **Luna**, "I have seen so many improvements in myself and my classmates, such as our confidence, social skills, computer skills, and overall life skills. There were some moments where we experienced obstacles and hardships, but we pushed through until the end... My goals are to get my GED and get into college."
- **Cheyenne**, "Ms. Demetrius was so welcoming and easy to talk to. She understood my life circumstances-to include chronic health issues and having four children...I want to bring recognition to Ms. Demetrius and Ms. Jasmine...for allowing me to be open about my life and encouraging me through moments of weakness. They also helped me to enroll in SFA's PACE program to become a certified Vet Tech, which I plan to finish within a month. If you are considering applying for this program: don't hesitate. You will be met by people who care about you and your future."
- **Kiara**, "... I am thankful for the knowledge I gained." I would like this to be the first of many things I pursue and follow through. I am currently pursuing a certification to become a Pharmacy tech and then looking to go for my Associates and then Bachelors in that area..."
- **Jayden**: "I never thought that working on my GED could happen so soon... I am truly thankful for everything I have gained and every volunteer and donor that gave to this organization. It is so meaningful to know that so many support my journey."



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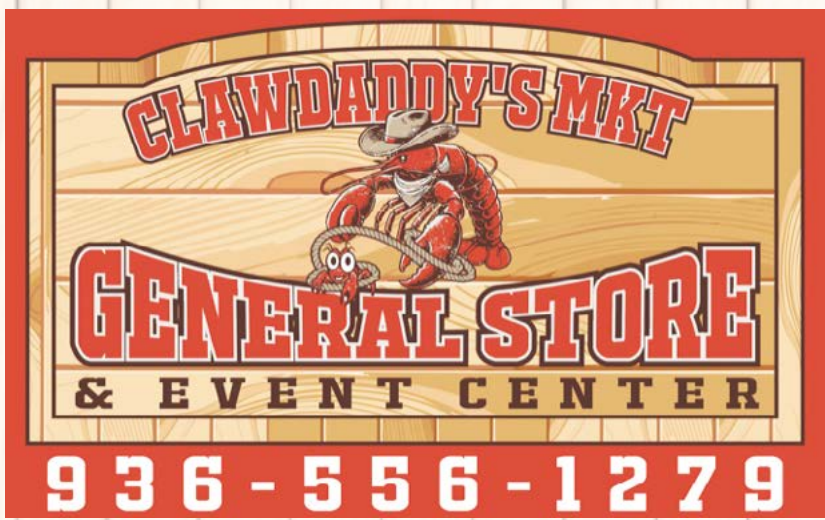
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# You Don't Have to Leave a Good Deed to Someone Else

by Robert McCandless

I can only imagine the frustration he felt. The smell of hamburgers wafting from the forced air vent atop the little drive through located in the corner of a grocery store parking lot.

With his white cane tapping as he looked into what seemed to be an ever moving horizon beyond his dark glasses, he made circles, figure eights and even found dead ends confined by the curbs that limited him.

I watched for a moment as I drove to the bank a block away feeling reassured that his dilemma would be solved shortly. For sitting in a car that provided another blockade to his hunger, sat a young man of about twelve, attired in a Boy Scout uniform, as his mother stood at the window of the burger stand, rather than wait in the drive thru line. This shortened the angst I felt for the blind man's wandering, aimlessly, in search of the delicious odor surrounding him.

I immediately saw the historically prominent poster version of a young man in a blue uniform taking an older ladies hand and guiding her across the street. It all seemed so perfect. One of those Kodak moments was about to occur right before my eyes. The situation continued to bring an almost painful smile to my face as I did my quick banking at another drive-thru service and pulled out to head home.

The smile disappeared from my face as I approached the intersection again, only to find the man still tapping the ground with his stick, no closer, no further than he had been before. The car with the Boy Scout was pulling away as his mom had acquired the burger and fries so desired by the wandering, frustrated and I imagine now hungrier than ever individual who was continually burning even more calories circling the small area.

Not having been a Boy Scout, I have been known to drive by someone fixing a flat, admittedly even before cell phones made it possible to muster help. I still cringe at the thought of helping someone jump a dead battery unless no one else around has cables, but the current situation seemed to annoy me in a way that elicited a response.

I found myself moving to the center lane in an effort to make a U-turn, and after entering the parking lot, I drove to a spot close to the burger stand and parked my truck so as not to provide another obstacle for the, by now, starving man with dark glasses.

"Excuse me, but can I help you? You seem to be lost."

He didn't make a sound, but I could hear a loud but silent "Whew" come from his presence as he answered.

"I know I'm close. I can smell it, but I just can't find it. I want a hamburger."

As I had been instructed, instead of taking his arm and leading him over to the window, I held out my arm for him to hold on to and said, "Let's go get one."

We slowly meandered over to the walk-up window where he could order as I stood with him a few minutes to see if he needed any more assistance.

"Do you need a ride home or somewhere?" I asked.

"No I just live a few blocks from here and have some other shopping to do. I know how to get to those places but this place seems to have no landmarks."

He was right. The hamburger stand was many of the overnight constructions located randomly in the middle of parking lots around town with no marked visible or physical entry. I reluctantly left after he sat to eat, pointing him to the direction of the street he desired to leave on.

That was as close as I ever came to being a Boy Scout.

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Its original design was simple and sturdy: square-hewn pine logs, two main rooms, and a covered breezeway running between them. One room served as sleeping quarters for women and children, while men slept on the porch to guard against Mexican raider attacks. The other room functioned as the kitchen. The open passage in the middle did more than connect the rooms — it let the breeze move through the house, bringing relief long before electricity or air conditioning became part of daily life.

As the family prospered, the house changed with them. Between 1869 and 1874, Burrows added two front rooms, a porch, and a formal entrance that led to the "good room," where guests were received. A back-porch well spared the family endless trips hauling water, a small luxury by frontier standards but an important one in everyday life.

The house remained tied to the family for generations. After her father's death in 1893, "Fannie" Burrows Muckleroy returned to her childhood home to care for her mother. Five of her eight children were born there. She lived in the house until 1950, when her daughter Lelia Muckleroy Parmley moved her into town. For more than two decades after that, the home served as a weekend retreat for relatives.

In the early 1970s, the house was sold to make way for hospital development. Lera Millard, founder of Millard's Crossing Historic Village, recognized its importance and acquired the structure in 1973. She relocated it, restored it, and preserved it as a tangible piece of Nacogdoches history. Inside, the house now offers an intimate look at daily life, with artifacts such as a gambling table with corner drink holders, a life-sized doll, a working lighthouse lamp, and hand-carved furniture.

The story gained another layer in 2017, when Dr. Robert Carroll donated a collection of vintage medical instruments, medicines, and early 20th century "quackery" devices. The back room now doubles as a compact medical exhibit, bringing together pioneer domestic life and frontier medicine under one roof. In that way, the Burrows House does what the best historic homes do: it preserves not just a building, but a way of life, and the human details that made it matter.

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**Dallas Safari Club - East Texas — June 6th**

The Whitetail Deer Showcase will be from 9am-2pm and the Sportsman's Night Out Gala from 6pm-10pm. Check out [easttexassportsmanclub.org](http://easttexassportsmanclub.org) to learn more about what is lining up to be a great day and evening!

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# Safe Harbor

by Taylor Millard

In 1962, my mother and father moved into their newly constructed home with my little sister and me. The home was built next door to my grandparent's home, that they moved into in 1919. My dad was the contractor and used local electricians, plumbers, and painters to assist the main man, the master carpenter, Mr. Ross Hardeman. It was a classic 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style design with a split level, and two car garage.

Ross was a man of no shortcuts. He set the stud walls on 12 inch centers, not 16. The roof was decked with tongue and groove 1x 4s and the garage and all the closets were all done in cedar, milled from trees off the farm. When storms would roll in and my mom would get scared, Dad would say, "Anywhere in this house is safe!" and I guess he was right, it never wavered or cracked.



*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.*

In the seventies, they added a living area, to provide more seating for family and guests. My father called it the Prayer Room because he would say, "We are praying on how were going to pay for it!" Most of mom and dad's friends built or bought newer homes over the years, but they were happy with what they built the first time. When my mother died last year, eleven years after my father died, she had lived in her home for over sixty years.

That home was the family safe harbor for my sister and me, then our children, and finally our grandkids. It was the one constant in our life, it was always there. The yard, the driveway, the cookie jar in the kitchen. Friends would mark their arrival from an out-of-town trip by passing the home north of town. My father's battered pickup in the drive, or my mother in the yard raking up a few Magnolia leaves. But now they're gone.

It was strange to me, the transformation of the home becoming a house. Without them, it lost its attachment. We slowly pulled the lifetime of items and sorted who got what. Our kids and my sister and I, have what we wanted from our childhood home. Books and furniture and dishes that now sit in our own homes, so we always have a piece of our past in sight.



The first Millard home in Nacogdoches sits now at Millard's Crossing, preserved as a symbol of a family that risked it all to move to Texas in the 1830s. My own grandparent's home that sat next door was moved to Appleby Sand Road, where I drive by daily on my errands. I hope this home can too be moved and appreciated by another family as the land will be sold, as it is much more valuable than the house.

Change is inevitable but what a grand testament to anchoring a family for a lifetime. One day, we will all drive by and see something else where Rudy and Nayona lived and be a little melancholy. But know this, a part of that home is now in other homes, creating smiles from deep memories of birthday parties, Christmas gatherings, friends sharing a meal or simply a cup of coffee, and in my daughter's home sits a plain glass cookie jar, her most prized possession.


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**NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS (May 14, 2026)** – The Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas is excited to announce the Annual Blueberry Cupcake Battle during the Texas Blueberry Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2026! This sweet community tradition will take place in downtown Nacogdoches, bringing together amateur and professional bakers for a fun-filled competition featuring creative blueberry-inspired cupcakes — all while supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in East Texas.

“The Blueberry Cupcake Battle is more than just a fun festival event — it’s a chance for our community to come together in support of survivors,” said Whitney Burran, Executive Director. “Every registration helps provide safety, healing, and hope for individuals and families impacted by violence right here in East Texas.”

**Event Details:**

- Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026
- Time: 8:30 AM – 12 PM
- Location: Texas Blueberry Festival, Mast Hall, 317 E Main St

The Blueberry Cupcake Battle celebrates community and creativity as bakers of all ages showcase their talents. A panel of selected judges evaluates each entry based on presentation, blueberry theme, and taste. This family-friendly event brings the community together for a fun and meaningful competition that supports survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in East Texas.

Competition categories include youth divisions ages 8–12 and 13–17, adult amateur divisions, and an all-ages professional division. Awards will be presented in each category.

Most importantly, every entry supports adult and child survivors of abuse in our community. All proceeds from the Blueberry Cupcake Battle directly benefit the Family Crisis Center’s programs and services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, including emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, crisis intervention, and prevention education.

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To enter the competition, call (936) 639-1681 or email mharris@fccet.com. Participants are encouraged to register in advance, though walk-ins will also be welcome.

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Nacogdoches High School Alumni Association President Katherine Parrish Whitbeck (r) welcomed new board members (l to r) Alan Mann, Lorelai Tualla Gotcher, and Ja’Brandon Chatman at a recent meeting. Mann serves as treasurer and Gotcher and Chatman serve on the publicity committee. For more information about joining the NHSAA, visit [nhs-alumni.org](http://nhs-alumni.org). or email [nhsalumni@nacisd.org](mailto:nhsalumni@nacisd.org)



# News from City of Nacogdoches

## Summer Fun with Nacogdoches Historic Sites

**Summary:**  
Nacogdoches Summer Scavenger Hunt, Junior Engineer Days, and Blueberry Festival History and Crafts.

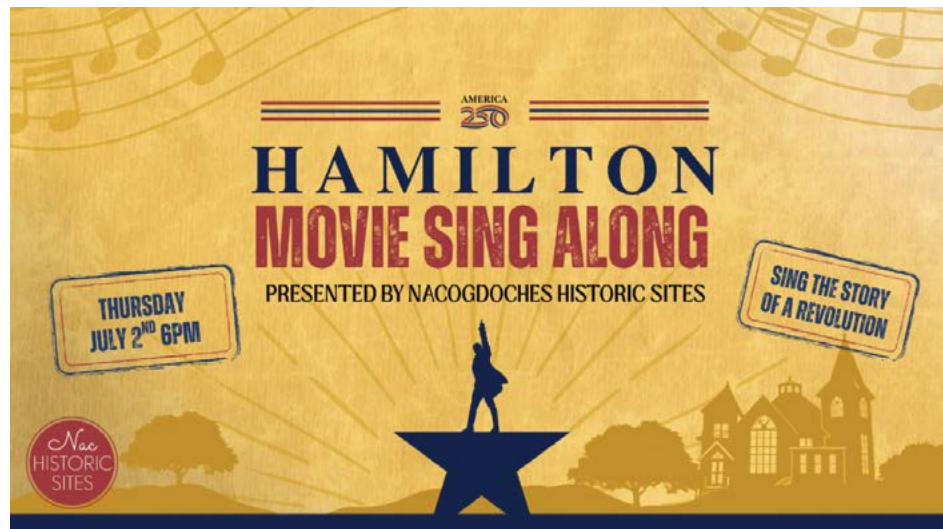
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## Hamilton Movie Sing-Along at Zion Hill

**Summary:**  
Nacogdoches Historic Sites hots a fun and interactive movie experience in celebration of America 250.

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# Battle of Nacogdoches Celebration

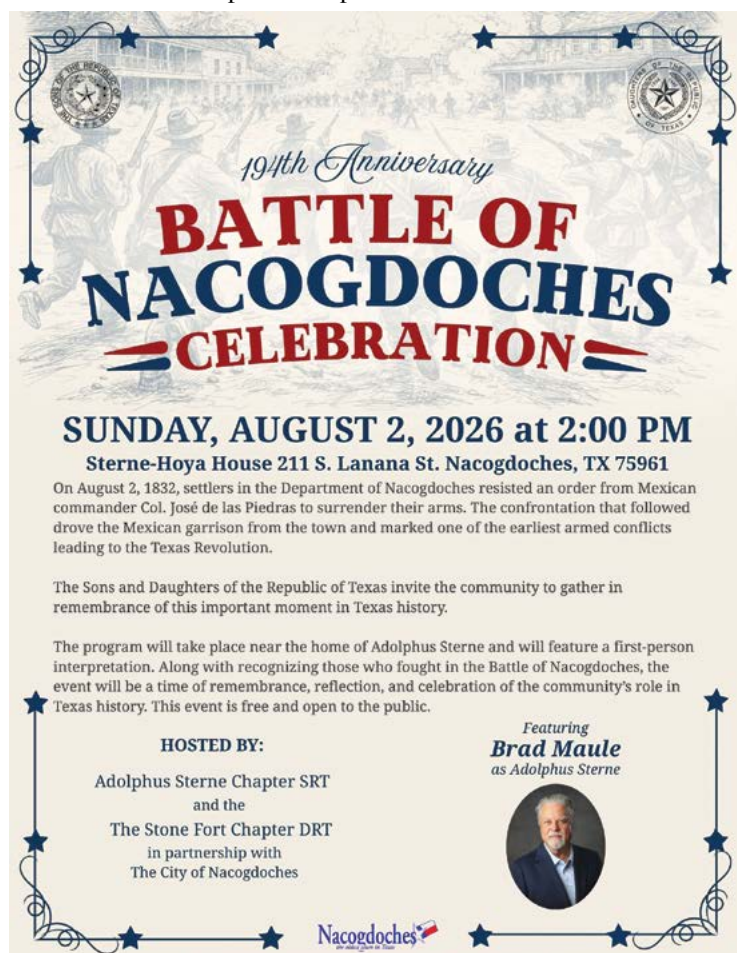
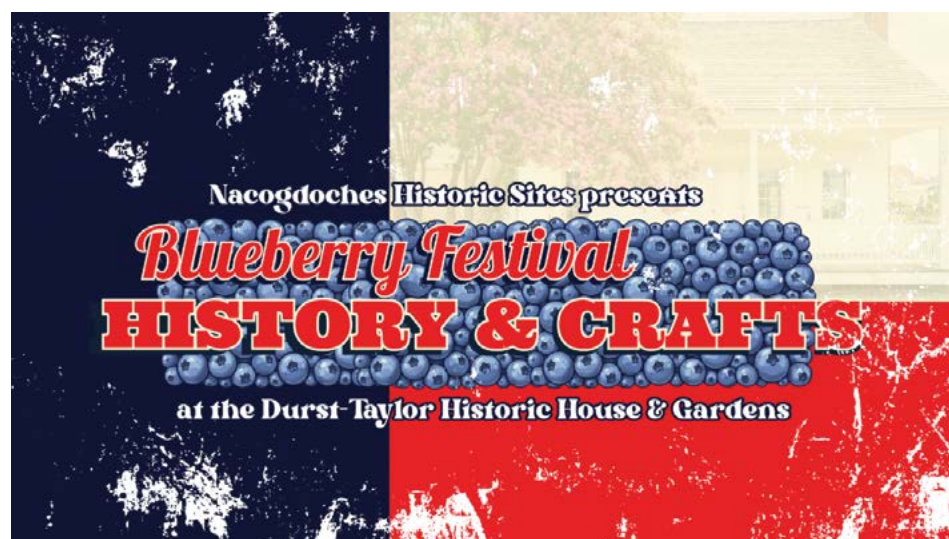
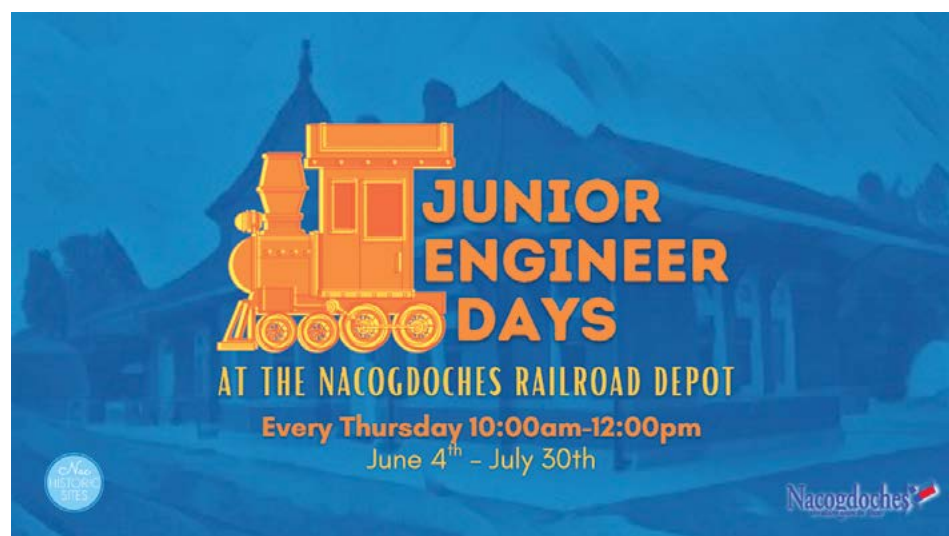
The Adolphus Sterne Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Stone Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, in partnership with the City of Nacogdoches Historic Sites Division, invite the community to attend the 194th Anniversary Battle of Nacogdoches Celebration on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Sterne-Hoya House Museum & Library, located at 211 S. Lanana St. in downtown Nacogdoches.

On August 2, 1832, settlers in the Department of Nacogdoches resisted an order from Mexican commander Col. José de las Piedras to surrender their arms. The confrontation that followed drove the Mexican garrison from the town and marked one of the earliest armed conflicts leading to the Texas Revolution.

The community program will feature a first-person interpretation by actor Brad Maule portraying Adolphus Sterne. Adolphus Sterne was an influential Nacogdoches merchant and community leader whose home served as an important gathering place during the conflict and whose support helped organize resistance efforts during the Battle of Nacogdoches.

Along with recognizing those who fought in the Battle of Nacogdoches, the event will serve as a time of remembrance, reflection, and celebration of the community's role in Texas history. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit Nacogdoches Historic Sites or email: [historicsites@nactx.us](mailto:historicsites@nactx.us).



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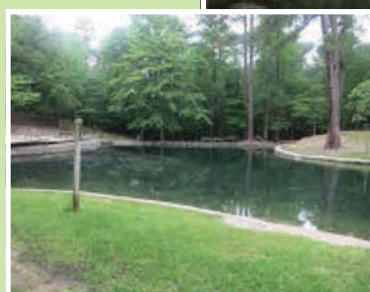
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# June Gardening

by Elaine Cameron, Angelina Master Gardener

The Noon Gardening Program, hosted by Angelina AgriLife Extension and Angelina Master Gardeners, will be held on **Tuesday, June 16, noon to 1:00 pm** at the AgriLife Extension office at 2201 S. Medford Drive in Lufkin. Master Gardener Julia Canas will present a talk on "Rain Barrels." Collecting rainwater runoff from your roof will lower water bills and provide soft, chlorine free water to irrigate home gardens and landscapes. Learn how you can set up a rain barrel at your place. The Noon Gardening program is free to the public, and you may bring your lunch.

Vegetable gardeners will enjoy harvesting fresh vegetables in June. Summer squash may be eaten at any size, and if they become too large, they are less tasty. Check the squash plants every couple of days to harvest the best squash for the table. When tomatoes begin to turn pink, they may be picked to finish ripening in the kitchen. This keeps the tomatoes from being devoured by squirrels, birds, or stink bugs and they will develop full flavor.

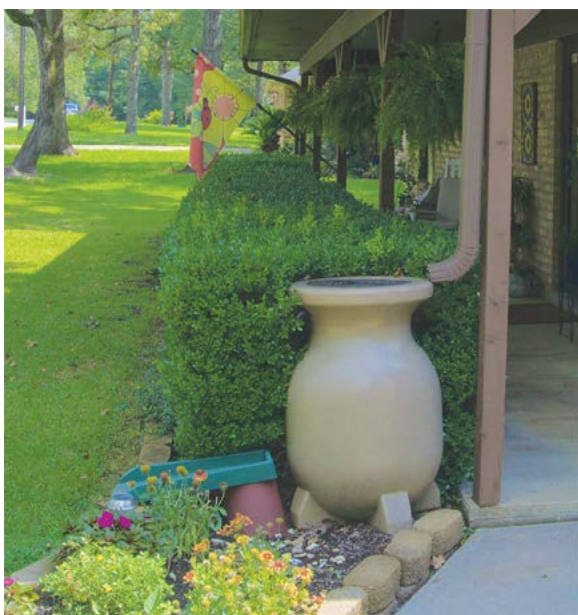
Keep the vegetable garden watered to a depth of eight inches. Water deeply each time you water to encourage roots to grow deeply. There is time to plant okra, sweet potatoes, and winter squash in June. Mulch with chopped leaves to prevent weeds from germinating, to keep yourself from weeding in the heat.


Soak the flower beds deeply and then allow a few days of drying out between waterings. Containers can add spots of color to the landscape, and large containers will hold moisture and nutrients longer. Mulch containers and flower beds to slow evaporation and discourage weed germination.

Trees that have been planted recently will need frequent watering beneath their branches. Dig down to check the soil moisture and water when it does not feel moist on your finger. Young trees can die quickly without adequate moisture in the summer heat. Fertilize rose bushes every six weeks during the summer with a complete fertilizer.


Drip irrigation is the most efficient way to water to reduce water lost to evaporation. Add drip hoses to vegetable, flower, and shrub beds. It will save you time and energy in the heat as you can hook up the feeder hose to drip hoses left in place for the season.


Enjoy summer gardening, and get chores done early in the day.







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# The Refuge

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

*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.*



# Salvation—A Beautiful Thing

*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.* Romans 10:15

The salvation God offers every lost soul who hears the gospel becomes a present reality when it is believed by faith. The gospel of Christ is a gospel of peace. It is good news. Why do we need a gospel of peace? Because of the hostility sin brought between God and man. When Adam sinned, he started a spiritual war that has included every generation of man. In war there will always be casualties, loss of human life. It is no different in this spiritual war against sin. It is a war in which every person born into the world under

condemnation (Rom 5:16) and separated from God (there are no exceptions) participates. In this war death comes to all because all have sinned and the wages of sin is death (Rom. 5:12; 3:23; 6:23).

Because man started this war against God, we needed a Man who was not from Adam’s seed to bring an end to it. In Matthew’s account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, it is not recorded that Joseph begot Jesus because Jesus did not have a human father. The Bible says, “Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ” (Matt. 1:16).

Luke’s gospel gives us the account of how Jesus entered the womb of Mary when he wrote, “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus...the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke:1:31, 35). It was a miraculous conception involving God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Just as the trinity, One God in three persons, was involved in creating Adam (Gen. 1:26), the trinity was involved in bringing forth into the world the last Adam. The first Adam was a “type of Him who was to come” (Rom. 5:14).

Only the God who is our peace with Himself, can give us the gospel of peace. It is the word of faith which says, “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised [Jesus] from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom. 10:8, 9-10). The Bible says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:16). The Bible says without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). There is no salvation for anyone in Adam who is dead in trespasses and sins apart from the word of God from which the faith to believe comes. The Bible is the truth that transforms lives lived by faith in the Son of God who is the Lord of salvation and eternal life (John 17:1-5).

What is this gospel of peace? Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 15:3,4 when he writes by inspiration of God these words, “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” When this gospel is preached and the lost sinner believes what he hears, he is saved and the spiritual war between himself and God is ended. He receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and in receiving God in himself he comes alive (spiritually) and receives power to overcome temptation to sin, the ability to live a holy and godly life as a child of God.

Salvation is a beautiful thing. It ushers into the heart of a person that is saved the beauty of the incomprehensible love of God. A love that is in believers (Rom. 5:5) from the moment we are born again and throughout our pilgrimage here on earth. It is a love that will carry us home to heaven and into eternity with Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

Christian, are you enjoying the beauty of your salvation in Christ? Is yours a life reflective of the beauty of a new creation? Do people see in you, the life you live, the majestic greatness of the Beautiful One, the only true and living God whom you worship and serve and who gives you a beautiful life?

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# A Tinker's Dam

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.



I was watching the Dr. Phil show the other day when he made a statement that I had not heard in a long time. He told one of his guests that he didn't "care a tinker's damn about that." That comment prompted me to delve into that old saying as to its real or intended meaning. The meaning in today's society is "something that is insignificant or worthless." However, the saying has more than that one meaning.

First, we must establish who or what a "tinker" is. I recall that in my early years men who repaired watches were referred to as "watch tinkerers." My mother's brother, Bonnar Whitton, was a watch tinkerer most of his life. However, the word started out in 13th century Scotland referring to a metal worker. So, the original meaning of the word is the "process of adapting, meddling, or adjusting something in the course of making repairs or improvements." Sometimes men "tinker" around the house making repairs to various items.

In early England some travelling groups and Gypsies adopted this lifestyle of repairing metal, usually pots and pans, using molten solder. They would travel from town to town, set up their repair shop, and then move on when their services were no longer needed.

It is recorded that these Gypsy tinkerers were notorious for their vulgar and offensive language, spewing it wherever they went. As a result, some people believe that the phrase "a tinker's damn" was born from this activity.

The second word of the phrase is "dam." A tinker's dam was a temporary patch to repair a hole in a metal vessel such as a pot or pan. The dam was usually made of mud or clay and was built up around the outside of a hole, so as to plug it. Molten solder was then poured on the inside of the hole. The solder solidified against the dam and bonded with the metal wall. The hole being repaired, the dam was scraped away and discarded. Since it could only be used once it was considered worthless. The remaining solder was then rasped and smoothed down by the tinker.

All of this may have influenced the English phrase "tinker's cuss," which expresses contempt. The phrases "tinker's damn" and "tinker's cuss" may also be applied to something considered insignificant. In the *Practical Dictionary of Mechanics* of 1877, Edward Knight makes this definition: "Tinker's dam - A wall of dough raised around a place which a plumber desires to flood with a coat of solder. The material can be used once, thus being consequently thrown away as worthless."

Basically, then, there is some debate over whether the phrase should be "tinker's dam" - a small dam to hold solder made by tinkers when mending pans, or "tinker's damn" - a tinker's curse (cuss), considered of little significance because tinkers were reputed to swear habitually.

I suppose that in the end it does not matter which is the correct beginning of the phrase - you can forget either the plumbing or the cursing idea and just run with it whenever you express your opinion about something being worthless. There are many things going on today that would fit the idea perfectly.

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by Patti Goodrum  
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#### Pray the Scriptures

- I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people and for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trust worthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. (Exodus 18:21). The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. (Proverbs 11:3)
- Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. (Romans 13:1-2)

#### Pray For Peace and Those Impacted by Conflict

Scripture reminds us that God is near to those who suffer and calls us to be peacemakers.

- Pray for world leaders. (Timothy 2:1-2)
- Pray for those serving in the armed forces. (Isaiah 43:2)
- Pray for those living in places of war, refugees, and all who carry the wounds of conflict. (Deuteronomy 31:6)
- Pray for protection and support for the families of military personnel that have been left behind. (Romans 1:8-10)
- PRAY FOR BUSINESS
- I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working... (Exodus 31:3-4)
- Pray for impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost. (Psalm 132:15)
- Pray for followers of Christ to reflect humility, integrity, and service in their workplaces. (Philippians 2:3)

#### Pray For Education

If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. (Proverbs 2:3-6)

- Pray for a safe atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Pray for excellence in educators. (Exodus 18:20-21)
- Pray for equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential. (Philippians 1:9)

#### Pray For Family

If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (Mark 3:25)

- Pray for unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others. (Romans 12:9-13)
- Pray to establish healthy relationships between parents and children. (Malachi 4:5-6)

#### Pray For the Hurting, Vulnerable, And Marginalized

- Micah 6:8 reminds us, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
- Psalm 82:3-4 directs us to “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” As we seek to love as Christ loves, let us intercede for the hurting, vulnerable, and marginalized.

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#### Pray For the Church

- So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:6-8)
- Pray that the church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ. (Matt 22:37)
- Pray for unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world. (John 17:23)
- Pray for integrity—that God's people look and act differently from the world. (1 Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)

**Please check out the Community News Items on page 37.**

**Bull Nettle, R.I.P. (Not!)**

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 walking in a wooded area near the house when I saw it...a huge bull nettle sticking up menacingly from a sandy area near the path. It was a huge, healthy specimen, just waiting to assault any innocent passerby who may stop to reach for the rather delicate white blooms, unaware of the danger lurking in the leaves.



I was instantly transported back to my boyhood, some seven decades ago, when I was a kid playing in a small field in my neighborhood and brushing my bare foot against this vicious plant that inflicted pain not unlike an army of ants devouring my lower leg. I suppose it is because that memory is so vivid that I subconsciously plotted revenge for all these many years.

I hurried back to the house and grabbed gloves, pruning shears to execute it and a wagon to transport the felonious fern's corpse back to the house, where it would be fed, unceremoniously, into a firepit, giving it a taste of its hellish forever destination in the underworld. (No, I didn't dispatch it with the .38 in the photo; while that would have been satisfying, it might have been difficult to explain in, for example, a sanity hearing.)



Once the glee over my conquest had subsided, I began to wonder why, oh why, would God have created such a malicious plant that seemingly had no purpose except to inflict pain on those with whom it comes in contact. Well, I was curious enough to look it up.

An AI bot probably wrote the description of the bull nettle, as it began with a paean to its delicate and fragrant white blooms that attract pollinating insects. Anyone who survived one of its pernicious attacks would have begun the piece by describing the millions of bristly needle-like hairs on its stems and leaves that act like tiny hypodermic needles, breaking off in your skin and injecting a highly acidic compound into the flesh of anyone who dares touch the infernal thing, causing stinging, redness, swelling, welts and rash.

As for the positives, few as they may be, indigenous peoples of the plant's habitat—from eastern Texas through much of the deep south—found that the seeds and roots are edible. What is not clear is how they harvested these, since the pods containing the seeds are themselves covered with the poisonous needles.

In any case, I am, through my very satisfying actions today, able to let this go. However, I'm still not sure what God was thinking.

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Camron Murrell of College Station was just 19 years old when he was killed in a nighttime crash on a back road off Interstate 10 in Liberty County, Texas, in 2020. He was driving with a close friend when he veered off the road and hit a tree.

Camron wasn’t wearing a seat belt, and neither was his passenger. They died instantly.

“Every time he was in my car and wouldn’t put his seat belt on, I would say ‘buckle up!’” said Camron’s mother, Priscilla Wolf. “And it may seem I was on him about it all the time, but he still didn’t listen.”

### Seat belts save lives, but only when worn

In 2025, 965 people who died in traffic crashes on Texas roads were not buckled up. While that was a 10% decline from the previous year, which had 1,072 unbuckled fatalities, more lives could have been saved.

“A seat belt can be the difference between walking away from a crash and never making it home, but only if you’re wearing it,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. “Whether you’re going just a few blocks or many miles, buckle your seat belt every time, day and night.”

### Increased enforcement across Texas

Studies show 1 in 10 Texans do not take the simple step of buckling up — that’s more than 3 million people. Law enforcement will be increasing patrols for two weeks starting May 18, watching out for people not wearing their seat belt.

Texas law requires **all** drivers and passengers to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than 8-years-old must be in a child car seat or booster seat unless they’re taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they aren’t properly secured, the driver faces fines up to \$250 plus court costs.

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The “Click It or Ticket” campaign is an important part of TxDOT’s Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at [DriveLikeATexan.com](http://DriveLikeATexan.com).

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Ellen Banks, of Nacogdoches, displays her winning entry at the recent **Naco Verde Upcycled Art Competition**. Ellen’s work received the highest bid and was also “favorite piece” award winner.

The event is sponsored by the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative. Participants transform curated “oddbities” materials into unique pieces of art or functional creations.



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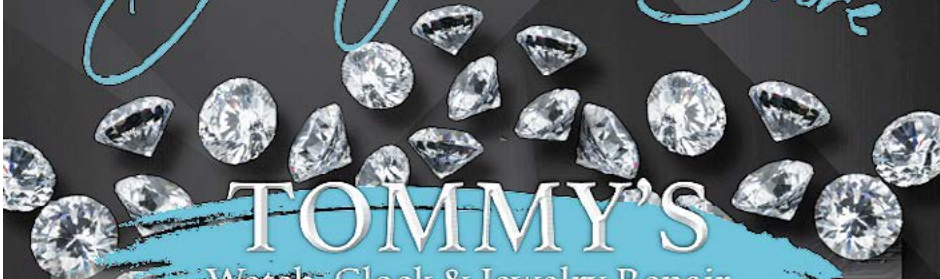
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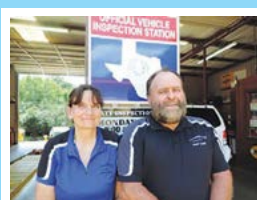
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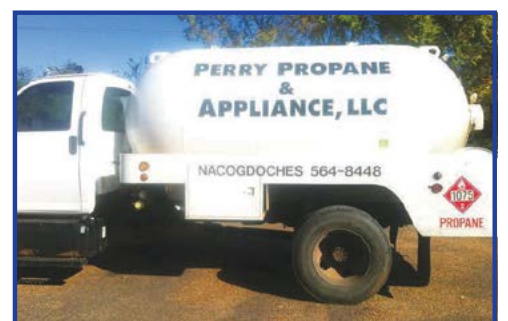
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Wed 17th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Thu 18th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	5:00 pm
Tue 23rd	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm

# Lamp-Lite Players Present *Private Lives*

The Lamp-Lite Players present Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, May 29 & 30 and June 5 & 6, 2026, at 7:30 pm, and May 31 and June 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 Adults, \$12.00 Adults 60+, \$8.00 Students/Children and may be purchased online now at lampliteplayers.ludus.com. Tickets will also be sold at the Box Office the day of the performance 45 minutes before curtain. All seats are reserved seats. An Audience Dress Rehearsal Preview Night will be held Thursday, May 28, 2026, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and are only available at the door the night of the performance. Seating is General Seating.

Once-married Elyot (**Jamie Couch**) and Amanda (**Roz Couch**) cross paths unexpectedly while honeymooning on the French Riviera with their respective new spouses Sybil (**Ashley Schmidt**) and Victor (**Riley Nichols**). Sharp words evolve into fresh sparks, followed by an endless roundabout of chaos and romance where enemies become lovers and lovers become fools with Amanda's maid Louisa (**Emily Bush**) entering the mayhem at Amanda's apartment in Paris.

**Ken Untiedt** directs this classic Noel Coward farce, assisted by **LaChanda Maxie**. Other production and technical members include Emily Bush, stage manager; Scott and Judy Cigich, building crew; Wanda Schenk, costumes; Brian Oswald and Michael Moore, lighting; Gina Jones and Steve Chandler, sound; Chris Sence, running crew; Alyssa Faykus, social media; Sue Whatley, publicity, and Bill King, webmaster. Keith Fuller is the featured artist and Rhett Long serves as the Lamp-Lite.

Audience members are asked to arrive at Lamp-Lite Theatre 15-30 minutes prior to curtain. More information about the Lamp-Lite Players and this production of *Private Lives*, by Noel Coward, may be found at [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com). Follow Lamp-Lite Theatre on Facebook and Instagram.



Cast of the Lamp-Lite Players' production of *PRIVATE LIVES*, by Noel Coward, are (l to r) Riley Nichols, Roz Couch, Emily Bush, Jamie Couch, and Ashley Schmidt.

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### NACOGDOCHES NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS DONATES TO LAMP-LITE PLAYERS

The Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends recently made a donation to the Lamp-Lite Players to help them with production costs for their 2025-26 Season. NNF Charities Coordinator Betty Shinn (l) and Treasurer Rose Guilbeau (c) present the donation to Lamp-Lite Board Member Katherine Parrish Whitbeck (r). For more information about Newcomers and Friends, email [nacogdochesnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:nacogdochesnewcomers@gmail.com). For more information about the Lamp-Lite Players, visit [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com).



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**This Month in the  
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June in Nacogdoches has a way of bringing people together. From evenings spent outdoors to beloved annual traditions that fill the streets with energy and excitement, summer in the Oldest Town in Texas is all about celebrating community and making the most of the season. As the days grow longer and the pace slows just enough to savor it all, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy everything this month has to offer.

The 36th Annual Texas Blueberry Festival is almost here, and this year's festivities begin with the return of a longtime favorite: the Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park. Set for Friday, June 12th at Festival Park, this free, family-friendly evening promises incredible music, kids activities, and food truck eats. The night begins at 7 pm with Rose & The Bahia Boys, known for their beautiful vocal harmonies and talented banjo, dobro, mandolin, and guitar pickers that deliver a foot-tapping, hand-clapping good time. At 7:20 pm, Little Roy & Lizzy take the stage, featuring legendary banjo master and IBMA Hall of Honor inductee Little Roy Lewis alongside Billboard chart-topping multi-instrumentalist Lizzy Long. At 8:25 pm, catch The Grassburs bring their signature blend of energy, harmony, and heart to the evening, followed by The Hunt Brothers at 8:45 pm, one of Oklahoma's premier bluegrass ensembles, whose sound blends the rich traditions of bluegrass with hints of swing and country rock. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets, it's sure to be a night to remember.

The excitement continues Saturday, June 13th, as the Texas Blueberry Festival officially takes over Downtown Nacogdoches. The day begins bright and early at 8 am with stacks of fresh blueberry pancakes, a longtime festival favorite that perfectly kicks off a full day of celebration. Returning this year is the Blueberry Festival of Quilts at Fredonia Hill Baptist Church, opening Friday, June 12th, and continuing through Saturday with stunning displays of craftsmanship and creativity. Throughout the weekend, festivalgoers can enjoy blueberry pie-eating contests, cupcake battles, Texas Folklife's Blueberry Jam, live entertainment, shopping, and plenty of blueberry-themed treats around every corner. Wrap up the weekend on Sunday, June 14th, with Stone House Kitchen's beloved Blueberry Brunch, then stop by the Fredonia Brewery Summer Makers Market, where local artists will showcase unique blueberry-inspired creations.

When the East Texas temperatures start to rise, Nacogdoches offers plenty of ways to cool off and enjoy the season. Families can spend the day racing down slides and splashing through adventure-filled attractions at Splash Kingdom Timber Falls, while local favorites like Splashadoches and the Temple Park Splash Pad offer easy ways to cool down close to town. For a more laid-back summer escape, pack up for a relaxing afternoon at Lake Nacogdoches or enjoy the natural spring-fed waters of Tonkawa Springs. Whether you're seeking adventure or simply a place to unwind, there's no shortage of ways to soak up summer in Nacogdoches.

And the fun doesn't stop there. June is filled with opportunities to explore, celebrate, and make memories with family and friends throughout the community. To keep up with everything happening around town, visit [www.visitnacogdoches.org](http://www.visitnacogdoches.org). We can't wait to see y'all around town this summer.

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# The Fourth and the Quiet Glass of Sweet Tea

Somebody you know is going to spend this Fourth of July holding a glass of sweet tea at a cookout, hoping no one asks why they aren't drinking.

They'll laugh at the right times, throw a football with the kids, and tell anyone who offers them a beer that they're good. And they will be good. But it won't be easy, and most of the people standing around that grill will have no idea what it costs them to be there sober.

That's what the Fourth looks like for many people in East Texas who are trying to get their lives back. The holiday is loud and fun and full of family, and it also happens to be one of the heaviest drinking weekends of the year. For someone who is working on staying clean, every cooler, every toast, every "come on, it's just one" is a moment they have to get past. And for someone who knows they're drinking too much but hasn't done anything about it yet, the Fourth can feel like permission to keep going. Everybody else has a beer in their hand. It's a holiday. What's the problem?

The problem is what Tuesday morning looks like. And the Wednesday after that.

A client of Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council told us that the Fourth of July used to be his favorite holiday. He'd start early, drink all day, light fireworks with his kids at dark, and pass out on the couch before the last one faded. He said he told himself that was normal because half the guys he knew did the same thing. It took his wife leaving and his oldest daughter refusing to come to the cookout the following year before he started to see it differently. He said he didn't quit because of some big moment of clarity. He quit because he ran out of people who were willing to pretend things were fine.

He later shared that he almost never reached out to ADAC at all. He figured it would be a room full of people telling him everything he already knew he'd done wrong. Instead, he ended up sitting across from a Recovery Coach who asked him a question he wasn't expecting: "What do you want your life to look like if drinking isn't part of it?" They worked on practical things like finding a job, setting goals that actually meant something to him, and learning how to show up for his kids without needing something to get through the afternoon.

His first sober Fourth felt like everybody at the cookout was speaking a language he used to know but had forgotten. He said it wasn't comfortable, but he stayed. The following year's celebration was a little easier.

Whether you're the one holding the sweet tea this weekend or the one who knows something needs to change but isn't sure where to start, you're not alone in this. What you're doing is harder than most people around you realize, and you don't have to have it all figured out before you pick up the phone.

If you love someone who is going through this same scenario, the best thing you can do is be the person who doesn't push the drink, doesn't ask questions they're not ready to answer, and lets them know you're glad they showed up.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council has been serving families across East Texas since 1978. You can reach us at 936-634-5753 or visit [adacet.org](http://adacet.org).

The fireworks are going to be great this year. So is showing up for them clearheaded.

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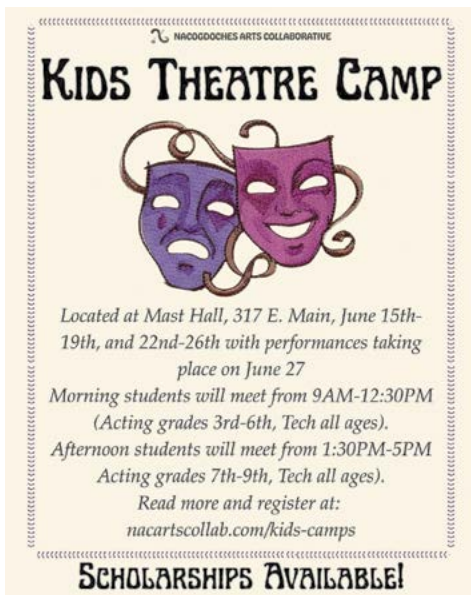
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NAC Kids Theatre Camp starts June 15! There is still time to sign up, instructions on our website. Can't afford the fees? Ask about scholarships funded by grants from Better Together and Texas Commission on the Arts. Exciting this year, performances will be held Saturday, June 27 at Zion Hill Church Event Venue. Coming in July, NAC Kids Art Camp.

NAC has big events planned for Blueberry Festival Saturday, June 13. For the 2nd year, we will host an arts market in our parking lot at 320 North Street. There's still room for vendors, but hurry! We will have reserved parking for market shoppers.

Also on June 13, 3-5 pm, is the closing reception for Carol Eaton Walsh's fun art exhibition "Monkey Brain: No Rhyme Nor Reason." Make plans to stop by after the festival. Expect discounts on the remaining paintings!



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### June Artist Spotlight - Meet Cindy Glad!

"You know the saying 'I wasn't born in Texas but I got here as fast as I could'? That's me," Cindy laughed. "I was charmed by the trees of East Texas."

She, along with her husband Davis and three of their six adult children, came to Nacogdoches from their home state of Utah in 2024. Cindy and Davis are the founders of Muddy Pants Pottery, a working art studio in downtown Nac where you can learn about and create all sorts of ceramics.

"I cannot tell you the number of times I've heard someone say 'I've always wanted to try this,'" Cindy said. "Ceramics require a substantial investment in space and equipment, and that's a big barrier to creating this kind of art. What if you made that investment, only to discover you don't like doing it? So instead of an eight-week commitment to a course you might not finish, we offer Play in the Clay: \$15 for two hours with some gentle instruction and guidance. We welcome walk-ins. You can try your hand at working the clay to make pottery or painting a piece that's already been made. Bottom line, we provide access to the art."



more I work with clay, the more I see it is about the communion between the earth and us. It's about that connection."

This year, Cindy's work has been accepted at Texas art festivals in Rockport and Palestine, and she is encouraged by feedback she's received from others out-of-state.

"I firmly believe everybody is creative in some way," Cindy said. "That's one reason why I support the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative. They're increasing the opportunities in our lovely town for everyone to be creative and make art of all kinds, and that's something all of us should participate in and celebrate."



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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## There is still hope for the Old Stone Fort!

January 6, 2026

City of Nacogdoches  
202 E. Pilar Street  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

Stephen F. Austin State University  
1936 North Street  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962

**Re: Letter of Intent regarding the proposed transfer of property**

This Letter of Intent sets forth the terms for a proposed transfer of property by Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System ("SFA") to the City of Nacogdoches, Texas (the "City"), and is intended to be a statement of understanding regarding this proposed transfer, as well as to serve as an outline for the preparation of any definitive documents between the parties in the future.

**1. Statement of Mutual Benefit and Interests**

SFA has been the site of the Old Stone Fort -- a replica of a Spanish Colonial house built by Antonio Gil Y'Barbo -- since 1936 and operated as the Stone Fort Museum. The Stone Fort Museum, Nacogdoches' oldest museum, celebrates early East Texas history and explores the natural and cultural history of the region. SFA is completing its new 2026 Master Plan, which has designated the property currently occupied by the Stone Fort Museum as the site of a new sciences building. Therefore, it is necessary to relocate the Stone Fort Museum in order for the new facility to be constructed to house its growing academic programs.

The City oversees and is responsible for several historic sites within the city of Nacogdoches, including the Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens, Nacogdoches Railroad Depot, Sterne-Hoya House Museum and Library, and Zion Hill Baptist Church. The City has the expertise, means, and desire to add the Stone Fort Museum to its portfolio of historic sites, and has identified several potential locations for the museum, all closer to its original location.

SFA needs to construct a new sciences building to continue its growth trajectory and deliver high-quality academic programs, and the City desires to expand its portfolio of historic sites to increase tourism and quality of life for the citizens of Nacogdoches. The Parties therefore recognize the mutual benefit to be achieved from the transfer of the property and operation of the Stone Fort Museum from SFA to the City.

**2. Transfer of Property:**

SFA has certain property located within the corporate limits of City of Nacogdoches, Texas, which is located on the main campus of SFA (the "Property"). Said Property is more particularly described as:

The Stone Fort Museum, currently located at the circle intersection of Griffith and Clark Boulevards.

It is SFA's intention to transfer and convey said Property, and any collections housed therein in which the university has ownership, to the City. SFA seeks assurance from the City that, should it determine to proceed as proposed herein, the City will accept the transfer of the Property.

**3. Acceptance of Transfer:**

The City is authorized under its Charter to, among other things, "acquire by purchase, gift, devise, deed, condemnation or otherwise, any character of property, including any charitable or trust fund." Pursuant to such authority, the City hereby acknowledges and agrees to the acceptance of the donation of the Property from SFA should the opportunity present itself in the future. The City believes that the acceptance of the Property would be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Nacogdoches.

**4. Responsibilities of the Parties**

The Parties will evaluate up to three city-owned sites for placement of the Stone Fort Museum. Costs associated with relocating the Stone Fort Museum to the selected site will be negotiated and documented in a separate document.

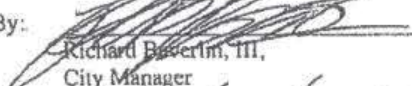
**5. Execution of Definitive Documents**


SFA and the City further agree that if and when the transfer of the Property should proceed, the parties will assist one another and negotiate in good faith to prepare any necessary documentation (the "Definitive Documents") in order to formalize the understandings set forth in this Letter of Intent and ensure the efficient transfer of the Property to the City.

If the forgoing terms accurately reflect the terms agreed to by the parties, please indicate such agreement by signing below.

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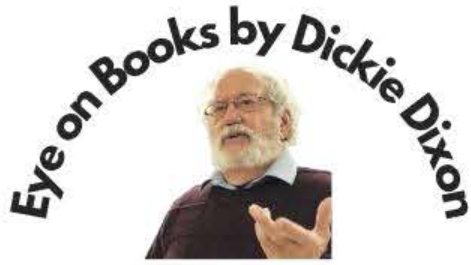
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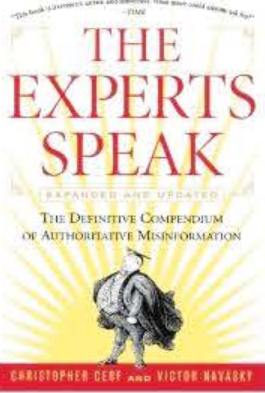
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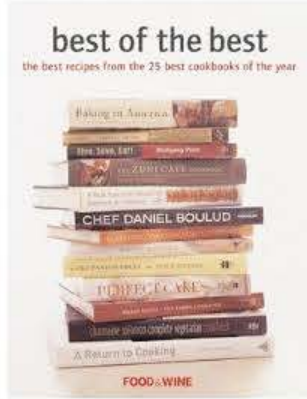
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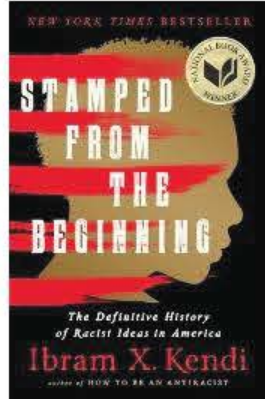
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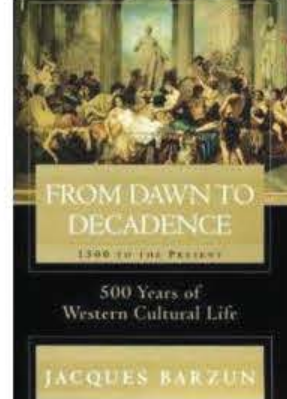
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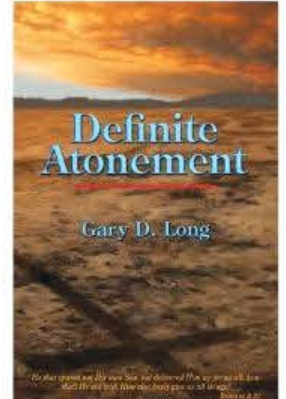
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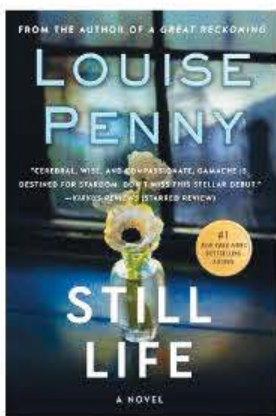
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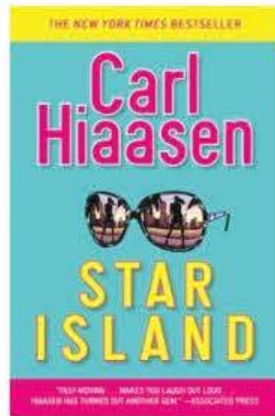


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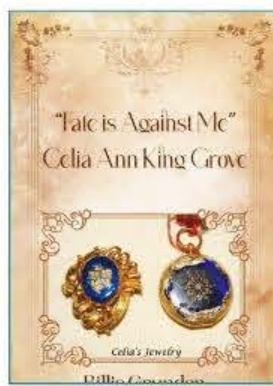


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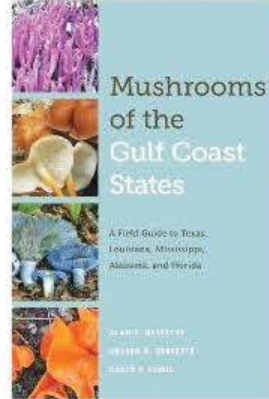


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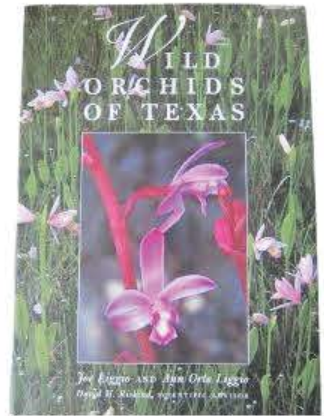


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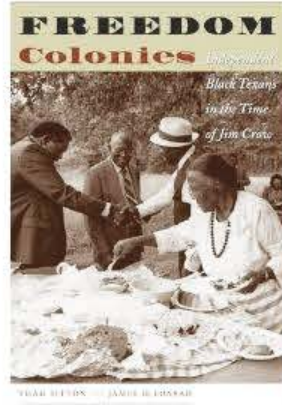


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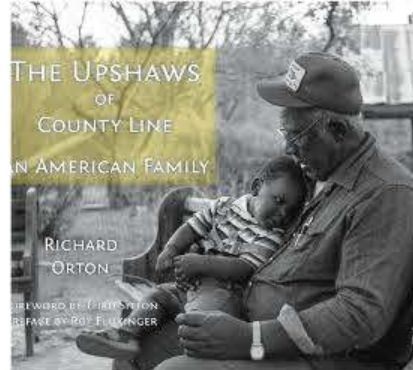


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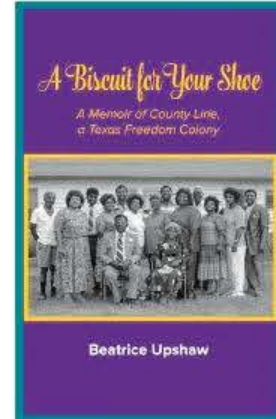


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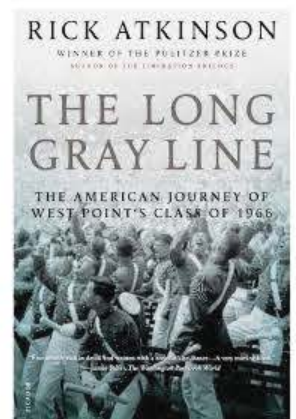


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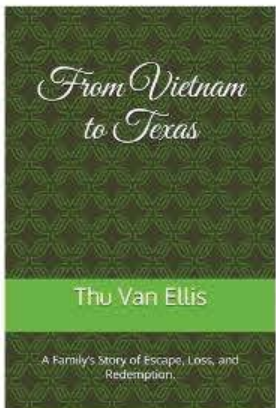
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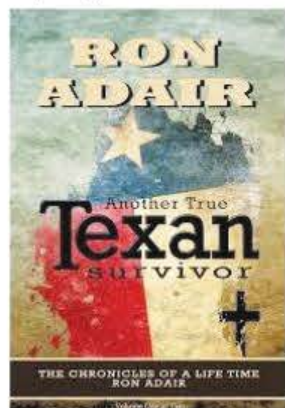


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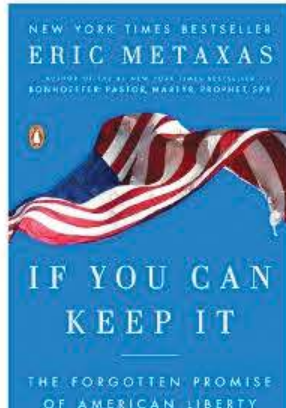


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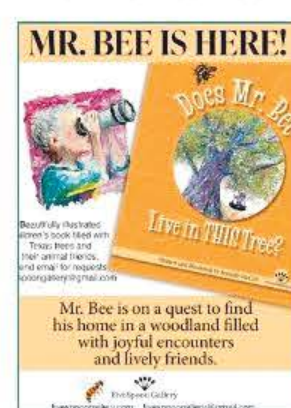
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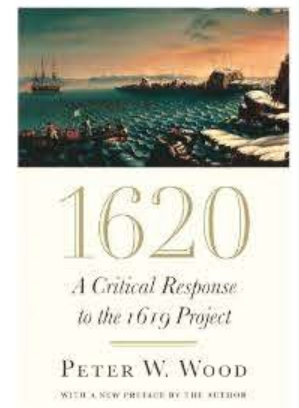
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# Lufkin to Host Global Leadership Summit Simulcast in August *Featuring Influential Voices and World-Class Leadership Insights*

by **Amanda Crocker, IOM**  
*Director of Marketing & Communications*  
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The Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that Lufkin will once again serve as an official host site for the 2026 Global Leadership Summit (GLS), one of the world's premier leadership development experiences. The event will take place August 6–7, 2026, at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center, streamed live in simulcast from the GLS headquarters near Chicago.

Bringing world-class leadership content directly to East Texas, GLS 2026 will feature a dynamic lineup of bestselling authors, CEOs, educators, communicators, researchers, and innovators offering practical leadership strategies and inspiration for today's challenges.

"Hosting the Global Leadership Summit gives our community direct access to some of the most respected voices in leadership and personal growth," said Tara Watson-Watkins, President & CEO of the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. "GLS creates an opportunity for leaders across every industry to learn together, grow together, and return inspired to make an even greater impact in our businesses, organizations, and community."

## Who's Taking the Stage at GLS 2026?

This year's faculty lineup includes influential leaders from business, education, ministry, entertainment, psychology, communication, and organizational development.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Craig Groeschel – Founding & Senior Pastor, Life.Church; Bestselling Author**  
Groeschel's session, "The Invisible Language of Leadership," explores how the behaviors leaders repeat and reinforce ultimately shape culture, influence teams, and determine outcomes.
- **Priscilla Shirer – Cofounder, Going Beyond Ministries; Bestselling Author**  
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- **Jim Collins – Management Educator; Bestselling Author**  
Author of leadership classics such as "Good to Great," Collins will share lessons from his decade-long research project on resilience, purpose, and navigating life's turning points in his session, "What to Make of a Life."
- **Vanessa Van Edwards – Behavioral Researcher; Harvard Instructor; Bestselling Author**  
In "The Surprising Micro-Habits of High-Impact Leaders," Van Edwards reveals how small behavioral shifts and daily habits can significantly strengthen influence and leadership effectiveness.
- **Kwame Christian – CEO, American Negotiation Institute; Bestselling Author**  
Christian's session, "Why Being Right Isn't Enough," focuses on communication, negotiation, and building trust in difficult conversations.
- **Andy Stanley – Founder, North Point Ministries; Bestselling Author**  
Stanley's message, "What Great Leaders Do," explores the practical habits and actions that distinguish strong leaders from the rest.
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### • Ryan Leak – CEO, The Ryan Leak Group; Bestselling Author

Leak's session, "Building a Culture They Never Want to Leave," explores how leaders can create environments where teams feel valued, engaged, and inspired to grow.

### • Alison Levine – Polar Explorer; Mountaineer; Bestselling Author

Levine brings extraordinary leadership lessons from extreme environments, including Everest expeditions and Arctic exploration.

### • Kelly Merryman Hoogstraten – CEO, Wonder Project

Her session, "Make the Call: When Risk Beats Certainty," helps leaders navigate uncertainty and make confident decisions in fast-moving environments.

### • David Ashcraft – President & CEO, Global Leadership Network

Ashcraft leads the Global Leadership Network and brings decades of experience developing leaders and organizations around the world.

### Event Details:

- What: Global Leadership Summit 2026 (Simulcast Event)
- When: August 6–7, 2026
- Where: Pitser Garrison Convention Center, Lufkin, TX
- Hosted by: Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
- Register: [LufkinTexas.org/Global-Leadership-Summit](https://LufkinTexas.org/Global-Leadership-Summit)

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- Heritage Primitive Baptist Church** — 128 Hunt Street, 75965 — 936.554.0102
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- Iglesia Bautista Cristiana** — 1917 S Fredonia Street, 75964 — 936.462.8692
- Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna** — 2612 Williams Street, 75964 — 936.462.0719
- Iglesia Evangelica Cristiana Espiritual** — 501 Lenwood Drive, 75964
- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** — 1422 County Rd 724, 75964 — 936.560.3200
- Impact Cowboy Church of Nacogdoches** — 415 FM 2112, 75961 — 936.569.8559
- International Church of Nacogdoches** — 1610 SW Stallings Drive, 75964 — 936.564.7265
- Iron Wheel Baptist Church** — 820 1st Street, 75961 — 936.569.8358
- Jacob's Memorial Cogic** — 1717 Castleberry Street, 75961 — 936.564.7493
- Johnson Chapel CME Church** — 614 3rd Street, 75961 — 936.569.9703
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses** — 2832 NE Stallings Drive, 75965 — 936.560.6571
- Life Church** — 702 N University Drive, 75961 — 936.205.5956
- Little Zion Baptist Church** — 305 Shawnee Street, 75961 — 936.564.4577
- Macedonia Baptist Church** — 169 County Rd 719, 75964 — 936.564.3148
- Martinsville Baptist Church** — 10892 FM 95, 75961 — 936.554.1344
- Miracle Tabernacle** — 3214 E Main Street, 75961 — 936.4624.8575
- Mosaic Church | Nacogdoches** — 2603 SE Stallings Drive, 75961 — 936.615.3199
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- Nacogdoches Christian Fellowship** — 1701 E Main Street, 75961 — 936.560.1948
- Nacogdoches Community Church / Victory Fellowship** — 1907 Stallings Drive N, 75964 — 936.569.2720
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- Nacogdoches Seventh-day Adventist Church** — 4407 Old Tyler Rd, 75964 — 936.564.1905
- New Birth Fellowship Church** — 2910 E Main Street, 75961 — 936.569.7334
- New Creation Nations Christian Center** — 3806 NW Stallings Drive, 75964
- New Hope Baptist Church** — 819 Ritchie Street, 75961 — 936.225.8580
- New Hope Methodist Church** — 5301 E Main Street, 75961 — 936.564.7693
- New Life Christian Fellowship** — 4111 FM 1878, 75965 — 936.674.7339
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- Northpointe Church of God** — 3900 Appleby Sand Rd, 75965 — 936.560.2358
- Northwood Baptist Church** — 3224 NE Stallings Drive, 75965 — 936.564.2969
- Oak Grove Baptist Church** — 2603 SE Stallings Drive, 75961 — 936.569.0756
- Old North Baptist Church** — 332 County Rd 205, 75965
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church** — 4401 Old Lufkin Rd, 75964 — 936.560.3506
- Pine Flat CME Church** — 899 FM 3228, 75961 — 936.564.4224
- Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church** — 4922 FM 2864, 75965 — 936.559.5445
- Power Of The Word** — 1501 Industrial Drive, 75964
- Redeemer Lutheran Church** — 2306 Appleby Sand Rd, 75965 — 936.564.6729
- Redemption Baptist Church** — 3716 South Street, 75964 — 936.414.6777
- Rey De Reyes Iglesia Cristiana** — 1705 SW Stallings Drive, 75964 — 936.462.8008
- Rock Springs Church** — 203 County Rd 819, 75964
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church** — 2508 Appleby Sand Rd, 75965 — 936.564.7807
- Sandy Ridge Church** — 75964
- Saint Paisios the Athonite Orthodox Christian Mission** — 614 E Starr Ave, 75961 — 936.622.0622
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- Shady Grove Baptist Church** — 2548 FM 2112, 75961 — 936.560.2721
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- Southside Church of Christ** — 3738 S Fredonia Street, 75964 — 936.559.1800
- Stallings Drive Baptist Church** — 728 SE Stallings Drive, 75964 — 936.564.2075
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- St James Baptist Church** — 2633 Canyon Street, 75964 — 936.564.7887
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- St Matthew Church** — 2720 Matthew Street, 75964
- St Paul's Methodist Church** — 601 Moore Street, 75961 — 936.564.3585
- Stonewall Fellowship Church** — 1303 S University Drive, 75961 — 936.587.9895
- Sunset Galilee Missionary Baptist Church** — 1609 S Rayburn Drive, 75961 — 936.564.3853
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** — 3307 Center Rd, 75961 — 936.564.0687
- The Citizen Nac** — 108 N Lanana Street, 75961 — 936.237.6395
- Timber Creek Church** — 3801 North Street, 75965 — 936.632.3540
- Trawick Presbyterian Church** — 4410 SH 204, 75964 — 254.702.0100
- Union Cross Missionary Baptist Church** — 2905 Old Tyler Rd, 75964 — 936.564.9838
- University Church** — 2505 North Street, 75965 — 936.205.3100
- Vineyard Church** — 4140 FM 1878, 75961 — 936.564.4600
- Westminster Presbyterian Church** — 903 North Street, 75961 — 936.564.0203
- Westside Missionary Baptist Church** — 3109 Durst Street, 75964 — 936.564.0713
- Woden United Pentecostal Church** — 136 Rankin Rd, 75961 — 936.560.2733
- Zion Hill First Baptist Church** — 324 N Lanana Street, 75961

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**Church At Lufkin** — 205 Joyce Lane, 75901 — 936.632.6185  
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**Church of the Living God** — 613 Culverhouse Street, 75904 — 936.632.5144  
**City Church Lufkin** — 711 N Second Street, 75901 — 936.632.3844  
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**Covenant Presbyterian Church** — 1303 E Denman Ave, 75901 — 936.637.6043  
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**Dunn Chapel Church** — 1212 Bethlehem Rd, 75904 — 936.637.3770  
**Eastview United Pentecostal Church** — 1407 N Medford Drive, 75901 — 936.632.3525  
**Emanuel Assembly of God Church** — 1818 N Timberland Drive, 75901 — 936.634.2483  
**Fairview Baptist Church** — 3742 FM 2108, 75901 — 936.637.1466  
**Faith Family Church** — 7020 US 59, 75901 — 936.632.8275  
**First Baptist Church Lufkin** — 106 E Bremond Ave, 75901 — 936.634.3386  
**First Christian Church** — 1300 S First Street, Suite 1, 75901 — 936.634.8341  
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**First Lutheran Church** — 1001 Atkinson Drive, 75901 — 936.634.7468  
**First Presbyterian Church** — 607 Janeway Ave, 75904 — 936.634.3711  
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**Free Spirit Church** — 610 Cain Street, 75904 — 936.639.6515  
**Fuller Springs Missionary Baptist Church** — 5003 Fuller Springs Drive, 75901  
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**Harmony Hill Baptist Church** — 2708 S Chestnut Street, 75901 — 936.632.1350  
**Harvest Family Worship Center** — 4176 FM 2251, 75904  
**Heritage Baptist Church** — 1910 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.632.8188  
**Hillcrest Baptist Church** — 2005 Ford Chapel Rd, 75901 — 936.634.3419  
**Homer Methodist Church** — 5265 FM 326, 75901

**Impact Outreach Ministries** — 440 FM 2021, 75901 — 936.632.2611  
**Keltys First Baptist Church** — 2402 N John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.634.4019  
**Keltys United Methodist Church** — 1867 Old Mill Rd, 75904 — 936.634.3950  
**La Vina Church** — 516 Montrose Street, 75901 — 936.366.1821  
**LifeGate Church** — 2511 E Lufkin Ave, 75901 — 936.632.1517  
**LifePoint Church** — 4737 Ted Trout Drive, 75904 — 936.634.6674  
**Little Flock Baptist Church** — 2769 FM 1475, 75901 — 936.824.3633  
**Long Chapel CME Church** — 514 Lining Street, 75901 — 936.634.4049  
**Loop 287 Church of Christ** — 1911 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.212.0605  
**Lufkin First Missionary Baptist Church** — 410 Scarborough Street, 75904 — 936.632.2426  
**Lufkin Seventh-day Adventist Church** — 1209 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.639.1898  
**Memorial Baptist Church** — 904 N John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.634.9288  
**Monastery of the Infant Jesus** — 1501 Lotus Lane, 75904 — 936.634.4233  
**Mt Calvary Baptist Church** — 208 Calvary Street, 75904 — 936.634.6266  
**Mt Carmel Baptist Church** — 595 Mt Carmel Rd, 75904 — 936.875.2218  
**Mt Zion Baptist Church** — 4303 FM 842, 75901 — 936.632.6447  
**New Beginning Baptist Church** — 1002 Pershing Ave, 75904 — 936.699.7729  
**New Life Church of Lufkin** — 4707 FM 843, 75904  
**New Life Church on the Rock** — 4333 SH 103, 75904 — 936.632.2678  
**New Zion Temple of Deliverance, Inc** — 1202 Cain Street, 75904 — 936.634.6759  
**Our Father's House of Faith** — 518 S 3rd Street, 75901 — 936.639.9431  
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**Solid Rock Church** — 3476 SH 103, 75904 — 936.639.8808  
**Southside Baptist Church** — 1615 Tulane Drive, 75901 — 936.632.3292  
**St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church** — 1611 Feagin Drive, 75904 — 936.632.9100  
**Timber Creek Church** — 2021 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.632.3540  
**The Foundry Assembly of God** — 1405 S Chestnut Street, 75901 — 936.634.1444  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



June 2026

**Wine Dinner**  
Mon. June 1st 6:30pm  
Red House Winery

**Classic Car Cruise In**  
Fri. June 5th 4-7pm  
Clear Springs

**Market on Main**  
Sat. June 6th 10am-2pm  
305 East Main St.

**Rhinestone Rifles Boutique 10th Anniversary**  
Sat. June 6th 10am-4pm  
Rhinestone Rifles Boutique

**Blueberry Festival of Quilts**  
6/12: 10am-6pm | 6/13: 9am-4pm  
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church

**Critter Costume Contest**  
Fri. June 12th 6pm  
Fredonia Brewery

**Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park**  
Fri. June 12th 7-10pm  
Festival Park

**36th Annual Texas Blueberry Festival**  
Sat. June 13th 8am-4pm  
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Nac Arts Market**  
Sat. June 13th 10am-2pm  
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative

**Summer Concert: A Night at the Opera**  
Sat. June 13th 6:30-9pm  
The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center

**Summer Makers Market**  
Sun. June 14th 12-5pm  
Fredonia Brewery

**Nac Snack Friday**  
Fri. June 26th 11am-2pm  
Downtown Nacogdoches

**Celebrate Freedom 250**  
Sun. June 28th 5pm  
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center

**Private Lives Play**  
6/5 & 6/6: 7:30pm | 6/8: 2pm  
Lamp-Lite Theater

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

**Lone Star Trivia**  
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise  
Tuesday: 6/2, 6/16, & 6/30 Bottlecap Alley  
Thursday: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, & 6/25 Fredonia Brewery

**Naca Valley Vineyard**  
Pizza on the Pavilion:  
Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza every Thu.-Sat.  
Live Music 5:30pm:  
6/6: Randy C Moore Live  
6/13: Country Willie Edwards

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

**Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative**  
*\*Locations are Italicized\**  
*320 North St:*  
6/6: Monkey Brain: No  
Rhyme Nor Reason 11am-4pm  
6/13: Monkey Brain: No Rhyme  
Nor Reason Closing 3-5pm  
6/13: Nac Arts Market 10am-2pm

**Banita Creek Hall**  
Line Dancing & Two-Stepping  
Thursday: Ladies Night  
Fridays: Dollar Night

**Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center**  
6/6: DSC East Texas Whitetail  
Deer & Wildlife Showcase 9am-4pm  
6/6: The Sportsman's Night Out 6-10pm  
6/19-6/21: G&S Gun Show

**Madhatter Distillery**  
Events are 21+ | No cover unless stated otherwise  
6/4: Singo Bingo 6-7:30pm  
6/6: Nessa & Bailey Live 7-9:30pm  
6/13: Zach Mason Live 7-9:30pm  
6/18: Singo Bingo 6-7:30pm  
6/19: Piney Woods Charcuterie &  
Cocktail Pairing 6:30-9pm \$60  
6/20: Daniel McMahon Live 7-9:30pm  
6/27: Zach Mason & The Jars 7-9:30pm

**Slash-O-Meadery**  
Saturdays: Mead with the Highlands 2-8pm  
6/20: Alyssa Fuller Live 4-7pm

**Lumberjack Harley Davidson**  
6/6: Test Ride Days  
6/12: Dealer Ride to Bluegrass Concert  
6/13: Blueberry Festival  
6/20: Father's Day Weekend/Bourbon & Bikes  
6/27: Piney Woods Ride & Shine

**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**  
Music on the Patio every Friday 6-9pm:  
6/5: Larry Greer & the Shades of Blue  
6/12: Enrique Munguia  
6/19: Logan McCune  
6/26: Marshall Hance

**Fredonia Brewery**  
Trivia every Thursday 7pm  
Live Music every Friday & Saturday  
6/3: Books & Brews 6-7pm  
6/5: Brian Winfield Live 6:30-8:30pm  
6/12: Johnny Mullins Live 6:30-8:30pm  
6/13: Loose Gravel Band 6-9pm  
6/14: Summer Vendor Market 12-5pm  
6/20: Nessa & Bailey Acoustic Duo 6-9pm  
6/21: FredTalk Lecture Series 2-3pm

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

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

**Nacogdoches Niners Professional Minor League Baseball Team**  
6/4-6/7: Nacogdoches Niners VS Beaumont Oil Barons  
6/9-6/11: Nacogdoches Niners VS Meridian Blues  
6/21-6/23: Nacogdoches Niners VS Beaumont Oil Barons  
6/23-6/25: Nacogdoches Niners VS Fort Scott Dragons

**SFA Fine Arts**  
*\*Locations are Italicized\**  
*Griffith Fine Arts Building, Flex Theater:*  
6/18-6/21: Murder on the Orient Express  
6/24-6/27: Seussical the Musical

**SFA Gardens**  
*\*Locations are Italicized\**  
*Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden:*  
6/1/26-3/6/27: Sculpture in the SFA Gardens  
*Pineywoods Native Plant Center:*  
6/1-6/5: Wonder Woods Summer Camp 8am-12pm  
*Brundrett Conservation Education Building:*  
6/11: Tea Magic Lecture 7-8pm

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