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Jerry Lee's Sister, Linda Gail Lewis, Coming to Nacogdoches July 29th!

Linda Gail Lewis will perform in concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at Appleby Sand Mercantile Café benefitting the Nacogdoches Shriners. The café is located at 6530 FM 2609 and tickets are priced at \$25 each. To purchase tickets, please phone 936.554.5822.

Like her brother, Jerry Lee, Rockabilly Hall of Fame member, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member and Country Music Hall of Fame member, Linda Gail Lewis soaked up the sounds of hillbilly music and rhythm and blues in the rural areas of Louisiana as a youngster. When Jerry Lee began to score hits with "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" and "Great Balls of Fire," he singlehandedly lifted the family from dire poverty to a life of relative ease. Linda Gail's chief inspiration was Jerry Lee, but later, as the era of rock 'n' roll came into play, she also tuned into the sounds of Brenda Lee, Patsy Cline and Lavern Baker. She toured with Jerry for 18-years and performs more than 150 concerts annually, many of which are overseas. Her show combines country, "old-time" rock & roll and blues tunes. She is backed on stage by son-in-law, Danny Harvey and her daughter, Annie Marie Lewis.

Linda Gail Lewis's official recording debut came when she performed as Jerry Lee's duet partner for Sun Records in 1963. It was after Jerry Lee mounted his late-1960s comeback via country music that Lewis was able to make it onto the



charts. Recording with her brother, she scored a top ten country hit with a version of Carl and Pearl Butler's "Don't Let Me Cross Over." A rousing duet remake of Chuck Berry's "Roll Over Beethoven," a staple of her act, followed it onto the charts. The Lewis duo's 1969 Smash LP "Together," featured their rowdy duet style on a variety of country standards and rockers. This led to Lewis's debut solo album for the label, *The Two Sides Of Linda Gail Lewis*.

In addition to composing material for her brother's top-selling Smash and Mercury discs, Lewis also garnered an ASCAP award for her song "Smile, Somebody Loves You," a top 40 country hit.

During this time, Lewis toured almost non-stop as part of her brother's show. By 1977 she had had enough—she quit the act, married a man outside the music industry and started a new family.

After a hiatus of nearly ten years, Lewis returned to music in the late 1980s, touring briefly with Jerry Lee before belatedly going solo at age 39. Lewis caught a career break when the New Rose label in France released *International Affair*, her first solo album in 23 years. Well regarded by critics like Robert Christgau for its raw, openly country sound, the album did not get much distribution in the United States, but put the European rock community on notice that she was available for shows.

Lewis's biggest career boost came via legendary Irish rocker Van Morrison. Lewis met Morrison at a Jerry Lee Lewis convention in England. After a sound-check jam session, Morrison proposed the collaboration, which resulted in the 2000 Pointblank/Virgin duet album *You Win Again*. The album reached the pop charts and sold strongly at the duo's live shows. It became Lewis's best-selling disc.

Over the next 23 years, Delta Music Hall of fame member, Linda Gail Lewis, has toured the world constantly. She has played some of the biggest and most prestigious rock and roll festivals. During 2014 Lewis met Rockabilly guitarist

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August 2018 a new duo album was released by Chicago based Bloodshot Records. The duo album is with Grammy nominated highly critically acclaimed Americana / Folk singer and amazing guitar player Robbie Fulks. It was recorded and produced by Robbie Fulks who wrote most of the songs. Robbie Fulks is one of the greatest song writers of this century. Legendary musicians who played on the album, Redd Volkaert, Kevin Smith, Tommy Detamore, Danny B. Harvey, Hank Singer, Alex Hall, in Austin; Scott Ligon, Casey McDonough, and Alex Hall in Chicago.

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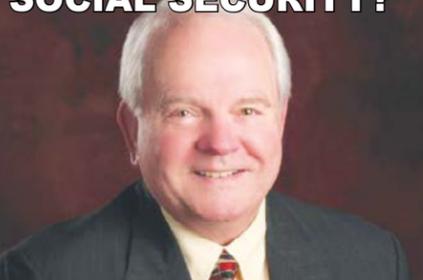
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Between 1978 and 2004, John has charted a total of 32 songs on the Billboard Hot Country Singles charts and recorded 11 studio albums. His singles include 7 number-one hits, including: "Rose Colored Glasses," "Lady Lay Down," "Backside of Thirty," "Common Man," "I'm Only In It For The Love," "In My Eyes," "As Long As I'm Rockin' With You" and "Got My Heart Set On You." In addition to these, Conlee sent 14 other songs into the Top Ten.

Growing up in Versailles, KY John Conlee began singing and playing guitar when he was 10-years-old and later he joined a barbershop quartet as a tenor. A successful country music career led to Conlee becoming a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1982.

He has an interesting personal life off the road and back home on his ranch. Here are five things you may not know about John Conlee:

He enjoys the simple things in life: When John Conlee is not on the road he enjoys spending time on his 32 acre farm with his wife Gale and their three children. His hobbies include woodworking and gun-smithing. Despite his tour schedule he will always make time to ride his tractor on his farm. John Conlee is one country music singer who does not enjoy the glitz and glamour that comes with being in the music industry.

John Conlee has kept his original team around him: Conlee has remained loyal to the people who helped him get his start in the country music industry. His manager, Dave Roberts, and his producer Bud Logan, have been with him since the very beginning. In an industry where artists change managers and agents often, John takes pride in his loyalty to his team.

He grew up on a farm: John Conlee grew up helping his parents on their tobacco farm. His duties included plowing the tobacco fields, harvesting grain, tending to the cattle and slopping the hogs. He is passionate about saving the family farm system. Conlee says he is not a radical or rebel but he will not hesitate to speak his mind and stand up for what is right.

His crusade to save family farms began in Nebraska: John played a benefit concert in Omaha, Neb. in June 1985 in support of the National Farmers Organization. When fellow musician Willie Nelson announced plans for the first Farm Aid concerts John Conlee called Willie and offered his service. John has been part of nine Farm Aid concerts, raising \$13 million to aid the family farmer.

John worked as a disc jockey: Before his breakthrough song "Through Rose Colored Glasses" became a hit in 1978, Conlee worked at WLAC. He worked at the Nashville AM powerhouse from 1971 until 1978. He credits his career at WLAC as his entry into the music industry. In an interview John Conlee once said that if he had not gotten the job as disc jockey, music probably would have remained just a hobby for him. He is also a licensed mortician.



Around the Town Publisher David Stallings (left) with Grand Ole Opry Star John Conlee

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Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Good Day Readers,

This month our hearts have been heavy, we lost someone very dear to us. James Satchleben, will always be treasured and remembered for his very large role with the Cotton Gin, his friendship, and sense of humor at Millard's Crossing.

The Rebellion Barn, built in the 1950's, is a newer building in relation to our other structures. If you are not familiar with the building, it used to be part of the Flea Market that was on the property before it became part of Millard's Crossing. When they started renovations, they found a large chamber underneath the Barn, it is said, it may have been an elevator pit for grain, or a storage vessel. They continued to remodel and worked on the hardwood floors to give them back their beauty. It is located on the right once you turn into the driveway, the outside and inside rustic charm makes it one of our most popular rentals. If you are looking at hosting a party, getting married, business meeting, or just about anything, the barn is a great option. It will seat over 200 without tables and 150 comfortably with tables. It has a full kitchen and two restroom areas. The mirrored bar makes for a beautiful setting for wedding cakes, food, and so much more. It has large windowed doors that can be opened to the porches that can be used for outside seating. Please feel free to call the office to come by and see if you're in the market for an event.

Our other venues are the Chapel, Watkins Reception House, Parsonage, and you can even rent the whole village. If you choose to rent the whole village, it is your choice to have it closed to the public or leave it open, your rentals are however, closed to guests wanting to take a tour, this is for your privacy.

We are always looking for volunteers to come and have fun with us. You can volunteer to answer the phones, help with the flower beds, paint various things that need to be freshened up, or help with one of our events, large or small. We host field trips mainly throughout the fall, spring, and early summer. We have Open Mic, Car Shows, Painting Parties, Canning Classes, and so much more for you to choose from. Our BIG events are Easter, Halloween, and Christmas, and we have small events throughout the year. If volunteering is not for you and you would like to help out, we are always looking for sponsors and anyone wanting to take part in adopting a home. The "Adopt a Home" program is for repair and/or upkeep of a particular building of your choosing and starts at \$100.00. We are ready to place our first order of benches, which will be placed out on the grounds once they come in. The benches are \$200.00 each. You can always come to one of our events, like and share our Facebook page, and when our website is finished we will have more options for you.

Our next BIG events will be:

Ghosts of Millard's Crossing October 28, 2023, 11:00am - 7:00pm

Old Fashioned Christmas **NEW DAY AND TIME** December 9, 2023, 11:00am - 7:00pm

July events:

July 4th We Are CLOSED

July 13-15 Pioneer Days 11:00am - 4:00pm daily

July 20th Open Mic, featuring Dan Service, starting at 6:00pm

July 27th 6:00 - 8:00pm Sewing class by Bonnie

August events:

August 17th Open Mic

August 26th Nacogdoches Has Talent - Call office or follow us on Facebook for more details.

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Rubalcava Named Hospital District Indigent Program Coordinator

Nacogdoches County Hospital District has named José Jesús Rubalcava as Indigent Program Coordinator. The Hospital District’s Indigent Health Care Program helps low-income Texas residents who don’t qualify for other state or federal health care programs to get access to health care services.

“I am so glad to be here and be able to help our community,” Rubalcava said. “The most rewarding part of this job is seeing the relief in the faces of the people I am able to help.”

Rubalcava has worked in health care for more than 22 years, starting as the in-house Spanish interpreter at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital during his last semester of college. In addition to his service as an interpreter, Rubalcava has also worked at the hospital as a staff accountant, a payroll manager, a financial analyst and controller.

“Jesús is the perfect person for this job,” Lynn Lindsey, Nacogdoches Hospital District CEO/Administrator, said. “He has the experience, he has the drive, but most importantly he has a passion for service. He understands and relates to the people he is serving, and he communicates with a level of compassion that is inspiring to witness.”

Rubalcava was in the Top Ten of his 1996 graduating class at Westwood High School in Palestine and earned his associate degree in business administration in 1998 from Trinity Valley Community College, where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society of two-year colleges. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2001 from Stephen F. Austin State University, where he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for collegiate schools of business, and Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.

Rubalcava and his wife, Veronica Chavez Rubalcava, have two daughters, Ariana and Angelica, and two “awesome” dogs, Remington and Bonita. They are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Diboll, where Rubalcava is an instituted acolyte, president of the Pastoral Council and youth group director. In his free time, he enjoys working in the yard, road trips with his family and taking naps.

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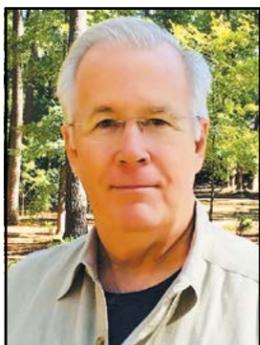
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Nacogdoches Stone Fort Museum's Preservation Award

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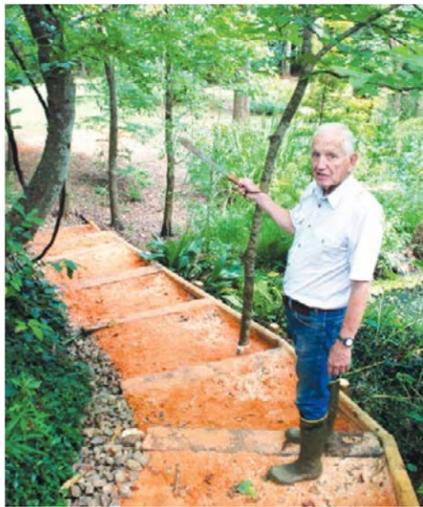
It's time again for applications to the Stephen F. Austin University Stone Fort Museum's Biennial Heritage Preservation Award. All applications must be submitted to the Museum's website no later than July 14, 2023, before 5:00 pm.

This award has been awarded biennially in honor of the Cum Concillio Club of Nacogdoches to recognize individuals whose efforts have shown "significant contributions in heritage preservation in Nacogdoches County. According to the Cum Concillio Club previous awards have been given to those who have shown a lifetime of contributions or have worked on a specific project. They may be a collective material culture to include works of art, archives, architecture, historic objects, natural history, and the built environment. Recipients are not required to be residents of Nacogdoches County, but their contributions must be local, and can be awarded posthumously.

The Cum Concillio Club was formed on January 25, 1894. Their purpose was to work together in efforts to preserve and enrich their community. Their first project was to reconstruct the Y'Barbo's stone house which was demolished. In 1902 a campaign was launched throughout Texas to begin reconstruction of the stone house on the college campus of Stephen F. Austin University.

During World War I, club members devoted their time and money to war bonds, Red Cross supplies, and woolen sweaters. World War II focused their activities on canning, preparing victory gardens, making bandages, offering blood bank donations, and war bonds. Other projects over the years have included the construction of a fence around the Oak Grove Cemetery and other landscape projects around the county.

Past recipients of the Heritage Preservation award have been Dr. F. E. Abernethy, who was responsible for the development of the Lanana Creek Trail; Dr. Bobby H. Johnson, for his documentation of past oral histories of Nacogdoches and East Texas; Mrs. Birdie Wade, for her preservation of stories, documents and buildings for the African American community in East Texas; Dr. James E. Corbin, for his lifetime contributions in the history and prehistory of Nacogdoches County; Dr. Tom Middlebrook for his preservation of archeological records of East Texas in the Bernardo and Raphael D'Ortolon Rancho sites in western Nacogdoches County; Mrs. Mable Ferguson, who as a "quiet leader" of the Nacogdoches area, including a project to restore Sand Hill Cemetery; and Steve and Sheryl Hartz, who through the General Mercantile and Oldtime String Shop have contributed to the preservation of East Texas musical traditions and rural mercantile experience.



2015 Recipient - Dr. F. E. Abernethy

Again, the award nominations are due on July 14, 2023, no later than 5:00 p.m. Forms may be downloaded at bit.ly/SFM-Award-Nom-2023, or you may contact Carolyn Spears, Director of the Stone Fort Museum by email at stonefortmuseum@gmail.com. You may also reach Carolyn at (936)468-2408.



2017 Recipient - Dr. Bobby H. Johnson (seated)



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2019 Recipients - (Top) Dr. James E. Corbin (standing in hat) and (Left) Dr. Tom Middlebrook (standing right)

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TEGWAR - The Exciting Game Without Any Rules

by Taylor Millard

When I was in college, a long time ago, my friends and I invented a card game one night while bored at a party. We got it from an old baseball movie, but decided we would make our own rules for the no rules game. The basic premise became to make the other players laugh and confuse the onlookers as we played the silly made up game.

To make this game somewhat believable we would assign traits to the different suits. Spades were weapons, Diamonds were money, Clubs were bad guys and Hearts were blood. Usually there would be four players and to make the others laugh, we would name the cards or plays very silly names. I have a sloping goat working while Joel is sitting on a happy velvet. The terminology was the primary source of merriment in playing the creative game.



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.

Shouts across the table, then slamming down an Ace of Spades to cover a King of Clubs to vanquish an enemy with great fanfare with loud proclamations, such as I Declare a Flying Carlotta! The other players would moan in pretend disgust as the victor had convinced us all that he had won. Of course, there were no rules, and it was all a rouse to confuse people, but for the winner it was glorious.

I recently published my second book, *There Are No Rules*. I included the silly game in the story of friends that meet in college. The book is about the people we meet when we are young, that attach differently, as we are becoming who we are going to be. We are thrown together by geography and time. We come to each other without agenda in a pure way. These are the ones we can go twenty years without speaking and pick right back up, as if no time has passed, what a true blessing.

The book covers a generation as the fictional friends' lives intertwine sporadically. It is about the randomness of tragedy that exists in all of our lives. Some seem to go through life effortlessly, until they don't. Others have hidden sorrows that are within their souls for no one to know. It follows The Book of Job, considered one of the oldest books of the Bible, because it asks the oldest question to God, "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

We desperately want there to be rules in our lives, but rules are broken constantly. It is not about the rules, it is about overcoming the ones that break those rules. Job was blameless before God, but all his great fortune is taken away from him in an instant. His friends come to him and rather than comfort him, they are sure he must have done something wrong. We want there to be a reason for the punishment of the innocent.

When we hear of our fellow man enduring hardship, it is easy to find blame or reasons for this tragedy. Sometimes, it is their own actions that bring on this pain, but for too many they are blameless. Cancer and car wrecks happen every day. It is not the sudden traumatic events or the evil ones, it is how we handle it. *The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.*



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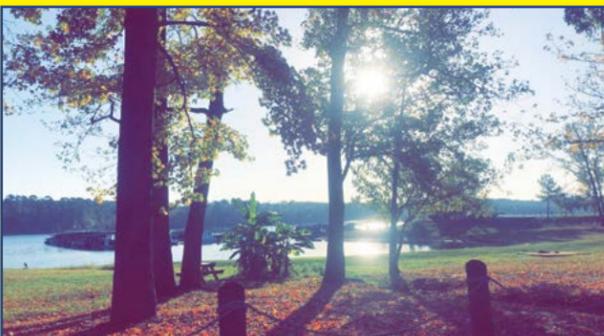
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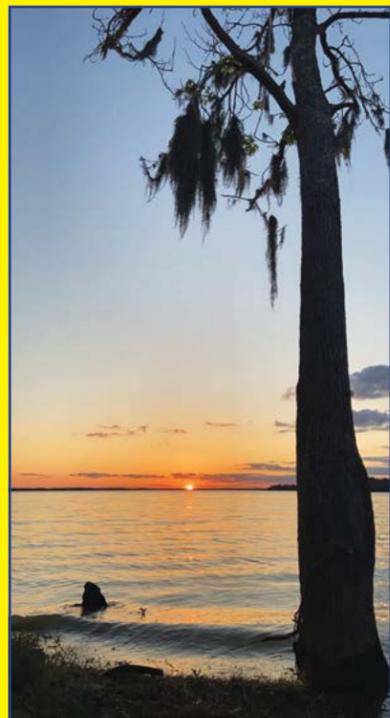
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Two local Civil Air Patrol Cadets graduated from the "Shirley Martin" Powered Flight Academy at A.L. Mangham Jr Airport June 3rd through June 10th. Cadet Senior Airman Robert Johnns and Cadet Tech Sgt. Micah Spradley were among 18 CAP cadets who were taught the basics of flying by 15 CAP flight instructors. Many of the cadets were from out of state.

Johnns is from Wells and will be a senior at Lead Academy in Redland. Spradley is from Nacogdoches and will be a senior at Regents Academy. Both stayed in CAP barracks at the airport, attended ground school classes and flew with CAP instructor pilots each day in CAP Cessna 172 aircraft. Both cadets said they were planning to continue flying lessons to get their private license.



Cadet Senior Airman Robert Johnns with his instructor Lt. Col. Bob McDonnell

Lt. Col. David Cavazos, the academy commander, said that a total of 13 cadets of 18 total student pilots soloed during the week. Cadets flew over 222 flight hours in 6 days totaling over 35 total flight hours per day with zero reportable mishaps.



Cadet Tech Sgt Micah Spradley (left) and Cadet 2nd Lt. Hayden Bryant talk with their instructor Maj. Bill Mellett

The Powered Flight Academy's goal is for participants to not only solo an aircraft but also prepare to pass the Federal Aviation Administration's Private Pilot Computerized Examination. Lt. Col. Brian Childs taught the ground school portion of the academy.

"When you get to solo it indicates to other people that you have the attitude and the aptitude to fly an airplane," according to Maj. Lucinda McFarlin who was the Operations Officer of the academy. "We try to get them to that milestone but not every cadet does solo."

Cadets stayed in barracks at the Texas Wing headquarters. Academy Nutritionist, Lt. Col. Choya Shanahan was responsible for serving 840 meals in 6 days. Thanks to funding from the U.S. Air Force, CAP cadets can pursue their private pilot certificate through the organization's Cadet Wings program and continue their training in a future program, hoping to earn their instrument and instructor ratings. For admission to this program, cadets need to meet a series of criteria — a Gen. Billy Mitchell Award recipient, completion of five CAP orientation flights and a "C" academic average in schoolwork, as well as medical clearance. Applicants also submitted a resumé and an essay on how they would apply the training in life and be interviewed by a panel, to test their commitment to aviation.

There has been a Flight Academy in Texas since 1976. This is the 9th year the Academy has been held in Nacogdoches as a nationwide activity.

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As the Chair, I wanted to give all of you a BIG THANK YOU from me.

Neil Slaton, Thank you for the love of our town and the TX BBF, to continue to be our main sponsor, as well as the rest of our sponsors this year.

Thank you to each City Council member, Fire Departments, Policemen and Women, CVB (Visit Nacogdoches), CERT, Sheriffs Dept and Deputies, Nacogdoches City Workers, City of Nacogdoches, Manager and Mayor, Parks and Recreation, and so many more.

I would like to give special shout outs to people going the distance and beyond.

Mayor Randy Johnson, you were out early Saturday morning walking the streets as the magic was setting up. Thank you for your support. CVB, all the advertisement you shared and work for the TX BBF, giving us space in your building, and so much more. Ashley, Mike, and Shelby, you guys did a great job leading up to and during the festival.

Mike, Matthew, PD, and your crews, thank you for staying late the night before and being right back on the brick streets at 4:30am with us to let the vendors in, take care of any and all water and electrical issues we had, you guys are awesome and I enjoyed working with you. To Brian Bray, thank you for always helping get something together when needed and to you again along with the whole crew of Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful. You guys are passionate about making sure our city is and was clean during and after the festival, come sun, rain, thunder, and lightning, you were out there. To our PD, wow, what a great job each of you did! Working with me and the changes that needed to be made last minute, awesome partnership. To those of you that this was your first to close out, and or run the full event, all I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU. It truly was a pleasure and honor to work with you. Fire Dept, having to move trucks out to the side streets, dealing with all the people parking in your way, helping when there is emergency, or someone just needing a bottle of water, and all the help you give us. Thank you. I do know I left some of the things that was done off here and names, so to all of you a very special thank you. To all the city workers, PD, and more for making sure our streets were blocked and keeping us safe.

To the Chamber staff, (Wayne, Kelly, Sharon, Sherri, and Bonnie) the festival was not new to you, but some of the roles you took on were, GREAT JOB!!!! Awesome working together to accomplish the end goal. The Committee, this ranges from BLOCK CAPTAIN, lead by Mary M. who help make sure vendors find their spot, unload auto, and clear the streets. Oh, did I say they get to the brick streets at 4:00am!! Thank you block captain of 200 for taking care of a vendor, that was a last minute squeeze play. The new crew of street markers learning the process as they went along, and again City workers, PD, and more helping vendors come in, and keeping us safe while we mark the streets. Laura, thank you for taking care of the big map, the small maps, and all the maps in-between, your office space for volunteer headquarters, and more. Mary, thank you for sitting with me going over the roster to make sure we had accounted for everyone. All the businesses downtown that gave up their parking, or I misheard information and placed someone in front of you, or didn't quite make it right in front of your business, (work in progress), thank you for your understanding and being open for the festival. Each and every person that had a hand in the festival thank you, you make the work load a little lighter with all your support and work. Thank you to the Chamber Board of Directors for having faith in me to be the leader of the festival, as well as Wayne CEO, and Kelly COO, Chamber. NPD, NFD, City of Nacogdoches, CVB, and Full City Council. Last but certainly not least, I would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to my Board of Directors at Millard's Crossing, they give up their Executive Director near Blueberry Festival, and I am so very grateful to them for allowing me to continue to be the Chair of the festival. I have an awesome board. To my staff and volunteers, you guys are awesome, thank you for handling things when I needed to be away. If I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional, but just know I do appreciate you as I do every single person that had a hand in helping make this year's TX Blueberry Festival a success.

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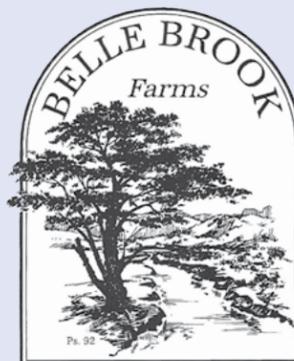
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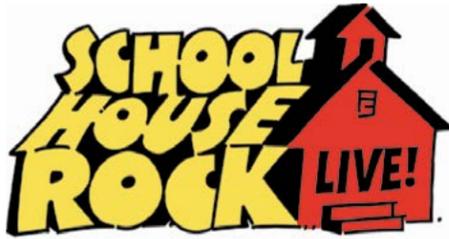
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Nita Hudson directs the cast of Lamp-Lite Players, with musical direction by Charisse Gregory and scenic design/construction by Todd Phillips. The production is recommended for all ages.



Lamp-Lite Player Ensemble members in *SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!* help Tom, played by Nikolaas Van Kley (center), prepare to teach on his first day of school.

Based on the Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* follows Tom, played by Nikolaas Van Kley, a school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. An ensemble of characters played by fellow Lamp-Lite Players show Tom how to win his students over with imagination and music, through songs such as “Just a Bill,” “Interjection!” and “Conjunction Junction.”

Dates of performances are July 1, 7, and 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm, and July 2 and 9, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are reserved seats and are on sale at Kline’s/Wrap-It-Up and the CVB through July 5th

for the second weekend. Tickets are on sale at the Lamp-Lite Box Office 45 minutes before curtain at each performance. Cost is \$15 regular, \$12 60+ years, and \$8 students.

Information about *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com. More information may be found on the Lamp-Lite Theatre Facebook Page or by emailing lamplitetheatre@gmail.com.

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Tue 11th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Thu 13th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	7:00 pm
Sat 15th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Tue 18th	Guacamoles	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Wed 19th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Thu 20th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Fri 21st	Dance Club VFW	Lufkin	7:00 pm
Tue 25th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Thu 27th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	7:00 pm
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It Is No Secret, I Love Texas

by Tweed Scott

It is no secret. I love Texas.

I have to come clean with you. I was not born in Texas. Now wait a minute, before someone yells, “Get a rope!”, let me ask you a question. Did you get to choose where you were born? I have spoken all over this state over the years and every time I ask that question, I get the same response. Not a single hand gets raised. None of us got to make that choice. Our moms made that decision for us. We may not get to choose where we are born but we dang sure get to choose where we live. In all humbleness, dear reader, I am home.

Texas has always had this strong, raw and genuine appeal that goes straight to my soul. I do love where I grew up as a young person and I am happy about that, but I joined the US Navy to “see the world, I could have never suspected they would send me here. I remember when I received my orders to go NAAS Kingsville, Texas. I actually chuckled and thought to myself, “Texas. Texas. I had no idea the Navy was even in Texas. I honestly thought Texas belonged to the Army and the Air Force! Frankly, having never been here before, the only thing I knew about Texas was what I saw on Walt Disney’s series about Davy Crockett starring Fess Parker. Yes, I was young and naive. I turned 18 while I was in boot camp.



It took me a few weeks before I screwed up the courage to go into town and rub elbows with “the natives.” I was amazed by what I found. These Texas folks were warm, welcoming and just downright friendly. My Texas education began that day. I wasn’t here long before I began to observe the day to day cultural patterns. These were wonderful people. I learned a lot in a short time. I loved being around them. Texans are remarkable. They are doers!

I figured out early on that if you wanted to get something done, you just tell a Texan it can’t be done and just get out of the way because some action is about to take place. Now granted, it may not be particularly well thought out at that moment—particularly if there is alcohol involved, but I promise you something is about to happen. I have often said, I believe the last words ever spoken by many a Texan has been, “Here, hold my beer and watch this!”—and you never hear of them again.

One thing that has become obvious to me over the years is that Texans are HOW thinkers and not IF thinkers. IF never is part of the decision tree, which leads me to another observation. You can fail in Texas and people don’t hold that against you. Ok, so you try something and it doesn’t work out at first. Texans just get up, dust themselves off and say, “Well heck. That didn’t work. Now, how do we make this happen?” And they find another way. That is just who they are. And another thing, Texas is a huge stage for playing out your dreams. If you don’t like where you are, you can drive a hundred miles in almost any direction and be in a completely different environment and you don’t need new plates for your truck! Now is that cool or what?

It took me a little time to adjust to this place called Texas. I wasn’t here very long before I determined that if it walked, crawled or slithered...it would hurt me. On top of that, even the plants could draw blood. Within a couple of years I met and married a Native Texan. You marry a Texas girl and your life is OVER! You’re not going anywhere! I felt like I only had two options... Acclimate or Die. It didn’t take any time for me to buy in. I loved her and I love Texas!



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Flying the Mail— One Final Story

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.

If you've been following the last few columns about my flying the mail in east Texas 50 years ago, perhaps you can endure one more episode of "hangar flying," as we pilots refer to story-telling about our airborne adventures.

In this instance, another problem developed with the old Beech 18, specifically with one of its big Pratt and Whitney radial engines. I was approaching the Lufkin airport around 3 a.m., near the end of the early morning flight from Dallas. I had gotten the weather report earlier and knew the runway visibility was deteriorating due to fog. Now, as we all know from living here in the piney woods, fog is no stranger, especially at times in the early morning hours. The fog this morning was ground fog—a shallow layer that forms when the wind is still and the moisture in the humid air becomes visible as the surface temperature cools to what is called the "dewpoint," at which the moisture condenses.

It was otherwise a clear night and, as I approached within about 50 miles of Lufkin, the white fog blanket began to be visible below, illuminated by a half-moon above. I was in radio contact with the specialist on duty at Lufkin, and he said the visibility was nearing the one-mile FAA limitation for Lufkin, below which an approach and landing would not only be imprudent but illegal.

As I began the approach procedure—involving a series of prescribed turns that would align the airplane with the runway, I descended to the minimum altitude for the approach—four hundred feet in this case—and found that I was still on top of the layer of fog! As I approached the end point of where the runway should be, I could see nothing ahead that would allow me to land, so I pushed the throttles forward, raised the landing gear and climbed away; I would not be landing at Lufkin that morning.

The obvious alternative would be the Nacogdoches airport, about 25 miles north—from which the mail on board could easily be trucked to Lufkin for distribution that same morning. As I climbed on a northerly heading, I could see that the fog layer extended to Nacogdoches and well beyond, as far as I could see. Nevertheless, I decided to try an approach at Nacogdoches, thinking I might get lucky. There was no weather reporting from there back then, so all I could do was take a look. I descended on the approach to runway 33 (at the time, it was 33; it has since been rebuilt to runway 36). As I neared the runway, it was obvious that the conditions were the same as in Lufkin, so I advanced the throttles to climb away, at which point I heard a loud bang and the left engine began to shudder. Raising the landing gear, I looked quickly at the engine instruments and observed the power rapidly deteriorating on the left engine. I knew instantly the engine had had some kind of catastrophic failure, so my training took over. I immediately reduced the left engine's throttle to idle, cut off the fuel to the engine and feathered the propeller. "Feathering" a propeller means activating a control that turns the propeller blades parallel to the airflow instead of flat against it. Leaving the stopped blades flat would be a tremendous drag at 150 miles per hour.

Completing the engine-out checklist, I decided the next logical place to land would be Longview, so I radioed the tower there and found that the fog was also encroaching on the Gregg County Airport, but that most of the main runway was clear. Luckily, the mail load was fairly light that evening, so the airplane had no problem flying on the remaining good engine. I landed clear of the fog on the last half of the runway and rolled into a turnoff. I couldn't taxi to the terminal, however, because both engines are needed for the aircraft to taxi straight under its own power. A tug was dispatched to pull me to the ramp, so I shut down the operating engine and rode in my seat as the tug pulled the airplane to the ramp.

Once stopped, I exited the airplane and found a six-inch hole in the left engine's crankcase that had been penetrated by a broken rod. Engine oil had covered the underside of the cowling and the belly of the aircraft and was still seeping onto the ramp.

I said a brief prayer of thanks to the Almighty for the good outcome, but I was a bit chagrined that the mail destined to all of deep east Texas would be a day late.

As I look back on the incident above Nacogdoches—of which its residents were totally unaware—I don't remember being very unnerved or fearful. Luckily, my experience and training had prepared me well for this, and I was grateful for it.

As a final note, I will reveal that, in my 15,000 hours of flying, I experienced engine failure on four other occasions, all of which ended well; these all occurred while flying propeller-driven aircraft. After I began flying large turbojet airliners, I experienced no engine failures. Thankfully, the public can be very confident that aviation technology has advanced to the point where engine failures are now



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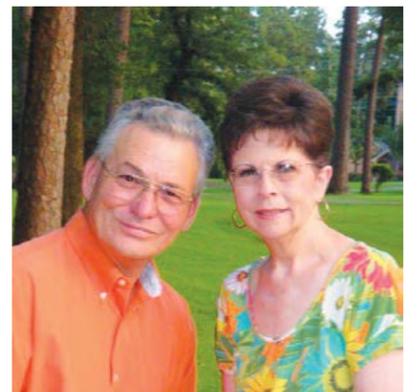
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extremely rare.

So this will be the last saga of my mail flying years over east Texas. I hope this little piece of history was intriguing to you, as it is probably not well-known. I know it was a crucial formative part of my aviation experience, and it led to a highly enjoyable career for this east Texas boy.

Finally, I would like to give a shout of gratitude and admiration to Ray Funderburk of Lufkin who, as just a kid, I hired as a driver for a small trucking company that I owned while flying the mail. Ray was involved with the mail flying operation, too, and he and his lovely wife, Carolyn, are wonderful friends to Sandy and me. He tells me those experiences and the responsibilities thrust upon him back then were formative in his own career. Knowing what a fine man he turned out to be, I couldn't be more proud of that.

The accompanying photo is of a later model Beech 18, originally designed and produced in 1937. If you received air mail or first-class mail in east Texas between 1968 and 1974, it was almost certainly carried aboard this type of aircraft for most of that time.



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The 28-year-old Woodward told people at Burkart's Marina in Orange, Texas, he was going to jump in the bayou. He then disregarded a clearly posted sign that stated “No Swimming. Alligators.” Those who were familiar with the recent spotting of a large 11-foot alligator urged him to not get in the water, but he jumped in anyway. In the early morning hours of July 3rd his body was found after the fatal attack. Such needless tragedies reaffirm the value of warnings and the advantage of laws. God gives us plenty of these in His Word, and it's always to our detriment when we willfully ignore them.

What is it about people that causes them to ignore clear warnings? Why do folks rip the plastic cover off a pack of cigarettes when all of us know the surgeon general's warning about the damage it can have on one's heart? Why do people remove the safety shield from power saws? Why do people ignore their doctor's warnings about being overweight and under exercised? Why do entire civilizations ignore warnings about pollution or the revolutionary pressures that economic and political injustice creates?

In some ways, the whole Bible could be characterized as a book about how God gives the human race warnings, and we ignore them. God warned Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or they would die. God gave Noah the plans for a boat that took him more than a century to build — time enough, surely, for his neighbors to get the message that a flood was coming. Moses told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go or God would visit plagues upon Egypt, and even when the plagues started, Pharaoh refused to listen.

Warnings are a very important part of life. Warnings are for our benefit. When God gives us a warning in Scripture, it is for our personal protection. The Bible warns of the wrath to come (Jude 17-21); of the danger of drifting (Hebrews 2:1); of having a hard heart (Hebrews 4:7); of being lazy (Proverbs 6:6-11); to list a few. Perhaps the most important warning is recorded in Ezekiel 33:9 which speaks of the need for the wicked to turn from his ways or face death. So, a word to the wise. Give heed to the warnings whatever they may be. If the sign says “No Swimming. Alligators,” don't go swimming. You might not come out alive!

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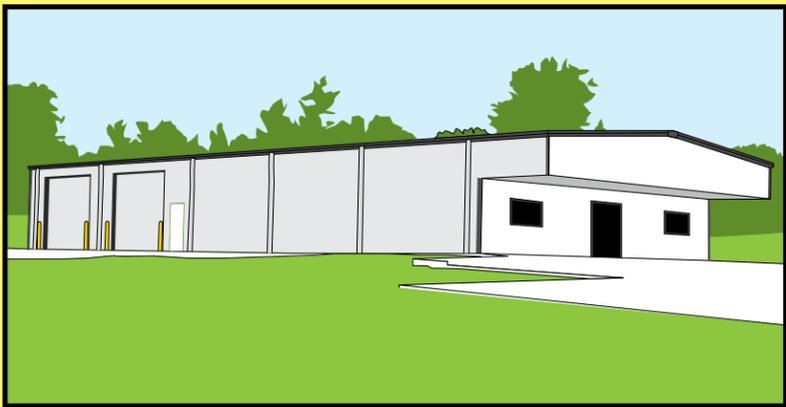
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Summer is here and we can tell it by the staggering hot temperatures, the strong afternoon thunderstorms and the excitement most of us feel as we plan a summer vacation.

I see the posts and photos on social media of all the beautiful faraway places as friends and family take a break from the East Texas humidity to get lost in a summer paradise. Some drove across the country to destinations unlike anything you will find in Texas. I'm not sure of the roads and rest areas outside of Texas, but I know we have a lot to offer when it comes to planning a road trip in our state, whether you are planning a two-week vacation or just a much-needed long weekend.

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Sometimes during a long road trip, just a few minutes out of the vehicle is what we need to feel refreshed and more alert. Take time to get out and stretch, walk around and get a little exercise and get re-charged before you hit the road again. It's an important part of planning for your safety as you travel.

Most of us love this big state of Texas, and we like to boast about the fact that it has the most roadways in the country. But we don't brag on the fact that we also have the most traffic crashes caused by driver fatigue.

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Summer travelers have so much to remember – keeping the vehicle mechanically sound, watching the tire pressure on these hot Texas roads, getting enough rest to be able to stay alert for hours of driving, and watching other drivers who might not be doing any of these things. In fact, they may be texting and driving or driving under the influence.

I hope your summer break is filled with happy memories. One way to ensure that, is to prepare. Prepare to travel, prepare to stop and rest, and prepare for your safety on the roadway by staying alert and aware of other drivers. If you will practice these tips and plan for safety, you will have a great trip and a great summer.



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



Receiving or Rejecting Jesus

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” John 13:20 NKJV

I am a soldier in the Lord’s army. When my spiritual strategic tour of duty in Washington State ended in 2019, the Lord reassigned me to Nacogdoches, Texas. I came without hesitation knowing that Christ (Commander of the army of the Lord) knew what He was doing. What I have experienced since my arrival is the people here receiving the Jesus in me. I believe Galatians 2:20 which says, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” I came to Nacogdoches by faith.

Had my eyes been focused on what is visible rather than the One who is invisible (Heb 11:27), this could have been a difficult transfer. What do I mean by that? The local body into which the Holy Spirit placed me to worship God while serving His people is filled with Christians who don’t look like me in outward appearance. But because my identity is in Christ, I can go anywhere the Lord leads or sends me to serve in the kingdom of God. The beautiful thing about my church is it is filled with believers who look just like Jesus (spiritually speaking)!

Sin promotes division among racial and ethnic lines. It inhibits the God glorifying fruit produced through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Christians life. The Father did not adopt us into His family to have us live our lives independent of His divine purpose. We have a responsibility toward our Christian brothers and sisters regardless of their outward appearance. When we come face-to-face with one who has Christ’s Spirit (His life)—a child of God—we come face-to-face with God. This should engender a deep reverence for the Jesus in me and the Jesus in you. When we reject a spiritual family member, we reject Jesus.

We have an obligation, a divine responsibility to view how our actions affect our brothers and sisters in Christ. God will hold us accountable for how we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will be held accountable for how we relate to one another. Our sin of living for ourselves as expressed in our bad and hateful attitude toward members of God’s family who don’t look like us in appearance brings pain and harm.

Jesus comes to His own and we do not receive Him. It is because of this rejection that Jesus cannot do greater works among us (John 14:12).

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Superintendent, Cushing ISD

When students graduate from high school, they should be ready to be productive citizens within their communities. One aspect of being a contributing member of society is knowing enough about personal finance to manage money. At 18 or 19 years old, recent high school graduates are making decisions that have a lasting impact on their financial portfolio; however, many of these young adults are unaware of the basic principles of personal finance.



As I grew up, my parents discussed financial matters with me so that I could learn about credits, debits, checking accounts, and taxes by the time I was living independently. According to a January 2023 study, only 31% of 18-year-olds can manage their finances without help. Schools can teach the basics of personal finance so that young adults are not taken advantage of with something so important as money.

Unfortunately, financial education is often overlooked in high school curricula, resulting in many young adults entering the real world with little to no understanding of how to manage their money effectively. In Texas, Senate Bill (SB) 1063 was passed in 2021. This law allows school districts to decide to adopt a new course called Personal Financial Literacy instead of continuing to teach the current traditional Economics course to seniors in high school which focuses on the Free Enterprise System.

There are many life-long benefits to students who take personal finance in high school before unknowingly making costly and lasting mistakes as young adults; four of these benefits are: making informed financial decisions, developing important life skills, reducing financial stress and anxiety, and contributing to a more financially stable society.

To start with, personal finance education can help students make informed financial decisions throughout their lives. From creating a budget to understanding credit cards and loans, financial literacy provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to manage their money responsibly. Learning these skills can help them avoid debt, save for their future, and achieve their financial goals.

Next, learning about finances can help students develop important life skills. Learning how to manage money requires critical thinking skills, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities. By teaching personal finance in high school, students can learn how to analyze financial situations, evaluate risks and rewards, and make informed choices that will benefit them in the long run.

Another benefit, taking a financial literacy course can contribute to the overall well-being of students. Financial stress can have a significant impact on mental health, and by teaching students how to manage their money effectively, we can help them avoid financial stress and improve their overall quality of life. Financial habits are shown to be established early in adulthood; therefore, an understanding of finances could reduce stress throughout the lifetime of the students.

Lastly, a student educated in personal finances can have a positive impact on society. By equipping young adults with the knowledge and skills they need to manage their money responsibly, we can reduce the number of individuals who fall into debt, require financial assistance, or become homeless. This, in turn, can lead to a more financially stable and prosperous society.

Teaching personal finance in high school is essential for the long-term success of young adults. It can help them make informed financial decisions, develop important life skills, reduce financial stress, and contribute to a more financially stable society. As educators, policymakers, and parents, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that financial literacy is a priority in our schools. Parents should call their school and ask if the Personal Financial Literacy course is being offered to their students.

Dr. Enos is the superintendent of Cushing ISD in Cushing, Texas. He is a strong advocate for Texas Public School students and teachers.

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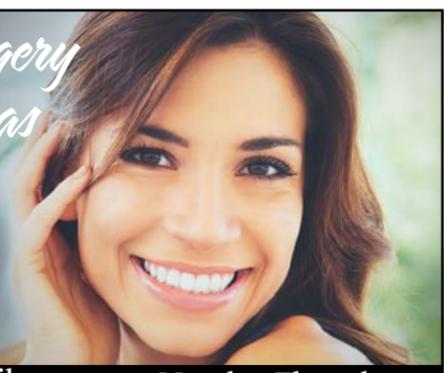
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***Summer News
From Nac CVB***

It's officially summer! Get ready to slow down, take it easy and soak up the sun for the next two months. Visit Nacogdoches takes this "slower" time of the year to prepare for the holiday season and plan the upcoming year's strategic marketing plan.

This year is a little different, as our Executive Director Sherry Morgan recently took a position with Visit Conroe, Texas. The CVB Board and Staff will be taking the summer to search for a new Executive Director. In the meantime, you can contact me (Ashley Morgan) if you need assistance from the CVB.

We are looking for more food trucks for Nac Snack Fridays! If you aren't familiar, we host food trucks on the Downtown Square on the 4th Friday of every month. We would love to welcome out-of-town trucks, and have the connections to link the owners up with local venues in Nacogdoches. If you know of a food truck looking for gigs, please have them reach out to Shelby Lero at shelly@visitnacogdoches.org

Keep an eye on our social media (Visit Nac/Visit Nacogdoches) for upcoming events throughout the summer. As a reminder, we're always looking for volunteers to help us staff the Visitor Center on the weekends. Shifts are three hours and no experience is necessary! We'll teach you everything you need to know. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Mike Bay at info@visitnacogdoches.org

We hope you all have an exciting, safe, and fulfilling summer whether you're in town or traveling!

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Children's Thoughts and Vocabularies

by Jim Garrett

Most, if not all of you, Dear Readers, have either had children in your homes or you have been associated with someone who has. When one views these little creatures, one immediately notices either unusual thoughts or non-traditional vocabularies – or both. Every family has a story; ours is no exception.

After we had lived in Nacogdoches for about six years, I took on the role of choir director in our church. One Wednesday evening I was especially tired and I'm afraid that it showed on my face. On our way home, our daughter, Laura, asked me if it made me tired being a choir-practer! Laura was also the one who thought Native American tribes were composed of the brains (braves) and the squads (squaws). I suppose that she thought that the "brains" just sat around watching the "squads" do all of the work.

When our son was pre-kindergarten, he would sing with unbridled exuberance. We often sat towards the back of the church so that he would not be a problem. On one particular Sunday - right in the middle of a hymn, we heard him sing the name "Snaggle Clause" at the top of his voice. That let us know that he already had Christmas on his mind.

When our children were small and even later as they grew older and had more outside activities, Mary Beth saw to it that we had at least one seated meal as a family. Sitting around the supper table sharing our daily experiences, was a marvelous time of bonding. We would usually go around the table and allow each member of the family to share thoughts and activities of the day. On one such occasion, after we had gone around the table, Mary Beth turned to me and asked, "And what did you do today, Daddy?" I replied that I had taught my students about the concept of pH.

Let me step aside for just a moment, Dear Readers, and remind you that pH is a measure of the acidity of a substance. The lower the pH value, the greater the acidity. Things which are sour (The German word for acid is säure.) have a lower pH, i.e., are more acidic, than those that don't. Neutral water has a pH of 7.

As soon as I mentioned pH, our daughter, Wendy, exclaimed, "Our teacher told us about ph!" I could not believe my ears! What in the world would a kindergarten teacher have to say to a bunch of children about pH?!!" I asked Wendy, "What did your teacher tell you about pH, honey?" She calmly replied, "it has the sound 'fu' (as in cup)." The next time I met my class I told them that I was going to continue my last lecture by talking about "fu."

In our home, I prepare breakfast. When we were a few years younger, I would take Mary Beth a cup of coffee in bed to get her up and going. Her favorite cup was one which was made of a rather durable, microwaveable plastic. I found that if, instead of giving her a cup full of coffee, I offered her an empty cup and as she was reaching for it, let it fall, she sprang out of bed quickly and probably had an elevated pulse. I no longer do that but I still prepare her breakfast. Occasionally I would tell this story to my class.

Let's go back to discussing pH in class. One semester as I was lecturing on the subject, I told my class that the department had just gotten in a \$2,000 pH meter. In fact, I told the class that I would be glad to show it to them. I quickly left the lecture room and briskly walked down the hall to the Chemistry office. There on the counter was a good size box of broken glassware which I had thoroughly taped shut. I picked up the box and headed down the hall to the lecture room. I was holding the box in the palm of my left hand as I opened the door with my right hand. And wouldn't you know it, the box "accidentally" slipped out of my hand and fell to the floor with a terrible CRASH! One slightly older student who sat in the first seat of the first row saw the box when it started to fall and made a diving attempt to catch it. Once everyone got their wits back and realized that it was a prank, although a rather poor one, the student who tried to catch the box returned to her seat, turned to the person to her left and said in a low voice, "I would hate to be married to that man!! I feel so sorry for his wife!" Did I mention that the person sitting directly behind that student was a young woman whom I always addressed by first name and never by her last name? She was none other than Mary Beth's and my daughter, Laura! That evening she could hardly wait to get home and tell her ol' dad what she had heard!!

Our son, Jimmy (Jim), is now a research scientist but at a very young age, he showed tremendous potential for thinking outside-of-the-box. He was far ahead of his time in being able to redefine or rename things. Let me give an example. One warm summer's day Jimmy and his sisters were outside playing in the backyard. Mary Beth went out to check on them and found that they were making mud balls and throwing them against the house! She scolded them and in no uncertain terms ordered them to stop. She did not want to see that ever happen again! She went back into the house only to return sometime later. What did she see? The children were gleefully throwing a new stockpile of mud balls at the house. "I thought that I told you to never do what I caught you doing earlier



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

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again!!" Jimmy quickly spoke for the other two: "These are not 'mud' balls, Mama, they are 'meat' balls!" From then on, throwing either mud balls or meat balls against the house was strictly prohibited.

One day when Jimmy was about four or five years old, he came in from playing outside and announced to me that he had invented a metal detector. He told me to put a penny on the table. He held both of his hands together over the penny and I heard an unusual buzzing sound which I cannot describe. He then asked me to put a dime on the table, which I did. Again, there was that same buzzing sound. It seems that young Jim had captured a male cicada and had discovered that if he held it in a certain way, he would hear the very loud sound of the insect's "singing." Fooled me!

10 Things to Do to Help Your Dog's Storm Anxiety

by Steven Martin, *Owner of Martin Kennel*



How Can I Help My Dog's Storm Phobia?

Dogs with storm phobias can experience a high degree of stress and suffering and, although the phobia often cannot be cured, there are things you can do to manage your dog's anxiety. Treatment of storm phobia often involves some combination of environmental management, behavior modification, and medication.

Control the Environment

Although lightening, ozone, and barometric pressure changes can trigger a dog's anxiety during a storm, sound and light are often the primary culprits. Consider making these changes:

- 1. Ideally, truly soundproof an area of your home.** This can be done as a DIY project, by a contractor, or even with the purchase of an isolation booth.
- 2. Provide your dog with access to a "safe" area such as a closet, bed, or interior room.** The best place is somewhere without windows or with windows covered by black-out curtains. Preferably this area is a place your dog likes to place themselves. If the safe space is a crate, use a sound muting cage cover such as *Quiet Kennel*.
- 3. Some dogs do better if they are allowed access to a car.** However, be very conscious of heat and cold issues, don't leave your dog unattended, and be aware of the damage your dog might do to the vehicle.
- 4. Use personal devices to mute sounds and light** such as ear covers (*Mutt Muffs*) and eye covers (*ThunderCap or Doggles*).
- 5. Mask the sounds with background "white noise"** such as a radio, television, noise-producing devices or apps, or even relaxing music. At Martin Kennel we play Southern Rock during this time.
- 6. Wrap your dog's body with calming pressure** using a *ThunderShirt* or *Anxiety Wrap*.



- 7. Use a calming pheromone** in spray, plug-in, or collar form.

Modify the Behavior
First and foremost, never scold or punish as it only confirms and strengthens your dog's storm fears. But do,

- 8. Remain calm and interact with your dog in as normal a manner as possible.**

If you become anxious, he will become anxious; if you pet him and give him treats you might be rewarding bad behavior.

9. Start a Desensitization/Counterconditioning program.

This is the single most important thing you can do for a dog with storm phobia, and it is best to work with a veterinary behavior specialist or your veterinarian.

10. Consider prescription medication. Anti-anxiety medications seem like the best choice to most owners, but they often need a concurrent behavior training program to be effective. Some medications must be given continuously and daily and take up to 30 days to become effective; some medications must be started well before the dog becomes anxious (hours to days); and some medications must be given in combinations. Before prescribing medication for storm phobias, your veterinarian will do an exam, and possibly some blood work, looking for underlying associated issues and disease. Martin Kennel is always available to assist, 936-560-3643.

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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

The arts are all about partnerships and relationships and the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is proud to partner with other local nonprofits and organizations whenever possible.

On Saturday, June 17 in celebration of Juneteenth Freedom Day, NAC and Nacogdoches Friends of the Library sponsored Kenyan poet Qui Qarre with a special reading and book signing at the Old Tyler Road Cafe.

The popular Junior Jacks Theatre Camp for grades 3-9 returns July 24-28 and July 31- August 4, with final performances August 5 at new venue partner The Lamp-Lite Theatre. Hurry before it fills up! Registration and further info can be found here: <https://nacartscollab.com/kids-theatre-camp-junior-jacks>.

Vendor registration is currently underway for ArtFest Nacogdoches, an annual celebration held every September downtown on the square, co-sponsored by NAC and the Nacogdoches Public Library. This year's event will be Saturday, September 23, 11-4. Vendor information can be found on the ArtFest 2023 Facebook page or www.nacartscollab.com. Volunteer information and sign up can also be found on the website.

JULY Artist Spotlight

Meet local emerging fine artist Weelynd McMullan!

A graduate of Central Heights High and now holding both a BFA and MA from Stephen F. Austin State University, Weelynd is one to watch! He grew up on a farm north of Nac and showed an early talent for illustration. While still an undergrad at SFA, he did portrait illustrations for the popular book *Red Dirt Memories* and supplemented his college years doing portrait commissions. Also while undergrad, he started gallery work first as a student and then employee at the Cole Art Center and now as full time preparator for the Museum of East Texas. Weelynd will also teach Drawing II as adjunct art instructor in SFA's School of Art next semester.



McMullan's artwork has grown and morphed into much more than portraiture, now specializing in mixed media, drawing from influences such as Greek mythology characters, Basquiat, the Bible and his own dreams. His work has been included in numerous group shows, two solo exhibitions and resides in the collection of the Museum of East Texas, as well as private collections in Nacogdoches, New York and Los Angeles. It would be a good idea to get an original "Weelynd" while you still can! You can see more of his work @weelyndmcmullanart on Instagram.



Mixed media art piece "Friend Shaped" by Weelynd McMullan

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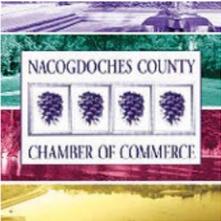
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Chamber Connection

by C. Wayne Mitchell
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Did You Spank My Child?!

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce is currently in the process of reaccreditation with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

During a recent meeting, one of my volunteer leaders asked **WHY?**

Good question! First, let me tell you that out of over 7000 chambers of commerce in the United States, less than 200 are accredited. I am proud to say that the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce is one of them.

Accreditation will help us understand how our chamber stacks up against the best of the best in the chamber world. It requires us to review every aspect of chamber operations and to evaluate how we are performing.

Once the application process is concluded it is submitted to the U.S. Chamber for review. If it meets their standards we will be accredited. This process takes place every four years.

Accreditation requires the chamber staff and volunteer leadership to review many areas in the Nacogdoches Chamber operation, including Governance; Finance; Human Resources; Government Affairs/ Advocacy; Program Development; Technology; Communications and Facilities. We currently have about two dozen volunteers working to evaluate the chamber in these areas.

I have been CEO here at the Nacogdoches County Chamber for about 8 years. I will confess that at this point, I view this organization like one of my children. I care for it deeply; I want it to grow; I want people to enjoy being around it and I am hopeful that it will have a wonderful future when I am not around.

Here is my confession.

Accreditation requires us to identify the bad in the Chamber as well as the good. The process authorizes our membership to ask tough questions and to suggest changes if necessary.

From a staff standpoint it is sometimes difficult to hear those suggestions or criticism. **BUT IT IS NECESSARY!** I think it is a lot like having someone spank your child.

Accreditation will make us a better Chamber. We will find out what we need to do to be relevant to our members. We will make changes as a result of this process.

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce will submit to the United States Chamber of Commerce our application for reaccreditation in mid-August. I am excited to hear their evaluation of our submission.

Regardless, we will be a better organization as a result of this process!

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Notes From History

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.



As we all know San Augustine County is experiencing a rush of activity from oil companies who are drilling for gas from the Haynesville Shale formation. It appears that our county was the object of intense interest for the same back in the 1890s. The following is a quote found in the *Houston Daily Post* in the summer of 1890:

In The Oil Region:

“San Augustine, Texas: Mr. John Mentean, of Chireno, is riding over the oil field here. He represents some Ohio and Pennsylvania oil men, and they seem to have great confidence in the oil and gas in this county.”

“Mr. R. D. Davis of Colmesneil, the timber inspector and chairman of the Clark Club here, is in San Augustine, Sabine, and Newton counties, looking over Brooks & Polk’s pine lands, also looking after the Texas pine lands, also looking after the Texas Pine Land association property.”

“About forty young men met at the courthouse in San Augustine Saturday night and organized a military company. It was named the Horton Rifles after Colonel Alexander Horton, who lives about one mile from here. He was General Sam Houston’s first aide de camp, and has done more for Texas than any man living on her soil today.”

“Judge John H. Brooks is in San Augustine from Beaumont for a few days.”

Going back even further to the year 1879 we find a list of fugitives from San Augustine County. The following is just a sampling of the list:

Campbell, Henry...Rape; convicted and appealed to Supreme Court and escaped pending appeal. Around 5 feet, 4 inches high, chunky, 150 pounds, bad looking, don’t talk plainly.

Montgomery, Cato...Burglary; Committed May 15, 1873; indicted July 31, same year; black, about 6 feet high, about 28 years old, quick spoken, and generally very impudent, weighs 180 pounds.

Anderson, Ralph...Theft of Saddle; committed September 1877; indicted September same year; tall, slender, rawboned, about 30 years old.

Davis, Hiram...Theft of Hog; indicted February, 1874; fled to Louisiana.

Miller, Robert F...Murder; indicted October 5, 1874. Generally said to be in the state of Missouri; so informed by private letter.

Goodwin, J. B...Theft of a Horse; indicted October 16, 1874; said to be living in Limestone county.

It seems that people were committing about the same crimes then as they do today.

An interesting article in the February 2, 1939 issue of the *San Augustine Tribune* titled “Deep East Texas R.E.A. Purchases Site For Sub-Station.”

The article reads as follows:

“Deeds were passed from D. R. Rawls to the Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. Tuesday for a plot of ground located 33 feet from highway 21 on the southeast corner of the old ball park, according to D.N. Beasley, project superintendent. Cash consideration in the trade was \$50.00, Mr. Beasley stated. The sub station to be erected will cost approximately \$200.00, he said.

R. A. Smith, bookkeeper, stated that the electric meters for the period from December 16th, (when the electricity was turned into the lines) to January 30th, show an average electric bill of \$2.92 for a total of 177 customers. The largest bill was \$5.79, being that of Mr. J. B. King of Tenaha. The total amount of electric energy used over the period was \$518.13. Mr. H. A. Monroe, Shelbyville, has the honor to be the first customer to pay his electric bill to the Cooperative.”

And that is the way it was in San Augustine County during those past years. Do you think things have changed just a little?

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A Little Bit of History



Fond Memories of the Reunions

Throughout my growing up years and well into adulthood, our Dixons reunited at the Rock House in Chambers Park every second Sunday in July. With all the Dixons there were, it was a huge deal, too. My Dad, Hershel Dixon, was the treasurer for the event, and my mother, Kathleen Dixon, mailed out postcard invitations to invite all the relatives to come. To give you an idea of how many Dixons there were and still are?

My grandfather Napoleon Bonaparte Dixon was one of fourteen children; others were Bertie Finley, Henry Finley's wife, Girlie Evans, Gorman Evans's wife, Jim Dixon, Aunt Dora's husband, Claire Methvin, R. G. Methvin's mother, Sudie McCarty, Uncle Waney's wife Minnie Swan, wife of Jim Swan of Corrigan, and so on.

In Napoleon Bonaparte's immediate family, he and Blanche Poskey Dixon had eight children, seven boys and one girl, and fourteen grandchildren. Uncle Jim and Aunt Dora had lots of kids and grandkids, too. I revelled in the day, getting to see cousins like Brenda, Carolyn, and Kim Terral, Jimmy, Jackie, and Vicky Dixon, Paula Young, Ronnie and Donnie Dixon, Beamon, Charles, and Judy Dixon, Steve and Truitt Dixon, Don Methvin, Candy Lawrence, Darla Ward, Richard and Poo Dixon and lots more.

My oldest brother Don, the veterinarian, often brought his family up from Cuero, and we all got to see his kids Ava, Bubba, Dee, and John Bradley. Some Dixon relatives came from Scurry, Texas, although I don't remember their names. And the food was great, too.

Uncle Poskey (we called him Poke) always arranged for a Coca-Cola concession trailer, so we got to be soda jerks all day if we wanted to. In those days, Coca-Cola didn't bottle many different labels, so the practical joke of the day was to put a Dr Pepper bottle in Poskey's truck. I have always said that if we drink something other than Coca-Cola*, we sin against Poskey.

Since Lufkin didn't have a zoo back then, there was a place for a monkey across the street from the Rock House. (I think for a while, Uncle Henry Finley, Aunt Bertie's husband, was a caretaker for the building and the park.)

KISSIN' KUZZINS

By Dickie Dixon

(1) **"The Indians of West Central Louisiana"** is Joe David Poole's topic when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at about 7:15 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on 308 High Street in Newton, Texas. Donated as a door prize by DETAS, his book with the same title as his topic will be awarded to some lucky attendee. The author of several books, Joe, will have this title with him for sale, along with several others. A DETAS member has donated a copy of "The Indians of West Central Louisiana" to the Newton County Public Library will be ready for the public to check out well before July 10th. Ready for the mouths of hungry attendees, Sandra Litton will have the desserts and refreshments out to forage beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ruth Dusan will conduct a short business meeting. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 379-5694 or jrdusan@windstream.net or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@gmail.com (2) **John Johnson, Chairman of the Jasper County Historical Commission**, is pleased to announce the Jasper County Genealogy/History Conference on Friday, July 21, 2023, at the Courthouse Annex, one block east of the Courthouse on East Houston Street. Held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Commission will provide speakers for the 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. session; at 9 a.m., Owen Vaughn will discuss "The More Advanced Features of familysearch.org, and at 10 a.m., Sherrie Leach will speak on "John Bevil." Jamie Carter Bollich, co-author of Arvetta, an African American historical novel she co-authored with Herman Wright, set in Jasper County, will speak on "Mollie Bailey: Circus Queen." Those attending will adjourn to the Belle Jim Hotel from 11:50 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch at their own expense. At 1 p.m., Leesville residents will hold forth on "The Texas Expedition of John Sibley," at 2 p.m. Cindy Thomas will explore the topic "Family Tree Got You Stumped?" The Conference is offered free of charge to those attending by the Jasper County Historical Commission. For more information, contact John Johnson at (409) 658-4241 or jaspercountyhca@yahoo.com or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. (3) **The Angelina County Genealogical Society** (hereafter ACGS) is sponsoring its third Authors' Autograph Party, whereby it invites authors to discuss, sell, and sign their book(s). This year, we are hosting it on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Office of the Huntington Housing Authority on 210 East Walnut Street in Huntington. We're fortunate this year that sixteen authors/co-authors have given their okay to come. Here's how we want you to participate. To help get a crowd of people to come, ACGS has personalized 15 flyers for each author/co-author to serve as invitations for the authors, and we would be grateful if you could help us get them in the mail. When you adopt an author for this event, you will select one of the names from the next page, address the envelopes we give you, put the stamps on them we give you, and get them in the mail. That means 240 people will know directly from us that the event is happening, and they are invited to come to support their family or friend who is an author. Let Dickie Dixon know as soon as possible which author you want to adopt, and we will take steps to get the flyers, envelopes, stamps, and mailing list to you. You can reach Dickie by phone at (936) 671-1419, by email at dixonhershel51@gmail.com or by mail at 807 Fuller Springs Drive, Lufkin, Texas. Thank you, Dickie Dixon, President, Angelina County Genealogical Society (936) 671-1419. (4) **Dickie Dixon will discuss "Using County Clerk Records for Your Genealogy"** at 4:39 pm on Monday, July 17th and 9 am on Tuesday, July 18th.

List of Authors/Co-authors Attending the Authors' Autograph Party*

- Mary Lynn Baxter Authored 52 romance novels*
- Jamie Carter Bollich and Herman Wright Co-authored "Arvetta," an African American novel set in Jasper County, Texas. The two of them are currently collaborating on the prequel "Rachel"
- John Culea, Former TV news anchor, Authored 25 books fiction, historical fiction, and nonfiction books. Three years ago, he and his wife moved to Texas from San Diego, California.
- Chris Edwards Authored his first full-length book "Nobody Comes to Visit Anymore" and Serves as Editor of the Tyler County Booster in Woodville
- Dr Jerry Hopkins Authored "A Growing Adventure: A History of Clever Creek Baptist Church" and will soon finish a book about the former governor of Texas, Allan Shivers
- Charlotte Corbell Ingle Authored "Under the Pines of Deep East Texas" about her family in Shelby County, Nacogdoches County and Angelina County
- Jim Todd and Jeanelle McCall (for the late Jack Irish) Offering "A Reflection on St. Cyprian' Church Facilities 1969-2013".
- Bert Lindsey Authored "Go-lee Hasn't He Got Anything?: A True Story" and four more books
- Henry Taylor Millard Authored "An Honorable Place" and released a new book "There Are No Rules."

Other than just enjoying chilling out with the cousins, there was a shallow wading pool across the street we frequented.

Mother always said she dreaded the event because Dixons frequently displayed two negative characteristics: anger and bluntness. I don't remember ever experiencing the anger characteristic there, but Mother did experience the bluntness. Mother constantly battled being slightly overweight, and the Dixons always reminded her: "Kathleen, I believe you have picked up a little since last year." I never realized until recently that my dad was a perfect fit as treasurer and unofficial leader of the reunion; his sales skills came to the fore: Good salesmen (and my Dad was one of those) don't erect walls when talking to customers. Daddy could relate to all of them for that reason and possibly because he was one of the oldest cousins. I never remembered my Dad ever making one negative comment about any of his Dixon relatives.

I witnessed the demise of the Dixon reunion when my mother unceremoniously gave up mailing out the invitation postcards. She said one day to my Dad: "I'm not doing this any more!" And the reunion folded shortly thereafter. **Because of my loyalty to Coca-Cola via Uncle Poskey over the years, I have always thought this: A Pepsi tastes like a flat Coke, and an RC tastes like a flat Pepsi.*

Rock House



"Ernestine Faucett Bryan, originally from Lufkin but now in Huntington, will turn 90 on Saturday, July 29th." Call her at (936) 422-3562 and wish her a happy birthday.



...and now you know, too!



Apparently Slim was nervous and shook his leg in time with the music, a move he used in the studio to stay calm. Well, the young girls in the audience went crazy, yelping and squealing.



Chris Presley - Backstage at the Overton Park Shell, Friday, July 30, 1954

Later that year Slim formed the first rock 'n' roll line-up, consisting of guitar, bass, drums, and vocal.



Mildred Sparks at her 102nd birthday party (left to right) Clavel Adams, Mildred (seated), Inee Nesmith (standing), Teresa, Seated

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- Katie Moak and Louise Jetton Co-authored "Duelling Sisters" about growing up in Old Salem Katie authored "Napoleon and the Hurricane," a children's book"
- Karen Howell Norton Authored five non-fiction books. The latest "Marriage in Every Book of the Bible"
- Marilyn Whitehead Peveto Authored "When Your Heart Comes Home" and "When Your Heart Mends" in "The Pine Curtain Chronicles" and "A Keepsake Christmas"
- Charles Poland Authored "Man From the Prairie" about his father, Robert Poland from Shawnee Prairie"
- Julie Rogers nee Julie Odom, the daughter of Jim Bob Odom and Sally Hubbard Odom, authored the novel "Falling Stars"
- David Slack authored "Dear Janie," a compilation of his letters home from Vietnam, where he was a Registrar for the 85th.
- Kimberly Florian Vega Authored "A Collection of Prophetic Poems" and has just finished "Healing the Little Girl Inside."
- K. D. Willow nee K. D. Warner Authored "The Lost Heiress," her first book, and has recently finished her second. *Indicates authors who have already been adopted

MONUMENT CORNER

This month we travel back to Lufkin to view the marker at 315 East Lufkin Avenue at Fourth Street in front of the John W. Tunnell Law Office. The monument reads as follows:

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(1980)



What's Happening in Shelby County!

by Deborah Chaddwick, *Director*

I think we can all agree that summer is officially in full swing!! And along with summer comes delicious fresh produce, ice cold drinks in the shade and fun water activities. Come visit Center, Texas and discover some summer fun. Johnson's Produce is open everyday except Sunday so you can buy fresh summer vegetables and peaches. Stroll around our lovely historic downtown square and stop for an ice cold tea or ice cream at Center Floral or a refreshing snow cone at Granny B's. Refresqueria Deloitte, just off the downtown square offers refreshing fresh fruit cups, mangonadas, fresas con crema, ice cream with fresh made zebra waffles and so much more!!



Shop our many locally owned boutiques and gift shops. Each shop has its unique story, personality and inventory. Our Historic Courthouse is open for tours Wednesday – Friday 1pm-4pm. The DRT ladies offer an outstanding tour so make sure you visit.

Bring the kids and go to the park. Port A Cool park has tennis courts, playground, picnic areas and a fun water feature so the kids can have fun and stay cool. Our City of Center Park is home to baseball fields and beautiful walking trail that takes you around a peaceful pond. The City Park also has a nice playground and eating area.

Wondering what to do for July 4th? Head to Tenaha!!!! Tenaha's Annual Independence Day Celebration will be taking place on Tuesday, July 4th!!! This Community event will be held at the Tenaha Tiger Stadium. Gates open at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00, Firework Show starts around 8:30. The Concession Stand will also be open. Enjoy the show! And enjoy your summer! Earlier in the day, the Tenaha Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house from 2:00-6:00. There will be hot dogs, snow cones and drinks. Huxely Bay is hosting all day activities with fireworks on the lake at dark.

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East Texas Sportsman's Club to Host Annual Fundraiser in July

The East Texas Sportsman's Club (ETSC) of Nacogdoches, Texas is set to host their annual fundraiser banquet, A Sportsman's Night Out, on July 8, 2023 at The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. A live auction, silent auction, bucket raffles, gun and tractor raffles, games, dinner, and more will take place during the event.

Tickets can be purchased for \$75 each or a table for eight can be reserved for \$1,000. Tickets include a steak dinner with dessert and two drink tickets. Table sponsorship opportunities are also available and come with various perks such as additional drink tickets, bucket raffle tickets, ETSC tumblers, social media recognition, recognition during the event, and more! If you or your business would like to sponsor a table, please contact Jacob Willoughby at 936-615-8044 or Brent Ivy at 979-571-6545.

Proceeds from the event are donated to Nacogdoches' youth and other organizations such as Hunter's Education programs, 4-H Shooting Teams, National Forest Cleanup, High School Anglers, SFA's Wildlife Society, and the Dallas Safari Club Organization. This is a great opportunity to support the local youth hunting and fishing community and other great organizations.

For additional information about our event or to purchase tickets, find us on Facebook (East Texas Sportsman's Club) and follow us on Instagram (@easttexassportsmansclub) or visit our website, easttexassportsmansclub.org. We hope to see you at A Sportsman's Night Out in July!

East Texas Sportsman's club is a social club for East Texas outdoorsmen. ETSC is dedicated to conserving wildlife and wilderness lands, educating youth and the general public, and protecting the interests of hunters in the East Texas area and worldwide. ETSC is a 501(c)(3) organization and proud Affiliate of Dallas Safari Club.

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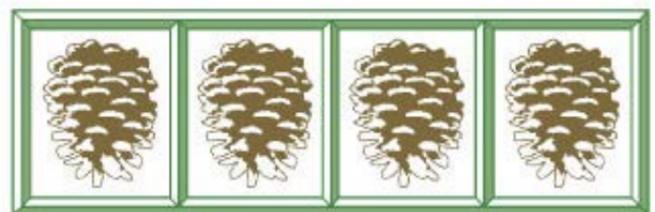
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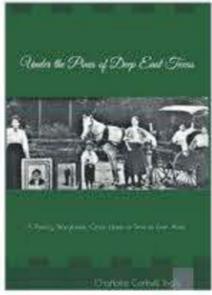


Eye on Books by Dickie Dixon

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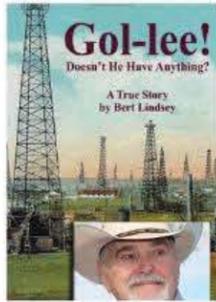
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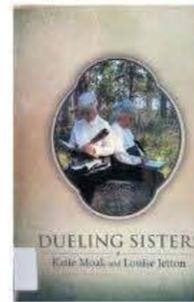
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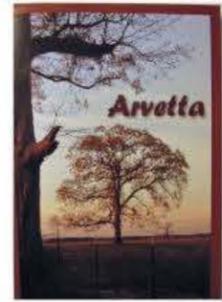
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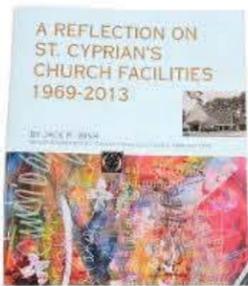


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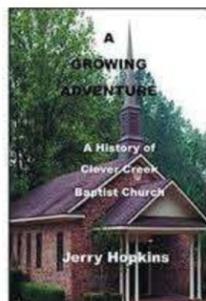
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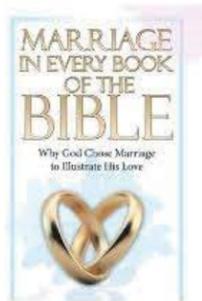
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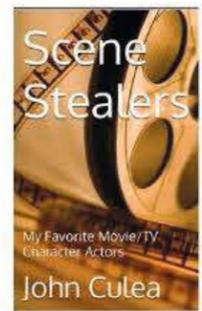
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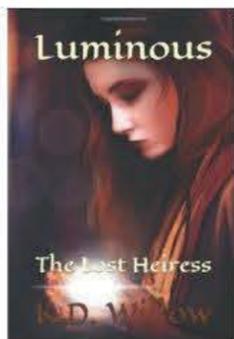
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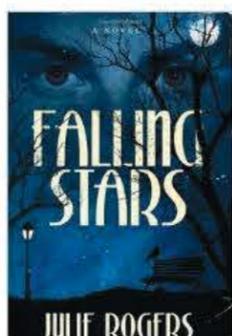
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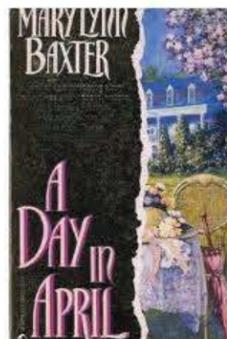
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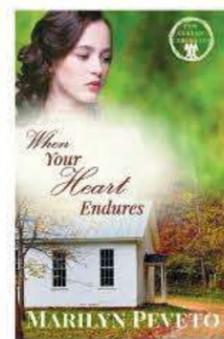
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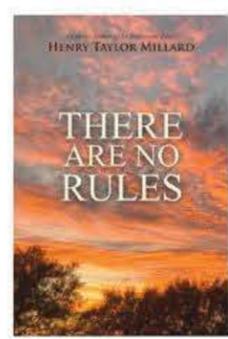
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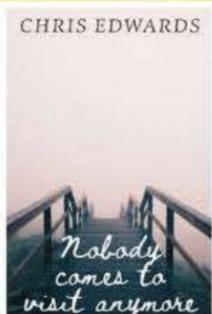


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Bridging the Gap

by Terri Lacher
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We had a lively conversation with one of our six children this past Fathers' Day. Listening to him reminded me of the wide canyon between my father's opinion and my own as I grew from teenage years to young adulthood. We were best friends, but we seemed to be at odds quite often. I felt he was too old fashioned. He thought I was a teenage know-it-all.

I love what Mark Twain said about the differences between the youth and their parents, "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

Our son continued his explanation of the current generation gaps, which by the way, is getting wider by the day. We listened attentively, laughing on the inside. As he talked, it was clear that now we were our parents, the ones who thought our wild and rambunctious days during the sixties would never end, but if they did, they would be there to offer that parental advice, "we told you so."

During his discussion, we were informed there were seven generations and seven gaps since the turn of the 1900s. When I looked them up, I was quite surprised.

My grandparents were born in the early 1900s. They were known as the Greatest Generation, tagged by NBC Nightly News anchor and author, Tom Brokaw, as a tribute to those who lived through the Great Depression, fought in World War II, and still maintained their resilience and their patriotic spirit. My grandparents' days were filled with the smell of Grandpa's cherry pipe tobacco and the soft feel of his work shirt as I curled up in his lap and listened to his stories of his grandparents. Grandma would pop out to the porch with cold iced tea and a plate of freshly baked sugar cookies that just melted in your mouth. They were there for many of our milestones and lived to enjoy their great grandchildren.

Close to their heels were those born from 1925 through 1948. Our parents fell into this age group. They were called the Silent Generation, the age group who had to rebuild their lives following World War II. They stressed traditional values, such as hard work and thriftiness, built on the years of the Great Depression. They were extremely careful with their finances because of those lean years. They chose to persevere despite adversity, no matter how great or small. Most believed in God and kept and read their Bibles daily. Because of this, they had a resiliency that helped them to bounce back from those painful times.

And then came the Boomers, kicking and screaming, and saying we were going to change the world, creating one of the largest generations since the beginning of the 1900s. Having been born right smack in the middle of this generation, I can speak for many of us "boomers." A great number of our generation decided to throw out the "baby with the bathwater" and any traditional values to seek and find "ourselves." As I attempted to join in this ideal, my father reminded me that I didn't need to go anywhere. I was right there, still living under his roof. He was at odds with my mini-skirts and my music, telling me that he didn't care if the Beatles were playing across the street from us and free, there was no way he would allow his daughter to experience the British invasion of musicians with long hair and questionable values. We were the dropped out, turned on, and often outspoken generation. We were the generation that built the IT companies, bringing great corporations such as IBM, GE, and Honeywell to open a whole new, faster way of communication. We marched on college campuses, picketed for civil rights, and began to limit our families to 2.1 children, although I doubled that number.

The Boomers were also the ones to start the "Jesus" movement in the 1970s in the middle of what seemed to be one of the most troubled generations of the century, although future generations would run a close second. Boomers learned to save money and look to their futures with the hope that their retirement incomes would keep them happy for years to come. They weren't all rebels. A great percentage of them returned to the value system set down by generations before. They looked to their father's generation, returning to church to raise their Millennial children with the same solid foundation provided for them. Some holdouts were considered "hippies" for their free love ideas and their return to the roots, literally, gathering "Mother earth" close to their bosom. But most returned to the values of our parents and grandparents because, after all, they were right in most things.

Our Baby Boomer's offspring, Millennials, grew up to be shakers and movers. They took our technology and created things we Boomers believed were only possible in Star Trek television sets. My Millennial children teathed on Star Wars, Disney, and Stephen King, bringing a whole new wave of science, fantasy, and horror to the forefront. All our black and white and technicolor scary movies with Vincent Price, Bela Lagosi, and Godzilla seemed like fairy tales compared to special effects and computer graphics. They used this technology to upgrade communications to include portable computers called laptops, pocket size cell phones, and yes, even cell phone watches, a reflection of our childhood Dick Tracy bands we had to send off for with 25 box tops from our favorite cereal and a couple of dollars.

Our Millennial's babies grew and had their "gap" Generation X children. They are much like those who Mark Twain spoke of and are now mostly grown adults. Their generation gap widened as they brought a whole new generation

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called Generation Z. They are highly intelligent with anything technical, but many of them cannot find their way around the kitchen or a washing machine without consulting their I-Watches. Some, (not all) have grown so dependent upon their electronic devices that they panic when the power and internet go out. (Some of us Boomers fall into this category as well). They are so into their hand-held devices that they have forgotten the art of communication...face to face. However, those of us remaining dinosaur Boomers who get baffled with all the passwords and apps, will go to a Generation X in a heartbeat to restore our I-Pads, laptops, and cell phones so we don't lose communication with our children.

Now, we are moving on to the current crop of our babies, the great-grandchildren of the Boomers. They are the Generation Alpha, precious and sweet, and totally and completely reared with high-tech devices. Their parents control not only the garage doors, but also turn on lights, the stereo, and oven all from the comfort of their cell phones. Baby Alphas can sort through four remotes for their large, room sized television and have Baby Shark up on the giant screen in a heartbeat, while Grandma is still trying to figure out how to use her cell phone.

Having said all that, while typing on my wonderfully fast Intel laptop, I have concluded that each generation is really the same. They just use different tools. Where our grandparents struggled with a hoe and a shovel, we find the joy of a gas-powered tiller, and possible landscapers to do the job for us. While our parents typed their fingers to the bone on a manual Remington typewriter, we can now not only type and correct our documents without using a ream of paper but can save them somewhere in the "clouds." Our cell phones make it possible to see our great grandchildren via Zoom or Facetime, and our laptops did away with a room full of bookshelves piled with encyclopedias.

Our parents and grandparents are gone, leaving us to bridge the gap and fill our grands and great grands with visions of back porches, sweet tea, and the cherry tobacco days of our grandparents. We can learn to love them and all their "new" ways of thinking, they seem to believe it's different from our old fashioned and outdated ways.

Each generation, however, still must struggle with how to live with each other. They still need to find a solid foundation in their beliefs to counter all the negativity thrown at them, and we love to see them, even if it is from computer to computer. When all is said and done, there is nothing like a hug from grandma in person, followed with a fresh plate of homemade chocolate chip cookies!

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Greetings from the Expo!

It's HOT but we are still busy out here at the Expo! The calendar opens up a bit and allows us to concentrate on repairs and maintenance projects. There is a lot of mowing, spraying and painting going on here or sure. It takes a lot to keep this 40 year old facility up and running. We are thankful for our dependable and hard-working staff that have everything looking good.

I would also like to say how much we appreciate our partners in the community. Thank you to each one of our local businesses that support the Expo. Whether it is sponsor signage, or those that come to our rescue when we have an emergency breakdown during an event. Think about it. A plumbing or electrical issue when we have thousands of visitors here is no minor issue.

As for upcoming events, July sees no scheduled events at the Expo. But make sure to be out this way for the City of Lufkin's 17th Annual Independence Day Celebration at the Ellen Trout Park on July 4 from 3pm to 9:15 sponsored by Mike Love and Associates.

That is pretty much our Summer break. In fact, between August and December, we hardly have any open dates available. More to come...

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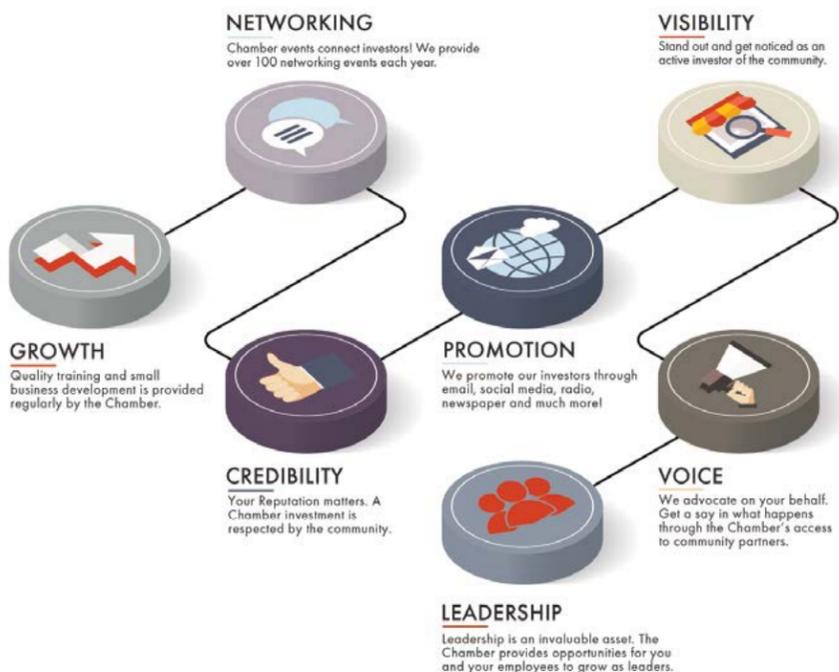
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The evening will begin with a delicious meal from the San Augustine County Go Texans. They will serve their award-winning brisket, twice-baked potato, beans, and banana pudding. We will also have tea, water, beer, margaritas, and wine.

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Some of my friends say, "You travel enough to start a travel blog online." Discovering this bus travel group with all my 12 trips since 2019, I certainly have seen beautiful USA sites and made a wealth of East Texas forever retired friends as we enjoy the same sense of fun together... on a bus.

With our safe driver and entertaining tour director, we just returned from a six-night or seven-day stay in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Both the destination cities can be driven there in a car; it's approximately a 12-hour car trip, even though the bus group did stay in Oklahoma City, going or coming, stopping for the opportunity to tour the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and Museum.

Albuquerque was certainly not as unique as Santa Fe. The 10,700-foot Sandia Tram ride up the mountain was exciting, and Old Town Plaza Albuquerque allowed authentic foods and shopping. In the early 1900s, Santa Fe was given the name, "THE CITY DIFFERENT." The uniqueness of the Pueblo homes and businesses, the outdoor recreational opportunities, the cuisine, the vendors market around St. Plaza Square, spas, 250 galleries, 20 museums, and any of the yearly festivals would be cultural destinations to enjoy.

The Pueblo Indians established permanent villages, which are still in existence. This different architectural style has been well preserved, as Santa Fe is the state Capital of New Mexico. The 12,075-foot elevation of Sangra de Cristo calls for avid snow skiers with 300 inches of snow on its slopes, plus the average downtown snowfall is 32 inches.

At an elevation of 7000 feet, the city has an average humidity of 44%. Blue skies and fluffy white clouds, mountain vistas, and deep red vistas set the stage for a vacation planned around old churches, a botanical garden, a farmers market, 320 days of sunshine, walking trails, golf courses, RV campgrounds, and reasonable lodging prices. The population averages 87,000, with 24% being over 65 years of age, and calls for craftsmen, artists, and vendors, plus tourists.

I didn't mention the natural hot springs, steam railway, Puye Cliff dwellings, hiking in Kasha-Katuve National Monument and Bandelier National Monument, trout fishing, river rafting or tubing, golfing, bicycling, etc. A great selection of restaurants serving distinctive cuisine will satisfy your palate, especially the famous servings of chilies, leading you to join a tour specifically for margarita tastings.

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- 9. Island near Java
- 13. Old West pack animal
- 14. False statement
- 15. Opposite of atonal
- 16. Hailing from the East
- 17. Supply with weapons
- 18. “___ death do us part”
- 19. *Frank
- 21. *Popular celebratory get-together
- 23. Many, many years
- 24. Scott Hamilton’s “court”
- 25. Gross National Product
- 28. Abundant
- 30. Bantoid language
- 35. Bakery unit
- 37. Cutlass maker
- 39. Two in eighteen
- 40. Milk’s favorite cookie
- 41. Muslim ruler honorific
- 43. Hyperbolic sine
- 44. Iranian money, pl.
- 46. Nancy Sinatra’s boots
- 47. Fill to satisfaction
- 48. *Certain Doodle
- 50. Argo’s propellers
- 52. Feather glue
- 53. Give temporarily
- 55. Porridge grain
- 57. *Roman firework
- 60. *”The Star-Spangled Banner”
- 63. Opposite of neo-
- 64. Glass margin
- 66. Continental money, pl.
- 68. Opposite of #17 Across
- 69. Go for the gold
- 70. “Silas Marner” author
- 71. Mexican money
- 72. Not yang
- 73. Down and out

DOWN

- 1. ___ constrictor, anagram
- 2. Word on a door
- 3. Duet plus one
- 4. Angry
- 5. Large California bird
- 6. Smelting waste
- 7. Stuff of inflation
- 8. Adagio and allegro, e.g.
- 9. German city on Rhine river
- 10. Con
- 11. Not of the cloth
- 12. Down with a bug
- 15. ___ someone ___ bed
- 20. Satirical publication, with The
- 22. Calligrapher’s purchase
- 24. *”From the ___ forest to the Gulf Stream waters”
- 25. *Old ___
- 26. Waterwheel
- 27. Hymn of praise
- 29. *Popular decoration
- 31. *”Rockin’ in the USA” band
- 32. Certain church member
- 33. Yiddish busybody
- 34. Theater guide
- 36. Kind of rock
- 38. Heroic tale
- 42. B on Mendeleev’s table
- 45. “Where ___ is heard a discouraging word...”
- 49. Sushi restaurant staple
- 51. Shiny cotton
- 54. High-strung
- 56. Car rack manufacturer
- 57. Charlie Chaplin’s prop
- 58. “Oh, my!”
- 59. Agrippina’s slayer
- 60. “I’ll second that”
- 61. Great Lake
- 62. State of mind
- 63. One in a litter
- 65. *King George ___
- 67. Farm structure

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



July 2023

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

SFA Summer Stage Festival
"The Wind in the Willows"
Kennedy Auditorium
Sat. July 1st: 10am

Freedom Fest
Festival Park
Tues. July 4th: 5pm

Lone Star Trivia
Napoli's on North Street
Every Wed. July 5 - 26th: 7pm

Lamp Lite Theater
Schoolhouse Rock Live!
July 1, 7, & 8, 7:30 pm
July 2 & 9, 2:00 pm
Reserved Seating: Tickets available at
CVB & Kline's

LIVE MUSIC
Mike Ryan: July 8th
Hometown Show: July 22nd
Banita Creek Hall

Open Mic Night
Millard's Crossing
Thur. July 20th: 6-9pm

Jr. Engineer Days
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot
101 Old Tyler Road
Thur. July 13 & 27th: 10am - 12pm

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

Splash Kingdom
Friday Night Movie:
Every Fri. 4 - 8pm
Toddler Tuesday's:
Every Tues. 9 - 10:30am
(Only children 5 and under with a guardian)

Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center
7/1: SFA Twirling Camp
7/14 - 7/16: Old Stone Fort Militaria Show,
Sat. 9am - 5pm; Sun. 10am - 3pm
7/28 - 7/30: G&S Gun Show,
Fri. 4 - 8pm; Sat. 9am - 5pm; Sun. 9am - 4pm

Fredonia Hotel
Music on the Patio (Friday Evenings):
7/7: Jonathan Webster - 6pm-9pm
7/14: Larry Greer and The Shades of Blue
- 6pm-9pm
7/21: Sean Christopher - 7pm-10pm
7/28: Cameron Barnes - 6pm-9pm

Fredonia Brewery
Wednesday Game Nights & \$1 off pints,
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm
7/1: Loose Gravel Band/Chamber's Smokehouse
7/4: Freedom Fest Fireworks
7/7: Jackson Pigg/Viet Fusion
7/8: Brightwire Official/Viet Fusion
7/14: Jared Lostracco/Reed's Fish & More
7/15: Donny Taylor Duo/Reed's Fish & More
7/21: Andrew Toole/Chamber's Smokehouse
7/22: Gypsy Jamm/Chamber's Smokehouse
7/22: Fredonia Float Fest
7/28: Jeff Jurgonski/Viet Fusion

Front Porch Distillery
Pickin' on the Porch
LIVE music and Food Trucks every Fri. & Sat.

Red House Winery
7/22: live music with Jeff Jurgonski
7/29: live music with Jay White & Linda Kay

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm
Live Music:
7/1- Randy C. Moore Live, 5:30pm

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

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

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

Lumberjack Harley-Davidson
7/1: Independence Happy Hour, 12 - 3pm
7/8: Lumberjack HD Luau & Pig Roast Party
w/DJRuleFX & Jacks of Steel, 12 - 3pm
7/15: Get Rally Ready Workshop
with a Pit Pass giveaway!, 12 - 3pm
7/22: Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride, 12 - 3pm
7/29: Beat the Heat Happy Hour, 12 - 3pm

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesday's
Pint Night All Day Thursday's & Sunday Nights
Weekend Brunch Every
Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm
7/3 & 7/17 - Lone Star Trivia, 7pm
7/14 - Ana & Micah Tunes, 7pm
7/15 - Silosoul, Zach Edwards & The Machine, The
Love Peddlers, All Shirts & No Pants, & Jake
Shoemaker, 7pm

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

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

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Dance Lessons (7-8:30) & Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
July 8th: Mike Ryan
July 22nd: Hometown Show: Featuring
Brandon Tyler, Jackson Wendell and Cameron Barnes

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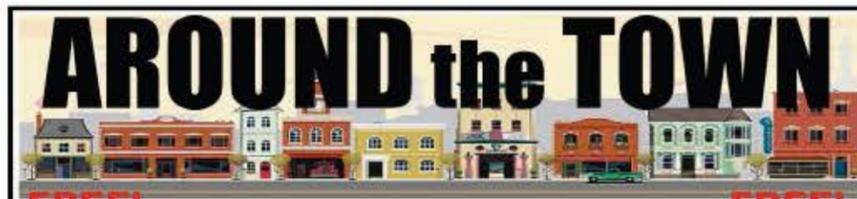
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Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce - 1615 S. Chestnut
 Angelina Manufactured Housing - 3907 N. Medford
 Best Western - 3211 S. 1st St.
 Big's - 2400 E. Denman
 Big's - 1203 S. Chestnut
 Big's - 1902 W. Frank
 Big's - 2701 N. Raguet
 Big's - 3644 Hwy 69N
 Big's - 3122 Adkinson Dr. (Hwy 103E)
 Big's - 4609 Hwy 103E
 Big's - 620 N. Raguet St.
 Big's - 1910 N. Timberland
 Bodacious BBQ - 2207 W. Frank
 Brookshire Brothers - 301 S. Chestnut
 Brookshire Brothers - 1807 W. Frank - Gaslight Plaza
 Casa Morales Mexican Restaurant - 1001 S. 1st St.
 Catfish King - 806 S. Medford
 Chen's - 302 S. Timberland Dr.
 Comfort Suites - 4402 S. 1st. St. (U. S. Hwy 59)
 Crown Colony Shell - 101 Champion Dr.
 Food Mart Exxon - 612 Frank
 Food Mart Exxon - 6480 Hwy 69S
 Guacamole's Restaurant - 2660 W. Frank (Hwy 94W)
 Holiday Inn Express 4404 S. 1st
 JR Food Mart - 1114 E. Denman Ave
 Lone Star Charlie's Family Restaurant - 1910 E. Denman
 Lucky's Valero - 3385 Tom Temple (Hwy 94W)
 Lucky's Valero - 1707 John Redditt Dr.
 Lufkin Barbecue - 203 S. Chestnut
 Lufkin Farm Supply - 1217 E. Lufkin Ave.
 Maddux Lumber & Hardware - 1603 Atkinson Dr.
 Massingill's Meat Mkt - 3728 Hwy 69N
 Maytag Washateria - 601 S. 1st
 Mexico Express - 1603 W. Frank Ave (Hwy 94 W)
 Midway Shell #29 - 3008 Atkinson Dr. (Hwy 103 E)
 Mom's Diner - 420 W. Frank
 Napoli's Restaurant - 107 W. Lufkin Ave.
 On the Road - 4110 S. 1st
 On the Road - 2902 E. Denman Ave (Hwy 69S)
 On the Road - 3503 S. Chestnut
 Pablo's BBQ & Mexican Food - 3900 Hwy 69N
 Pelican Pointe Cajun Kitchen - 1302 N. John Redditt Dr.
 Quality Inn - 4306 S. 1st
 Ray's Drive In - 420 N. Timberland
 Restoration Bistro - 210 S. 1st
 Rustica's Kitchen - 317 S. Timberland
 Sleep Inn - 2409 N. Timberland
 The Home Place - 5105 FM 326
 Tia Juanita's Fish Camp - 3102 S. John Redditt Dr.
 Timberland Chevron - 804 N. Timberland
 Tommy's Watch & Jewelry - 800 S. Timberland
 Walgreens - 102 N. Timberland
 Walgreens - 1000 W. Frank
 West Loop Chevron - 904 S. John Redditt Dr.
In Diboll:
 Big's - 605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)
 Big's - 710 S. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)
 Brookshire Brothers - 221 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)
 Diboll Depot - 1605 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)
 Diboll Public Library - 300 Park
 Los Jarritos - 903 N. Temple (U.S. Hwy 59)
 On The Road - 1580 N. Temple (US Hwy 59)
 Tacos Mexico - 575 N. Temple (US Hwy 59)
In Homer:
 Homer Mini Grocery - 7075 Hwy 69S
In Hudson:
 Brookshire Brothers Express - 5750 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W
 Brookshire Brothers Express - 6564 Ted Trout/Hwy 94W
In Huntington:
 New Way - 461 Hwy 69
 Little Boots Gro.- 101 Hwy 69S
 Brookshire Brothers - 104 N. Main
 Papa's Pit & More - 510 N. Main
In Pollok:
 Brookshire Brothers/Polk's - 6925 Hwy 69N
In Redland:
 JOC Stop Exxon - 5389 US Hwy 59 N
In Zavalla:
 Coleman's Store - Intersection of Hwys 63 & 147

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

In the City of Nacogdoches:

A & D Hydraulics - 2124 NW Stallings Dr.
 Appleby Sand Valero (just outside loop) FM 2609
 Auntie Pastas - 211 Old Tyler Road
 Barbecue House - 704 N. Stallings Drive
 Barkeeps - 3308 North St.
 Best Western - US 59 South
 Best Western - 4809 NW Stallings Dr
 Big's - University Drive @ SE Stallings Drive
 Big's - Center Hwy (Hwy 7E) @ Loop 224
 Boatman Tire & Service - 315 N. University Dr.
 Boles Feed - 913 South St.
 Brendyn's BBQ - 601 E. Main St.
 Brookshire Brothers - 1402 N. University Dr.
 Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South Street
 Butcher Boy's - 603 North St.
 Carney Real Estate - 3001 North St.
 Cataract, Glaucoma & Retina Consultants - 3302 NE Stallings
 Chamber of Commerce - 2516 North St.
 Charles Pool Real Estate - 3505 North St.
 CiCi's Pizza -3801 North St. #19
 Clear Springs - 211 Old Tyler Rd.
 Coldwell Banker Blueberry Realty - 112 E. Main St.
 Comfort Suites - US 59 South
 Cutting Edge - 2211 S. University Dr.
 Cowboy Jack's Saloon - 422 E. Main St.
 D' Gorditas - 3609 SE Stallings Dr.
 Dialysis Clinic - 4731 NE Stallings Dr.
 Doches Credit Union - 920 NW Stallings Dr. @ Hwy 21W
 Dr. Ronnie Hancock - Family Dentistry - 1302 Raguet St.
 Eastex Glass & Mirror - 3102 South St.
 El Lindo Mexico - 1102 SE Stallings Dr.
 El Ranchero Restaurant - 123 King St.
 El Tia Beto - 4512 North St.
 Fitness 360 - 4822 N. University Dr.
 Fortney Home - 310 N. Mound
 Gateway Shell/Denny's - 2615 N. Stallings Dr.
 Goose Landing - 11332 S FM 225 (Lake Nacogdoches)
 Gound Chev - 1015 North Street
 Guacamole's Mexican Restaurant - 1315 North St.
 H & Z Texaco - Starr Avenue @ University Drive
 Hampton Inn - US 59 South
 Harry's Building Material - 7008 North St.
 Herman Power Tire - 222 South St.
 Holiday Inn Express - US 59 South
 IMPACT Store - 720 E. Main Stree
 J & S Small Engine Repair - 12769 State Hwy 7W
 Java Jack's - 1122 North Street
 Johnson Furniture - 106 E. Main
 Kampus Books - 305 E. College St.
 K.J.'s Convenience Store/Exxon - 5713 South St.
 Kinfolks - 4817 NW Stallings Dr.
 Kline's Wrap-It-Up - 628 N. University Dr.
 Kroger - 3205 N. University Dr.
 Lehmann Eye Center - 5300 North St.
 Luquette Chiropractic - 4712 North St.
 M & S Pharmacy - 917 E. Austin
 Ma's Jewelry - 2423 North St
 Martin Kennel - 512 CR 217
 Marty's Barber Shop - 2805 North St, Suite B1
 McCoy's Building Materials - 4009 NW Stallings Dr.
 McWilliams & Son Air Conditioning - 2915 NW Stallings Dr.
 Meadow Ridge Archery & Gun - 1090 CR 231
 Mike Pery Mottors - 3812 South Street
 Mike's BBQ - 1622 South Street
 Milford's Barber Shop - 110 N. Church St.
 Millard's Crossing Historic Village - 6020 North St.
 CC's Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Dr.
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 428 W. Main St.
 Morgan Oil Chevron - Appleby Sand Rd. @ Austin St.
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 1000 N. University Drive
 Morgan Oil Chevron - 3325 North St.
 Morgan Oil Chevron Truck Stop - 4919 NE Stallings
 Mustard Seed - 1330 N. University Dr.
 NacBurger - 3205 N. University Dr
 NacSpace - 2400 N. Stallings Dr.
 Nacogdoches Expo Center - 3805 NW Stallings Dr.
 Nacogdoches Floral - 3602 North St.
 Nacogdoches CVB - 200 E. Main St.
 Nacogdoches Senior Center - 1601 W. Austin St.
 Napoli's Restaurant - 2119 North St.
 Northview Condos - 4100 North St.

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In the City of Nacogdoches

Perry Propane - 6500 Franklin St.
 Pike Saw & Tool - 2502 NW Stallings Dr..
 Renfro's Glass - 714 North St.
 Red House Winery - 108 E. Pilar St.
 Rhinestone Rifles Botique VIP - 404 E. Main St.
 Rick's Valero - US 59 South
 RV Outfitters - 2631 NW Stallings Dr.
 Sam's Southern Eatery - 1220 North St.
 Smokehouse - 2709 Westward Trail
 Sombreros - 3000 North St.
 Ables-Land Office Supplies - 412 North St.
 Sunshine Food Mart - 2013 North St.
 Super 8 Motel - US 59 South
 Taquitos El Jaliscience - 3217 North St.
 Taqueria El 21 - 1422 Douglass Road
 Thrall's Grocery, Deli & Cafe - 7144 SH 21 East
In Appleby:
 Sammy's Mini Mart - U.S. Hwy 59 N.
 Tom's Grocery & Shell - U.S. Hwy 59 N.
In Central Heights:
 Morgan Oil Chevron/Whataburger - Hwy 259 North
 Polk's Pick It Up Truck Stop - Hwy 259 North
 Taco Riendo - Hwy 259 North
In Cushing:
 Clyde Partin Monument Co. - Hwy 204
 Cushing Food Mart - Hwy 204
 Rawhide's Tire Service - 470 6th St.
In Douglass:
 Douglass Cafe' - State Hwy 21
 Douglass General Store - State Hwy 21
In Etoile:
 Etoile Shell - Hwy 103 @ FM 226
 Shirley Creek Marina Office & Cabins - 23177 FM 226
In Garrison:
 Bulldog Express/J & S Food Mart - U.S. Hwy 59
 Garrison Gas & Convenience Store Exxon - U.S. Hwy 59
 Garrison Hardware & Feed - 121 South B Ave.
In Martinsville:
 L & M Quick Stop - 13101 Hwy 7
In Reklaw:
 What the Fork Cafe' - Hwy 204

NEWTON COUNTY

Burkeville Heritage Society - 142 St. Hwy 84E
 Newton Co. History Ctr. - 213 E. Court St. - Newton
 Newton Co. Public Library - 212 High St. - Newton

SHELBY COUNTY

In the City of Center:

Ace Hardware - 5438 Loop 500 East
 Boles Feed Co. - 101 Porter St.
 Boyd Adams Barber Shop - 504 Hurst St.
 Brookshire Brothers - 105 Hurst St.
 Chamber of Commerce - In the old jail on the square
 Covington Lumber & Bldg Materials - 1595 Teneha St.
 H & S Discount Foods - 705 Shelbyville St.
 Mathews Realty - 616 Teneha St.
 Piney Woods Seafood - 1003 Hurst St.
 Rancho Grande - 816 Teneha St.
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In the City of Joaquin:

Brookshire Brothers - 113 Haslam Sawmill Rd. - Hwy 84
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