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October Means East Texas Poultry Festival in Center

Submitted by Deborah Chadwick

The 45th Annual Poultry Festival, sponsored by Farmers State Bank, is just a few weeks away. The Festival will be held October 7th, 8th and 9th on the downtown square in Center, Texas.

The first East Texas Poultry Festival was held on Saturday, July 23, 1976. The festival began as a way to celebrate the broiler industry in the East Texas area. Now, celebrating over 40 years, the East Texas Poultry Festival has grown into a fun three-day event featuring food booths from local volunteer and church organizations, arts and crafts booths, a quilt show, photography show, creative arts show, live entertainment and a carnival.

The Opening Ceremonies will be held on October 7th at 10:00 a.m. under the main tent. The 2021 Poultry Festival Queen will be crowned on October 2nd. The Queen and her Court will cut the feathers at the Opening Ceremonies and officially kick off the festival. Local elementary school groups provide fun entertainment for the rest of morning.



2020 Poultry Queen ????????

There is an excellent line up of entertainment throughout the 3 days. Thursday evening there will be a cultural Mexican dance troupe, The Ketzacy, followed by

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Come and Take It!

by Tweed Scott

The story of the Come and Take It cannon begins on New Year's Day in 1831. Green DeWitt wrote the political head of Bexar, Ramon Musquiz, for the use of a cannon for protecting the community of Gonzales. The bronze cannon arrived on March 10, 1831, but the cannon came with a stipulation that it was to be returned to Mexican authorities upon request.

All appeared fine for a period, but with tensions rising between the settlers and the Mexican government, The Mexicans decided they wanted the cannon back. Col. Ugartechea from Bexar sent a corporal and five soldiers to retrieve the cannon. The colonists of Gonzales told Ugartechea they were keeping the gun and took the soldiers prisoner. After burying the cannon in a peach orchard, they sent word out to people along the Colorado River, asking for some help and volunteers.

Ugartechea realized more resistance than he expected, so he sent in 100 soldiers to back up his request for the cannon. This group was led by Francisco de Castaneda. When Ugartechea advised Castaneda, considering the building tension between the colonists and Santa Anna's Centralist government, he realized this could be a volatile situation. Castaneda was instructed to retrieve the gun but to do so using as little force as possible. When Castaneda and his troops arrived at the Guadalupe their advance was blocked by high water and 18 militiamen. They are referred to now as the "Old Eighteen." Castaneda advised the militiamen that he had a message for the Alcalde (Mayor) Andrew Ponton, but the man was out of town so the Mexican soldiers would have to wait.



The "Come and Take It" cannon



In the meantime, Capt. Robert M. Coleman arrived at Gonzales with a militia company of thirty mounted Indian fighters. They took the gun to

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There will be a 5K run the morning of October 9th starting at 7:30 am on the at Port A Cool Park. Proceeds will go towards our local United Way. The 4th Annual Car Show will be on the downtown square from 10 am until 2 pm. Show off your clucking and strutting skills at the Clucking Contest on Saturday evening at 5:00 pm.

The Fajita Lunch and Doo Dah Parade were held on Wednesday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

The East Texas Poultry Festival is a fun family outing. See you there!

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COME AND TAKE IT

John Sowell's blacksmith shop and mounted on the fore-wheels of Albert Martin's cotton wagon. This was the cannon that was fired twice in the third skirmish of the battle on October 2nd.

As Castaneda waited, the colonists received help in the form of 140 volunteers. By the end of the day on October 1st, Castaneda made camp about 7 miles upriver. While that was going on, the colonists crossed the river and marched toward the Mexican camp. On the morning of Oct. 2, 1835, the volunteers of Gonzales attacked. The Mexicans fell back.

During a break in the fighting, they arranged a parley between John Henry Moore and Castaneda. When Castaneda asked why his troops were attacked, Moore explained they wanted to keep the cannon and to uphold the Constitution of 1824. Castaneda assured Moore that he was a Federalist and did not agree with Santa Anna's policies. Moore invited him to join the colonists but Castaneda refused the offer saying he was a soldier and he had to follow orders. All he wanted was the cannon. At that point, the talks broke down.

When the fighting got back underway, it wasn't long before the Mexican commander realized he was out-manned and out-gunned and made his retreat for Bexar. This battle was really nothing more than a skirmish, but it is generally recognized as being the beginning of the "hot war" we know today as the "Texas Revolution." In less than a year the Republic of Texas will be born.

As for the "Come and Take It" flag. The name "Come and Take It" refers to the motto adopted by the Texian rebels. A few days prior to the battle, two young ladies from Gonzales, Caroline Zumwalt and Eveline DeWitt, hastily prepared a flag with an image of a cannon and the words "Come and Take It." They made the flag from a wedding dress. This flag was raised above the Gonzales cannon during the battle on October 2, and later carried with the gun toward San Antonio, but was soon lost without a trace.

**Tracy Broadway Joins
Around the Town Staff**

Around the Town Publisher, David Stallings, recently announced that veteran advertising executive, Tracy Broadway, has joined his sales staff. "We are very excited to have Tracy with us. His vast experience in advertising will be of great benefit to our clients," Stallings said.



The Shelby County native has an over 40-year media career, including newspaper advertising sales at *The Daily Sentinel*, *Center Light* and *Champion*, and *The Marlin Democrat*. As well as radio and TV sales with Center Broadcasting, KTRE-TV, Suddenlink, and various other electronic outlets in East Texas and Louisiana.

Broadway's sales & media background has also included management positions as owner, publisher & editor of *The Shelby Countian* weekly newspaper, general manager/general sales manager of Center Broadcasting Co. stations, in addition to KIOX radio in El Campo, general sales manager of KVST radio in Conroe, and radio sales in Beaumont, Lake Charles and Huntsville.

Being a part of *Around the Town*, according to Broadway, is an exciting opportunity.

"Getting to work with local business owners to grow their business, by utilizing a wonderful locally-owned publication (*Around the Town*), is a perfect combination."

"I believe the positive content, and the dedication by staff to provide a reliable reader-friendly print product each month, are the key reasons for a business to advertise in *Around the Town*. You will not find a better product for a return on investment," says Broadway.

Broadway also serves as Shelby County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5, and along with his wife, Tammy, reside in Timpson. They are parents to six adult children, and five grandchildren.



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Central Heights Senior Recognized As National Merit Commended Student

Central Heights High School announced Wednesday that senior Nolan Shrewsbury has been named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Certificate of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation was presented to Nolan Wednesday by Central Heights High School Counselor Lauren Tyler and Principal Jonathan Vick.

About 34,000 students throughout the world will be recognized this year for their exceptional academic promise. Although Nolan will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, he places among the top 2% of the more than 1.85 million students who entered the competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” a spokesperson for NMSC said. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



Central Heights High School Principal Jonathan Vick, left, presents a Certificate of Commendation to Nolan Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury was recognized Wednesday by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student for his high score on the Preliminary SAT and outstanding academic potential.

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Tuesday, October 12th

Time	Event
12:00pm	Arrival Market Rabbits/Breeding Rabbits
1:00pm	Judged Market Rabbits/Breeding Rabbits
<i>(After Judging - Market & Breeding Rabbits Released)</i>	
3:00pm-6:00pm	Art, Crafts & Photography

Wednesday, October 13th

Time	Event
7:00am-9:00am	Broiler Arrival & Sifting
1:00pm	Market Barrow Arrival
9:00am	Broiler Judging
1:00pm	Education Exhibit Awards Posted
4:00pm-6:00pm	Market Barrow Validation

Time	Event
3:00-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
4:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
6:30pm-7:00pm	SFA Twirl-O-Jacks
7:00pm-9:00pm	SFASU Dancers Against Cancer
5:00pm	Ag Mechanics Arrive



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Thursday, October 14th

Time	Event
9:00am	Ag Mechanics Judging
10:00am	Floral Show Upstairs Hall
1:00pm-4:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Arrive
4:00pm-5:00pm	Market Goats & Lambs Weigh In
3:00pm-7:00pm	Beef Heifers Arrive (In County)

Time	Event
3:00pm-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
4:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
7:00pm-9:00pm	Stage Entertainment-Mike Moses Middle School Dance Team & Twirlers
6:00pm	Market Barrow Judging
<i>Barrows will be released at 10:00am on Friday, Oct. 15th</i>	



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Friday, October 15th

Time	Event
9:00am	Market Goat Showmanship
<i>Market Goat Judging following Showmanship</i>	
<i>Goats released following Judging</i>	
9:00pm	Market Lamb Showmanship
<i>Market Lamb Judging following Showmanship</i>	
<i>Lambs released following Judging</i>	

Time	Event
10:00am	Market Barrows Released
1:00pm-3:00pm	Pilgrim's Early Bird Free Admission till 3 PM
3:00pm-9:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
1:00pm-11:00pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
7:00pm-9:00pm	Glen Lenderman & Band on MainStage
7:00pm-9:00pm	Beef Heifers Arrive (In County)

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Saturday, October 16th

Time	Event
6:30am-8:30am	Beef Heifer Arrival (Out of County)
10:00am	Beef Heifer Judging
<i>Beef Heifer Showmanship after all breeds shown</i>	
<i>Heifers released following Judging</i>	
11:00am-10:00pm	Vendor Booths Open

Time	Event
12pm-11pm	MIDWAY OPEN Admission \$5 Per Person <i>Featuring Bender the Clown</i>
3:00pm	Ag Mechanics Sale
4:00pm	Robinson Outdoor Power Jr. Tractor Pull
6:00pm	Ag Mechanics Release
7:00pm-9:00pm	Southband Band on Stage in Civic Center

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Sunday, October 17th

Time	Event
12:00pm-4:00pm	Vendor Booths Open
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After debuting his first single "I Could Be The One" in 2011, which debuted at number 58 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, Templeton has continued writing, recording, and releasing music true to his roots. Following up his debut single with songs like "Sing That Song Again," and "Ball Cap" (#1 on Sirius XM radio) have thrust Templeton's music career into overdrive. While hitting the road to tour across the country, Templeton has continued to release fan-favorite country tunes such as "Country As You Wanna Get" which has an elevated flavor to it much like when Mutt Lang and Shania Twain energized country music in the mid-'90s. His latest release "Honky Tonk Bill Of Rights" proves that this country artist is packed with an enormous amount of true talent, grit, and unwavering enthusiasm for the American "Country" way of life.

The backbone of Templeton's continued success includes his ever-growing, faithful fan base. "My dreams haven't just come true...all the credit for dreams coming true are owed to GOD above and all the fans that continue to fill the venues...they deserve all the credit and are truly responsible for converting dreams into reality." Thanks to those fans and their passion for good music as well as their undying loyalty for Templeton, he has amassed millions of streams on digital music platforms including Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Music, and YouTube. With the latest growing trend of Livestream concerts, Templeton has garnered over a million views within the last year confirming that there is nothing this country artist can't do.

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City to Proceed with Bringing a Contract Forward for the City's Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan

by Alaina Helton, City Planner

On Tuesday, September 21st, the City Council gave staff the green-light to proceed with bringing a contract forward for the City's comprehensive and downtown plans. These plans are vital to the prosperity and economic growth of our community, and comprehensive planning is a normal, standard process used by successful cities.

You might be asking yourself, what's in a comprehensive plan? While there is no immutable outline of plan elements that can be applied to every community or for every plan type, most plans accomplish at least four things:

- **Plans Describe a Desired Future.** Plans usually start out describing what the community wants to become in the future. Sometimes the description is referred to as a vision statement; other times it is called "long-range goals and objectives." The planning process invariably includes an intensive effort to involve stakeholders in developing the vision, goals, and objectives. Visioning processes often involve analysis and comparison of optional futures or scenarios.

- **Facts and Figures.** Next, a plan usually focuses on factual information about the region, the community, the subarea, or the function being addressed. It examines existing conditions and trends by presenting background data on topics like population characteristics, housing stock, traffic conditions and travel demand, economic statistics, environmentally sensitive areas, and much more. This function provides the factual foundation for the plan.

- **What Should Be Done.** Recommended actions usually make up the next major task of a plan. What does the plan recommend to reach the stated vision, goals, and objectives? Suggested actions are usually grouped by topic.

- **Who Does What, When, and With What Resources?** Having presented a set of recommended actions, an action plan identifies the entities responsible for implementation, presents a timetable or schedule for action, assigns costs, and then identifies sources of funding. An action plan makes it possible to check back and gauge progress periodically in the future.

Building a consensus about what a plan should say is often the toughest challenge facing the public. Central to the conversations that lead to the adoption of a plan is protection of the rights and needs of all components of the population—minorities, kids, the business community, elders, working people, retirees, renters, home owners, landowners, developers, the disabled, and community institutions. Balancing the needs of the environment, housing, transportation, the economy, and health in a plan is a daunting task. That's why most of the time required to prepare a sound plan is devoted to conversations with stakeholders.

Comprehensive plans allow the City to adopt and refine development ordinances, utility capital improvement plans, and other public services to best take advantage of our strengths and opportunities (development of I-69, growth of SFA, strong business climate, etc.), while protecting against threats (population stagnation, declining wages, etc.). Change is inevitable and will happen in our community without a plan. Only with a plan will we be able to guide that change in ways that allow us to retain our community character and improve the economic condition of the city.



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Jesus Was a Carpenter

“Is not this the Carpenter...?” Mark 6:3, (NASB)

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 by Dr. Allen Reed

For a greater part of His life, Jesus worked with His hands to earn His daily bread.

He straightened out boards before He straightened out lives.
 He made yokes for oxen before He made yokes for men.
 He built houses before He built homes.
 He repaired broken furniture before He mended broken hearts.

I have often wondered what it would have been like to have worked by His side as an apprentice. Someone else has said it for me:

I wish I had been His apprentice,
 To see Him each morning at seven,
 As He tossed His gray tunic about Him,
 The Master of earth and of Heaven.
 When He lifted the lid of His work chest,
 And opened His carpenter’s kit,
 And looked at His chisels and augers,
 And took the bright tools out of it;
 When He gazed at the rising sun tinting
 The dew on the opening flowers,
 And He smiled at the thought of His Father
 Whose love floods this fair world of ours;
 Then fastened the apron about Him,
 And put on His workingman’s cap,
 And grasped the smooth haft of His hammer
 To give the bent woodwork a tap,
 Saying, “Lad, let us finish this ox yoke,
 The farmer must finish his crop.”
 Oh, I wish I had been His apprentice
 And worked in the Nazareth shop.¹

One of Holman Hunt’s most famous paintings, “The Shadow of Death,” depicts Jesus in the carpenter’s workshop at Nazareth. It is the close of day, and the last rays of the setting sun are streaming in through the open door. The young carpenter, who has been toiling at the bench, raises himself for a moment from his cramped, stooping position and stretches out his arms. Just then the dying sun catches his figure and casts his shadow on the wall behind him. His shadow was the form of a cross. His work was for people.

¹. “In the Carpenter Shop,” from *Christ and the Fine Arts*, ed, Cynthia Pearl Maus. @ Copyright 1948, Harper and Row.

A LITTLE HUMOR: “Don’t Fly Off The Handle”

Two flies were buzzing around a messy kitchen table that had the remains of a recently prepared bologna sandwich. The knife used to slice the bologna was covered with little particles of meat. The two flies started at the tip of the knife and ate their way to the end of the handle. Then they flew away, only to become dizzy and fall to the floor – dead! The moral of the story is: Don’t fly off the handle when you’re full of bologna.



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A note from *Around the Town* Publisher - David Stallings

Sara Bess was a major influence in my life. I learned public speaking and acting skills in her class when I was a senior at Nacogdoches High School in the school year 1964-1965. We participated in and won many awards in one-act play contests at Baylor, Lamar Tech, Sam Houston and at other locations. The trips were great fun, as well as learning experiences. The lessons that I learned from her have served me well for more than 50-years and I miss her very much.

**SARA BESS BROOKSHIRE DUDLEY'S LIFE
"SEPTEMBER 10th to SEPTEMBER 11th"
*and the 73 years in between.**

SARA BESS BROOKSHIRE DUDLEY, September 10, 1934, to September 11, 2007. Sara Bess was the daughter of Bryan 'Jack' and Bessie McKay Brookshire, who had moved to Nacogdoches in 1923 to put in the first BROOKSHIRE BROTHER'S grocery store in Nacogdoches.

The company had started in 1921 in Lufkin. Mr. and Mrs. Brookshire were both graduates of Sam Houston State Teachers College and had taught school at Plum Ridge in Angelina County before moving to Nacogdoches. The Brookshire's lived just a few feet south of the present emergency room at Memorial Hospital and Mrs. Brookshire walked over and nearly had Sara Bess in the middle of Tejas St. Dr. Stephen B. Tucker 'finalized' the event.



Sara Bess attended Demonstration School at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College and graduated high school at age 15. She immediately enrolled into SFA and graduated as a seventeen year-old. She was immediately hired (illegally) in the Henderson I.S.D. system. As she used to say, "I taught illegally for 10 days until my eighteenth birthday on September 10." Catching scarlet fever mid-way during this school year, she then developed bacteria endocarditis because of her already damaged heart valve. She spent three months at Methodist Hospital in Houston where she became only the third person cured with a new drug called stryptomycin.



After surviving this illness, she continued to teach in Nacogdoches for twenty-eight years. (She taught speech at SFASU and Angelina for 5 more years). At NHS She began teaching English and soon moved into drama and speech. With the arrival of Nancy Olive Prince, the new drama teacher to Nacogdoches, Sara Bess taught only speech and specialized in debate and public speaking.

As a young teaching professional, she became involved in the TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, and in many local positions. She served these organizations at the state and national level for many years. When this

East Texas TSTA district was spilt into two districts in 1967, Sara Bess served as the first president of District 7, TSTA, serving 1968 through 1969. She represented TSTA at the state level for many years by serving on the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee as chairperson. She also represented Texas several times in trips to Washington in service to the National Education Agency.

While accomplishing this, she was also serving her chosen field of SPEECH, by serving as a delegate to and for, the NATIONAL SPEECH ASSOCIATION, TEXAS SPEECH ASSOCIATION, and the SOUTHERN SPEECH ASSOCIATION. Her travels took her to New York, Seattle, and Chicago as well as Washington DC. Her awards included the Valley Forge Teachers Medal, 1972;

the Outstanding Service Award, 1971, from TSTA; the Special Merit by TSTA, 1972; Texas Classroom Teachers Association, 1966; Outstanding Young Women of America, 1966; the National Education Association Project 64 membership award; and five Voice of Democracy Awards presented by Post 3893. She was chairwoman of the TSTA Centennial Celebration in Mexia. Sara Bess served as a national delegate to six National Education Agency national conventions.

With many years behind her as a successful debate coach, she was especially proud when one team won first place at state. She had many students winning consistently in individual speech events. With this background, Sara could hold her own in the liveliest of discussions related to politics and current events. As a testament to her recognized strength as a debate coach, she served many times as a representative for the Texas Interscholastic League, helping to formulate UIL National Debate Topics.

Sara Bess inherited a tremendous love of animals from her family (they had two blue jay birds that lived for over twenty years). Their yard at the time of her mother's death in February of 1966, contained white tail deer, a cripple cow, about 60 ducks, quail, peacocks, pheasants, as well as many loved dogs and cats. Especially loved were two Border Collies, Gypsy and Powder Puff. After these two, Sara was never without a Border Collie.

She was a serious horseback rider from the time she was five until her late sixties. A horse fell on her in 1993 and fractured her pelvis; she soon began riding again and rode for seven more years. She hunted and fished, and spent hundreds of hours with me as we rode thousands of miles doing deer lease security for International Paper Co on thousands of acres of land. We experienced the beauty of God's earth during the day as well as during many late night adventures.

Plagued with health problems all her life, she battled endocarditis again in the late seventies, mitral valve replacement in 1991, to breast cancer surgery in 1998.

Exiting this life was also hard on Sara Bess as she fought gallantly to not leave. Though she knew the reward she would receive on leaving, she fought to stay alive. She endured one hundred and eighty two days in the hospital during her last two years. Two days before her death, I asked if she needed anything, she replied, 'Yes, a new heart.'

Her battle to stay continued throughout her birthday, September 10, and continued into early afternoon on a day that no one in this country will ever forget: 9 1 1. I lost my Princess on 9 11 07, but God gained one.....



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We all breathed a sigh of relief when we knew Hurricane Ida would miss the Texas coastline. But our friends in Louisiana were not so fortunate.

On August 29, Ida hit south Louisiana as a powerful Category 4 hurricane with winds of 150 miles per hour. It left behind massive destruction and was devastating to the property and lives in its path. Many areas are still suffering from its blow. It was the sixth named storm to make landfall in the 2021 hurricane season. But folks, just because we are past Labor Day, hurricane season is not over. That is evident this week by the wind and rain we experienced from Tropical Storm Nicholas.

TxDOT was ready for Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storm Nicholas because storm preparation can't wait until the last minute. I saw a photo in a Lufkin newspaper this week of a gentleman preparing for Nicholas by filling several containers with gas. That's a plan. There were haters on social media downplaying his actions and accusing the newspaper of trying to create drama. We might not see hurricane-force winds here this week, but I believe the man was right and wise to prepare.

Hurricane Ida downed more than 22,000 power poles in its path with powerful winds. Many small towns and remote areas are still accessible only by air boats built to navigate swamps and marshes. Many people still have no supply of food, clean water, gasoline, or mode of travel. And despite many warnings, there were still those who did not prepare and more who refused to evacuate and some who even lost their lives.

The work our neighbors in Louisiana have ahead of them is extensive. Curfews are still in effect. Roads are impassable or washed away and crews continue to work around the clock to restore infrastructure. TxDOT crews have responded to help in the clean-up process and Lufkin District crews remain on standby to help when needed.

We are familiar with storms like Ida and the damage they leave behind. None of us can forget the devastation from hurricanes in recent years. The mere mention of names like Harvey, Katrina, Rita, or Ike stir memories in southeast Texas and Louisiana that would rather be forgotten. But in every one of those storms, TxDOT was ready because we had a plan.

You can also prepare for the unexpected. You can find all the information you need for how to make a plan in the event of severe weather on the TxDOT website here: <https://www.txdot.gov/driver/weather/hurricane.html>. You will find maps highlighted with evacuation routes and other useful information that will help keep you and your family safe.

Just because Texas was spared from Ida's wrath doesn't mean we will be as lucky with the next one. And there is always a next one. Prepare your home, your family and yourself with a plan to survive a catastrophic event like a hurricane or tropical storm. Because waiting or refusing to prepare could cost you as much as it did those who ignored the most important plan they could ever make – one that could keep them safe.



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Chamber Connection

by Kelly Augustine
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Fun Month for the Nac Chamber

October 16 is National Support Your Local Chamber Day and for those around Nacogdoches, this is a great month to get involved. Nacogdoches County Chamber events are open to the public and if your business is not active with the local chamber of commerce, consider making a point to visit the chamber office or attend an event and get to know the organization that works for local businesses!

Blueberry Golf Bash is Friday, Oct. 8 at Piney Woods Country Club, and we have a variety of sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

Alive After Five hosted by **State Farm Insurance – Jamie Rodrigues** is Thursday, Oct. 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy food, refreshing beverages while mixing and mingling with Jamie’s staff and others in the business community. All who attend can enter to win some cool door prizes, and every chamber member is entered in a \$1,000 cash prize drawing, but you have to be present to win. Mark the date and drop by for a casual networking event.

Ribbon Cuttings are celebrations of good things happening in Nacogdoches area businesses. Join us for the ceremonies or drop by these businesses and congratulate them on their latest accomplishments.

- **Decades Downtown**, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 412 E. Main St. Celebrating the second Decades location and the opening of Downtown Rocks! new rock shop.
- **Juiced Up Treats-N-Eatz**, 11:45 a.m., Friday Oct. 29 at 3714 South St. (across from Hampton Inn). Celebrating a new location and Chamber membership.

Eggs & Issues is 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 28 at The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. Join the chamber’s monthly breakfast meeting for presentations geared to support business development. SFA’s Interim Dean of Research and Graduate Studies Dr. Freddie Avant will present “Graduate Studies Increase the Well Being of Communities.” Registration is required. \$20 for Chamber members and \$24 for non-members. The program will also be available on GoToMeeting and the Chamber’s YouTube channel and is free to view.

If you’re curious about how a chamber works and what would be the benefits of getting involved, here are just a few reasons for joining the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce:

1. **Networking.** We offer members countless opportunities for networking, promoting your business, getting involved in the community, developing partnerships and supporting other businesses.
2. **Advocacy.** Chambers support member businesses by advocating for their interests at the federal, state and local levels. Membership in the chamber gives businesses, small and large, the voice they need to help them succeed.
3. **Consulting.** Chamber members receive access to information and training sources in print, broadcast and face-to-face formats. The goal is to keep our business leaders up to date and competitive in their industries.

Did you notice – the first letters of Networking, Advocacy and Consulting spell NAC. How clever is that!

Need more? Contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce at 936-560-5533 or go to www.Nacogdoches.org, or visit us at 2516 North St. You may be surprised at all the good work the chamber is doing!





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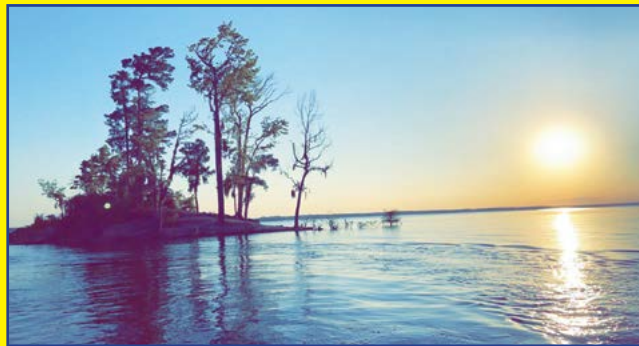
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Cheryl Brady is a native of El Dorado, Arkansas. Following graduation from college as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG), she went on to serve twenty-eight years as a U.S. Army logistics officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. She was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



Living A Black Experience or A Christian Experience

Racial distinctions are immaterial to Christ and in God’s Kingdom. In Adam God created one race, the human race. In Christ God is creating a new spiritual race for Himself. Willful ignorance of the Christians lineage in Christ (our

extraction and rescue from Adam) keeps us in bondage. The Bible says, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:26-28).

Therefore, I am not living a Black experience in a nation some call White America. I am in Christ living a new creation experience (2 Cor 5:17; 1 Jn 3:1; Heb 11:13-14). Living a Black experience signifies that I am living for myself and not for Christ who died for me. Christians have no identity outside of Christ. Irrespective of our God-assigned people groups, spiritual wisdom says Christians regard no one according to the flesh (2 Cor 5:16; 1:12). The race Christians must embrace is the race of faith, running it with endurance.

Living a Christian experience permits no one to place us inside their mold as seen in this post from past founder and leader of the Black Lives Matter Utah Chapter, Lex Scott on July 4, 2021: “When we Black Americans see this flag we know the person flying it is not safe to be around. When we see this flag we know the person flying it is a racist. When we see this flag we know that the person flying it lives in a different America than we do. When we see this flag, we question your intelligence. We know to avoid you. It is a symbol of hatred,” the post read.

There is only one America and I love America for this reason: God chose America as my birthplace (Acts 17:26). In God’s sovereignty, He could have chosen any other place on earth, but He chose the United States of America. I support the American flag which represents freedom for all Americans. I proudly wore the American flag while serving in hostile places to protect the freedoms Ms. Scott enjoys in America.

Jesus Christ is God’s plan for redemption and restoration of His creation. Christians exist as a force for righteousness in nations where we reside. We are to occupy until the Lord returns. Christians are not living a Black, White, Red, or Brown experience. We are living a Christian experience fueled by the power of an endless life, the life of Jesus Christ. Living a Christian experience yields a greater return on investment, both now and in eternity.

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Fall is also the magical time of the year that brings us SFA football games, the Homecoming Bonfire, Fall Fling at the Farmer's Market, and the beginning of holiday events that make our Downtown district a scene from a Hallmark movie.

This year Visit Nacogdoches is bringing you another fun event to add to your autumn plans. Our 3rd Full Moon Concert will be Friday, October 22nd at Festival Park, this time with a 60's/Beatles Tribute band! The FAB 5 looks and sounds like the real deal, this will be one you don't want to miss! Our last two concerts have been a big hit, with over 700 attendees including visitors from all over the state.

We're aware that not all individuals feel safe attending public events right now. This is an outdoor event with plenty of space to spread out. Here's how we're staying safe:

- Circles will be marked at Festival Park to encourage guests to space out and social distance.
- Multiple Hand Sanitizing stations will be available.
- Masks are encouraged and will be available for free at the entrances.
- Email reminders will be sent out to ask guests to stay home if they have any symptoms.

Tickets are available online at visitnacogdoches.org/summer21, and in person at the Charles Bright Visitor Center. They're \$10 per adult, \$5 for 17 and under in advance. Tickets go up to \$15 at the door.

Wear your best 60's outfit and don't forget to bring chairs or blankets to sit on! Coolers are not allowed but don't worry, we'll have food trucks and a full bar with refreshments for purchase.

Be sure to stay the whole weekend, the next day will have more fun in store. Tobaccodoches Cigar Festival, hosted by Nacogdoches Cigar Company, will be Saturday from 2-8pm. Tickets are available online through the Nacogdoches Cigar Company Facebook page!

Country musician Koe Wetzel will be live at the Nacogdoches Expo Center on Saturday, October 23rd! Tickets are moving fast so don't wait!

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by Hershel Dixon

(1) The Angelina County Genealogical Society will join the folks in Huntington by renting a booth on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Catfish Festival. Members manning the booth will have membership sign up applications for new members. Two other authors will be invited, too. Author Jamie Carter Bollich will also have copies of her African-American based novel *Arvetta* to sell and sign, the one she co-authored with Herman Wright, Jr. Two other authors will also be invited. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@gmail.com

(2) Area authors John Culea and Jerry Hopkins will discuss, sign, and sell their books on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the Six Saturdays series sponsored by the Allan Shivers Library and Museum in Woodville, Texas. One of John's three books he will bring is *What Is it About This Part of East Texas*, while Jerry's is *Especially For You*. Contact Carolyn Williams at (409) 283-0379 or ashivers.library@yahoo.com

(3) William "Bill" Lazenby will discuss the origins of Old Salem in Newton County, Texas, when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton, Texas. For more information, contact President Ruth Dusan at (936) 379-5694 or jrdusan@windstream.net or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@gmail.com

(4) A panel discussion with polio survivors will be the program for the October 18, 2021 program of the Angelina County Genealogical Society when it meets at the Fellowship Hall of Keltys United Methodist Church in Lufkin, Texas at 4 p.m. Be please be advised: this location could change by then. James Self, Joe Smith, Vernell Bonner, Joe Havard, and Darryl Standley have all been invited. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@gmail.com

To submit an item to this column email it to dixonhershel51@gmail.com by phone to (936) 671-1419 or by mail to Kissin' Kuzzins P. O. Box 151001 Lufkin Texas 75915-1001. For a book review mail a complimentary copy to the address just listed.



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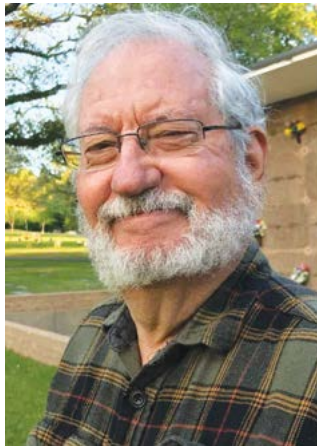
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A Little Bit of History... Happy Birthday, Ida Jane and Dee!

by Hershel Dixon

Born in Lufkin, Texas to Hershel and Kathleen (Hinson) Dixon, Dickie Dixon is a sixth generation with very strong roots in other parts of East Texas, too. On his father's side, his ancestors, the Fenleys, arrived in what is now Angelina County, and he died about a year later in what is called the Cordova Rebellion, an event whereby Dickie's great-great-grandmother gained an interest in the Old Stone Fort (or House). None of his family lines arrived in Angelina County later than the 1880s, and one of them, Stanislaw John Pauszek (later anglicized to Poskey) was a Polish immigrant.



Later in life, he studied history at SFASU, serving as a graduate assistant and grader to Dr. Archie P. McDonald, and he has spoken a few times at the historical organization over which McDonald was in charge. In 2016, Carolyn Erickson gave him permission to assume the editorship of her column, which he has sent on a weekly basis to a number of newspapers.

Being very curious, he is interested in all types of history, and I hope I can whet your appetite for history in the future.

October 12, 1954 is the birthday for two people in Lufkin: Ina Jane Thames and Dee Winston. What follows is the story of some events that happened to me with regard to the Thames family, with whom I have a special relationship, as you will see. A few years ago, while waiting for a funeral to begin, I discovered Dee Winston shared the very same birthday with Ina Jane. So, here's a happy birthday to both of you!

In late August of 1974 I loaded up everything I owned except my baseball card collection and my .22 rifle and headed to Dallas on a Saturday to start at Dallas Theological Seminary; it all fit perfectly in my white 1965 Corvair—the trunk full of books and clothes and the back seat laden with my two drawer file cabinet. On arriving late afternoon, I clambered up to the third floor of Lincoln Hall, formerly a YWCA dorm building, and learned where my dorm room was—right next door to a doctor's son from London, Ontario named Bob Scrimgeour. Because Bob had a date with a woman from London that night, I didn't get to talk to him long, but we connected.

Since the next day was Sunday, I went to the shower to get ready to go to church and passed Bob in the hallway on the way back to my room. I was incredulous when he said: "Last night I met the man who delivered you." Believe it or not, at an event at SMU he had met Dr. Thames, Ina Jane's Dad, who had in fact been the doctor who delivered me. I understood at the time that he and his wife were there because Ina Jane's sister was attending there.

Fast forward forty-four years to an evening at the Starbuck's in Lufkin. I was having coffee with Jackie Donaldson (not her name), when I saw Ina Jane drive by the patio. Flaggering her down, I asked her to come talk to us, whereupon I recounted the story of how Scrimgeour met her Dad the first night after I had arrived in Dallas. Then I said: "Her parents were there because her sister was attending SMU." Unhesitatingly Ina Jane responded: "No, Dickie, my sister was not attending there then. She is five years younger than me." (Ina Jane graduated from high school in 1972). Then, after forty four years of telling the story wrong, I discovered that the reason her parents were there was because Ina Jane's mother was an alumna of SMU.

Two morals accrue from this story. First, it is in fact a small world. Who would ever have thought that my next door neighbor in the dorm would have met the doctor who delivered me the night after I arrived. Second, keep telling your stories, and maybe one day you will get your facts straight!

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Angela's Monthly Recipe

Chicken and Dumplings

Angela Bradford is the owner/operator of Appleby Sand Mercantile Café in Nacogdoches.

- 1 whole chicken
- water
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- milk, about a cup or so

Make sure nothing is in the cavity of the chicken (like its neck). Put whole chicken in a large heavy pot and cover with water. Sprinkle salt and pepper. Boil until cooked adding water as needed, about 45 minutes. Remove chicken and let cool, then pull off bone and cut into chunks or shred. Keep water for later. In a bowl combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Cut the butter into the dry ingredients with a fork. Stir in the milk, mixing with a fork until the dough forms a ball. Heavily flour a work surface. You'll need a rolling pin and pizza cutter. Roll the dough out thin with a heavily floured rolling pin. Dip your cutter in flour and cut the dumplings in squares about 2x2. They will all be a little different shape and size. Put them on a heavily floured plate as you cut them. Just keep flouring between the layers of dumplings. Once dumplings are made and chicken is chopped, bring the broth to a boil. Drop the dumplings in one at a time, stirring while you add them. The extra flour on them will help thicken the broth. Cook them for about 15-20 minutes or until they are not doughy tasting. Taste for flavor, add more salt or pepper as needed. Add the cooked chicken to the pot and you're done!

Recipe courtesy of Angela Bradford's Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' Cookbook. You may purchase the book by contacting her at 936.559.5151

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Wednesday, October 13th is KTRE Ride-A-Mania Night. Armbands for unlimited rides are sold from 6pm-10pm for \$25. The Midway will be open from 4pm-11pm, vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3pm-9pm.

Thursday, October 14th is FOX 51 - KETK Buddy Night. One person buys ride tickets, two can ride! (No Armbands) The Midway will be open from 4pm-11pm. Vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3pm-9pm.

Friday, October 15th is Pilgrim's - Early Bird Special. Gates open at 1pm free admission until 3:00 pm. After 3:00pm, admission is \$5.00. Early Bird armbands from 2PM-5PM for unlimited rides are \$15, or 6:00PM – CLOSE unlimited armbands are \$25. The Midway will be open from 1pm-11pm. Vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3pm-10pm.

Saturday, October 16th there are armband specials. Admissions is \$5.00 per person. The Ag Mechanics sale will begin at 3pm in Barn 1. The Junior Tractor Pull registration begins at 4pm in the Civic Center. The midway will be open from 12pm-11pm. Vendors in the civic center will be open 11am-10pm. The Pineywoods Premium Sale will begin at 6pm in the main arena.

Sunday, October 17th is Evans United Shows Appreciation Day. Armbands for unlimited rides are only \$25 in two separate sessions from 1pm-5pm or 6pm-10pm. Midway opens at 1:00 pm. Vendors in the civic center will be open from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

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It is that time again! The leaves start to turn red, orange, and brown ahhh, fall is in the air! That also means it is time for the Sassafras Festival here in San Augustine. Yes, that's right, we are very proud to announce that our 31st annual Sassafras Festival will be happening here in San Augustine on our historic downtown square on October 23rd! We will have several things for the kiddos to do such as a mechanical bull ride, bungee ride, barrel train ride, and much more. There will be plenty of funnel cakes and cotton candy, so yummy, lots and lots of food and craft vendors as well. Every year at the Sassafras Festival we have the "Rae Estes" BBQ Cook-Off and last year for the first time it is now sanctioned by the Lone Star BBQ Society. That's right, if you can BBQ then you need to come on over to San Augustine and show us what you got. You could be the lucky winner of \$1000 cash! There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category and more! Be sure to get signed up for the photography contest and Halloween costume contest too.

If you would like to be a vendor at the Sassafras Festival please feel free to call 936-275-3610 or email saccc611@gmail.com for an application. If you have any questions we will be happy to answer them for you.

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by Robert McCandless

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Go to YouTube, look at player videos (both pro and amateur), watch instructional videos. It's all over the internet. Every park area in larger, and many smaller, cities have built new courts and converted old tennis courts into multiple smaller ones to play the rapidly growing sport of Pickleball.

Nacogdoches will host an inaugural fundraiser tournament on October 23 at the C. L. Simon Recreation Center at 1114 North St. free to the public in an effort to raise funds for pickleball courts at Maroney Park, home of the newly installed Splashadoches waterpark.

A great sport for the rapidly aging generation of "Boomers" as well as anyone who likes tennis and racketball but wants a smaller area to play (Pickleball court is roughly 1/4 the size of a tennis court).

Since March, Nacogdoches has seen it's increase in interest of the game as it began with four players meeting in the gym at First Christian Church on Mound, and has now spread to over twenty players who meet pretty regularly at the C. L. Simon Rec Center on North St. almost every morning from 9 to noon for play on two inside courts for the fee of 2 dollars with all equipment provided. Play has grown to include those who have day jobs by using the two lighted outside courts in Banita Creek Park (by the dog park) any time one has a net and can gather someone else to play. A Facebook page, NACOGDOCHES PICKLEBALL, can be used to communicate with over 60 members as to who has a net, (you can borrow a net, paddle and balls from the rec center, too) and is willing to meet for play. Many of us have paddles and balls for those wanting to try it out. Great thing about living in Nac; no one lives too far away not to respond to an impromptu game.

If you are interested in the game and want to watch and see if you're interested, please check out the above Facebook site and come watch us play or pick up a paddle and hit the ball. We would love to have you come, watch, play, or even teach our newly formed band of beginners. Beware your game though, some really good players have appeared, seemingly from nowhere, as old tennis and racquetball players begin making the transition.

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Greetings from the Expo!

Well, the **37th Annual Texas State Forest Festival September 16-19**, presented by Brookshire Brothers, was a success! Even with some scaled back elements for the sake of public safety and health, the response was great. The food vendors provided some outstanding offerings and the midway was full of fun rides!

Did you know one of the main differences between sea lions and seals is that sea lions have earlobes? Strange that I should know that, but everyone that took the opportunity to see the **Sea Lion Splash Show at the Forest Festival** learned it too! Trained Sea Lions. In Lufkin. At the Expo. This is a great job I have!

The **Expo Staff, Debbie Lee, Arlondo Crawford, Ahmad Coleman and Quentin Thompson** have put in many hours to have the place ready for the TSFF. The Expo is a revolving door of events, each with a particular set of needs and unique setup. To get this facility completely turned around and cleaned up from Monday-Thursday and be show ready on Friday when most events move in is a tremendous task. Most of this work takes place out of public view. Our staff deals with tight schedules, demanding physical work and difficult personalities (in some cases, mine). They do it all with grace and enthusiasm. When you come out to the Expo for an event, take a second and say "howdy."

When this issue hits the newsstands, we will be having the **Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo Finals October 2-3**.

We are fast becoming the headquarters of youth rodeo in Eastern Texas and Western Louisiana. The TYRRA has been around for several years and has chosen Lufkin to hold their annual event. This two day event will attract 2,000-3,000 spectators and fill 350-400 horse stalls. That's lots of horses and contestants!

Looking forward to the rest of October, we welcome a new youth rodeo association to Lufkin. On **October 9-10**, the **Lone Star Little Britches Youth Rodeo Association** will hold one of several regular season rodeos here at the Expo, bringing contestants, spectators and lots of rodeo rigs to Lufkin.

October 16-17, the **Pineywoods Youth Rodeo Association** comes back to town. Ages 3-19 will compete all weekend long.

October 23-24 welcomes the **Texas Junior High School Rodeo Association**. This is one stop for these young cowboys and cowgirls on their way to the State finals in Gonzales and then on to the National Junior High Finals.

We will finish out the month with the **Ark-La-Tex Longhorn Breeders Association's Annual Fall World Qualifying Show October 29-31**. You will get to see some of the best examples of classic Texas Longhorns anywhere. In fact, since the show falls during Halloween, there is even a costume class!

Make plans to come out and attend.

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Fall Comes in With a Bang at Lufkin Chamber

The 37th annual Texas State Forest Festival, presented by Brookshire Brothers, marked the beginning of fall last month. The carnival rides & games, festival sweets & treats, sea lions and reptiles brought thousands of locals to fair grounds as we celebrated annual traditions and made new memories with friends and family.



Check out Facebook and Instagram @TXForestFestival as we recap the festival on social media with photos and videos. We had a wonderful time as we ate funnel cakes, drank lemonade, danced to some country tunes, rode the Ferris wheel, and so much more. A one-day spring festival will be happening in a few months, so stay tuned for more info coming soon.

Talking about events in East Texas, October is as busy as ever as our calendar is filled with exciting happenings occurring soon. Let's dive in and take a look at what's going on at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce this month.

Silver Spike Award Presentation

The October First Friday Luncheon will be held Friday, Oct. 1 at 12 PM at the Crown Colony Country Club, Lufkin. The presenting speaker will be: Jeffrey Hamaker, MD - General Surgeon. His presentation is titled: "Healing Close to Home: St. Luke's Commitment to Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgical Options." The luncheon is also the annual Jack O. (Butch) McMullen Silver Spike Award Presentation, where the Chamber honors a Leadership Lufkin graduate of at least 10 years who has excelled in their role as a leader in all areas of their life. We can't wait to recognize a graduate who has made a wonderful impact on Lufkin/Angelina County. Reserve your spot at LufkinTexas.org, email RSVP@LufkinTexas.org, or call 936-634-6644.

Women's Networking Luncheon

The upcoming Women's Networking Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crown Colony Country Club with a focus on breast cancer awareness in a panel discussion titled "Full Support." Attendees will hear from Ashley Berry, Breast Cancer Survivor and founder of East Texas Cancer Alliance of Hope, and Dr. Kaywin Carter, who specializes in Obstetrics and Gynecology and works at Women's Health and Maternity at St. Luke's Health-Memorial. Plus, more speakers. Reserve your spot at LufkinTexas.org, email RSVP@LufkinTexas.org, or call 936-634-6644.

Elected Officials Reception

Join us for the Elected Officials Reception on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m. as we celebrate all of our locally and state elected officials. Plus, the evening will also be a Cheers with the Chamber hosted by Crown Colony Country Club. Come out to enjoy drinks, food, and door prizes as we celebrate our elected officials and learn more about Crown Colony.

Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 12 PM at the Chamber for the Lufkin Leadership Alumni Association. Attendees will hear from Bonnie Denman, a graduate of Leadership Lufkin. She will discuss how the program has impacted her life and career. Reserve your spot at LufkinTexas.org, email RSVP@LufkinTexas.org, or call 936-634-6644.

Chamber FIRST

The Chamber FIRST will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Chamber at 12 p.m. Attendees will hear from Trey McWilliams, Owner of McWilliams and Son Heating & Air Conditioning. He will discuss accounting for revenue and how expenses can help keep your business running smoothly. Plus, he will also discuss how you can make sure you are maintaining proper bookkeeping and have a basic knowledge of business finances. To learn more, email Director of Events & Engagement, Tara Hendrix at THendrix@LufkinTexas.org.

Chamber University

The next Chamber University will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chamber. The featured speaker will be John Riley, U Bank Chief Human Resources Officer, SHRM-CP. The presentation title is "HR's Role: In Driving Organizational Success." He will cover turnover trends, interviewing skills and employee discipline. Reserve your spot at LufkinTexas.org, email RSVP@LufkinTexas.org, or call 936-634-6644.

Power Networking Breakfast

The October Power Networking Breakfast will be held Friday, Oct. 22 at 8 a.m. at the Chamber. We will hear from East Texas Business Solutions. More info will be coming soon.

Plus, there is so much more happening at the Chamber. Follow along on social media at @LufkinChamber. Make sure to visit LufkinTexas.org for more events and happenings in Lufkin/Angelina County.

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Dennis McDuffie – Giving Back to His Country By Serving His Country

As told to Terri Lacher



Born and raised in Nacogdoches, Dennis McDuffie is the son of Ralph and Louise McDuffie. He graduated from Nacogdoches High School in 1965, and he enlisted in the U.S Navy Reserves in 1966. Following his training, including boot camp in San Diego, California, Dennis left for active duty in November of 1967. He trained aboard the USS Hyman (DD723). While in San Diego he went to Quartermaster School, and was assigned to be an enlisted navigator. His responsibilities included the ship navigation, steering, weather reports, and keeping the ship's log.



Following his training in San Diego, Dennis was assigned to the USS Procyon (AF-61), which had its home port out of Oakland Naval Air Station. During his time aboard this ship, it was deployed twice to Vietnam and Southeast Asia, their mission to resupply ships at sea and installations along the Vietnamese coast line. He also was assigned watch duties on board the Procyon.

"The cruises lasted approximately six months each. We spent the majority of the time on Yankee Station, which was the staging area for Naval operations with aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, and other service ships. At the time the Procyon held the record for the most ships resupplied at sea," Dennis said. Their final cruise was spent on Yankee Station for thirty days of constant resupply.

"Yankee Station was a fixed coordinate approximately 100 miles off the coast of Vietnam where U.S. Navy aircraft carriers and support ships loitered in open waters over a nine-year period during the Vietnam War. It was later moved to approximately 145 miles offshore in 1966." (Wikipedia)

Dennis graduated in 1971 from Stephen F. Austin, following his return from active duty in the U. S. Navy. Dennis remained active in the Naval Reserves until 1972. He then spent one year working for the Nacogdoches County Adult Probation Office until November of 1973. By that time he had married, and he and his wife had a new baby. He made a decision to go into the US Air Force, considering making it a career.

"I liked the idea of flying and being part of the nation's defense." After

completion of Officer Training School, Dennis was accepted into the USAF Navigator Training at McClellan Air Force Base out of Sacramento, California.

"It seemed like a natural fit as I had been a ship navigator in the U.S. Navy. I also completed winter survival training and water survival training. In 1974, I completed combat crew training and reported to my first duty assignment at Grissom Air Force Base, in Indiana," Dennis shared. He continued pursuing his education while in the service, earning a degree in 1977 from Ball State University with a Master of Public Administration degree.

In 1974, Dennis received his Navigator wings and was assigned to the Strategic Air Command to fly the KC-135A, a tanker aircraft that did mid-air refueling of B-52s, fighter aircraft, and recon aircraft such as the AR-71 and U2. It was his job to plot the plane's course in order to bring both the plane and receiver together for refueling. This required that their crew be on call 24/7, alert, and rotating with other shifts in order to be prepared to go to war in case the United States was attacked. This was the "rapid response system used during the Cold War to defend the country and strike back at the enemy." They also stood watch over the satellite alert duty in Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada.

Dennis said, "Each year we were to task to ferry fighters across the Atlantic. My crew also saw duty assignments with NATO and our European allies."

On one of their assignments, Dennis and the crew were on a rescue mission to locate a small propeller-driven plane off the coast of Spain that had lost its navigational equipment and transponder, leaving their aircraft with no idea where they were. The aircraft Dennis flew in was a jet, which made the rescue of the smaller, propeller-driven plane that much more difficult. They finally located the small plane on the radar. They then were able to slow down their jet speed just enough to fly underneath the plane, leading the small plane back to safety.



"That was one of the times when all your training and prep work kicks in and you complete your mission regardless of the circumstances," Dennis stated.

On another training mission, they were on their way to re-fuel a B-52.

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As Dennis was talking with the navigator on the B-52, they lost their transmission all of a sudden, and their receiver (aircraft) disappeared from the radar screen. Apparently, the receiver (the B-52) had blown up behind them, killing everyone aboard.

Dennis stayed in the Air Force until 1980, when he decided to pursue a career as a city manager. He still continued his time in the Air Force Intelligence Reserve.

"I became a city manager in four different cities in California, and four in Texas, a total of thirty-six years. I don't regret a day in my military service. It provided me with real training that prepared me for real life situations and challenges. It gave me an education through the G.I. Bill that led me into a lifetime career of service as a city manager. I got to serve with a lot of dedicated and honorable men and women. It was truly one of the best experiences of my life," Dennis said.



Kathy and Dennis McDuffie

Dennis McDuffie has been retired since 2016. He and his wife Kathy live in Beaumont, Texas. They have seven children between them and eleven grandchildren. His time is now spent as a husband, father, and grandfather, but he remembers that his experience in the service was positive and enriching.

"The world has turned many times since the Vietnam and Cold War eras. War and waging of war has changed. However, I would encourage anyone to serve their country. You will be giving back and your life will be enriched by the experience," Dennis shared.



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Chief Keith Kiplinger – Living A Dream

by Terri Lacher, talacher@sbcglobal.net



Chief Keith Kiplinger of the Nacogdoches Fire Department knew from a very early age what he wanted to do with his life as an adult. At the age of four years old, he announced to his family that he was going to be a fireman when he grew up. That vision and goal never changed. He grew up in North Dallas, and became a firefighter and a paramedic in 1988.



Fire Chief Keith Kiplinger

In 1989 he moved to Nacogdoches, where he met his wife, Ashley, who was a student at that time at Stephen F. Austin. He served both the City and County of Nacogdoches as a firefighter, paramedic and peace officer from 1989 to the year 2000. Ashley taught school for four years and then pursued her dream of being a flight attendant. In 2000, they moved to the Houston area where their daughter, Katy, was born. During those years in Houston, Kiplinger served as a Fire Marshall and Director of Public Safety and Community Development for the City of Dickinson in Galveston County. In 2006, the Kiplingers returned to Nacogdoches, where Keith accepted a job with the City of Nacogdoches Fire Department as Fire Chief, and Katy attended Nacogdoches schools.

Over the years, Chief Kiplinger went to several schools related to firefighting. He attended the Fire Academy at Lamar University in Beaumont, and Paramedic School at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. He also attended the Police Academy at Kilgore College. He obtained his Bachelor Degree in Public Safety Management from St. Edward's University in Austin. But his education did not end there. As a Fire Chief and firefighter, he must maintain various licenses and certifications necessary to do the job, which requires taking over one hundred hours of continuing education each year.

According to their web page, "the Nacogdoches Fire and Rescue serves the city from five fire stations. The department employs fifty-eight uniformed firefighters, two civilians, and numerous volunteer support

personnel."

"The City of Nacogdoches is protected by three twenty-four hour shifts that begin and end at 7:00 am. Each shift is staffed by seventeen firefighters and a battalion chief who serves as shift commander. Firefighters are certified by the Texas Commission on Fire protection and as emergency medical technicians or paramedics by the Texas Department of State Health Services." (nactx.us website)

"The job of the fire chief is varied. For the last eighteen months, I have been focused on the COVID situation in our community. A typical day involves meeting with other City department directors, developers, and firefighters, along with community members. Ensuring that our performance meets national standards regarding response times and quality of service is also important," said Chief Kiplinger. There are also additional aspects of being the fire chief. He is responsible for the budget, managing capital projects and working with the internal teams. Chief Kiplinger is also responsible for overseeing the training of the firefighters.

"They (the firefighters) are training constantly. The training is a combination of advanced certification training, company level training, shift level training and organization-wide training. Additionally, we encourage our firefighters to constantly continue their formal education and pursue additional college degrees," Chief Kiplinger stated.



Chief Kiplinger at a "push in" ceremony for Engine #4

Firefighters typically work a twenty-four hour shift every three days, led by Battalion Chiefs who serve as shift commanders. Although the

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City of Nacogdoches does not have volunteer fire fighters, they support (and are supported by) the volunteer fire departments in the rural areas of Nacogdoches County.

When asked about what he liked most about his job, Chief Kiplinger responded, "The best thing about my job is watching our firefighters make a positive difference in our community every day and knowing I have some small part of enabling that. Ultimately, it is my job to make sure they have the knowledge, skills, abilities, and tools necessary to provide the highest level of service and then get out of the way and let them do it."

One of the hardest things about being a firefighter is the time spent away from their families and working on weekends, holidays, and special occasions. But,

their commitment to the safety and well-being of the community shows in their willingness to put themselves often in dangerous or hazardous conditions because of their dedication. There are also times in a firefighter's day that they are faced with seeing tragic events. There is great satisfaction, however, when they are on the job and they've been able to help those in need around them, whether it is an accident scene or a house fire.



Chief Kiplinger with his father, Dale, in 2020

The Mission Statement of the Nacogdoches Fire Department says, "It is the mission of the Fire Department to protect and enhance the quality of life in Nacogdoches through a comprehensive program of services directed toward public education, prevention, and control in areas of fire, rescue, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and disasters."

Chief Kiplinger has spent his career in upholding these values. When not wearing his "fire chief" hat, Chief Kiplinger said he loves to cook (and eat), travel and spend time with his family. Daughter, Katy is now a junior at Texas A&M.

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Shriners – The Men in the Funny Little Red Hats

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Last year we told a story how the Shriners of Nacogdoches had helped one of the local children, Katelyn Rose, bringing her out of her wheelchair and out on the dance floor, competing in dance recitals to her heart's content. Her success story is one of thousands of kids each year around the world who have received help through Shriners International, bringing hope and encouragement to the children, and their families.

The Shriners International is a fraternity which began in Manhattan in 1870. Walter M. Fleming, MD, and Billy Florence, an actor, thought their group needed a little fun as well, and that is where the red fez with a black tassel was introduced as the official headgear. Today, there are "hundreds of thousands of Shriners" spreading their goodwill and support all over the world. It is based on having fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth with nearly 200 temples (chapters) in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world. Their fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life. For every dollar that is donated, 91 cents go to the cause. The charity has \$32.8m in funding reserves, which can cover annual grant costs for around 2.1 years.

The Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Their backgrounds and interests are diverse, but they are bound together by their shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

Shriners Hospitals for Children conduct clinical research in every area of care, including orthopedic disorders, burns, spinal cord injury treatment, and cleft lip and palate. These ongoing clinical studies are possible in large part because these hospitals are among the only facilities of their kind with a large population of children who have a variety of conditions. In many cases, what is learned in these research studies is able to be applied and shared right away so that care is constantly improving. The very first Shriners Hospital was actually built in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Nacogdoches Shriner Association was chartered on May 30, 1979. The local Shrine Club is under the jurisdiction of Sharon Temple of Tyler. All Shriners are under the jurisdiction of Shriners International located in Tampa, Florida. The Imperial Potentate is both president and chief executive officer at Shriners International. The local chapter is headed by a president and list of officers.

Shriner, Robert Parrish, spoke of his involvement with the Shriners. He has been a member of the Nacogdoches Shriner Association since 2007.



Robert Parrish in a little red Funny Car with Katelyn Rose Grumbles.

"I had been a master mason for several years. I was asked by some of the group that formed the local chapter to be a founding member, but my work schedule kept me from being fully active at that time. I was acquainted with some of these people that were forming the Nacogdoches Shriner Association," Mr. Parrish said. "Oren Simpson came to my house one day and I signed a petition for initiation. I have been blessed ever since. I have met a lot of great people since. It is very fulfilling to be able to help the children I have been able to get help for. I love them all."

Robert Parrish became one of the hospital van drivers. His job was to transport the children to the different hospitals around the state for treatment. Those hospitals include Shreveport, the original and first hospital, Houston, and Galveston, and the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

"There has been a lot of changes in the hospital systems over the years. The requirements for getting help from the hospitals a few years ago required a two page questionnaire, but now all you need to do is call a telephone number," Mr. Parrish said. "The hospitals now treat a lot more than was possible several years ago. It is amazing the problems they can treat now."

Locally, Mr. Parrish and others are very grateful for the support given by business owners, such as Angela Bradford, owner of the Appleby Sand Café, and others, who have given much help and support to Shriners.

"I would also like to thank David Stallings for his contribution to help me with advertisements. He saved me from driving many miles. He is a fine man, and Donna McCollom and KTRE for their years of support of the Nacogdoches Shriners Club," Mr. Parrish said. "I-Hop Restaurants also raised many thousands of dollars for Shriners hospitals."

Another member is Calvin Taylor. He has been a Mason for fifty years and became a Shriner five years ago when he moved to Nacogdoches. He has had the "honor and privilege" to serve as Shrine President for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

Another member Gregg "Buck" Payne is a fairly new Shriner. He has worked the East/West Shrine football game for approximately fifteen years. This game is a showcase for college all-stars to be scouted by NFL teams. Mr. Parrish said, "Buck is a great worker for the Nacogdoches Shrine Club and also the E. W. Shrine game as the West All Stars equipment manager."



Greg "Buck" Payne and a Shriner's Child (no names are allowed)

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There are a number of founding members of the local chapter, some of which have passed away since the formation in 1979. They are Shriners because they believe in what the organization does, and they are dedicated to helping families with children who otherwise would not have had any help, bringing hope and encouragement, with a little bit of fun thrown in as well.

"I just love the kids," Mr. Parrish said. He has been to the hospitals around the state, including the hospitals whose burn units have children with severe burns. His greatest thrill, he said, with tears welling up in his eyes, was to see the smiles on the faces of children they have had the privilege of providing transportation and help for all around the state.

The fund raisers range from dinners supplied by local restaurants, raffles for different items, and rental income of their facilities. Most are familiar with and have had fun at the Shriners' Circus, which recently made its rounds in various East Texas locations. At one location, Mr. Parrish said that a family came up to him and thanked him for all the work the Shriners do for the children and their families. Their son had already had four surgeries for a cleft palate, and was still going to have another, but they were so grateful for the support and help from the Shriners.

Whether they are driving around in a little car during a local parade, or driving a van with children to Texas area Shriners Hospitals, you can be assured they do what they do, because their hearts are big and they love the children. Their success stories toward families receiving the medical attention they need are brought about by a group of men in funny little red hats with little black tassels, and hearts of gold.



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MONUMENT CORNER

We travel back to Nacogdoches County this month and check out the monument for the Old Spanish Cemetery. The monument is on the east-facing retaining wall outside the Nacogdoches County Courthouse. The marker reads as follows:

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Cheetos and 42

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.



Both my parents and paternal grandparents were avid 42 players, and I was introduced to this domino game at an early age. I began my 42 career around age eight or nine - they waited until I learned to count and cipher.

My grandmother, Mary Murphy, was a very serious player, you know the type who hates to lose, counts all the dominoes, and will know who has what domino in their hand. I never advanced to her level of proficiency.

My parents hosted "42 parties" at least once a month. They had enough room in the house to set up four or five tables. We had great fun with the winners of one table taking on the winners of another table until the champion team evolved.

It seems that after evening church services many times the pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Bro. Russell Smith, would join us for several games. I recall him to be the most avid player of all time. He would make very high bids with hardly any good dominoes. I enjoyed seeing him in action.



Brother Russell Smith

Sometime before 1950 my mother introduced a new snack to the domino tables. It was a cheese snack named "Chee-toes." I fell in love with these morsels and consumed more than my share every time. This new snack was touted as "a cheese-flavored cornmeal snack" by their maker Frito-Lay Company. The snack was introduced to the market in 1948 along with a potato snack, "Fritatos." I don't recall the latter product as it must have had a short life. I still enjoy a sack of Cheetos from time to time.

My 42 career continued during my college days. I lived at a boarding house and a game was usually going most of the day. I recall that we would begin playing soon after lunch and play continuously until midnight. Some of us even cut our lab classes in order to play 42 uninterrupted.

I learned later on in my career that 42 is definitely a Texas domino game. When in Colorado most people admitted that they had never heard of the game. We found several transplanted Texas families and formed a 42 club. We enjoyed the game one night a month, rotating to different homes. All the couples were from Texas except a lone Louisiana pair. We felt that they were close enough to Texas to qualify for acceptance.

I truly think that playing 42 helped me learn to count, to concentrate, and most importantly, how to lose gracefully. Eating a Cheetos snack did not hurt anything, either.

Saints Rest Cemetery Homecoming

CANCELLED

Saints Rest Cemetery Asso. Homecoming that was to be held Sunday, Oct 3rd, has been CANCELLED DUE TO THE SURGE OF THE DELTA VARIANT OF CORONA VIRUS.

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CAP News

by Capt Richard Block, Public Affairs Officer
CAP Nacogdoches Squadron



Cadet SSgt Abel Ketchen prepares a rocket for launch assisted by Senior Member Akil Daniel.



A rocket built by a CAP Cadet launches.

Five Cadets from the Nacogdoches Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron finished the CAP Model Rocketry Program September 11th by firing rockets they built at a farm east of Nacogdoches. The rockets climbed as high as 1,000 feet and safely parachuted back to the ground to be reused by the cadets. Each cadet fired several different size rockets with solid state motors.

The cadets spent the last 6 months progressing through the CAP Model Rocketry Program. The program curriculum is made up of 3 phases, each phase consisting of a test and a hands-on activity. Each phase taught the cadets certain aspects of rocketry, including the history of rockets, and in depth look at Newton's Laws of Motion, and model rocketry safety codes. The hands-on activity included building multiple types of model rockets.

The five cadets who launched their rockets Saturday earned their Rocket Badge. Five other cadets have built their rockets and will earn the badge after they complete their flights at a later date.

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Sat, Oct. 16th & Sun, Oct. 17th
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Friday, October 22nd 11am-2pm
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