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## Fun Pickings at Texas Blueberry Festival

Looking for the perfect plan for the berry best experience at the 33rd Annual Texas Blueberry Festival presented by Tipton Ford? You won't go wrong taking tips from the festival Chair Grace Handler!

Check out Grace's checklist for a delicious listing of activities - all available on Saturday, June 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Nacogdoches.

★ **RIDE A BRONCO - NEW** for this year, take a simulated ride in the **Ford Bronco Raptor Simulator** at Ultra4 off-road races! Equipped with TV monitors in place of windshields and hydraulics that simulate the finely tuned suspension of the Bronco Raptor, passengers will not only experience the visuals but the actual motion that the Ford racers feel! You will find the ride in the City Parking Lot near E. Main and Mound street intersection.

While you're there, take a stroll through Tipton Ford's **Sasquatch Off-Road Adventure Club**, named for the famous and elusive beast. You may catch a sighting of the giant, human-like animal hanging out with the club.

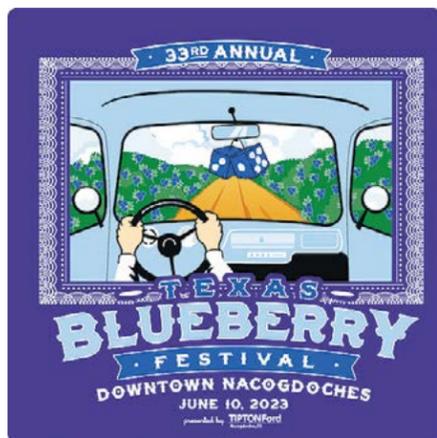
You are guaranteed to see some prancing pets at the **True Blue Pet Parade** at that intersection at 10 a.m.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and no cost to enter. No charge to participate.

Tipton Ford also brings what has become a tradition for many, the **Blueberry Festival Ford F1 Truck Photo Op** packed with blueberries and located in front of the downtown visitor center at 200 E. Main. Whether pics with family, friends or selfies, you will capture a special moment at the F1.

★ **EAT SOME SWEET TREATS** - Drop in to the **Blueberry Soda & Sweet Shoppe**, open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Regions Bank, 300 E. Main St. Enjoy sweet blueberry-inspired treats in cool, air-conditioned comfort, including the **NEW menu addition, Blueberry Red Bull Melt Down** along with blueberry lemonade, iced coffee, loaf cake, turnovers and more from Grandough Bakery!

Take time to feast your eyes on creative baking creations at **Blueberry Cup-**



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## Ray's Drive-In — An East Texas Icon

by Terri Lacher  
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Ask anyone who grew up in the Pineywoods of East Texas where the best place is to get a burger, and the answer comes quickly. Ray's Drive-In, dine in, carry-out, or taking advantage of the cutest and friendliest car hop around, it is a dining experience you won't want to miss. For nearly sixty-five years, Ray's has been the go-to place for burgers, fries, and their famous onion rings. Their faithful customers can't say enough good things.

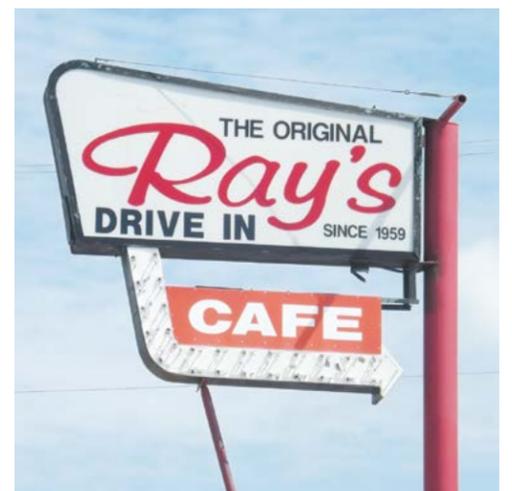
"Was my favorite place to get a cheeseburger and fries in the late 1960s-early '70s, and it remains so. Back then it was just a drive-in car-hop service (flash your lights when ready to order)."

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"Where should I begin, the onion rings are the BEST! The double cheeseburger was huge, and the taste was perfect! Move over chain burger joints! You're going to love it!"

When we met Lawana Ray Johnson on a Friday around 11:00 am, the café was already beginning to have customers stroll in. Within thirty minutes, it would be filled, and lines would be formed from the counter to the entrance. And that was just

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## BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

cake Battle in the **NEW Regions Bank Community Room location** (entrance on Pilar St.). If you make it there at 10:30 a.m., carve out some time for **Cookin' Up the Blues** with local cooks Claudann Jones and Dr. Mary Olle, who will whip up tasty blueberry delights, offer blueberry cooking tips and answer questions from the audience in their cooking demonstrations. Sponsored by Pilgrim's Nacogdoches.

The **Kiwanis Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** is back on the brick streets at the E. Main and N. Pecan intersection. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and lasts til they're gone! \$7/plate.

Attendees have options for taking home their own blueberries. Drive over to the **Pick Your Own Blueberries at The Blueberry Place farm**, 451 CR 2052, and pick berries off the bush for \$1.50/pound, cash or check only. Sponsored by Eaton Cooper Power Systems, Inc. At the festival, grab a flat of Fresh Blueberries for Sale and other goodies by Brookshire Brothers at the intersection of Pilar and Pecan streets.

★ **FIND OUT WHAT'S IN FESTIVAL PARK** - Tons of fun activities are "down the hill" in the grassy, shady park. Walk through an impressive collection of showcase vehicles at the **Vehicle Funcase Car Show**, and vote on the **NEW People's Choice Award!** Sponsored by RV Outfitters of Texas.

Watch or enter to win the **Blue Washer Board Tournament** that begins at 10 a.m. Pre-registration online or in-person at CL Simon Recreation Center. Sponsored by Badders Law Firm.

**Activities for Kids** in Festival Park. Vendors and activities that include: **NEW event** Touch a Tractor, train rides, the Kids' KSWP/KAVX Obstacle Course and Cool Zone, Kids Splash & Bounce Park, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides.

★ **SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS** - Dive into the **Blue Pies Smiling at Me Pie Eating Contest!** Adults and children competitions will run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contestants should plan to come hungry and leave messy! Event by McWilliams & Son Heating, Cooling & Plumbing.

Grab a chance to have a little **Pickleball Play** and get to know the sport that is sweeping the nation! Everyone has an opportunity to pick up a paddle and play as well as watch demonstrations. Open to children and adults, and the event is located at Banita Creek Park Pickleball Courts, 501 Pearl St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Partner up with running buddies, the two and four-legged, for **Running of the Blueberries**. The fun run offers 10K and 5K route options, or a gentler 1-mile route perfect for families, children and dog walkers.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. for the **Paul Kendrick Memorial 42 Tourney**,

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Texas Blueberry Festival attendees can start the day at the Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, and U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions plans to join this year as a pancake flippin' volunteer.

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★ **BONUS! MORE BLUEBERRY EVENTS TO ENJOY!**

**Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park** - The Texas Blueberry Festival kicks off with a bluegrass concert, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Festival Park in downtown Nacogdoches. This free family-friendly concert will feature three well-known musical acts, The Little Roy and Lizzy Show, The Purple Hulls and The Blake Brothers, as well as a special appearance by up-and-coming group the Gent Mountain Grassburs, who are sure to make you smile!

**Sunday Blueberry Brunch** – Wrap up the weekend with a tasty brunch served from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on Sunday, June 11 at Stone House Kitchen, 312 E. Main St. in historic downtown Nacogdoches. \$25/person.

Grace wishes all a beautiful blueberry experience and hopes to see you on the second Saturday in June. Her last piece of advice, “Go to TexasBlueberry-Festival.com for event details, or utilize the Nac for That app available at Visit-Nacogdoches.org. Follow the festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We don’t want you to miss a beat of the tastiest festival in Texas!”

**RAY’S DRIVE-IN**

the early traffic. Lawana then ushered us across the back of the building to her office just a few yards away.

“We were so blessed about four years ago to buy this piece of property,” Lawana said. She and Jan now share a new office space next to the café where they can get paperwork and phone calls done without the hustle and bustle of the restaurant. Prior to the move, they shared a tiny space in the “three door building” which holds freezers, supplies, and the “batter room” where the world-famous onion rings get prepared by experienced help to maintain the great flavor everyone loves to come back for.

“At one point in the 1960s, there were drive-ins all up and down the street,” Lawana recalled. She remembered several including Sadler’s, A & W Rootbeer, Read’s, and the Rio.

Ray’s Drive-In Café was one of the only survivors from over the years of the many businesses on Timberland. It was originally known as Dave’s Dairy Kreme, owned, and operated by Dave Boles. He was also the owner of Boles’ Market, and he juggled the operation of both businesses.

Lawana said “In 1959, he approached my father-in-law, JC Ray and said to him, ‘JC, you need to own this restaurant.’” After a brief negotiation, he talked to JC, who had never been in any restaurant business, about purchasing his restaurant. JC went to the bank, got his loan and then he and his wife, Opal, bought Dave’s. Ten days later, JC returned to the bank and told them, “I made a huge mistake.” He was reassured he would do well, and to get back and make “burgers.”

Ray’s became the family business. Everyone worked, including his wife,

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Randy



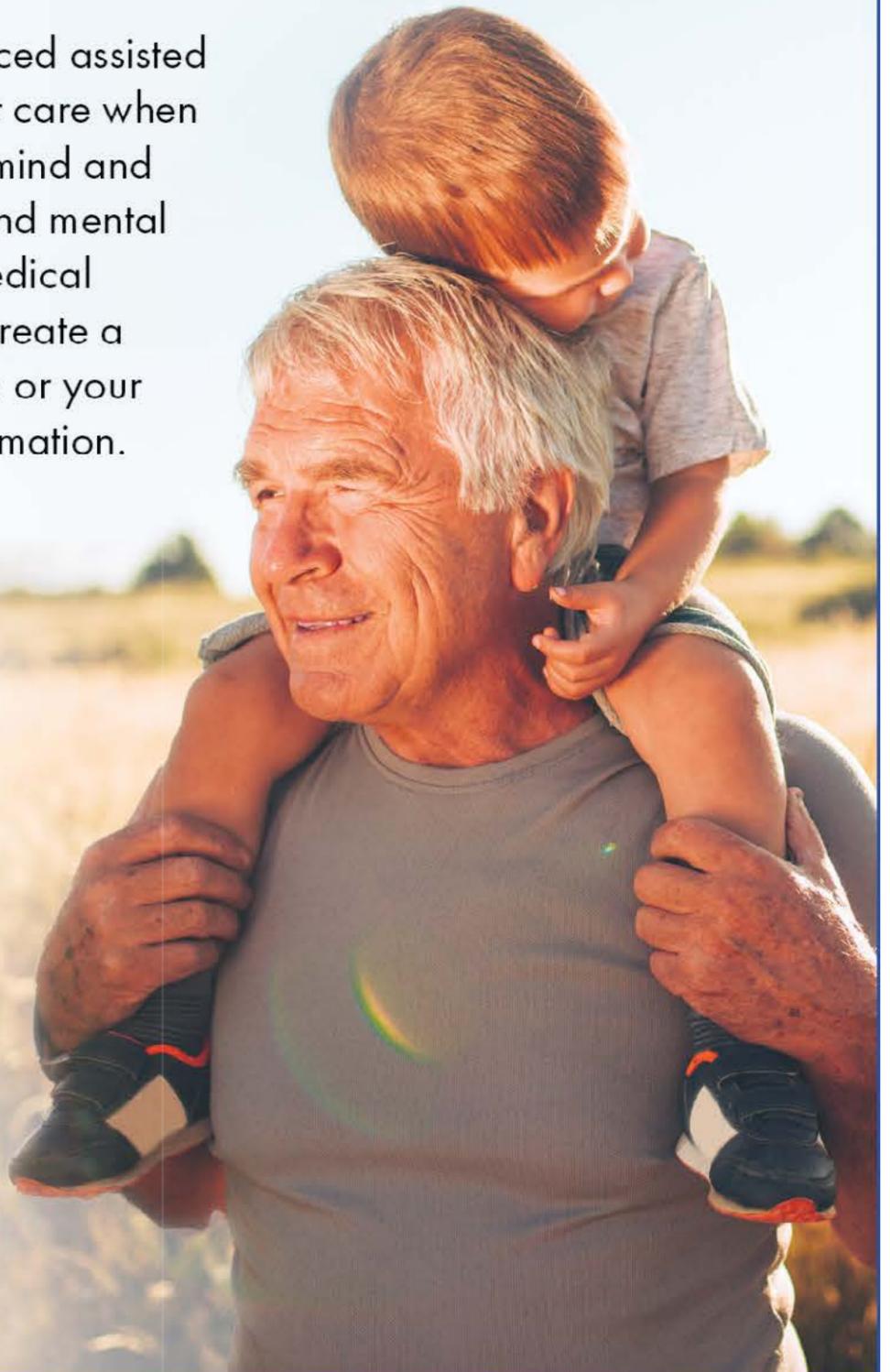
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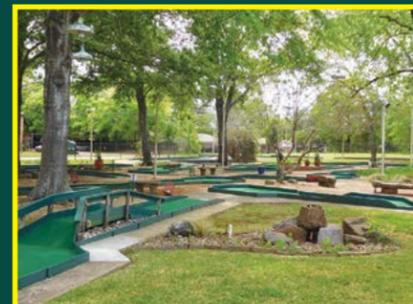
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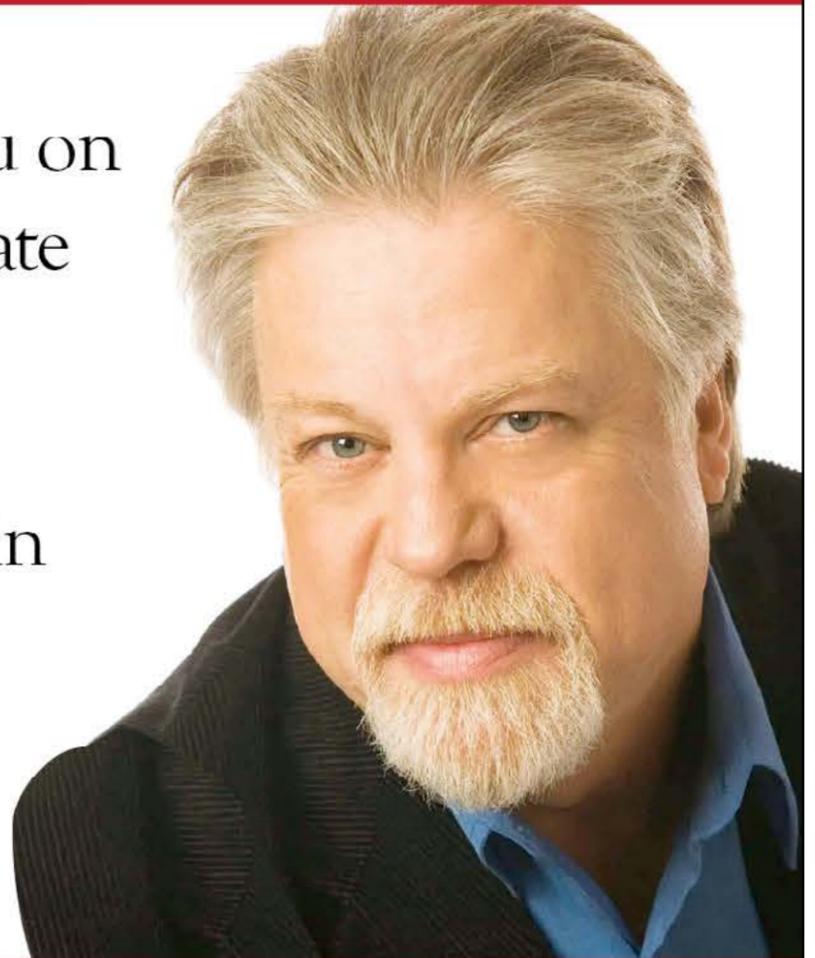
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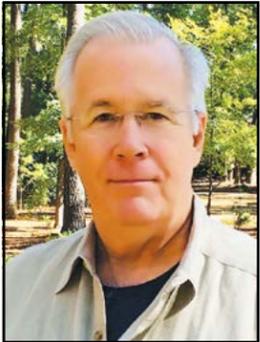


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and two sisters, one cooked, and the other car hopped. Jerry, his son, was only 12 at the time, and his job was to stack the coke bottles, because fountain drinks weren't available yet. Lawana began working at the café in her teens. At that time there were a few who weren't family members, but faithful, hard-working employees, like Cathy Church, Sharon Floyd, and Willie Kennedy.

In 1995, JC decided he was ready for retirement and wanted out of the business. Lawana and her husband Jerry not only took over the main drive-in, but purchased a second restaurant across town, and called it Ray's West. Lawana ran both Ray's West and Ray's Drive In from 2000 until 2014, when a fire forced her to rethink having two restaurants. Jerry had been ill and passed away in 2012, and Lawana was still running Ray's West, and the Timberland location.

"What have you been praying for the past two years?" a close friend asked, causing Lawana to rethink running two restaurants. She took that leap of faith, closed Ray's West permanently, and focused all her time and energy in the original Ray's and hasn't regretted her decision at all. She added a patio, updated the car hop sheds, and gutted and remodeled the existing dining area.

"We kind of put a little bit of lipstick on the old girl," Lawana said, laughing. They moved forward and never looked back.

Ask Lawana what she loves best about the business, and she is very quick to answer.

"The people. I love my clients, but the employees are my family," she said, with tears in her eyes. Ray's normally employs approximately 30 people, more in the busy summer days. When Covid hit the area, the restaurant had restrictions placed on them as well as other businesses. They were allowed only ten employees in the facility at one time. If Lawana needed to talk with an employee, she had to send one out to adhere to the health regulations.



But Covid's effect on business just grew beyond what they expected. Instead of slowing down business it increased dramatically. Normally, Ray's used approximately 1,500 pounds of ground meat a week. Covid traffic increased sales to the café, working hard to keep up with the 2,000 plus pounds a week demand. That did not include other entrees either. Lawana said they had to have the Lufkin Police Department

direct traffic on Timberland because it was backed up down the street. Her employees stayed during the restrictions left by the pandemic, apart from two.

Today, Susan is their car hop girl. She has worked for them for thirty-four years. There have also been two sets of "three generations" working together in Rays over the years Lawana said.

"Olene, the general manager has been with Lawana for thirty-five years, and Jan, her right-hand office help, has worked with her for nineteen years. One of her cooks has been there for seventeen years, working previously with Lawana at Ray's West.

"I brought the best of the best with me. Not all are still with me, but no man left behind," Lawana said. Those same faithful employees were there to support and help in any way they could when Lawana lost Jerry. She was able to move forward, knowing all would be well with the restaurant. Her stepson, Brian Johnson also works with them as a manager, bringing his knowledge of the restaurant business with him.



Manager Brian Johnson and Owner Lawana Ray Johnson

One of the most unique things about Ray's Drive In is its world-wide notoriety. People have come to the restaurant with smashed cups they found elsewhere. Their journeys have brought people from as far as the Grand Canyon. On trips out of the country, Lawana said people noticed her Ray's cap in Martinique, Washington, Colorado, and even Switzerland, and they all have eaten at Ray's sometime in their past.

One big event to look for next year will be when Ray's Drive In celebrates their 65th anniversary. The car shows, which happen on the first Saturday of each month, will come together in October 2024 for the grand gathering. Lawana said there were over three hundred cars participating at the 60th anniversary celebration. It promises to be a huge gathering of car lovers, and those who come for that good, old-fashioned hamburger they all love. There are other items which have been added to the menu including chicken and steak fingers, gluten free buns, salad, etc., and of course, the onion rings and fries, which patrons cannot stop talking about.

Keeping Ray's timeless has been Lawana's goal and drive, and each of the friendly employees share that vision with her.

"There have been so many God things that has happened that we could write a book," Lawana said. "I've never taken our success for granted because we are blessed. That's what we are, we are blessed!"

Ray's Drive In is located at 420 North Timberland. It's always a good time to eat at Ray's! They are open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, and on Friday-Saturday, their hours are 10:00 am to 10:00 pm., and closed on Sundays. Their phone number is (936) 634-3262.

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# Learning to Read the Room

by Taylor Millard

I am a claims manager for an insurance company. Not a particularly glamorous job, in fact it never appears on a list of school kids dream jobs, ever. Not ever. No one decides to do this job, it just seems to be a series of random decisions that lead to this place. I was in discussion one day with a manager I work with, and I stated that when I have been asked what I do for work, I responded to him, "I am paid to read the room."

He laughed at first and then said, "You are right." Insurance policies are contracts written by drunk attorneys in London in my opinion. There is coverage extended on one page and taken away on another. Policy language is more confusing than it should be and is decided by the companies, state departments of insurance and the courts. Most claims are fairly easy to interpret, but some are confounding and require experience and investigation. I am paid to read the room.

*Read the room* is a colloquial expression for understanding the thoughts, relations, emotions and stances of various people in the same place.

It is the action of analyzing one's own surroundings in the social and psychological sense of the expression. The phrase comes from standup comedy in my opinion. I am a great admirer of standup comedians. They are usually a one-person operation. They write the material, they deliver the jokes, and they succeed or fail in front of the audience. Many will deliver a handful of one liners at the beginning to find out what works for that room. They read the reaction and form their routine based on the initial reactions from *the room*. It is never the audience's fault if they bomb, the performer should adjust. That is why she is *paid*.

We all should learn to read the room. It is a skill that can take you far in life, some do it with ease while others have no clue. We all know the people that can do this and sadly the ones that cannot. Everyone is thinking of people that fail at this right now, maybe even you have a past experience you regret.

It can happen to anyone and anywhere. Remember New Coke? This was a well researched idea by one of the most iconic American companies, Coca Cola. Their logo is at the top of the list as the world's most recognized brands in the world, and yet it crashed with the New Coke idea. The backlash was severe as the lifelong loyal Coke fans reacted with vitriol. Why are you changing my beloved Coca Cola? Well, it was because of the success of the Pepsi Challenge campaign. They thought, we need to respond to this, and it backfired.

Recently the fine folks at Bud Light decided they would go woke in a disastrous way. At this writing the company value has dropped by six billion dollars with cases and cases sitting on the shelves. They obviously did NOT read the room.

I thought when this Bud Light debacle unfolded, somewhere there is a retired New Coke executive saying, "Finally, someone is dumber than me."

Look for my newest book, *There Are No Rules*, in the next couple of weeks on Amazon and locally at The Mustard Seed on University Drive and The Boss-light Bookstore in downtown Nacogdoches.



*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.*



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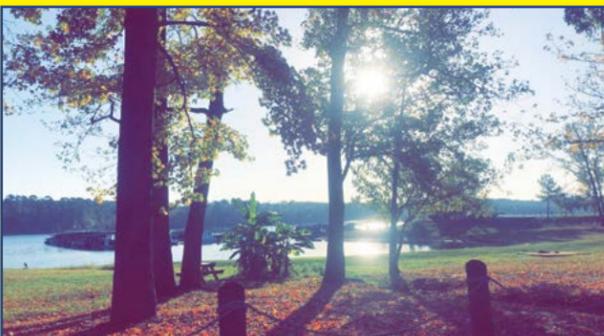
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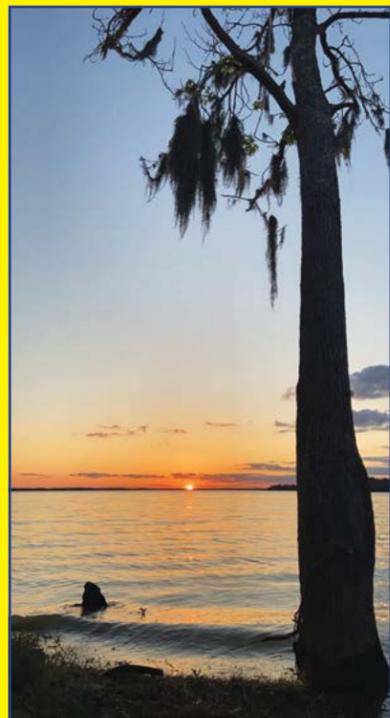
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## SFA's SummerStage Festival to Present Children's Musical

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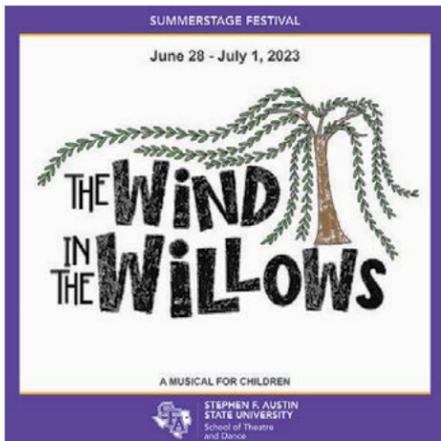
The School of Theatre and Dance at SFA selected the children's musical "The Wind in the Willows" as this year's featured show of the SummerStage Festival, slated for June 28 through July 1. Based on the book by Scot Copeland, W.S. Gilbert and Kenneth Grahame and music by Paul Carrol Binkley and Sir Arthur Sullivan, "The Wind in the Willows" is adapted from the book by Kenneth Grahame and the songs of Gilbert and Sullivan.

SFA SummerStage presents the story of Mole, Ratty and Badger as they try to help Mr. Toad after he becomes obsessed with motorcars and gets into trouble. Through clever and daring antics set to sparkling melodies, the woodland friends pull together, and the world is once again set right.

Although "The Wind in the Willows" is great entertainment for the entire family, its target audience is children who are still learning about the value of true friendship, according to Jen Malmberg, lecturer in the School of Theatre and Dance and the play's director and choreographer.

"This story takes us on the journey of four friends: Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad. We see our four friends each evolve, through many adventures, into better versions of themselves than they were during that fine spring morning at the beginning of the musical," Malmberg explains. "It is a twisty, turning tale that highlights the need for friendship to help us see the best version of ourselves. We cannot wait to bring audiences along for the adventure!"

This year's festival is an abbreviated version of the annual summer event. The School of Theatre and Dance will be moving throughout the summer into the newly renovated and expanded Griffith Fine Arts Building, and time would only allow for one show to be rehearsed, staged and presented. Students and faculty are eager to move into their new and renovated spaces, according to Cleo House Jr., the SummerStage artistic director and director of the School of Theatre and Dance.



The SummerStage Festival will present "The Wind in the Willows" June 28 through July 1 on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. Visit [sfasu.edu/theatre-dance](http://sfasu.edu/theatre-dance) for more information.

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"The excitement around moving into the new building isn't just about the new spaces we'll be getting to utilize, but about all the great opportunities for our students and the more professional level experience for our audiences," House said. "In summer 2024, we'll be back to doing our usual two SummerStage shows with "Little Women" and the musical "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." It really will feel like 'Christmas in July' as we make the move this summer and anticipate all the wonderful things to come."

All performances for "The Wind in the Willows" are in Kennedy Auditorium. Show times are 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28; 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 29 and 30; and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 1. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for senior adults 62 and older; \$8 for SFA faculty and staff; and \$5 for youth. To purchase tickets, visit [boxoffice.sfasu.edu](http://boxoffice.sfasu.edu) or call (936) 468-6407 or (888) 240-ARTS.

For more information about "The Wind in the Willows," call the School of Theatre and Dance at (936) 468-4003 or visit [sfasu.edu/theatre-dance](http://sfasu.edu/theatre-dance).

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### Monday - July 3

- 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 pm Dwayne Williams singing
- 7:00 pm Jim Moss preaching

### Tuesday - July 4 (All day)

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Preaching-Singing
- 12:00 Noon Lunch & Fellowship
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### Wednesday - July

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# Cushing ISD Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year Recipients

by Brandon Enos, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Cushing ISD

It is my distinct honor to announce the recipients of the Cushing Independent School District's Teacher of the Year Award.

The **2022-23 Elementary Teacher of the Year** is **Mrs. Tracy Crumpton**. She builds meaningful relationships with all her students and those relationships continue after the students leave the elementary school. Mrs. Crumpton cares about her students' academic, social, and emotional success. Each year, she prepares her students for the major life event of "entering the world of Junior High." Mrs. Crumpton is a great role model for Bearkats and Galkats of all ages.

The **2022-23 Secondary Teacher of the Year** is **Mrs. Sheila Beddingfield**. Mrs. Beddingfield is the most patient, kindhearted, and genuine teacher. She is always willing to take on any extra duty that is asked of her, and she jumps in with both feet. She can always find something good in the worst situation. You would never know if Mrs. Beddingfield is having a bad day because everything is always fine, fine, fine with her.

Mrs. Crumpton and Mrs. Beddingfield will represent Cushing ISD at the Region 7 Teacher of the Year competition starting this June.



Mrs. Tracy Crumpton (left) receives the award as Cushing ISD 2022-23 Elementary Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Sheila Beddingfield (left) receives the award as Cushing ISD 2022-23 Secondary Teacher of the Year



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# “Love With Sharing” A Clever Creek Baptist Church Tradition

by Terri Lacher  
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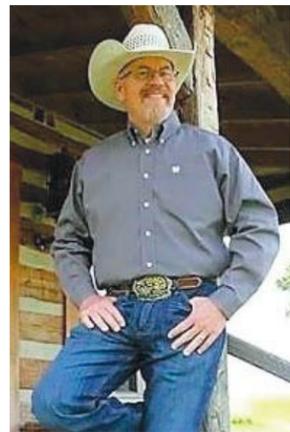
Fun, food and fellowship, what can be a better combination, unless it includes great preaching from two well-known evangelists in the Pineywoods?

The Apostle Paul said it is in our eating and fellowship together that we should do the things that edify our Lord. He said, “Whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do for the glory of God...” Clever Creek Baptist Church has been putting Paul’s words to practice for years, hosting special groups from time to time and sharing food together to bring glory to our Lord, bringing Christian fellowship and nourishment together while feeding the souls as well.

Clever Creek Church, located at 199 CR 1042 at FM 417 West in Center, Texas, will be bringing the best of the best during the first week in July, 2023. Beginning on Sunday, July 2nd, Sunday School will be at the regular time of 10:00 am, followed by the 10:55 am Worship, with Brother Jim Moss preaching. Prayer meeting will return at 6:00 pm, followed by Brother Dwayne singing, and Brother Jim preaching. Services will continue Monday, July 3rd, with the same schedule as Sunday evening.

Tuesday, July 4th will be a special day. Preaching and singing will begin at 9 am with various preachers sharing God’s Word, interspersed with much music. At 12:00 noon there will be a break for a catered lunch, free of charge. About 1:00 pm the singing and preaching will resume until approximately 3:00 pm. There will be a break until 6:30 pm, the prayer meeting will begin again, with singing and special music, with both Brother Dwayne’s singing, followed by Rev. Jim’s preaching. Services will wrap up on Wednesday, July 5th, with 6:00 pm prayer meeting, 6:30 pm with Brother Dwayne’s singing, and concluding with Rev. Jim’s preaching at 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist Jim Moss, from Nacogdoches will be one of two key speakers during this patriotic week in July. Rev. Moss was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and called to preach at the age of 14, preaching in over seventy-seven churches in his young years. When he turned eighteen, in 1978, he became the pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in Arkansas in a year’s time, which included over two-hundred-fifty baptisms. He moved to the Shelbyville area in 1981, pastoring Ephesus Baptist Church, before he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Augustine. In the year 2000 Pastor Moss felt called to be involved in evangelism. He began a ministry in the Love Worth Sharing Evangelistic Ministries where he has shared the gospel to over fifty church meetings a year.



Brother Dwayne Williams will also be sharing his music and testimony at Clever Creek as a full-time “cowboy evangelist.” He is better known as the Texas Teddy Bear and is also a Nacogdoches native. Dwayne grew up loving music. It wasn’t long before he was performing with a country music band, The Rolling River Band, living out the dream of a sought-after musician in Nashville. Nominated as New Male Vocalist of the Year in 1996, he felt he had reached the Nashville recognition with record contracts that he had only dreamt of.

“But God had bigger plans,” said Brother Dwayne, as he surrendered his music over to the Lord, first through studying God’s Word and then again through the music that he felt within. This time, with the Lord’s prompting, Dwayne has followed the leading, recording Christian music and sharing his love for Christ through music and the Gospel.

“The July 2023 meetings at Clever Creek Baptist Church will be a good time to enjoy the food and fellowship with friends and partake of the great music and preaching of these two evangelists. You won’t want to miss out. For further information you may contact Dr. Jerry Hopkins, pastor of Clever Creek, at (936) 591-1935.

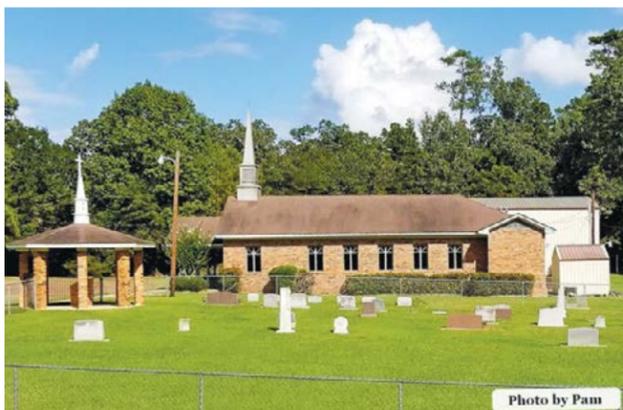


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# Sure Mom, Sure

by Tweed Scott

Mother's Day has come and gone, but something struck me the other day that I'd like to share with you. Many years ago, when I was just a young pup and I was home on a short leave from the Navy, I decided to drive to a friend's house on the other side of town. We were going to hang out at his place and just get caught up on what each of us had been up to lately.

We were at his place for a couple of hours, and we decided to return to my house. So, we jump in my old '59 Studebaker Silver Hawk and head for my house. I look down at the gas gauge. "Crap! I'm almost out of gas!" I figure I better get some before I get home. Where's the closest gas station? Oh, there is one right there directly in front of us at the intersection. It wasn't my part of town, and I had never gone there for gas before. I usually got gas at the station I always did near my house.

When the traffic light changed to green, I crossed the intersection and pulled up to the pump. The attendant came out and started to put gas in my car. Just then the phone in the office rings and you can hear it on the speakers attached to the side of the building. So, the attendant goes inside, and, in a moment, he comes out and speaks. "Is either of you fellas Tweed Scott?" I pipe up and say, "Yeah, I am." He says, "You have a phone call." Quizzically, I look over at Dave and shake my head. I couldn't imagine what this was about. I picked up the receiver off the desk and said hello.



"What are you doing?" Mom asks.  
 "Getting gas." I said in disbelief.  
 "Are you on your way home?" she inquired.  
 "Yeah, as a matter of fact I am. Why?" I asked.  
 "Would you stop by the IGA and pick me up a quart of milk and a loaf of bread?"

"Well, uh, yeah." I was dumbfounded as she hung up. I was stunned and speechless. I just kept running the tape of what just happened in my mind over and over again. It was surreal.

How on God's green earth did she know I was at THAT gas station? To start with, I don't think I have ever purchased gasoline there before—EVER! So why would I pick that one station? How did she know I would stop there when I didn't know myself that I was going to stop there? I just looked down at the gauge and knew I had to get gas and it just happened to be across the street. Ponderous. Just freakin' ponderous.

My mom passed away on May 1st, twenty-five years ago. As many times as I tried to get her to tell me how she knew to call me at THAT gas station when I didn't even know I was going to stop there, she would never say. She took that secret to her grave.

Have you ever seen that picture of an empty park bench overlooking a seascape and it asks you if you could spend ten minutes on this bench with anyone of your choice, who would you choose? For me it would be my mom and that would be the first question I'd ask her. "How did you know I was at that gas station when I didn't know I'd be there in a place I had never been before? I can see her response right now. She would look me in the eye and smile at me. That was my mom.

Since those days I have told many people that I am convinced and know beyond the shadow of a doubt that if I had become an astronaut and landed on the moon, I would not receive a phone call from the president. The phone call would be my mom asking, "What are you doing? Can you do me a favor and pick me up a purple rock and bring it home to me?"  
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# Lamp-Lite Theatre Presents Its 2023 Summer Musical *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*

The 2023 Summer Musical for Lamp-Lite Theatre is *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* originally adapted and produced for the stage by Theatre BAM from the series created by George Newall and Tom Yohe, based on an idea by David McCall, book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating, and Kyle Hall, music and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall, and Tom Yohe. Nita Hudson directs the cast of Lamp-Lite Players, with accompaniment by Charisse Gregory and scenic design by Todd Phillips.



A pop culture phenomenon comes to the musical stage in *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math and more through clever, tuneful songs is not only making a small-screen comeback, it's lighting up stages everywhere – from school multi-purpose rooms to university and regional theatres all around the country.

*Schoolhouse Rock Live!* follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV, when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such songs as “Just a Bill,” “Lolly, Lolly, Lolly” and “Conjunction Junction.”

Dates of performances are June 30, 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 beginning June 14th at Kline’s/Wrap-It-Up and the CVB through June 28th for the first weekend and through July 5th for the second weekend. Tickets will be on sale at the Lamp-Lite Box Office 45 minutes before curtain of 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](http://www.mtishows.com). More information may be found at [www.lamplitetheatre.com](http://www.lamplitetheatre.com), on the Lamp-Lite Theatre Facebook Page, or by emailing [lamplitetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:lamplitetheatre@gmail.com).

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Texas ranks 44th nationally in per student spending; despite this, our teachers have been able to provide an educational experience that ranks in the top 20 nationally. Any decrease in funding, which is happening due to rapid inflation, will undoubtedly lead to a decrease in services and opportunities for students.

The public education funding currently being proposed by the 88th legislature includes an increase in basic allotment of only \$90 per student for next year and an additional \$50 per student for the following year. To put this in perspective, schools are spending 17% more to sustain a quality education but revenue would only increase by 2%. This is unacceptable and cannot be allowed to happen without the united opposition by students, parents, teachers, and supporters of public education in Texas.

On behalf of the students, staff, community, and Board of Trustees of Cushing ISD, I call on our elected legislators to adequately fund our schools. We have continuously exceeded the financial and academic hurdles placed before us despite the inadequate funding. We will not continue to remain silent and witness the erosion and decay of our schools. I stand united with my peers across the state and demand public education funding that supports a strong and sustainable educational system for Texas children.

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Fri 9th	S.P.J.S.T. Dance	Lufkin VFW	7:00 pm
Sat 10th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Wed 14th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Sat 17th	Naskila Casino	Hwy 190 E	1:00 pm
Tue 20th	Guacamoles	Lufkin	6:00 pm
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**JUNE 18, 2023 – HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**JUNE 18, 2023 - CORNER POST COWBOY CHURCH –** Sunday June 18th, 2023. In the covered arena a family oriented equine event series. Also June 25th, books open @ 12:30 – Ride @ 1:30. Events will include Barrels, Poles, Straights, Goat Tying, Dummy Roping and Lead-Line. FMI call Cindy 936-558-8643.

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## Four Words That Lead to Rest

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by Dr. Allen Reed

*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”* Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)

Our text for today contains one of the greatest invitations Jesus ever offered to mankind. Four words summarize this invitation: “Come,” “Take,” “Learn,” and “Find.”

The first word that leads to rest is “Come.” In the Bible, people came to Jesus for many different reasons. Some came for forgiveness. Some came for answers. Others came for healing. Still others came to Jesus for eternal life. But in Matthew 11:28, Jesus says you can come to him for rest.

The second word that leads to rest is “Take.” “When we come to Christ by faith, He gives us rest. When we take His yoke and learn, we find rest, that deeper rest of surrender and obedience.

The third word that leads to rest is “Learn.” As we learn more about Jesus, we find a deeper peace, because we trust Him more. The Lord wants us to learn to be like Him. “Learn of Me,” he said, “for I am meek and lowly in heart.”

The fourth word that leads to rest is “Find.” The word “find” is the Greek word *eurisko*, which means “to find or to discover” and it is where we get the word *eureka!* The word pictures the feeling a person experiences when he discovers something magnificent. His heart and soul, and perhaps even his mouth, exclaim, “Eureka!” It is the jubilant expression of one who shouts out, “I found it!”

**A LITTLE HUMOR:** My granddaughter, Samantha, likes to write her own jokes. I promised I would publish one of her jokes if she would write one for me. So, here is Samantha’s joke: “If a man lost his left leg, and his right foot was a size seven, and he met a woman who lost her right leg, and her left foot was also a size seven, would they be sole mates?” Sorry folks, but a promise is a promise!

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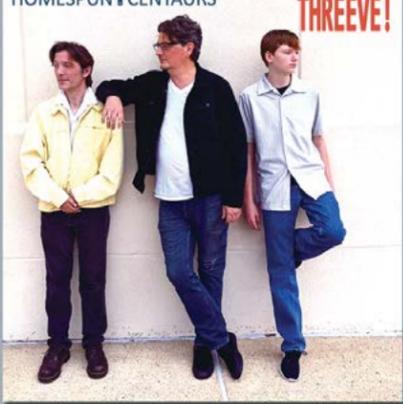
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# Buckling Up for the Future

The elderly man was browsing through the blouses, and I was standing aisle over doing the same thing. It was a couple of days before Mother's Day and I figured he was shopping for his wife. I eased closer because I'm that nosy person who wanted to see what he chose.

He held up a top, looked at me and abruptly said, "Do you think my granddaughter will like this? She is a brand-new Mom, and I'm gonna see her on Mother's Day. Wanted to do something special."

We struck up a conversation and I found out the baby is his first great-grandchild. He lost his wife years ago and he was going to his daughter's house on Mother's Day to meet the new baby. Before we parted ways, I was able to pass along the information about our Traffic Safety program and how his granddaughter could make an appointment to receive a child safety seat if she needed one, or at least have one checked to make sure her baby is secured properly in a vehicle. It was after I got into my car that I remembered the most important thing I could have told him – to make sure and tell his entire family to buckle up. May is the annual Click It Or Ticket safety campaign in Texas and choosing not to buckle a seat belt can and will change your life in a heartbeat.

In 2022 there were 1,258 people killed who were not wearing their seat belt, which is a 2.5 percent increase from 2021. Every one of those deaths were preventable.

In the nine-county Lufkin District in 2022, there were 5,125 crashes that resulted in 78 fatalities and 318 serious injuries. Eighty of those had unrestrained occupants and we are certain that 31 of the fatalities in those crashes were not wearing a seat belt.

And for some reason, many people choose not to buckle up at night, or if they are driving a truck. In fact, 60-percent of fatal crashes occur at night, with 54-percent of those involved not wearing a seat belt. There were also 550 people killed in pickup trucks, with more than half that number, 284, who died because they chose not to buckle up.

If you think nothing can happen because you are just running to the store or down the street, you are wrong. Most crashes occur within 25 miles of a driver's home. These are facts I wished I had passed on to the elderly gentleman shopping for his granddaughter a gift for her first Mother's Day.

It really is about changing things for the future. For you and your family. It is devastating to lose a loved one because of a simple choice like putting on a seat-belt. A seat belt has saved my life, my children's lives, and my grandchildren's lives at one time or another throughout my life. No doubt, many of you could say the same.

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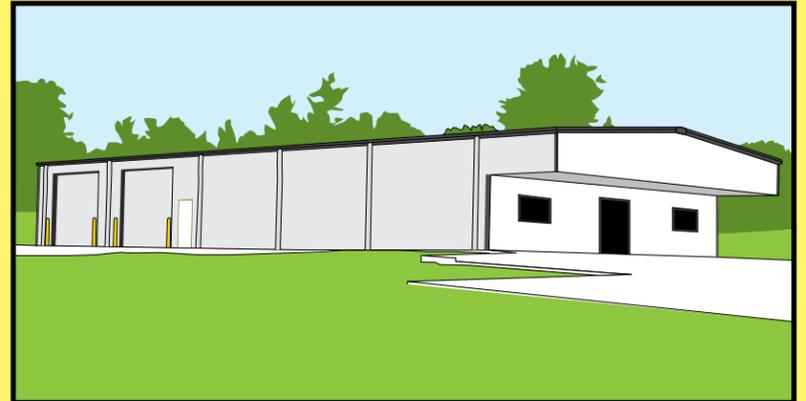
by Julia Jones, Impact Founder

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# Raising Expectations Leads to Success

by Brandon Enos, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Cushing ISD

Teachers will often believe in students until they believe in themselves. The most impactful teachers establish and maintain high expectations for successful student outcomes. The benefits of these higher standards are not only immediate; according to a November 2022 Education Week article on the topic, there are long-term benefits associated with increasing expectations at school. Two of the lasting benefits realized from the raised expectations are an increase in post-secondary educational opportunities and a decrease in the amount of government assistance the student would eventually need as an adult. Demanding a high level of success for students is not easy, as a teacher it is much easier to forgo the necessary time and energy needed to set high expectations for students.



The idea that a teacher's expectations directly impact student performance is not new. In a 1968 study called Pygmalion in the Classroom, it was discovered that the causal impact of a teacher's expectations on student performance outcomes is much higher than previously thought. During the study, a few educators were told inaccurate information about their students' IQ levels. Throughout the year, the teachers believed the students in their class had higher IQ levels and at the end of the year, their students' results significantly outperformed the results of the students who had higher IQ levels.

Take a moment and think back to when you were in school, try to remember which teachers made the biggest impact on your life. Chances are the educators you recall demanded the very best out of you and would settle for nothing less. These teachers likely demanded excellence while also providing encouragement and support to ensure you could meet their expectations.

Teachers are the single most important factor in determining student outcomes. As I think back on my education, I remember certain educators more than others; I mostly remember those who set high expectations for my learning outcomes and then provided the effort and support to see me meet those standards. Even though I was blessed with many wonderful teachers, I can think of two who stand apart.

The first is my Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. McAlister saw something in me I did not see in myself. On one of the first days of school, she announced to the class that she and her husband would take her top reader on an overnight fishing trip at the end of the year. Mrs. McAlister constantly told me that I could be the top reader, even though I was simultaneously struggling to read and learn my letters. With each book I read, Ms. McAlister would tell me I needed to read more. She continuously increased the difficulty, but her belief in me led me to know I could read whatever book she gave me. It was one of the more difficult tasks I can remember achieving in my early life; at the end of the year, I was on top of the class in reading and remember feeling amazed that I went from a struggling reader to the best in my class. I knew then, even at six years old, that Mrs. McAlister believed in me, and it felt amazing.

Next is one of my college professors. I took historical research with Dr. T. H. Baughman. I knew the class would be challenging, but nothing could have prepared me for the astronomically high expectations of the course professor. I realized quickly that both my research and writing skills were inadequate. I gave all I had over those five months in 2006, often I would arrive at the library when they opened and be the last student there as they closed. My professor met with me weekly, and he spent as much time as I needed reviewing my data and suggesting edits to my research paper. He challenged me to investigate my topic deeper and to rewrite until my research paper was as close to perfect as I could achieve. His high standards were unwavering, and he supported me as I reached my full potential.

Teachers make the biggest positive impact on student outcomes by ensuring they maintain high expectations. I have witnessed the benefits of these high standards as a student, as a parent, and as an educator. If you have children and their teacher is asking them to give more effort or to redo an assignment, it would be beneficial to your child if you would support the educator. Consistently, striving for high expectations will lead to success in academics and life.

*Dr. Enos has been the superintendent of Cushing ISD since January of 2022 and is a strong advocate for Texas public school students and teachers.*

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# City of Nacogdoches Unveils Sustainable Median Beautification Project in Partnership with Local Native Plant Groups

The City of Nacogdoches approached the USDA-NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center (ETPMC) in the fall of 2021 for an attractive, sustainable solution to the then-current, burdensome maintenance routine in the medians along HWY 59 north of the Loop 224. Along with another local partner in conservation, the Texas Natives Seeds Program (TNS) – East Texas Native Seeds Project, a planting mix was created to produce an unofficial “Conservation Corridor” or pocket prairie type planting.

Permission from TxDOT was gathered and site preparation got underway in summer of 2022 for a late winter planting in February of 2023. ETPMC crafted a seed mix specific to this site to include low growing native perennial grasses and flowers, as well as colorful annual flowers and a cover crop to help with establishment.

Currently, the area features a colorful variety of Drummond phlox annuals in purple, white and pink, which will be followed by black-eyed susan and Indian blanket flowers for a bit of summer color. Annual flowers such as these complete their life cycle in a year – germination, flowering, seed production and death. In doing so, this year’s flowers produce next year’s crop, and the area will continuously replant itself.

Also in the mix are some perennial plants, which are in the process of establishing. Perennials are plants that return year after year, and often take three years to mature and bloom. Perennials from each of the growing seasons - spring, summer, and fall - were chosen to provide a long period of interest for humans as well as pollinators in search of nectar.

Last but not least, the native bunch grasses are the “glue” that holds this planting together, providing ground-covering structure, soil stabilization and ground water infiltration.

The aesthetic of this project will change over time, maturing to look more like a low-growing meadow rather than the sea of color currently on display. The final product will look much more naturalistic than an expansive, manicured lawn.

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# Brides and Weddings

by Jim Garrett

Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. *Genesis 2:24 KJV*

The above scripture is the foundation of the Judeo-Christian concept of marriage. One of the most beautiful love stories in the Bible is found in the book of Ruth. *Wedding Song* written and sung by Paul Stookey (of the Peter, Paul, and Mary fame) is a favorite of mine. The song was written as a wedding gift to Peter Yarrow and his bride and may be found on YOUTUBE.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

As I am sure you have discovered by now, Dear Readers, I like for at least portions of my articles to have a theme. This month has long been recognized as one involving brides and grooms. Some of you were perhaps married in June. If not, you probably know a number of people who were. In this month's article we will try to be serious sometimes but then we will allow ourselves to laugh a little as well. Every family has a story; ours is no exception!

Our first child to get married was our older daughter, Laura. I will never forget our trip to Houston to look for a wedding dress. When we arrived at the boutique, she tried on a number of nice dresses. I did not know which she would choose but I did notice that one she tried on had a \$2,500 price tag. It was at that time I had to excuse myself and go outside. I suddenly had developed a severe nosebleed!! Much to my relief, she ended up choosing a less expensive gown. Laura's wedding had its memorable moments. She asked Laura Redard Fogle, whom some of you recognize as a local lead female singer in Christian plays in Branson, MO, and our son to sing a duet. The song which our daughter chose was *Sunrise, Sunset* which contains the words...*Is this the little girl I carried...* By the song's conclusion, the water faucets of Mary Beth's eyes were at full flow! The wedding reception was at the university. I had given Laura a suggested limit on spending. When she told me what all would be served, she casually mentioned that she wanted a fountain. I tried, being the kind, frugal person that I am, to convince her that having a fountain was impractical and would be a waste of money. And then she pulled that, "But Daddy, I really want a fountain" on me. Bottom line: She got the fountain.

Wendy's wedding was just as eventful as her sisters' but in a different way. The gown she chose did not have a train but she wanted one. Again, I could see no benefit to her having one but guess what? She got one that was specially made. At one time in Wendy's life, she thought that she was too old to get married and that no one would ever ask her. The love of her life, Brent, the only boy she had ever dated, married and had a son. And then his wife left him and they divorced. Shortly thereafter, Brent and Wendy celebrated their tenth high school reunion. They saw each other there and fell in love all over again. At the wedding rehearsal dinner Brent gave our pastor, Dr. Bob Little, a small toy animal and told him that when the wedding ceremony was over, he would be given a second toy animal. At the conclusion of the exchanging of vows, Wendy gleefully screamed, "I'm married!!" Following the pronouncement of their being husband and wife, Brent handed Bro. Bob a small penguin. Bro. Bob never saw the attached string. As the couple turned to walk away, Brent pulled the string and the little bird began to chirp so loud those passing by on the street outside could probably hear it. In fact, it did not stop chirping until later when the string was reattached!

Our son Jim's wedding was not as eventful as his sisters' but was somewhat unique. In an attempt to schedule their home church for their weddings, Krista and her sister ended up having to schedule their weddings on the same day. Originally, they were planning their weddings on different days but due to a scheduling conflict at the church, they were forced to settle on a double wedding.

No matter how many years have passed, most married people remember their weddings and the events leading up to it. I know that was the case with Mary Beth and me. When I was in graduate school, I dated a cute little blonde, blue-eyed ballerina named Deedee. One Sunday I had a date with Deedee and we were sitting together in the balcony of the church. Just before the service started, Mary Beth walked up, recognized us, and asked Deedee to scoot over. Deedee obliged her and Mary Beth sat down between us! Did you know, Dear Readers, that Deedee never went out with me again!?

I used to tell the males in my classes at the university that if they wanted intelligent, good-looking children, they needed to marry an intelligent, good-looking woman. I know that I certainly did.

Once a person is married their life certainly does change. I know that mine did. I became a much more **responsible person**. It seems that any time something goes wrong, **I'm responsible**.

One day my son and I were shopping and ran across a high school friend of his. His friend had married six months prior. Jim asked him how married life was, to which he replied, "I never knew that I had so many things wrong with me!"

Over the years, I have learned that there are good ways and not-so-good ways of communicating with one's spouse. For example, when Mary Beth asks, "Would you like to take out the trash and burn it?" I have a choice. I can either grumble and reluctantly agree to do so or I can be more positive and say, "I would

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love to! I thought you'd never ask!!"

Men and women not only think differently but they also speak differently. One time Mary Beth and I were team teaching a young marrieds' Sunday School class and I concisely made a few points. I turned to Mary Beth and she began to talk. She must have circled the airport no telling how many times before she landed. I asked the class, "Who understood what she just said?" All of the women raised their hands. I then asked the class who had **no clue** what MB just said and all of the men raised their hands.

A true story: As shocking as this may be to you Dear Readers, an acquaintance at the university told his wife that when she turned 40, he was going to trade her in for two 20's. She promptly answered sarcastically, "You're not wired for 220!!" 'Nuff said!

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Did you know Nacogdoches lists every single Blueberry event on the Visit Nac! App? All you have to do is download the free app in your Apple or Google Play store and click "Events." From there, you can scroll through the activities and plan your festival itinerary! If apps aren't your thing, no worries. All of these events are listed at [visitnacogdoches.org/events](http://visitnacogdoches.org/events)

On to less cheerful news, our Executive Director, Sherry Morgan, has accepted a position at Visit Conroe. Her last day at Visit Nacogdoches will be Friday, June 2nd. We will miss her very much, but we are excited to see what she accomplishes in Conroe!

We are looking forward to long summer days in beautiful Nacogdoches! Whether it's a day out at Lake Tonkawa or an exhilarating afternoon at Splash Kingdom Waterpark, we hope your summer is full of family-fun and enjoyment.

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# The Refuge

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

*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.*



## My Jesus

*Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” John 8:58*

My Jesus is the God I know and who knows me in intimacy of relationship. He is the God who is beyond human intellect, understanding and com-

prehension. He is the Creator of all that exists (Col 1:15-17). All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made (John 1:3). When the virgin Mary conceived, God placed Himself in her womb (Luke 1:34-35). Jesus could not be created from what He created.

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself. The Bible says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God” (John 1:1-2). It is undeniable based on the truth of Scripture that He, Jesus, is the I AM. We either believe that Jesus is God, or we do not. If we believe and place our faith in Jesus for forgiveness of our sins, we receive Him. If we deny He is God, we will die in our sins.

My Jesus is the Lord and from the rising of the sun until its going down His name is to be praised. There is no praise found in the unfruitful words of dark sayings that Jesus is a dark-skinned man from Africa or a white-skinned man of European or some other ethnic origin. Neither is Jesus glorified when “printed” on a T-shirt and sold for profit or “put” in a frame and hung on a wall (Ex 20:4; Acts 17:29-31). Communicating this message that Jesus' origin is earthly, is evidence we have strayed concerning the truth. He has no earthly origin for He has always existed.

The born-again Christian would do well to heed the Holy Spirit's command when talking about Jesus. He tells us to hold fast the pattern of sound words and to shun profane and idle babbling for it is a message that spreads like cancer. We act like mere humans. We strive about words to no profit. Hear God's indictment of Job's friends. God told Eliphaz the Temanite, “My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right” (Job 42:7). The only way to speak what is right about Jesus is to speak what the Bible says about Jesus.

The Bible says Jesus is not known according to the flesh. The Bible says Jesus is the God who Himself shared in the same flesh and blood experience as His creation so that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. The Bible says Jesus is the power of an endless life. Do you know my Jesus?

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# Restored Cotton Gin Coming to Life

Good Day Readers,

This month I would like to dedicate the article to a very special person here at Millard's Crossing. I do not know many people that would work as hard as this person has without getting paid. James Sachtleben has been a leader in our new construction of restoring Cotton Gin and all the work that goes into it. James has worked with plans that Laura Culpepper, Stanley Jones, and more have put their minds together to formulate. He has researched, built the building for the Gin, made countless calls, drove many places, repaired the equipment, and so much more. James has been here from the beginning, as you will see, and has been working closely with many people along this journey.

I ask James what prompted the building of the Cotton Gin? He said Stanley Jones mentioned that the Bright Foundation wanted to find and restore Cotton Gin, and to have it displayed, in recognition of the days when local farmers grew a lot of cotton around Nacogdoches. It had been a wish of Charles Bright and some of his friends. James told Stanley; I know where an old Gin is but have not seen it in probably 50 years. A few days later a group of young men, James, Stanley, Bill Early, and John Mast went to find the Gin. They had many discussions about the Gin, is it salvageable or is it too far gone and more, they decided to give it a try. James said he would offer his efforts on a volunteer basis but would need 2 paid helpers.

On August 23, 2018, James said he took his dozer out to where the gin was (off FM 95) to make a road, this is where the wish starts to become a reality. August 31, 2018, the first load of the gin was moved out from its original spot, to start the resurrection process.

When asked about the Master Mind for the process, he said, "I guess that would be me." He said there has always been coordination with the Bright Foundation on the Big Issues. Issues such as, where will we move the machinery for restoration, building a shop at Millard's Crossing for the restoration process, what would be used to power the gin, and many more questions and coordination. This year James and Stanley traveled to Burton, Texas on Friday before the Cotton Gin Festival to take part of the Friday's startup of the gin. It takes some work for an old gin to come to life, with the dedication of James and many more I am sure we will see the same with the one here.

It takes a lot of manpower to grant a wish, just ask James who is now in over 8,000 + volunteer hours. He speaks of all the helpers he has had along the way. During the start up his helpers were James Fennell and Patrick Mast. After James Fennell passed away and Patrick left for full-time employment, Jack Cain came along; after about 2 years, he had a bad break to his ankle and could no longer work. Fred Athey worked for about a year, followed by Steve Clinch, Carter Forrest and Luke Buldworth has been helping. Steve and Carter are still working today, Luke left for full time employment. Patrick is still a great help on part time basis.

I have seen James in the break room with his toolbox, graph paper, pencils, and erasers, he would change something around when he felt something was just not right from his perspective. He has been out there in the cold, rain, and heat with his crew working. They have driven to Dime, Houston, and many other cities in Texas to pick up a part or to look at another gin for knowledge.

James, thank you for the over 8,000 + volunteer hours you have committed to helping to make a wish come true. We are so very grateful to the Bright Foundation for making this wish and vision a reality.

We were blessed and honored to have an abundant amount of field trips in May. We love to have our schools bring their children out to visit Millard's Crossing, and our volunteers are so good at showing them the ways of pioneering times.

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# Unsolved Murder

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.



On television the CSI-Miami or CSI-New York sleuths solve every murder mystery in only one hour. They use the most sophisticated techniques ever developed by man to solve the crimes. It is a shame that something like CSI was not available in 1984 to help police solve a murder mystery that has direct connections to San Augustine.

Bill Garsee was San Augustine's link with the nation-wide rodeo circuit working as a rodeo clown. Bill was a native of San Augustine, having been born here on July 10, 1922. He moved to the small town of Moscow in 1954. He was a rodeo clown from early manhood when he jumped into a rodeo arena here to help the clowns get a bull off a performer. From that moment on Bill was the happy-go-lucky entertainer at hundreds of shows.

He had gone into semi-retirement some years ago but came back to his home in the mid-1970s to help his home folks. He had a record of 23 straight years performance at the Texas Prison Rodeo in Huntsville, and had already contracted for the 1984 show. The mystery is why anyone would want to murder a man like this.

At the time of his murder, Bill was serving Precinct 3 in Polk County as Constable for seven years. He was paid a salary of \$1.00 per year. He was also employed by the Citizens State Bank of Corrigan, Texas as a collection officer. Did either of these occupations enter into his murder?

On Saturday, April 7th around 1:00 pm, a San Augustine woman was stopped on the street in the downtown area and was asked where Bill Garsee lived. She did not know. Bill Garsee was gunned down some 80 miles away at 6:00pm some five hours later. A person in a dark blue and silver pickup truck drove into his driveway while Bill was feeding his animals. Several witnesses, including his wife, saw the actor shoot Garsee three times in the chest with a powerful pistol at close range. No words were exchanged between the two. The shooter escaped in the truck.

Law officers say there were several different theories on the identity of the killer, including a possible incident during the trail ride he helped to organize that took place one week before his death. It is possible that someone from whom he tried to collect past due monies for the bank would be angry enough to kill. Perhaps it was a professional hit by someone. Sheriffs deputies and friends of Garsee said those were only rumors that proved to be false. The Polk county Sheriff, Ted Everitt, said that he believed the murder involved "something that happened that only Garsee and the person that killed him knew about."

A special investigator was assigned to the case, Joel Lambright of Camden, Texas. He spent some time in San Augustine following leads. The Polk County Sheriff's Department had several different composite drawings of the assailant made from descriptions given by the witnesses.

An article in the *San Augustine Tribune* in May of 1984 states, "An intensive search continues for the murderer of Bill Garsee of Moscow, as the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer has risen to \$17,500. Anthony Page, president of Citizens State Bank, said that reward posters offering the reward had been scattered over many south Texas towns.

Some 37 years have passed since Bill Garsee was murdered in his own driveway. Apparently his murder would be considered a "cold case" by now. A number of relatives still live in the area and I am sure that they would love to have CSI-Miami take on the case and solve it in one hour. No one else has been able to do that.

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# Flying the Mail— It Wasn't All Roses

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.*

It was a winter night, and a thick cloud cover lay over most of eastern Texas. I couldn't reach the top of the clouds to find clear sky, and the cloud bases were only a few hundred feet from the ground. So, it was one of those nights—flying by instruments for the entire trip after leaving Dallas. I was barely able to make a successful NDB (a now-primitive Non-Directional Beacon) approach into Palestine and, after unloading, I was off again, back into the clouds seconds after raising the landing gear after takeoff. After leveling at a low cruising altitude, and the big Pratt and Whitney radial engines were humming smoothly, I noticed a wisp of smoke seeping out from behind the instrument panel in front of me. After a few minutes, the smoke became thicker, and the attitude deviation indicator (a pilot's primary flight situation instrument because it mimics the position of the airplane if there were no clouds) in front of me slowly began to skew, indicating the airplane was beginning to bank when I had not moved the controls. I glanced over to the right side of the panel to compare this with the copilot's ADI, which showed the airplane to be in normal, straight-and-level flight. I knew I had a problem, but I didn't know if it was limited to the ADI. Now, an on-board fire is the last thing a pilot wants in an airplane, so I began tripping circuit breakers to any electrical instrument on the left side of the panel, and the smoke soon stopped. (I can't remember what was found to be the problem—probably the ADI itself.)

Fortunately, almost everything critical on an airplane is duplicated in case of failure. Had there not been a duplicate set of operative instruments on the right side of the panel, I would have been a goner. Why? Because without some kind of visual reference to an airplane's attitude (position in the air), there is nothing to counteract the brain's false sensations of what the airplane is doing. There are several sensory elements, located mostly in the ear canal, that always sense false cues about the position of the airplane if a pilot's outside vision is lost. Almost every change in the airplane's position—even its acceleration or deceleration—sends false signals that eventually and inevitably end in loss of control of the airplane if there is no countering visual reference. The technical name for this is spatial disorientation. It is for that reason that special training and a special certificate is required for pilots to fly solely by reference to instruments. I can still hear the instructors' admonitions when I was obtaining an instrument rating: "Trust the instruments, trust the instruments, no matter what your brain is telling you."

There have been a number of fatal airplane accidents attributed to spatial disorientation, some involving the loss of famous people, such as Buddy Holly in 1959, Patsy Cline in 1963 and John F. Kennedy, Jr. in 1999, among others.

Since my side of the instrument panel was disabled, I was left with the copilot's instruments to fly the airplane, except I was in the wrong seat. (By the way, there is no requirement for a copilot on the Beech 18 and there was none on board that night.) I quickly unbuckled and moved over to the right seat, where I could fly more effectively what I knew would be another instrument approach with low clouds at the Lufkin airport. The only problem was a little feeling of awkwardness in operating the aircraft from the right seat. I had never flown the Beech 18 from the copilot's seat and, while I wasn't concerned about it, things certainly felt different. All the controls were now operated by opposite hands from usual. The airplane had no autopilot, so I just had to ignore the different perspective and keep flying.

Since you're reading this, I obviously arrived safely after the approach into Lufkin, awkward as it was, but it was a bit tense that night—just so you won't get the idea that everything always went smoothly for a mail pilot.

Today's pilots are probably shaking their heads at the primitive nature of the aircraft instrumentation we were using 50 years ago. Today's avionics are, by comparison, stunning in their technology, capability and redundancy.

I have one more mail-flying "war story" to tell you next month, then we'll move on to something else.

The photo (right) is that of a Beech 18 instrument panel. The ADI is the round blue instrument just above the yoke (steering wheel for non-pilots). See how it mimics the airplane relative to the ground and sky?



## MONUMENT CORNER

This month's marker can be found along the highway between Timpson and Tenaha in Shelby County. It is beside the railroad tracks on the north side of the highway 4.4 miles east of Timpson. The monument reads as follows:

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(2001)



# Story of Don and Bob – The Wandering Minstrels of East Texas

by Terri Lacher  
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If you've been to the Nacogdoches Farmers Market recently, you may have had a chance to listen to the duet of Bob and Don, a delightful duo and musicians extraordinaire. Their friendship has grown along with the repertoire of ballads from days past; playing music from artists such as Buck Owens, Willie Nelson, John Denver, Elvis, and a host of others. Their love of music and sharing it with others is what brought the two men together.

Don Clark was raised in Angleton, Texas, south of Houston. He began teaching himself to play guitar in the early 1960s, borrowing a guitar from a friend of his mother. He later joined a garage band, who called themselves "The Patents Pending." They played at a place called The Dairy Bar, which Don said the requirement to get in was to be under 18 years of age, and the strongest drink in the house was a milkshake.

Upon graduation from high school Don was drafted into the Army. He said when most young men were going to Vietnam, he spent his enlistment in Germany. He then moved to Nacogdoches where he finished college. While there, he met Pat Roderick, the love of his life. They raised three daughters, which Don said was the "best job" he ever had. After teaching math for five years, Don spent the next twenty-five years developing computer software. Don began playing music in church after his children were born, learning a lot of church songs and the stories behind them.

Bob Harbuck was born in Lufkin, but spent his growing up years in Hardin County, the area known as the Big Thicket. He also moved to Nacogdoches to attend Stephen F. Austin University, meeting his sweetheart, Mary Ann, his wife of now forty-nine years. They had seven sons and one daughter who are all grown. They lived in Fort Worth, Memphis, and Lufkin, working in various jobs ranging from Law Enforcement, Loss Prevention (General Motors), Public Health (Environmental), and a Hospice chaplain. He also owns his own business as a designer of wastewater systems in East Texas, and claims he is semi-retired.

Don has played music just about all his life. Bob refers to his friend as the "Roy Clark" of East Texas, as he performs almost any song from the 50s, 60s, 70s and many more. He shared he is grateful that Don is so patient, because "I don't read music and often sing songs differently on different occasions!"

Although he tried to play the guitar when he was young, Bob's love of music began in the rural churches of Southeast Texas. He still loves gospel music, and says he is "one of those folks who hum a tune to themselves most of the day, saying it calms him and keeps him grounded."

Don and Bob's love of music continued to grow, until one day they met at a planning retreat for a "Walk to Emmaus."

"I served as a musician – and saw how the Holy Spirit can use music to bring people closer to the Lord. One day a mutual friend invited us to enroll in a class that was being formed. The intention of the class was to prepare a group of hospital lay chaplains. It was a great class with great teachers," Don said.

Close to the end of the class, it was suggested they find partners and make hospital visits together. Don said that was the beginning of the decades' long music ministry together. They began serving together as hospital and prison lay chaplains, and then Bob became a Hospice chaplain, which led him to nursing homes and assisted living centers within a 75-mile radius of

the Lufkin/Nacogdoches area. From there they began leading sing-a-longs not just in these resident facilities, but also at the Standpipe Coffee House in Lufkin. Bob has even shared some of his original poems in their monthly poetry slams, whose master of ceremonies is none other than Mike Guinn, a nationally known poet from Jacksonville.

"What has surprised me is how much singing and getting others to sing along with us has benefited me over the years. I often say it is the cheapest therapy you can get. I have read several studies about how beneficial singing together can be, emotionally, physically, and spiritually," Bob said.

As they played music together over the past ten years, their friendship bonded even more. Preparing and rehearsing songs from their favorite artists they have learned to have fun and not to be too serious about their performances. Bob



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shared that sometimes their voices and focus are great and other times, "not so great." But the most important thing is that the two enjoy playing and sharing their love of music together.

Their venues have been in various places. After serving as hospital and then prison lay chaplains together, their friendship took an even deeper commitment as they began serving in a new "music" ministry in the local nursing homes and they are regular performers at the Farmers Market in Nacogdoches. Bob plays the baritone ukelele and loves to tinker with tunes and old songs.

The music that Don and Bob play brings back wonderful memories to all who listen. In the nursing homes, it's the re-living of an era. At the Nacogdoches Farmer's Market, it is the joyful noise drifting from the small stage area in the main market, causing shoppers to stop and listen for a few minutes longer. It is obvious that these two good friends enjoy sharing their musical talent with others.

"I read that the four universal healing salves found all over the world are singing, dancing, storytelling, and silence. As I look back over my life, I see how slowly but surely, I have been applying those healing salves in my own life and then sharing it with those around me," Bob said.

If you would like to know where Don and Bob are performing, you may contact them at either Don Clark, donaldlesterclark@gmail.com or his cell at (936)371-1629 or Bob Harbuck at rwharbuck@consolidated.net, or his cell (936)465-3929. As Don says, "Please get in touch."

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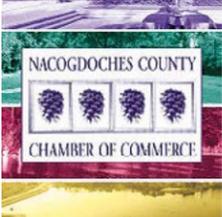
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We had a productive conversation and I hope, at the conclusion of the call, he was convinced that we welcome new business opportunities and were prepared to assist him in exploring the opportunity he is considering here in Nacogdoches.

In my career, I have had the chance to work in several communities in the United States. In every one at some point, I received a similar call. Someone told somebody that the community was unsafe; too difficult to get city approval; they don't want new business or some other negative message.

**I wonder how many great business opportunities we lose because someone says something negative about our community?**

On a recent vacation outside of Texas I sat next to a woman that asked me where I was from. "Nacogdoches" I said proudly. Without hesitation she responded "Nac-a-no-where." I was crushed.

When she was told she was talking to the President of the Nacogdoches Chamber whose job is to promote our wonderful community she immediately back-tracked.

"I'm sorry," she said. "I love Nacogdoches and in fact, we have a child that graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University." She told me that she visited Nacogdoches often and that her comment was made in jest.

When I first moved to my former community, Augusta, Maine, I often heard people refer to Maine's Capital city as "Disgusta." Every time I heard that reference it hurt me deeply. It was my home, the place where my wife and son were born and raised. Every time I read or heard someone refer to Augusta that way, I corrected them. I did not let it go unchallenged.

I am pleased to say that Augusta, like Nacogdoches, is now a vibrant, growing, and successful community with many wonderful residents and businesses.

The younger (younger than I am!) generations of young women and men in Nacogdoches and Augusta are assuming key leadership roles in both communities and the future is bright for both cities.

I would respectfully ask you to become an Ambassador for Nacogdoches! When you hear someone say something about our community you know not to be true, tactfully correct them. Share your pride in Nacogdoches. Share your story. Become an advocate and ambassador.



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

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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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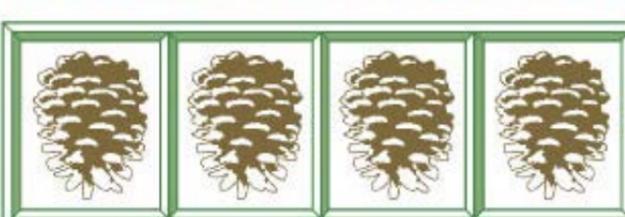
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## A Little Bit of History

BY DICKIE DIXON

*Don't Hold Onto Things So Tightly*

In the spring of 1976 I discovered Dr Witmer was paring back his library and downsizing their house. Lois Hauck, an employee at the circulation desk at Mosher Library, was the one who tipped me off. I had been getting to know Dr Witmer more closely since after I got married, I took book catalogs by mail and bought and sold them to him, calling on him at his office. I would take a Monday afternoon Roman Catholic theology class from him that fall.

Some of the books he was selling had come to him for reviewing for Dallas Theological Seminary's school periodical, "Bibliotheca Sacra," which he edited. I knew some of the books were going to be choice. And the price was right, too--only \$1 per book, hardback or paperback. So my roommate before Seminary, Tim Hoke, could cash in, too; I called him and offered to pick him up. We rode together to Dr Witmer's house on Swiss Avenue, on the boulevard section just a short distance from where W. A. Criswell lived.

The selection was as good as I expected, and both of us bought several good books, my total being \$30.00. Tim was interested in one I bought: "The Life of Charles Hodge. Professor in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey" by his son A.A. Hodge, a hardback book. On the way home, he offered me \$25 for it. However, he wouldn't snooker me this time, and because his offer evinced a stubbornness that "By gosh, I had found this book!"

I said, "No!" It was a silly decision, of course, since I would only have to pay \$5 for the other 29, and I could have ordered it on Interlibrary Loan to read it. (Books were not quite so easy to find in those days before the Internet.) My stubbornness caused me to pass up a great deal. But God was not through with me yet. After I got home, I said to myself, "You know, you didn't let him buy the book, so at least you need to read it." So I did. Guess what? By the time I finished reading the book, it cracked in half. Now I had an unmarketable book. I decided God was trying to teach me something like: "*Don't hold onto things so tightly!*"

A few weeks later, I attended the Perkins Theological Seminary book sale at SMU, priced their books at \$1 each, and bought 11.

The following Monday, I saw Lois's husband, Gary Hauck, at the campus post office, and I told him: "Hey Gary! I went to the Perkins Theological Library book sale." He said: "Really? What did you get?" I said, "The Training of the Twelve," and told him other titles.

That first book got his attention because he said: "The Training of the Twelve! That's out of print!" The next time I saw him, I gave him the book because I had learned my lesson. Amazingly, I had told Richard Short about giving Gary the book, and he gave me another copy. I came out, generally speaking, smelling like a rose in this whole enterprise.

**Don't forget: Don't hold onto things too tightly!**

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Carol Burnett turned 90 this year on April 26th. In her memoir, she traced the dysfunctionality of her childhood and how her grandmother helped her cope with it all. With her sister and her grandmother, she would go to the movies frequently, where they would steal rolls of toilet paper from the bathroom. Later, she was fired as an usherette for trying to prohibit a couple from entering Alfred Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train" near the movie's end. When she was approached to have a Hollywood Star placed on the sidewalk, she placed it where the old Warner Brothers theater was, at Hollywood and Wilcox. You can read more about her in her book, "One More Time: A Memoir."



## KISSIN' KUZZINS

By Dickie Dixon

Joe David Pool's topic is the same as his book title: "The Cane Basket Weavers of the Coushatta Tribe," when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at about 7:15 pm on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on 308 High Street in Newton. Sandra Litton and other members will offer an array of desserts and refreshments for guests and members of the Society to enjoy at 6:30 pm. President Ruth Dusan will conduct a short business meeting at 7 pm. The door prize will be Joe's book, and a member is donating a copy of his book to the Newton County Public Library for the public to check out. Joe will also have copies of his books for sale there. The public is invited to attend; you don't have to be a member to attend. But if you are interested, DETAS annual dues are only \$5 annually for an individual and \$10 for a family. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan at (409) 379-5694 or [jrdusan@windstream.net](mailto:jrdusan@windstream.net) or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

"Using the Records of the County Clerk's Office for Genealogy" is Dickie Dixon's topic when he speaks to the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the Community Meeting Room of Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin. The next day, on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, Dickie will meet interested parties at the county clerk's office of the Angelina County Clerk at 9 a.m. to give his listeners on Monday some hands-on experience with the documents he described in his presentation. Dickie will also offer a handout of these documents. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

Dickie Dixon will be the moderator/facilitator of a panel discussion of the **Lufkin High School 1963 State Championship baseball team** at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023, in the Community Meeting Room of Kurth Memorial Library at 706 South Raguet Street in Lufkin. A short business meeting will be held at 4:30, after which the panel discussion will begin. The panel members have not been chosen, but Dickie hopes to select them soon and work closely with the members of the team and others to make this as meaningful an event as possible.

Details are shaping up for the Authors' Autograph Party sponsored by the Angelina County Genealogical Society in cooperation with the Huntington Heritage and Genealogical Society on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Fifteen authors have agreed to attend to discuss their book(s), sell them, and sign them, including Jamie Carter Bollich, Marilyn Whitehead Peveto, Taylor Millard, Kimberly Florian Vega, K. D. Wood, Charlotte Corbell Ingle, Charles Poland, John Culea, Karen Howell Norton, Bert Lindsey, Julie Rogers, Jack Irish (Jim Todd will have his book), Asena Whitaker, Mary Lynn Baxter, and Katie Moak. The books range from African American historical novels to children's books and local history. ACGS will hold the event at the Office of the Huntington Housing Authority at 210 East Walnut in Huntington, Texas, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free to the public, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or [dixonhershel51@gmail.com](mailto:dixonhershel51@gmail.com)

### Deep East Texas

#### Archeological Society

members recently took a field trip to the Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve. Pictured are: (left to right) Kathleen Appelbaum, Tour Guide, Jamie Carter Bollich, Wayne Ball, Susan Ball, Gene Ball, Joe Liggio, Tour Guide, Dr George Avery, and David Stua.



**The Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House Update by Kate Beaver, Administrator:** "The long-awaited time has come, and construction has begun. At the beginning of April, additional piers were poured under the house. When finished, we will fix the foundation, which will eventually be a community center. The house was built in the heyday of the oil boom in Beaumont and is a historical place in Texas and the Nation. We look forward to years of learning in this house and many community activities. Donations to help restore this home are always welcome through Pay Pal. If everyone would donate \$10.00 a month or more, we would have enough to bring her back to her original glory. Thank you." Katie Beaver can be reached by phone at (409) 489-3987, by email at [beaver\\_kate@yahoo.com](mailto:beaver_kate@yahoo.com), or by mail at 2555 County Road 509, Kirbyville, Texas 75956

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by Deborah Chaddwick, Director

Planning is underway for the 47th East Texas Poultry Festival, presented by Farmers State Bank. The Poultry Festival will be held on October 5-7 on the historic downtown Center square. There will be three full days of activities, great food, entertainment and family fun.

There will be food booths, arts and crafts vendors; entertainment; car and motorcycle show; quilt, photography and creative arts show; 1K and 5K Race; broiler show and auction; chicken clucking contest; wing eating contest; carnival and so much more.

Arts and Crafts vendor applications are currently being accepted at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. To receive an application and a copy of the guidelines, contact the Chamber offices at 936-598-3682 or [info@shelbycountychamber.com](mailto:info@shelbycountychamber.com).

Applications for the quilt, creative arts and photography shows will soon be available.

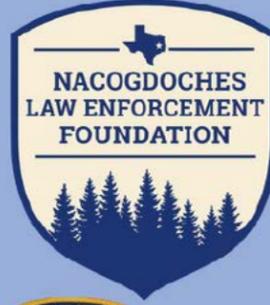
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For more information, contact the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce at 936-598-3682 or email [info@shelbycountychamber.com](mailto:info@shelbycountychamber.com). *See you in October.*



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# In the Loop... Expo Center in Lufkin

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Greetings from the Expo!

Spring is here and that brings a seasonal change at the Expo as well. Our calendar begins to slow down just a bit through June and July. This gives us some much needed time to do some heavy duty Spring cleaning and get around to some maintenance projects.

In case you missed it, we had a great Expo Anniversary Party on May 13! Thank you to all the sponsors, auction donors and buyers. It was a success! A special thanks goes out the Angelina County Go-Texan cook team and "Cousins for a Cause" for volunteering their time, hard work and talent to serve a great meal.

Even though we have slowed down just a bit for the Summer, we still have some great events on the calendar:

- June 2-4 we host the East Texas Stock Horse Association regular season show.
- June 9-11, The Ark-La-Tex Longhorn Association Summer Show

We have some landscaping projects planned as well as some paving repair and painting to do. Hopefully the facility will look a little better the next time you come out. We have a full calendar this Fall season. Lots of youth rodeos on the books and don't forget, the Texas State Forest Festival will be here before you know it!

As always,

See you at the Expo!  
Burt Hairgrove, Executive Director

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by Amanda Powell  
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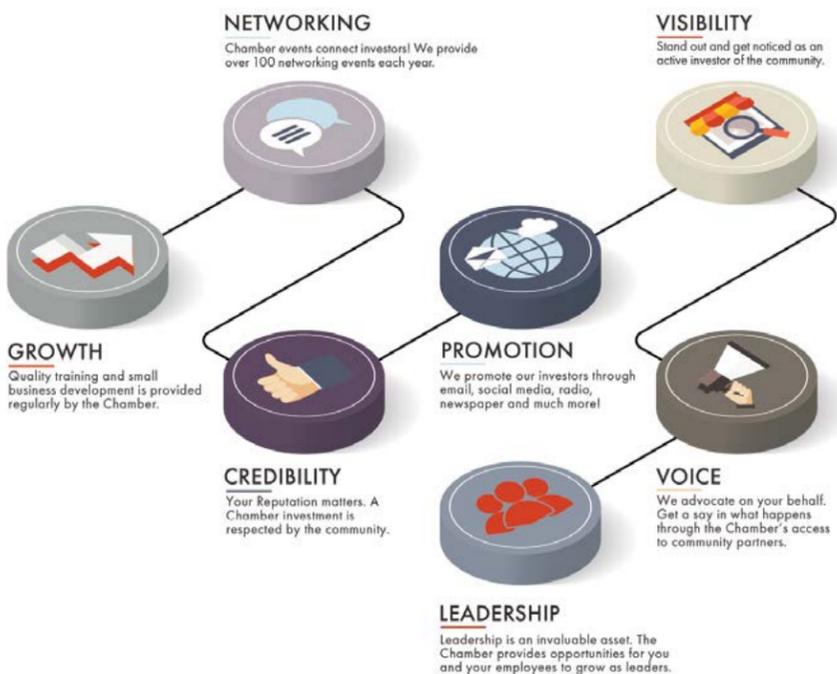


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**Hello Again from  
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Our San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce monthly membership meeting will start at noon on June 20th at the Log Cabin in San Augustine. During the meeting, a delicious meal will be provided for \$10, catered by **Tasha's Country Kitchen**. The theme is "Summer is here." Our Business of the month is **Shriners Childrens Hospital**, and our program will be **Randall Hankla**. Join us for a fabulous time.

The next Church Chicken Chatter will be at the Log Cabin on June 21st at noon. It is a group of local ladies that get together to provide informative talks on preventive health. This education is an excellent step in ensuring the well-being of your loved ones.

We are delighted to announce our upcoming San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce Civic Auction: Saturday, July 29th. You will not want to miss this event. We hope to see you there! For more information about these events, contact Executive Director Lea Ann Bennefield at the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce at 936-275-3610 or www.sanaugustinecochamber.com



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# Pillars of a Family

by Mary Francis Johannessen

*Mary Frances Johannessen - graduate of San Augustine High School, Angelina College Nursing School, Stephen F. Austin Nursing School - Retired Registered Nurse with a 40 year career - Ambassador for San Augustine since retiring 8 years ago. Member SA Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce. Likes traveling and family time.*



What family foundations or pillars stand strongest? A mother and a father are both the strong building blocks that hold a child's family together. Therefore, we honor, remember, show love and admiration to each one of these parents with a day of celebration called Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June.

Mother's Day began back in the late 1800s as Ann Jarvis recognized mothers during the war. Her daughter Anna Jarvis later continued to honor mothers in 1908 because of her mom. It was President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 declaring it a holiday. A Shrine dedicated in 1962 to all mothers is located in Andrews Episcopal Methodist Church Grafton, West Virginia.

Mother's Day is always celebrated the second Sunday in May each year. It is estimated that billions of dollars are spent on cards, flowers, gifts, candy, restaurant meals, phone calls and visits on this her special day.

Mothers can be described as a female parent with characteristics of patience, love, consistency, braveness, calmness, being a forgiving role model, just listing only a few characteristics that we admire, appreciate and honor on her day.

Father's Day is the third Sunday in June each year. Sonora Smart Dodd in 1910 from West Virginia first honored fathers. President Woodrow Wilson and President Calvin Coolidge continued with the tradition but it was not until President Richard Nixon in 1972 that it was declared a holiday. The Father's Day celebration is not as large of a celebration as Mother's Day it is said, but none the less, gifts are given showing honor and admiration to a father figure.

Fathers can be described as a provider, protector, leader, teacher, helper, encourager, and friend while often called the main disciplinarian in a family.

Children outgrow parents' laps but never a mom and dad's heart. A child's journey of life is like a quilt, bits and pieces, joys and sorrows, stitched with love every day by these two wonderful loving pillars.

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# NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is partnering with a new restaurant in Nacogdoches, Old Tyler Road Cafe, to host arts events while we continue the quest to find a permanent spot for a local arts center. On May 27 there was a vendor fair in the restaurant's parking lot that included over 20 vendors. NAC's favorite songbird Cindy Grayson sang on the stage inside. If the community supports it, the vendor fair could become a regular event. A slate of summer concerts is also in the works.

NAC is participating in the first Heritage Summer Street Festival, the evening of Thursday June 1 along Mound Street from Main to Hospital. Games and activities are included in this event that benefits the Heritage Festival.

The first Haden Edwards House Art Series exhibition opened May 27 at the historic B&B at 106 N. Lanana Street in Nacogdoches. Hosted by Edwards' manager Laura McKinney and Lisa Steed of NAC's Falling Star Gallery, it includes photography and paintings by J.D. Cole, Wendy Floyd and Lynn Myers. The show will be up at least through July with viewings by appointment and a few weekend events TBD.

Registration continues for the NAC Summer Theatre Camp for 3rd-9th graders July 24-August 4. For details go to our website [www.nacartscollab/upcoming-events](http://www.nacartscollab/upcoming-events) or [nacartscollab@gmail.com](mailto:nacartscollab@gmail.com) for more info.

## JUNE Artist Spotlight

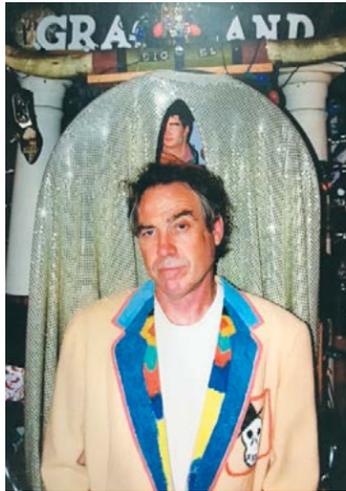
Meet Nacogdoches legend assemblage artist Wally Knight!

Wally is a well known character about town and a working artist with a full time studio behind his home. Knight came to Nacogdoches in 1972 to attend SFASU and decided to stay. To quote Wally he is "...not a BIN, born in Nac, but is a SIN, stayed in Nac."

While Wally was always an artist, it took a brain tumor to send him to the next level. After the health scare, he started creating large assemblages of mostly found objects with fun themes and visuals that usually light up. His work can be found in many local art collections and he has had numerous solo and group shows at the Cole Art Center, Falling Star Gallery, Arts on Fifth Avenue in Fort Worth and Angelina College.

His most recent solo show was almost sold out on opening night. His work is for sale at the Bosslight Bookstore and by appointment in his studio. Call 936-560-4362 for an appointment.

Wally is another artist that NAC wants to carry and host at the future NAC Arts Center!



Original art piece by Wally Knight

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization dedicated to bringing the arts to Nacogdoches and providing space for artists of all disciplines to thrive. An initiative to obtain a space for an arts center is in progress.

# The Importance of Storing Your Animal Vaccines Appropriately

by Steven Martin, *Owner of Martin Kennel*

PHCNA would like to share some information about the importance of storing vaccines properly to ensure pet safety. Just like vaccines for humans, animal vaccines have specific storage requirements. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) references CDC guidelines for storage and handling of vaccines and states that most vaccines for animals should be stored between 2°C and 8°C (35°F and 46°F).

Exposure to any inappropriate conditions can affect the potency of any refrigerated vaccine, but a single exposure to freezing temperatures (0°C [32°F] or colder) can destroy potency. Liquid vaccines containing an aluminum adjuvant can permanently lose potency when exposed to freezing temperatures.<sup>1</sup>

It's also important to note that appearance is not a reliable indicator that vaccines have been stored in appropriate conditions. Even when exposed to freezing temperatures, vaccines may not appear frozen – giving no indication of reduced or lost potency.<sup>2</sup> For this reason, it is important to store your animal vaccines in a purpose-built refrigerator.

## Why Can't I Use a Domestic Refrigerator for Vaccine Storage?

Vaccines for humans have been studied in-depth, giving us a guide as to how refrigeration challenges should be addressed with vaccines for animals. When selecting a refrigeration unit, it is crucial to consider the unit's ability to recover temperatures between 2°C and 8°C (35°F and 46°F) after frequent door openings.

In the upcoming months (as of March of 2021), a new CDC-sponsored NSF/ANSI standard (NSF 456) will take effect. This new standard will make it easier to identify qualified storage products that ensure protection from freezing, tight temperature uniformity, rapid recovery following door openings and other requirements essential to continued vaccine viability.

When purchasing a purpose-built refrigerator, there are a few key questions to consider.

1. Does the refrigerator maintain that temperature range throughout the cabinet? This consideration is key so that vaccines can be stored uniformly on any approved shelf in the unit.
2. How reliable is the refrigerator? You should look for a vaccine refrigerator that has a long, consistent track record of performance.
3. Does the refrigerator meet current and emerging guidelines from the CDC, NSF, and ANSI, which include strict storage requirements for vaccines and biologics? Following recommended guidelines is the most effective way to ensure no vaccine goes to waste and no pet goes unprotected.

## Here are a Few Tips for Animal Vaccine Storage:

1. Do not overload the refrigerator. Leave room for air to circulate.
2. In undercounter refrigerators, do not put product on the 'hump' at the rear of the refrigerator.
3. Encourage shorter door openings. Do not make the fridge drive rapidly to colder temperatures.
4. Pay attention to load lines, and do not stack product above the load line.
5. If purchasing new refrigerators, request temperature mapping data.
6. Do not assume a domestic refrigerator will protect vaccine viability.

This document above was copied straight from the PHCNA website. However, a note from Martin Kennel for you to consider when determining self-administered vaccines or vet administered is this, Martin Kennel encourages you, if you are going to self-administer vaccines for your pet, then get them from a reputable family-owned feed store like Boles here in Nacogdoches. This is their money and will make sure all requirements are met to insure you have purchased a vaccine and not just dirty water. Also have a cooler with you when you purchase the vaccine to keep the temp, make sure you have no other side stops to make but go home and administer the vaccine right away.



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# Millions of Texans Still Not Wearing Seat Belts

*TxDOT partners with law enforcement to urge everyone to "Click It or Ticket"*

It has been nearly seven years since Eden Ganzerla lost control of her car while driving to work and crashed into a retaining wall, breaking nearly every bone in her body. Since then, she has endured thousands of hours of physical, occupational and speech therapy, the result of one fateful decision to not wear her seat belt.

Ganzerla now struggles with a traumatic brain injury, speaks with the aid of a computer, and is slowly learning how to walk and talk again.

"Before the crash, Eden was very outgoing and talkative, living life to the fullest with her animals and friends," said John Ganzerla, Eden's father. "Now, she lives with us in Dripping Springs and is dependent on her mother and me for even the simplest everyday tasks."

Unfortunately, choosing to not wear a seat belt is an all too common mistake in Texas. In 2022 there were 1,258 people killed who were not wearing their seat belt, a 2.5% increase from the year before.

"It's critical for everyone to take just a few seconds to buckle up, every ride, every time," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important precautions motorists and their passengers can take to protect themselves in a crash. Whatever reason you may have for not buckling up, I promise *it's not worth your life.*"

While more than 90% of Texans make the right choice to wear a seat belt, that still means 10% of Texans make the dangerous choice to stay unprotected on the road. TxDOT's goal is to get 100% of drivers and passengers to wear their seat belt 100% of the time.

From May 22 through June 4, including Memorial Day Weekend, law enforcement from around the state will be working overtime ticketing motorists who are not buckled up. State law requires that every person in a vehicle be secured by a seat belt whether riding in the front or back seat. Fines and court costs for failing to fasten seat belts can add up to \$250 or more.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the **Click It or Ticket** initiative has saved more than 7,399 lives, prevented more than 120,000 serious injuries, and resulted in \$28.5 billion in economic savings since its inception in 2002.

TxDOT's **Click It or Ticket** campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

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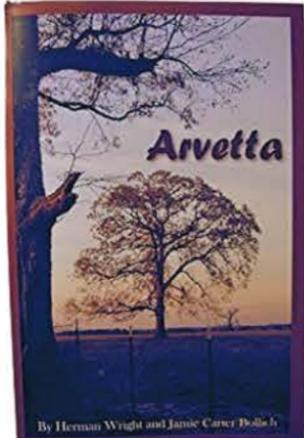
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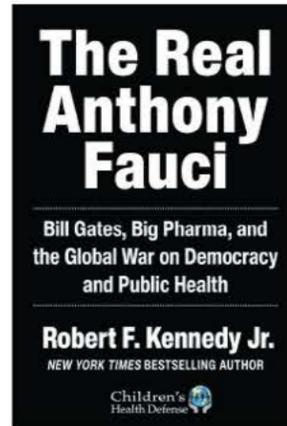


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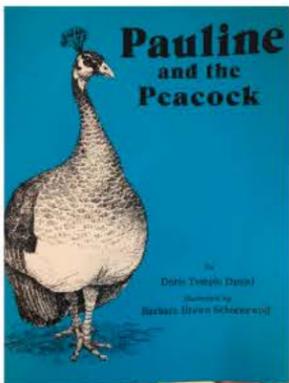
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June 2023

**Heritage Summer Street Fest**  
Mound Street  
Thurs, June 1st 6-9pm

**Bike Night**  
Feat. Loose Gravel Live  
Bottlecap Alley  
Fri, June 2nd 6-9pm

**Market on Main**  
305 E. Main Street  
Sat. June 3rd 10am-2pm

**Hike Through History**  
Free Guided Tour, starts at Visitor Center  
Sat. June 3rd 8am-10am

**Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park**  
Festival Park - Free to public  
Friday, June 9th 6-9pm

**33rd Annual Texas Blueberry Festival**  
Downtown Nacogdoches  
Saturday, June 10th 8am-4pm

**Five's A Crowd LIVE**  
Banita Creek Hall  
Saturday, June 10th 8pm

**Stroll & Strum Open Mic**  
Millard's Crossing  
Thur. June 15th: 6-9pm

**Nac at Night! Outdoor Movie Experience**  
"Monster's Inc"  
CVB Backstage (Pilar Street)  
Sat. June 17th 7:30pm

**Huffie & The Paintfish**  
Live at JP's Country Kitchen  
Fri, June 16th 5-8pm

**Huffie & The Paintfish**  
Live at Cowboy Jack's  
Sat. June 17th 8-11pm

**East Texas Chamber Winds**  
Summer Concert 2023  
Fredonia Hotel 6pm  
Free Admission

**Nac Snack Friday**  
Downtown Square  
Fri. June 23rd 11am-3pm

**G&S Gun Show**  
Nacogdoches Expo Center  
Friday, June 23rd-Sunday, June 25th

**Fredonia Brewery**  
Wednesday Game Nights & \$1 off pints,  
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm  
6/2: Haylee Lewis Live/Shali's Indian Kitchen  
6/3: The Bamboo Tones/Attoyac BBQ  
6/4: Joanie Live/Rebellion Pizza Kitchen  
6/5: Brewberry Fest ft. The Love Pedalers/  
Chambers Smokehouse BBQ  
6/16: Kaelan Whitworth Live/Chambers Smokehouse  
6/17: The Kirby's/Rebellion Pizza Kitchen  
6/23: Steffany Karback/Rebellion Pizza  
6/24: The Buds/Viet Fusion  
6/30: Mike Freiley Show/Rebellion Pizza

**Front Porch Distillery**  
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**Red House Winery**  
6/3: live music with Jay & Linda Kay 6-8 PM  
6/10: live music with The Nac Cats 7-9 PM  
6/16: live music with Jeff Jurgonski 7-9 PM  
6/23: live music with Jay & Linda Kay 6-8 PM

**Naca Valley Vineyard**  
Pizza on the Pavilion:  
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm  
Live Music:  
6/3- Randy C. Moore Live

**Fredonia Hotel**  
**Music on the Patio (Friday Evenings):**  
6/2 - Jonathan Webster, 6pm-9pm  
6/9 - Ryan Paul Davis, 6pm-9pm  
6/16 - Sean Christopher, 7pm-10pm  
6/23- Joshua Mullins, 6pm-9pm  
6/30 - Winston Cook, 6pm-9pm

**Junior Engineer Days**  
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot  
June 1st, 15th, 29th 10am-12pm

**Pemberly's Afternoon Tea**  
Pemberleys' 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

**Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro**  
Wine Down Wednesday's  
Pint Night All Day Thursday's & Sunday Nights  
Weekend Brunch Every  
Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm  
6/9 - Ethan Hanson Live 7-10pm  
6/3 - Metal Show ft. Astringency, The Xebellian  
Triangle, Spiral Eye, Delariah, Maniacal Grind

**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  
6/3 - Down Home Live 9pm

**Banita Creek Hall**  
Thursdays: Dance Lessons (7-8:30) & Ladies Night  
Fridays: Dollar Night

**Stone House Kitchen**  
6/3: Murder Mystery Dinner: Trailer Park Tragedy  
6/17: Murder Mystery Dinner: Trailer Park Tragedy  
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6/24: Social Saturday

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