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A Childhood Dream Comes Full Circle

The Story of Nac Uniques

by Dr. Vi Alexander, ***Staff Writer***

Imagine a little girl sitting in her bedroom, playing department store. Her dolls are her customers, carefully selecting their favorite items, while she happily takes on the roles of both saleslady and cashier. What begins as an innocent childhood pastime is actually a glimpse into a dream she will one day bring to life. Years later, that little girl turns her childhood imagination into reality by owning a store of her very own. That little girl is Lisa Schultz Jackson, proprietor of Nac Uniques, located on the historic downtown square in Nacogdoches. What once existed only in her imagination has blossomed into a business, proving that sometimes the dreams we dream as children are the very dreams we are meant to fulfill.



Lisa and Morris Jackson

Although Lisa's story begins in San Diego, California, her journey eventually leads her to the heart of Texas. Her father owned several Army/Navy surplus stores in the state, including one in Nacogdoches. During visits to see him, Lisa developed a special fondness for Nacogdoches, a place that would ultimately become an important part of her story. While attending Stephen F. Austin State University, she worked part-time at her father's store, gaining valuable experi-

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One Kernel, One Dream, One Family

Su Su's Popcorn and Candy Café

by Dr. Vi Alexander, ***Staff Writer***

Sometimes, the sweetest memories are the ones that come wrapped in the scent of warm, freshly popped popcorn. In the 1980s, Mildred Blackwell and her daughter, Susan Blackwell, shared a dream that took shape on Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas. For six memorable years, mother and daughter stood side by side, running their popcorn shop, serving customers, and creating a small piece of family history. Though the shop eventually sold to two sisters, the memories—and the inspiration it created—never really disappeared. Today, a new popcorn store in downtown Nacogdoches is carrying that inspiration forward, bringing the story full circle and reminding us that some ideas, much like kernels of popcorn, can sit quietly for years before suddenly coming to life again.



Alan and Susan Sowards

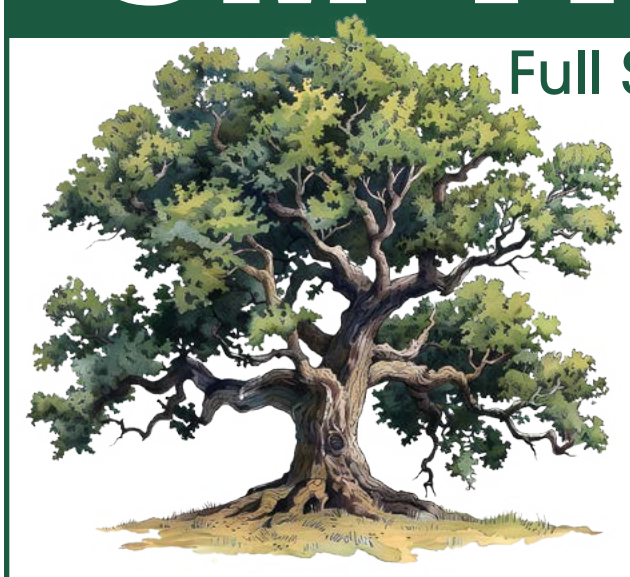
Susan inherited more than an entrepreneurial spirit from her mother. She also inherited a sense of adventure, determination, and a willingness to step into the spotlight. As a graceful dancer and accomplished performer, she took the stage at the Grapevine Opry House, performing a modern dance routine that showcased her poise and confidence. Those early experiences under the lights

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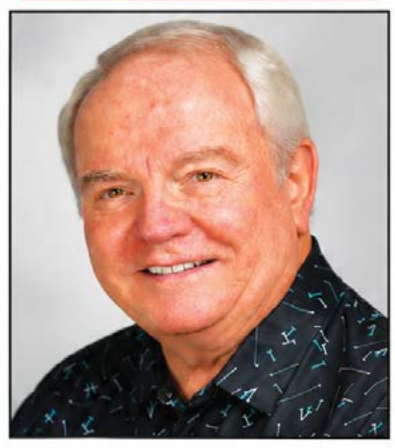
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would serve her well when she stepped onto another kind of stage—as a contestant for Miss Texas, proudly representing the city of Garland.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, as the saying goes, Alan Sowards, a native of Dallas, had graduated from college and was working for an energy conservation company. Susan was volunteering for a company that sold sunglasses and jewelry. As luck would have it, their paths crossed at the Fort Worth Convention Center during a three-day State Student Council Conference. Their booths happened to be side by side. Neither could have known it at the time, but this chance encounter would eventually lead to these two becoming husband and wife and welcome four beautiful children.



Alan and Susan Sowards and their four children

Alan's and Susan's careers eventually brought them to Nacogdoches, where Alan joined the faculty at Stephen F. Austin State University as a professor of science methods ng as an administrative assistant to Representative Jim Reynolds.

Perhaps it was nostalgia, or perhaps some ideas are simply too good to let go. Whatever the reason, the old popcorn dream began to take shape once again. This time, the setting would be Nacogdoches. The Sowards rolled up their sleeves, and set about turning a treasured memory into something new. In March 2023, they opened the doors to their very own popcorn store. Since then, the menu has continued to grow. Alongside the popcorn, the Sowards have added creamy ice cream and homemade fudge, giving customers even more reasons to stop in, indulge a little, and perhaps leave with a sweet memory of their own.



SuSu's Popcorn & Candy Café

A business may begin with an idea, but it flourishes because of the people who help bring that idea to life. For the Sowards, that has meant making it a family affair. As Susan and Alan continue to welcome customers and keep the popcorn popping, their daughter, Hannah, has stepped into the role of manager and social media director, helping carry the family business into a new generation. Their son, Thomas, keeps things running smoothly behind the scenes, handling accounting and payroll. The family team extends beyond the Sowards as well. Carolyn McGowen keeps a watchful eye on inventory, making sure the shelves—and the popcorn bins—stay well stocked. And then, there is Mark Easley, the store's chief fudge master and pianist, whose talents add both sweetness and music to the mix.

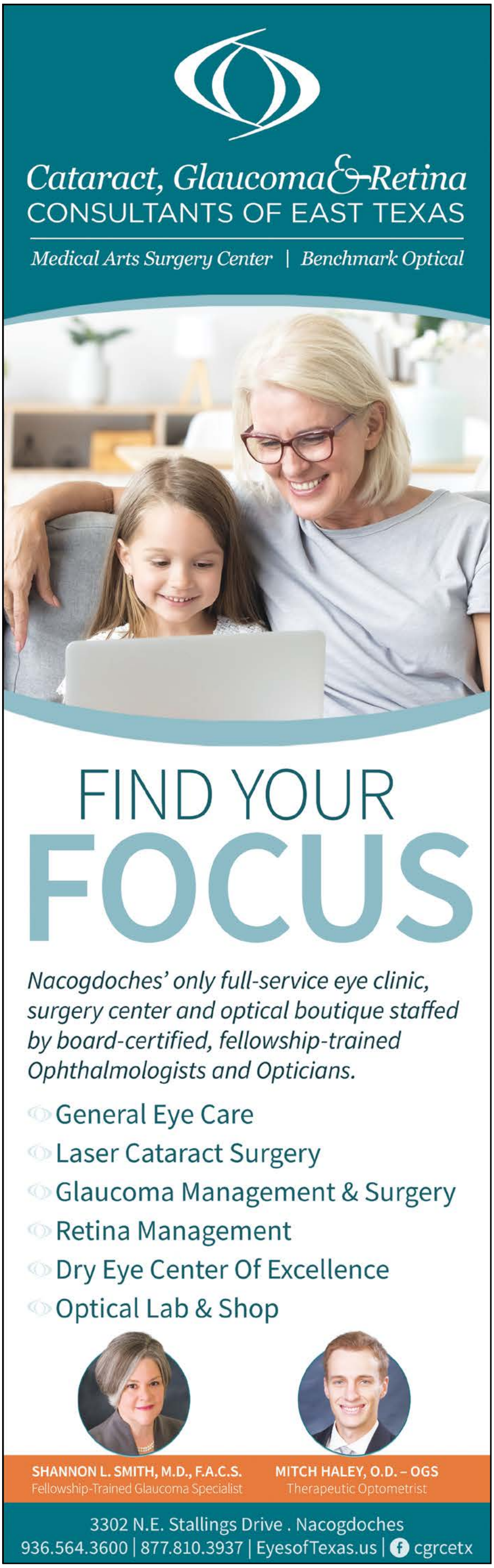
The Sowards believe that when a community supports a local business, that business has a responsibility to give something back, and Su Su's puts that belief into action. From the beginning, Su Su's has opened its doors to support East Texas schools through fundraisers, tours, and field trips. The business sponsors local causes, partners with fellow businesses, and creates gift baskets for educational organizations to use in their fundraising efforts. University students are welcomed with designated discounts, extending the store's spirit of hospitality to the young people who help make Nacogdoches a vibrant college town. That generosity has not gone unnoticed beyond the community. Su Su's has received recognition from *Southern Living Magazine*, earning a place among its Top 20 Friendliest Places in the South, and *Texas Monthly* has also given Su Su's a well-deserved shout-out.

For the Sowards, however, perhaps the greatest reward is not a magazine mention or an award. It is seeing familiar faces walk through the door, watching children experience the simple joy of a popcorn shop, and knowing that something that began decades ago between a mother and daughter in Fort Worth has found a new home—and a new generation—in Nacogdoches. Together, the Sowards have created more than a business. They have created a place where family, friendship, and memories come together—a fitting continuation of the little popcorn shop.

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ence in retail and building a connection to the community that would one day become home to her own business.

Lisa's connection to Nacogdoches grew even stronger when she met the love of her life, Dr. Morris Jackson, a respected local radiologist who served patients at both Nacogdoches Medical Center Hospital and Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. A graduate of Baylor University, Dr. Jackson holds a Ph.D. in Anatomy and an M.D., with a specialization in Radiology. His distinguished career reflects a wide range of experiences and accomplishments, including teaching anatomy at Louisiana State University and serving as a Paratrooper Medic in the Texas Army National Guard. His diverse background and dedication to his profession adds another fascinating chapter to the story of the couple who would eventually bring Nac Uniques to life.



But medicine wasn't his only connection to the community of business owners. Retail was part of Morris's family's heritage, as his grandparents and parents owned and operated Clifton General Mercantile in Clifton, Texas. With Lisa's passion for retail and Morris's family roots in the mercantile business, the two shared an appreciation for charm and character. So, when the opportunity arose to purchase an old building in downtown Nacogdoches, they seized the chance.

Morris and Lisa are blessed with 5 children and 5 grandchildren. By 2024, with their youngest sons out of the house, Lisa and Morris embraced the next chapter of their lives as empty nesters by opening Nac Uniques, and bringing Lisa's longtime vision to life. She dreamed of creating a beautiful, thoughtfully arranged store filled with charming antiques, rare collectibles, and an eclectic assortment of unique and intriguing treasures. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for discovering special pieces, Lisa turned that dream into reality. Today, Nac Uniques offers a welcoming shopping experience where the charm of the past meets the thrill of discovery, inviting every visitor to find something truly special.



Lisa's mother, Linda Wilson, works alongside her daughter to keep Nac Uniques thriving. With 32 vendors offering an impressive variety of merchandise, shoppers can discover everything from charming antiques and rare collectibles to unique treasures they never knew they needed. There's always something new to explore and a special find waiting around the corner. Lisa and Linda invite you to stop by Nac Uniques on the downtown square in Nacogdoches and experience the joy of discovering a treasure of your own.

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All the NHS program has to do is get there. And that's why director David Brewer is set to kickoff a donation campaign to help pay for travel, a bill that's expected to reach $50,000 to cover overseas airfare.

Brewer has targeted a campaign to find 100 donors willing to contribute $500. Everything else on the trip – lodging, for example – will be covered, Brewer said. "I realize it's a heavy burden," said Brewer. "It's likely a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students."

The opportunity for the choir program came about after Brewer's own works made its way in front of a notable director. He reached out to Brewer about the possibility of the trip more than a year ago. This year, Brewer accepted.

"He was appreciative of what we're doing here," said Brewer. "It's the hard work of the kids that has made it possible."

Some of the celebrated names the NHS choir would join on stage includes Jake Runestad, Voces8 and Rollo Dilworth. Runestad, an American born director and composer, is considered a "super star," Brewer said. Dilworth is a composer, arranger, conductor and music educator who hails from St. Louis. VOCES8 is a distinguished a cappella octet from England and the number one classical ensemble on most music streaming platforms.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for our students, and we are hoping to share the story with our community and encourage those who are interested to support the trip," said Deshmond Johnson, Nacogdoches ISD's Director of Fine Arts.

The significance of the occasion is understood by students in Brewer's choir at NHS.

"We'd be performing with a world renowned group," said senior Peyton Lewin, who has already visited Europe. "What an incredible opportunity.

A'Quira Gregory, also a senior, is excited about the chance to get more recognition for her school's choir program as well as the chance at an overseas trip.

"Being out of the country would be incredible," she said. "I've barely been out of Texas."

A'Quira hopes to attend either Stephen F. Austin State University or Texas Southern University to study psychology. Peyton plans to major in vocal performance at Oklahoma City University or Oklahoma State University with a science focus in preparation for med school.

"Our students are deserving of this trip," said Brewer. "I am excited for them to have this opportunity in their lives and extremely proud of the hard work that they do to make something like this happen."

For those wishing to provide financial support, please contact David W. Brewer at dbrewer@nacisd.org. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.













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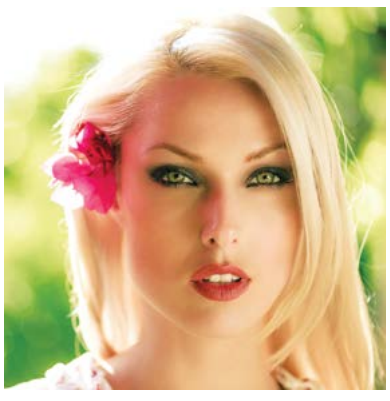
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Hollin Haley is a 2012 graduate of NHS, where she proudly served as Dragonette Drill Team Major. She counts her English teacher Ms. Thomas as a favorite teacher while at NHS.

After NHS Hollin graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. She is now a Los Angeles–based writer and producer whose work has stayed rooted in East Texas.

She has produced films and series alongside A-listers such as Alec Baldwin, Robert Sean Leonard, Whitney Cummings and many more.

In addition to her current projects on the west coast, she is also the founder and Executive Director of the Nacogdoches Film + TV Board, which recruits film and television production to East Texas.

Congratulations to this well-deserving NHS Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus.



Dr. Jack Hammitt attended SFA demonstration school, Central Elementary, TJR and graduated from NHS in 1958. He enjoyed math and physics while in school. He played football (#22, running back), basketball and track (sprinter) and lettered in football and track. In the summer of '58 he began math studies at Stephen F. Austin College where he earned a Bachelor of Mathematics in 1966 and a Master in Education in 1981. Later Jack concluded a Doctorate in Industrial Engineering at Texas A & M University at College Station. He also earned a Superintendent Certificate in 1981. Jack worked in the private sector and taught simultaneously. Additionally, he officiated basketball and football for 20 years. He taught math and physics at Hudson and Nacogdoches ISDs. Jack served at Katy ISD in Jr. High and high school principal positions for 20 years until his retirement in 2000.

Some of Jack's memorable students include Bud Wright, Wade Miller, Mark Thompson, Stan Sisco, Sherry Sweat, and John Patton. But his most favorite student was his daughter, Heidi, whom he tutored in math.

A story Jack loves to tell is about a 7' 1" SFA basketball player, named George Johnson. In 1966, while Jack was working for Gound Chevrolet, George brought his Volkswagen in for services. (Can you imagine watching this guy climb out of a Volkswagen!) Well as you can imagine, Jack struck up a friendship with George. In turn, George gave Jack and Nelda his season tickets to SFA basketball games that year.

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The holiday season is especially important for many small businesses. For some retailers and restaurants, the final months of the year can make the difference between a good year and a difficult one. Choosing to purchase gifts from a local boutique or enjoying a meal at a hometown restaurant or hiring a local service provider can have a lasting impact far beyond the holiday season.

Nacogdoches has always been made up of a collection of unique businesses filled with entrepreneurs who have taken a chance on their dreams. These business owners bring character and personality to our city. They make Nacogdoches distinctive and give residents and visitors a reason to explore more.

Shopping local is also about creating the kind of city we want future generations to inherit. A thriving local economy leads to a stronger tax base, supports public services and encourages continued investment in our community. The choices we make today help determine whether future residents enjoy a vibrant hometown.

During this holiday season, consider making a conscious effort to direct more of your spending toward local businesses. Visit a local store new-to-you. Purchase gift cards from local restaurants. Attend holiday markets and community events. Support the entrepreneurs who have chosen to invest their time, talent and resources in Nacogdoches.

If each of us makes the decision to spend a little more of our holiday budget close to home, together we can create a stronger community, a healthier local economy and a brighter future for generations to come. That may be the best gift we can give Nacogdoches this holiday season.

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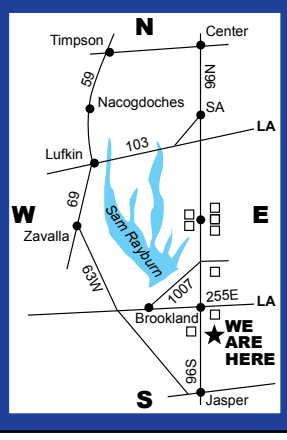


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CBTx Announces Promotion of Scott Bowyer to President

The Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Texas, NA, announce the promotion of Scott Bowyer to President, effective October 1st, 2026. Rusty Rust, who has served a dual role as Chief Executive Officer and President since 2013, will continue serving as CEO. Bowyer will lead the day-to-day banking operations, lending, internal performance and execution of strategy. He will report to Rust. Rust will focus on corporate governance, strategic planning, board development, and shareholder relations. The two will work together to continue CBTx's vision to be the premier community-focused financial services organization in the markets served.



Scott Bowyer

The promotion is part of CBTx's long-term succession plan and reflects the bank's commitment to leadership continuity, organizational stability, and community banking excellence. Bowyer began his career at CBTx in 1994 during his freshman year at Stephen F. Austin State University as a part-time bookkeeper/ATM teller and rose to serve in numerous leadership roles, including Commercial Lender, Retail Banking Manager, Market President, Chief Lending Officer, and Executive Vice President. He has served in Senior Management since 2013. His knowledge, experience and leadership have been instrumental in the bank's growth while maintaining its commitment to local communities and relationship banking.

"As we celebrate 125 years of serving Texans, this transition represents our commitment to ensuring CBTx remains a strong, trusted community resource for generations to come," said Rust. "I have had the privilege of working with Scott for the past 28 years. Scott has a deep appreciation and understanding of the CBTx vision and mission. He is an exceptional banker and leader, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with him as we build on the legacy of this institution."



Rusty Rust

CBTx is a nationally chartered community-oriented financial institution that offers a full range of banking, wealth management and insurance services to individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. The bank is a 5-Star Rated Bank by Buer Financial, an independent bank rating firm. CBTx currently has twenty-three branches in eighteen communities in Texas including Alba, Allen, Beaumont, Bedford, Cushing, Diboll, Elkhart, Emory, Farmersville, Kennard, Lewisville, Lufkin, McKinney, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Roxton, San Augustine, and Wells. The bank understands the importance of being involved in and supporting the communities we serve. For more information about Commercial Bank of Texas, please visit www.cbtx.com.

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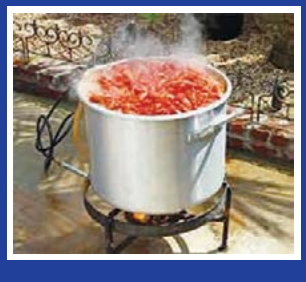
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Home James

by Taylor Millard

I drive quite a bit for a man of my years. I am involved in the Alamo Letter Society which our goal is to place a bronze plaque of the famous Victory or Death letter written by William Barret Travis from the Alamo in 1836 in all 254 counties in the state. On September 23rd I dashed down to Anahuac for Chamber County's dedication and it was great. I was in Cuero for Dewitt County on the 4th of October. On the 16th in Jourdanton for Atascosa County then on the 20th in Longview for Gregg County.



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.

That is more car time than I thought I would be spending at this stage of my life so it got me to looking at Tesla self-driving as a way to address this motoring across our huge state. On a recent Saturday I visited a Tesla dealership to check it out in person. I had watched a few videos and read reviews, seeking a reason to decline this new technology, so I walked in a skeptic.

The showroom was modern but sterile, with an array of curious shoppers and friendly staff. There was only one car on the floor, a Model Y L. It was the one I wanted to see. I walked around it like I was judging a show steer. Studying every angle, then a young lady asked if I wanted to see inside, I said yes. She began at the rear by raising the hatch style door, revealing a third row of seats. She quickly pushed a button and the third row folded, creating a large storage area, with a bonus recessed storage. Now to the front where the "Frunck" is located, more storage, no engine.

She opened the back door, then the front. The white seats were nice but not luxurious with no gauges, only a large screen in the center of the dashboard. Now the real test. I entered the driver's seat without any old man sounds and felt the ergonomic design of the seat against my body. It felt comfortable and when I exited, there was still no audible physical discomfort. "Would you like to go on a test drive?" she asked and I nodded yes like a child being asked if I would like some ice cream.

I sat in the passenger seat and said, "Hey Grok, take me to Kroger." Yes, I asked the car to drive me to a grocery store. I did not fumble around entering anything on an app or searching a map, I just asked it to take me to Kroger and it did. I sat and watched the steering wheel turn smoothly all by itself. I watched it stop at a red light and go when it turned green. The car drove safely and effortlessly to the destination, then backed into a parking space. Done. I then said, "Hey Grok, take me back to the dealership and play Free Bird, live version, because why not. It did as commanded.

Now you are all wondering, yes is the answer. My Model Y L will be in my driveway, maybe in February is how long it will take. Self Driving requires it to be supervised for now and I am fine with that, but some day, my car can be sent away and make money as a Cybercab, so it may pay for itself. I bought a car with a chauffeur so now I can simply ask it to take me where I need to go, "Home James."

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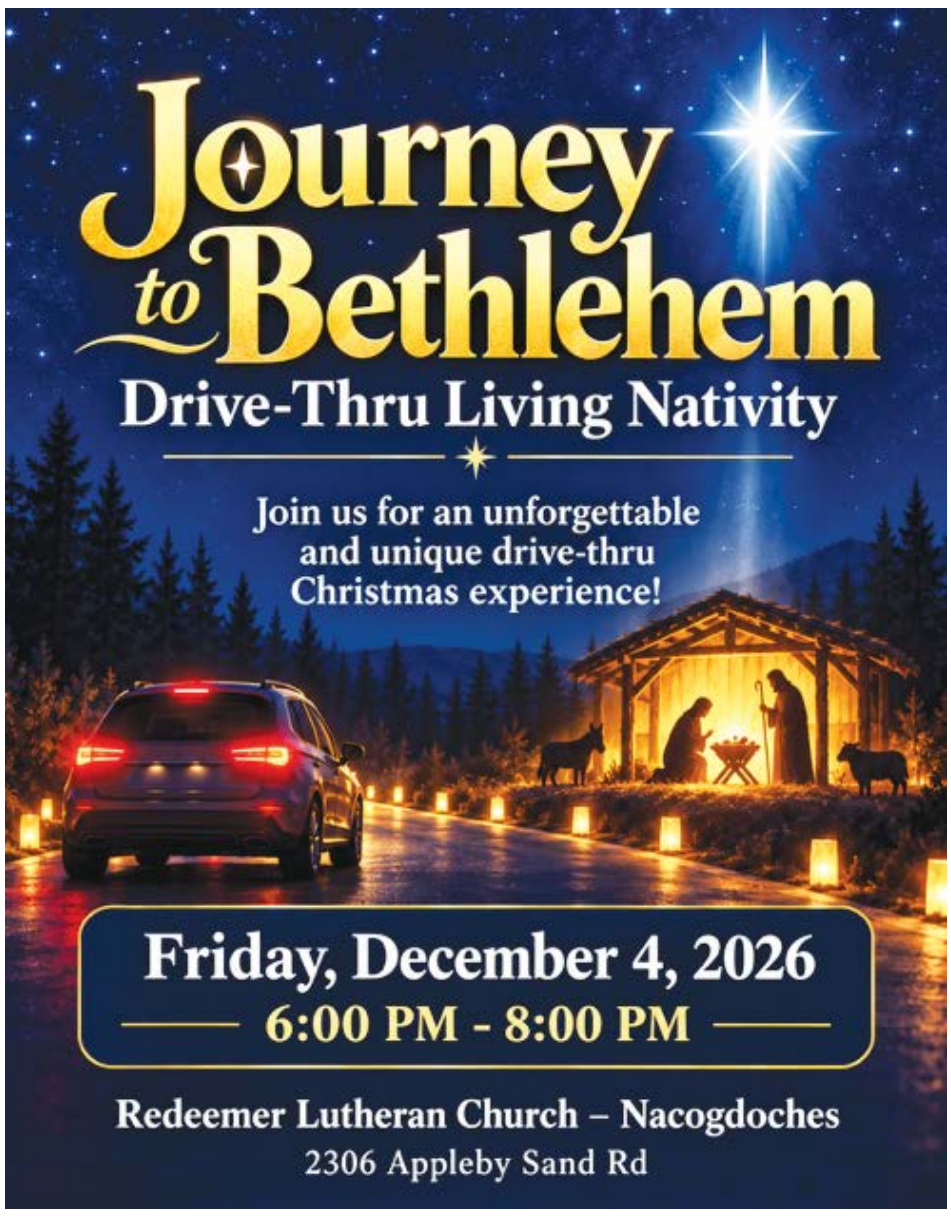
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News From City of Nacogdoches



The Stone Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), in partnership with the City of Nacogdoches, announces a dedication ceremony marking historic Oak Grove Cemetery as an official historical site of the Republic of Texas. The event will take place Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the cemetery grounds on Lanana Street in Nacogdoches.



On Saturday, November 14, 2026, Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc., in partnership with Nacogdoches Historic Sites, will present the Living History of Oak Grove Cemetery Tour. This treasured local event gives guests an opportunity to meet the individuals who helped shape Nacogdoches.



The African American Heritage Project and Nacogdoches Historic Sites invite the community to a Gospel Festival on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Hill Baptist Church Historic Site, 324 North Lanana Street.

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Lufkin District Bicycle Plan Launches an On-line Interactive Map for Public Feedback

Public encouraged to provide feed-back online by November 6

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026 to Friday, Nov. 6, 2026
WHERE: HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Available by Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026
To participate, visit txdot.gov, keyword search "Lufkin District Bicycle Plan" or directly link to: www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/lufkin/2026/lufkin-district-bicycle-plan-091826.html
MEDIA: TxDOT invites the public to provide feedback on Lufkin District Bicycle Plan recommendations

The Texas Department of Transportation is inviting the public to review and provide feedback on an interactive web map as part of the ongoing development of the Lufkin District Bicycle Plan. Input will help shape the plan's final recommendations and guide future bicycle improvements in the state system.

This online engagement invites community members to review and provide feedback on recommended Bikeway Functions for state roadways, proposed Bicycle Tourism Trail (BTT) refinements, and corridor priorities throughout the Lufkin District. Most participants will finish in about 10-15 minutes, depending on how much feedback they choose to share.

To participate, visit txdot.gov and search "Lufkin District Bicycle Plan," or go directly to www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/lufkin/2026/lufkin-district-bicycle-plan-091826.html. The survey is open through Friday, Nov. 6, 2026.

As a regional framework, the Lufkin Bicycle Plan will help TxDOT identify gaps and prioritize locations where bikeway improvements could provide the greatest benefit. The draft plan will be available for review and comment next year.

The interactive web map will be provided in English. If you need additional interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate, please contact TxDOT at 214-535-7261 or elizabeth.jones@txdot.gov least five business days prior to the comment deadline of Nov. 6, 2026. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

To learn more about the Lufkin District Bicycle Plan, visit www.txdot.gov, keyword search "Lufkin District Bicycle Plan" or contact Tim Monzingo, TxDOT Lufkin District Public Information Officer, at timothy.monzingo@txdot.gov or 936-208-5651.





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Lamp-Lite Players Present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

by Alyssa Faykus-Smith, Publicity

The Lamp-Lite Players present ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,*** by Barbara Robinson, Dec. 17-20, for one weekend only. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17-19, and 2 p.m. Dec. 20. Demand is high for our annual Christmas production, so we advise patrons to purchase tickets online at lampliteplayers.ludus.com prior to the performances. Tickets go on sale Nov. 2 and there is no audience dress rehearsal. Leftover tickets, if available, will be sold at the Box Office the day of the performance 45 minutes before curtain. All seats are reserved seats.

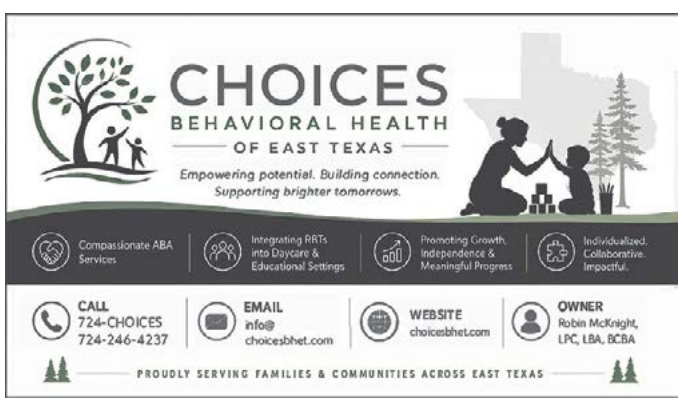
The Herdmans, played by **Maddox Gaond, Londyn Aycock, Stihl Adams, Amirabella Higginbotham, Kinsley Baeza** and **Penelope Winslett,** are "the worst kids in the world." After hearing about desserts at church, they take over the main parts of the Annual Christmas Pageant, to the chagrin of the Bradleys, played by **Paige Paulette, Alan Gaska, Madie Boyer** and **Robert McDermand.** Can Mrs. Bradley turn the impending fiasco around?

Mrs. Armstrong and the other Ladies of the Church, played by **Heather Patterson, Carrie Butler Swann, Tammy Miller, Dakota Hauff** and **Ember Finch Stewart,** do not think so. They continually give advice to Rev. Hopkins, played by **Mars Scharer.** In addition, Beth's best friend Alice, played **by Cadence Glazener,** provides her insights, and the Sunday School Kids, including Maxine, played by **Kenzi Clark,** and the rest, played by **Jojo Contreas, Graham Payne, Hadley Rutherford, Gabby Bloxson, Paisley Hill, Jocelyn Hunt, Olive Gaska, Arianna Espino, Jackson Smith, Cassidy Witcher, Everly Hill, Madelyn Patterson,** and **Emma Sparks,** enter the fray. Added to the chaos are the Firemen, played by **Jeremiah Winslett** and **Faithlynn S.**

Cristoban Morones directs this cherished Christmas tradition featuring adult, youth, and child Lamp-Lite Players, with **Riley Nichols** assistant directing. **Davy Thomas** directs the music and provides accompaniment. **Christen Smith** serves as stage manager, assisted by **Alex Baeza** and **Kirsten Baker.**

Audience members are asked to arrive at Lamp-Lite Theatre 15-30 minutes prior to curtain. More information may be found at www.lamplitetheatre.com. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.





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SERVING OUR SAVIOR

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

Feeding Children & Filling Hearts

The Harvest House Backpack Program in Nacogdoches

by Leisha Bryant

Every Friday afternoon in Nacogdoches, approximately **600 elementary school children** walk out of their classrooms carrying something far more important than homework or weekend plans. They carry simple, healthy food items that will sustain them through Saturday and Sunday when school meals are not available. This quiet, faithful ministry has been happening for many years, and it is one of the most powerful demonstrations of compassion in our community.



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

The Ministry of Provision and Love

The Harvest House Food Pantry, now operating under the umbrella of Love INC of Nacogdoches, has long been committed to feeding children who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. What began as a small effort has grown into a lifeline for hundreds of families. Each week, volunteers prepare 600 "backpacks" (which are actually disposable containers, because traditional backpacks rarely return on Monday) and ensure they are delivered to local elementary schools.

This ministry is not simply about food. It is about living out God's call to *feed the hungry, love the hurting,* and serve those in need. This backpack program is more than an extension of a food pantry, it is a tangible expression of Christ's compassion, offered quietly and faithfully to children who depend on it.
The Harvest House is currently a traditional food pantry but as it comes under the umbrella of Love INC, it will soon be transformed into a food co-op program. Details are coming!

Delta Zeta: Serving with Joy

One of the most beautiful parts of this ministry is the partnership with the Delta Zeta sorority. Every week, these dedicated young women gather at the Harvest House to assemble all 600 weekend food backpacks. Their consistency, joy, and servant-hearted commitment make this ministry possible. They are a shining example of what happens when community members step forward to serve together.

The Growing Challenge

Providing healthy food for 600 children each week is both a privilege and a challenge. The cost ranges from **$500 to $800 weekly,** and as food prices rise, it becomes increasingly difficult to sustain the program at the level these children deserve. Harvest House works hard to send nutritious items and foods that will truly help children stay fed, energized, and cared for throughout the weekend.

As Love INC continues to strengthen and expand this ministry, we want our entire community to be aware of the need and the opportunity. No child in Nacogdoches should face a weekend without food. Together, we can ensure they don't.

How You Can Help

If you feel led to support the Backpack Program directly, your generosity will make an immediate impact.

- **Checks:** Please write Backpack in the memo line.
- **Online Giving:** Visit our website and click the donation button. In the information field, write Backpack so your gift is designated correctly.

Every dollar helps. Every gift matters. Every act of generosity feeds a child.

A Community That Cares

The Harvest House Backpack Program is one of the clearest pictures of what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Nacogdoches. It is a ministry built on compassion, sustained by volunteers, and strengthened by the generosity of people who believe that children should never go hungry.

We are honored to continue this work under Love INC and with your help, we will not only sustain it, but grow it, so that every child in need receives food, hope, and a reminder that their community cares deeply for them.
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"That by two immutable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for *REFUGE* to lay hold of the hope set before us." (Hebrews 6:18, emphasis added)

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



Little Respect for God's Holiness

As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as [God] who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16

Do you believe in God? If the response is yes, what does it mean to you to believe in God and upon what do you base your belief? Why do you believe in your God? Who is your God in whom you believe, what is His name? How do you know the God in whom you believe is really God? Is your God a holy God? Do you show respect for His holiness in the way you live?

As I survey the landscape of the church here in America, it is becoming increasingly evident that we are serving many gods. The church is filled with idol worshipers. Like Israel in the Old Testament, a nation God formed and separated unto Himself, the church has joined herself to other gods, becoming a harlot before the world. There is little fear of God in the church. There is little respect for His holiness in the body of Christ, among the people called by His name.

We show little respect for God's holiness when we entertain ourselves with Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, etc.; scrolling through the feed on our electronic devices or texting while God is speaking to us through His word from the pulpit. Cell phones are constantly in use during the time designated to worship God on Sunday morning as though we are attending some secular event, the phone always at the ready to record and take pictures we can post and boast about ourselves. Our cell phones have become idols in our hands during Sunday service and at other times when we gather to hear a word from the Lord or to receive teaching and instruction in righteousness.

We show little respect for God's holiness when we worship the god of racism and division in the body of Christ. We worship the god of lies and deception who whispers, "Has God indeed said?" We worship the god of death in supporting abortion; the god of the dismantling of the Lord's holy institution in supporting unions outside of marriage between one man and one woman; the god of wickedness in standing with the wicked in support of the mutilation of the bodies of children. We serve these gods while calling on the name of Jesus. We have no business being promotors of darkness and evil in the lives we live as Christians, people who are light in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our God deserves the honor and respect due His holy name by letting our light shine before this crooked and perverse generation that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

We show little respect for God's holiness with the profane words we use (cussing folks out), when addressing them in public and on social media, showing little value to them as a human being created by God. We show little respect for God's holiness when we knowingly turn away from what we know to be biblical truth and pursue unholy alliances with a world system that is passing away.

The Bible says we are to be holy in all of our conduct. We are to pursue holiness, chase after it because our Jesus, our Lord and our God, is holy. Christians have been called out of the world to be a people separated unto God. We are to be "obedient children, not conforming [ourselves] to the former lusts as in [our] ignorance." We have a calling on our lives to honor the holiness of God. That honor due our Father is to be reflected in holy living.

Respect for God's holiness is shown when we speak the truth about Him from His word in love. The Bible says God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Respect for God's holiness is to tell people it is through Christ that we believe in God; reconciliation with God is through Christ alone; forgiveness of sin is through Christ alone; salvation is through Christ alone and entrance into heaven and the escape of hell is through faith in Christ alone.

When we compromise biblical beliefs and biblical values in order to go along with that which we know is wrong just to get along, we show little respect for not only God Himself, but for His word as well, for His word is holy. We show little respect for the sacrifice Christ made for us in dying for our sins when we live in sin as His followers. We are commanded to "conduct [ourselves] throughout the time of [our] stay here in fear, knowing that [we] were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold…but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:17-19). Fear of God (reverential awe of His majesty as Lord and King) leads to holy living, showing respect for His holiness. We have a Helper, the Holy Spirit. As we surrender our lives to His lordship, leadership and authority, He will help us to obey God, to be holy as He is holy.

If the living and true God, the God of the Bible who is holy is your God, does your life imitate His holy character?

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Commercial Bank of Texas Promotes CIO Tim Leonard to Chief Operations Officer

CEO, Rusty Rust, and President, Scott Bowyer, are pleased to announce the promotion of Tim Leonard to Chief Operations Officer, recognizing his exceptional leadership and nearly three decades of service to the organization.

A respected banking executive, educator, and cybersecurity professional, Leonard has served as Chief Information Officer since 2003 and has played an instrumental role in shaping the bank's operational infrastructure, technology strategy, information security programs, and customer service capabilities. Throughout his 27-year career at CBTx, he has led numerous critical functions including Information Technology, Digital Banking, Call Center Operations, ACH, Bookkeeping, BSA, Information Security, and Physical Security.

"Tim's vision, technical expertise, and commitment to operational excellence have helped position Commercial Bank of Texas for continued growth and success," said President Scott Bowyer. "He has successfully guided our organization through major system conversions, acquisitions, natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, and countless industry changes. His leadership has strengthened our bank, and we are excited to have him serve in this expanded role."

During his career, Leonard has led major technology and operational initiatives, directed acquisition integration teams, and helped ensure business continuity through challenging events and disruptions. His contributions extend beyond the bank, serving as faculty member for the Texas Tech School of Banking and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, while also sharing his expertise through speaking engagements focused on cybersecurity, fraud prevention, emerging technologies, and business continuity.

A recognized leader within the banking industry, Leonard currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Graduate School of Banking at LSU and has been actively involved with the Texas Bankers Association as a speaker, committee member, and international delegate. He holds a Master of Science in Cyber and Information Assurance from Penn State University, is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), and is a graduate of both the LSU Graduate School of Banking and the Texas Bankers Association Management Development Program.

"Commercial Bank of Texas has been a big part of my life for nearly 30 years. I've been fortunate to work alongside an outstanding team and serve communities that mean a great deal to me," said Leonard. "As we continue to grow, my focus will remain on supporting our employees, taking care of our customers, and making sure we stay true to the values that have made this bank successful. We have a strong foundation, and I believe the future belongs to community banks that combine personal relationships with the technology and innovation customers expect today."

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From Nacogdoches to Da Nang, Vietnam Sgt. James F. Lee Story

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

James (Jimmy) Franklin Lee graduated from Nacogdoches High School in May of 1966, a young man standing at the beginning of a new chapter in his life. Only two months later, a letter arrived from the Selective Service office instructing Jimmy to report for a physical examination. Rather than simply wait to be drafted, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Jimmy recalls sharing the news with his parents. Jimmy's father, James "Buck" Lee, was a World War II veteran who had served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps. With just a few simple but heartfelt words, Buck expressed what every son hopes to hear from his father: "I'm proud of you." Those words carried special meaning coming from a man who had served his country and understood the sacrifices of military life. Buck later continued his service to fellow veterans by serving as the Nacogdoches County Veterans Service Officer for 25 years, dedicating much of his life to helping those who had worn the uniform.



In October 1966, Jimmy began his military journey by reporting to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego, California, for boot camp. After completing basic training, he moved on to tank school at Camp Pendleton, California, where he began learning the skills he would need as a Marine tanker and later trained at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. There, he received intensive instruction in tank operations, battlefield tactics, armament, and other essential skills needed to serve in combat. Once his training was complete, Jimmy was deployed to Vietnam, arriving in Da Nang and assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division.



Jimmy and his fellow Marines were busy guarding bridges, helicopter landing pads, supply routes, and other important military positions. Their mission was to help keep these vital routes and facilities secure from enemy attacks. At other times, Jimmy accompanied infantry units on patrols and convoys, serving as the tank's gunner and standing ready to provide heavy firepower whenever needed. One of Jimmy's most significant missions was the fight to secure Hue City, the former imperial capital of Vietnam, located approximately 80 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The Battle of Hue took place during the Tet Offensive in late January and February 1968, when Marine tanks played a vital role in supporting infantry as they fought to regain control of the city. From February 12 through February 26, 1968, Jimmy and his platoon of fellow Marines took part in the mission to secure Hue City. The cost of the fighting was heavy. Three Marines lost their lives, and 14 others were wounded from his tank platoon.

To Jimmy, these men were more than fellow Marines serving alongside him in combat. The bonds formed under such circumstances lasted far beyond the battlefield. Every February, Jimmy carries the names of the three Marines with whom he served and made the ultimate sacrifice, close to his heart. It is a simple but deeply meaningful way to honor the men he served beside, remember their sacrifice, and ensure that their service and friendship are never forgotten.

By 1969, Jimmy was reassigned to the armory division Camp Pendleton, California, where he put his combat experience and weapons knowledge to use as an instructor. He taught Marines about firearms, including the 9 MM tank gun and the .50-caliber machine gun. On February 27, 1970, Jimmy was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps. During his service, he earned several military honors; including the Navy Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, recognizing his service, dedication, and contributions during the Vietnam War.

As Jimmy reflects on his difficult years in Vietnam, he vividly recalls the stillness and darkness of the night, broken by the sudden roar of gunships and flashes of light illuminating the sky. Those moments, when the quiet of the night gave way to the sights and sounds of war, remain etched in his memory. When Jimmy looks back on his time in the Marine Corps, he considers himself fortunate. "I served in the best time," he recalls. From the day he enlisted until the day he deployed to Vietnam, Jimmy was surrounded by Marines who had recently returned from the battlefield. They shared their experiences, knowledge, and hard-earned wisdom with the younger Marines preparing to follow in their footsteps. At the same time, experienced instructors at the training camps worked diligently to prepare Jimmy and his fellow Marines for the realities of combat.



After his discharge, Jimmy returned to Nacogdoches and dedicated 33 years of service to the City of Nacogdoches Fire Department, working his way from dispatcher to Assistant Fire Chief. Jimmy's greatest blessings include his beautiful daughter, Melissa, and his beloved grandchild, Olivia. He also found lasting love with Susan Jacobs Lee, whom he married on March 1, 2026. Together, they began a new chapter filled with love, companionship, and the promise of cherished memories yet to come.

Jimmy, thank you for your important service during the Vietnam era. You answered the call when your country needed you and served honorably. We are grateful for the time and commitment you gave to our country. May God bless you.

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A Pilot's Dream Interrupted by Circumstance 2nd Lt. James Frank Montes, USAF

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

For Frank Montes of Lufkin, Texas, joining the United States Air Force was more than a decision to serve his country—it was the beginning of a dream that seemed to be taking flight in every sense of the word. At the age of 23, Frank enlisted in the Air Force. It was a choice that reflected both his willingness to serve and his desire to pursue an opportunity that had captured his imagination—becoming a pilot. During the Air Force's testing and evaluation process, Frank demonstrated a natural aptitude for aviation. His test results indicated that he had the potential to become a good pilot, and he was selected to begin flight training. After completing boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Frank was assigned to Williams Air Force Base in Mesa, Arizona, for flight school.



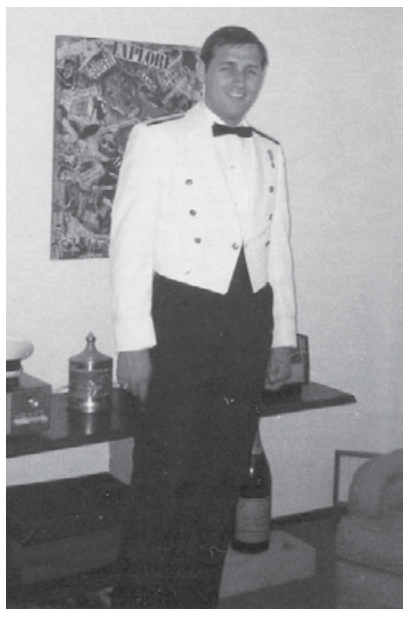
The first stage of Frank's pilot training involved learning to fly the Cessna T-41A Mescalero, a single-engine propeller aircraft used by the Air Force for initial flight screening and instruction. Essentially the military version of the Cessna 172, the T-41A provided students with an introduction to the fundamentals of military aviation. Then, came the next step—the Cessna T-37B Tweet, a twin-engine jet trainer. Moving from the relatively light and slower T-41A into a jet aircraft represented a significant transition for a student pilot. The T-37 introduced Frank to greater speed, performance, and, importantly, the physical demands associated with flying a high-performance jet. As Frank progressed in jet training, those physical demands began to take a toll. The tremendous G-forces placed on a pilot's body, particularly during maneuvers that required pulling the aircraft upward, put considerable stress on his back and legs. What initially seemed to be the normal physical demands of advanced flight training soon was discovered to be a serious medical problem.



Frank's condition eventally required hospitalization. Medical examinations revealed that one of the vertebrae in his back had not developed properly. The abnormal vertebra was pressing against a nerve, explaining the pain and physical problems he had experienced during training. Unfortunately, the condition could not be repaired. As a result, Frank was unable to continue his flight training or progress to the Northrop T-38A Talon, the Air Force's advanced twin-engine, supersonic jet trainer used to prepare pilots for high-performance fighter and bomber aircraft. For Frank, the medical discovery brought an abrupt end to his pursuit of becoming an Air Force pilot.

After leaving pilot training, Frank was assigned to aircraft maintenance at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. Like much of the Air Force's aircraft maintenance workforce, the shop was staffed largely by enlisted airmen who performed the hands-on work of inspecting, servicing, repairing, and preparing aircraft for flight. Frank served as the officer in charge of the maintenance section. He provided the leadership and oversight while the enlisted mechanics carried out much of the specialized, hands-on maintenance work. For Frank, this was a very different role from the one he had envisioned when he joined the Air Force. Now, instead of sitting in the cockpit, he would contribute to the mission from the ground, helping ensure that the aircraft others flew were ready to perform. It was not the path Frank had originally chosen, but it allowed him to remain part of the aviation world he had come to know and appreciate.

After three and a half years of service, Frank received an honorable discharge and returned to civilian life. He and Linda were blessed with two children, a daughter, Alison, and a son, Chris. Frank went on to spend the next 25 years working for IBM, helping small businesses learn to use and set up their computer systems. Born and reared in Nacogdoches, Texas, Frank is a proud Nacogdoches Dragon. Since retiring, he has called Lufkin home for more than 25 years.



Frank, thank you for your important service during the Vietnam era. You answered the call when your country needed you and served honorably. We are grateful for the time and commitment you gave to our country. May God bless you.

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Becoming A Geezer

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.

As I was writing this, it occurred to me that the term "Geezer" is rarely used by itself; it is almost always preceded by "old." Checking the dictionary (instead of asking ChatGPT, which would be much cooler), it means "an elderly person." Well, I'm clearly a geezer, but I suppose I'm an old geezer, having already exceeded the common life expectancy for U. S. males.



Perhaps one becomes a geezer when nostalgia comes into full bloom. A longing for a visit just one more time among the irreplaceable people, experiences and values of the past is not a bad thing; it is geezerism at its best, in my view. It tells us we have brought with us a wealth of memories of times when things were simple and robust personal relationships were treasured.

If you think your parents were square (is that term still in use?) and you scoff at their simple, undigitized life untethered to a phone, laptop or computer, you are definitely not yet wise enough to be a geezer. If you prefer stopping at a fast-food window to the homemade goodies they served with love from well-used family kitchens, you are not yet a geezer.

There are also things that are reliable indicators that you are indeed a geezer. For example, being able to recall the names of personalities on the Lawrence Welk Show is a dead giveaway. It's even worse; I recently asked one of my grandsons if he had seen any Brad Pitt movies, to which he answered, 'Who?"

If you can recall fondly a time when family and friends gathered on the front porch and participated in a thing called "visiting," you have certainly reached geezerhood.

Another geezer trait: Paying with cash. Not long ago, I approached a willowy young girl, who certainly had not reached the age of twenty, as she checked out patients at a local dentist's office.

"Your copay will be twenty-one dollars today, Mr. Mills," she said, smiling sweetly as she stared at my account on her computer screen.

I retrieved from my wallet a twenty and a five and laid them on the granite counter. Taking her eyes off the screen, she stared at the bills then looked up at me, her eyebrows raised and brown eyes a good deal larger. It was as if I had offered a chicken or a goat for payment. She looked back at her comrades, as if to say, "What do I do now?" I should have known better.

"I can use a credit card if it will make things easier," I offered.

Instantly, she broke into a big smile and eagerly pushed the bills toward me. Clearly, only a geezer would still be using cash. I read recently that Sweden and Norway were nearing a cashless financial system, as only a very tiny percentage of the transactions there are made with cash. It appears we're not far behind. Geezers beware!

It's not that I haven't embraced modern technology; I'm pretty well tethered to the grid like anyone else. But I do miss the interaction I enjoyed with people before they spent all their idle time staring at a TV or cell phone screen.

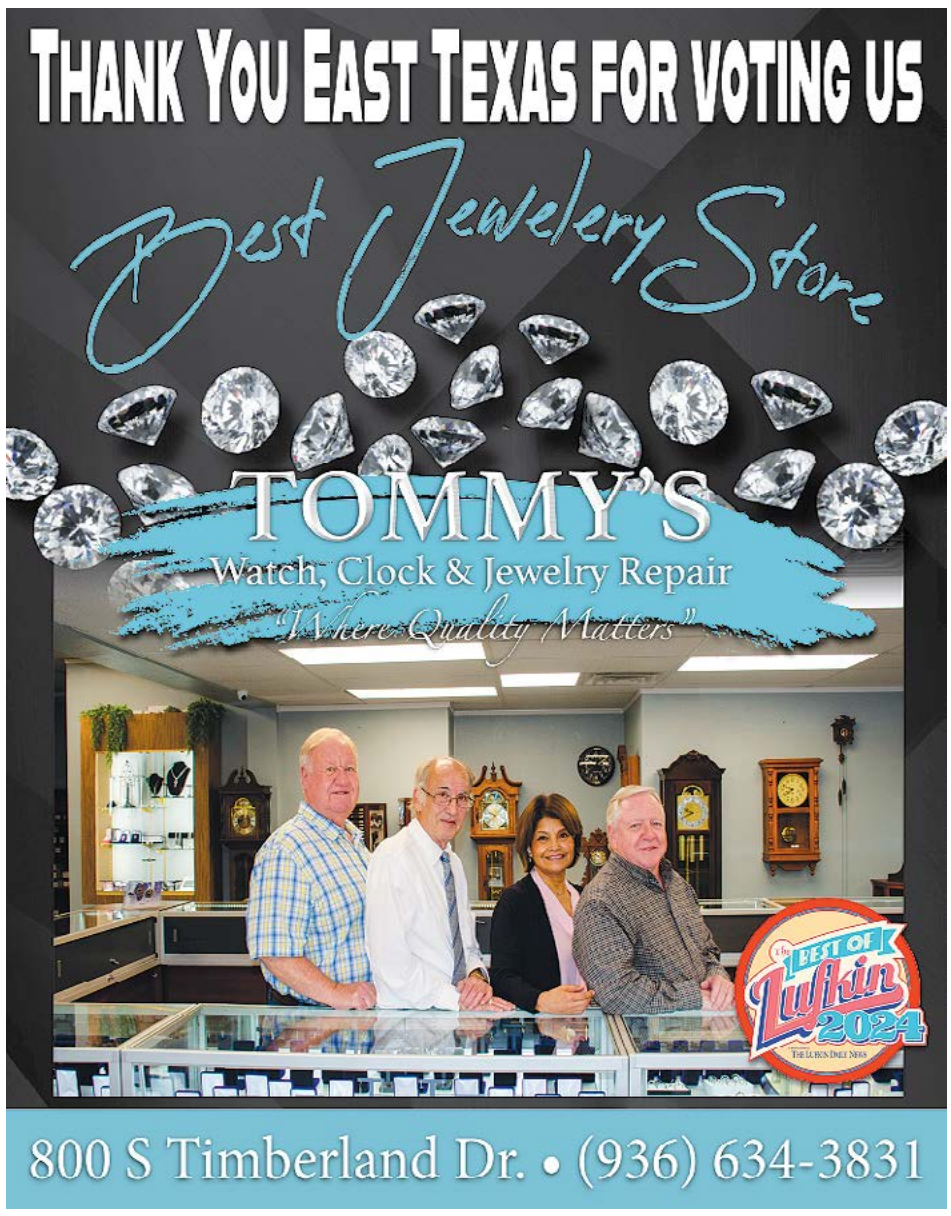
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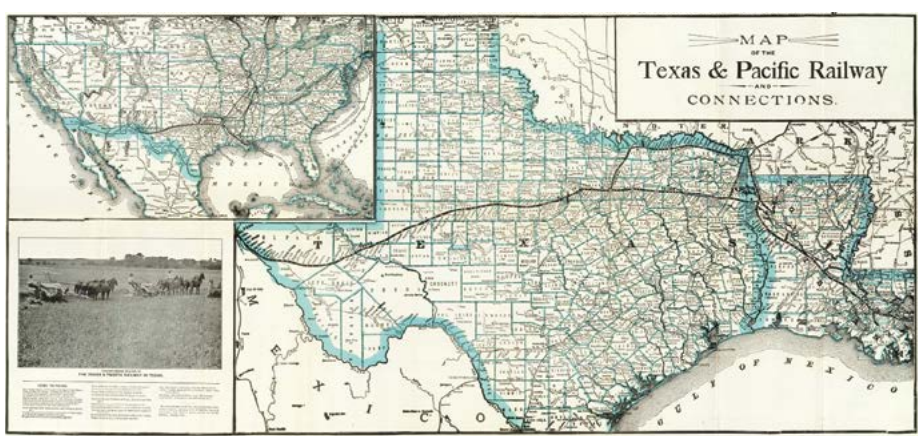
by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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Railroads, if you ask me, were the most consequential economic and technological innovation in American history, and without a doubt were the most important component in aiding the expansion of the U.S. across the middle of the North American continent. The railroad provided relatively cheap, and certainly fast, transportation across the nation, it connected farmers, ranchers, and industrialists to a large national market, and "shrunk" the communication network throughout the nation. Such improvements were momentous and transformative in their own right, but most significantly railroad corporations became the model for modern American corporate organization, and the foundation for how businesses would operate in the U.S. for at least the next one hundred years.

The rails were equally important in Texas, principally due to the need to connect such a large state. The distances in Texas were daunting, and traveling from east to west by wagon train or horseback was a long and arduous journey that one did not make if one did not absolutely have to. The establishment of rail lines in the state began to change that, and while it was not the first railroad in Texas, certainly the most important early one was the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, which commenced building its way across the state in the 1870s. The T&P, as most Texans then and now called it, also holds the distinction of being the only railroad in Texas, and one of only a handful in the nation, to operate under a federal charter.

When the Civil War ended in 1865, national political and industrial leaders once again began to agitate for the completion of transcontinental rail lines. While the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific companies—with substantial subsidies from Congress and a lot of corruption—concentrated on building the route across the middle of the nation, interest in building a southern route once again became a topic of discussion. After much political wrangling—which meant that Chicago based concerns won the argument—the newly chartered Texas and Pacific Railroad Company received a congressional charter to build from Marshall, Texas to San Diego, California. The federal government provided public land grants to the company in New Mexico, Arizona, and California, but the U.S. government had no land to grant in Texas, so it was up to the Texas legislature to make such grants. The body responded with a grant of twenty sections of land for each mile of rail the company would build within the borders of the state, which quickly made the T&P the largest private landowner in Texas.



The route of the Texas and Pacific Railway through Texas.

The T&P immediately began to acquire some smaller lines along the most eastern portions of its route in 1871 and 1872, as well as the original companies' rights to build. The company hired famed railroad builder Greenville M. Dodge to be the chief engineer. Dodge directed construction to begin in October 1872, and the 125 miles between Longview and Dallas came into service in June 1873. Other trunk lines were built from northeast Texas to Dallas during the same period and by the winter of 1873 the T&P was poised to begin to move from Dallas to the west. However, the Panic of 1873 caused the construction company building the line to fail and the line stalled.

The T&P decided to form its own construction operation and resumed laying track in 1876. Dallas and Fort Worth were connected in July of that year, and with all other connecting lines coming into operation the railroad had 444 miles of track in Texas. However, the costs of construction and equipment, combined with the uncertain economic climate, caused the company to once again have to scramble for financing. That changed in 1879 when financier Jay Gould organized a syndicate to buy the T&P. The newly reorganized company once again hired Dodge to oversee construction and began laying track from Fort Worth westward in April 1880.

Dodge and his crews worked quickly and diligently—if not always efficiently as much of the construction was shoddy and had to be replaced within the next decade—and the T&P reached Sierra Blanca in December 1881. The T&P was originally to construct a line all the way to El Paso, where it would connect with Collis P. Huntington's Southern Pacific making its way from San Diego. However, Huntington, a man who was no stranger to controversy and, at least, unethical shenanigans, continued west once he reached El Paso and thus the two lines met at Sierra Blanca. The company also had title to almost 6,000,000 acres of land; it had actually only received land for the miles constructed west of Fort Worth. After almost a decade, Texas had a railway that connected the entire state, and the T&P had laid a total of 1,034 miles of main track. The rails had laid a foundation for Texas to begin to enter the modern era.

To some extent, the completion of the Texas and Pacific line was the first step toward creating modern Texas. The state was now more directly connected to the remainder of the nation, which would begin to have consequences for the state almost immediately. By the 1880s, there would be no need for driving cattle to Kansas as connecting lines began to connect to the T&P and cattlemen could ship their cattle more directly. Cities also began to grow along the rails, most significantly the then small town of Dallas that lay at the junction of the Texas and Pacific and the Houston and Texas Central; within the next three decades it would grow to be one of the largest cities in the state and today is the transportation hub for a large swath of the entire southwest of the United States. Migrants to the state would ride that rail line to come to the state, increasing the population of the state into one of the largest in the nation. Those transportation links begun by the rails remain important well into the twenty-first century. The current path of Interstate 20 in Texas almost parallels the same path the groundbreaking railroad traveled in the nineteenth century.

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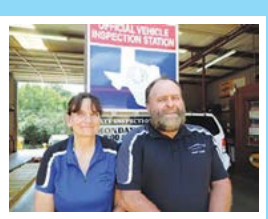
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November brings a little extra charm to Nacogdoches as the town begins transitioning from fall into the holiday season. Downtown shops start welcoming holiday shoppers, beloved traditions return, and festive events offer plenty of opportunities to gather with family and friends. Whether you're searching for unique gifts, discovering local history, or getting a head start on holiday celebrations, there's plenty to look forward to this month in the Oldest Town in Texas.

Kick off the holiday shopping season with the **Merry Christmas Market** on November 6th–7th in Downtown Nacogdoches. The historic brick streets provide the perfect backdrop for a weekend of browsing local shops and discovering unique gifts. It's a great opportunity to shop small and experience the charm of downtown while supporting local businesses and getting into the holiday spirit.

Train enthusiasts and families alike can visit the **Loblolly Model Train Veterans Day Open House,** November 6th–8th at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot. This year marks 15 years of the beloved model train display, featuring detailed miniature landscapes, familiar local landmarks, and trains traveling through intricate scenes. The special Veterans Day edition incorporates military-themed displays highlighting the role of railroads during World War II. Admission is free, making this a wonderful outing for visitors of all ages. The holiday edition returns November 27th–December 13th, opening Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 6 pm and Sundays from noon to 5 pm.

On November 14th, take a journey into the past during the **Living History of Oak Grove Cemetery Tour.** Costumed interpreters will portray notable figures from Nacogdoches history, sharing personal stories and the contributions these individuals made to the community. The first guided walking tour begins at 10 am. It's a unique opportunity to learn about the people who helped shape the Oldest Town in Texas.

Holiday shopping continues November 19th–21st at **Holiday in the Pines,** hosted by Nacogdoches Junior Forum at the Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center. This annual shopping tradition brings together specialty vendors offering gifts, home décor, accessories, and seasonal finds.

Lace up your running shoes and kick off your Thanksgiving morning with the **Turkey Trot at Pecan Park** on November 26th. Whether you're running, walking, or cheering on participants, it's a fun way to get moving and spend time with the community before gathering around the holiday table.

Keep the holiday spirit going on November 28th with **Wassail Fest** in Downtown Nacogdoches. Sample warm wassail at participating downtown businesses as you stroll the brick streets, browse local shops, and celebrate Small Business Saturday. With seasonal flavors and plenty of holiday cheer, it's the perfect excuse to shop local and enjoy one of downtown's favorite holiday traditions.

From historic discoveries to holiday markets and festive traditions, November offers plenty of ways to celebrate the season in Nacogdoches. For more event information and the latest happenings, visit visitnacogdoches.org/events. We'll see you *Around the Town!*

Snapshot from *Around the Town*

Veronica Amoe (l), Historic Sites Manager for the City of Nacogdoches, introduced J.B. Carathers (2nd from left) and George Ellis (r), the creators of the model train display for the Veterans Day Special, November 6-8, 2026, and the Christmas Display, November 27-29 and December 4-6 and 11-13 at the Nacogdoches Train Depot, at the **Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friend**s monthly morning coffee. Hostesses for the event included (3rd left to right) Betty Shinn, Rose Guilbeau, Carolyn Verver, Pam Smitherman, and Jan Maville. For more information about the Train Model Display at the Nacogdoches Train Depot, go to visit Nacogdoches.org. For more information about Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends, email nacogdochesnewcomers@gmail.com



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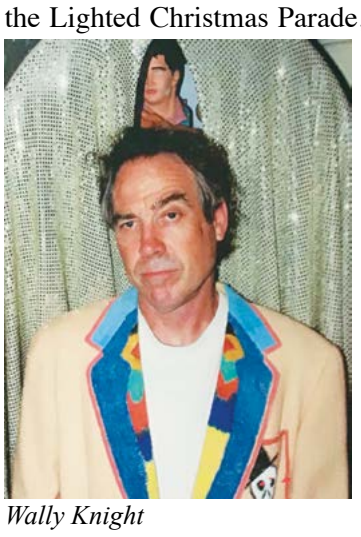
CONNECTING COMMUNITY | SUPPORTING ARTISTS

"Cosmic Debris - New Work by Wally Knight" art exhibition continues every Saturday in November, 11-4 at Falling Star Gallery, 320 North Street. The opening reception was incredibly well received with over 100 art lovers there competing for his work. The closing reception will be Saturday, November 28 (WassailFest day) from 2-4pm. Come snag a piece while you can! Also available by appointment. Text 917-209-1050.



Nancy Ellen Walker

Kick off the holiday season with the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative at the Winter Workshop Arts Market on Saturday, December 5, from 4 to 9 pm. Set along the historic brick streets of downtown Nacogdoches, the market uns alongside the Lighted Christmas Parade, so you can browse, eat, and enjoy the festivities in one evening.



Wally Knight

Don't miss our raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt. Every ticket supports our mission to increase access to diverse, multicultural artistic opportunities and to support local artists.

Bring your family, your friends, and your holiday shopping list. When you shop the market, you are buying from local artists and supporting the arts in our community. A limited number of vendor spots are still available, but you better hurry! For additional information on vending go to our website www.nacartscollab.com and click the vendor tab.

Artist Spotlight: Meet Denise Stringer Davis!



Denise Stringer Davis

This East Texas native is a married mother of two and has been both a studio artist and an arts educator for more than 30 years. Currently working as Assistant Professor of Art Education at Stephen F. Austin State University, Denise is herself an SFA graduate with a BFA and MA in art and art education. Later, she received a scholarship to pursue her MFA at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

"I was born and raised in Lufkin, and when my husband Bryan, another East Texas native, moved with me to Fort Worth, neither of us had ever lived in a big urban environment before. Those two years changed my life. Suddenly having access to three world-class museums (The Kimball, the Amon Carter and the Modern), a happening gallery scene, and a truly nurturing art department at TCU showed me that the art world was much bigger than I'd ever realized." Denise completed her MFA in 2002.

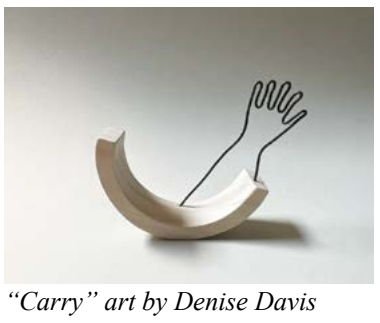
"I'm a tactile person and as a kid, I was making things with the clay I dug out of our backyard before I ever took an art class. After those first art classes in middle school, I didn't think I was good at drawing, but I liked making connections and putting things together. My concentration in college was in printmaking and along the way, I also got interested in bookmaking and ways to expand the idea of what a book could be. A page is just something to display images and information, and I added 3-D sculptural elements." More of Denise's far-ranging work can be found on her website at denisestringerdavis.com.



"Throwing Voices" art by Denise Davis

"At SFA, we are creating artist/educators, not just teachers," said Denise. "It's my job to create a safe space for their artistic experimentation and exploration. I want two things for my students: first, to celebrate the courage they need to be artists who are willing to be exposed. You must be brave to submit pieces for juried critique, to put something out there for the public to examine and comment on. And second, to understand that art is work, not just entertainment."

Denise's wide-ranging experience includes adjunct teaching positions at TCU, UT at Arlington, Tarrant County College, Angelina College and 16 years in the Lufkin public school system, where she became Fine Arts Department chair before leaving the high school to join the faculty at SFA. She has curated exhibits at the Museum of East Texas, most recently "Traversing Lines: A Narrative on the American Landscape," the work of Winter Rusiloski. Her relationship with the NAC began in 2022 with a solo show called "Loss, Healing and Wonder" at Falling Star Gallery. She recently taught a workshop in mask making, ahead of the NAC 2026 Arts Ball Masquerade.



"Carry" art by Denise Davis

"Art is multifaceted. It's a way of processing information, of communicating information and a way of working, in general. Because art is a synthesis, the more you know about other things, the more you will understand art. Plus, as a bonus, art is therapeutic for the creator. That's another reason why I keep making art."

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization dedicated to supporting the arts in Nacogdoches and encouraging artists of all disciplines to thrive.

Snapshot from Around the Town

These OLD Nacogdoches High School Classmates recently met for cinnamon rolls and coffee at the new **N'AXE Eats,** 116 S. Pecan in Nacogdoches (Formerly Dolly's Diner's location). They also offer a large selection of fresh homemade soups, sandwiches and salads. Stop in and meet the owner, Stacey Ogden, and enjoy their amazing food! L-R: Jmmy Lee, David Stallings, John Rulfs, James Aston and Ken Pruitt.



Glenn Lenderman

East Texas Music Man!

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Oct-Dec 2026 Schedule

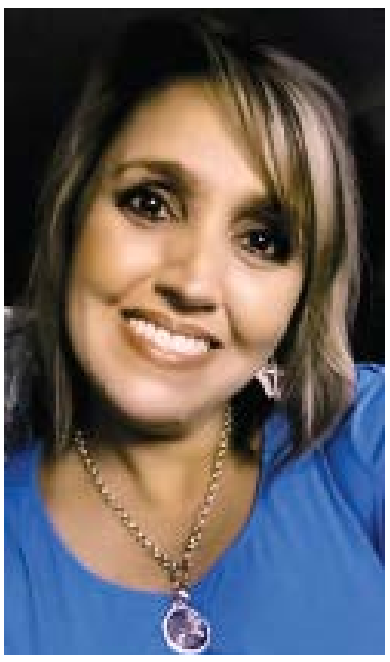
October			
Fri 9th	Nacogdoches Fair	Nacogdoches	7:00 pm
Tue 13th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Thu 15th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Fri 16th	**Dance Club**	**Nacogdoches VFW**	**7:00 pm**
Tue 20th	Guacamoles	Jacksonville	6:00 pm
Wed 21st	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Tue 27th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
November			
Tue 3rd	Guacamoles	Jacksonville	6:00 pm
Thu 5th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Tue 10th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Wed 18th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Thu 19th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Sat 21st	Car Show	Crockett	10:00 am
Tue 24th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
December			
Tue 1st	Guacamoles	Jacksonville	6:00 pm
Thu 3rd	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Tue 8th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Thu 10th	Private Party	Lufkin	———
Wed 16th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm
Fri 18th	**Dance Club**	**Nacogdoches VFW**	**7:00 pm**
Tue 22nd	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Sat 26th	Ralph & Kacoos	Lufkin	6:00 pm
Thu 31st	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	5:30 pm

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Free Admission and Free Parking.

Saturday: Starting at 10:00 am, Sunday: Starting at 9:00 am. Events include bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Goat Tying.

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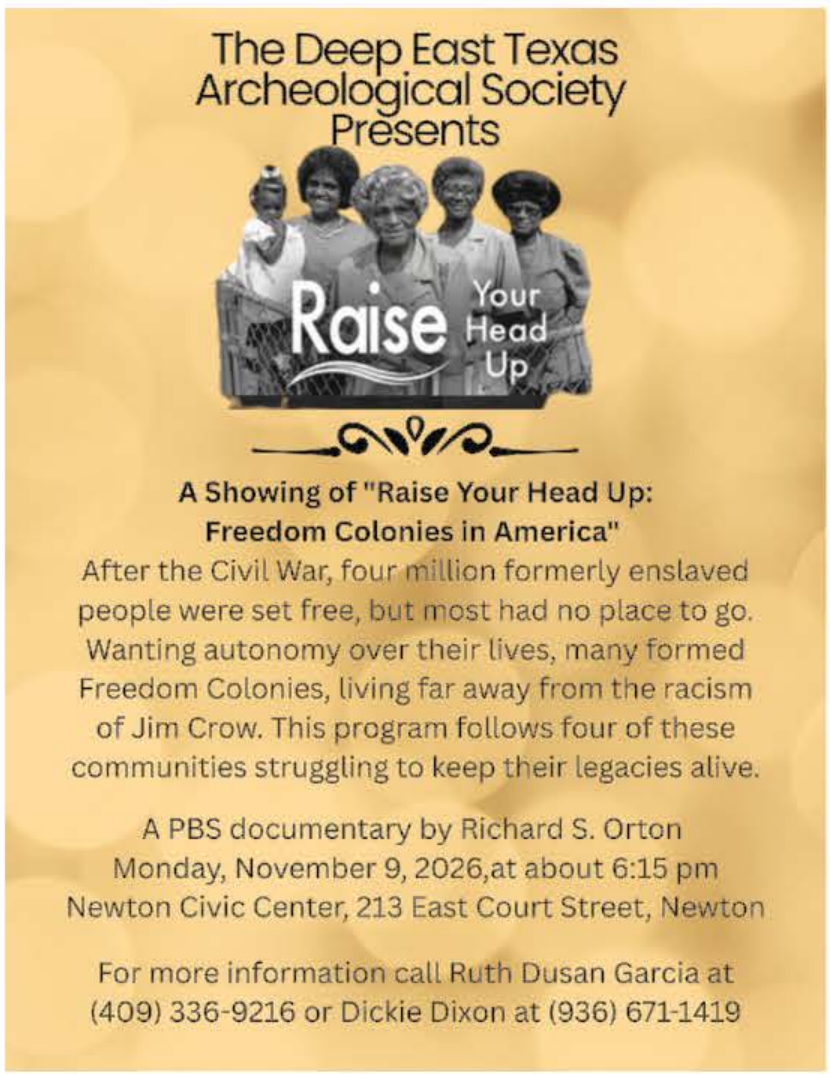
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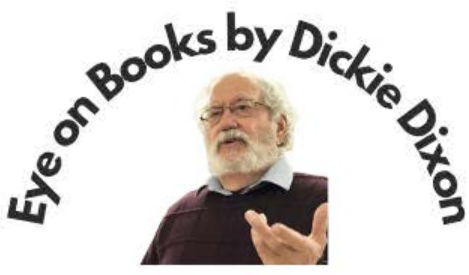
BY DICKIE DIXON

1. The showing of "Raise Your Head Up: Freedom Colonies in America," a PBS documentary created by Richard S. Orton, will be the November 9, 2026 program of the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at about 6:15 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, at the Newton Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Lufkin. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(2)** Certified Genealogist Patti Huff Williams will discuss "Locating Ancestors in Scholastic Records," when she speaks to the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026, in the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 304 Park in Diboll. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(3)** The Deep East Texas Archeological Society will host its Christmas Dinner and Impromptu Auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2026, at the Newton Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. Members will bring food for the dinner, and they will also bring items to be auctioned off. Funds raised from the auction help fund DETAS for 2027. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(4)** The Angelina County Genealogical Society will host its annual Christmas Dinner and Impromptu Auction beginning at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2026, at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 304 Park. Members will bring food for the dinner, and they will also bring items to be auctioned off. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(5)** Matt McBroom will speak on the topic "The John Henry Kirby Sawmills with special reference to Bon Weir" when DETAS meets on Monday, January 4, 2027, at about 6:15 p.m. in the Newton Civic Center. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(6)** Jane Clark's topic for the January 2027 meeting of the Angelina County Genealogical Society at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 304 Park in Diboll. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(7)** The Hardin County Genealogical Society has three history and/or genealogy books for sale: "1859 Taxpayers of Hardin County," "Hardin County Timeless Treasures," and "A Short History of Hardin County". Contact Owen Vaughn for more information at (409) 651-0990. **(8)** The Texas Cast Iron Museum is hosting a Cast Iron Chilli Cook-off on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Contact Curator/Director Chad Hughes for more information at (409) 745-2127. The Museum is located at 9685 Highway 62, North Orange, Texas 77632

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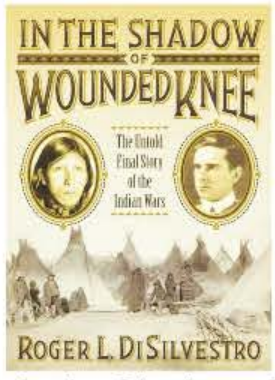




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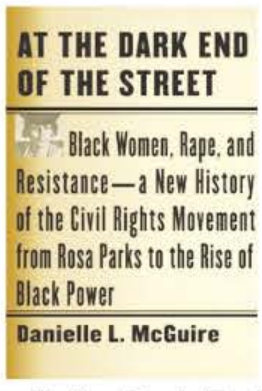
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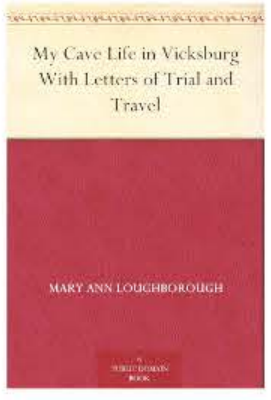
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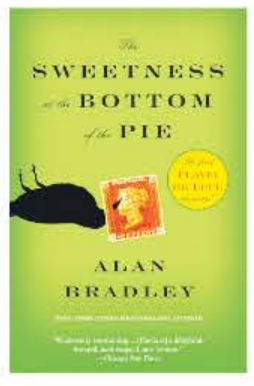


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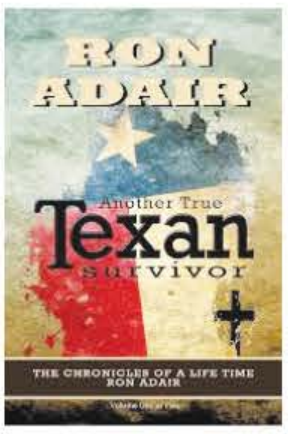


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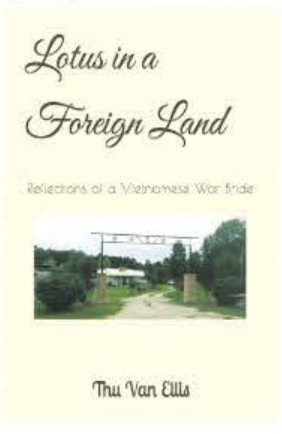


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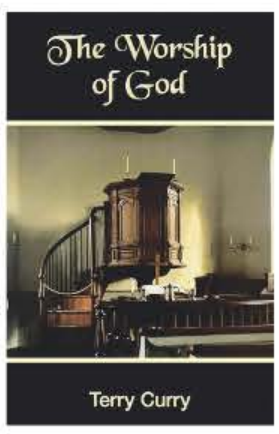


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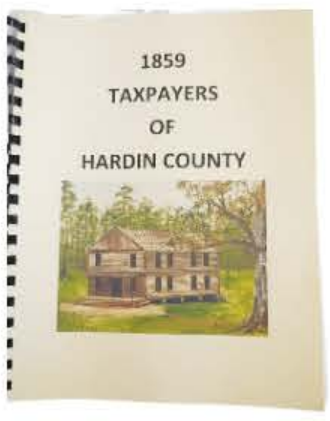
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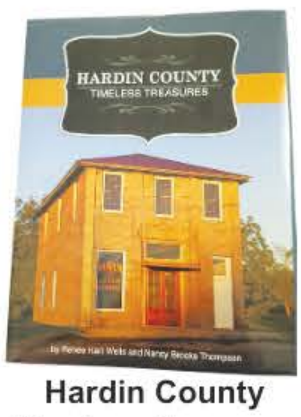
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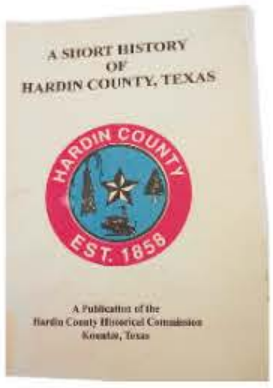


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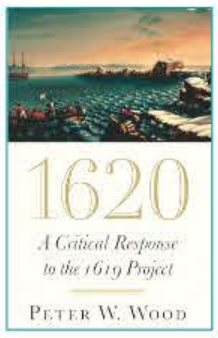


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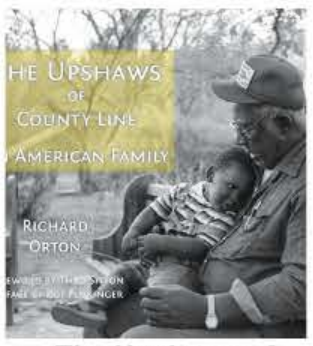
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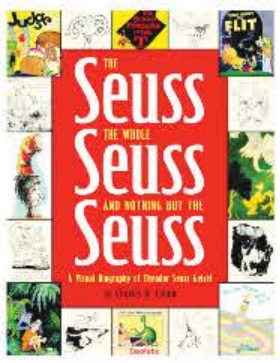


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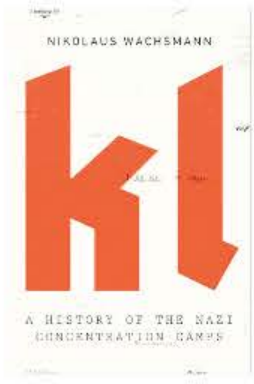
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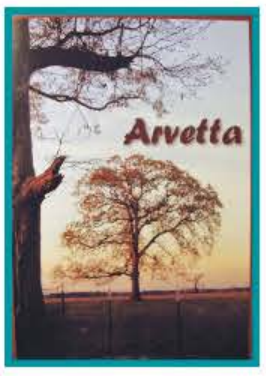
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2026 Nacogdoches County Football Schedules

SFA Lumberjacks

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 29	@McNeese State Univ.	TBA
SEPTEMBER 5	East Texas A&M	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 12	@Abilene Christian Univ.	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 19	@Prairie View A&M	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 26	Northeastern State Univ.	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 3	Univ. of the Incarnate Word	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 10	OPEN	
OCTOBER 17	@Nicholls State Univ.	TBA
OCTOBER 24	Southeastern La. Univ.	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 31	Houston Christian Univ.	2:00 PM
NOVEMBER 7	@Lamar University	TBA
NOVEMBER 14	@Univ. of Texas RGV	TBA
NOVEMBER 19	Northwestern State Univ.	6:00 PM

Nacogdoches Dragons

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 28	Athens	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	@Lufkin	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Center	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	@Marshall	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	Whitehouse* **	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 9	Texas High*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	@Hallsville*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 23	Mt. Pleasant*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	@Greenville*	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 6	Terrell* ***	7:30 PM

*District **Homecoming ***Senior Night

Cushing Bearkats

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 14	Huntington-SCRIMMAGE	6:00 PM
AUGUST 20	@Frankston-SCRIMMAGE	6:00 PM
AUGUST 28	@Colmesneil	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	Maud	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Evadale**	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	@Alba Golden	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	Grapeland* (Black Out)	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 2	@Mt. Enterprise*	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 9	Bye	Bye
OCTOBER 16	Alto*	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 23	@Tenaha*	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 30	Crossroads* ***	7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 6	@Overton*	7:00 PM

*District **Homecoming ***Senior Night

Garrison Bulldogs

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 27	Maroon & White*	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	@Arp	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	DeKalb	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	West Rusk	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	@Westwood	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 2	Bye	Bye
OCTOBER 9	@Hemphill*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	@San Augustine*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 23	Joaquin*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	@Shelbyville*	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 6	Timpson*	7:30 PM

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Lufkin Panthers

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 22	Huntsville (Scrimmage)	
AUGUST 28	Longview	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	Nacogdoches	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Port Arthur Memorial*	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	@Baytown Sterling*	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	Beaumont United*	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 1	@New Caney	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 9	BYE	BYE
OCTOBER 16	Galveston Ball	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 23	@Goose Creek Memorial	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 30	Beaumont West Brook	7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 6	@LaPorte	7:00 PM

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Diboll Lumberjacks

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 14	Jasper (Scrimmage)	TBD
AUGUST 20	Liberty (Scrimmage)	TBD
AUGUST 28	@Troup	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	@West Rusk	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Tatum	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	Kirbyville	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	Brook Hill	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 2	OPEN	OPEN
OCTOBER 9	@Crockett*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	Huntington*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 23	@Trinity*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	@Fairfield*	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 6	Westwood*	7:30 PM

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Huntington Red Devils

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 28	@Evadale	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	@Warren	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Buna	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	Hemphill	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	@Anderson-Shiro	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 2	Bye	Bye
OCTOBER 9	@Trinity*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	@Diboll*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 23	Fairfield*	7:30 PM
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What Do You Have to Be Thankful For?

by Robert McCandless

My parents taught me to say "Please and thank you," along with the other social niceties, but I never really thought of them as anything other than to be polite.

Thanksgivings came and went with no real meaning other than I got a day or two off from work to eat my least favorite meal of turkey and dressing. Being raised in a religious household that refused to celebrate holidays, Thanksgiving was another one we tried to avoid acknowledging even though the world around us became orange and filled with turkeys and pilgrims. As I got older it became a celebratory event to watch football and get inebriated. I was trying, in those days, to destroy my life by living on the edge, denying the existence of any god. I don't know exactly where that changed.

As I got older, Thanksgiving became a day where we went somewhere to be with family and eat…more turkey, or have friends over to eat…more turkey. If it hadn't been for the adult beverages, I would have considered the travel and preparation a total loss. We never prayed before the meal and did not discuss the things we were thankful for.

At some point in my life I began to question why I was still alive after some of my choices had led me into very dark places.

Sitting in a prison cell made it hard to be thankful, yet I began to see that I had a roof over my head and food to eat for which I was vaguely appreciative to some unseen force for which I had no name. Eventually I found the source.

I was introduced to the Gospel. Difficult as it was for me to understand after being a self proclaimed atheist, I listened. My life, choices and attitude began to change and although I still proclaimed to be the "Captain of my own ship," as the famous poem states, too many things didn't add up. I tried to explain my new success in life as my own doing because it seemed people and opportunities showed up for me making life different from what it had been.

In an effort to address the cognitive dissonance I was experiencing, I took to journaling and found who was actually in charge. The writing of a page or two or three each morning revealed that my feeble attempts at living were supported by something else.

I would soon find myself listing things I had to be thankful for…my home, my car, food on the table and my health.. but to whom do I direct it? I could thank myself for beginning to make better choices but the results were exponentially greater than my efforts. Was God doing it, and if so, why?"

I began to see and write about every turn, both good and bad, in my life and how He had orchestrated the outcome. I became aware that I owed my thanks to Him who was the true "captain of my soul" in spite of my choices, good or bad.

Somehow Romans 8:28; "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called for His purpose" seems to describe the scenario better than I. It has been through giving God thanks for the things of this life, whether it be easy times or challenging ones, that I have learned to love and trust Him.

As the holiday nears, I no longer think any more or less about the things I have to be thankful for, having visited them every morning and directing them toward Him who is responsible.

My wife, Gail, and I do make it a point to discuss, on Thanksgiving day, that which we are thankful for and to whom we owe it. The struggle comes visiting family and others who have a blank stare or seem uncomfortable when we suggest everyone to share the things for which they are thankful. Is it embarrassing for them to share that with others? Are they aware of the gifts God has given them? Are they even thankful?

My list is too long to write, although some mornings I try to list the ones in the forefront of my mind as I realize it has not been "me" who has blessed my life.

I am a Sinatra fan and have always loved his signature song "I did it my way" as it reflects the "captain of my own soul" paradigm. And then I realize I may have tried to do it "my way" but thanks to Him, many times I failed as "His Way" took precedence, sometimes against my plans.

Don't wait for Thanksgiving. Take time to ask yourself what you have to be thankful for today…right now.







More Than Membership: Discover What the Chamber Can Do for You

by Amanda Crocker, IOM
Director of Marketing & Communications
Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

Your business is part of what makes Angelina County thrive. We're here to help you make the most of it.

Running a business takes hard work, dedication, and the right people in your corner. Whether you're growing your customer base, building relationships, looking for new opportunities, or simply wanting to be more involved in the community, the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce is here to help.


Amanda Crocker

At the Chamber, we believe business is better when we work together. And when you become a Chamber Investor, you're not just joining an organization. You're becoming part of a network of businesses and community leaders who are invested in seeing our entire region succeed.

So, What's in It for You?

Connections That Count

It's not just about exchanging business cards. It's about building genuine relationships with people who understand your challenges, celebrate your successes, and want to do business with you. From networking breakfasts and luncheons to signature events and community gatherings, the Chamber creates opportunities to meet the right people and turn introductions into lasting relationships.

More Eyes on Your Business

You work hard to build your business. We want people to know about it! Chamber Investors have opportunities to gain exposure through our social media, digital communications, business directory, events, sponsorships, and other promotional opportunities. Whether you're celebrating a milestone, launching something new, or looking to reach more customers, we're here to help spread the word.

Opportunities to Learn and Grow

Business is always changing, and staying ahead matters. Through educational programs, leadership development, workshops, and opportunities to learn from industry experts, the Chamber helps you and your team gain valuable knowledge, sharpen skills, and discover new ways to succeed.

A Voice for Local Business

Your business deserves to be heard. The Chamber works to represent the interests of our local business community, strengthen relationships with elected officials, and support policies that encourage a healthy business environment. We help keep you informed about issues that matter to your business and our region's future.

A Stronger Community Means Stronger Business

When Angelina County grows, our businesses benefit. Your investment supports the Chamber's work to strengthen our local economy, encourage business growth, develop future leaders, and create opportunities that make our community an even better place to live, work, and do business.

Big Business, Small Business, and Everything in Between

You don't have to own a large company to make a big impact, and you don't have to be a business owner to benefit from getting involved.
From entrepreneurs and small businesses to established companies and working professionals, the Chamber brings together people from across industries who share a common goal: making Angelina County a great place to do business.

The more you get involved, the more opportunities you'll discover.

Attend an event. Make an introduction. Share your expertise. Get involved in a committee. You never know which conversation could lead to your next big opportunity.

Your Next Opportunity Starts Here

At the end of the day, being a Chamber Investor is about more than having your name on a membership list. It's about being connected, staying informed, getting involved, and having a team in your corner that genuinely wants to see you succeed.

We're proud to champion the businesses and people who make Lufkin and Angelina County special, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

Ready to see what the Chamber can do for you?

Visit LufkinTexas.org to explore Investor benefits, discover upcoming opportunities, and become a Chamber Investor today.

Let's grow business, build relationships, and strengthen Angelina County together.

The Gift of Fallen Leaves

by Elaine Cameron, Angelina Master Gardener

Leaves are falling. Leaves fall in our yard seven months of the year. It begins with oak leaves falling after late summer droughts and continues until live oak leaves fall in the spring. According to horticulturists at Texas A&M Extension, leaves are a valuable natural resource containing 50-80% of the nutrients the tree took up from soil during the past year. Twenty per cent of trash sent to landfills in Texas is yard waste and half of that is leaves. By bagging and sending leaves to the dump homeowners are throwing away a resource and filling up the landfill, costing us all money.


Sycamore leaves are in a thick layer, but disappear with a mulching mower

Take a walk on a forest trail and notice how leaves carpet the ground while conserving moisture and keeping the soil soft. Bacteria and fungi use leaves and plant debris for food causing decay. That process releases nutrients for use by plants, earth worms and beneficial microbes. Soil structure of both clay and sandy soils becomes crumbly, enhances root growth, and controls soil borne plant disease. Water soaks into crumbly soil better and the soil particles hold onto water for future use. Excess water is filtered by the organic matter as it travels down to aquifers. When soil has no organic matter, it needs natural mulch to be rebuilt.


A mosaic of maple leaves by Elaine Cameron

We can learn from natural mulching processes and adapt them by using the organic matter available in our own yards. Manage your fallen leaves so your soil benefits. A light covering of leaves can be mowed with a mulching blade and left on the lawn. The nutrients will feed the lawn and it's a simple way to manage leaves if you have just a few trees or if you mow and mulch the leaves frequently. When leaves pile up thickly on the lawn they will need to be removed. Use the leaves cleared from around the house, the lawn, walks, and drives and layer them into flower beds, vegetable beds, and around trees. Avoid piling leaves up against tree trunks.

Leaves used as a mulch in flower and vegetable beds slows evaporation, evens out soil temperature, prevents eosion and slows weed growth. Leaves are a slow release fertilizer, releasing nutrients as they decompose. During cold snaps leaves offer a protective blanket to plant roots. Beneficial insects and pollinators are sheltered in the winter by blankets of whole leaves.

Excess leaves that are not needed to mulch garden beds can be chopped and added to the compost pile. By using the gift of fallen leaves you will be improving your soil, slowing evaporation, preventing erosion, feeding your plants, providing a home for wintering insects, and keeping yard waste out of landfills.



Brookshire Brothers

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Brookshire Brothers' 5th Annual Trick or Trot 5K & Fun Run Returns to Lufkin on Halloween

Family-friendly event features races, mascot dash, costume contest, vendor booths and activities benefiting the Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation

Families, runners and Halloween enthusiasts are invited to celebrate the season at the 5th annual Trick or Trot 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, October 31, at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center Plaza in Lufkin. Hosted by Brookshire Brothers, the event promises a morning of festive fun, friendly competition and community spirit, with proceeds benefiting the Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation (BBCF).

Registration opens at 7 a.m., with activities kicking off at 8 a.m. Participants of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to join the fun, whether running the 5K, enjoying the 1-Mile Fun Run or cheering on their favorite mascots during the highly anticipated Mascot Mad Dash.

Every race participant will receive a medal, making it a memorable experience for the entire family. Trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners in both the 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run. Age-group trophies will also be presented to the top male and female finishers in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59 and 60 and older.

In addition to the races, attendees can enjoy nearly 30 vendor booths featuring fun giveaways, games and family-friendly activities. Festivities will also include a costume contest for children and adults, carnival games, pumpkin painting and more. Family-friendly costumes are encouraged.

"Each year, Trick or Trot brings together businesses, families and community partners for a day of fun while raising funds for worthy causes," said Melissa Crager, Public Relations and Corporate Responsibility Manager for Brookshire Brothers. "This event helps extend the reach of the Foundation and supports organizations that are working every day to strengthen the communities we call home."

Event Schedule

- 7 a.m. — Registration opens
- 8 a.m. — 1-Mile Fun Run
- 8:30 a.m. — Mascot Mad Dash
- 8:45 a.m. — Costume Contest
- 9 a.m. — 5K Race
- 9:45 a.m. – Award Ceremony
- 8–10 a.m. — Vendor booths, giveaways, balloon animals, carnival games, pumpkin painting and additional family-friendly activities

Participants and spectators are encouraged to bring the whole family and enjoy a morning filled with Halloween festivities while supporting a meaningful cause.

Registration is now open at https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Lufkin/TrickorTrot5KandFunRun.

For more than 100 years, Brookshire Brothers has proudly served as a neighborhood grocer and community partner. Through the Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation, the company has contributed more than $2 million to nonprofit organizations and educational foundations across Texas and western Louisiana. Proceeds from Trick or Trot help fund future Foundation grants supporting organizations that address community needs and make a lasting difference in the areas Brookshire Brothers serves.

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ABOUT BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was established to fund specific projects that align with Brookshire Brothers' core values. The foundation has given more than two million dollars to a variety of nonprofit organizations over the past two decades, thanks to the generous support of Brookshire Brothers' vendor partners who participate in charitable golf tournaments each year.

ABOUT BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS

Brookshire Brothers is a 100% employee-owned, community-centered grocer based in Lufkin, Texas. Founded in 1921, this regional grocery chain operates nearly 120 locations that stretch west to the Texas Hill Country and east to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Though its focus remains on traditional grocery and pharmacy, Brookshire Brothers has complimentary formats that include fuel and tobacco operations, coffee shops and event venues. Brookshire Brothers is committed to quality and service in its stores and is known for its good people who sell good food and do good deeds in the communities they serve. https://www.brookshirebrothers.com/

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Prevention Resource Center Region 5

No-Nicotine November Offers East Texas a Fresh Start

In East Texas, students who try tobacco do so for the first time at about 12 and a half years old on average, according to the 2026 Region 5 Regional Needs Assessment from ADAC's Prevention Resource Center. That's about the age when most kids are learning a locker combination and finding their way around middle school, and it's when conversations at home can do the most good. No-Nicotine November offers an easy way to begin, with a month-long invitation for everyone to set down cigarettes, vapes, nicotine pouches, chewing tobacco, and every other nicotine product.

Nicotine often looks different from what it did just a generation ago. Many of us grew up around ashtrays and smoky diners; however, today's products often come in sweet flavors and bright packaging that appeal to young people. The packaging has changed, yet the nicotine inside is just as addictive.

The same report found that 17% of adults in both Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties smoke cigarettes, compared to 15% statewide, and an average East Texas student vapes at a higher rate than students across Texas.

Young people pay closer attention to the grown-ups in their lives than we sometimes think. Nicotine can harm a brain that's still growing into the mid-20s, and hearing that from someone they trust can stay with them for years.

No-Nicotine November also brings the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 19, which many adults use as their quit date. It helps to tell a friend about the plan and to toss the lighters, ashtrays, vapes, and pouches from the house and car before that day comes.

Free help is available through the Texas Tobacco Quitline at 1-877-YES-QUIT or YesQuit.org for Texans 13 and older. Teens can also text "Start My Quit" to 36072. Whether you've smoked for 40 years or picked up a vape last spring, it's never too late to quit. A healthier East Texas starts with one nicotine-free day, and November is a fine month to begin.

If you or a loved one need help addressing a substance problem, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council at (409) 600-2427 or visit www.adacdet.org

Paige Bentley, Public Relations Coordinator
Region 5 Prevention Resource Center
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That's the approach at East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness in Nacogdoches, where treatment is guided by each patient's unique physiological response to insulin.

One Treatment Approach. Individually Customized.

No two patients are alike, even when they share the same diagnosis.

The Center offers an Insulin Resensitization treatment using carefully controlled insulin infusions. The clinical team evaluates each patient's physiological response and adjusts treatment delivery accordingly, with the goal of improving insulin sensitivity and metabolic health.

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Better Care Through Collaboration

The Center's treatment is designed to complement, not replace, existing medical care. With patient authorization, the clinical team can share treatment notes, laboratory findings, and progress updates with patients' physicians to support coordinated care.

The philosophy is simple: Treatment should reflect how a patient's body is functioning today, while keeping their trusted medical team involved.

For patients still struggling with symptoms, East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness encourages them to talk with their physician about whether an additional individualized treatment option may be appropriate.

Because better health isn't about choosing between treatments. **It's about bringing the right people and appropriate options together around each patient's needs.**

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A Victorian Christmas: Celebrating the Traditions of Christmas Past

Christmas is a season filled with cherished traditions, twinkling lights, festive decorations, and time spent with loved ones. But have you ever wondered where some of our most beloved Christmas customs originated? Many of the traditions we celebrate today were popularized during the Victorian era, a time when Christmas became the family-centered holiday we recognize today.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, from 1837 to 1901, Christmas celebrations underwent a remarkable transformation. The holiday became increasingly associated with family gatherings, generosity, and festive cheer. One of the most recognizable traditions, the decorated Christmas tree, gained widespread popularity in Britain after illustrations of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, and their children gathered around a Christmas tree appeared in the 1840s.

Victorian families decorated their trees with handmade ornaments, ribbons, dried fruits, nuts, and candles. Homes were adorned with evergreen garlands, holly, and mistletoe, symbolizing life and hope during the cold winter months. Rather than the elaborate store-bought decorations we see today, families often spent time together creating their own festive adornments.

The Victorian era also helped popularize Christmas cards, gift-giving, and many of the holiday foods we still enjoy. The first commercial Christmas card appeared in England in 1843, and exchanging holiday greetings soon became a treasured custom. Children eagerly anticipated small gifts, sweets, and treats, while families gathered to enjoy festive meals, sing carols, and share stories.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol,* published in 1843, further shaped the spirit of the season by emphasizing kindness, generosity, and goodwill toward others. Its timeless message continues to remind us that Christmas is about much more than presents beneath a tree.

This holiday season, Millard's Crossing Historic Village invites you to experience a little of that old-fashioned Christmas magic!

On **Friday, December 4, 2026, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM,** the Village will host its annual Old Fashioned Christmas, a beloved community celebration that brings the warmth and wonder of Christmas past to life.

Visitors can stroll through our historic village, enjoy the festive atmosphere, explore holiday activities and crafts, and visit with Santa Claus. Surrounded by historic buildings and the charm of a bygone era, families can slow down, make memories, and experience the simple joys that have made Christmas special for generations.

Whether you're continuing a family tradition or discovering Millard's Crossing for the first time, Old Fashioned Christmas offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season while connecting with the history and heritage of East Texas.

Join us December 4 at Millard's Crossing Historic Village in Nacogdoches, where history, holiday traditions, and Christmas cheer come together!



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Connie Sanders Owens, Vice President, DRT Ezekiel Cullen Chapter, San Augustine

History is about to thunder back to life in San Augustine. On January 21, 2027, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Ezekiel Cullen Chapter will launch a once-in-two-centuries celebration marking the exact 200th anniversary of the Battle of Fredonia. Stand on the ground where Texas' future hung in the balance, experience an extraordinary story of cross-cultural courage, and honor the defenders who stopped a deadly clash before a single shot was fired.

Are you a descendant of Stephen Prather, Stephen Eliphalet Prather, Thomas Freeman Prather, James Bridges Sr., James Bridges Jr., Ross Bridges, Peter Galloway, John McGinnis or Alexander Horton – or of the courageous Native American warriors who stood with them? If so, you are a guest of honor. All descendants are invited to step forward, join the festivities, and be publicly recognized in a powerful tribute to the families whose ancestors shaped this history.

Picture the Ayish District on the tense night of January 20, 1827: 200 armed rebels poised to seize local lands for the rogue Republic of Fredonia. Sixteen-year-old Alexander "Sandy" Horton believed his family stood alone and defenseless. Then, through the darkness, help arrived. Stephen Prather, veteran trained under Andrew Jackson rode in with sixty Native warriors and seven Anglo settlers. Their united show of resolve shattered the rebels' momentum, prevented a bloody battle, and changed the course of Texas history—without a single shot.

A full day of unforgettable moments awaits:

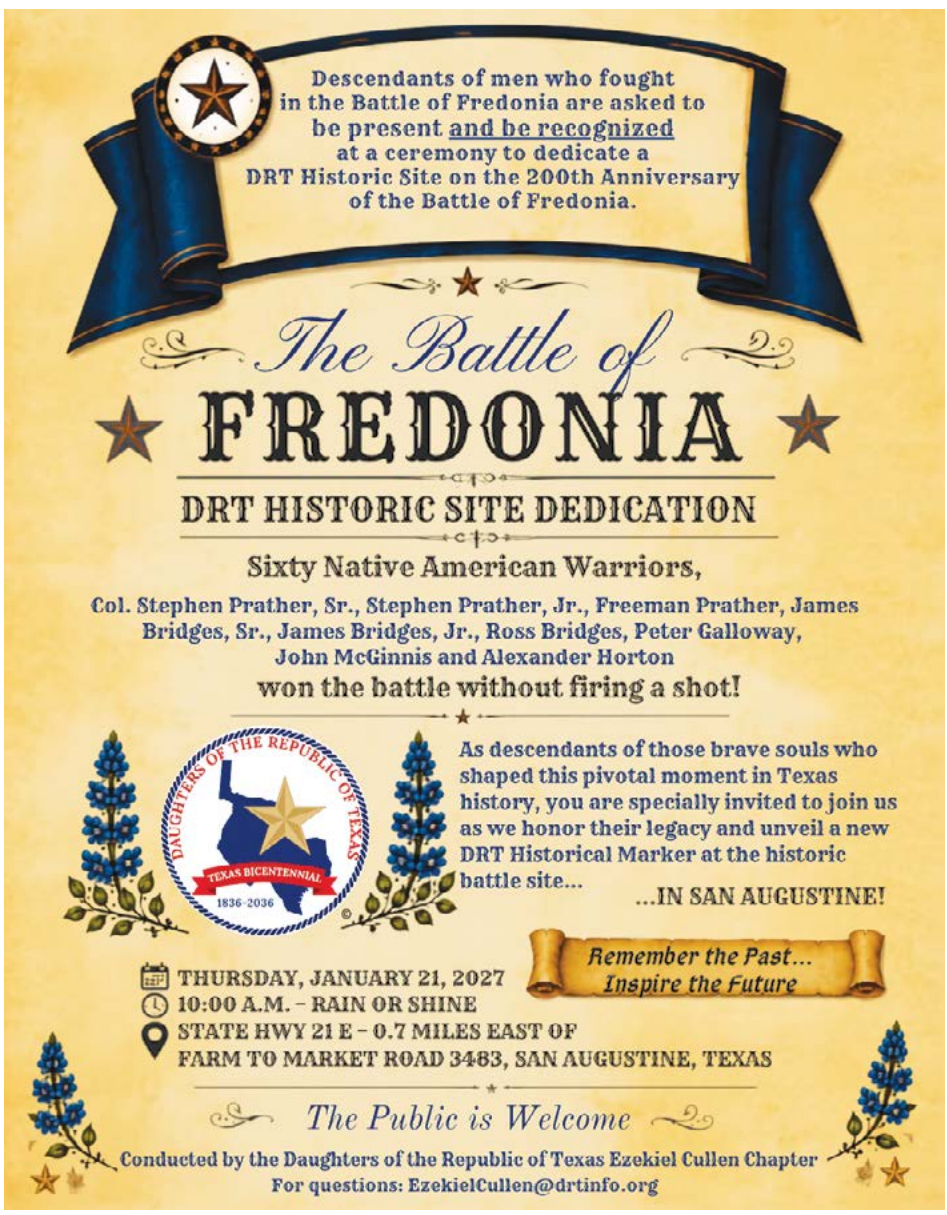
- **10:00 AM: The DRT Historic Site Marker Dedication**
  Gather at the battle site as schoolchildren, descendants, tribal representatives, and history lovers witness the unveiling of a marker that will permanently declare this ground a DRT Historic Site. It will be a powerful moment of remembrance—honoring the named defenders, recognizing the Native warriors, and fixing their shared courage in public memory for generations to come.

- **1:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Dynamic Bicentennial Symposium**
  Then the celebration surges into downtown San Augustine at the Historic Augus Theatre. Renowned historian Dr. Caroline Crimm will illuminate the dramatic Tejano experience, while Joy Montgomery, Executive Director of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, presents the battle through a Native American lens. The afternoon builds to an unforgettable finale as descendants rise together – one living legacy, two hundred years in the making.

Cameras will be rolling. Ben Friberg, in association with Don Frazier of Schreiner University, will capture this landmark tribute on film so the story – and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas role in preserving it – can endure for the next two hundred years.

Best of all? Every single event is completely FREE and open to everyone! Plus, teaches can earn 6 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits just for attending the afternoon symposium.

Don't just read about history – be a part of it! Due to high expected attendance, secure your spot, trace your roots, and register today by emailing, EzekielCullen@DrtInfo.org. Become part of a Texas bicentennial moment that will never come again.



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Snapshot from *Around the Town*

Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends welcomed guest speaker Emily Taravella (c), who spoke about telling and preserving our stories at their monthly luncheon. Vice-President of Programs Dawn Bridwell (l) and President Sharon Bradberry (r) introduced Taravella. For more information about NNF, email nacogdochesnewcomers@gmail.com.



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Connecting families & communities through safety & hope

East Texas Community Can Bring Holiday Hope to Families Rebuilding After Abuse

Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas is inviting community members, businesses, churches, and organizations to participate in its Adopt-a-Family program, helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children experience the joy of the holiday season as they rebuild their lives. For families fleeing abuse, the holidays can bring both hope and hardship. Parents may be navigating the challenges of starting over, finding safe housing, replacing belongings, and working toward financial stability, all while trying to create a sense of normalcy for their children. During this time of transition, purchasing holiday gifts may be an expense that is simply out of reach.

"Every year, we are incredibly grateful to see our community step forward to support families at the agency," said Whitney Burran, Executive Director. "These parents are working hard to rebuild their lives after abuse, often starting over with very little. Something as simple as having gifts to give their children can mean so much to a parent who is trying to create a happy, safe holiday after experiencing so much hardship. The generosity of our community helps make those special moments possible."

Through the Adopt-a-Family program, community members can help ease some of that burden and remind survivors that they are not alone as they take steps toward a safer future.

Individuals and groups interested in adopting a family can choose a family size that fits their budget. The Family Crisis Center will match adopters with a family of their preferred size, whether that includes one adult, one adult and one child, or one adult and multiple children. This flexible approach allows more community members to participate in a way that is comfortable and manageable for them.


The Angelina County District Attorney's Office generously delivered gifts for the families they adopted through the Family Crisis Center of East Texas' Adopt-a-Family program in 2025.

Those interested in participating must contact the agency to adopt a family by **Thursday, December 3.** Once matched with a family, adopters will receive the family's wish list and instructions for gift delivery.

Adopters are asked to provide one shirt, one pair of pants, one pair of shoes, and two wish-list items for each family member. Gifts are asked to be delivered unwrapped, along with wrapping supplies, by Thursday, December 10 to the FamilyCrisis Center Outreach Office at 3909 North Street in Nacogdoches, just call ahead to ensure staff are in office at your drop-off time! Gifts can also be delivered to Lufkin, San Augustine, and Crockett office locations. Providing wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, and other wrapping essentials allows parents to take part in preparing their children's presents and experience the joy of wrapping gifts for their families themselves.

The Adopt-a-Family program is about more than holiday presents. It is an opportunity to offer encouragement to parents who are working to regain their independence and provide children with moments of happiness during a period of significant change. Community support helps families feel valued and welcomed as they move forward.

Community members interested in adopting a family are encouraged to contact Mallory Harris at mharris@fccet.com or (936) 639-1681 by Thursday, December 3.

Through the kindness of East Texas, families facing difficult circumstances can experience a brighter holiday season and begin the next chapter of their lives with the support of our caring community. Thank you so much for sharing peace and joy with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault this holiday season!

If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, staff members are here to help. The agency's 24-hour hotline is 1-800-828-SAFE (7233) or send a confidential text to 936-552-9256.

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas (FCCET) is a non-profit organization that empowers survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services. The FCCET also engages the community through education to build awareness and prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

Since 1979, the Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas (Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc.) staffs a full array of professionals specializing in assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. These services included emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, access to food and clothing, information and referrals, legal and personal advocacy, child advocacy, self-sufficiency advocacy, counseling, support groups, transitional housing, prevention services, Battering Intervention & Prevention Program and more.

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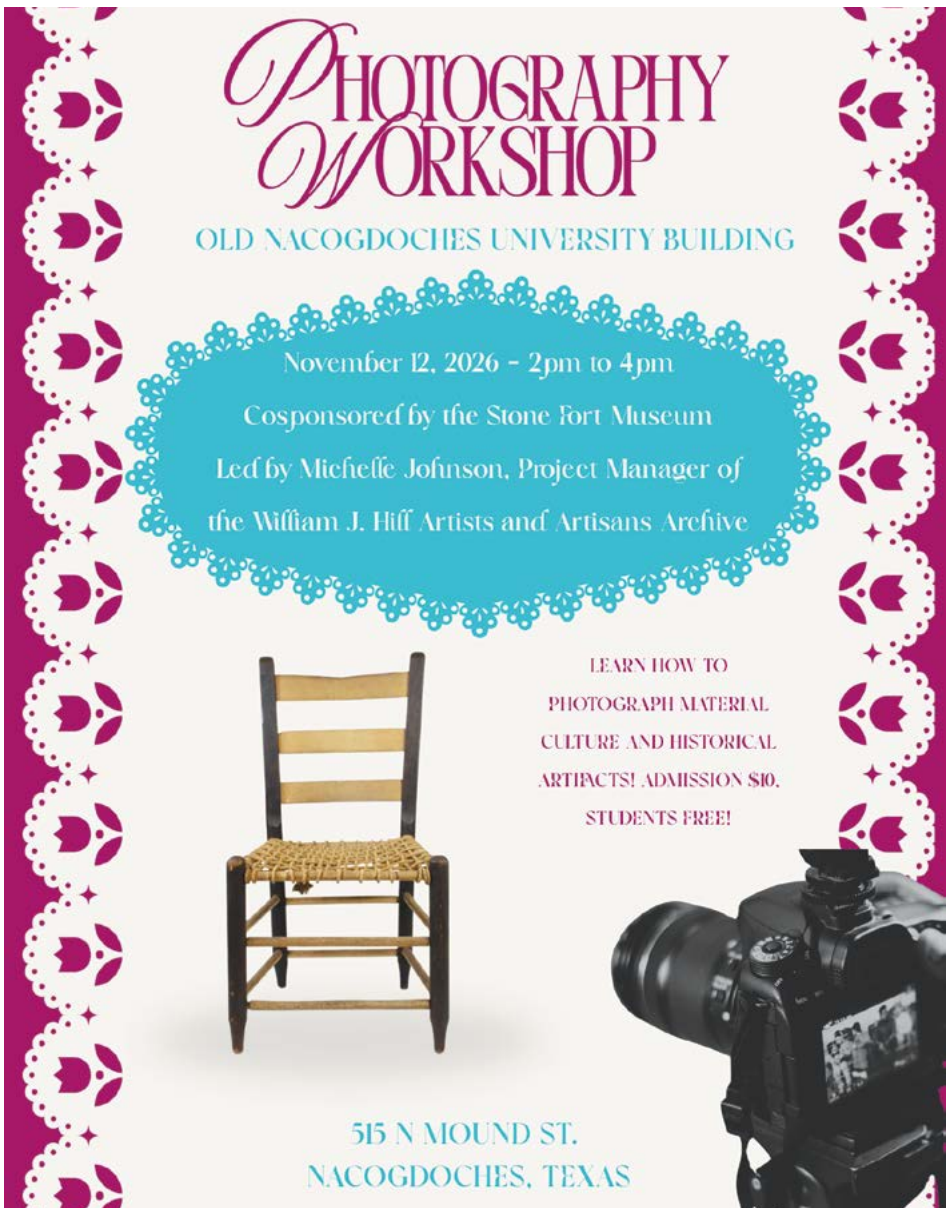


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Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) is a 501(c) 3 charity is very thankful for the support of the community. First, we'd like to thank Abby Goff, who ran the Pinetop Pickleball Tournament. Her expertise in placing players in brackets helped the tournament run smoothly, plus her announcements kept the tournament upbeat and moving forward! Thanks to the many volunteers who worked the tournament: NHS Key Club, Drill Team, Honor Society, Interact Club, and Miss Teen Texas. Thanks for the family friendly tunes of disc jockey Snoopy T! We're also appreciative of ETX Party Rentals for equipment used on kid's day, and Melrose Fire Department for running the kid's day entertainment.

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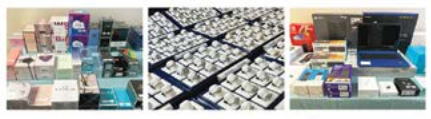
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Susu’s Popcorn & Candy Café and Hazle White Building Named Finalists for Statewide Awards

The City of Nacogdoches Main Street program is proud to announce that Susu’s Popcorn & Candy Café and the Hazle-White Building have been named finalists in the 2026 Texas Downtown President’s Awards. The statewide awards program recognizes outstanding projects, places, and people contributing to the vitality of downtown communities across Texas. The two finalists highlight the continued investment, entrepreneurship, and historic preservation efforts taking place in Downtown Nacogdoches.

“Having two finalists from Downtown Nacogdoches is such an exciting accomplishment for our community!” said Main Street Manager Tori Proctor. “Susu’s and the Hazle-White Building represent two different but equally important parts of downtown revitalization—supporting thriving small businesses and preserving our historic buildings. We’re thrilled to see both recognized among the best in Texas!”

Winners will be announced Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the President’s Awards Gala in Amarillo, held in conjunction with the Texas Downtown Annual Conference, November 1–4, 2026.

Established in 1985, Texas Downtown (TXD) is an independent, statewide nonprofit that empowers downtown leaders through resources, advocacy, education, and connections. TXD serves communities of all sizes and the organizations, businesses, and individuals working to create vibrant downtowns that celebrate local character and strengthen a sense of place.

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Cross Road Baptist Church — 5714 Old Union Rd, 75904 — 936.875.2810

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Eastview United Pentecostal Church — 1407 N Medford Drive, 75901 — 936.632.3525

Emanuel Assembly of God Church — 1818 N Timberland Drive, 75901 — 936.634.2483

Fairview Baptist Church — 3742 FM 2108, 75901 — 936.637.1466

Faith Family Church — 7020 US 59, 75901 — 936.632.8275

First Baptist Church Lufkin — 106 E Bremond Ave, 75901 — 936.634.3386

First Christian Church — 1300 S First Street, Suite 1, 75901 — 936.634.8341

First Church of the Nazarene — 1604 S Medford Drive, 75901 — 936.634.9443

First Lutheran Church — 1001 Atkinson Drive, 75901 — 936.634.7468

First Presbyterian Church — 607 Janeway Ave, 75904 — 936.634.3711

First United Methodist Church of Lufkin — 805 E Denman Ave, 75901 — 936.639.3141

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Free Spirit Church — 610 Cain Street, 75904 — 936.639.6515

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Godtel Ministries — 323 Moody Street, 75901 — 936.637.2520

Goodwill Baptist Church — 812 E Lufkin Ave, 75901 — 936.634.7832

Grace Tabernacle Church — 408 Henderson Street, 75904 — 936.634.4589

Greater Shilo Baptist Church — 600 Weaver Ave, 75904 — 936.632.3630

Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church — 1519 Williams Street, 75904 — 936.632.3629

Harbor Light Church — 109 Jones Street, 75901

Harmony Hill Baptist Church — 2708 S Chestnut Street, 75901 — 936.632.1350

Harvest Family Worship Center — 4176 FM 2251, 75904

Heritage Baptist Church — 1910 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.632.8188

Hillcrest Baptist Church — 2005 Ford Chapel Rd, 75901 — 936.634.3419

Homer Methodist Church — 5265 FM 326, 75901

Impact Outreach Ministries — 440 FM 2021, 75901 — 936.632.2611

Keltys First Baptist Church — 2402 N John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.634.4019

Keltys United Methodist Church — 1867 Old Mill Rd, 75904 — 936.634.3950

La Vina Church — 516 Montrose Street, 75901 — 936.366.1821

LifeGate Church — 2511 E Lufkin Ave, 75901 — 936.632.1517

LifePoint Church — 4737 Ted Trout Drive, 75904 — 936.634.6674

Little Flock Baptist Church — 2769 FM 1475, 75901 — 936.824.3633

Long Chapel CME Church — 514 Lining Street, 75901 — 936.634.4049

Loop 287 Church of Christ — 1911 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.212.0605

Lufkin First Missionary Baptist Church — 410 Scarborough Street, 75904 — 936.632.2426

Lufkin Seventh-day Adventist Church — 1209 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.639.1898

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Mt Zion Baptist Church — 4303 FM 842, 75901 — 936.632.6447

New Beginning Baptist Church — 1002 Pershing Ave, 75904 — 936.699.7729

New Life Church of Lufkin — 4707 FM 843, 75904

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New Zion Temple of Deliverance, Inc — 1202 Cain Street, 75904 — 936.634.6759

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Overcomers Through Faith — 202 Forest Park Blvd, 75901 — 936.632.8149

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Peaceful Rest Baptist Church — 105 Fair Street, 75904 — 936.634.5700

Promise Land Baptist Church — 208 Whitehouse Drive, 75901 — 936.639.9633

Providence Baptist Church — 4423 Ted Trout Drive, 75904 — 936.875.2613

Redland Baptist Church — 234 Redland Church Rd, 75904 — 936.634.7437

Solid Rock Church— 3476 SH 103, 75904 — 936.639.8808

Southside Baptist Church — 1615 Tulane Drive, 75901 — 936.632.3292

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church — 1611 Feagin Drive, 75904 — 936.632.9100

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The Foundry Assembly of God — 1405 S Chestnut Street, 75901 — 936.634.1444

St Patrick's Catholic Church — 2118 Lowry Street, 75901 — 936.634.6833

St Cyprian's Episcopal Church — 919 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.639.1253

St Paul's United Methodist Church — 1505 S John Redditt Drive, 75904 — 936.634.7810

St Thomas Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church — 2112 N Timberland Drive, 75901

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The River Lufkin, A Church For Whosoever — 105 Holmes Rd, 75904 — 936.632.7407

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Timberland Drive Church of Christ — 912 S Timberland Drive, 75901, 75901 — 936.634.7110

Timberland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship — 1510 N Timberland Drive, 75901 — 936.208.7955

Trinity Baptist Church — 1641 FM 325, 75901 — 972.632.8450

Union Road Church of Christ — 3504 Old Union Rd, 75904 — 936.634.4144

United Pentecostal Church — 4109 S First Street, 75901 — 936.632.7718

Warren Temple True Light Church — 405 S Warren Street, 75901 — 936.634.4637

West End Church-God In Christ — 2014 Cairo Street, 75904 — 936.634.7807

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