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Making a Difference—One Family at a Time

Carroway Funeral Home

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

Joel A. Barker, a respected futurist, educator, and author, is known for his “Star Thrower” story, which illustrates how one person’s actions can make a meaningful difference. In the story, when told that returning stranded starfish to the sea couldn’t possibly matter given the miles of beach ahead, a young man replied while tossing another starfish back, “It makes a difference to that one.” The message is clear: each of us has the power to create change through commitment, perseverance, and purposeful action. In leadership and business, these qualities define lasting success. By working diligently, staying focused, and recognizing the impact of what we do, we not only reach our goals but also inspire others to do the same. Roy Carroway’s story is much like Barker’s “Star Thrower”—both show how one person’s actions can make a real difference.

Roy Carroway, Jr. is an accomplished funeral service professional and respected community leader whose career reflects a deep commitment to compassion, excellence, and service. He was born in Nacogdoches to Carolyn (Kendrick) and Roy Carroway, Sr., but has lived in Hudson his entire life. Roy graduated from Couthatta High School and earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he attended on a full



Roy Carroway

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A Passion for Angling

Stephen F. Austin State University Bass Fishing Club

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

The Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) Bass Club, a three-time National Championship team, was founded in 1990. As one of the nation’s pioneering collegiate fishing organizations, the club began with only four dedicated members united by a shared passion for bass fishing. Over the years, it has expanded to include more than thirty members and has become a respected force in collegiate angling. The popularity of the sport has grown exponentially alongside the club’s success and influence.

The club mission statement is, “The Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) Bass Club is dedicated to representing the University, our families, and ourselves to the best of our ability at all times, both on and off the water, while serving others with a passion for growing the sport of angling.”

Membership in the SFA Bass Club is open to all students, regardless of previous experience. Whether new to the sport or a seasoned angler, students can find a community of peers who share their enthusiasm for fishing. Modest membership fees help cover travel and tournament expenses. The club organizes regular meetings, mentorship programs, group outings, and hands-on guidance covering techniques, equipment, and local fisheries.



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basketball scholarship. He began his career in education, serving as a teacher and administrator for Hudson ISD and Central ISD, and was ordained as a minister in 1975.

At age 16, Roy entered the funeral service, starting part-time at Gipson Funeral Home under the direction of Elwyn Gipson. After graduating high school in 1982, he attended the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services, earning his degree in 1983, while gaining practical experience at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas. He accepted a Funeral Director position with Lloyd James Funeral Home in Tyler before returning to Gipson Funeral Home, where he served as Senior Funeral Director until 1994. He subsequently co-founded Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater, TX. In 1998, Roy returned to Lufkin and established Carroway Funeral Home as a family-owned business on November 5, 1999. He expanded operations to Huntington in February 2000, and further to Corrigan in July 2024.

Roy is actively engaged in professional and civic organizations, including memberships in the Lufkin and Gladewater Masonic Lodges, Lufkin Host Lions Club, and Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of directors for Hospice in the Pines and has previously held board roles with the Boys and Girls Club and Joseph House. Roy has been president of the East Texas Funeral Directors Association, recognized as Funeral Director of the Year in 2009, and served on the TFDA Services, Inc. board.

Aside from his professional endeavors, Roy is an avid outdoorsman, frequently participating in hunting and fishing, and he has won multiple bass tournaments. He enjoys cooking and hosting friends and family at home and serves as secretary/treasurer of his local hunting club.



Roy Carroway fishing

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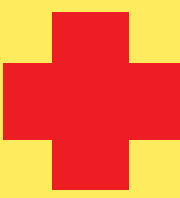
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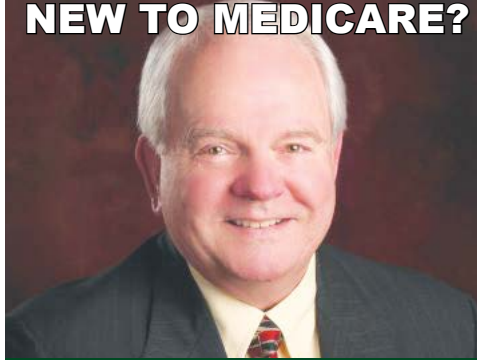
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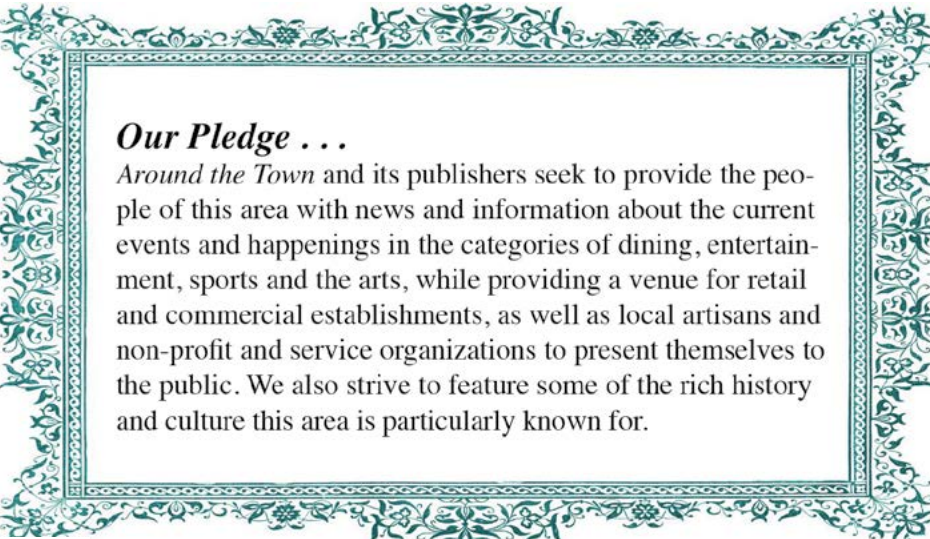
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Service is an integral part of the organization’s mission. To remain in good standing, members are expected to participate in community outreach projects; such as, Nacogdoches Kid Fish, trash cleanups with the Texas Adopt-A-Highway Program, and assisting with Weigh-In at high school tournaments and at the annual Texas State Bass Tournament at Toledo Bend.

The club benefits from its proximity to major fishing destinations; such as, Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend reservoirs—two world-class waters that provide members with exceptional fishing environments. One student noted that SFA’s



access to these premier fisheries was a deciding factor in choosing the university. Members are encouraged to pre-fish tournament waters two to three days prior to competition, allowing them to observe seasonal patterns and refine bait and technique strategies.

The SFA Bass Club has served as a launching pad for numerous successful careers in the fishing industry. Among the notable alumni is Casey Sobczak, a mar-

keting graduate who helped lead SFA to victory at the inaugural ESPN College Smash-Mouth Bass Championship in 2005. That win earned him both national recognition and an appearance on ESPN2’s Bass Tech, where he honed his craft in lure painting. In 2009, he founded 6th Sense Fishing, a company that began as a small start-up and since has grown into an international brand with products sold in over 300 retail outlets across the United States, as well as, Spain, Japan, and Austria. Other accomplished professionals shaped by the SFA Bass Club include Todd Castledine, Andrew Upshaw, Jack York, and Wyatt Frankins—each of whom has carried forward the club’s legacy of excellence in competitive bass fishing.

Members of the SFA Bass Club are excited to connect with anyone interested in joining. Follow them on social media, including Facebook and Instagram, to see the many opportunities, awards and recognitions earned by their dedicated anglers. Club member, Sam Taylor, recently placed in the top 15 of the Major League Fishing—Bass Fishing League on Sam Rayburn reservoir. He also serves as a professional fishing guide on Lake Nacogdoches. The SFA Bass Fishing Club is dedicated to growing the sport through competition and community engagement.

Stephen F. Austin State University Bass Fishing Club Officers
Cooper Crowell, president; Brett Middlebrook, vice-president; Sam Taylor, finance chair; Landon O’Connor, social media chair; Ethan Johnson, sponsor chair

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Pictured R-L are Sam Taylor; Cooper Crowell, Colton Goolsby, Landon O’Connor, Tucker Evans, Nathan Lusty



Pictured clockwise from top left are Landon O’Connor, Brett Middlebrook, Ethan Johnson, Cooper Crowell and Sam Taylor

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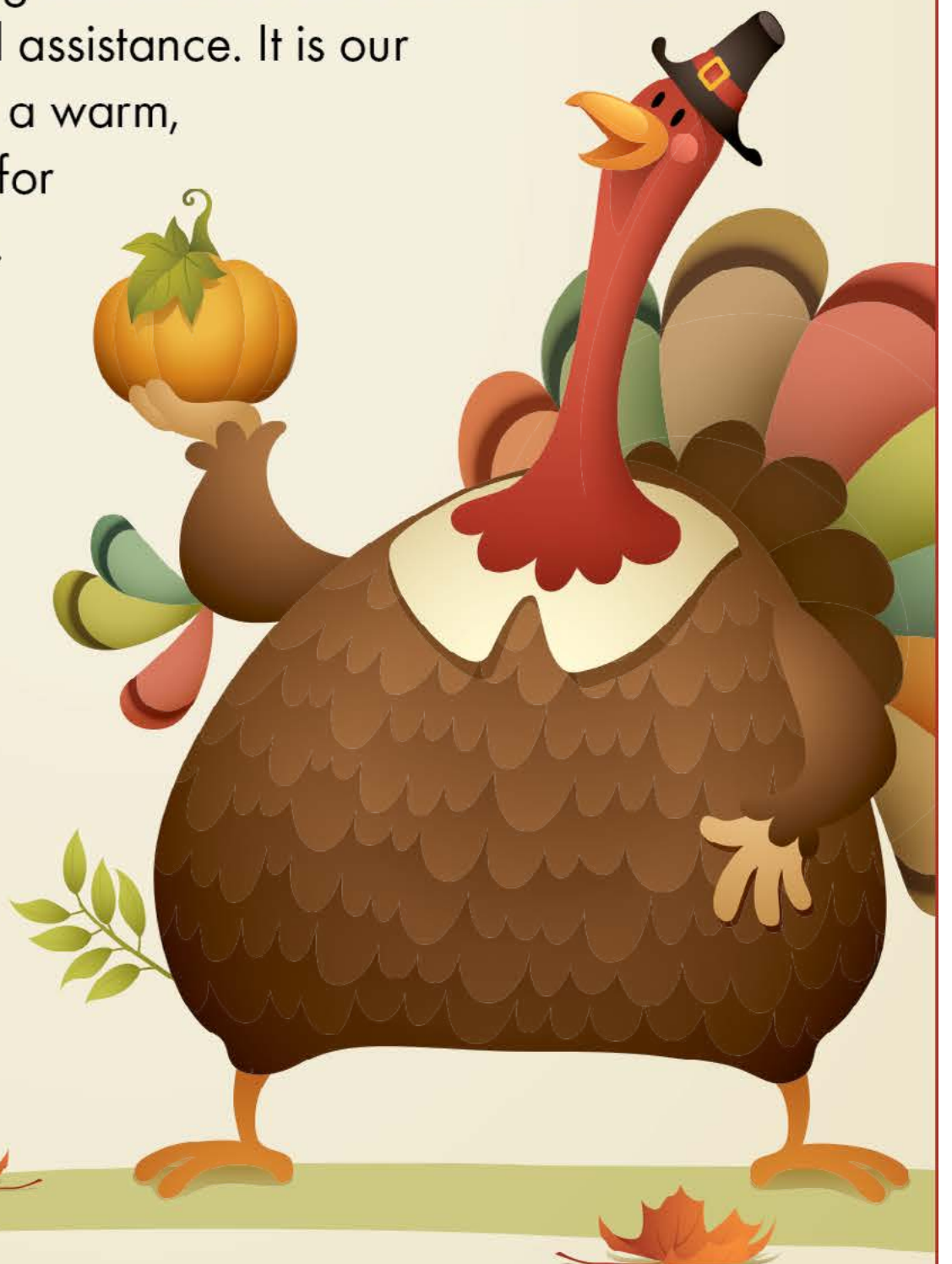
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Don't Mess With Texas

by Jim Garrett

Every poem has a story; every poem also has a deeper meaning. The one featured in this article fits both of those two criteria. A number of years ago I wrote a poem entitled *Venture Not* to my yet unborn son whom I believed someday I would have. (*Venture Not* will be featured in next month's article.) I wrote this poem well before I even had any prospect of a future wife. After Mary Beth and I married, sure enough, we had a son but as he grew older, he showed little if any interest in anything I have written. This is where our oldest grandson Daniel steps into the picture. Not only did he like the poem, but he also had plans to frame it and hang it on a wall of his apartment. Daniel showed the poem to a friend named Alia who happened to be a student at The University of Texas at Austin. She disputed Daniel's claim that his grandfather had written the poem mentioned. I told Daniel that I would write a poem to Alia in hopes of alleviating her disbelief that I actually wrote poems. What came from that endeavor was the following verse.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

Don't Mess with Texas

Don't mess around with Texas -
And mock the orange and white.
Never make fun of BEVO -
If you want to avoid a fight.
Each time you have such a thought
Let it go and let it lie.
Get away and forget it -
Don't even go there; don't even try.
Avoid the conflict early,
VERY early is always best.
If you know what is good for you,
Stand back and let it rest.



Daniel G. Davis, M.D.

OK, I have told you the story behind the poem. So now, Dear Readers, "What is the deeper meaning?" you may ask. If you will combine the letters shown in bold print at the first of each line, in the order they appear in the verse, you will see the name of the person featured in this poem. **Touché!!**



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Loretta Rice Cammack (NHS Class of 1974) a lifelong resident of Nacogdoches attended Raguet Elementary and Thomas J. Rusk Jr. High, and attended Stephen F. Austin State University. She was married to the late George Cammack in 1980 and is the step-mother to Cheryl Simmons Cammack (NHS Class of 1987) and Mike Cammack (NHS Class of 1989). Loretta was engaged to fellow (NHS Class of 1974) member John Dunn who passed away last November. Daughter of the late Harlan Rice (NHS Class of 1937) and Leola Rice, her father made Nacogdoches his home in the early 1930s as the son of Samuel A. Rice, when his father became the pastor of First Assembly of God Church. Her siblings Karen Rice Standridge (NHS Class of 1971) and Ronnie Rice (NHS Class of 1980) are NHS Alumni as well.



Loretta was active in high school, participating in Student Council, National Honor Society, and choir. Her favorite studies were business and math classes and proudly claimed high ranking in UIL typing competitions. Teachers that made lasting impressions from those high school years included English teachers, Mrs. Bettie Griffin and her daughter, Mrs. Patsy Barham. Her early work experience began while in high school with Robinson's Photography Studio, followed by secretarial employment with First Baptist Church, where a casual conversation with a church member and local attorney developed into a 21 year career as a legal assistant with the firm of McWhorter & Earley, subsequently Bill McWhorter & Associates. Following a 5-year employment as a mortgage loan officer, Cammack returned to a career in the legal profession. In May 2008, Cammack was appointed to fulfill an unexpired term as the District Clerk for Nacogdoches County by then District Judges Campbell Cox and Ed Klein. Elected in November of that same year, she was re-elected to the office in 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, with plans to seek her fifth term in office in the coming year. Named Texas District Clerk of the Year for 2024, she has served as regional director, committee chair and mentor for the County and District Clerk Association of Texas. Cammack currently serves on the Texas Office of Court Administration Advisory Council, CDCAT State Legislative Committee, and Chair of CDCAT Bylaws Committee. The recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award, she has served as member and in leadership roles with Nacogdoches Community Partnership, Nacogdoches United Way, Nacogdoches Community Rx, Nacogdoches Republican Women and Texas District Court Alliance.



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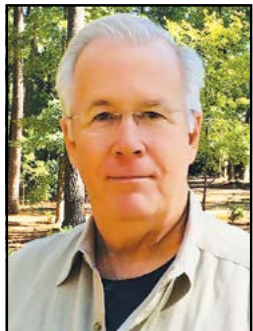
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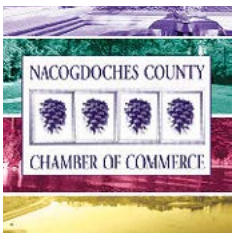
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Chamber Connection

by Kelly Augustine
IOM, President & CEO,
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Blueberry Golf Bash Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the Nacogdoches County Chamber’s 28th Annual Blueberry Golf Bash, and congratulations to the winning teams! It was the perfect day of golf and socializing with the community’s business leaders for members of the 38 teams.

Following are the tournament and contest winners:

Gross

Three-way tie for 1st place: Etech, Dream Vacations, and East Texas Slab Masters.

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1st place: Texas Bank.
2nd place: SFA Nelson Rusche College of Business Arnold Center for Entrepreneurship.

Contests

- **Longest Drive Women and Closest to the Pin Women** winner Avree Fields, Etech;
- **Longest Drive Men and Closest to the Pin Men** winner Marc French, Lumberjack National.

McWilliams Ball Drop winner was Wayne Johnson, for the second year in a row. Now that is lucky!

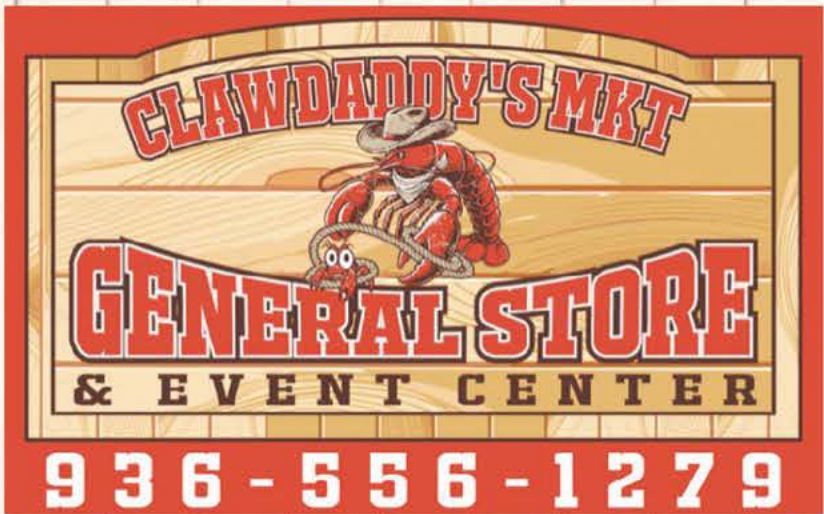
Golf Bash Chair, Ralph Ervin, sends a big thank you to the volunteers, the sponsors, and the staff at Lumberjack National for making this year’s tournament a big success.

All involved in the tournament as well as all chamber members were invited to a Thursday Social on Oct. 9. The after-five mixer sponsored by Dream Vacations included a putting contest, and congratulations to **putting contest** winner Michael Saldana who played on the Puffer General Dentistry team.

Find more team scores and event photos by volunteer Tracy Pinkston on The Chamber’s facebook page.



First place winners in three-way tie are clockwise from to-left: Etech, East Texas Slab Masters and Dream Vacations.



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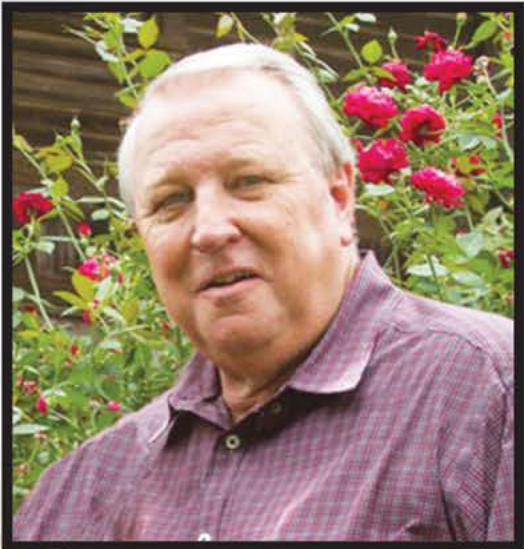
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Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Greetings,

November is expected to bring cooler temperatures, which may allow for activities such as using blankets, wearing warm clothing, having campfires (when permitted), and spending time with family and friends. With Thanksgiving approaching, individuals often reflect on what they are thankful for and remember those who are no longer present. This period is noted for increased kindness and family togetherness, as well as traditional foods such as turkey, dressing, pies, and sandwiches from leftovers.

Acknowledgement is extended to the sponsors of the Halloween event: CBTX, Tipton Ford, Brookshire Bros, Motorhomes of Texas, and others. Appreciation is also given to volunteers for their support at events and field trips, and to staff for their work and commitment to MC.

Upcoming events include:

- November 8, 2025: Craft sale
- December 13, 2025: Old-Fashioned Christmas event

The community is invited to attend these family-friendly events. The current hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9am–2pm, and Friday and Saturday, 9am–4pm. Those interested in being a sponsor, vendor, volunteer, or donor may contact 936-564-6631.

Visitors are welcome to stop by for coffee and conversation. Millard's Crossing extends wishes for a pleasant Thanksgiving to all.

Best Regards,
Grace Handler-Welch
Executive Director

The Mission of Millard's Crossing Historic Village is to portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlements in East Texas and to connect present generations to those of the past.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Elvis Style!

with *Kraig Parker*

May your Christmas be Merry and Bright with a night of singing, food, silent auctions, and more! Join us at the John D. Windham Civic Center on Saturday, December 20, 2025. Mr. Kraig Parker will perform Christmas and Gospel hits from Elvis Presley.
For more information, give us a call at 936-598-4990.
All proceeds help feed the hungry and assist the needy.

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Shelby County Outreach Ministries, Inc. to Host Merry Christmas, Elvis Style With Kraig Parker

by Terri Lacher, Staff Writer
talacher@sbcglobal.net

“May your Christmas be merry and bright,” with a night of singing, food, silent auctions, and more! Join us on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm to see Mr. Kraig Parker as he performs Christmas and Gospel hits from Elvis Presley.

Tickets are going fast! You won’t want to miss Kraig Parker’s international award-winning tribute to Elvis. Proceeds will benefit the Shelby County Outreach Ministries, Inc. This is a great opportunity to enjoy singing along with those wonderful Elvis songs and performances by one of the best tribute artists ever.

The VIP entry begins at 4:30 pm, followed by the Meet and Greet with Kraig Parker from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. General Admission entry and reserved seating opens at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with Showtime promptly at 7:00 pm.

For over 25 years Parker has toured the world with his authentic and passionate salute to the King of Rock and Roll. Experience the look, persona, and powerful voice that has left eager fans “all shook up” and screaming for more. He has headlined at major arenas, performing arts, casinos, cruise ships, and with top symphony orchestras. “I grew up singing and playing guitar,” claims Parker. “I always wanted to be a rock star, but I never imagined I would be blessed with a career portraying music’s greatest icon.” Kraig Parker is also personally managed by Charles Stone, Elvis Presley’s former tour producer from 1970-1977. From Las Vegas to London, discover why even critics claim, “this is as close as it gets!” **ELVIS HAS NOT LEFT THE BUILDING!**

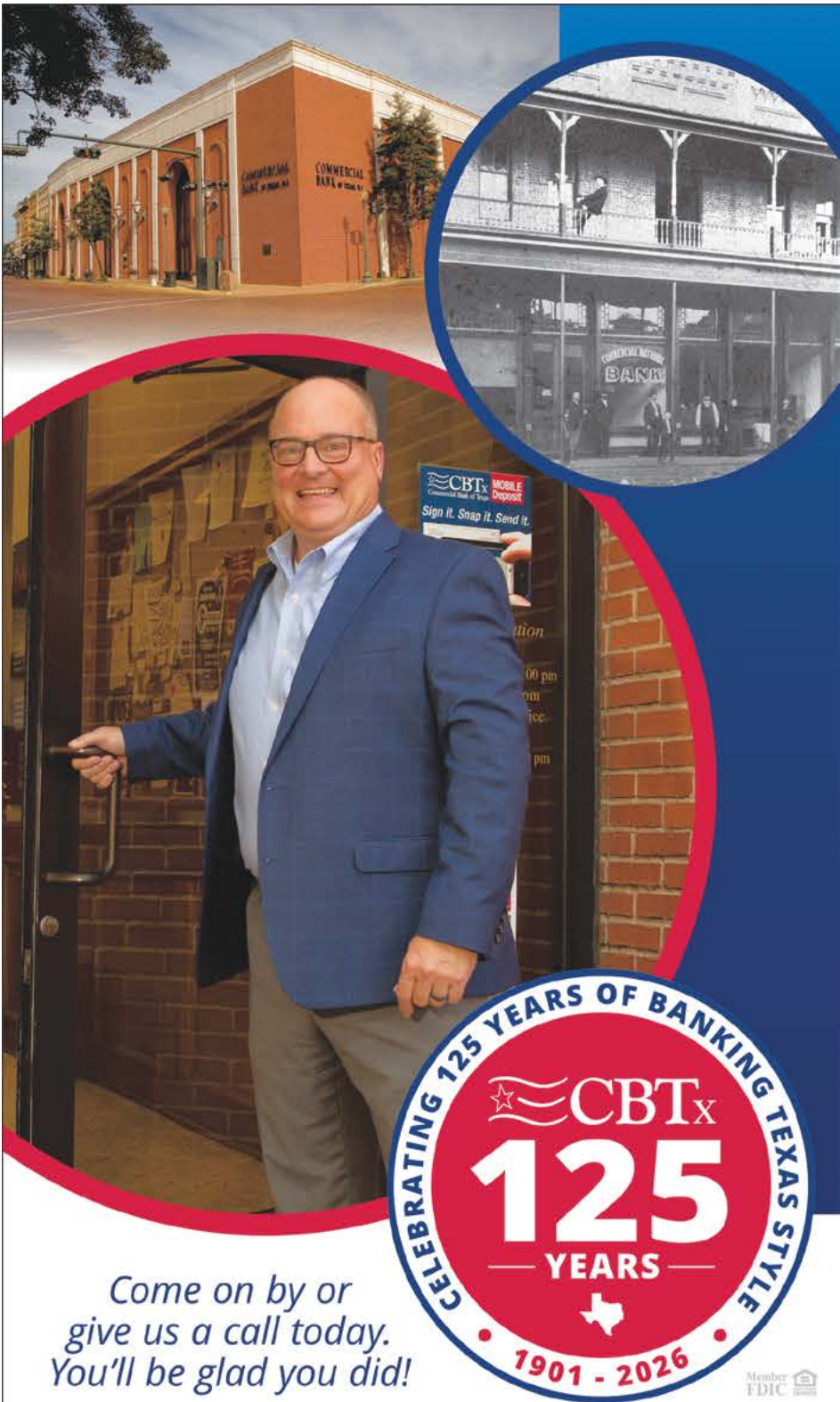
This special Christmas benefit has been brought back by the overwhelming response to last year’s program at the Civic Center, sponsored by the Shelby County Outreach Ministries, Inc., which has been serving the community since 1991.

Shelby County Outreach Ministries programs reach those in need in Shelby County through various ministries, including Meals on Wheels, the Shelby County Senior Nutrition Center, and more recently, the Unique Boutique, a local thrift shop with gently used items at affordable prices. In addition, they provided 3,559 emergency food boxes, distributed to feed approximately 7,247 people. Proceeds from ticket sales and individual and business sponsorships will help offset the cost of the various ministries and growing needs of Shelby County.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,” Matthew 25:35-37.

For ticket information/or ticket purchase for the Merry Christmas Elvis Style with Kraig Parker, you may go online at <https://merrychristmaselvisstyle.eventbrite.com> or if you need assistance, you may contact Shelby County Outreach Ministries, Inc. at (936)598-4990.

If you wish to be a sponsor or help in any way in Shelby County Outreach Ministries, Inc., they are located at 906 Shelbyville Street, Center, Texas 75935. You may also reach them at (936)598-4990 or you may visit their Facebook page for current events.



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Along the Sabine River

by Marcella S Meeks

Marcella has been writing since 1988 and has articles and stories featured in several publications across the country. She writes regular Christian children's stories for *OUR LITTLE FRIEND*, *PRIMARY TREASURE* and *GUIDE MAGAZINES* (Pacific Press).

Marcella graduated from *WRITER'S DIGEST SCHOOL* of Nonfiction Writing; and *ICS School of Short Story/Journalism*, as well as *The Institute of Children's Literature: Writing for Children and Teens*.

In addition to writing, her next greatest passion is traveling around the country with her children and grandchildren. If you love to travel or just want to take a family vacation, check out her travel website at <http://familytravelhostusa.com/>

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors.

Living close to the Sabine River on the Louisiana side is not much different than the Texas side except the fact the river separates the two states. At some point and time, I have lived on the Texas side and reside now on the Louisiana side, giving me the opportunity to know people from both sides!

Since we live about fifty miles from Nacogdoches and about fifty miles from Shreveport, we can go either direction if we need to run into town. The good news is, I have family in Nacogdoches and that gives me ample reason to go that way.

Living in a small community like Logansport or Joaquin, we have to drive a few miles to get some of the things we might need. Since it's basically the same distance either way, we can go to Nacogdoches or to Shreveport if we want to go shopping.

I enjoy living out in the country, but there is not a whole lot that goes on around here on a daily basis.

In May, we have our annual River City Fest here on the riverfront (LA side). They always have a carnival and food booths and live entertainment.

In July, over in Center there is the Watermelon Festival – I've only been to it a few times in years gone by but that is the month we go on vacation so we're rarely home. The grandkids enjoy the carnival rides though. Not me! I enjoy the funnel cakes and cotton candy when I do get the chance to be there.

In October, the East Texas Poultry Festival comes to Center, TX on the square for 3 days of fun, food & festivities. There are carnival rides, food and a lot more.

As a young girl, I grew up in the Tenaha area. I remember when I was in eighth grade – my friends and I would walk to town from school everyday during lunch break. My brother Eddie worked at the old Rite Care Hatchery right out of town on US Hwy 59 between Tenaha and Timpson. He'd meet me at the old Wall Drug Store on the square and buy me a hamburger and shake for lunch.

I'm not sure if the Tenaha High school allows the students off the campus anymore but it worked for me! Times have changed drastically since the 1970s.

My parents, Fred and Effie Stone, managed the Hilltop Chicken Farm (owned by Rite Care) on Highway 59 between Tenaha and Carthage back in those days. That particular farm and the hatchery is no longer there now. I think everything is owned by Tyson now.

There was a girl (my best friend) named Sandra Prevost (her parents also worked for Rite Care) that lived close to us. She was in the 9th grade and I was in the 8th at Tenaha High School in 1974.

We lost contact when I ended up moving to Houston that year and I never saw or heard from her again. I have thought of her often and have asked friends about her but no one seems to know whatever happened to her or where she might have relocated to. That was about fifty years ago so there's no telling where she went or if she is still alive. I came back to Tenaha several times several years after moving to Houston but I never found out where she moved to.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of her, please let me know. I found one **Sandra Prevost** on social media but apparently it wasn't her. When we were in school, she had short blond hair and was tall and skinny. She would be about 65 or 66 now. You can email me at HYPERLINKmailto:marcies1960@aol.com

That wraps it up for this month. I'll write again soon...

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Buc-ees Origin

by Taylor Millard

For the traveling Texan, and now other states, Buc-ees is a required stop. It is not just a gas station and convenience store; it has become a tourist destination with an international cult following. The stories about this phenomenon begin the same, “Everything is bigger in Texas and Buc-ees is definitely BIG.”

It is an American success story of taking a common business and doing it bigger and better than anyone else. What did they do different and who is “they”? “They” are Arch “Beaver” Alpin III and his behind the scenes partner, Don Wasek. It all started in Clute, Texas with a single convenience store or C-store. Nothing that special at all. A handful of gas pumps and the usual drinks and snacks. This is not a business for the lazy. It is indeed the opposite of “passive” income.

I have a friend that had a small C-store in the early 80s that he described as a prison, “You are locked in every day and surrounded by thieves, customers and employees.” That is when Buc-ees began in 1982 with the same footprint and business model as everyone else, but Alpin had a dream. In 2003 the first of what we think of as Buc-ees was built in Luling, Texas.

It had very clean bathrooms, no large trucks, custom snacks, freshly baked pastries, a wall of jerky, and barbecue sandwiches. It was bold and a very big risk, but it is my belief, Alpin had proof it would work from another place called Prasek’s in Hillje, Texas. Prasek’s sat on Highway 59 south of Houston 50 miles and about 50 miles north of Victoria.

If you were traveling to hunt or fish in South Texas, a stop at Prasek’s was always a good idea. Long before the Buc-ees empire existed, I was pulling into get some fresh baked sweets, barbecue and jerky in Hillje. My old friend Jimmy Tipton and I loved to stop on our way to quail hunt in Falfurrias. My last trip with my father to a Zapata, Texas dove hunt, we pulled over for a kolache and a barbecue lunch. A few weeks ago it was to pick up some cookies for the Victoria County judge’s office while working on my Alamo Letter Society project.

Prasek’s has grown over the fifty plus years themselves. The store is bigger and nicer and they have custom meat products in HEB stores. Hard work and dedication by the same family for generations is a grand testament to us all. In a world that is rapidly changing with AI as our predicted future, it is nice to see old fashioned good food and service win.

Now maybe as you see the iconic beaver billboards to guide you to one of their 54 locations and growing, you will think of where I believe they got the idea. Not saying I’m right, but it is a good theory.



Henry Taylor Millard, known as Taylor, to almost everyone, grew up in Nacogdoches with a story telling father and a history reading mother. Taylor is a seventh generation Texan and lives on the same family land dating back to the eighteen-thirties. He and his wife attend Old North Baptist Church that his great-great-grandmother assisted in founding in 1838.

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Arena Riders Welcome at the Expo-The Nacogdoches Expo remains open for arena riders Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for just \$10 per horse. Riders are encouraged to call (936) 564-0849 for availability before arriving.

Nacogdoches Hero Foundation November 5th-6th

The Nacogdoches Hero Foundation proudly honors and supports the brave men and women who serve our community and country. Dedicated to recognizing local heroes — including veterans, first responders, and their families — the foundation provides resources, hosts community events, and promotes unity through service. Together, we celebrate courage, sacrifice, and the true spirit of Nacogdoches.

Holiday in the Pines November 17th-22nd

Get ready to kick off the holiday season in style at Holiday in the Pines! Hosted by the Nacogdoches Junior Forum, this three-day shopping extravaganza fills the Expo Center with festive cheer, unique gifts, and holiday magic. From the lively “One HIP Night” kickoff party to aisles of one-of-a-kind treasures, it’s the perfect way to shop, celebrate, and support local causes — all while soaking up that merry Nacogdoches spirit!

Pineywoods Youth Rodeo November 21st-23rd

Saddle up for the Pineywoods Youth Rodeo! Young cowboys and cowgirls from across East Texas show off their skills in barrel racing, roping, and rough stock events. It’s fast-paced, family-friendly fun where the next generation of rodeo stars rides for glory — don’t miss the action!

Jaycees Turkey Smoke November 21st

The Jaycees Turkey Smoke is a beloved Nacogdoches tradition where the Jaycees fire up the pits to smoke delicious turkeys just in time for Thanksgiving. Locals line up each year to grab a perfectly smoked bird while supporting community projects — it’s hometown flavor with a purpose! Contact the Jaycee’s to get your order in !!

G&S Gun Sshow November 28th-30th

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Nearly 25% of statewide traffic deaths are in oil and gas regions

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To help keep everyone safe in energy producing areas, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is encouraging all motorists to be extra vigilant and always drive like a Texan: kind, courteous and safe.

Oil and gas production activity means large trucks and heavy machinery share the road with local traffic on rural roads and highways. Increased truck traffic can mean limited visibility for drivers and wear and tear on road surfaces, potentially creating hazards that are difficult to navigate and maneuver around.

While our oil and gas sectors may have been built with the grit and adventurous spirit of roughnecks and wildcatters, when it comes to driving in energy-producing areas, motorists should be more cautious than bold.

Crash statistics

- In 2024, 78,980 traffic crashes occurred in Texas' five main energy regions—the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, Barnett Shale, Anadarko Basin and the Haynesville/Bossier Shale.
- Combined, these regions saw a slight decline in crashes compared to the previous year and traffic fatalities were down 5%.
- Yet 1,023 people were killed in roadway crashes, accounting for one in four of the state's total traffic fatalities in 2024.
- Failure to control speed and driver inattention were the top two factors contributing to crashes in these regions.

Safety tips

To help keep yourself and other Texans safe when driving in oil and gas areas, TxDOT offers these important reminders:

- Drive a safe speed. Follow posted speed limits and adjust your driving to match road conditions.
- Stay alert and focus 100% on driving. That means putting your phone away: no talking or texting when behind the wheel.
- Give large trucks plenty of space. Be patient and pass trucks only when it's safe and legal to do so.
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To Pray or Not to Pray

by Robert McCandless

They sat, two rows, directly behind us and appeared at the last minute for every show, giving everyone a view of the “unholy” entourage as it moved, feebly, along the aisle and up the eight or so steps to their season ticket position in the theater. Her presence initiated an emotional response in me as I considered who she was and what she had done effecting my life.

Grasping a cane for support, Madeline Murray O’Hair could hardly walk, as her son Jon and granddaughter Robin assisted her to her seat. There seemed to be something a little “off” with them all.

My memory went back to how a couple of teachers had treated me because of my faith. In auditorium class, the grade school attempt at teaching government, I was not allowed to participate nor was I included in the holiday celebrations with the other kids. In order to prevent me from having to take part, I was given a seat, in the back of class, away from everyone else. Failing to realize the act was an overreaction by some intolerant teacher, or that they were just protecting me from violating my beliefs, I blamed it on Christianity and began to gather resentments I would carry for a long time.

Although the Supreme Court agreed with her, the Dallas schools, where I attended, continued with morning prayer, over the PA system, until after I left in 1966.

There were times, during intermissions, that I wanted to turn around and thank her for what she had done to that group who had wronged me but I had recently become a Christian and some odd feeling made me hesitate. I never approached her. For, with time, I had begun to realize that, maybe, what she did was not a favor.

It may have just been the progress of societal evolution or it could have been the moral guidance which prayer brought to the classroom, but the deterioration of our society seems to have exponentially increased since her request and the court’s decision. As a child, I felt hurt by my exclusion and carried that into adulthood for many years, fueled by emotion, ignorance and anger, that served me to no advantage in life, as I rebelled against God and “The Establishment.”

I watched as they came and sat, and as they took intermission in the lobby, not interacting with others. Knowing there were many in the crowd who were agnostics and atheists, I expected her to have, at least, a little following of people who greeted and spoke with one of the most influential people of the 20th century. Could it be that most questioned the actual results of her cause and actions, or was it watching their social skills and demeanor that seemed to prevent people from approaching them? And then maybe it was just what I perceived...but it seemed something was not quite right about them.

After watching a public service TV show with her son, Jon Garth, explaining why there was no God, I realized he wasn’t the sharpest knife in the drawer. And after seeing Madeline’s entourage, on a regular basis, I failed to understand how such a pathetic group had swayed the courts of our country to give in to them.

As I grew in the love of Christ and began to see how His Grace and Mercy had brought me through the years in safety, it became more and more evident that Madeline had been wrong. Without prayer in schools, our public institutions have become a battle zone instead of learning centers. The real disappointment lies in that her persistence, loud voice and threats gave her victory in the courts, with no research or thought to what the results would be. She was just loud in getting her way as the old adage “The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease” plays out, too often, in our courts and society today.

With no moral compass, our country has become “inclusive” to a point that irrational behavior is acceptable. Absurd and even criminal behavior is to be, not only tolerated, but celebrated. Our search for God has ended and the results are plain and simple, as people want to be anything but what God made them to be. A culture of destruction had raised it’s head in a country that has always been dedicated to making the world a better place for ourselves and the rest of the world.

It did not surprise me when, after a couple of no-shows, public news all over the country announced their disappearance, as the O’Hair family, was accused of fleecing their nonprofit. The news of the entourage’s deaths that came a few days after failing to show up at the plays, should be a reminder of how a loud voice may not be the best one to follow or give in to.



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Gospel Festival at Zion Hill Baptist Church Historic Site

The African American Heritage Project and Nacogdoches Historic Sites invite the community to join in celebration at the Zion Hill Gospel Festival, taking place Sunday, November 9, at 3:00 p.m. at the historic Zion Hill Baptist Church, located at 324 South Lanana Street.

Sponsored by Commercial Bank of Texas, the Gospel Festival will feature an afternoon of uplifting performances by choirs from Iron Wheel Baptist Church, Austin Heights Baptist Church, and Zion Hill First Baptist Church. The program will also include the Men of Praise Quartet and will be emceed by Evangelist Alva Taylor, a beloved voice throughout East Texas.

“This event will be a wonderful afternoon of songs and praise and thanks for all our many blessings. We welcome the community to join us in celebration and joyful anticipation of the upcoming holiday season,” said Paul Jackson, President of the African American Heritage Project. “Thanks in advance for your support—we appreciate you and look forward to blessing and uplifting you in praise and worship.”

The Gospel Festival is free and open to the public. Donations received will support the African American Heritage Project and its efforts toward the Clay House restoration. The event aligns with Nacogdoches Historic Sites’ mission to preserve and interpret the history of Zion Hill, ensuring that this landmark continues to serve as a place of community gathering, heritage, and inspiration.

No preregistration is necessary—everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the Gospel Festival. Parking information is available on the Historic Sites website, and a golf cart shuttle will be running throughout the event to assist guests traveling to and from the church.

For more information about the Zion Hill Gospel Festival or other programs hosted by Nacogdoches Historic Sites, visit www.nactx.us/historicsites or follow the African American Heritage Project and Nacogdoches Historic Sites on Facebook.



Historic photo of Zion Hill Baptist Church and congregation



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SERVING OUR SAVIOR

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

Community Partners

Just when we feel weary and convinced we’ve exhausted every solution, Jesus gently whispers, “Watch this.” And in an instant, what once felt impossible is resolved. The burdens lift, the answers unfold, and what we call problems, quietly fade away.

This happens so often lately, when new issues arise, we take a breath and continue doing all we can and then we wait. Living while knowing Jesus truly is in control and believing it every day takes practice!



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

Our community’s nonprofits and organizations are deeply committed to working together to support neighbors striving to build a better quality of life. Recently, several organizations pulled together to serve a family who had a difficult situation. A family member intervened and rescued another family member from an abusive situation. The family member in trouble reached out to the Family Crisis Center and after they were safe, they decided to stay with the family members who had intervened. They will continue to seek counseling and other services with the Family Crisis Center. The urgent need today was food and clothes, hygiene, and toiletries. So, the Family Crisis Center suggested they see Love INC. We were happy to see them and realized the food pantries had closed. We sent a private message to Hope food pantry, and Harvest House and they both agreed to make an emergency food box for them. While we were waiting to hear back from the pantries, we sent a message to Fredonia Hill Baptist Church Open Door program, and they offered as well to help them with some emergency food. We sent them on their way with a clothes voucher to the Hospice Store, toiletries and hygiene products and a bag of snacks and directions to our community partners. In just 30 minutes or less, 6 community partners collectively communicated together to support and solve this family’s scary and difficult situation. Now this family has 6 different resources they can access. Communication between our community partners is essential.

Soon after, during First Baptist Church Nacogdoches’s annual Service Day, Love INC was honored with a special blessing as one of the many projects their members carried out across Nacogdoches County. About 20-25 people gave our old storage units a face lift! The paint was ready, and the supplies were there and after an unexpected and generous gift we were ready! One of the dilemmas was pressure washing the units and letting them dry before the crew painted on the big day. For several weeks, we tried to find volunteers and pressure washers and the time to commit to doing it. On that Wednesday afternoon and out of desperation, we sent out a post on Facebook a plea for help. I had already rented pressure washers and our warehouse guys along with some of the office staff were ready to put all other work-related issues on hold for Thursday and Friday. We were ready to do it ourselves. No one had a problem with the chore, however, case work and other important issues involving families would have to wait. We were all a bit nervous.

One of our volunteers who was serving in the Laundry happened to see the post, called the office, and said she knew of someone. In about 5 minutes, Mr. Drew Middlebrook called. He owns and operates Purple Haze ProWash. He offered to pressure wash with his equipment the next day. A huge shout out to Mr. Drew Middlebrook!!

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An innovative date-night activity is coming this November to the NAC Annex - it's the **ART CAFE**: Where Creativity Meets Community! Just like a cafe... but with art supplies! Beginning November 9 and continuing Thursdays 5-7 PM & Sundays 2-4 PM. Imagine walking into your favorite cafe, but instead of just ordering coffee, you're served premium art supplies and endless creative possibilities without the cleanup! Choose your medium and then make a reservation online. One of our talented community artists will be there to offer gentle guidance along the way. Book your spot today and come make art!

Once again we are hosting the **Winter Workshop and Holiday Vendor Fair** around the square downtown Nac from 10-2 before the Christmas Parade on December 6. We already have 40 vendors signed up and are still accepting vendor applications until we run out of space! Kids' activities, food trucks! Make plans to attend!

BLOOM: Flower and the Human Spirit, paintings by **Jim Leysath** and ceramics by **Maggie Leysath** continues Saturdays 11-4 through November 29, or by appointment. You don't want to miss this wonderful artistic collaboration at the Falling Star Gallery. Closing reception Saturday, November 29 1-4pm.

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative is located inside Williamsburg Plaza, 320 North Street. Falling Star Gallery @ NAC is in Suite 306 and is open Saturdays from 11-4 or by appointment by texting 917-209-1050. We are also an easy walk from downtown at 415 N. Fredonia Street, one block north of the Fredonia Hotel. The NAC Annex is at 141 Walker Avenue behind the Fredonia Brewery.

NOVEMBER ARTIST SPOTLIGHT!

Meet Jim Leysath!
Jim Leysath (pronounced "Lye-sick") is a gifted painter whose talent was undiscovered until he was 60 years old. Jim is a special needs person whose work you may have seen online on Facebook and Instagram as "Jimbo's Best Life." He is currently featured, with his sister-in-law and fellow artist Maggie Leysath (profiled in this column in October 2025), in *Bloom: Flower & the Human Spirit*, running every Saturday at Falling Star Gallery through November 29.

Before the pandemic, Jim was living in a group home in Beaumont, occasionally visiting Maggie and his brother Charlie in Nacogdoches. In 2020, Jim decided he wanted to live here and his family accommodated him. Maggie is a ceramicist with a home studio and when Jim moved in, she was also teaching arts education at SFA. "His arrival dovetailed with my art classes," she said. Maggie took her brother-in-law under her wing and showed him how to paint. "We are a team," Jim said, fist-bumping Maggie's hand. Under her guidance, Jim's long-hidden talent for painting has blossomed.

Jim's first works were of Caddo pow-wows. Shaun Roberts, who teaches painting at SFA, offered to critique Jim's work and encouraged him. A trip to the Art Institute of Chicago inspired Jim to paint cityscapes and the Institute's Van Gogh collection inspired his flower paintings. Current favorites include sunflowers, marigolds and echinacea. But Jim loves all flowers. Charlie says when the Azalea Garden and the campus are in bloom, "we have to stop and take pictures!" Jim often paints from photos.

Despite his artistic gifts, Jim faces many challenges when he works. He has trouble seeing the difference between positive and negative shapes, so it's hard for him to tell whether something's in the background or foreground. Maggie helps him block the image in, outlining objects. She mixes the paint for him and then Jim takes over. He works fast, usually in the morning, often completing a medium-sized painting in an hour. In addition to art classes, he has taken speech class at



Jim Leysath with one of his paintings



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Fri 21st	Dance Club	Nacogdoches VFW	7:00 pm
Sat 22nd	Car Show	Crockett	10:00 am
Tue 25th	Guacamoles	Nacogdoches	6:00 pm
Sat 29th	Tia Juanitas	Lufkin	6:00 pm

SFA and has submitted work to SFA's 12x12 scholarship event. Jim considers himself a loyal Lumberjack.

Here are Jim's words of encouragement to anyone who wants to paint:

- "Don't give up! That is the first thing."
- "Focus and concentrate."
- "You can always paint over a mistake."
- "Keep learning. I just learned how to do drybrushing."

Jim's paintings and his social media pages have created a following for him. Collectors are buying his works. In 2023, his art was shown at the Museum of East Texas in Lufkin. Jim has 11 paintings in *Bloom: Flower & the Human Spirit*. "And all of them are for sale," Jim said with a smile.*

* Jim sold NINE out of eleven paintings in the current show at the opening reception!

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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

November has arrived in Nacogdoches, bringing crisp, cool air, vibrant community events, and a touch of holiday magic. Fall foliage will soon paint our town in beautiful shades of gold and crimson, adding even more charm to the season. Whether you’re ready to kick off your holiday shopping, sip on festive fall drinks, or enjoy live local music, November has something special waiting for you. Let’s take a look at what’s happening around town!

We’re starting the month with a celebration, Día de los Muertos returns to Festival Park on November 1st from 1–5 pm. Enjoy live music, cultural dances, delicious food and drinks, and the chance to honor loved ones in a beautiful, family-friendly setting.

Next up, the holiday spirit shines bright at the Merry Christmas Market, happening November 7th (10 am–8 pm) and November 8th (10 am–3 pm) in Downtown Nacogdoches. Browse unique vendors, admire festive storefront windows, and even enter for a chance to win a holiday gift basket. It’s the perfect way to get a head start on your seasonal shopping!

History and nostalgia come together at the Loblolly Model Train Display at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot. The Veterans Day Open House Model Train Display runs November 7th–8th from 10 am–6 pm and Sunday November 9th from 12–5 pm, featuring a special military-themed exhibit with trains representing equipment and personnel from World War II. The holiday display returns every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from November 28th–December 14th, delighting visitors with intricate details and festive charm.

Mark your calendars for the debut of NacoPalooza MusicFest & Pub Crawl on November 15th! From 5–11 pm, enjoy 12 bands across 4 downtown venues, The Fredonia Brewery, The Cottage Restaurant & Bar, Madhatter Distillery, and Aperitivo Café & Gelato. It’s one unforgettable night of music, drinks, and community fun.

Get ready for a shopping extravaganza at Holiday in the Pines, happening November 20th–22nd. This beloved three-day event features boutique vendors, tasty treats, raffles, and more, perfect for finding gifts (or treating yourself).

We’ll wrap up the month with one of Nacogdoches’ favorite traditions, Wassail Fest, held November 29th in celebration of Shop Small Saturday. Stroll through downtown, sample wassail recipes from local businesses, and cast your vote for the best brew! While you’re there, grab a bite at Nac Snack, featuring food trucks on the square from 11 am–2 pm, and enjoy live holiday music from 12:30–2:30 pm. It’s the perfect way to close out Thanksgiving weekend and welcome the holiday season.

And that’s just the beginning! For the latest event updates and a full list of November happenings, visit visitsnacogdoches.org/events and check out the November “What’s Happening” article right here in *Around the Town*.

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



Jesus—You Are the God Who Justifies the Ungodly

To him who does not work but believes on [Jesus] who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness. Romans 4:5

There was a day in my life, sometime after my born-again experience in 1997, when I thought about the different religions of this world and whose teachings are contrary to the Bible and what it says about Jesus. The day was a great struggle of

faith and a heart wrenching occasion when I asked the Lord, “If the people of those religions never put their faith in Jesus for salvation, will they die and go to hell? I thought about the millions of people spread out across the world’s religions. I had to seriously consider what I believed about Jesus and why. Is He the only way to heaven? It was the day that my faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation for lost sinners was forever settled. It was a day of no turning back for me that what is written about Jesus in the Bible is the truth.

God offers His salvation in Jesus to the whole world. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of everyone born a sinner in Adam, all of humanity. The gospel of Jesus Christ is going forth unhindered in every place He sends His gospel. It is through His gospel preached and believed that Jesus is building His church, His body of believers here on earth. I believe all whom the Father has given the Son will come to Him and not one among them will be lost (John 6:37-39).

This takes us to the matter of Jesus justifying the ungodly. Who are the ungodly? Why do the ungodly need to be justified? What does justification have to do with a sinner’s salvation? Everything. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23). It is the sin we inherited from Adam that separates us from a holy God. Adam fell because he believed the lie rather than holding fast to the truth (Gen 2:15-17; 3:6).

We have all entered into Adam’s sin (Rom 5:12). It is sin which makes us ungodly before God. When Adam sinned, departing from obedience, holiness and righteousness and rejecting God’s divine authority to direct his life, to tell him how to live in the garden He created, Adam’s separation from God became our separation from God. Adam’s sin made us all spiritual children of the devil (1 John 3:10). Where can ungodly sinners find help to escape this dilemma? In the Seed (Gen. 3:15). The Seed, which is Jesus, was born when the fullness of the time had come. He was born to remove the cause of our spiritual separation from God (John 1:29) and to reconcile us back to God (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

We did nothing to cause our sin which separated us from God. We can do nothing to remove the sin and come back into right relationship with God. One man brought sin into the world. One Man takes away sin. Where does that leave us? Guilty in Adam as long as we choose to remain in Adam. Declared not guilty (justified) through faith in Jesus if we believe His gospel (1 Cor. 15:3, 4). It is Christ who makes us righteous. Paul wrote, “For [God] made [Jesus] who knew no sin to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in [Jesus]” (2 Cor. 5:21).

The sinner who believes the truth as it is written in the Bible about Jesus Christ is declared righteous in Christ on the basis of His finished work on the cross. It is faith in Christ alone and His good works (a perfect obedient life) that God will accept on the believers behalf. Our “good” works will never be good enough to cleanse us from our sin. Works of the flesh for salvation can never remove the stench of sin emanating up to the nostrils of a holy God. God declares that all of our righteousnesses are like filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). Our works are equated to a woman on her monthly period. It is a time of her uncleanness, and the blood causes a putrid smell. God will accept a sweet-smelling aroma that comes from a life hidden in Christ.

Jesus justifies the ungodly, all whose faith is in His name. Have you been justified, declared not guilty by Jesus who offered one sacrifice for sins forever (Heb. 10:12)? No justification, no salvation. No reconciliation, no salvation. If you die without the forgiveness of your sins and the salvation of your soul that God is offering in Jesus, you will die in your sins. The stench of your sins will be forever before you in hell, a place of eternal separation from God.



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As Dead as a Doornail

by Neal Murphy

Neal Murphy grew up in the small town of San Augustine, Texas. He and wife Clara have two grown children. Moving back after retiring, now with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, he began, as a hobby, writing short stories of humorous things that he observed over the years. He was an ambulance driver in college, worked for two funeral homes, then spent over forty years in the insurance business. He also writes stories of his forty-four years as a state certified police officer working for seven different departments. After living in five different states, he is now retired back in San Augustine and has his stories printed in seven different newspapers, and published five books. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, and the Insurance Institute of America. He is a Deacon in a Baptist Church and former Sunday School Teacher for many years, as well as Choir Director at several churches. He is also the docent in the 1919 Jail Museum in San Augustine and works three days a week. He was the director of the restoration of the old county records dating back to the 1800s.



I have used the expression “dead as a doornail” many times, and I am sure that you have, too. We are not alone. Since the 14th century people have declared things to be dead as doornails. It makes sense that inanimate objects are dead, but then so are diamonds, doughnuts, and doorknobs. So, why do we use the expression “dead as a doornail”? What are doornails, and why are they so dead?

People who study words and phrases are called “etymologists,” and they are supposed to be very intelligent folk. Over the years these “etymologists” have studied this phrase and have settled on two possibilities as to the origin.

The first theory involved a door knocker that was installed on the front entry door. Door knockers date back to antiquity, but in modern times have been replaced with the doorbell. The early door knockers had a large nail that the knocker struck when hit with the top portion of the knocker. This nail was considered to be dead because the ring of the nail was deadened to a dull knock as the sound was diffused into the wooden door when struck. This large nail was considered dead because of the number of times it was struck on its head.

Then, there is this second theory. In ancient times many doors were very large and ornate, and required many nails to secure the wooden pieces. The practice was to hammer the nail through the wood pieces, and then bend the protruding nail end over to secure it. This process, similar to riveting, was called clenching.

Clenching is when you drive a nail that passes through both thicknesses of wood you are fastening together. The tip of this nail sticks out about ¼” and is then bent over and driven into the wood. Clenching adds remarkable strength to a joint. A 1948 study by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory concluded that clenching can increase the holding power of a nail between 45 percent and 464 percent – depending on a variety of factors.

Also interesting is that the study concluded that bending the nail tip across the grain increased the holding power by 20 percent compared to a nail clenched along the grain of the wood.

Since a nail that had been clenched could never be used again, it was considered a “dead nail,” and may be the source of the phrase. The old wooden doors were replete with “dead nails” holding it together.

Dickens was among the celebrated authors who liked the phrase and made a point of using it in his *A Christmas Carol*:

“I don’t mean to say that I know, of my own knowledge, what there is Particularly dead about a doornail. I might have been inclined, myself, To regard a coffin nail as the deadest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But, the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhallowed Hands shall not disturb it, or the country’s done for. You will therefore Permit me to repeat, emphatically, that Marley was as dead as a door Nail.”

This theory suggests that “dead as a doornail” refers to nails that found their final resting place in doors. Since this phrase has been around since the 1300s, perhaps it is time for a 21st century upgrade. Given the ubiquity of digital downloads, I would suggest a change to “as dead as a DVD.”

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A Big Bend Series: Hollywood Comes to Marfa

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.

In the autumn of 1956, Nacogdoches’ Main Theater screened the blockbuster film, “Giant,” starring Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean. It was an epic production, 3½ hours long, that was nominated for 10 academy awards. I saw it for the first time some years later, and I recall being transfixed at the spectacle of the biggest superstars of the era paradoxically appearing in the nowhere land of scrub brush in the west Texas desert.



From all accounts, it was even more surreal for the denizens of nearby Marfa, Texas to see movie stars of such lofty pedigree as Elizabeth Taylor, just 23 years old, window-shopping in the tiny downtown business district. When filming, the actors would drive 17 miles to a studio-built façade of the main house of the fictional Reata ranch. After production ceased, the façade stood for three more decades, visited by countless movie buffs until it finally collapsed.



Near the production site along highway 90, you can’t miss huge dioramas celebrating the actors in “Giant,” including that of James Dean, who died in an auto accident mere weeks after shooting the picture.

After filming, the cast would retire back to the Paesano Hotel (below) in Marfa, still basking nowadays in the unlikely fame accrued so many years ago.



The impact of this improbable Hollywood film production in remote west Texas added to the mystique of the area that is still present today, as Marfa has a thriving art and culture component that is worthy of a visit. Next time, in the last of this series, we will visit Marfa and the famed mystery of the Marfa lights.

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The Lamp-Lite Players Present *You Can't Take It With You*

The Lamp-Lite Players present the second play of their 53rd Season, *You Can't Take It With You*, by Moss Hart & George F. Kaufman, November 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2025, 7:30 pm, and November 9 and 16, 2025, 2:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale online only at <https://lampliteplayers.ludus.com>. All tickets are assigned seats for a specific performance. Prices are Adults-\$15.00, 60+ Adults-\$12.00, and Children/Students-\$8.00. 2025-26 Season Passes may also be purchased online and then redeemed online or at the Box Office for *You Can't Take It With You*. An Audience Dress Rehearsal Preview will be held Thursday, November 6, 2025, 7:30 pm, for \$5.00, with tickets only available at the Box Office the night of the performance beginning at 7:00 pm.

The Sycamore family is unique, beginning with Grandpa, who one day realized he didn't want to go work, and therefore, he didn't, and still doesn't. When Alice introduces her family to her fiancé and his stolid, conservative family, a whirlwind of hilarious improbabilities ensues. Lamp-Lite Players portraying the two families and others caught up in the absurdity are **Melissa DeVine, Cassidy Kelly, Roni Lias, Trae Norman, Cristoban Morones, Adán Morones, Rick Jones, Norm Markworth, Faith Kolosci, Cater Cartwright, Austin Raymond, Riley Nichols, Carrie Butler Swann, Tim Williams, Roz Couch, Dudley May, Todd Phillips, Elaine Lambright, and Bridget & Lucy Jones.**

Kevin Helmer and **Julie Kilcullen** co-direct, assisted by stage manager **Lisa Norman**. Crew members include **Todd Phillips, Gina Jones, Alyssa Faykus, and Brian Oswald.**

Tickets still available will be on sale at the Box Office 45 minutes before curtain of each performance. For more information about *You Can't Take It With You*, visit our website, lamplitetheatre.com, or email us at lamplitetheatre@gmail.com.



Photo l to r Alyssa Faykus holding Bridget, Roni Lias, Trae Norman, Melissa DeVine, Cassidy Kelly, and Gina Jones holding Lucy



Photo l to r Tim Williams, Roz Couch, Elaine Lambright, Carrie Butler Swann, and Dudley May



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Chili's will be manning the three ticket booths placed within the music fest footprint. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks and area downtown restaurants. Monograms on Main will be selling event t-shirts out of its location on Church Street. Rogue Aesthetics, Salon Haven, and Motorhomes of Texas will serve as green rooms for visiting bands.

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Jesus and Barbeque

by Jerry Hopkins

Jesus & Barbeque is a book about God's work in Jeremiah Moss' life. Moss is a graduate of East Texas Baptist University. He was in several of my classes at ETBU; before that he was in my history classes at Panola College. So I have known Jeremiah for many years, even before he became a Christian. I personally know much of the personal struggles and experiences of Jeremiah's personal faith journey.

The focus and essential emphasis in this book is Jesus—His work, witness and winsomeness. It is about how God has worked to redeem Jeremiah and then enable him to begin building a legacy of faith, family and barbeque. In the very beginning of his book Jeremiah employs the word "incredible" very appropriately, often describing his life story, his fellow employees, his business and his Christianity ministry as a pastor.

In Jeremiah's dedication of his book, he first uses this word to introduce "this incredible" journey. "First and foremost, I want to give all glory and honor to God, whose grace, guidance, and provision have made this journey possible. This book is a testimony to His faithfulness and the call He placed on my life to serve others through faith, family, and barbeque."

Jesus & Barbeque: Barbeque with Purpose is not just a book where the author has compiled his stories, recipes and teachings. Jeremiah records God's vision to him in calling him to barbeque and ministry. He affirms his following God's motivation and missionary outreach. In doing this witness he instructs the readers to share their stories from personal struggles and victories, but not to over-emphasize their personal failures which can often distract from Jesus' story and grace.

We need to share our stories showing our personal struggles and victories, but we must remember Jeremiah's insight not to over-emphasize our personal failures and sins. Our emphasis must ever be the work of God, not our work or our person. When we push ourselves, we merely prove the reality of our fleshly selfishness proving that sin is still controlling us and not the grace of God.

Jeremiah focuses his scriptural exposition on Matthew 13:22-23 where Jesus

deals with sowing seeds on good soil and bad soil. This whole exposition is about the seeds of God's witness in human hearts and God's work of faith in the planting, growing and harvesting experience. He ties all these ideas of food, friendship, family and how these relate to God's work in our lives, and what results from the sowing of God's word on good and bad soil. God has created the soils, the souls and the process of planting, growing and harvesting. Jeremiah thus concludes that "the parable highlights the importance of understanding the soil in our



Dr. Jeremiah Moss, wife Amanda work together in ministry and cooking

minds and hearts to grow and produce a harvest of faith and love through the seeds we plant. By doing so, we can produce abundantly for God's glory." He ties all these factors together in light of God's creative contribution to our being His born again children.

Jeremiah stresses that we need to consider ourselves and how God has worked in our lives. God comes to us and brings a new birth to spiritually dead and totally selfish people. He saves us and changes us enabling us to overcome evil and determine to oppose sin and Satan. Jeremiah's testimony is based on God's revelation to him in the Word of God. So Jeremiah stresses that the foundation of his faith is in God teaching him valuable lessons which has enabled him to claim Paul's admonition, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). God knows us and thus Jeremiah concludes that "a loving and all-powerful creator has purposefully created each of us with a distinct purpose. God's purpose is always accomplished because it is powered by God who never fails.

Another passage Jeremiah stresses is the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 where God reveals that we are purposefully given talents that we might

wisely invest, benefit and prosper so as to bless others in the Kingdom of God. In all these stories God strives to teach us and lead us to embrace God's living and good works and the rules for holy behavior that we might thereby magnify and glorify the Living Lord Jesus. In all this God holds all people accountable.

In this book of stories and scriptural lessons Jeremiah stresses that God has given us what we need to serve Him and be a blessing to those we associate with all through our lives. We must find our calling, fulfill our calling and follow the will of God as He leads us by the Holy Spirit. Jeremiah's journey was not just his vision but it was God's work and witness in him. He listened to God, read His Word and sought through fasting prayer the guidance and direction of God. Jeremiah listened to God. He embraced God's guidance. He stresses the important lesson that we must begin the work God called us to do. As he sought the Lord Jeremiah found that God provided all he needed to fulfill his vision and work. We must evaluate and account for what we have; what God has given us; and what others have invested in us.

Another important factor is sharing your vision with others.

Jeremiah powerfully states, based on God's word to Habakkuk, that we must write down what God reveals to us. God's command to the prophet was "Write down the vision, make it plain upon tables" that everyone might understand it and recognize what is to be done. "When written and made tangible, it turns the idea, the dream, into a unit that unifies all into taking a stand and fighting for it courageously and relentlessly." In Jeremiah's case this became "a crusade to change lives," involving local communities and faraway places. Thus, there emerged communities connected by love and purpose, expressed in the Living Lord Jesus and the sharing of barbeque and the income resulting from those who invested in it. This is a great story of what people working and eating together can accomplish.

This book also presents an important insight into the role of community conversation and sharing. We need others to help us, to embrace our God-given vision and ministry. So this stresses the importance of God's people coming together in church life and community life that we might together overcome life's problems and thereby accomplish God's will and work. There are some essential qualities God wants to give to us and bring alive in us and through us—a sense of community (church life) and the expression of this faith family in sincere gratitude, knowledge and wisdom coming from God's reliable people. There is the quality of humility which demonstrates God's presence and power in our relationships with those we associate with. All of this highlights the importance of work in relation to God and our communities of faith, family and business. There is great value in work, helping others and serving others. I like what Jeremiah says about work. "Work is more than simply a job; it is an opportunity to satisfy the needs of others and make a big difference."

I have read Jeremiah's book many times as I've worked on reviewing and summarizing it. In so many ways I appreciate what he shares in his testimony and scriptural witness. His stress on being Christian is important. I would challenge him regarding his use, as so many others who often describe Christians as "born again." There is no other kind of Christian. You cannot be a Christian without being "born again" by the Spirit of the Living God. Many claim to be Christian, but they are not born again because they demonstrate that reality by denying God, by defaming Him, by cursing Him, by doing evil things, by cooperating with Satan and his demons.

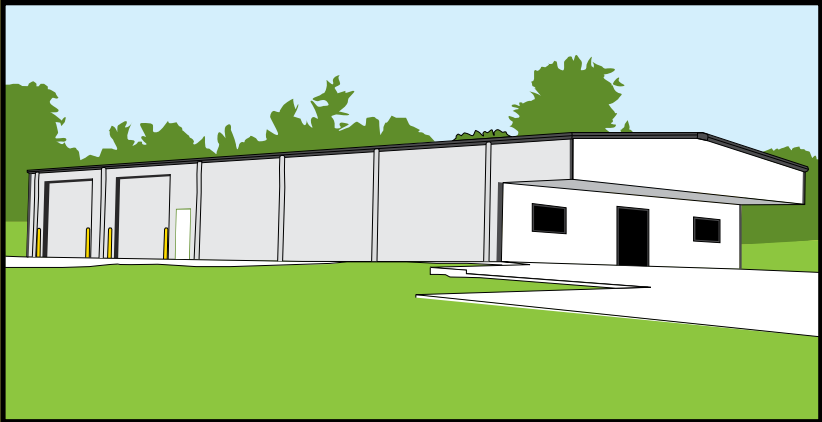
There are so many good things in this exceptional book. I've not said very much about barbeque, but Jeremiah has a great deal to say about that cooking process; how to select the meat, how to prepare it for cooking; then how to cook it and finally how to enjoy it with others, especially in light of Jesus' living presence as we share together in fellowship and eating.

If you have ideas or insights into Jesus and barbeque, I would like to hear from you and will appreciate you sharing your thoughts with me on cooking and eating. You may contact me by email at drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com. I can also be reached by "snail mail" at Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671. *Dr. Jerry Hopkins is a historian and a retired university professor.*



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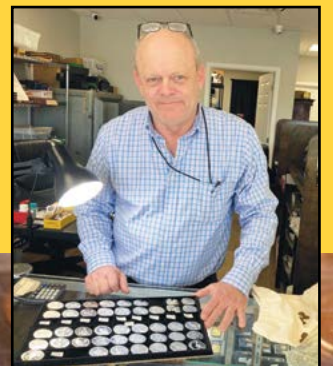
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Leave the Stone Fort Museum where it is

Plans have been proposed to relocate the Stone Fort Museum; at least it is on the table as part of a Master Plan being considered by the University of Texas Regents for Stephen F. Austin State University. Three media outlets have run stories about this, although a new location has not been proposed. My suggestion is: Leave the Stone Fort Museum where it is for historical and practical reasons.

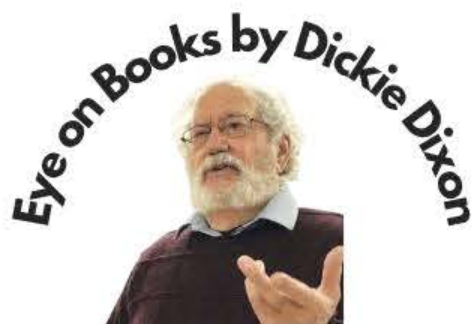
Three personal reasons also apply. The column below this one, Kissin' Kuzzins, was given to me by Carolyn Reeves Ericson, a well-known Nacogdoches genealogist/historian; however, in another life, Carolyn was the curator of the Stone Fort Museum and gave her heart to that enterprise. Secondly, for a whole year, while I pursued my Master's in history at Stephen F. Austin State University, I served as a graduate assistant to Dr. Archie P. McDonald, grading his American history and Texas papers, speaking in his stead on one occasion, and helping at the East Texas Historical Association meetings. What I am about to say is the understatement of all time: Archie was all about what was best for Nacogdoches, and, as concerns the Stone Fort Museum, he wrote a booklet entitled "The Old Stone Fort." If he were living today, I seriously doubt he would want it to be relocated. Thirdly, my family owned the Old Stone Fort because my great-great-great-grandfather Zechariah Phillips Fenley was killed in the Cordova Rebellion; consequently, his widow, Rebecca Danzey Fenley, sued Vicente Cordova and won half interest in the Old Stone Fort. She sold her interest to Harriett Fenley Roberts, her sister-in-law and the wife of John S. Roberts, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. So the Stone Fort Museum is near and dear to me.

Practically speaking, relocation would mean a compromise of the integrity of the Stone Fort Museum. This has already happened twice. When it was torn down in 1902, the Cum Concilio asked for the stones and reconstructed an intermediate structure on Washington Square. For the Texas Centennial, these stones and others that had to be quarried were used to build the Stone Fort Museum, where it is. In both cases, stones were pilfered from the original ones. I have had two conversations with persons in Nacogdoches, one who told me that they had a wall near their house constructed with some of the original stones. Another told me they had a fireplace in their house that utilized some of the original stones, too. Let's face it: people can be dishonest, and if the present structure is relocated, the present holdings and the materials from its present structure may be compromised. The work the two Carolyns have put into it to bring it to where it is today, i.e., Carolyn Reeves Ericson and Carolyn Spears, may be pilfered. Buy some land somewhere else to put your new science building on, but please leave the Stone Fort Museum where it is, as it is.

Kissin' Kuzzins

(1) The SFASU's Campus Master Plan map, the "Draft Illustrative Plan," does not include the Stone Fort Museum; rather, its space is taken by a proposed new science building. For more information, contact Carolyn Spears at (936) 468-2408 or cspears@sfasu.edu or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com. (2) Steinbeck Publishing has told Angelina College policeman Randall Paul Holland that his newly released book "Journey to Top Cop" could become a New York Times bestseller if Christmas sales are brisk. A movie called Texas Grit, to be directed by none other than Ron Howard, will be produced based on the book. Randy will be discussing his book at the November 17, 2025, meeting of the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 5:30 p.m. at the meeting room of David Beard's Catfish King on the loop in Lufkin, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com. (3) Jeanelle McCall has written a children's book, Stuffedie and the Great Flood, as a reaction to an image she saw of a stuffed rabbit and the contact of the owner about it. All profits go to flood victims and their families of the flash flood in Kerrville. You can buy your copy at the Museum of East Texas. (4) "The Fort Jessup Archeology Project" will be Scott Faris's topic when he speaks to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at about 6:15 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Iris and Anne Howard Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton, Texas. Refreshments will be ready by 5:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting presided over by Ruth Dusan Garcia at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or ruthdusan35@gmail.com or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com.

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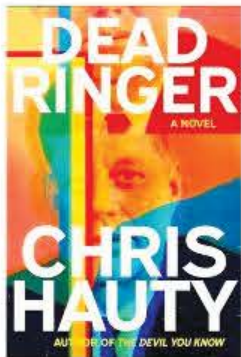
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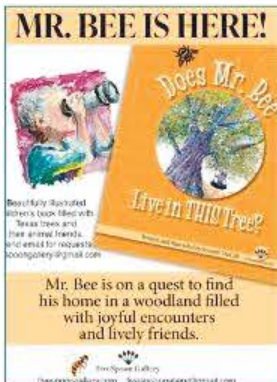
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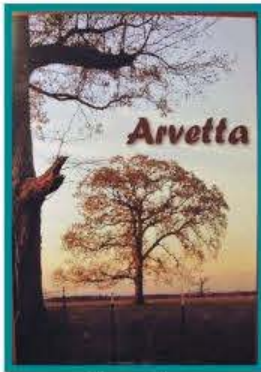


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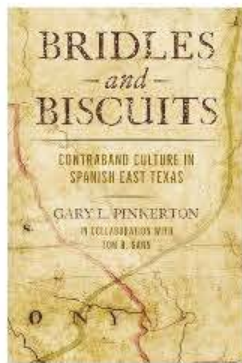
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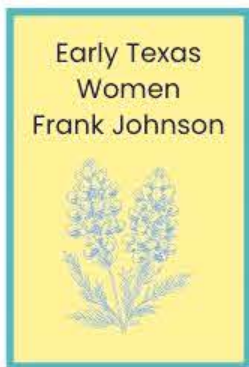


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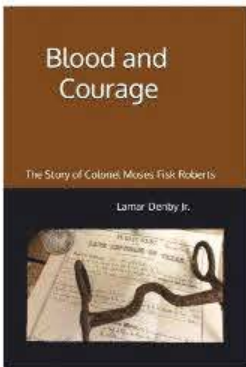
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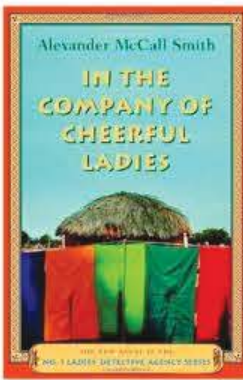


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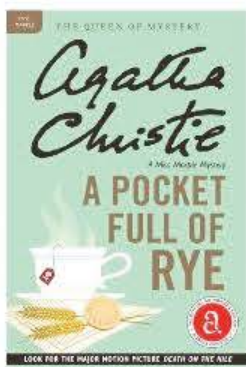


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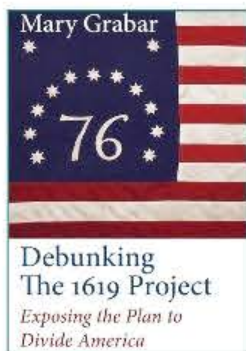


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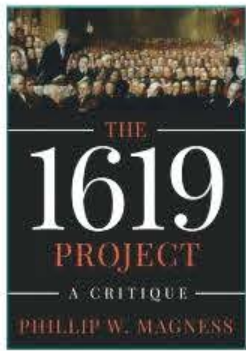


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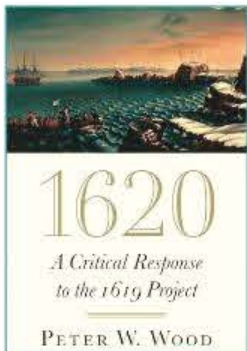
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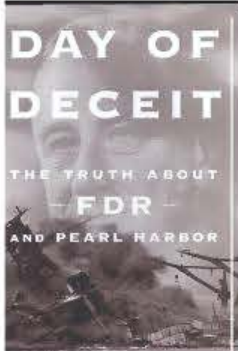
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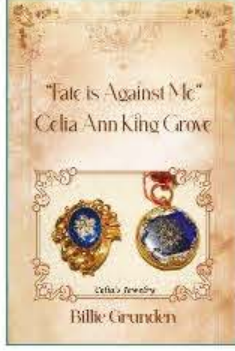
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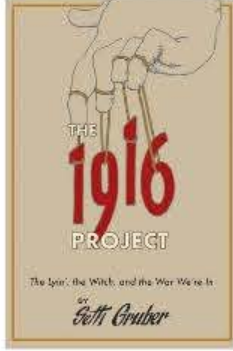
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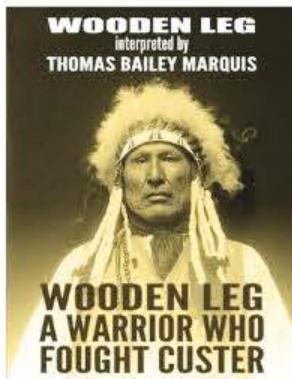


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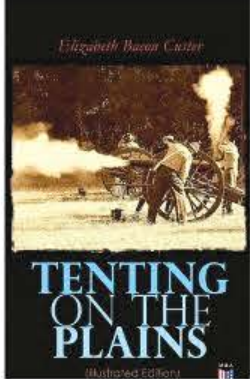


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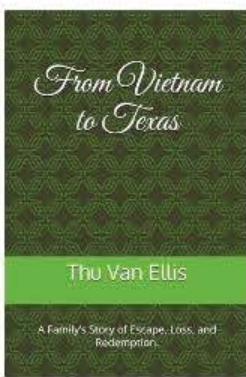
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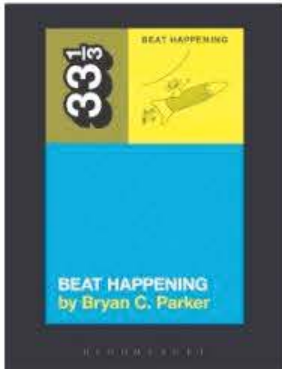
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Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber Event Calendar

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Market on Main
Sat, Nov. 1st 9am-1pm
305 East Main St.

Historic Skills Fair
Sat, Nov. 1st 10am-5pm
Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens

Día de los Muertos
Sat, Nov. 1st 1-5pm
Festival Park

Exhibit Team Meet & Greet: Zion Hill Historic Site
Thu, Nov. 6th 6pm
Zion Hill Historic Site

Merry Christmas Market
Nov. 7th & Nov. 8th
Downtown Nacogdoches Shops

Classic Car Cruise In
Fri, Nov. 7th 4-7pm
Clear Springs

You Can't Take It With You
Nov. 7th, 8th, 14th, & 15th 7:30pm
Nov. 9th & 16th 2:00 pm
Lamp-Lite Players

Loblolly Model Train Display Veterans Day Open House
Sat, Nov. 7th & 8th 10am-6pm | Sun, Nov. 9th 12-5pm
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

2025 Veterans Day Parade
Sat, Nov. 8th 10-10:45am
Downtown Nacogdoches

Gospel Festival: Zion Hill Historic Site
Sun, Nov. 9th 3pm
Zion Hill Historic Site

Flowers After Hours
Wed, Nov. 12th 4:30-6:30pm
Both Bloom Studio

NacoPalooza MusicFest & PubCrawl
Sat, Nov. 15th 5-11pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

Holiday in the Pines
Nov. 20th - Nov. 22nd
Nacogdoches County Exposition & Expo Center

Toys for Tots
Nov. 28th - Dec. 8th
Johnson Furniture

Wassail Fest
Sat, Nov. 29th 11am-4pm | Live Music 12:30-2:30pm
Downtown Nacogdoches

Nac Snack
Sat, Nov. 29th 11am-2pm OR sold out
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"Bloom: Flower and the Human Spirit"
Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative

Loblolly Model Train Display
Nov. 28th, 29th, 30th
Dec. 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

Banita Creek Hall
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
11/6: Bayker Blankenship with special guest Zach John King
11/8: Pecos & The Rooftops & special guest Eddie & The Getaway

Aperitivo Cafe & Gelato
11/15: Mini-Market ft. Local Makers & Crafted Goods 8am-3pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays: Live Piano Player 5pm-7pm
Saturdays: Live Jazz on the patio 7pm-11pm

The Fredonia Hotel
11/27: Thanksgiving Brunch 11am-2pm
Music on the Patio (Every Friday):
11/7: Logan McCune 6-9pm
11/14: Enrique Munguia 6-9pm
11/21: Larry Greer & The Shades of Blue 6-9pm
11/28: Ryan Lawless 6-9pm

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 11/4 & 11/18 Bottlecap Alley
Wednesday: 11/26 Fredonia Brewery
Thursday: 11/6, 11/13, & 11/20 Fredonia Brewery

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
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11/1: Randy C Moore LIVE @5:30pm
11/8: Country Willie Edwards LIVE @5:30pm
11/15: Justin Merritt LIVE @5:30pm
11/22: Andrew Toole LIVE @5:30pm
11/29: Hance and Hughes LIVE @5:30pm

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music
11/8: Open Mic Night 6-11pm

Madhatter Distillery
11/1: Jay & Lynda Kaye Live 7-9pm
11/7: Guided Paint & Sip w/ Fire House Nac 5:30-9pm
11/12: Bike Night w/ Lumberjack Harley Davidson 6-9pm
11/13: Glaze & Sip w/ Muddy Pants Pottery 6:30-9pm
11/14: A'na & Micah Live 7-9pm
11/15: Madhatter Patio Stage for Nacopalooza 5-9pm
11/20: Open Mic Night w/ Dillon Reynolds 7-9pm
11/21: A'na & Micah Live 7-9pm
11/22: Daniel McMahon Live 7-9:30pm
11/28: Daniel McMahon Live 7-9:30pm
11/29: Madhatter Wassail & Haylee Lewis Live 7-9:30pm

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

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

Fredonia Brewery
Trivia every Thursday @ 7pm
Live Music every Friday & Saturday
11/1: Huffie & The Paintfish 6-9pm
11/5: Books & Brews 6-7pm
11/7: Scott Floyd 6:30-8:30pm
11/14: Ally Fuller 6:30-8:30pm
11/15: NacoPalooza MusicFest & PubCrawl 5-11pm
11/16: FredTalk: AI by Travis Killen 2-3pm
11/22: Friendsgiving Show-Haylee Lewis, Wrights & Wrongs, & All Shirts No Pants 6-9pm
11/28: Brian Winfield 6:30-8:30pm
11/29: Jay, Lynda Kaye, & Lefty 6-9pm

Lumberjack Harley Davidson
11/1: Grill & Chill 12-3pm
11/8: H.O.G. Chili Cook-Off 12-3pm
11/12: Madhatter Distillery Bike Night 6-8pm
11/15: Bikers Against Trafficking BBQ Fundraiser 12-3pm
11/22: Harold's House Toy Drive 12-3pm
11/28: Black Friday All Day
11/29: Orange Saturday All Day

Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center
11/20-11/22: Holiday in the Pines
11/21: Jaycees Turkey Smoke
11/22-11/23: Pineywoods Youth Rodeo
11/28-11/30: G&S Gun show

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11/1: SFA VS UTRGV 6pm
11/15: SFA VS Lamar 6pm
Pineywoods Dining Hall:
11/1: Alumni Corner Tailgate 3-5:45pm
11/15: Alumni Corner Tailgate 3-5:45pm

SFA Fine Arts
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11/1-11/8: FVA 12x12 Art Fundraiser & Auction
11/1-1/4: REFINED: The Foreseeable Future
Griffith Fine Arts Building, Turner Auditorium:
11/4: Children's Show: The Little Mermaid
11/7: Swingin' Axes and Swingin' Aces
11/10: Sound Recording Technology Ensembles Concert
11/14: Mr. Magnetic Album & Documentary Release, Screening, & Live Performance
11/18: Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet
Griffith Fine Arts Building, Flex Theatre:
11/13-11/16: Young Frankenstein

SFA Gardens
11/8: Family Arts & Crafts & "Painting Fall Foliage" w/ SFA Art Student 9am-12pm
11/13: Natives, Pollinators & Shade Gardening Lecture 7-8pm

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Hosanna Full Gospel Church — 7619 SH 198, 75954 — 903.848.0737
Jackson Missionary Baptist Church — 11120 SH 7, 75954 — 936.269.3370
Joaquin United Methodist Church — 105 Faulkville Rd, 75954 — 936.269.3661
Lone Cedar Church — 75954
The Pentecostals of Joaquin — 11113 SH 7, 75954 — 936.269.4245
Willow Grove Community Church — 4635 CR 3790, 75954 — 936.269.4756
Word of Faith Outreach Center — 12413 SH 7, 75954 — 936.269.4133

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East Hamilton Church — 7325 FM 2261, 75973
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First Baptist Church of Shelbyville — 5030 SH 87 S, 75973 — 936.598.7348
Lone Star Church — 75973
Lydia Missionary Baptist Church — 14998 FM 139, 75973 — 936.368.2462
Patroon Baptist Church — 310 FM 2261, 75973 — 936.275.2977
Shelbyville Methodist Church — 252 FM 417, 75973 — 936.598.7388
Smyrna Church — 177 CR 2450, 75973 — 936.368.2457
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Bobo Church — 1411 CR 4648, 75974
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House of Prayer Church and Campground — 526 CR 4356, 75974 — 936.332.3087
Iglesia Bautista El Olam — 2998 US 84, 75974
Iglesia Bautista Monte Sinai — 200 Towneast Rd, 75974 — 936.248.3075
Iglesia Nueva Esperanza — 8001 US 96, 75974
International Missionary — 645 CR 4356, 75974 — 936.591.9112
Old Center Baptist Church — 7086 FM 699, 75974 — 936.248.2796
Old Home Church — 75974
Pleasant Hill Church — 2010 FM 2660, 75974
Ramah Church — 75974 — 936.248.6432
St John Missionary Baptist Church — 102 Booker T. Washington Drive, 75974 — 936.248.2999
Tenaha United Methodist Church — US 84, 75974 — 936.248.2246
Woods New Hope Baptist Church — 120 CR 425, 75974
Woods United Methodist Church — 75974

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Corinth Baptist Church — FM 1979, 75975
Countryside Cowboy Church — 408 US 59, 75975
County Line Baptist Church — RR 2 Box 97, 75975 — 903.898.2499
East Texas Baptist Family Ministry — 75975 — 903.822.3474
Epiphany Catholic Mission — 3072 US 59, 75975 — 936.254.9662
First Christian Church — 811 N 2nd Street, 75975 — 936.254.3389
Good Hope Baptist Church — 1813 FM 2667, 75975 — 936.254.9294
Messiah Baptist Church — 459 Ross Graves Drive, 75975 — 936.254.3702
Mount Olive Church — 75975
Pleasant Grove Church — 1440 CR 1470, 75975
Smith Chapel Baptist Church — 919 CR 4704, 75975
Smyrna Baptist Church — 100 Francis Street, 75975 — 936.254.3613
Timpson First Assembly of God — 652 Houston Street, 75975 — 936.254.3178
Timpson First Baptist Church— 715 N 2nd Street, 75975 — 936.254.2220
Timpson First Methodist Church — 312 Austin Street, 75975 — 936.254.3428
Timpson Missionary Baptist Church — 2142 US 59, 75975 — 903.692.0716
Weaver Church — 75901
Woodland Christian Church — 220 US 59, 75975 — 936.254.2894

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ACROSS

1. Eye affliction
5. Nickname
8. Christmas tree variety
11. Not we
12. Use a whetstone
13. Lyric poem
15. New Haven University
16. Unrivaled
17. Buenos follower
18. *Number one pumpkin-growing state
20. Phishing attack
21. Dead to the world
22. Albanian money
23. *"One, two, ____'s coming for you"
26. Harasses
30. Bloodshot
31. System of newsgroups on Internet
34. Muscular strength
35. Not odds
37. Zedong of China
38. Do penitence
39. Form of wrestling
40. Certain Native American dwelling
42. Cleopatra's cause of death, supposedly
43. * ____ O'Rourke of "Poltergeist"
45. *Silver ammo, useful against werewolves, sing.
47. Rooster's girlfriend
48. Seattle's ____ Needle
50. Sportscaster Andrews
52. *One of two first ever fun size candy bars
55. Unbroken mustang
56. In ____ of
57. Lash mark
59. Missouri River tributary
60. Chooses
61. *Rice of "The Vampire Chronicles" fame
62. " ____ the fields we go"
63. Turkish title of respect
64. Oxen's harness

DOWN

1. Hog haven
2. Like certain ice tea
3. Holler
4. Pupil protector
5. Driver's license sticker
6. Dark
7. #63 Across, pl.
8. Forum, pl.
9. Previously mentioned, acr.
10. Hi- ____ monitor
12. Pooh's repast, pl.
13. Drawing support
14. *Bobby ____ of "Monster Mash" fame
19. River in India
22. Auction batch
23. Like classic TV's Prince
24. Variety show
25. a.k.a. dropsy
26. *What witch's familiar says
27. Sandbar
28. Sometimes it's perfect
29. Hid under a rug
32. Independent chieftain
33. Old horse
36. *What Michael Myers says
38. Without self-control
40. Skin cyst
41. Manual calculator
44. From this time on
46. Wiggle room
48. Kind of wading bird
49. Religious devotion
50. Gaelic
51. Big cat sound
52. No neatnik
53. City in Nevada
54. Did like the Titanic
55. *What ghost says
58. Bruce or Spike

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