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Are You Getting Older — or Is Your Metabolism Asking for Help?

East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness brings a different approach for chronic illness to Nacogdoches.

For many people, getting older seems to come with an expected list of complaints: less energy, poor sleep, stubborn weight, brain fog, inflammation, rising blood pressure or blood sugar, and tingling or numbness in the hands and feet.

It is easy to dismiss these changes with a familiar explanation: “I’m just getting older.”

But what if some aren’t simply an inevitable part of aging? What if they are warning signs that the body’s metabolism has gradually stopped working as efficiently as it once did?

That question is at the heart of **East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness in Nacogdoches.**

The Center was founded by Marty French, who spent 40 years in technology sales and leadership, describing herself as a “Solution Finder” — someone driven to understand a problem and find a better way forward.

That curiosity, combined with her own family’s health experiences, led French to



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From Filmmaking to Floor Plans

Haus Design Services

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

Growing up in Carthage, Texas, George Hooker discovered an early talent for creating and designing. At just 15 years old, he completed his first design project and earned enough money from it to buy his first car. What began as a teenage venture would eventually become a lifelong career built around creativity, production, and design. George established a career in design long before it became his profession.

George graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a cinematography degree, where he continued developing the skills and creative perspective that would shape his professional life. After college, he spent approximately 25 years working in the production world, gaining experience in filmmaking and production on projects that took him around the globe. During his years in the industry, George owned and operated GHM Creative, building further experience in creative development, production, and vision. The work allowed him to collaborate on projects ranging from concept development to finished productions, while exposing him to different cultures, environments, and ways of approaching a project. His career included work at numerous global locations and production environments such as; Dallas Cowboys, Grand Ole Opry, Houston Astros, television commercials, documentaries, etc., giving him an unusual perspective that extends well beyond traditional design.

After retirement, he spent the next three years restoring his great grandparents’ farmhouse in the Woods Community of Panola County to amazing grandeur. He affectionately refers to the restored property as “The Farmhaus.” Although



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HAUS DESIGN

that project was near and dear to him, he was starting to miss major projects. When his good friend, Randy Johnson, approached him with the idea of creating a design center in his newly leased downtown building—the former home of Greer’s Upholstery—he jumped at the opportunity. Today, George brings his extensive production background to his work as managing partner and lead designer at Haus Design Services in Nacogdoches, where he specializes in both residential and commercial design. Rather than leaving his production career behind, he will incorporate those years of experience into his approach to every project.

For George, design is about more than simply creating attractive spaces. It is about understanding how people live and translating their personal needs, ideas, and lifestyles into a home or business that works for them. His expansive background in production has also influenced the way he approaches a project from beginning to end. Years spent turning concepts into finished productions have given him an appreciation for planning, details, problem-solving, and the importance of seeing the larger picture while still paying attention to the smallest elements.



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Now back in East Texas full-time, George draws on decades of creative and production experience to help clients envision—and bring to life—homes and businesses that are uniquely their own. For a designer whose first project came at age 15, his journey from Carthage to the world of film production and, ultimately, back to design has come full circle. That journey continues at Haus Design Services, where the new company carries on the Greer family’s tradition of high-end upholstery, while greatly expanding its offerings to provide comprehensive design services for every aspect of the home and office. With over 100 vendors and wholesale pricing, the new firm handles everything from flooring to fixtures, walls to windows, lights to landscaping, cabinets to cabanas, and everything in between.



Haus Design Services opened August 10, 2026, at 322 East Main Street in the Greer’s building. The firm’s slogan captures the vision: “Design your Dream.” The new store will celebrate its grand opening in early September.



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explore metabolic dysfunction and led to finding an innovative infusion treatment for people with diabetes and other chronic conditions associated with insulin resistance. She partnered with medical providers Tammy Smith, CNS, and Liz Powell, FNP, who shared her passion for metabolic wellness, and the Center was launched.



Understanding Insulin Resistance

Most people associate insulin with diabetes, but insulin is important to everyone. It helps the body's cells

access glucose from the bloodstream to produce energy.

Over time, cells can become less responsive to insulin, causing the body to compensate by producing more. This condition, known as insulin resistance, can develop quietly for years before blood sugar reaches levels associated with pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes.

Meanwhile, the body may already be sending signals: fatigue, poor sleep, brain fog, weight gain, skin tags, thinning hair, cravings, inflammation, high blood pressure, neuropathy, loss of strength, and difficulty controlling blood sugar.

While these symptoms are often dismissed as "just getting older," they can also be associated with progressive metabolic dysfunction and warrant attention. Modern lifestyles may contribute. Highly processed foods, excess sugar, reduced physical activity, chronic stress, and inadequate restorative sleep can all negatively affect metabolic health.

A Different Approach to Chronic Illness

East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness focuses on metabolic dysfunction and insulin resistance. The Center works with people with Type 2 diabetes, heart and kidney disease, as well as those struggling with neuropathy, chronic fatigue, restless leg, poor sleep, brain fog, inflammation, and difficult-to-control blood sugar.

The Center does not replace a patient's primary care physician or specialists and, whenever possible, works alongside existing healthcare providers.

Its individualized insulin infusion treatment evaluates each patient's physiological response to insulin and uses customized insulin resensitization protocols to help resensitize the body's cells, enabling them to respond more effectively.

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many patients transitioning to monthly maintenance by approximately the eighth month. Treatment is covered by most insurance plans.

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Listen to What the Body Is Saying

Perhaps the most important message is simple: *Don't automatically assume that feeling worse is simply the price of getting older.*

Understanding insulin resistance gives people an opportunity to look beyond individual symptoms and ask a different question: *What is the root cause?*

East Texas Center for Metabolic Wellness believes education is an important first step. Understanding how metabolic health can affect energy, sleep, blood sugar, inflammation, and overall well-being helps people ask better questions, talk with their healthcare providers, and make informed choices about their health.

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NHS Announces Rules Changes for Entry Into Athletic Events

Two new rules will be in place this academic year for entry into Dragon Stadium and athletic events that are held in gyms at Nacogdoches High School.

Spectators will be required to pass through a weapons detection system in order to enter Dragon Stadium beginning in August. The detectors will also be set up during the school year at athletic events held in both NHS gymnasiums unless in use at the stadium.

NISD has also adopted a clear bag policy for all athletic events. Bags and items that cannot be clearly seen through will be prohibited in the stadium, at fields and in gymnasiums where NISD is hosting athletic events.

To enter Dragon Stadium, fans must clear the detection system. A spectator unable to clear the weapons detection system may go back to their vehicle and deposit any items there and then return to the entry gate and attempt entry.



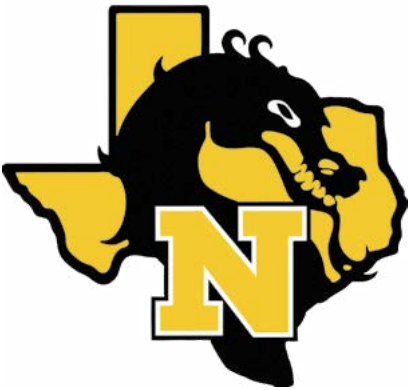
At no time will anyone be allowed to leave items at the gate in order to clear the weapons detection system.

Spectators with medical reasons which prohibit them from clearing the weapons detection system are encouraged to bring along their medical cards (or documents) describing the issue. Staff at the gates will have hand-held wands to help to clear spectators without negatively impacting their condition. If no documentation is provided, staff can still use wands to clear the person but cannot avoid any specific areas.

The following items will set off the detectors and should not be brought into the stadium: Any item used as a common weapon such as guns and large knives, other large items similar to binders, laptops, umbrellas and eye glass cases. Cell phones, keys and small amounts of coins should pass through without a problem. The first football game at Dragon Stadium will be a preseason scrimmage Friday, Aug. 21, against Jacksonville. The first varsity home football game will be the season opener Aug. 28 against Athens. The first home volleyball match is Aug. 11.

At football games held in Dragon Stadium, both entryways on the west side (home side) will be open for use by Dragon fans. On game nights, fans are encouraged to use the entrance with the shortest wait time. During varsity football games, the Nacogdoches High School student section will be seated in the bleachers in the south end zone (those nearest the field house). Reserved seating at Dragon Stadium will remain the same; bleachers on either side of the reserved section on the home side will be general admission seating.

After entering the football stadium, spectators will not be allowed to leave and re-enter the stadium without permission prior to departure from a district administrator on duty. Then, before re-entering the stadium, the spectator must again clear the weapons detection system. After the end of the third quarter of games, there will be no re-entry for any reason.





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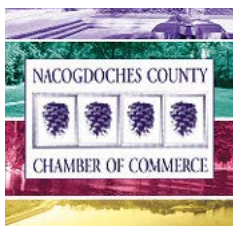
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Chamber Connection
by Kelly Augustine
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Celebrating the Businesses and People Who Make Nacogdoches Stronger

In Nacogdoches County, we are fortunate to have lots of people in our business community who make our home the best place to live, work, play and do business. Each year, the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce takes an opportunity to celebrate their contributions.

The Chamber will recognize this year's annual award honorees during the 104th Annual Meeting & Membership Banquet, presented by The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center, on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

This year's honorees represent a wide range of the people and industries that contribute to our community's success.

- Susu's Popcorn & Candy Cafe has been named Small Business of the Year, sponsored by Commercial Bank of Texas, N.A.
- R & K Distributors, Inc. will receive Medium Business of the Year, sponsored by Regions Bank.
- Etech Global Services has been selected as Large Business of the Year, sponsored by R & K Distributors, Inc.
- The Nacogdoches Jaycees will be recognized as Non-Profit of the Year, sponsored by Charles Pool Real Estate, Inc.
- John Ruckel is this year's recipient of the C. Wayne Mitchell Business Advocacy Award, sponsored by SERVPRO® of Lufkin/S. Nacogdoches County.
- Bill Elliott has been selected as Citizen of the Year, sponsored by Tipton Ford.

Each honoree has made an impact in a different way, whether through entrepreneurship, job creation, community service, advocacy, leadership and all demonstrate a willingness to invest the above-and-beyond time and energy needed for a better Nacogdoches County.

The Chamber's annual meeting and banquet evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Chamber members, business leaders, elected officials and community supporters will come together to celebrate the accomplishments of local businesses, nonprofits and individuals who continue to make a difference.

Event Chair Betty Shinn and her planning committee recognizes that this annual celebration provides an opportunity to highlight the outstanding people and organizations that won't brag on themselves. The Chamber salutes their innovation, leadership, service and commitment that drives economic development and enhances the quality of life throughout our region.

The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity to look ahead. During the evening's business meeting, the 2026-2027 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Executive Committee will be inducted, welcoming a new group of community leaders with new Chair of the Board Dr. Hollie Smith, Arnold Center for Entrepreneurship at SFA, who will help guide The Chamber in the year ahead.

For reservations, sponsorship opportunities or additional information about the 104th Annual Meeting & Membership Banquet, contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce at (936) 560-5533 or visit nacogdoches.org.

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Mark Easley, son of the late Wilbern and LaNorma Easley, is a 1982 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. All his siblings are NHS graduates as well, beginning with LaWanna Easley Smith, class of 1969, Beckye Easley Wilson, class of 1971 and Price Easley class of 1974.

Mark entered Fredonia Elementary in the fall of 1970, loaded down with school supplies, a Snoopy lunchbox and a bit of nervous energy and walked into the first-grade classroom of Mrs. Judy Brown. From that day until he graduated from NHS in 1982, his school years in NISD were some of the happiest years of his life!

In high school, Mark was a member of the last freshman class at the old high school on Mound Street. The best pep rallies ever were held in the high school auditorium with the freshman in the "peanut gallery," otherwise known as the balcony. Every Friday during football season, that auditorium was electrifying and spectacular! The freshmen surprised everyone winning the spirit stick during the second pep rally because we yelled the loudest during the class yell and battle cry!

Mark finished his NISD education at the new high school where he was active in the NHS Chorale and Theater Arts Production. Many teachers had an impact on him such as Donna Lovett, Janet Clark, Rosa Foster, Octavia Champagne and Claudette Brown, but none were more special than Jody Worsham and Barbara Reid.

In the fall of 1982, Mark enrolled in Wesley College, a Bible college of the Congregational Methodist Church, in Florence, Mississippi. He was active in the Wesley College choir and the Wesley Singers ensemble group and traveled throughout the south during the summers as a youth camp counselor and singer. After obtaining a two-year general education certificate in 1984, he transferred to SFA and completed his Elementary Education degree in 1986. After teaching 3 years in Hudson ISD, he moved to the Fort Worth area and taught the rest of his career in the Hurst Euless Bedford ISD. While there, he was voted Teacher of the Year for Meadow Creek Elementary and was also recognized with a Distinguished Educator Award from a graduating senior who Mark taught in the fourth grade at Lakewood Elementary. Every year in his career was special to Mark, and he was proud to have taught in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, elementary music and one year in 8th grade. He strived to be a positive and influential teacher to all his students and a good employee to the schools where he taught. After teaching for 30 years, Mark retired and returned to his hometown of Nacogdoches to help take care of his aging parents; who at the time of their passing were married for 73 and 1/2 years. They passed away within 3 months of each other in 2021.

He now spends his time between a weekly nursing home ministry of playing the piano and singing hymns to the residents and works part time at Susu's Popcorn and Candy Cafe as the head fudge maker in beautiful downtown Nacogdoches. He continues to play the piano every Sunday at New Hope Church where he is active in both ministry and attendance.

Mark loves his beautiful hometown and loves to support every part of Friday night football including the Golden Dragon football team, the award-winning band, the Twirlers, Dragonette drill team and the NHS cheerleaders. Here's to hoping we beat Lufkin this year and win the district. Go Dragons!

Tim Bryant is the author of more than twenty books spanning literary fiction, mystery, memoir, and writing instruction. His work is known for its blend of humor, compassion, and an abiding interest in memory, place, and the ordinary moments that shape extraordinary lives.

In addition to his writing, Tim serves as a substitute teacher with Nacogdoches ISD, where he enjoys encouraging students to discover the power of stories, curiosity, and creativity. He also teaches creative writing classes through Whole Again Counseling + Wellness in Nacogdoches, helping writers of



all experience levels develop their craft and find confidence in their own voices.

A lifelong musician and songwriter, Tim has written, recorded, and performed with musicians from New Orleans to Ireland, bringing the same storytelling spirit to music that defines his books. Whether on the page, in the classroom, or on stage, he is passionate about creating work that is thoughtful, engaging, and deeply human.

Tim has two children, Quinn and Jackson, and lives in East Texas with his partner, Annie. He continues to write, teach, perform, and encourage others to tell the stories only they can tell.

Tim graduated from NHS in 1982. He was a journalism student and was the Sports Editor of the Dragon Echo in his senior year. He credits journalism teachers Katina Van Cronkite and Elaine Sellers with getting him started in his writing life. Those two and Dalene Greening, his English teacher, were his favorite teachers.

The Nacogdoches Alumni Association is proud to honor the Haden Johnson Family as our Distinguished Alumni Family of 2026.

Haden Johnson graduated from NHS in 1953 and attended SFASU after graduating from NHS. He and his father Bolivar opened Johnson Furniture and Appliance Store in 1959. He retired in 2009 after fifty years in the family business. He passed away on January 28, 2010.

Haden's son Randy graduated from NHS in 1974 and enjoyed his involvement with the Key Club. He was named Senior Most Likely to Succeed by his classmates.

Randy graduated from Texas A & M University in 1978 and joined his father and grandfather in the family business after that.

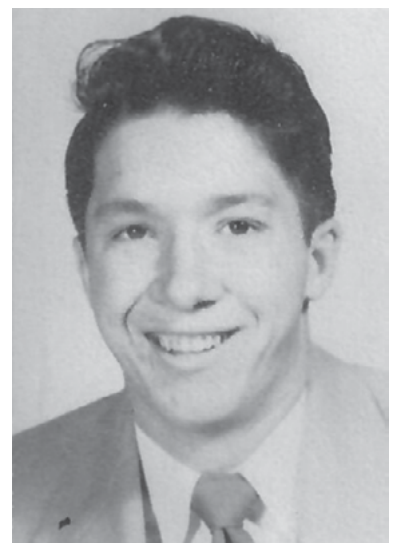


Randy has served on the Nacogdoches City Council and is currently Mayor of Nacogdoches.

Haden's daughter Melissa Johnson Musser graduated from NHS in 1976 and then went on to graduate from Texas A & M in 1982.

Randy's two children Jared and Ashley are both proud NHS graduates, Jared in 1999 and Ashley in 2001. Jared graduated from Texas A & M in 2004 and Ashley attended SFA on a tennis scholarship and graduated in 2006.

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Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Dustin Newquist and the Squadron Color Guard conducted the formal military change of command ceremony at the squadron meeting.

Valdez will be a senior at Nacogdoches High School and is a member of the Squadron Color Guard. He is deciding on where to go to college and has plans to become a pilot.

Ketchen attends Stephen F. Austin University studying business, law, economics and politics.

The Nacogdoches Composite Squadron meets on Monday nights at 6:15 pm at the former National Guard Armory at A.L. Mangham Airport which is now the headquarters of the Texas Wing CAP. Youth can start the cadet program at age twelve. For more information about Civil Air Patrol, see www.gocivilairpatrol.com. Prospective members are welcome to attend any meeting.



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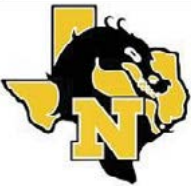
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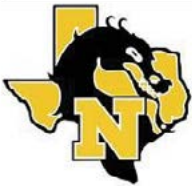
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Lamp-Lite Players Host Gala for 2026-2027 54th Season

by Katherine Parrish Whitbeck
 Lamp-Lite Players Board of Directors, Publicity

The Lamp-Lite Players announce their GALA for the 54th Season on Saturday, September 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at Lamp-Lite Theatre, 4210 Lamp-Lite Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas. The GALA is free, and the entire EAST TEXAS community is invited to the 54th Reception, Membership Meeting, and EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., during which time guests may peruse the productions being presented for 2026-2027 and purchase their season passes. The passes are the ORIGINAL Flex Ticket and may be utilized for any production however the patron wishes to use them. Beginning with the 2026-27 season, all season passes will be sold online only. The Lamp-Lite Box Office will have volunteers at the GALA to assist patrons with ordering their season passes.

At 6:45 p.m., Lamp-Lite Board President Ken Untiedt will conduct a short ANNUAL Membership Meeting to elect two new members to the board, hear reports of improvements at Lamp-Lite Theatre, introduce current board members, introduce the 2026-2027 season and directors, and recognize retiring board member Judy Moore, who has served as House Manager for several years. Season pass holders are invited to participate in the election of board members. Entertainment will be directed by Lamp-Lite Vice-President Davy Thomas.

Productions for the 2026-2027 Season include *The Odd Couple*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Harvey*, *Greater Tuna*, and *The Fiddler on the Roof*.

For more information about the 2026-2027 Lamp-Lite Players' 54th Season and GALA, visit the website www.lamplitetheatre.com or email lamplitetheatre@gmail.com. Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Lamp-Lite Theatre.



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Compliments

by Taylor Millard

In polite society, the compliment is considered to be a founding principle. There are many types that we encounter in our lives but to be honest, most fall into the abyss of memory quickly, but some are so heartfelt, we lock them away as a reminder that the human race can be good after all.

The compliment is also a rare creation that can have the same positive effect on the receiver and the giver. In other words, both parties get to feel good when the transfer is genuine. Many of us of a certain age know the famous Eddie Hascal from *Leave it to Beaver*. He embodied the “Fake Compliment” so well that his character became synonymous with insincere flattery.

We all know those remarks, but this is usually a female phenomenon per psychology studies. Men tend to be less comfortable with the adoration response, especially to other men. They also generate more physical engagement when threatened. The female species is on the spoken word side of things, good and bad. A woman will be much more apt to compliment another woman, “I love your blouse” or “You look great today.” They love to receive these comments and so they appreciate how they improve the benefactor of the kind statement.

Women on the dark side use words in a very destructive manner and may do a passive aggressive statement, “Those pants are not usually worn by someone your size but I guess you can pull it off.” Men do not attack in this manner, as they are more direct to other men, “Well that hat looks stupid.” Where we meet between the sexes has a whole new set of rules. If your wife asks if anything she is wearing, even a scarf, makes “me look fat?”, the answer is always NO.

I was at dinner at a restaurant a few days ago and ran into two of my married classmates and they were with one of their grandsons. I know them well and my own grandson goes to school with their’s and we have met at the school before for a grandparent event so the kid knows me and my relation to my elementary age grandson.

This kid waited patiently while the adults exchanged greetings, but then he said to me “Your grandson is awesome!” It was unprompted in any way but that kid wanted me to know my own grandson was special to him. I thanked him immediately and then we exited the café. I turned to my girlfriend and said how much those kind words meant to me. Hearing from others that your children or grandchildren are good people is the best of all. Be good out there and try to say something nice every once in a while, it can make someone’s day!



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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Nacogdoches High School Alumni Association Celebrates Homecoming 2026

by Katherine Parrish Whitbeck
President, NHSAA Board of Directors

The Nacogdoches High School Alumni Association will host its 2026 HOMECOMING RECEPTION AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Friday, September 25, 2026, 5:00-5:45 p.m., in the NHS Alumni Association Office, Room 500, in the Fine Arts Building of Nacogdoches High School, 4310 Appleby Sand Road, Nacogdoches, Texas. The Johnson Family will be recognized as a family with three generations of NHS Golden Dragon graduates. The family will also be recognized during a pre-game ceremony at the football game in Dragon Stadium.

During the meeting NHS Alumni and Friends will vote on new board members and officers for the board, hear reports on finances, partially- and fully-endowed scholarships, including four new scholarships established in 2026, and participate in a drawing for a \$100 gift card. They also say “Happy Birthday” to the members of Class of 1974, who turned 70 during the 2025-2026 year and celebrated with the Classes of 1969-1979 this past summer. Graduating Classes of NHS celebrating anniversary reunions this fall will also be recognized, including the Classes of 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 2006 and the Band from the Caldwell Years.

Members of the 2025 NHS Alumni Association Board of Directors include Katherine Parrish Whitbeck, Ed.D., 1978, President; Pam Sitton Latham, 1974, 1st Vice-President; Jan Dobbs Barton, 1974, 2nd Vice-President; Larry King, 1977, Secretary; Larry Mann, 1966, Treasurer; Philip Blackburn, 1979, Immediate Past-President; Elizabeth Holland Baker, 1983; Ja’Brandon Chatman, 2025; Lorelai Tualla Gotcher, 1998; Catherine Fenci Oliver, 1984; and Grady Truchelut, 1993.

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

Connection Check-In

Happy Willhoite, Connection Center Coordinator

Love In the Name of Christ has been busy! Just ask our many office and Connection Center volunteers that have been answering the phones and the door to help us meet our neighbors and their needs. We have had 11 different churches working together for the first half of the year with a cumulative of 730 volunteer hours to do this! This is equivalent to over \$26,000 according to VolunteerBadge.com on the monetary equivalent of a volunteer hour in Texas.

Through June 2026, Love INC has mobilized 10 different churches to work together and go out two-by-two to meet their neighbors in their homes to build relationships and meet a variety of needs. From serving from our Warehouse ministry to offering one-time utility assistance, our Home Visit volunteers have spent 256 hours assessing needs and building relationships, meeting their neighbors right where they're at. This is equivalent to almost \$9,000 in volunteer work, but the value of the relationships built could never carry a price tag to demonstrate the true value of the work being done.

The Love INC Crew Love has worked tirelessly this year to complete many projects for our neighbors as well as to fundraise for our Help Neighbor programs. We currently have two different churches with MANY members that have served over 270 hours the first half of 2026 to offer over \$9,000 in volunteer hours. These guys are the silent servants that we have to remind, "Please get a picture" of your projects so we can share the wonderful work you are doing!

Love INC's Laundry & Shower ministry has mobilized a total of 13 churches through June 2026 to come together and build relationships over dirty laundry. As part of our transformational ministry, these volunteers have devoted over 870 hours to offer a place that our neighbors can freely come and wash, take showers, and be encouraged In the Name of Christ. While the impact of this also could never be reduced to a dollar amount, this is over \$30,000 in volunteer hours.

There are many other volunteers and churches that have not been mentioned that work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Nacogdoches County. I just wanted to take some time to highlight just a few of the groups that I work with day-in and day-out and the work that the local Church is accomplishing to help their neighbors in need. We are so honored to work alongside Christ's local body to transform lives and our community. We could never thank you enough, but one day, Lord willing, we will all be offering our crowns at the feet of Jesus together!



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

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More Than a Festival: A Celebration of East Texas

by Amanda Crocker, IOM

Director of Marketing & Communications
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From September 17–20, the George H. Henderson Jr. Expo Center will once again fill with music, food, competitions, carnival rides, and families making memories together. Now in its 42nd year, the festival has become one of our community's favorite traditions, but it is also much more than four days of fun.

The Texas State Forest Festival is a reflection of East Texas.

It brings together local businesses, nonprofit organizations, schools, volunteers, entertainers, competitors, and families from across the region. Some people have attended for decades. Others will walk through the gates for the first time this year. Each person becomes part of a tradition that continues to grow while still holding on to what makes it special.

This year's festival offers something for every age. Guests can experience the Bengal Tiger Encounter, Wildlife Wendy's colorful bird show, and Nick Toombs' Dino Takeover. Returning favorites include Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, the Exotic Petting Zoo, train rides, and the Children's Festival. Live entertainment will continue throughout the weekend on the Swingin' Axe Music Stage, with plenty of room nearby to grab something to eat, visit the Vendor Market, or relax in the South First Bar & Grill Beer Garden.

The competitions are a big part of the weekend, too. Runners will start Saturday morning with the Lumber-JACKED 5K and Fun Run. Later, the smell of barbecue will fill the grounds during the Big Axe BBQ Competition, while local mascots bring their best moves to the Mascot Dance-Off. On Sunday, the Pineywoods Car Show and East Texas Cheer & Pom/Dance Championships will close out the weekend with plenty of energy.

Of course, no festival visit is complete without fair food and a trip through the carnival. Whether your favorite is a funnel cake, something fried on a stick, or one of the food vendors' signature dishes, come hungry.

While the attractions bring people through the gates, it is the people behind the festival who make the weekend possible.

The Texas State Forest Festival is hosted and produced by the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, but it takes hundreds of helping hands to bring it to life. Volunteers greet guests, assist with competitions, support vendors, help behind the scenes, and step in wherever they are needed. Local businesses invest through sponsorships, donations, and in-kind support. Community partners share their time, equipment, and expertise.

That support allows us to create an event that welcomes thousands of people to Lufkin while giving local businesses, vendors, performers and organizations a place to connect with the community.

We are especially grateful to Brookshire Brothers, our presenting sponsor, and to every sponsor, volunteer, and partner who believes in the value of this tradition. Their involvement is a reminder that the festival does not belong to one organization. It belongs to the entire community.

General gate admission is \$8 and includes access to the festival attractions and entertainment. Families can come for a favorite competition, build an entire day around the shows, or return throughout the weekend to experience something different each time.

As festival weekend approaches, we invite you to join us. Bring the kids. Meet your friends. Cheer for the runners, dancers, and competitors. Browse the vendors, listen to live music, and take a picture with Big Jake.

Most of all, take a moment to enjoy being together.

That is what has kept the Texas State Forest Festival going for 42 years. It is not only what happens inside the gates. It is the people who show up, pitch in, and continue a tradition that celebrates the best of East Texas.

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

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



Debt of Sin Canceled Through Death of the Son

But now, once at the end of the ages, [Jesus] has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Hebrews 9:26

Jesus Christ is Lord and He is God (John 8:58; 20:28). He alone could lay down His life for sin and for sinners. He, without any “good works” on the sinners behalf, brings the children of Adam (sinners) out of bondage to sin and alienation from God. Everyone born in this world comes from the line of Adam (no exceptions) and it is the sin he passed on to every generation that brings death and separates us from a holy God (Rom. 5:12). This is the sin Jesus came to die for and to take away (John 1:29).

We are separated from God before we ever commit a sin, before we ever know about sin. We are held captive by sin when we come into the world. We are darkness, born into a world of darkness. We live and walk in spiritual darkness. Sin keeps us from the light. All born of woman are spiritually separated from God the moment we are conceived because sin is already in the world. The general characteristic of man is sinfulness, not goodness (Rom. 3:10-18). All of us are guilty before God. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom.3:23). No one born of woman can achieve God’s righteous standard of sinless perfection. That is why all of humanity (no exceptions) needed someone without sin to shed His blood for our redemption and salvation, for without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin. Jesus Christ is the only sinless one who could lay down His life for us.

In Adam we inherited a sin debt we could never pay off by being good and doing good because the Bible declares, “we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags (like a woman’s discarded menstrual items),” Isa. 64:6 (italics added). Only through faith in Christ can righteousness be received as a gift from God (Phil. 3:7-9). In Christ our sin debt is paid in full.

The Bible declares, “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 6:23). The debt of sin is canceled through the death of the Son of God. Jesus paid the sinners debt of sin fully and completely. There are no more sacrifices for sin (Rom. 6:10; Heb. 10:12-14). It is only those who receive God’s full pardon by faith in the Son who paid the debt that can live as freed men and women. Free from the penalty of sin which is death. Free from the power of sin; sin no longer controls God’s children who are holy and blameless in Christ. And one day live free from the presence of sin in glory. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

Those born again of the Holy Spirit no longer want to live in sin, keep on sinning against God because we have the Holy One inside of us saying, “this is the way walk in it.” There is a constant battle inside the mind of the believer to do good, to do what is right or to give in to temptation and sin against God. No such battle exists for those who have never repented and received God’s forgiveness for sin, those who have never been given the right to be called children of God (John 1:10-13). As believers are transformed by the renewing of our mind with the word of God (Rom. 12:1, 2) we see more clearly the ugliness of sin against the beauty of our beautiful, holy and loving heavenly Father.

Returning to slavery to sin is a choice for those born again. We can choose to use the members of our bodies as instruments of slavery to sin or as instruments of slaves unto righteousness. Before salvation in Christ all we knew and knew how to do as descendants of Adam was sin because we were sinners. We were dead in trespasses and sin. We were without the spiritual life of God. We were without the Light (John 1:6-9). We had no power over sin. Sin controlled us; it was our master. In Christ we have a new Master and a wonderful Savior who empowers us by submission to His Spirit and His word to triumph over temptation to sin. I believe ignorance of and a lack of submission to the authority of God’s word, what is written in the Bible, leads to the Christians’ inability of experiencing faithfulness to God.

As you consider the gospel by which you are saved—the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, does your life reflect one who is dead to sin because you died with Christ and one who is alive to God because you were raised with Christ? Can God and those around you be a witness to a single-minded devotion to Christ or do they see double-mindedness and an inconsistent walk of love and obedience? Can God and those around you be a witness as to “how devoutly and justly and blamelessly you behave yourself” (1 Thess. 2:10)? Is your life a life that shows you believe Christ has put away your sin?

Crazy Water Crystals

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.



My grandmother, Mary, decided that this would be a great question to send in to the Crazy Water Crystal Program - “What is the horizon?” My grandmother listened faithfully to this radio program which was broadcast from the lobby of the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas from 1935 through 1941.

I was around five years old at the time. My grandmother baby sat with me while my mother worked in her beauty shop, and she listened to her favorite radio program which the NBC radio network broadcast nationwide. As I recall, the program consisted of a variety of early country western and Bluegrass music, along with a few comedians. And then there was a part of the daily program which invited listeners to send them hard-to-answer posers.

Of course I was too young to appreciate from whence the program emanated, or anything about the “Crazy Water” or the hotel. The majestic Crazy Water Hotel was built in 1927 by Carr Collins at a cost of \$1,000,000, a tidy sum in those days. It was built on the site of the third well dug in Mineral Wells in 1881. The hotel contained over 200 guest rooms, a spacious lobby and incorporated the Crazy Water Pavilion. The top floor of the hotel had a glass enclosed ballroom which opened onto a roof-top garden.

Local legend holds that an insane woman was cured after drinking from the “Crazy Spring” located at the pavilion. Thus the name Crazy Water and the “Crazy Well” came into use. During the depression era, The Crazy Water Company focused on sales of their crystals - a snowy white residue left from the evaporation of their waters. Their “Crazy Gang” explained how their elixir could be reconstituted with tap water, giving folks all the benefits without having to leave home. The company’s motto was “Every Home Needs Crazy Crystals” and appeared on their box which sold for sixty cents.

The company claimed that its miracle crystals could cure hysteria, insomnia, rheumatism, diabetes, gout, Bright’s disease, malaria, or high blood pressure.

Mary Martin, a native of Weatherford, Texas, appeared in Crazy shows before she attained Broadway and Hollywood stardom. The hotel hosted numerous dignitaries to listen to prominent big-band orchestras. It was also the site for weekly radio shows, weddings, galas, cotillions, and dinners. A few guests who failed to correctly sign the guest register include Machine Gun Kelly as well as Bonnie and Clyde.

While all this history about the hotel was interesting, I was interested only in having my question “What Is The Horizon?” answered and my name heard on the radio. So, we mailed the letter and waited, and waited some more. Finally, one day my grandmother received a letter from Mineral Wells which contained unwelcome news. The Crazy Water Crystal Program had declined use of our question. I was sorely disappointed as I knew the answer - “The horizon is the place where the earth and sky appear to come together.”

To add insult to injury several weeks later we heard our question being asked by another person on the program. I felt sure that we had been done an injustice. It never occurred to me that they probably already had the question from someone else when they received mine - so much for my escapade into radio programs. But, even today, when I recall that event of so long ago I feel a slight rush of disappointment that our plan did not work out.

For over one hundred years, the Crazy Hotel has served four strengths of water from its pavilion. It can no longer claim that it cures many illnesses that plague man. It also cannot claim a letter from a young boy and his grandmother who asked a simple question.



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NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

A Marine's Call to Duty – The Kenneth Allen Pruitt Story

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

In the summer of 1965, twenty-year-old Kenneth Pruitt stepped into a future he had never imagined for himself. Sometimes life changes because we make a choice. Sometimes it changes because a letter arrives. It wasn't a letter from a college. It wasn't a job offer. It was a letter from Uncle Sam. Kenneth had been called to report to Houston for a physical examination for the military. Suddenly, the plans he had made were no longer entirely his to make. The country had other ideas.



Kenneth Allen Pruitt grew up on a dairy farm in the Shady Grove community of Nacogdoches, Texas. The work was relentless, with most days stretching from sunup to sundown, seven days a week. Yet even amid the demands of farm life, Kenneth found time to play school football and participate in the FFA agricultural program. His dedication and talent on the football field earned him All-District honors. In 1962, Nacogdoches fielded the only undefeated team in school history, finishing the season 9-0-1—a remarkable run. But, the tie game ultimately kept Kenneth and his teammates from advancing to the state playoffs. During those years, he learned the value of discipline, perseverance, toughness, and teamwork. However, the Marine Corps would demand a different kind of toughness. So, Kenneth left behind Nacogdoches, his job, and his college plans for a Marine uniform and the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. His first stop was the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. After completing boot camp, Kenneth continued his training at Camp Pendleton before reporting to the Marine Staging Battalion, where Marines prepared for deployment to Vietnam. There, Kenneth and five fellow Marines were selected to attend the specialized Ontos Crewman School.

Following certification training, Kenneth was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Anti-Tank, Company B, 2nd Platoon. On the USS Gordon, a troop transport ship, Kenneth traveled through Hawaii and Okinawa before arriving at Da Nang, Vietnam. From there, he continued to his final destination—Phu Bai, a major Marine combat base where he would serve as Ontos commander alongside a driver



and loader. The Ontos was an unusual-looking armored vehicle—small, fast, and highly maneuverable, but protected by relatively thin armor. Its greatest strength was the tremendous firepower it carried: six 106mm recoilless rifles, along with .50-caliber spotting rifles and a .30-caliber machine gun. Its six recoilless rifles could deliver devastating firepower against enemy positions, bunkers, buildings, and fortified locations. But there was a price for that firepower. When the six rifles needed to be reloaded, Kenneth and the crew members had to leave the relative protection of the vehicle and work outside, exposing themselves to enemy fire. Although the U.S. Army ultimately rejected the Ontos, the Marine Corps recognized its value and used it effectively during the Vietnam War.

Vietnam was unlike anything Kenneth had ever known. The first thing that seemed impossible to escape was the sound of helicopters, which became a constant presence in daily life. There was heat, humidity, mud, insects, monsoon rains, land mines, small-arms fire, explosions, and the ever-present uncertainty of not knowing what the next day—or the next few minutes—might bring. During his tour, Kenneth experienced several close calls—those moments when a Marine realizes just how quickly everything can change. Yet, somehow, he made it through. Tragically, nine of the eighty Marines in Company B lost their lives.



When Kenneth's time in Vietnam came to an end, he was able to leave the country without a physical wound. He returned home in August 1967 carrying with him something far less visible. To those around him, Kenneth had come home physically unscathed. There were no wounds to bandage, no broken bones, and no scars that immediately revealed what he had experienced. But the war had left its mark in other ways. The sounds, sights, and memories of Vietnam did not simply disappear when he stepped off the plane. The constant sounds of helicopters, explosions, gunfire, the smell of the jungle, and the ever-present awareness of danger had become deeply embedded in his memory. The men he served beside, the things he witnessed, and the close calls he experienced followed him home. Kenneth had left Vietnam, but in many ways, Vietnam never left Kenneth.

Kenneth, thank you for serving our country during Vietnam and for the sacrifices you made. You deserve to be remembered and honored—not just for your service, but for the courage it took to serve during such a difficult time. May God bless you.




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Duty, Courage and a Life Well Lived – The Jim Wall Story

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

On October 12, 1965, a young man from Lufkin, Texas took the first step into a life that would forever change him. Like many young Americans of his generation, he answered the call to serve by enlisting in the United



States Marine Corps. He wasn’t alone. He and two of his closest friends joined under the Marine Corps’ Buddy Plan, a program that allowed friends to enlist together with the hope they would remain side by side throughout their military service.

Their journey began at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, where the realities of military life quickly replaced the comforts of home. Following

graduation, Jim was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California, where he spent time refining the skills that would prepare him for whatever lay ahead. Field exercises, weapons qualifications, and combat readiness became part of everyday life.

His next assignment took him to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California, where deployment overseas seemed increasingly likely. Assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 12 (MAG-12), he knew Vietnam was only a matter of time. Rather than wait to be selected, he volunteered, guided by his strong sense of duty. His plans changed when the Buddy Plan was altered, and his buddies were deployed to Japan instead.

Jim’s destination was Chu Lai, a major Marine base on Vietnam’s central coast and a hub for aviation and ground operations. Although assigned to MAG-12, he understood that no Marine was removed from the realities of war. Whether maintaining aircraft or supporting flight operations, every Marine played a vital role in the mission and shared the hardships of combat. Life in Chu Lai was unlike anything Jim had experienced. Although trained for combat and committed to the mission, he was unprepared for the war’s human toll. He was deeply affected by seeing Vietnamese children left without their parents while their mothers and fathers served in the military, often cared for by elderly women known as “Mansong.” The



emotional strain also affected the Marines. Jim recalls fellow servicemen receiving “Dear John” letters from their spouses, and some, overwhelmed by grief and despair, tragically died by suicide. These experiences showed Jim that the burdens of war extended far beyond the battlefield. During his 13-month tour in Chu Lai, Jim’s dedication and professionalism earned him a promotion to Lance Corporal on August 24, 1967. More than a new stripe, the promotion reflected the trust of his leaders and the responsibility he had earned while serving far from home.



Long before earning the title of Marine, Jim was a proud Lufkin Panther. As a defensive tackle, he wore jersey number 74—a number he has always claimed with a smile because it was also worn by Dallas Cowboys legend Bob Lilly, one of the greatest defensive linemen in NFL history. Jim has never missed an opportunity to remind family and friends that No. 74 belonged to both of them.

Following his military service, Jim returned home and built a life centered on faith and family. He and his wife, Linda, have shared 58 years of marriage, raising a legacy of love and devotion through their daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughters. In 2004, after 37 years, 5 months, and 8 days of dedicated service, Jim retired as an electrician from the Lufkin Paper Mill. His commitment to hard work, family, and community has remained a defining part of his life.

When Jim wasn’t spending time with family, he could often be found horseback, enjoying one of his greatest passions—team roping. Partnering with his longtime friend, Jim Hudson, the two shared countless hours in the saddle and plenty of success in the roping pen. Before each run, Jim was known for flashing a confident grin and telling his partner, “You turn ‘em, and I’ll burn ‘em.” It became more than a catchphrase—it was a reflection of the confidence and teamwork they shared every time they entered the arena. Whether on the football field, serving his country as a Marine, or chasing cattle with a rope in hand, Jim approached every challenge with determination, loyalty, and a deep appreciation for the friendships he made along the way. Today, he and Linda continue to enjoy the blessings of family while reflecting on a life defined by service, hard work, enduring friendships, and an unwavering love for the Western way of life.

Jim, thank you for serving our country during Vietnam and for the sacrifices you made. You deserve to be remembered and honored—not just for your service, but for the courage it took to serve during such a difficult time. May God bless you.



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Real Texans Don't Eat Kale

by Mike Mills

Mike Mills is a 1965 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. After careers in airline flying and FAA management, he and wife Sandy, a retired teacher, took to the road in a motorhome, writing about their journeys. Their blog, "Phannie and Mae" has had more than a million views since its inception.

As I have lived through the decades, I have seen the healthy food crazes come and go. Butter was bad, margarine was good; then, margarine was bad, and butter was good. Everyone threw out Frosted Flakes in favor of granola. Milk was only permitted if it was watery and tasteless. Toast was allowed at breakfast, but only if made with grainy cardboard and covered with avocado. Eating beef was abusive to animals; Morningstar Farms and Beyond Meat got rich by making inedible hamburger patties. And now, kale is at the top of the food pyramid.

I became aware that kale was a thing in Texas a few years ago when I was dining in a very hoity-toity restaurant. I noticed that my salad contained something that looked like dark green scrapings of dried creek algae. I immediately called this to the server's attention and, after inspecting it, he curled up the corners of his mouth and sniffed, "Sir, this is kale." He may as well have identified it as "eye of newt" as far as my comprehension of the term was concerned. With a furrowed brow, I asked, "Is it supposed to be in here?"

Rolling his eyes, he said, "Of course, sir!" Then he twirled around and glided away, with his hand on his forehead.

I didn't eat the dried algae, of course, shoving it to the side of the plate and wondering how we came to this as a civilization. Well, it seems kale became a modern healthy food phase around the time of the Obama administration. You remember—global warming failed to wipe us out as promised, so climate change became the new bogeyman. (I'm still not sure where they're going with that.) Flags of many colors flew everywhere, including the White House, and one's gender became selectable. It occurs to me that kale may have been a part of this progressive movement. My guess is that it was probably recognized as an oppressed vegetable, being that it was seriously underrepresented in salads.

Kale has been around for a long time. It was an important source of nutrition for thousands of years, along with other edible weeds, berries and nuts that, luckily, were discovered by humans so we could survive as a species. Apparently, most of our ancestors found things that were edible; I suppose we'll never know about those who first tried things like hemlock or nightshade.

As time went by, kale also found much more widespread use as cattle feed. This was eventually deemed by the ASPCA to be insufferably cruel to animals, because the cows that fattened up on it were then turned into steaks and prime rib, happily devoured by us evil humans.

Texas was perhaps the last place for kale to show up in the human diet. Some say it was smuggled in by immigrants from California who thought the more weed they could find, the better. Some say it came from Asia, as did the dreaded kudzu vines that were introduced in the U. S. in 1876. Like kale, kudzu was first thought to be beneficial; then, after it began to choke all the other vegetation in the South, it was declared a weed in the 1930s. Could kale suffer the same fate? Let's hope so.

In any case, the stuff is here, and I suppose we must deal with it...except for me. I was in Panda Express the other day and had them remove the infernal stuff from my serving of vegetables. I explained I was a Texas native, and they understood.



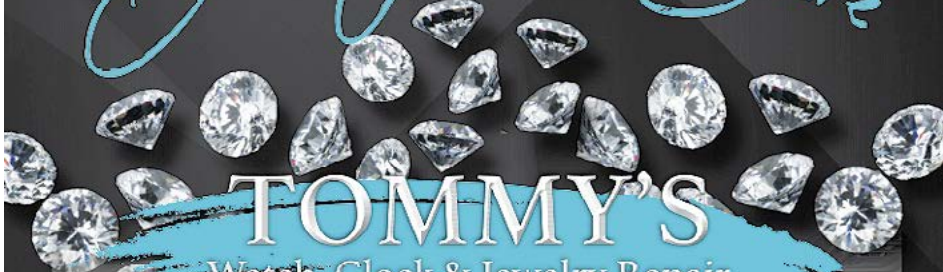
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Also Moving East: The Coushatta People Come to Texas

by Scott Sosebee, Contributing Writer

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Texas' history of relations and treatment of Indian peoples is, at best, checkered. When Spanish, Mexican, and European American migrants moved to Texas, tension and conflict often flared with contact between Native Americans and the new interlopers. Even when the two cultures worked out some sort of communal arrangement, indigenous peoples usually came out on the short end and eventually lost most of their land. Such is the story of the past, one that we all must confront and somehow reconcile.

Contemporary Texans, no doubt influenced by film and popular culture, tend to equate Indians within their state with the more visible Comanche, Apache, Kiowa, and other plains cultures. They forget that Texas was also the home of southern Mississippian Native peoples who came to the state from their homes in the east and practiced a very different lifestyle than the nomadic plains tribes. One of those was the Coushattas (Kousatis), who came to the state from their lands in Alabama and Louisiana.

After the English acquired the Louisiana Territory from the French in 1763, the Coushatta left their homes along the Alabama River and established villages in Louisiana. One of the largest Coushatta settlements was along the east bank of the Sabine, and from there they began to drift into Spanish Texas in the 1780s.

Spanish officials in the Nacogdoches District welcomed the Coushatta and hoped they would become a friendly trade and population source within the wild and difficult to govern northern province. In fact, the Coushatta blazed a number of trade and transportation trails from the Piney woods to the coastal plains, and served the Spanish authorities as sentinels and scouts, informing colonial officials of any illegal or nefarious activity in the area. The Coushatta had seemingly found a welcome home.

The Coushatta presence in Texas grew larger through the early nineteenth century, and they established a number of villages along the Trinity River and throughout the Big Thicket. They continued to live peacefully in Mexican Texas even as their new home filled with settlers moving to Texas from the United States. During the Texas Revolution, refugees from the "Runaway Scrape" fleeing Santa Anna's pursuing army, found refuge, food, and shelter with the Coushatta. When that war ended Mexico hatched a number of suspected schemes to encourage Indian war with the Texans in the hope of once again taking possession of the lost province, but the Coushatta resisted such efforts and managed to maintain peaceful relations with the Texans.

Not that it would do them any good. Texas/Indian relations underwent great turmoil and a series of conflicts between 1836 and 1840 as white Texans sought to drive some Native Americans from their land and conquer others who stood

in the way of expansion to the west. The Coushatta became caught in the middle of such a fight. Comanche raiders, seeking horses and other stock, but also hoping to deal a blow to people who they viewed as white allies, raided and pillaged Coushatta villages and outposts throughout East Texas. The Coushatta defeated one large Comanche party at Long King's Village on the Trinity in 1839, but ultimately lost most of their land on a different battlefield—within the halls and rooms of the Texas Congress.

Ostensibly as a reward for their loyalty, the Republic's Congress granted the Coushatta two leagues of land for permanent occupancy in 1840, but sur-



Drawing of Coushatta Tribesman



Dual Heritage – The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe is made up of two distinct but closely related Southeastern tribes: the Alabama and the Coushatta (or Kousati), who migrated to Texas together in the 1700s.

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veyors never marked the land, they filed no notes, and white settlers who already occupied the land refused to move. The Coushatta villages and settlements began to disintegrate, and the Indians went through a leaderless and aimless period. In 1855 the Texas legislature granted the tribe 640 acres (a piddling remnant of the original promise) in Polk County, but once again they could not effectively secure title. Eventually conditions forced the Coushatta to take up residence with their kinsman, the Alabamas, on another grant in Polk County in 1859, a people who had tried to remain loyal and peaceful through tumultuous times compelled to scrap out a living as forgotten migrants to the place they came to call home. Today, they and the Alabamas occupy that same small amount of their original home, but their battles with the state of Texas were not over. This time the two parties waged a legal battle over the presence of casino gaming within their reservation boundaries. The state sought to deny them a viable way to prosper with one of the few avenues they had left to do so. Beginning in 2016, the Texas state government went to court to shut down a new casino the Tribe had built on their lands. Although it operated electronic gaming machines that resembled a slot-machine, the Naskila Casino's machines were actually electronic bingo machines, which under Texas law was legal for them to operate. Nevertheless, the Texas attorney general's office maintained that they constituted illegal gaming and began a legal battle to shut it down. The legal maneuvers lasted for over six years, but finally, in June 2022, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Naskila Casino was a legal entity. I understand the controversy and various arguments against casino gaming, but no matter your stance on that issue, in this case perhaps a concession is warranted. Attribute it to Texas finally compensating the Coushatta people for the hundreds of thousands of acres they essentially stole from them, a people who, just as so many others had done, freely chose Texas as a place to live.



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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

September brings a change of pace to Nacogdoches. The days are still warm, but the promise of fall is beginning to settle in, bringing football back to the stadium, special events to the downtown square, and plenty of reasons to spend a little more time outside. Whether you're coming into town for a big weekend event or simply looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon, September offers plenty of ways to experience Nacogdoches.

The brick streets of Downtown Nacogdoches will be filled with some serious horsepower September 11th–12th during the 5th Annual Old Town Rig Down. Big rigs from across the region will roll into town, each one showcasing custom designs, impressive details, and plenty of personality. Friday afternoon kicks off the weekend with rigs lining the streets, followed by a nighttime light show and auction downtown. On Saturday, the event continues throughout the day with food, shopping, vendors, and entertainment before country artist Tracy Lawrence takes the stage at Festival Park that evening. It's a weekend that brings together truck enthusiasts, country music fans, and visitors from across the region for one of Nacogdoches' most unique events. For event details and updates, visit oldtownrigdown.com.

September also means the return of Friday Night Lights. Stephen F. Austin State University's Lumberjacks take the field at Homer Bryce Stadium on September 5th at 7 pm for their first home game of the season against East Texas A&M. Put on your purple, grab your friends, and join the crowd as Nacogdoches comes alive with the energy of college football. The Lumberjacks will return home for another game on September 26th, giving fans another opportunity to experience the excitement of game day in Nac.

Food trucks are also making their way back to the Downtown Square for Nac Snack Friday on September 25th from 11 am to 2 pm. After a summer break, the popular lunchtime gathering returns with local food trucks serving up a variety of favorites. Grab lunch, meet up with friends, and enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown while supporting local vendors.

The following day, September 26th, brings another celebration of creativity to town. Art Fest returns to Banita Creek Park from 10 am to 2 pm, hosted by the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative. As their largest festival of the year, Art Fest brings together local artists, makers, performers, and creatives for an afternoon filled with art and activities. It's a great opportunity to discover new local talent, shop handmade goods, and experience the creative spirit that continues to grow throughout Nacogdoches.

While the vibrant colors of fall don't appear until late November, September is still an ideal time to explore Nacogdoches' gardens and trails. Take a leisurely walk through the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, where lush greenery and peaceful paths provide a beautiful place to slow down and enjoy the outdoors. For a longer adventure, follow the Lanana Creek Trail as it winds through the Pineywoods and along the creek. With cooler days on the horizon, September is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding Nacogdoches before the seasons change.

From roaring engines and Friday night football to local art, food trucks, and quiet walks through the Pineywoods, September offers a little bit of everything. As summer begins to give way to fall, there's no better time to get out, explore something new, and enjoy the community around you. For the latest events, activities, and things to do, visit visitnacogdoches.org/events.

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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

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With the return to school and the fall arts season upon us, September is always a busy month at NAC. We are delighted to announce **ArtFest 2026** and the **2026 Arts Ball: Masquerade** on the horizon.

ArtFest 2026 will be held on Saturday, September 26, 10 AM - 2 PM at Banita Creek Park, next to the Farmers Market and coincides with SFA's Parents Weekend. This annual event features the work of local artists, in a wide variety of disciplines, including paintings, ceramics, stained glass and more. There are still spots available for vendors, so contact us to reserve your space for this event. Email us at info@nacartscollab.com for more information or find signup information on our website. Make plans to attend this fun free event!

If you've always dreamed of attending a masquerade ball, we've got great news for you! The **2026 Arts Ball: Masquerade** will be held on Saturday October 3 from 7-10 PM at the Old Tobacco Warehouse, 111 N. Pecan in historic downtown Nac. This year's fundraising event promises to be our best yet. Guests



Nancy Ellen Walker

are encouraged to come masked and in costume. We're offering prizes for the best ones, and we want your imaginations to soar. Come disguised as your favorite alter ego or your wildest fantasy self. Wear a mask to hide your true identity until the moment comes to reveal. Or just come dressed to party! There will be delicious food, plus beverages from the cash bar, a silent auction full of beautiful art, fun experiences and stunning jewelry, and raffles for prizes! Plus great music for the dance floor. You'll be supporting the Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative, which in turn supports local artists in the visual arts, music, dance, theater and creative writing. We're raising funds for our programming and operating costs



for the coming year. It's going to be a lot of fun and we hope you'll join us. Tickets are \$50 per person and are now on sale. Check out the details at nacartscollab.com.

Save the date, October 17, for the next art opening reception at Falling Star Gallery featuring new work by Nac legend WALLY KNIGHT! A fabulous book by Wally, NAC TRACKS, edited by CC Cortez with text by Nancy Ellen Walker, will be available to purchase at this event!

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 Classroom & Gallery is at 141 Walker Avenue behind the Fredonia Brewery.

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



Christian Women's Job Corps

September is a busy month at Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC). The new semester of job readiness training begins September 1. We are a nonprofit organization that helps increase women's opportunities in the job market through job and life skills training. We offer computer classes, financial literacy classes, and more. We acquire funds through donations to pay for our program. Active brains need fuel. To provide that fuel, please consider making a meal donation. You can sign up through our website or give us a call to schedule a time. You or you and a friend, church group, civic group, or business can donate a meal or several meals. We use Meal Train and you can choose the date to bring a meal and it will even send you reminders in case you forget. Donations for a meal are welcome. Not computer savvy? Call (936)-564-2952 or come by for instructions at 903 North Street.



Jasmine Hassan - Executive Director

Next, we are featuring our two September fundraisers. Both are being held September 12. First is Susu's Popcorn, a shop located at 115 East Main Street. They have been a longtime supporter of CWJC, conducting tours and giving samples to our students. They have also made several financial and product donations to CWJC. Susu's is holding a fundraiser to support CWJC from 10:00-2:00. So come by, enjoy some delicious specialty popcorn. Second is a Mahjong Tournament hosted at 903 North St. The cost is \$49.00 per person. There will also be a silent auction and raffle items from 1:00-4:00. Just follow the signs behind Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In October, we are hosting our 4th Annual Pinetop Pickleball Tournament weekend. Instead of hosting a gala, because we know there are plenty of those, we partner with the Nacogdoches Pickleball groups to host a fundraiser and have the players bring awareness to our organization. Proceeds from this fundraiser weekend go back to our women that we serve through sponsoring GED seats, continuing education scholarships, and keep the Employment Readiness program free of cost. We are hosting a family day on October 3rd. Please bring your kids/grandkids to our event for free activities and to see everything that we do.

The success of our program depends on donations. Whether through Susu's Popcorn or the Mahjong tournament, personal or business donations. Our program and our students depend on your generosity. We are thankful for each and every one of our donors. We covet your prayers. God bless each and every one of you.

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“The Postal Service of the Confederate States of America” is Dickie Dixon’s topic when he speaks to the Huntington Genealogical and Heritage Society at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in the meeting room of the Huntington Housing Authority at 210 East Walnut in Huntington. For more information, contact Pam Hooton at (936) 635-3306. He will deliver the same presentation on Saturday, September 12, 2026, to the Major Josephus Somerville Irvine Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at a time and place to be determined. For more information, contact Billie Grunden at (409) 231-9123. **(2)** Nigton Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026, in Nigton. Contact Jonita Spencer for more details. **(3)** “The Dog People of Caneyhead” is Susan Shine Kilcrease’s topic for her presentation to the Deep East Texas Archeological Society at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Newton Civic Center on 213 East Court Street in Newton. For more information, contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(4)** Angelina County Genealogical Society member Cindy Thomas will discuss “Proving or Disproving Family Stories” when she speaks to the Angelina County Genealogical Society at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Meeting Room at the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 300 Park Street in Diboll. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419. **(5)** “A Blacksmithing Experience with Ed Cotton” will be the title of Ed Cotton’s live presentation at The Depot Welcome Center in Newton. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

September 2026 Birthdays: 3rd: Caleb Tippit 5th: Angela Sterling 10th: Cory Cavin 12th: Josey Rameriz 13th: Ardie Dixon 14th: Amy Williams 19th: Mike Hermes 24th: Shelby Sterling 29th: Guesna Dixon

The Angelina County Genealogical Society is hosting the 25th Genealogy Lock-In from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Buddy and Ellen Temple Community Room at T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library on 300 Park Street in Diboll. Please see the details in the flyer listed below,

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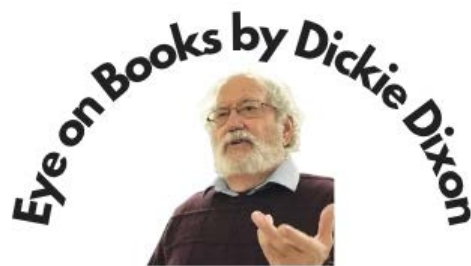
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The link to participate in the Genealogy Lock-in will be released on October 16, 2026. Please email dixonhershel51@aol.com if you are interested in participating/ or call me at (936) 671-1419. When I receive the link, I will email it to you; it will be usable on **October 16, 2026, for twenty-four hours.**

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9:00–9:50 AM	Building Your Digital Family History Archive	EvaAnne Johnson
10:00–10:50 AM	Researching Your Scottish Ancestors	Erika A. Ward
11:00–11:50 AM	Cluster Research, or Discovering You’re Related to the Whole Block	Jessica M. Trotter
11:50–12:50 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
12:50–2:10 PM	Unlocking Your Roots: Starting Your Genealogy Journey	Barbara Coakley
2:25–3:15 PM	Beyond the Family Tree: An Introduction to Oral History for Genealogy	Adrienne Cain Darough
3:30–4:20 PM	Texas & Southern Genealogy Resources at the Dolph Briscoe Center	Margaret Schlankey
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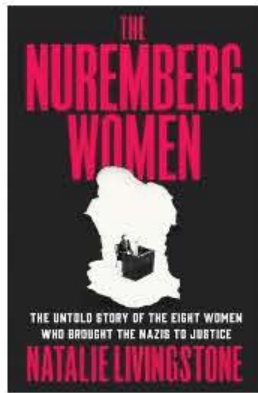
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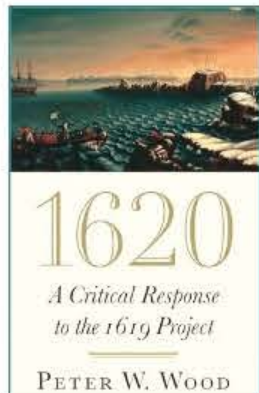
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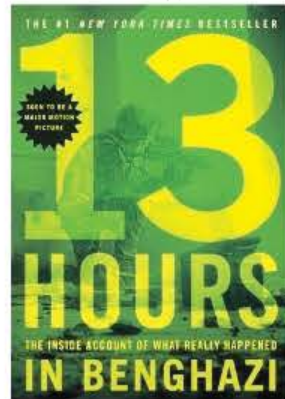


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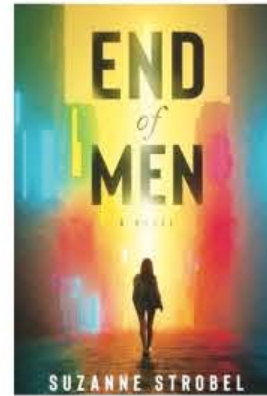


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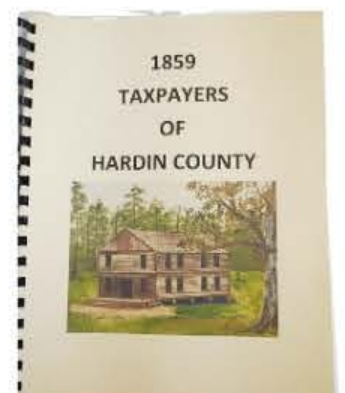
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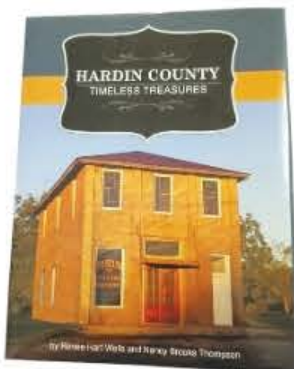
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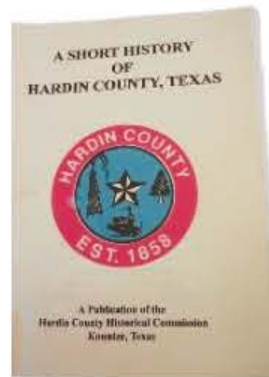


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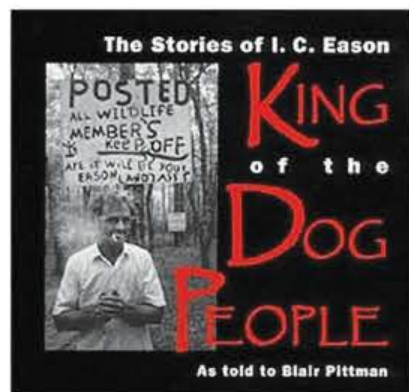
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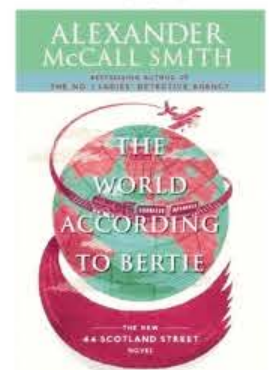


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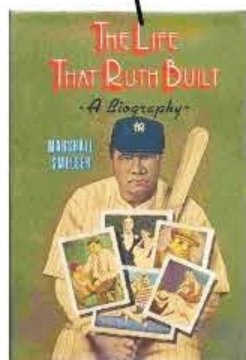
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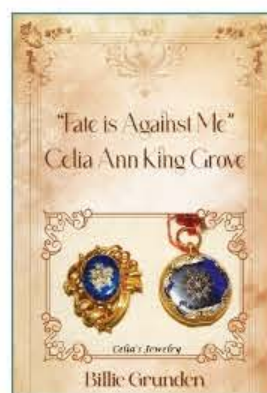
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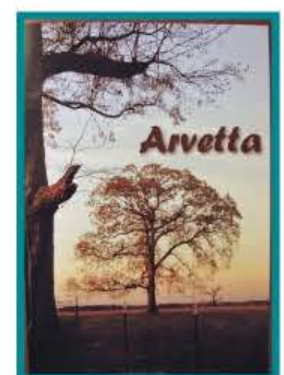
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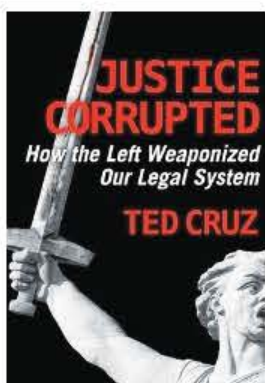
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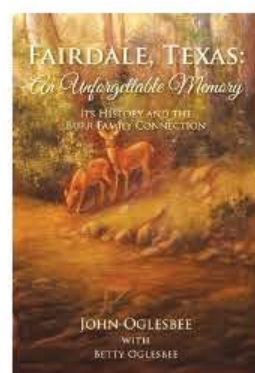
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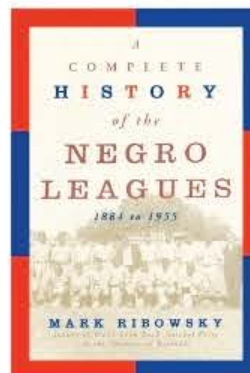
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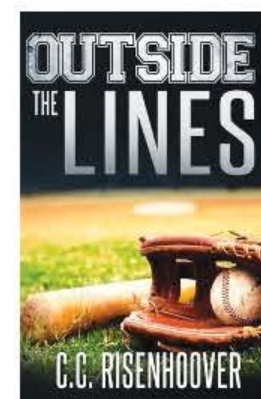


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SEPTEMBER 5	East Texas A&M	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 12	@Abilene Christian Univ.	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 19	@Prairie View A&M	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 26	Northeastern State Univ.	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 3	Univ. of the Incarnate Word	5:00 PM
OCTOBER 10	OPEN	
OCTOBER 17	@Nicholls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

Nacogdoches Dragons

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

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Cushing Bearkats

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

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Garrison Bulldogs

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

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

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

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Huntington Red Devils

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST 28	@Evadale	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 4	@Warren	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 11	Buna	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	Hemphill	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 25	@Anderson-Shiro	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 2	Bye	Bye
OCTOBER 9	@Trinity*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	@Diboll*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 23	Fairfield*	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	@Westwood*	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 6	Crockett*	7:30 PM

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Machines

by Robert McCandless

It began, with me, at the service club in Baumholder, Germany. Ms. Gross, a German National, made and served sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks in a small room at the service club across the street from my barracks, and housed a photographic lab along with a lapidary shop to keep soldiers occupied during an era called “The Cold War.”

The “hold the pickles/hold the lettuce” style came to an end as one day as I entered the, not much larger than walk-in closet sized, room to discover she had been replaced by three machines providing predetermined options for sodas, chips, candy and questionably fresh sandwiches, none of which smiled, as did Ms. Gross. It wasn’t long before someone, obviously missing human interaction, kicked in the front of the soda machine when it failed to produce satisfactory results. No one ever kicked Ms. Gross even though she spoke little English and sometimes put a little too much “senf” on the hotdogs.

Now, I say all this to defend any inappropriate response you may hear me utter at the grocery store. I can only be told to “*put your item in the bag*” so many times before I fold. My various responses of irritation as the machine tries to exhibit its intellect by changing the repetitive drone to “*put your pickles in the bag*” sometimes elicits a laugh as it attempts to say “jicama” with a “G.”

As a psychology major I have learned not to repress that which gives me anxiety, so in order to avoid issues later, I, sometimes, respond. The issue is that I have come to respond verbally to the *machine*, at times in a nice manner and others...not so nice, especially when it locks up and says “*help is on the way.*” I have heard this term from two presidential campaigns recently and am still awaiting the cavalry.

As I go to stores, I currently stand at the precipice of being ostracized for verbally requesting assistance at a decibel level high enough to reach and get an employee’s attention along with everyone else in the store. I believe they have, as a matter of personal privacy, deleted the app that interrupts employee screen time to announce customer’s needs. My pleas for assistance in announcing my unsolicited desire for “Help” has been replaced by repeating the machine’s message that “help is on the way”...loudly. After several customers looked as if they were about to abandon their buggies and come to some sort of rescue and having been loud enough the customer service department is contemplating a call to 911, I have kept our little personal arguments quieter in hopes that a softer tone will get better results. I do see improvement, if not with the *%)#^* machine, but in myself.

Transitions abound in my world. My first trip to New York came with a warning to avoid anyone talking to themselves. It was the mid 80s. Back then only those with psychiatric issues walked down the street talking to non-existent persons...much like I seem to do today, when my phone rings through my hearing aids.

I am still, however, working on my patience with “marketing” calls as I sometimes just send them to “Messages” and at other times attempt to engage them with equally absurd chatter. Most are recordings and I find myself emotionally responding to a machine which can’t process the words I use... even though some are only four letters long. My, more intelligent and patient, wife has encouraged me to just not answer, but the resentment for having to end each day blocking and deleting the spam calls, initiates a retaliatory response I sometimes fail to resist. But they too are now mostly “machines” on the other end designed, I guess to save the poor telemarketer from having to deal with responses of an unkind nature, although, now I find myself tempted to ask “are you a machine?”

These mechanical interactions of late, have reminded me of past verbal interaction with cars, plants, water heaters, and other inanimate objects made of two or more moving parts. As machines begin to talk back, give instruction and ask the same question over and over when the voice recognition prompt is out of sync, I begin to trust them less.

“Alexa...play 50s music.”

Maybe I should be looking around for people in white suits carrying heavy duty butterfly nets.

Snapshot from Around the Town

The Nacogdoches Heritage Club met in the home of Theresa Patton for their April meeting. Local author, Taylor Millard, presented a special program on his book-writing process, sharing that he sometimes writes the middle of the book first. Pictured are Sally Ann Swearingen, Claire Jordan, Taylor Millard, Theresa Patton and Twink Ross.



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A Second Spring is Coming

by Elaine Cameron, Angelina Master Gardener

The dog days of summer are here as I write today. The hottest days of summer were so named by ancient people who associated this time of year with the star Sirius, which is nicknamed the dog star. Hopefully when you read this the weather has cooled and fall rains have begun. Fall is known to gardeners as a second spring because cooler temperatures make it an ideal time to plan, plant, and prepare for the next season. Look around your yard and think about adding native plants for beauty, a sense of place, and to provide a home to the birds, butterflies, and wildlife that belong here.

A pollinator garden will add life to your yard as you provide nectar and shelter to butterflies, insects, and birds. Watching butterflies flit about adds delight to a summer day. Butterfly and pollinator gardens help our ecosystems and replace some of the native plants that have been removed for development. Near my home there was once a meadow backed by a woodland where hawks and birds of prey gathered on the power lines. The land has been cleared for new homes, and now the hawks are gone.

Invite butterflies and moths to your yard by planting both host and nectar plants. Host plants are used by adult butterflies to lay eggs. Caterpillars eat the foliage as they grow and develop. Some of the caterpillars are gathered by nesting birds to feed their young the nutrients essential for growth and survival. By planting native plants in a butterfly garden you are gardening to raise caterpillars and supporting the song bird population.

Most host plants are native to our area, and most plants from other parts of the world are useless to the native butterflies. Our native plants and pollinators belong together because they were designed that way.

Nectar for native butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds is provided by flowering plants. To support pollinators have at least three different blooming plants each growing season: early spring, late spring, early summer, and fall. Many of the native nectar plants also host various species of butterflies and moths.

For early spring coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) is a native that attracts migrating hummingbirds with red tubular blooms while it hosts the spring azure butterfly. Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium*) is a small plant with tiny blue flowers that attracts tiny bees and butterflies. It acts as a groundcover and makes a good companion to spring bulbs. Mexican plum (*Prunus mexicana*) is a native ornamental tree that blooms in early spring and provides a banquet of nectar for pollinators. It hosts the magnificent tiger swallowtail butterfly.

Native perennials that bloom in late spring until early summer include bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*), coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*), purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), and Stoke's aster (*Stokesia laevis*).



Two Giant Swallowtails on Lantana by Elaine Cameron

birds. Gayfeather (*Liatrix pycnostachia*) has purple blooms arranged on a stiff, cylindrical stem. It adds vertical interest to the garden and attracts clouds of butterflies. Swamp sunflower (*Helianthus*) is the last sunflower to bloom and grows five to eight feet tall. The daisy like yellow blooms provide nectar to migrating monarch butterflies and hosts the silvery checkerspot butterfly. Place it in the back of the border for the best effect. Mexican bush sage (*Salvia leucantha*) maintains an attractive shrub like shape and then blooms September until frost. The attractive blue and white flowers attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.



Coral Honeysuckle by Elaine Cameron

Plants that tolerate our summer heat and humidity and bloom from spring until frost form the backbone of the pollinator garden. Black eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirtia*) blooms in late summer and hosts silvery checkerspot butterflies. The Texas native lantana (*Lantana urticoides*) is a shrub like perennial that thrives in full sun, tolerates drought, and offers orange and yellow landing pads for butterflies. Turk's cap (*Malvaviscus drummondii*) has turban shaped blossoms in shades of red, white, or pink that hummingbirds adore. The dark green foliage and shrub like habit makes it a good addition to the border.

Late summer and fall blooming perennials feed migrating butterflies and humming-



Swamp Sunflower in October by Bill Cameron

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the **Pioneer Harvest Festival in October**. This family-friendly celebration will bring the Village to life with a variety of activities celebrating the traditions, skills, food, and fun of an East Texas harvest. Additional event details will be announced soon.

The Village will also celebrate the holiday season with its annual **Old Fashioned Christmas**, a beloved community tradition featuring the beautifully decorated historic buildings, Christmas music, activities for families, demonstrations, food, vendors, and plenty of old-fashioned holiday spirit.

Throughout the year, Millard's Crossing also hosts special events, fundraisers, private rentals, educational opportunities, and community activities. Whether you are a longtime Nacogdoches resident or visiting East Texas for the first time, there is always something new to discover.

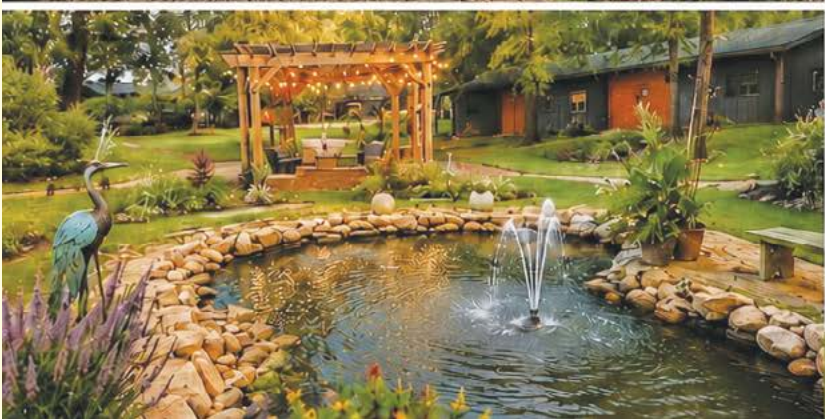
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The Angelina Master Gardener **Fall Plant Sale** will be held on **Saturday, September 26**, beginning at 8:00 am at the greenhouse grounds in the Angelina County Farmer's Market at 2107 S. Medford Drive in Lufkin, Texas. There will be well-adapted and native plants available for sale including perennials, shrubs, and trees. Come early for the best selection and bring your wagon or use one of ours. Cash, checks, and credit cards may be used for payment. For more information visit Master Gardeners of Angelina County on Facebook.



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Big Texas Rally for Recovery -
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The Big Texas Rally for Recovery will bring people together Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Grace Dunn Park in Lufkin. The family-friendly event will include food, pony rides, a petting zoo, music, activities, and more. People in recovery, along with family members, friends, and others who support them, are invited to attend and celebrate lives that have been changed through recovery.

The rally is being held during the Recovery Month, observed each September. The observance brings attention to recovery from alcohol and drug misuse and recognizes the people, families, counselors, and community organizations that support it.

National Recovery Month began in 1989 and has grown into a nationwide opportunity to promote treatment and recovery practices, recognize the recovery community, and acknowledge the providers and communities that make recovery possible. For many people, recovery is not one event or a single decision. It is a process that may include improving health, returning to work or school, reconnecting with family, and building greater stability over time.

Alcohol and drug problems can affect relatives, friends, coworkers, or neighbors. Families may not know where to begin or what kind of help is appropriate. A conversation with a physician, counselor, family member, or trusted friend can be a starting point. Others may seek treatment, attend recovery meetings, or connect with someone who has lived experience in recovery. The right approach varies from person to person.

Sometimes, the response a person receives can shape whether they ask for help. A supportive conversation or a referral to a local service may be enough to help someone take the next step. The rally offers one place for the community to gather, encourage one another, and recognize the progress people make in recovery.

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council provides prevention education, information, and referrals related to alcohol and other drug use. For assistance or to learn more about available resources, contact ADAC at (936) 634-5753.

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- NABEDACHE HIKE – Sept. 5th: Meet at Mission at 9:30 AM
- TEJAS TIMBER HIKE – Sept. 19th: Meet at Playground at 9:30 AM

HISTORY PROGRAMS

- PIONEER TOYS AND GAMES- Sept. 5th: Meet at Mission at 9:30 AM
- ONLINE EVENT – FACEBOOK LIVE – HISTORY OF MISSION TEJAS PART 2 (RICE FAMILY LOG HOME): Tune in at noon, Sept. 11!
- AMERICA250 – IRON INK AND FEATHER PENS- Sept. 12th: Meet at group pavilion at 9:00 AM
- NATURAL TEAS – Sept. 26th: Meet at group pavilion at 8:30 AM.

WILDLIFE AND NATURE TALKS

- SKULL PUZZLES- Sept. 4th: Meet at Visitor Center at 1:00 PM
- ANIMALS TRACKS AND SCAT – Sept. 12th: Meet at Visitor Center at 2:00 PM!
- LOUDS AND SUN AND WEATHER, OH MY! – Sept. 18th: Meet at Visitor Center at 2:30 PM
- MORNING BIRDWATCHING – Sept. 25th: Meet at Mission at 9:30 AM
- BACKYARD BASS –Sept. 26th: Meet at Rice Family Log Home at 11:00 AM.

RECRUITING

- MISSION TEJA FRIEND'S GROUP RECRUITING – Sept. 19th: Meet at Group Pavilion at 2:00 PM

NACOGDOCHES NEWCOMERS AND
FRIENDS SPEAKERS

Recent guest speakers for the Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends' recent monthly luncheons were Rachel Luna Cline, M.D. from the Bluebonnet Clinic and Ashley Morgan, executive director for the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau. Dr. Cline shared information about women's health and Morgan presented updates about events happening in Nacogdoches. Kathy Baker McGough presented a copy of the record "Nacogdoches," that her brother Tom Baker wrote to Morgan while he was stationed in Tripoli. For more information about Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends, email nacogdochesnewcomers@gmail.com.

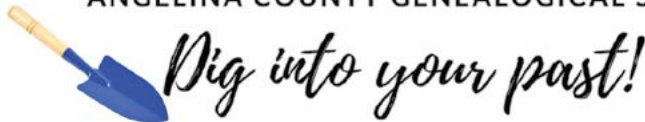


Left to right: Nacogdoches Newcomers and Friends Vice-President for Programs Dawn Bridwell, Member Kathy McGough, CVB Executive Director Ashley Morgan, and NNF President Sharon Bradberry



NNF Vice-President Dawn Bridwell and Rachel Cline, M.D.

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September 12, 2026 Dickie Dixon "The Confederate Postal System" United Daughters of the Confederacy Jasper, Texas. Time and Place to be determined

September 14, 2026 Susan Shine Kilcrease "The Dog People of Caneyhead " Newton Civic Center 213 East Court Street Newton. Contact Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216 or Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

September 21, 2026 Cindy Thomas "Separating Fact From Fiction: Proving or Disproving Family Stories " 5:30 pm Ellen & Buddy Temple Community Meeting Room T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library Diboll, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

October 5, 2026 "Ed Cotton, Blacksmith "A Blacksmithing Experience With Ed Cotton" 8:30 am The Depot Welcome Center Newton, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216

October 13, 2026 Dickie Dixon "The Nullification Crisis in South Carolina" 5:30 p.m. Meeting Room Ralph & Kacoo's, Lufkin. Contact Larry Howell (940) 391-1628

October 16, 2026 Genealogy Fall Festival 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Ellen and Buddy Temple Community Meeting Room, T. L. Temple Memorial Library, Diboll, Texas. Call Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 (Can be viewed in person or virtually)

October 19, 2026 Nelta Nolen "Finding Your Birth Parents" 5:30 pm Ellen & Buddy Temple Community Meeting Room T.L.L. Temple Meeting Room, Diboll, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

November 9, 2026 "Raise Up Your Head: Freedom Colonies in America" (A documentary by Richard S. Orton) Newton Civic Center, 213 Court Street, Newton, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216.

November 16, 2026 Patti Huff Williams "Using DNA to Find Your Birth Parents" 5:30 pm Ellen & Buddy Temple Community Meeting Room T.L.L. Temple Meeting Room Diboll, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

December 7, 2026 Christmas Bazaar/Impromptu Auction for DETAS 5-9 p.m. Newton Civic Center 213 East Court Street, Newton, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon or Ruth Dusan Garcia at (409) 336-9216

December 14, 2026 Christmas Bazaar/Impromptu Auction for ACGS 3 p.m. Solid Rock Church Highway 103 West Lufkin, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

January 25, 2027 Jane Clarke "The Moscow Cemetery" 5:30 pm Ellen & Buddy Temple Community Meeting Room T.L.L. Temple Meeting Room Diboll, Texas. Contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419.

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Sat, Sep. 5th 8:30am-2:30pm
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Market on Main
Sat, Sep. 5th 10am-2pm
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Wed, Sep. 9th 5-7pm
Both Bloom Studio

Old Town Rig Down
Fri, Sep. 11th & Sat, Sep. 12th
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Tracy Lawrence Live
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Festival Park

Village Nac Taste & Tour
Sat, Sep. 12th 3-7pm
Village Nac

Flowers After Hours
Wed, Sep. 23rd 5-7pm
Both Bloom Studio

Nac Snack friday
Fri, Sep. 25th 11am-2pm
Downtown Nacogdoches Square

Lumberjack Legacies
Fri, Sep. 25th 6pm
The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center

Art Fest
Sat, Sep. 26th 10am-2pm
Banita Creek Park

Rise Pop- Up Market
Sat, Sep. 26th 10am-2pm
C. L. Simon Recreation Center

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Tuesday: 9/8 & 9/22 Bottlecap Alley
Thursday: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, & 9/24 Fredonia Brewery

Bottlecap Alley
Wednesdays: BOGO Wings
Fridays: Live Music on the Patio
9/4: Kass Her Live 6pm
9/11: Haylee Lewis Live 6pm
9/18: Jake Shoemaker Live 6pm
9/25: Logan McCune Live 6pm

The Fredonia Hotel
Music on the Patio every Friday:
9/4: Larry Greer & The Shades of Blue Live 6-9pm
9/11: Enrique Munguia Live 6-9pm
9/18: Logan McCune Live 6-9pm
9/25: Marshall Hance Live 6-9pm

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

Maklemore's Ale House & Bistro
Wine Down Wednesdays: Live Music

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Thursdays-Saturdays: Andy's Wood-Fired Pizza
9/5: Randy C Moore Live 5:30pm
9/11: Joe Cuellar Live 5:30pm
9/19: Country Willie Live 5:30pm
9/26: El Camino de Nacogdoches Live 5:30pm

Madhatter Distillery
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9/5: David Mills Live 7-9:30 pm
9/12: Jay & Linda Kaye Live 7-9:30 pm
9/19: Daniel McMahon Live 7-9:30 pm
9/26: Alyssa Fuller Live 7-9:30 pm

Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center
9/12 & 9/13: Piney Woods Youth Rodeo
9/19 & 9/20: Region V High School Rodeo
9/25-9/27: G&S Gun Show

Slash-O-Meadery
Saturdays: Experience Mead: Wine
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9/19: Logan McCune Live 4-7pm

Lumberjack Harley-Davidson
9/5: Labor Day Bike Wash 12-3pm
9/12: Rev to Remember 12-3pm
9/19: Ink & Iron 9am-3pm
9/26: 6 Store Tour Kickoff 12-3pm

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Sundays: Brunch 10am-4pm

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Banita Creek Hall
Line Dancing & Two-Stepping
Thursdays: Ladies Night
Fridays: Dollar Night
9/12: Nothin But 90s Night
9/26: The Droptines & guest Ashton Naylor

Farmers Market
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Nacogdoches Farmers Market

Fredonia Brewery
Thursdays: Trivia 7pm
Fridays & Saturdays: Live Music
9/2: Books & Brews 6-7pm
9/5: Lefty Gardner & Dixie Rose 6-9pm
9/11: Johnny Mullins 6:30-8:30pm
9/12: Tommy Simpson & The Loaded Dice 6-9pm
9/18: Kimberly Ann 6:30-8:30pm
9/20: FredTalk Lecture Series 2-3pm
9/26: Evan Wallace Wilson 6-9pm
9/27: Back to our Roots Garden Market 12-5pm

LugNutz Bar & Grill
Thursdays: Steak Nights
Fridays: Karaoke & Burgers
Saturdays: Live Music

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Homer Bryce Stadium:
9/5: SFA VS East Texas A&M 7pm
9/26: SFA VS Northeastern State 7pm
Pineywoods Dining Hall:
9/5: Alumni Corner Tailgate 4-6:45pm
9/26: Alumni Corner Tailgate 4-6:45pm

SFA Soccer
SFA Soccer Fields
9/13: SFA VS Jackson State 1pm
9/17: SFA VS Texas A&M Corpus Christi 7pm
9/27: SFA VS Northwestern State 1pm

SFA Volleyball
SFA Shelton Gym
9/3: SFA VS Loyola Chicago 6pm
9/5: SFA VS University of California 12pm
9/10: SFA VS Texas State 6pm
9/11: SFA VS UNT 6pm
9/12: SFA VS UT Arlington 2pm
9/24: SFA VS Southeastern LA 6pm
9/26: SFA VS New Orleans 12pm

SFA Fine Arts
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The Cole Art Center:
8/25-9/2: SFA School of Art Faculty Exhibition
Griffith Fine Arts Building, Turner Auditorium:
9/22: SFA Symphony Orchestra 7:30pm
9/24: The Fabulous Thunderbirds
University Series 7:30pm

SFA Planetarium Shows
Saturdays: 9/5, 9/12, & 9/19
3pm, 4:40pm, & 7pm

SFA Gardens
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Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden:
Now-3/6/27: Sculpture in the SFA Gardens
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First United Methodist Church of Lufkin — 805 E Denman Ave, 75901 — 936.639.3141
First United Pentecostal Church — 3200 S Medford Drive, 75901 — 936.634.3515
Free Spirit Church — 610 Cain Street, 75904 — 936.639.6515
Fuller Springs Missionary Baptist Church — 5003 Fuller Springs Drive, 75901
Godtel Ministries — 323 Moody Street, 75901 — 936.637.2520
Goodwill Baptist Church — 812 E Lufkin Ave, 75901 — 936.634.7832
Grace Tabernacle Church — 408 Henderson Street, 75904 — 936.634.4589
Greater Shilo Baptist Church — 600 Weaver Ave, 75904 — 936.632.3630
Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church — 1519 Williams Street, 75904 — 936.632.3629
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LifePoint Church — 4737 Ted Trout Drive, 75904 — 936.634.6674
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Redland Baptist Church — 234 Redland Church Rd, 75904 — 936.634.7437
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Brookshire Brothers - 1216 South St.
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Pineywoods Financial - 303 Creek Bend Blvd - Suite B
R & K Distributors - 6821 North St.
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Roma's Italian Kitchen - 124 E. Main St.
Simpson Real Estate - 104 North St.
Sombremos - 3000 North St..
Sunshine Food Mart - 2013 North St.
Su Su's Popcorn - 115 E. Main St.
Taquitos El Jaliscience - 3217 North St.
Taqueria El 21 - 1422 Douglass Road
Texas State Optical - 4729 NE Stallings Dr.
Thrall's Grocery, Deli & Cafe' - 7144 Hwy 21 East
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Stuckey's - 14084 North U.S. Hwy 59
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Brookshire Brother's Express - 9855 U.S. Hwy 259 North
Central Heights Depot/Whataburger - 10175 U.S Hwy 259 North
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