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The Fateful Twenty-four Hours

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

As Charles Dickens put it, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." The quote has struck a chord with the Travis and Jennifer Hellquist family. In a twenty-four hour period, their lives went from typical to life-changing. While the clock ticks uniformly for all of us, the realities we face are far from similar. On May 25, 2024, the lives of the Hellquist family were forever changed.



Ashlyn Hellquist

Travis and Jennifer Hellquist, along with their two daughters, Ashlyn and Kayden, moved to Texas from California, "To have a better life, a fresh start, and new adventures," according to Jennifer Hellquist. Ashlyn (age 8 years) and her older sister, Kayden (age 12 years), embrace their new life and enjoy everything outdoors, especially playing baseball. It was here on the baseball field that would be the beginning of the Hellquist's family challenge.

On May 25, 2024, a happy, vivacious Ashlyn was attending baseball practice, when her mother noticed her usually energetic little girl looked like she was exhausted and pale. Her mom pulled her from the game and took her home. That night, Ashlyn began to have pain in her legs and feet and spiked a fever. A trip to

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Gen 1 Greenhouse – Living the Dream

by Terri Lacher
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Running a greenhouse business can be challenging, but it can be even more challenging if you are 16 years old. Caleb Jones, of Gen1 Greenhouse of Nacogdoches, is doing just that, maintaining inventory of his plant orders, tending to the care of the dozens of different types of succulents and other seedlings, along with keeping up with his schoolwork and being a normal 16-year-old boy. He is a young man living out his vision with dreams to expand.



Caleb Jones of Gen1 Greenhouse

Caleb was born in Nacogdoches to Brandon and Amanda Jones. His father was called into the ministry in 2016, and the family packed up in an RV and moved to Kentucky. After two years, his dad was given an associate pastor position in a church in Louisiana, where they lived until 2022, when they returned to Nacogdoches to be close to Caleb's grandmother. Brandon operates a technology ministry, offering free help to churches for websites, livestreaming, sound systems, etc. Amanda is a stay-at-home mother who home-schools both Caleb and his younger sister, Kaylee. When Caleb's mother is not teaching, she runs a baking business called Dandelion Cakes and Crafts. Kaylee has a few hobbies of her own. She enjoys art, crochet, and baking, like her mother.

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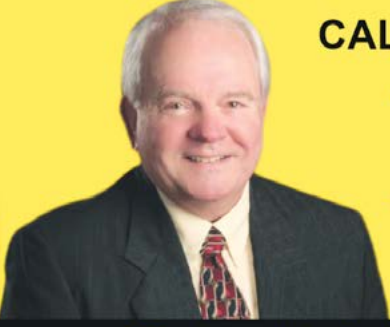


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the emergency room revealed the family’s worst nightmare. Ashlyn’s examination and test results cued up some type of cancer. Right away, she was transported by ambulance to Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston for diagnosis which came back as Leukemia B-Cell. She underwent more testing and was given medical treatment, including, blood and platelet transfusions. Eleven days later, she was discharged but must return to Texas Children’s Hospital once a week for the next two years for chemotherapy.

Getting to Know Ashlyn

There are so many patients and families suffering from the devastating effects of cancer. Ashlyn’s grandfather said, “Most people have no idea what is really involved with leukemia from the multitude of medications, jobs lost, extreme cleanliness involved, the port in a little girl’s chest for chemotherapy to blood transfusions, bone marrow injections, and spinal taps—to name a few.”

Jennifer said, “Ashlyn is one of the sweetest, most humble, and respectful little girls you would ever want to meet. She is like an old person trapped in a young person’s body, however, her illness has occasionally left her sad and depressed. The sense of loss for the life she had before her diagnosis, weighs heavily on her. It is heart wrenching when your precious little girl asks if she is going to die and does God hate her.”

Although Ashlyn’s mom and dad do all they can to make Ashlyn as comfortable as possible, she still endures a lot of pain. Because it is too painful for her to walk, she is confined to a wheelchair. Because of her compromised immune system, she is confined to her home. Her friends cannot have physical contact with her, which means Ashlyn can’t play team sports for years. Thankfully, she and big sister Kayden are best of friends—always together with Kayden being such a support for Ashlyn. Ashlyn enjoys watching movies, doing arts and crafts, and playing Mario Kart video games.

Personal Challenges

Since Ashlyn is homebound, she will not be able to begin third grade with her class. Instead, she will be home-schooled with the help of a teacher who will work with her daily at home. If her cancer improves by spring, she may be able to attend the second semester. She looks forward to going back, especially to see friends and hopefully play Martinsville basketball. Other concerns include: hair loss from the chemotherapy, struggling to take the many pills necessary on a daily basis, and the continued pain in her body from waist down. Her challenges are many but her determination is greater. Ashlyn told her mother that if she could beat cancer, so could she.

Make a Wish America

Ashlyn is a selfless child and it’s never been more obvious than her response to Make a Wish America. This organization creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The children are asked to prioritize and submit three personal wishes. Ashlyn’s first wish is to give another child her wish so they will have two. Her second wish is for all the children on her floor to go to Disney World as a group. Her compassion for others, in spite of her illness, is admirable. She graciously donated all of her kid movies to the hospital so the other children could enjoy them.

Clinical Trial

The Clinical Research Center (CRC) at Texas Children’s Hospital conducts innovative research studies. Many of the studies evaluate the effects of new therapies in children and are intensive in terms of obtaining blood samples and other biologic samples. Ashlyn has agreed to participate in the study and routinely donates blood and extracted samples from lumbar punctures and bone marrow. Just another example of her compassion and willingness to help others.

Parental Support/Go Fund Me

Ashlyn and her family say they are so thankful and grateful to the many people who have reached out and offered prayers. Jennifer has been forced to leave her job to care for Ashlyn and with the weekly trips to Texas Children’s Hospital, it has put a strain on the family finances. Should you want to donate to support Ashley’s fight against leukemia, Jennifer’s Cash App is \$Jennifer Hellquist. There is also a Go Fund Me that was set up by a family friend. The link is: <https://gofund.me/3adf834e>

Note to Ashlyn: Ashlyn, you have touched the hearts of many. We know this is difficult and that you are so brave. You are not alone—we are in this together. Please know that we care for you and pray for you daily. Isaiah 41:10 - Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Additional Note: Ashlyn’s grandfather asked that Ashlyn’s story be dedicated to Jean Moore Stallings and her cancer journey. Jean is the late wife of David Stallings.



Pictured above: L-R Jennifer, Kayden and Ashlyn Hellquist; Pictured right: L-R Ashlyn, Travis and Kayden Hellquist

CALEB JONES

"I am always her 'taste tester' whenever she makes a new recipe," Caleb says. "She has been one of the biggest supporters of my business." Both of his parents have completely supported him in his great adventure of greenhouse gardening, even as a young boy.

"Ever since I can remember I have had an interest in science and nature. I recall many times when I was younger, helping my mom plant Marigolds in the flowerbeds, and watching caterpillars as they molt into moths and butterflies. I



have always loved the beauty in God's creation," Caleb said. His interest grew as he did through the gift of a Ghost Plant from a neighbor. That sparked his interest, and he began researching how to propagate not only this plant, but many other succulents. By 2021 and early 2022, he began to purchase more succulents and began to propagate them.

"I remember sitting in my grandmother's living room when I came up with the idea to sell them. When my dad noticed that

my interest had lasted for over a year and started hearing me call plants by their botanical names, he realized that I was really serious about horticulture and started encouraging me," Caleb said.

His father told Caleb it would take several years to become profitable in a business. He encouraged Caleb to go ahead and start his business where he could get the most difficult times out of the way while he was young and didn't have a lot of personal expenses. His parents bought him his first greenhouse, a 7' x 8' pop-up greenhouse. It wasn't long before he grew over 400 plants inside it.

Caleb has faced other challenges as a 16-year-old in his business. A person is allowed to be a sole proprietor at 16, but not allowed to register for an account to pay sales tax to the Secretary of State until the age of 18. It means he must register some things under his own name, but other things must be registered with his father's name. Having a great accounting team has been a great help, according to Caleb.

In 2023, Caleb realized he needed a bigger greenhouse, but being 15, he didn't have funds for the purchase of one. The Lily Farm in Center, Texas, let Caleb purchase mums at a discounted price. He then held a mum sale. He had a new goal to make enough money to purchase the 16' x 24' polytunnel greenhouse he currently uses today.

"I set that as my goal, and I surpassed it. I also started a very active social media presence posting videos daily about my plants which has helped me grow a customer base ahead of my first sale. My social media got the attention of the TNLA (Texas Nursery & Landscape Association) They invited me to be their guest at the Hort forum in Grapevine in January, where I got to attend several seminars, tour several wholesale and retail nurseries, and meet a lot of other vendors and nursery owners," Caleb shared.

It's been a learning journey for Caleb. He has had to discover which succulents are "winter hardy", even with a heated greenhouse. Caleb is hoping to expand his greenhouse growing to encompass year-round planting, including the possibility of vegetables. He has also learned how to cope with pests of all kinds.

Caleb's regular schoolwork now includes additional classes through the Texas Nursery Professional Curriculum, offered by the TNLA. This curriculum teaches pest and disease identification, prevention, and treatment, fertilization strategies, and general knowledge about the industry. Upon completion of the course, he will test to become a TCNP (Texas Certified Nursery Professional). With the drive and ambition Caleb has, he should complete the goals he has set before his life.

Being a Christian, Caleb's faith has played an astronomical part in his decision to "grow things." You can find evidence of this even in the name "Gen1 Greenhouse."

"Gen1 stands for generation one, meaning this business was not something I inherited, but one I started, as the first generation in my family to do so, but more importantly, Gen1 stands for Genesis Chapter 1, as in the scripture that records God's creation of earth, nature, and all things," Caleb said. "This business is a way for me to enjoy God's creation, share the love of it, and give back to it. The closeness with God that you feel as you watch the sun rise, and hear the birds singing, is like nothing else."

Caleb shared that his plans are big, so big, in fact, that he knows he can't accomplish them alone.

"Luckily for me I am never alone, because God is on my side. By the grace of God, and support of my friends and family, I strive to one day own a nursery that is open, not just season long, but year-round! With a bakery/cafe run by my mom and sister, and more greenhouses than you can count. I plan to one day ship nation-wide, invent a new hybrid plant, or through selective breeding create a



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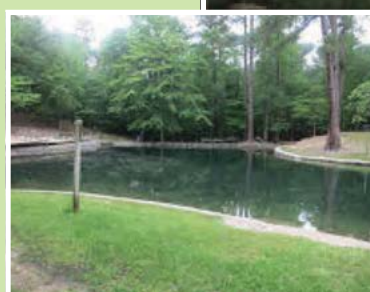
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It's All About the Experience

by Dr. Vi Alexander, Staff Writer

Given its connections to the Welsh expression *ap Rhys*, the name Price refers to that fabulous feeling of enthusiasm. The Welsh got it right with Philip Price.

Today, I had the pleasure of visiting with Philip Price, the owner and proprietor of Highlands Residential Mortgage, 1503 Hank St., Lufkin, Texas. Philip is an east Texas native with Welch enthusiasm and passion for helping people overcome challenges that could prevent them from owning their own home. His energy and excitement for his chosen profession were apparent in our visit. In his words, "It is gratifying."



Philip is married to Kelli Price, a diagnostician with Pineywoods Community Academy in Lufkin and they have 3 children; Rhett, Sadie, and Ashby. Rhett is working on his master's degree at Arizona State University, Sadie teaches in the Round Rock ISD, and Ashby attends Angelina College.

Barbara Bush is quoted as saying, "When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family, and friends." When asked about life outside of work, at the top of Philip's list is family time and the importance of strengthening family ties. According to Philip, "A special time with his family is traveling to various states, especially the southwest area." In addition, he enjoys riding horses and target shooting with family and friends.

Mortgage Experience

Working with numbers has always been a passion for Philip. After graduation from Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) in 2005, Philip gained invaluable on-the-job training and extensive knowledge about mortgage lending. He has been a licensed mortgage originator for 18 years primarily lending in the Lufkin and Nacogdoches market. He currently has a mortgage branch with Highlands Residential Mortgage in Lufkin.

Through his indepth understanding of mortgage lending and sharp business acumen, he has earned top honors in his field. He is a top producer, achieved the Presidential Circle in 2022 and the Chairman Circle in 2021, just to name a couple. Although Philip's most impressive background maps the breadth and extent of his mortgage education, it does not disclose the determination and accountability that goes into each transaction, as evidenced by client reviews.

Commitment to Clients

Philip's reviews indicate that he is highly responsive and attentive to making the experience smooth. His expertise and specialization focuses on prequalifying quickly and getting loans closed quickly—fast tracking the closing in three to four weeks. Online reviews are evidence of his professionalism, as he has earned almost 300 Five Star reviews. Here are some examples:

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- He prepared a PowerPoint presentation regarding Veteran's Home Loans. This insightful presentation is offered to realtors to encourage the under utilized VA loan applications. Many veterans in East Texas have not used their VA loan benefits. Statistics from the Veteran's Administration show that out of 80% of Veterans are homeowners, but only 18% use their VA loan benefit. The shortage is attributed to the buyers lack of knowledge, since years ago it was hard to close, but now the process is streamlined. VA loans are attractive since they require zero money down, no mortgage insurance, and offers the buyer more buying power.
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2. The Promise of God's Coming: "For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay." (Heb. 10:37, NIV).
3. The Promise of God's Company: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5, NIV)

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So wipe off that sad face and live a little! God has promised you a home in heaven. Jesus is there to show you the way.

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“Riders on the Orphan Train” at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

by Veronica Amoe
Historic Sites Manager

Nacogdoches Historic Sites invites the public to the impactful program: **Riders on the Orphan Train** on Thursday, July 11th, 2024.

Novelist and Humanities Scholar Alison Moore and singer/songwriter Phil Lancaster have combined audio-visual elements, historical fiction, and musical ballads into a collaborative performance that brings the Orphan Train movement, a largely unknown chapter in American history, to public awareness.

The one-and-a-half-hour multi-media presentation, **Riders on the Orphan Train**, tells the story of the 250,000 orphans and unwanted children who were put on trains in New York between 1854 and 1929 and sent all over the United States to find new homes. The presentation is comprised of original music, an audio-visual presentation of archival photographs, and interviews with two surviving orphan train riders (a man who came to Berryville, AR, and a woman who came to Greenville, TX, and is followed by a dramatic recitation from the new novel “Riders on the Orphan Train” by Alison Moore.



Novelist Alison Moore and singer/songwriter Phil Lancaster present **Riders on the Orphan Train**.

After the presentation, there is an informal discussion led by Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster about the origin and demise of the largest child migration in history and the part it played in the formation of the American Dream. The human struggle to belong, to define one’s self in the place we call home is exemplified in the stories of these children that have shaped all of our lives. The one-hour performance will conclude with a dialog between presenters and audience on the historical and social significance of the Orphan Trains.

The presenters will take questions from the audience and will invite relatives and acquaintances of Orphan Train Riders to share their stories.

This educational and moving presentation will be at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot, 101 Old Tyler Road, on Thursday, July 11th at 6 p.m. The program is free to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. Participants can register by calling 936-560-4441 or online at eventbrite.com. Riders on the Orphan Train is graciously supported by a Humanities Texas Grant. For more information about the program, please visit nactx.us/historicsites or call 936-560-4441.



Photo of the Orphan Train.

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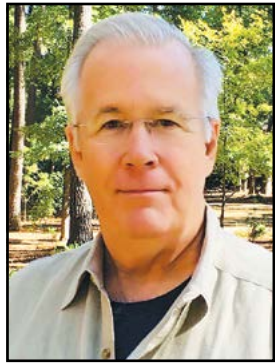
new cultivar. Of course, my biggest plan for Gen1 Greenhouse, is to honor God in every decision I make,” Caleb said.

One of his first big goals is to be able to locate and buy 5+ acres of land to move his business out of his parents’ back yard and have room for more greenhouses, a parking lot, the future cafe, etc. Caleb just recently had his first plant sale, and said he was prepared for the worst but hoping for the best.

“I took a seat in front of my greenhouse thinking, “Will anyone show up?” Over two days, I sold two-thirds of my inventory and took several orders for my Gen1 caps. With the success of my last sale, I am excited for the next one! I love getting to meet all of my social media followers and seeing new faces as they tour the greenhouse for the first time,” Caleb said.

The next plant sale will be scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Thanks to the feedback of his followers, Caleb has decided on doing a flower, herb, and succulent sale, along with mums for the fall season. and possibly have a few hanging basket arrangements available. In addition to the plants, he has his own branded merchandise that people can order, including Richardson 112 caps in 4 colors branded with his logo on a leather patch on the front, as well as t-shirts.

The easiest way to find Gen 1 Greenhouse is on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Tiktok. Caleb regularly posts guides to gardening, composting, and horticulture in general, as well as upcoming events. You may also reach him at 1 (936) 800-7350 for directions to Gen 1 Greenhouse located conveniently just outside of Nacogdoches.



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We Need a New Kitchen

by Taylor Millard

My wife, Sandy, informed me recently that we needed to remodel the kitchen in our twenty-three-year-old home. I say recently, but the conversation began a few years ago, but my hearing, evidently, was not that good at the time. Now let me be clear, my wife does not ask for much in her life. She is very content with her twelve-year-old car. She is very frugal in all her manner of shopping and is a very content person with what we have, but the kitchen was “out of date.”

I didn’t know a kitchen could be out of date as it was quite functional as far as I was concerned, but I was clearly wrong about this. It all started with new quartz countertops to replace the aged Formica. This led to now we need new backsplash and if we are doing that, we also need to repaint the cabinets and if we are doing that, we need new hardware and if we are doing that, we need to paint the island and if we are doing that we need a new sink and kitchen faucet and new barstools. Oh, and the light fixtures need replacing too. The good news is we replaced the flooring a few years ago and that seems to be fine.



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.

My bride was very careful to include my opinion on all of these changes and I guess that was nice, but you all know who would win in the final choices. My very talented interior decorator sister assisted with her input, but her clients are very wealthy, and I am not, so these were choices to reduce the budget, mostly by my frugal wife.

Now we go to the bid process and hire the skilled labor to come into our home to transform the “outdated” to the all-new and stunning revision, after looking at around two thousand samples. The countertops were first and completed in one day, but there was a glitch. The island top was crooked. I did not notice this but my wife did and it almost caused her a hospital stay. She is the kind of person who adjusts wall paintings in a stranger’s home if they are off a half inch, so this was quite upsetting to her. The crew returned and fixed the error and were smart enough to humbly beg forgiveness.

A young man showed up at nine AM to install the backsplash. She carefully watched from a distance as he applied his trade with absolute precision. He would measure and cut and apply with the perfect amount of mortar. We ate supper as he was still working. I sat and watched an Astros evening game as he was still working. Sandy would come and check on the progress throughout the evening, as we both wondered when he would complete his task. It was after ten PM when he left and it was perfect.

In a world where we are mostly disappointed by work ethic, this was a testament to pure dedication. His name was Jose Jimenez, and he deserves a word of personal thanks. His English was broken but never his working resolve. Martinez Stone did the countertops and coordinated the plumber, along with Jose, and has been a joy to work with through this process. Wish me luck as we endure the two-week painting process soon. Happy Wife, Happy Life!

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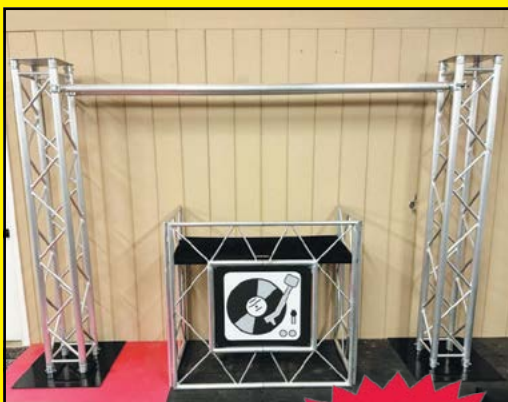
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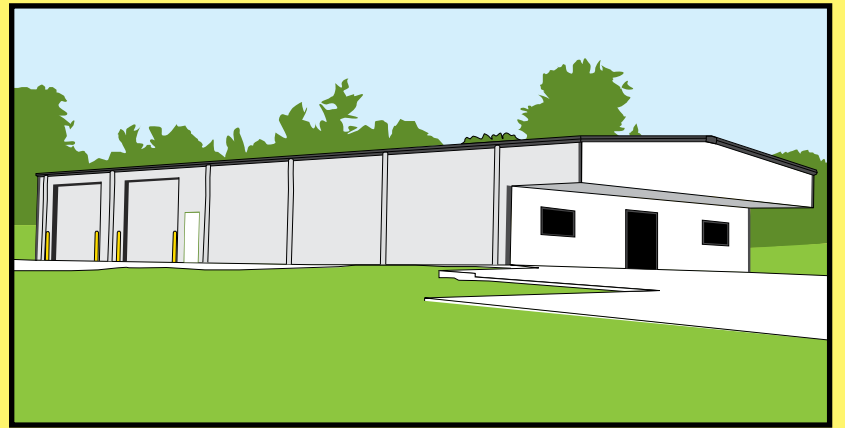
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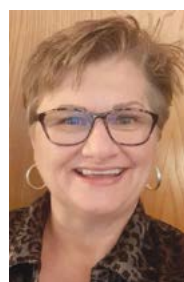
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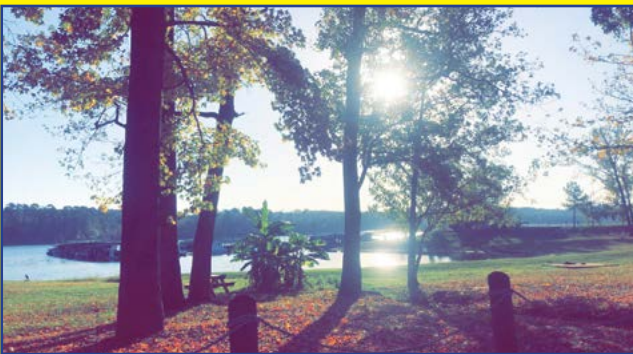
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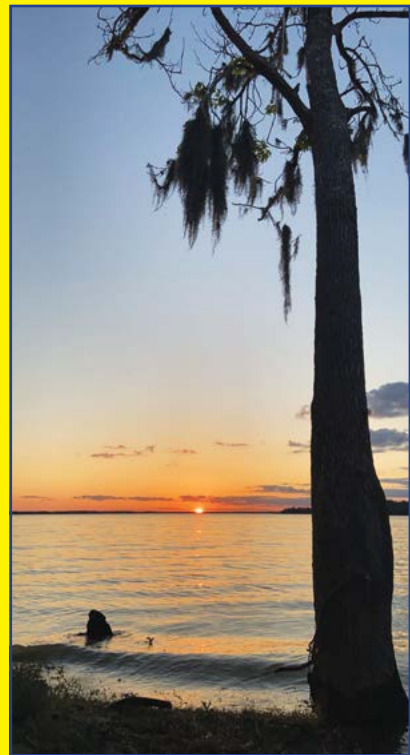
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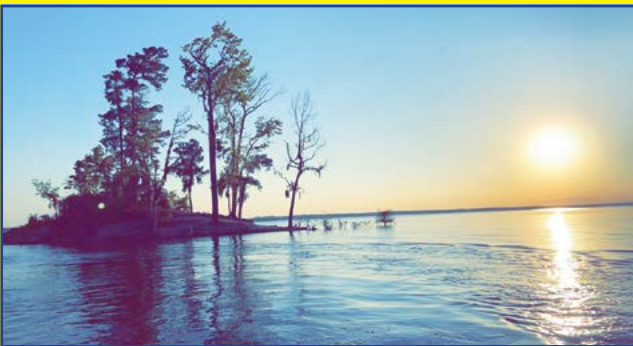
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This Month in the Oldest Town in Texas

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Kick off the month with a bang at the Nacogdoches Jaycees Freedom Fest on July 4th in Festival Park, starting at 5 pm. Experience an evening packed with exciting activities, live music, delicious food, refreshing drinks, and an unforgettable fireworks display! Arrive early to snag your complimentary 4th of July commemorative t-shirt. Bring the whole family, including your leashed furry friends, and join us for a patriotic celebration!

As summer heats up, beat the heat at one of Nacogdoches's top swimming spots! Plan a day trip to Lake Nacogdoches, where you can grill up burgers and hotdogs on their BBQ pits, launch your boat from their convenient ramp, and cool off with a swim in their designated swimming area.

Discover a world of fun for your kids this summer! Dive into Junior Engineer Days at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot on July 13th and 27th, hosted by Nacogdoches Historic Sites. Crafts, games, coloring, and more await kids aged 2 to 10! Plus, embark on the Nacogdoches Summer Scavenger Hunt from May 28th to August 8th. Explore the city's rich history and cultural sites, solve clues, and enter a thrilling prize drawing once you complete the hunt! And for a cosmic adventure, don't miss the captivating shows at the SFA Planetarium every Saturday. Experience distant galaxies, planets, and constellations in their mesmerizing domed theater!

Adults won't want to miss the G&S Gun Show, happening July 19th-21st at the Nacogdoches County Expo and Civic Center. Browse through a diverse selection of guns, knives, ammo, and accessories at this three-day event.

Plus, immerse yourself in the sounds of summer with live music throughout July. Enjoy Music on the Patio every Friday at the Fredonia Hotel, Pickin' on the Porch at Front Porch Distillery every Friday and Saturday, and live music at the Fredonia Brewery Thursday through Saturday, just to name a few!

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Cushing ISD Names Coach Scott Holzhauser as New Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

Cushing Independent School District is excited to announce the promotion of Coach Scott Holzhauser to the positions of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach effective July 8, 2024. With a decade of dedicated service to Cushing ISD, Coach Holzhauser brings extensive experience and a deep commitment to the community in his new roles.



Coach Scott Holzhauser

Coach Holzhauser has been an integral part of Cushing ISD, having previously served as Head Football Coach for two years in 2004 and 2005. Later, he spent eight years as the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Mt. Enterprise, earning widespread respect for his leadership and dedication to student-athlete development.

Dr. Brandon Enos, Superintendent of Cushing ISD, shared his enthusiasm for Coach Holzhauser's new roles: "We are excited to promote Coach Holzhauser to Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Scott's vast experience, leadership qualities, and unwavering dedication to our students will certainly prove useful as we transition leadership within our athletic department."


Coach Holzhauser's deep ties to the Cushing community are evident. His son, Dylan Holzhauser, is a proud 2022 graduate of Cushing High School, further underscoring the family's longstanding commitment to the district.

Cushing ISD also extends heartfelt appreciation to outgoing Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Josh Moore. Coach Moore's dedication and leadership have been instrumental in the success of our athletic programs. His commitment to fostering a positive and competitive spirit among our student-athletes has left an indelible mark on the Cushing community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Coach Holzhauser shared his excitement about his new responsibilities: "I am honored to take on these new challenges at Cushing ISD. I look forward to working with our talented athletes, dedicated coaches, and supportive community to build on the strong foundation laid by Coach Moore."


Please join us in congratulating Coach Scott Holzhauser on his new roles as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. We are confident that his leadership will inspire our students to excel both on and off the field.

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History of Timpson Frontier Days

From its humble beginning around a kitchen table, Timpson Frontier Days has become one of the most popular events of the year.

Timpson Frontier Days began with a proposal presented to the Timpson Chamber of Commerce by Ben Parnell and Ed Hooper in 1962. Their idea was for a two-week celebration of the pioneer days of the late 1800s and early 1900s in Timpson. The Chamber was interested, and a meeting was held in Callie Robinson's kitchen to plan for the event. Local businessman, Buzz Protsman and Timpson Mayor, Bud Essery along with Parnell and Ed Hooper attended the meeting.

The plans were to turn Timpson into a Frontier Town for the three days of the first Frontier Days. Local merchants and store employees would dress in period costumes. The town square was decorated to resemble the early years. The committee, with the help of Mr. Bo Rainbolt, President of The Chamber, borrowed \$100 from the Silver Harvest Fund to pay for advance publicity.

For the women and children, there was a Western Dress Contest with prizes for the best costume. There was also a prize for the oldest person riding into town on a wagon or buggy. During the three-day celebration, there were many contests requiring skill and talent. These included horseshoe pitching, washer pitching, a fiddling contest, horn blowing, and a sack race. Other activities included an open horse show at SoSo Park and a concert by the Timpson High School band. On Saturday, July 7, three Frontier Days queens were crowned, and the celebration ended with an Old-Fashioned Barn Dance.

Judging from the thousands of people attending the three-day event, the first Frontier Days was a great success. State and local officials attended to greet their constituents in a hometown setting. Candidates met potential voters and solicited their votes in the upcoming fall elections. According to Tracy Broadway, writer for the Nacogdoches paper, *The Daily Sentinel*, former Ann Richards was once stumping through the Pineywoods and stopped in Timpson during Frontier Days.

After a hiatus of several years, Frontier Days is once again a time of celebration and entertainment for the people of Timpson and the surrounding area. Many of the graduates of Timpson High School choose this time for their class reunions. Members of the Timpson Chamber of Commerce begin in May of each year to plan events for the week of the 4th of July. Saturday is the big day complete with a parade, games and rides for the children, food booths serving everything from hot dogs to corn on the cob and plenty of cold drinks for the thirsty crowds. Vendors set up their stalls and offer a diverse array of crafts and other items for sale to those attending this exciting event.

Over the years, Timpson Frontier Days declined in popularity until Marilyn Corder took the festival on as a project in 1996. "There was a small crowd that first year," she remembered. Things began to improve each year. Gospel singing was added and is now a big success. "The cake auction is a big deal," stated Corder. We now have 2,000-2,500 visitors for Frontier Days. Corder says she would like to retire from her community service but finds it hard to walk away. Timpson residents would say our community is a better place because of Marilyn Corder's efforts to revive Frontier Days. 2024 marks 62-years of this family, fun-filled event. In 2025, Timpson will be celebrating 140 years since it's founding in 1885 upon the arrival of the Houston, East and West Texas Railway.

This year 2024 with a younger Chamber of Commerce organization but with Marilyn still helping, we hope that this piece of history for Timpson will continue bringing families together enjoying their hometown.

In 2023, thanks to a few of the moms on the chamber the Miss Frontier Days Queen contest was brought back and will continue this year. With Timpson growing and all our excitement with our school and sports organizations we look forward to bringing all our town together for another year and many years to come.

It's the Timpson Area Chamber of Commerce goal to bring a fun filled 4th of July to Timpson for everyone to enjoy at a cost every family can afford. Please join us July 4th through July 7th in downtown Timpson, Texas.

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Farmers State Bank Announces the Second Annual Photo Contest “Both Sides of the Sabine” Winners

Farmers State Bank announces the winners of this year's second annual photo contest.

Landscape/Nature Category:

- 1st Place: Danny Pickens “Framed in Time”
- 2nd Place: Billie F. Jones “Church by Moonlight”
- 3rd Place: Janice Carter “Good Morning Texas”

Fine Art Category:

- 1st Place: BJ Wood “Reflections”
- 2nd Place: Billie F. Jones “Rode Hard”
- 3rd Place: Julie Cantrell-Green “Locked Up”

Human Interest Category:

- 1st Place: Julie Cantrell-Green “Autumn Daze”
- 2nd Place: LeeAnn Robertson “Gray Girl in the Fog”
- 3rd Place: BJ Wood “The Aristocat”

Spirit of Texas Category:

- 1st Place: Danny Pickens “Texas Proud”
- 2nd Place: Danny Pickens “Spirit of Texas”

Best in Show Category:

Danny Pickens “Framed in Time”

All of the contest entries are on display in the lobby at the bank's corporate location on 115 Shelbyville Street, Center, Texas. The public can vote for the “People's Choice” award in the lobby through July 5th. The contest received 58 entries this year with photographers from Whitehouse, Lufkin, Milam, Center, Shelbyville and Tenaha. The awards reception will be on Monday, July 1st in the main lobby at 10a.m.

This year's judge is the publisher of the Light & Champion, Leon Aldridge. Mr. Aldridge has 50 years in media related endeavors from newspaper publishing and owner to teaching journalism, to advertising and marketing positions. The common thread through it all has been photography. He has been the judge of several photo contests in a variety of states.

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Rhonda Oaks
Lufkin District Public Information Officer
Communications Division
Texas Department of Transportation

Work Zones and Drunk Driving Spell Danger

It was scary just listening to the story the crew member told in a recent meeting. How he and the rest of his crew were recently working a mill and inlay project during the night.

There was plenty of traffic control, and every vehicle had overhead lights flashing. You can't have too many even in daylight hours. The lights are there to get your attention when you approach a work zone and hopefully to slow down. They are visible long before we get to them. Drivers are required by law to move over a lane, if possible, slow down and obey all traffic control.

But this particular night the driver didn't slow down. The flagger told how he saw the oncoming car approaching from a long distance. Keeping his eye on it as it got closer to the work zone, it became apparent that the car was not going to move over or slow down.

The flagger jumped for the ditch. The driver on the equipment began trying to move the machinery out of the lane as quickly as he could. But the car hit the piece of equipment and while no one was hurt, the driver of the vehicle was not conscious. After emergency personnel arrived, it was discovered the driver was intoxicated.

Drinking and driving is a subject we visit often at TxDOT. The 2024 State-wide Impaired Driving - Drive Sober No Regrets campaign is kicking off through July. It is a sobering fact that someone dies every 8 hours and 11 minutes in Texas because of alcohol related crashes. In the Lufkin District in 2023, there were 316 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 27 fatalities and 69 serious injuries.

And even scarier is when you mix alcohol with driving through an active work zone. Work zones are dangerous areas without impaired or distracted drivers.

At any given time across the state, there are more than 1,900 active work zones. TxDOT employees work just feet away from moving vehicles while concentrating on their work, and trusting drivers to pay attention, slow down and stay outside of the work zone.

There were 190 people who lost their lives in work zones in 2023. In the Lufkin District, there were 244 traffic crashes in work zones, resulting in two fatalities and five serious injuries. Thank goodness there was no one killed in the recent work zone crash I mentioned above.

As you make your July 4th holiday plans, we hope you plan for safety first. Plan ahead and designate a driver. Remember to respect a TxDOT work zone. Slow down, pay attention, be patient, and help us get home safely.

Equipment and vehicles can be repaired. You will recover from the legal woes of a DWI, but it will take a couple of years and it will be expensive. But injuries are a little harder to recover from, and there is no getting over a fatality.



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Cast members include **Shelby Toner, Kevin Helmer, Nita Hudson, Jessie Licht, Heath McCormack, Bill Small and Melissa Devine** who round out this 30+ cast of Adults and Children. Audience members will be entertained by familiar songs such as **"Do-Re-Mi," "Edelweiss"** and **"My Favorite Things."**

Tickets are going fast and are **RESERVED SEATING**. They are available for purchase at **Klines/Wrap-It-Up** and the **CVB** for \$15 adult, \$12 60+ and \$8 children and students. The **Lamp-Lite Box Office opens 45 minutes before the curtain of each performance**. The House opens 30 minutes prior to curtain. No Season Passes will be accepted for this special Summer Musical.

Those needing assistance with seating are asked to email lamplitetheatre@gmail.com at least 48 hours before the performance. Sponsoring Patrons may reserve seats by emailing lamplitetheatre@gmail.com at least 48 hours before the performance. More information about *The Sound of Music* and the Lamp-Lite Players may be found on Facebook and at www.lamplitetheatre.com.



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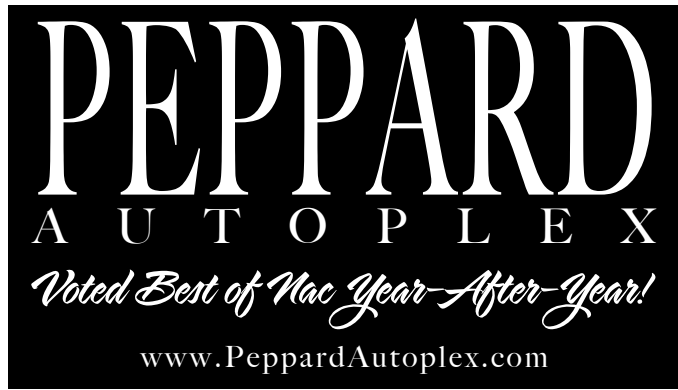
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SFA's SummerStage Festival to Present Lovable Charlie Brown Musical

Stephen F. Austin State University's SummerStage Festival will bring a family friendly event, presented annually by the School of Theatre and Dance, back to Griffith Fine Arts Building after several years of make-shift performances while Griffith renovation was under way.

This summer brings the first SummerStage Festival to be presented in the Flex Theatre with everyone's favorite blockhead taking the stage in "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz; book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner; additional dialogue by Michael Mayer; and additional music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa.

"I've been saying this a lot this past year, but it still holds true – we are continuing to make history with our new building," said Cleo House-Keller, director of the School of Theatre and Dance. "'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' will be the first SummerStage production in the new facilities, making this moment a major occurrence in the timeline of the School of Theatre and Dance and for our audiences.

"I had the privilege of directing this show early in my career, and I can guarantee this show will be a pleasure for audiences of all ages," he added. "What I enjoy most about this show is that it does a great job at paying homage to the original characters but leaving room for the director and her cast to put their own stamp on it. I encourage everyone to book their tickets early, as seats for this show are sure to go fast!"

Based on the beloved Charles Schulz comic strip, Charlie Brown and the entire "Peanuts" bunch explore life's great questions as they play baseball, struggle with homework, sing songs, swoon over their crushes and celebrate the joys of friendship.

Jennifer Malmberg, lecturer in the School of Theatre and Dance, directs the show, and she said her students are thrilled about the debut of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and marking "the inauguration of our first SummerStage season in the prestigious, new Griffith Fine Arts Building." She described this year's SummerStage Festival as "an unforgettable theatrical event!"

"Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey with Charlie Brown and his beloved friends as we bring to life this timeless tale, resonating with audiences of all ages," Malmberg said. "This production is perfect for all kids – from 5 to 100! It captures the essence of the human experience like no other."

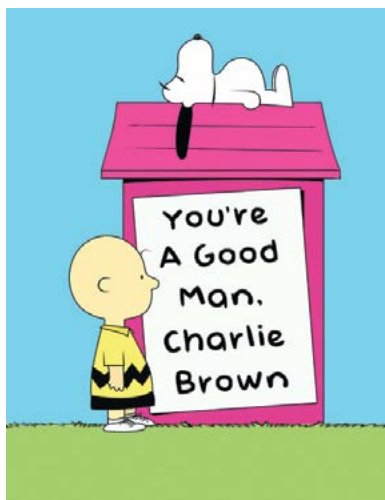
Whether you're a young enthusiast or a seasoned theatergoer, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" promises "an enchanting escape into the world of 'Peanuts,'" Malmberg said.

"Join us for an extraordinary theatrical experience filled with captivating music, dazzling spectacle and a heartwarming narrative that will linger in your thoughts long after the final curtain falls," she added. "We are excited to invite our community to join us as we embark on this enchanting journey together this summer."

All performances for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" are in the Flex Theatre. Show times are 10 a.m. Monday, July 1; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 2 and 3; 7 p.m. Friday, July 5; and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 6. The July 1 presentation is a pay-what-you-can performance.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for senior adults 62 and older; \$8 for SFA faculty and staff; \$8 for youth and non-SFA students; and \$5 for SFA students. To purchase tickets, visit boxoffice.sfasu.edu or call (936) 468-6407.

For more information about "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" call the School of Theatre and Dance at (936) 468-4003 or visit sfasu.edu/theatre-dance.



The SummerStage Festival will feature "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" July 1 through 3 and July 5 and 6 on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. The family friendly show for all ages is presented by the School of Theatre and Dance. Visit sfasu.edu/theatre-dance for more information.

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Local CAP News

Three local Civil Air Patrol Cadets joined 15 other cadets at the “Shirley Martin” Powered Flight Academy at A.L Mangham Jr. Airport June 1st through June 8th. Cadet Tech Sgt. Wyatt Anderson, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Lou Johnns and Cadet 2nd Lt. Nate Smith, who are members of the Nacogdoches Composite Squadron, all soloed in Cessna 172 CAP aircraft.



From left: Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Lou Johnns, Cadet Tech Sgt. Wyatt Anderson and Cadet 2nd Lt. Nate Smith all soloed in a Cessna 172 at the 2024 Powered Flight Academy at A.L. Mangham Airport.

Anderson will be a senior at Regents Academy. He plans on attending SFA after graduation. Johnns finished 3rd in the class and will be a junior at Vertical Christian Academy in Lufkin. Smith will be a senior at Regents Academy. He plans on attending SFA majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.

All the cadets stayed in CAP barracks at the airport, attended ground school classes and flew with CAP instructor pilots each day.

The Powered Flight Academy’s goal is for participants to not only solo an aircraft but also prepare to pass the Federal Aviation Administration’s Private Pilot Computerized Examination.

“When you get to solo it indicates to other people that you have the attitude and the aptitude to fly an airplane,” according to Maj. Lucinda McFarlin, Academy Commander. “We try to get them to that milestone but not every cadet solos.”

Thanks to funding from the U.S. Air Force, CAP cadets can pursue their private pilot certificate through the organization’s Cadet Wings program and continue their training in a future program, hoping to earn their instrument and instructor ratings. For admission to this program, cadets need to meet a series of criteria — a Gen. Billy Mitchell Award recipient, completion of five CAP orientation flights and a “C” academic average in schoolwork, as well as medical clearance. Applicants also submitted a resumé and an essay on how they would apply the training in life and be interviewed by a panel, to test their commitment to aviation.

There has been a Flight Academy in Texas since 1976. This is the 10th year the Academy has been held in Nacogdoches as a nationwide activity.

More . . .

Three members of one area family participated in the Civil Air Patrol’s “Shirley Martin Powered Flight Academy” at the A.L Mangham Jr. Nacogdoches Airport the week of June 1st.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Lou Johnns was a student pilot at the academy and finished 3rd in the class of 18. He soloed in a Cessna 172 on the last day. His brother Cadet Master Sgt. Robert Johnns served on the cadet staff for the academy. He completed the academy last year finishing 2nd in his class. He also soloed in a Cessna 172. Both cadets are members of the Nacogdoches Composite Squadron.

The Johnns brothers’ father, Robert Sr., was the chef for the entire week serving 12 instructor pilots, 18 students and 12 staff members three meals a day for the week. Johnns Sr. is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer. His last assignment was White House Chef for President George W. Bush.



From left: Robert Johnns Sr., Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Lou Johnns and Cadet Master Sgt. Robert Johnns all participated in the Powered Flight Academy at A.L Mangham Jr. Airport last week.

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Those Dreaded Embarrassing Moments

by Jim Garrett

Embarrassing moments are a malady common to all of us. Don't say you've never had one, Dear Readers, because we all have. Let me remind you that every family has a story; ours is no exception.



Jim and Mary Beth Garrett

I will never forget the first semester I taught at SFA. I knew that I needed to have a course syllabus the first day of class. I did so - giving dates of exams and other pertinent information. One thing I failed to include was my office number. A student asked for that information and off the top of my head, I gave him what I thought was the room number of my office. It seems that it was not; it was the number of the second floor - **women's rest room!**

I believe that entering the wrong restroom is a problem which is common to us all at some time or another. A few years ago, Mary Beth and I were making numerous trips to Houston to check on her mother or to take her to doctor appointments. We'd always stop at a grocery store in Diboll for a "pit stop" and to reward ourselves with a donut and a cup of coffee. Time after time when we stopped, I went to the men's restroom, which if you faced the restrooms, was on the LEFT. Sometime later, I had occasion to go to the restroom at Wal-Mart in Nacogdoches. Instinctively, I went in the one on the LEFT. At first, when I entered, I thought they had remodeled since all of the urinals were gone and there were a number of stalls. I looked under the door of the first one and thank goodness there was no one there; it was at that time, I realized that I was in the WRONG restroom. Even though no one saw me, I'm certain that the security cameras probably did!

I believe that entering the wrong restroom is a problem which is common to us all at some time or another. A few years ago, Mary Beth and I were making numerous trips to Houston to check on her mother or to take her to doctor appointments. We'd always stop at a grocery store in Diboll for a "pit stop" and to reward ourselves with a donut and a cup of coffee. Time after time when we stopped, I went to the men's restroom, which if you faced the restrooms, was on the LEFT. Sometime later, I had occasion to go to the restroom at Wal-Mart in Nacogdoches. Instinctively, I went in the one on the LEFT. At first, when I entered, I thought they had remodeled since all of the urinals were gone and there were a number of stalls. I looked under the door of the first one and thank goodness there was no one there; it was at that time, I realized that I was in the WRONG restroom. Even though no one saw me, I'm certain that the security cameras probably did!

A close family friend had a similar experience to the one I just described except as he was making a hasty exit, a woman was coming in. As he passed her, he heard her say, "Thought you wouldn't get caught didn't cha?"

Sometime later Mary Beth and I were at an SFA football game. She took a restroom break and as she was coming out of her stall, she met a man coming into the restroom. He immediately realized that he was in the wrong place so he grabbed her arm as though he were escorting her out. We really got a good laugh out of that one.

While we're on the restroom motif, let's talk about my sweet wife. Mary Beth had a habit before teaching any of her biology classes at SFA, of always visiting the restroom before going to class. She would then walk down the hall, enter the classroom and proceed to write major points of her lecture on the blackboard. On one such occasion, she was standing with her back to the class as she wrote. That day she had mistakenly tucked her light-weight broom skirt into her, shall we say, "unmentionables." A young man sitting at the back of the room nudged the girl next to him and said, "You need to tell Mrs. Garrett that something is showing which should not be showing!" When MB was informed of her indiscretion, she turned, calmly removed the skirt from its hiding place, and made it a teaching moment. She told the class that sooner or later each one of them would have such an embarrassing moment. They would then have a choice: 1) They could get angry and perhaps have a stroke - that's bad; **or** 2) They could cry, stop up their sinuses and get a headache -that's bad; **or** 3) They could laugh and get over it because something similar was bound to happen to them someday. She laughed and the class joined her. Little did I realize that only a short time later, I would have an opportunity to use the words of wisdom which my wife uttered that day. I was lecturing to all of the incoming graduate students at SFA. A glass of water was on the desk in front of me for my convenience. I must have moved my arms in a waving motion thus propelling the liquid onto my tan dress slacks! We all laughed.

Let me tell you a story, Dear Readers, pertaining to my sweet wife. When she was quite young (2 to 3 years of age), her mother read an article stating that a parent should **never** ask a child who their favorite parent is. Throwing caution to the wind, Mrs. Crawford asked Mary Beth whom she loved the most, mama or daddy? Mary Beth thought for a second and then in her sweet little voice replied, "I love my own little self the best!"

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The Bible—Christ's Slaves of Righteousness

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slave whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. Romans 6:16-18 NKJV

There are many things I have learned as a child of God since I started this Christian journey with Christ in 1997. One of the most liberating truths I have learned is this: The only past that I have the right to claim as my own is what Christ did for me on the cross. Every born-again Christian has the right to claim the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and our salvation and by doing so, His experience becomes our experience (See Col 2:11-14).

The world, under the power and influence of Satan, wants everyone to believe that we are to claim other people's experiences as our own. The world gives us labels based on our past or someone else's past. I have never

been a slave, except to sin. Therefore, I will not claim the ungodly enslavement of a people group in America as my past, their experience as my experience just because of my ethnicity. I will not submit to Satan's deception that I am inferior by identifying with slavery's past, claiming it as my own. I have a new eternal identity. I am a new creature in Jesus. The old is gone and the new now exists to serve the living God. I am a child of God. That is my new identity in Christ. In His kingdom His people become slaves of righteousness. I don't have a problem being a slave to what is right because it is working for good according to God's purpose and for His glory.

I will not allow another person's past experience to become my experience, putting me under its control, controlling my life—my thinking, my beliefs, and my actions toward another human being. As slaves of righteousness, Christians must submit to our Master's will, doing what is right in the sight of God, prohibiting the devil's entrance to influence us for his diabolical kingdom purpose. As long as Christians give place to the devil by clinging to and claiming a past that is not ours, he will divide us and he will conquer us, bringing us under his control.

“For by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage” (2 Pet 2:19). There are far too many Christians living in bondage to someone else's past. And because of their bondage they are slaves of sin. Sin exposes its nakedness in the way we treat people who had nothing to do with slavery in America, nothing to do with those who enslaved human beings whom they devalued, human beings created by God. Sin exposes its nakedness when we use other people's enslaved experience as a means of monetary entitlement for our personal gain.

The sins of the slave, the slave trader, the slave owner, your sins, and my sins were paid for by Jesus on the cross, long before America became a nation. Every person whose faith is in Christ for salvation has a new past in Him because every sin was paid for by His blood. Believers are one in Christ. It was for freedom that Christ came. Let Christ set you free from wrong thinking and wrong beliefs that are contrary to biblical truth and have no place in God's kingdom.

We cannot love those we hate when living out our lives through someone else's experience. The Bible says, “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also” (1 John 4:20, 21).

Are you a liar because someone else's past experience is influencing you to hate your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ? Or are you walking in truth because Christ's past suffering for everyone's sin is influencing you to love others as He has loved you? Loving and obeying Christ compels Christians to be slaves of righteousness. We are to obey God's command to love because we are His children. Don't despise or reject the truth of the Bible. Wear it as a badge of honor because you have received it from your Master. It is for your good and not for harm. It will set you free from the deception of sin.

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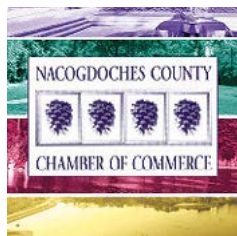
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All awardees will be congratulated at the chamber's 102nd Annual Meeting and Membership Banquet, Sept. 24, at The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center. Event information, ticket and table pricing, etc. will be shared soon. The board of directors, staff and planning committee led by Chair Betty Shinn are looking forward to a grand gathering of our Nacogdoches-area business community members to celebrate all of the good advancements we are experiencing.



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

Father's Day was last month, and I felt very passionate about fatherhood and parenting in our present culture which led me to write an article last month about this topic. It is now July, but this is an important topic that I thought was worth sharing again. Ephesians 6:2-3 says, "Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." The Bible teaches that fatherhood is a divine calling and that fathers are responsible for leading their families with love, compassion, and humility. Proverbs 17:6 says, "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." I love this verse as it really describes what it is like to have grandchildren. To live long enough to see one's grandchildren is truly a blessing, and one I have experienced myself.



Patti Goodrum, Executive Director Love INC Nacogdoches

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." To "train" is key in parenting. Training is designed to make clear to children that their parents have their best interest at heart, and that they should obey. I believe that the earlier a child is trained, the more successful they will become. God has a specific design for the family. This design has been compromised in many modern families. As a result, people come to Love INC with no stability in their lives, no moral code, and no awareness of right and wrong.

Lately, we have seen an increase in requests from both the homeless and people who are experiencing higher prices on all bills and expenses. Yet, we are seeing more people that do not want to work and expect Love INC or a church to pay their way. The other day, a lady told me she received two disability checks from the government for her children, but it was just not enough. When I asked about a job, she said she might lose her 'children's checks' if she went to work. I asked her what their disability was, and she said she really wasn't sure what was on their papers. She was very upset when we wouldn't help her, but she was unwilling to help herself and on top of that, she hid the fact that she has a husband with a job.

We are encountering more people demanding assistance and expecting to receive it with no questions asked. Validating needs is necessary so that the people who really need the help can receive it. If a program depletes their resources by handing them out without validation, often the resources are depleted before it gets to those who really need it.

So, what does this have to do with Father's Day? When the breakdown of the family continues, and people ignore God's design and His word, despair, turmoil, and instability also continue. Let's build up our earthly fathers, uncles, and grandfathers, as well as other parents raising children. Church, I urge you to unite together to serve those who are truly in need of assistance. Ask the hard questions, because the person asking for help might be embarrassed to ask or be hoping for "no questions asked." The way you choose to handle those situations demonstrates how much you really care about them. I praise Jesus for our earthly fathers and also praise Him for sharing His with all of us!

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Driving Mrs. Thorp

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.



When a young man is about to propose marriage to his lady, it is important that the lady's family is in agreement. That was the situation in which I found myself in 1956 at age twenty. I was attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas, but my love lived a four-hour drive away in Hemphill, Texas. Every other weekend I drove my 1950 Chevrolet to East Texas to be with Clara, my future wife. I certainly wanted her family, all of it, to approve of my being grafted into their family by marriage.

A situation arose in which Clara's grandmother, Mrs. Thorp, found herself in Waco and needed a ride to Hemphill on the Friday afternoon that I was going to see her granddaughter. Here was a chance to gain the approval of another member of her family. I agreed to her riding with me.

Washing my Chevrolet made it look nice, and eased some of my nervousness. I picked up Mrs. Thorp mid afternoon and we began what I hoped would be an uneventful journey to East Texas. The fickle finger of fate, or Murphy's Law, either, or both, decided that the trip would not be uneventful.

About one hour into our trip a tire blew out. *How could this happen*, I thought to myself as I struggled to replace the blown tire with the spare. My spare did not get much attention, and I was surprised that it still had enough air in it to support my car. Finally, we were back on the road again, my clothes a bit dirty. I stopped at the first service station I saw and aired the spare fully. I breathed easier now, and resumed the trip. My passenger seemed unruffled about this event.

Still, I was not in the clear in trying to do my good deed. About an hour later in our drive, another tire blew out suddenly. This time there was no spare to bail me out of my predicament. I was left to my own initiative to handle this crisis. How I handled it would leave a permanent impression on Mrs. Thorp as to my abilities to care for her granddaughter. Could I pass this test?

We were within a few miles of a small farm town so I decided to drive on the flat, slowly, until I found a tire store or service station. The first business I saw was a Humble service station, so I limped onto the apron. "Do you have any new or used tires in stock?" I pleaded. After checking his stock, the attendant announced, "Well, don't have any used ones, but I have a new one that will fit your car. You want it?" I really did not want it, but I had to have it.

Now, the big question – how to pay for a new tire. I checked my wallet to find around twenty-five dollars, not nearly enough. I began to feel panicky. Then I spotted a Humble credit card that my dad had let me borrow, just in case of an emergency. Well, I felt this situation would certainly qualify as an emergency.

Back on the road again, this time with a new tire on the front. Mrs. Thorp appeared to be taking all this in stride. *She will never ride with me anywhere again*, I thought. What an impression I must be making on her. How could anyone be unlucky enough to have two, count them, two blowouts on the same trip?

Then it came to me, the answer to my question. A few months earlier I had seen a tire shop that specialized in recapping tires. For around twelve dollars one could take in an old, bald tire, and get a like-new retread. I could not afford four new tires, so had all of them recapped. They were supposed to be as good as new ones, I was told. It never occurred to me that all those pieces of tires you see on the road came from recapped truck tires. That should have been a clue. Well, live and learn as they say.

The trip to Hemphill ended without further problems. Mrs. Thorp was as happy to see her family as I was to see my young lady. This unfortunate incident was never mentioned again, even at our wedding. So, I assume that I passed the silent family test in spite of Murphy's Law and the fickle finger of fate.

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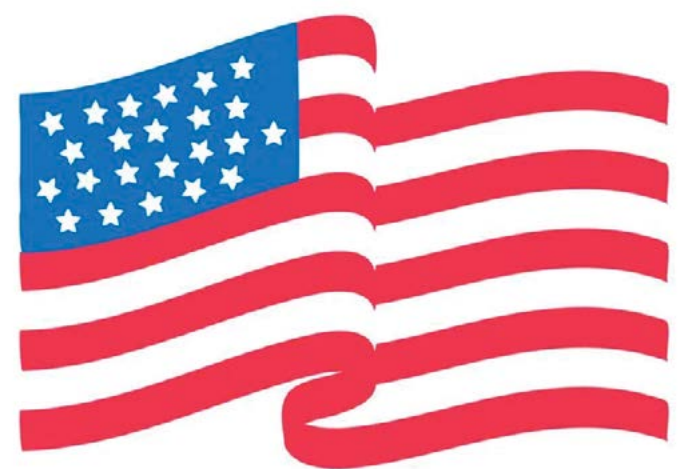
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Built just a few short years after Texas gained its independence from Mexico, the Old Half-Way Inn—now more commonly known as the Halfway Inn or Flournoy-Granberry House—served as the home for early Texas settler Samuel Flournoy and his family during the 1840s. Flournoy held the position of postmaster for the Republic of Texas, and the house, strategically and conspicuously located midway between San Augustine and Nacogdoches, became a popular stop for stagecoaches and travelers like Sam Houston, who journeyed along the main roadway known as Old San Antonio Road or El Camino Real.

Over the years, the Halfway Inn changed hands several times. In March 1934, architects Charles Burley Witchell, Robert Hudson Linskie, and Hunter McKay, Jr., conducted a survey of the two-story log building. While the structural components were in excellent condition, their report indicated that the former inn—then owned by H.R. Granberry—was otherwise in poor repair. The original exterior log walls had been covered with siding, and a relatively new corrugated metal roof now sheltered the building. The shallow gabled roof extended over the front porch, supported by four two-story wooden columns.

The Granberry family retained ownership of the Halfway Inn until the early 1980s. In 1984, the inn was relocated, but it returned to within a quarter-mile of its original location in 1988 when the Chireno Historical Society acquired it. Today, the society diligently maintains and operates the Halfway Inn as a historic site, offering tours and hosting a heritage festival each spring.

This photo of the Halfway Inn was taken in the 1930s.



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Cherry Preserves and a Trusting Soul

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.

I thought it a good idea to shift away from my previous tales of Sandy's misadventures in driving, especially now that I'm allowed back in the house.

Those who know me can verify that I am nothing if not a foodie. As I read back over my blog covering 19 years of RV-ing around the country, I am astonished at the hundreds, if not thousands, of times I wrote about food and places to eat. It's not my fault, though; I blame my mother, my grandmothers and aunts, all originally country folk, for knowing how to cook all too well. But they were not alone in this gift; all the older ladies who



knew "country" cooking seemed to have the same gift. If you have not eaten fresh garden vegetables along with a pork chop from a freshly sacrificed hog and golden-crust cornbread cooked in an iron skillet with sizzling bacon drippings, well, you may not know what I'm writing about. It's perhaps like a drug addiction, in that I'm always on the hunt to satisfy a craving from my youth that may not always be good for me. My rotund countenance was a testament to that.

With that as a backdrop, I'll get to the story, this one from nearly 20 years ago. We were new to RV travel, and we had not yet ventured far away from our Texas home as we eventually would. We were in Kerrville on this autumn day, where a farmer's market/craft sale had encircled the courthouse and almost all of downtown. The streets had been closed to traffic, allowing people to amble from tent to tent, gawking at whatever wares might be offered.

Some of the artsy-crafty things were interesting, but my investment in a small jar of Rainier cherry preserves made by a lady vendor from Hunt, Texas was nothing short of spectacular. I'm not sure I've ever had better preserves of any kind. I didn't know this, of course, until we had returned home and began consuming the delicacy. We could have kicked ourselves for having purchased only one jar, and we began rationing it as I tried to locate the vendor. I started to panic because there was nothing helpful on the internet. It would have been unseemly to hire a private detective, but I'll swear it would have been worth it. After making several calls to Kerrville officials who handled the craft show, I finally found the source of the preserves—a pleasant woman named Karen who lived on a ranch and made all her jellies, jams and preserves from fruit grown on her land. I got her phone number and gave her a call. She explained that the Rainier cherry preserves were a limited specialty, in that she had bought the cherries on a recent trip to Washington state and that they were only available for a brief time each fall. I had never heard of them before, but I was now a devotee, even at six bucks for a small jar. (Imagine what it would cost now.) I asked if she would allow me to buy some more for shipment to us. She said that she had only two jars left! I ordered them at once, along with some other flavors she described over the phone. She even mentioned preserves she had made from cacti and from flowers. I didn't think I was ready for those.

I poured out praise of her handiwork, and she seemed thrilled that someone appreciated the obvious pride she took in her skill. I offered a credit card to make the sale, but she said she would just put a bill inside the box when she mailed the preserves. I marveled at the trust she placed in me merely by the sound of my voice on the phone—only in Texas, I thought.

I also thought about the deeper experience of this little diversion—finding such a delightful little treat by pure happenstance. It was not so much the preserves, although they were unimaginably good, but the uniqueness of this experience—finding this woman from a tiny Texas hill country burg who took so much pride in her handiwork, plus the quaintness of the trust she still had in mankind, unspoiled then by the rapaciousness and deceit that is so much of what we experience today. I savored this experience greatly, knowing that Sandy and I would be two of the very few people who sampled her wares and felt her warmth as our lives briefly touched. This is what traveling is all about—not only enjoying the awesomeness of the world God created for us, but finding little lagniappes like this, always etched into our memories.

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A Little Bit of History



July birthdays in the Dixon Family

Before my daughters and great-niece Caroline Holmberg were born, I know of only two July birthdays in my immediate family: Eleanor Hinson Dixon on July 6th and Sudie Dixon McCarty on July 7th. My youngest daughter, Sara Elizabeth Dixon Patten, was born on July 4th, the only one I know of in the family to be born on this day. For lack of a better label, we will call her my Jewish daughter since she bears the names of two iconic Hebrew women in the Scriptures.

It was about 6:38 a.m., I think, on July 4th that she was born, and there was a little bit of drama getting my wife to the hospital: our car wouldn't start, and I had to take her in the high cube van delivery truck from my father's store Dixon Furniture. When I called my mother to tell her Sara was here, she thought a customer was calling in need of service. Her older sister, Sasha Nicole, labeled as my Russian/Presbyterian daughter, was born almost two years earlier, on July 7th. Russian because I named her Sasha because it was Dr. Zhivago's middle name, my favorite novel; Presbyterian because she was born at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas while we were living on Apple Street in a quadplex on the same block as Dallas Theological Seminary, which I attended and where Jana worked keeping the mailing list updated. Jana's parents was living at the time, and they had their bags packed, waiting to hear that the girl was there. (I think they arrived not long after Jana delivered.) Jana's mother, Argie Nell, exclaimed, "Oowee!" when she saw her at the hospital.

That weekend, my Mom and Dad saw her at the hospital because they had come up for the furniture market. We moved home shortly after she was born so I could work as a salesman for my Dad at his furniture store. This proved fortuitous because she became friends with Jana's dad, who idolized her and took her to coffee after she became a toddler. July 7th was already memorable for the family, as Sudie Dixon McCarty's birthday (or Sue as Uncle Wannee called her). She was my great aunt and Jana's; I became more closely connected with her and her family because the family asked me to preach at her funeral. On some Wednesdays at Granny Hinsons, where Mother and Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Rip Hinson loaded up on turnip greens, pepper sauce, and hot water cornbread, Aunt Sudie's name had come up. Now and then, the conversation would turn a little gossipy; frankly, I think they were slightly jealous of Sudie because she had a husband like Uncle Wannee, and they didn't.

You see, Aunt Sudie was a well-known hypochondriac, and Uncle Wannee cleaned the house, washed the clothes, did the dishes, and cooked the meals. Those Dixon men were not oriented that way, so why couldn't they have one like Uncle Wannee? To get on with the story, when Aunt Sudie passed away, I was honored to preach at her funeral; she lived to be 104, a long life for a woman who was "sick" all the time! In the funeral sermon, I remembered seeing her at the Rock House at Chambers Park when we had our annual Dixon family reunion. The sermon went well, and afterward, I went over to see my Mom. She asked me what I had said about Sudie, and I told her about seeing her at the reunions, to which she replied, "Dickie, she was never at the reunions. She was always sick!" Claiming to be a historian, I was miffed at myself that I had misrepresented the facts in my funeral oration by claiming what I thought was the family history! Mothers and facts can sometimes humble us!

July birthdays: 2nd Aaliyah Martin, Katie Williams 4th Sara Dixon Patten, Caroline Holmberg 7th Sasha Dixon Sutton, Martha Palmer 8th David Sterling 25th Blaze Jones

Blasts from the Past: July 6th Eleanor Hinson Dixon, Luther Alan McCarty 7th Sudie Dixon McCarty

Klssin' Kuzzins

(1) **Nineteen authors will sell and sign their books at the Fourth Annual ACGS Authors' Autograph Party at two bookstores in Nacogdoches, Boss Light on 123 East Main and Dead Tree Dreams on 115 North Street, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024.** Dudley Allen, Herman Wright and Jamie Carter Bollich, Tim Bryant, Charlotte Corbell Ingle, Henry Taylor Millard, Chris Edwards, Richard S. Orton, and Barbara Hendry will set up at **Boss Light**. At the same time, James Slack, Jerry Hopkins, Katie Moak, Sally Slack Clifton, J. L. Anderson, Karen F. Norton, John Culea, Bert Lindsey, K. D. Willow, Robin Stark, and Terri Lacher will be over at **Dead Tree Dreams**. For more information, contact Dickie Dixon at (936) 671-1419 or dixonhershel51@aol.com.

(2) **Redland ISD** will hold its reunion on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Leeds Academy cafetorium. Doors open at noon; registration begins at 1 p.m. The committee asks that you RSVP by June 15th, but you can also pay at the door only \$10. There will be a dance and tour of the old Redland school that evening. For more information, contact Sarah Calhoun Stevens at (936) 414-0168.

(3) **Sons of the Confederate Veterans:** We are a local camp primarily focusing on honoring the memory and heritage of our ancestors who fought in the Civil War. We meet each 2nd Tuesday of the month at Ralph and Kacoo's at 5:30 to socialize and then have a presentation at 6:30 PM. On July 9th, Joe Pool will be our guest speaker and will present a talk on the Louisiana 17th Regiment, plus additional research he has done on troops from East Texas. Mr. Pool is from Deridder, LA, but is a native Texan, a Pastor, and a writer. Mr. Pool will have some books available for sale at the meeting. For questions, please get in touch with Dwayne Howell via email at sam.ray@suddenlink.net

(4) **Allentown Historical Association *NOTE New Meeting time - Thursday from 6 PM to 8 PM.** We continue to gather information to publish a book on the Allentown community. For our June 20th meeting, we will have a presentation by Terry Allen on the origins of the Allens. Dwayne Howell also has information on when some families migrated to Angelina County. We will also discuss progress on the book. If you would like information, please contact Dwayne Howell at Allentown@myyahoo.com. Dwayne Howell 105 Normandy Dr. Lufkin, TX 75901 (936) 404-6450

(5) Sally Slack Clifton will present the program content and excerpts from her just-released book *The Life and Legacy of Albert Slack* for the July 15, 2024, meeting of the **Angelina County Genealogical Society** at 5:30 p.m. in the Railroad Depot Meeting Room of Kurth Memorial Library on 706 South Raguet in Lufkin: Coffee and desserts at 4 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. You won't need to be a member to attend. From 7-8:30 p.m., Sally will sell and sign her books at the Fellowship Hall of Keltys United Methodist Church on 1867 Old Mill Road in Lufkin.

(6) **The Jasper County Historical Commission** will host the free-to-the-public Jasper County Genealogy/History Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex on Friday, July 19, 2024. Contact John Johnson at (409) 384-6441 or jasperhc@yahoo.com

MONUMENT CORNER

This month we travel to Shelby County on Hwy 84, approximately 3 miles west of the town of Joaquin. On the north side of the highway, beside the railroad tracks is this marker. The marker reads as follows:

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(1971)



Millard's Crossing News and Calendar

Good Day Readers,

I hope everyone has had a great June and is ready for the month of July. We will be closed July 4th, please have a Happy and Safe day of celebration.

As we purchase fireworks, place our flags out in the yard or on our home, get ready for BBQs with family and friends, and fireworks, please let us not forget why we celebrate this date. We know it by the 4th of July, BBQs, fireworks and fun for most, but it is celebrated for America's independence from the British Empire. On this day July 4, 1776, the United States of America was officially declared independent from the British rule. July 2, 1776, was the actual vote by the Continental Congress made up from delegates from the 13 American colonies and on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The first anniversary of the first Declaration of Independence cannons lit up the sky in Philadelphia, with 13 shots which represents the 13 original colonies. In Boston, the Sons of Liberty had a firework show, which most people continue today.



We had our first Community Yard Sale on June 28th and 29th, we would like to have another one in the fall. If you want to clean out your items from your garage, home, storage or other areas please look for the date to be posted later this year. We had the pleasure to have multiple field trips through the month of June; the children, parents, and teachers had fun while learning of past generations' way of life. Thank you to our many volunteers who give countless hours to make sure our guests have a wonderful time. Thank you to the group from United Way Day of Caring, for coming out and staining and polyurethane the pews in the chapel.

Every month we try to give a little history of one of the buildings, today is on the Old General Store (Country Store). In 1976 this building was replicated with part of the 1830 double corn crib and old lumber, at the helm was Mrs. Thomas and her carpenter Mr. O. A. Buchanan. The store was to represent a typical nineteenth-century East Texas crossroads mercantile store. In this store you could go in for a haircut, shoeshine, purchase gas and kerosene and of course a variety of provisions you may need.

Our sponsors that help with our events and so much more, thank you. To name a few, The Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation with the grants last year to repair the Millard Lee house and so much more. Elliott Electric for providing the parking ground lights, NIBCO, Brookshire Brothers, Nacogdoches Junior Forum, University Rental, ETS Reality, CBTX, Tipton Ford, *Around the Town*, Strickland Plumbing and HVAC, Badders Law, and so many more. Thank you for your generosity to Millard's Crossing.

Our mission here is to portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlement in East Texas and to connect present generations to those of the past. By keeping to our mission, we try to keep the buildings in the best shape possible, as you know it costs a lot to do work on homes. We have a roof that is a cedar shake roof, with bids coming in around the \$40,000.00 mark, the replacement will allow the house to remain within period style. We always accept donations to help with the repair and upkeep of the buildings, so if you are looking for a place to donate to, we would appreciate any donations you may want to give.

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Our next events will be:

October 26, 2024, 11am to 7PM, look for more info on our Facebook page and website for information on **Ghosts of Millards Crossing Festival**. We are currently looking for people that would like to tell ghosts stories, and other areas for volunteering positions.

December 14, 2024, 2 – 9PM, **Old Fashioned Christmas Festival** we always need help with volunteers during events.

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by
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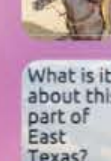
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NAC ARTS COLLABORATIVE News

The current exhibition in the gallery, titled “Revisiting Nacogdoches 1938” has been a popular stroll through Nacogdoches history. The research Jan Dobbs Barton has done for this exhibit is extensive and includes many families that continue to influence modern times. There is one wall dedicated to “then and now” photos of businesses and buildings that still exist and some that don’t. The opening reception was attended by many long-time Nacogdoches faces, including Wendy Floyd, whose father appears in both the film and on the wall, and descendants of the Bright family who got to see their extended family in the film and a nice feature in the exhibit. This show is on display through July 27.



Sally Ann & John Swearingen, Jan Barton and Merry Ann Bright at reception

This is the 16th anniversary of the summer theatre camp created by our director CC Conn and is scheduled for July 15-27. Geared for students 8-14, there are acting and/or tech/design options for students. Public performances are scheduled for Saturday, July 27 at Lamp Lite Theatre. You better hurry, registration closes July 8 or when full. For more information go to: <https://nacartscollab.com/kids-theatre-camp-junior-jacks>.

We are delighted to announce the theme and date for our next FUNdraiser Ball! Save the date: Saturday, October 19, 2024 and the theme will be “Speak-easy,” a roaring 20’s good time! Get your flapper, fringe, zoot suit or Marx Brothers costumes ready. Details to follow!

The NAC gallery is located at 411 E. Hospital Street in Nacogdoches and is open Saturdays 11-4 or by appointment. www.nacartscollab.com

July Artist Spotlight

If you’ve been admiring the new murals around downtown Nacogdoches, you’ve been enjoying some of the work of Dixie Rose Daniels, muralist, musician and mom of two. This Nac native sold her first painting in 2014. “It was such a surprise! I have a master’s in social work from SFA. I grew up in my family’s sign shop, so I have practical knowledge about paints and painting, but I’ve never had any formal art training.”



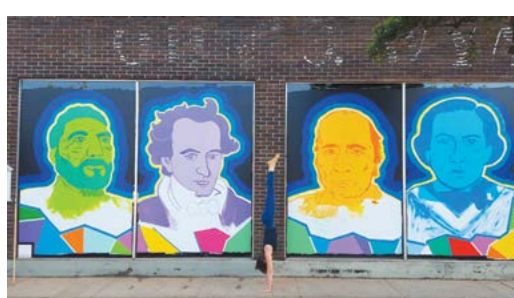
Dixie Rose Daniels

Still, her skills got her a job with the city, painting the windows of vacant buildings to make them look more appealing to visitors and potential buyers. The colorful “Faces” portraits behind the visitors center are part of that project. When those decorated buildings sold, Dixie saw the power of art to uplift and its ability to transform. Brushing Up Nac also saw Dixie’s skills and drafted her into their murals project. It’s been a fruitful match. Restoring the iconic Coca-Cola mural downtown was a full circle moment as her father was the artist for the original image.

Dixie, public artist is also Dixie, public performer. Currently, she is one of the dozen or so area musicians known as “The Love Pedalers,” a local band celebrating everything from original songs to classic rock to country to blues. She plays piano, ukelele, guitar and she sings, too. “We’ve played at the Fredonia Brewery. Our next gig is on July 20 at Lumberjack Harley Davidson.” They were recently featured at the Wine Swirl and the Summer Squash event.

When asked if she considered herself a painter or a musician first, she laughed. “I come from a long line of painter-musicians, believe it or not. But I have seen the transformation of our little town into a cool destination where artists come to practice their art, whatever it is. Musicians, writers, painters and other creative artists all coming together. Seems like there are more of us here every day, and that’s such a good thing. It’s clear Nacogdoches loves the arts. They are just blossoming here.”

Nacogdoches Arts Collaborative (NAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization dedicated to bringing the arts to Nacogdoches and providing space for artists of all disciplines to thrive.



Pictured counter-clockwise: Dixie Rose Daniels painting “Welcome” mural; Restored Coca-Cola mural; Portrait murals behind visitor center; “Welcome to Nac” mural by Dixie Rose Daniels and Michelle Filer



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School Funding in Texas

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

Publicly funded schools are the bedrock of a thriving democracy and prosperous society. They provide every child, regardless of background, with the opportunity to succeed. The quality of education a child receives should not be determined by their zip code, but by the collective investment we make in their future. I would like to take a few minutes to shed light on the complexities of school funding in Texas, explaining its mechanisms, challenges, and the urgent need for community involvement.



Annually, school districts across the state spend months developing a balanced budget for the next school year. The process is complex; it involves determining revenue, planning necessary expenditures, and setting a local tax rate. There is a common misconception I often hear regarding funding. People mistakenly believe that the higher a school district's tax rate, the more money the district makes.

Background

The history of school funding in Texas is a tale of an ongoing struggle. The Texas Constitution mandates that the state provide for public education, stating that "a general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

Despite this constitutional commitment, ensuring adequate and equitable funding has been a persistent issue. Over the years, numerous lawsuits have challenged the state's funding methods, arguing that they fail to meet the constitutional standard of efficiency and equity.

Current Funding Mechanism

The Texas school finance system is intricate, primarily operating through the Foundation School Program (FSP). The FSP is designed to ensure that all school districts, regardless of local wealth, have access to similar revenue per student. The funding mechanism relies heavily on a combination of local property taxes and state funding.

How it works

Local revenue is primarily derived from property taxes. However, the state imposes a cap on the amount of local funding a district can retain. This means that when revenue from local property taxes increase, the additional funds don't lead to more money for local schools. Instead, the state's contribution decreases proportionally, ensuring the total funding—like filling a water bottle—is capped at a predetermined level. This prevents wealthier districts from amassing significantly more funds than their less affluent counterparts, ostensibly promoting equity.

Challenges Facing Texas School Funding

Despite these measures, significant disparities persist. The reliance on property taxes creates inequity: districts with higher property values can generate more revenue than those with lower values, even with the state's balancing efforts. This is done through Tax Ratification Elections (TRE) or the issuance of bonds for construction.

Urban districts, often with a larger tax base, tend to fare better financially than rural ones. Rural districts face unique challenges, including lower property values and higher per-student operational costs, which both strain their budgets. This imbalance results in varied educational experiences and opportunities for students, depending on their district's wealth.

The state of school funding in Texas is complicated with deep historical roots and significant current implications. Understanding the complexities of the system is crucial for all Texans who care about educational equity.

Informed community involvement is essential to bring about meaningful change. Texans should engage in conversations with their state legislators on educational issues and advocate for fair funding policies. We should remind our elected officials that they ought to uphold the constitutional promise and lay a strong foundation for the future of Texas.

Support Texas public schools, where every Texas child should receive a high-quality, free public education.

Dr. Brandon Enos is the superintendent of Cushing ISD in Cushing, Texas. He is an advocate for public education and is the Chairman for the Texas Rural Education Association's Legislative Committee.

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Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness With Fireworks

by Mary Francis Johannessen

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



As I watch people in line at the fireworks stands around town, I often wonder if they are buying fireworks because they always have or because everyone else is buying. Do they really know the difference in popping fireworks on the 4th of July or celebrating our birth of independence day's patriotic pride with those same fireworks.

Back on July 4th, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, a legal and governmental framework to announce the thirteen colonies' separation from Great Britain's rule. The early settlers began to celebrate with fireworks on this day. July 4th was declared a federal holiday in 1938.

Over 5-6 million Texans will take to the roads or skies to vacation during this holiday, starting as soon as June 29th until July 7th.

Traveling numbers increase yearly with domestic trips, international trips, and cruises. Backyard family BBQs, flags flying, community parades, neighbor block parties, and town festivals are celebrated with colorful red, white and blue decorations, and always with displays of fireworks, that consumers can purchase themselves or by attending a public professional display, which can last for up to thirty minutes or longer and be very expensive.

Most fireworks come from China. The consumer averages spending \$70 to enjoy those family and friends moments. Macy's in New York City has the largest and most costly professional fireworks display. Whether it be sparklers, different size firecrackers, cherry bombs, Roman candles, or many different other items, there will always exist a danger in getting burned, losing fingers, or starting fires. Safety is always number one priority.

Whenever you think of the 4th of July celebration, remember and thank our forefathers that declared political separation from Great Britain for the thirteen northern colonies. The original Declaration of Independence can be viewed in the National Archive Museum in Washington DC.

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by Deborah Chadwick, Director

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Bring the kids and go to the park. Portacool park has tennis courts, playground, picnic areas and a fun water feature so the kids can have fun and stay cool. Our City of Center Park is home to baseball fields and beautiful walking trail that takes you around a peaceful pond. The City Park also has a nice playground and eating area.

Wondering what to do for July 4th? Head to Tenaha!!!! Tenaha's Annual Independence Day Celebration will be taking place on Thursday, July 4th!!! This Community event will be held at the Tenaha Tiger Stadium. Gates open at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00, Firework Show starts around 8:30. The Concession Stand will also be open. Enjoy the show! And enjoy your summer! Earlier in the day, the Tenaha Volunteer Fire Department will be selling sno cones!




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City Corner for July

by Kevin Meyer
Public Information Officer

Each Friday in July at 10am, the Nacogdoches County Humane Society brings to the Nacogdoches Public Library a variety of animals and education programs. The *Remarkable Creatures* series is a free event for all ages that teaches about common and exotic animals and why they are so important to our planet. To see which animals will be featured each week, please visit our website at nactx.us/library or follow the library on social media. No registration is required.

Every Tuesday at 10am is *Super Tuesday* at the Nacogdoches Public Library. These family friendly programs feature a variety of fun topics for kids to learn and explore. The featured July event is *Wildlife on the Move* on July 23rd featuring snakes, birds of prey, and furry creatures. All *Super Tuesday* events are free, but registration is requested either through eventbrite.com or by calling the library staff at 936-559-2970.

Nacogdoches Recreation Hosts Shark Party Movie in the Park

Grab your blankets and/or chairs, water toys and baby pools! "Shark Party! Movie in the Park" is set to make waves Saturday, July 27 at Festival Park. The event promises a thrilling night of shark-themed fun and a special outdoor screening of the film *Shark Tale*. Festivities kick off at 7:00 p.m, with the movie starting at dusk.

The Shark Party is more than just a movie night. Attendees will dive into an ocean of activities including games, crafts and water activities. Local food vendors will be on-site, offering dinner, snacks, and frozen treats, ensuring a festive atmosphere for all ages.

This is a jointly coordinated event with the Nacogdoches Public Library and Recreation Center. The event's goal is to create a unique experience that combines a family friendly movie with interactive activities for families and shark enthusiasts. The Shark Party is the perfect way to enjoy a summer evening and celebrate shark week!

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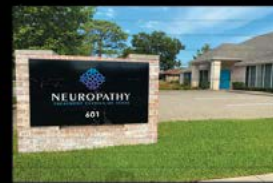
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Lea Ann Bennefield
Executive Director

Hello From the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce!

I love this time of year; I love to see all the families out and about enjoying their time out for summer. I also enjoy all the exciting things going on in our town. We have a new Director for San Augustine Main Street. Her name is Shelby Curtis. If you can swing by and introduce yourself, do so. She's a true delight.

Well, the time is almost here for the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce Civic Auction! The Civic Auction is the largest fundraiser event to promote economic development for San Augustine County. This event is one of the most exciting events the chamber puts together. There will be all kinds of fun to be had at the Civic Auction. The Go Texans will cater a wonderful Fajita dinner. The doors open at 6:30, starting at 7:00. We have been getting donations from our local businesses, individuals, and our surrounding counties' supporters. We have been receiving lots of gift baskets, beautiful decorating items, windmill, hammocks, fish fryers, BBQ pots, and much more, and that is ONLY the raffle tables!

There will be a whole lot more to this auction. Silent auction items, bingo games, 54 card draw, a live auction, and more! This is a fun night, so mark your calendar for Saturday, July 27th, and grab a friend. Come on out and enjoy a great evening with lots of laughter! Reserve Tickets and Tables at the Chamber of Commerce in San Augustine.

If you would like to be one of our sponsors or donate (donation items can be anything) to support our Civic Auction, please call Lea Ann Bennefield or Jeanne James at 936-275-3610.

We hope to see you on Saturday, July 27th !!

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by Sam Sharp, Co-owner Complete Ag Services and Complete Ag Tractor and Equipment

Sam Sharp, born and reared in Nacogdoches, is co-owner of Complete Ag Services and Complete Ag Tractor and Equipment. With more than 20 years of experience in agriculture, some of which was learned from the “school of hard knocks,” he has been successful in steering customers and his business towards better agricultural practices. Sam and his wife Autumn, live in Appleby on their homestead with daughter Hartlee and son Abner, 3 cows, 12 chickens, 1 duck, 3 dogs, and an infinite number of cats! To contact Sam, call or text Complete Ag at 936-305-3346, email sam@completeag.us, or find them on Facebook at Complete Ag Services or Complete Ag Tractor and Equipment.

This month, I have decided to take this opportunity to introduce to you Complete Ag Services and Complete Ag Tractor and Equipment. We recently created our slogan to be, “Your ‘Overall’ ag solution provider.” This slogan encompasses our vision of a complete agricultural solution provider with the down-home, locally owned business feel. Our business operates first and foremost to glorify our Savior (our CEO), and to obtain friends, not customers. We are committed to making your experience as comfortable as possible (like a big fat man in overalls) and make you feel at home during the process. When you come in, you will notice a relaxed atmosphere with one of the owners always dressed in overalls! Heck, one day you may see the whole crew decked out in overalls!

Complete Ag Services (CAS)

This business was formed by Sam Sharp and Clay Jones in April of 2018. The vision was to provide agricultural services to our friends in the East Texas area. We had an overwhelming response to our idea and then we hit the ground running. During our first year we completed a lot of jobs in the East Texas area, but we also spread our wings and traveled all of Texas and Louisiana spreading fertilizers, lime, and any other service a farmer wanted done. Over the years with the growth of our business, we have been able to condense to East Texas and not travel away from our families as much.

You may ask yourself, what services does Complete Ag provide? Well, that is a long answer, but I will try to answer it. Most frequently we can be caught baling hay, spreading fertilizer, spraying pastures, aerating land, planting seed, and taking soil samples. There are many other services that we provide so call in and we can discuss these with you further. The goal is for us to take care of you from the moment the phone rings until months after our services have been completed. We want to come to your place, see how you farm and what areas we can help you with. Our customers have some wonderful testimonies about our services and how they have increased their yields.

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7/6: Splash Bash 12-3pm
7/10: Screw it, Let's Ride! 6:15pm
7/13: Christmas in July! 12-3pm
7/20: Milwaukee Prep-Party! 12-3pm
7/27: Cruise & Conquer! 12-3pm

Fredonia Brewery
Wednesday \$1 off pints,
Trivia Thursdays, Open Sundays 12-5pm
7/4: FREE-donia Fest 5-9:45pm
7/5: Lone Star Trivia / Taqueria Mi Rancho
7/6: Huffie & The Paintfish / Chambers' Smokehouse
7/10: Books & Beers Book Club 6-7pm
7/12: Enrique Munguia 6:30pm / Shali's Indian Kitchen on Wheels / Heat Rave @ 9pm
7/13: Mike Freiley & Eric Tussing Duo / Shali's Indian Kitchen on Wheels
7/19: Jeff Jurgonski / Chambers' Smokehouse
7/20: Viet Fusion
7/26: Dan McMahon / Viet Fusion
7/27: Jake Paul & Mike Tyson Watch Party / Chambers' Smokehouse

Front Porch Distillery
Pickin' on the Porch
LIVE music and Food Trucks every Fri. & Sat.
Music Bingo every Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Lone Star Trivia
All times are 7pm unless stated otherwise
Mondays 7/8 & 7/22 - Maklemore's Bistro
Tuesdays 7/2, 2/16, & 7/30 - Bottlecap Alley
Thursdays 7/11, 7/18, & 7/25 - Fredonia Brewery
Friday 7/5 - Fredonia Brewery

Naca Valley Vineyard
Pizza on the Pavilion:
Every Thurs. & Fri. 5-9pm & Sat. 12-9pm
Live Music:
7/6: Randy C Moore LIVE at 5:30pm

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