

THE BABA BULLETIN

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Time is running out on this year but the last few shows will finish off the year in style. This month Saltgrass will be returning to light up the BABA stage: always a great show. Next month The Lonestar Bluegrass Band will be featured— another of our favorites.

If you missed Picking in the Park you missed some good food, good music, and good friends having one heck of a good time. I heard the cook was the best ever and I know for sure the sweets were out of this world, and I know my sweets. What a great day in the park! Hope you can be there next year.

I let you know last month that we have started on the festival for next year. Well, we have hit a small bump in the road. Our date for July has already been booked at South Shore Harbour, and has been booked for months. That leaves us with just a few choices: none are in July, and the only date in June has other festivals on the same date. That pushes us back to August on the 3rd Saturday. There aren't any conflicting shows then, so how about August 16-17, 2013? Drop me a note, or let a BABA board member know what you think.

Remember it's your membership and generous donations that keep us going. Help us keep BABA the best family entertainment at the best price to be found anywhere!

-RICK KIRKLAND, President, BABA

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DON'T FORGET PAGE TWENTY-FOUR!

DID YOU MAKE IT TO THE PICK-NIC at Walter Hall Park on October 6? Fun, food, friends, and some fine pickin'.

October 20, 2012 Bluegrass Show

Hi Bluegrass fans! This month's show in League City will feature one of our favorites: SALTGRASS! see the flyer on page 24.

November 17, 2012 Bluegrass Show (flyer pg. 26)

Remember, this is the last BABA show of the year, so be sure to put us on your calendar for the third Saturday. We have Lonestar Bluegrass Band on stage, with Texas Sky as well.

BABA band, "Southern Style", plays for Village on the Park Retirement Center

For those of you who are in a band or in a group of pickers that jam regularly, let me tell you about an experience I recently had. I'll begin by telling you what lead up to this experience:

In the early days of BABA a group of pickers and jammers would go to nursing homes to play some good old bluegrass music for the residents. I don't know who instigated it, probably Bill Gatlin. But what a good time we had! One year we even played at the Baywind Nursing Home on New Year's Eve. The residents all came dressed up and had party hats and noise makers. There was even a bottle or two of champagne being passed around. It was one of our favorite performances. *(continued on next page)*



ANNE'S NOTES Old Dogs, New Tricks

If you've had any sort of music lessons or training in your life, this article may not be for you; this is really geared for a true beginner to, not just playing bluegrass music, but to playing music in general. When we began our bluegrass journey 5 years ago, Ron had had a little musical training; I had had none.

As a somewhat "older dog" in this endeavor, I felt the need to find as many "new tricks" as I could. My first trick was to decide on an instrument; this was covered fairly thoroughly in the July newsletter, so just know that I was and am still happy about having chosen to learn to play the mandolin.

I am greatly aware that I do not have an infinite number of years left to try to become at least adept at this instrument. My Great Aunt Mary was a music teacher at North Texas State University, which means that she was quite the accomplished musician. While a few members of my family are, indeed musically gifted, I am not. Now, I'm not at all putting myself down or underestimating my abilities, but I am a realist about this. What this means is that, in order to play well with others, I need to practice, practice, practice, and to do a lot of memorizing. The best part of this realization is that I know that the more I practice and memorize, the better I'll sound. It's as simple as that. I'm up to 15 songs/tunes that I am playing at a moderate rate, taking my break,

(see pg 4)

About BABA

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association (BABA) was organized in 1986 and incorporated in 1987 under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The primary purpose of BABA is to preserve, encourage, and promote Bluegrass and Bluegrass gospel music as an American art form. BABA promotes Bluegrass through being active in community events, fund raisers, festivals, and monthly shows. BABA is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization; see any Director for information.

The monthly show is free to the public and features Bluegrass from the local and national scene. The stage show begins at 7:00 PM, but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier to jam. Tasty, inexpensive food is available at the show, and there are raffles, door prizes, and Bluegrass merchandise for sale. This is a 'no alcohol' event, but there's plenty of music and great family fun!

Proceeds from donations, sponsors, memberships, sales, and raffles are used to keep the doors open and the regular shows free to the public. They also maintain and replace sound equipment, storage, security, and incidental expenses of keeping the music playing. We thank you for your attendance, your generosity, and your love of the music.

(continued from previous page) A lot of time has gone by since then, but I've often thought how cool it would be to do that again. As it turns out, recently my 82 year old aunt became a resident at Village on the Park in Friendswood. Since having been asked to fill in part time with the BABA band "Southern Style", I thought this would be a good opportunity to revive the "playing for nursing homes" and give something back to our elders and maybe brighten their day. The other members of "Southern Style" were up for it and "all in" to do this gig.



From left to right, Darryl O'bryant (behind speaker), Arvin Holland, Lynn Holbrook, Chuck Taylor, Pauline Eklund, and Rick Kirkland.

So it was arranged that on Saturday, September 15, we would play for the residents at noon for just an hour. A set list was prepared in advance, not really needed, but it was there just in case "Jamnesia" set in. Roger Eklund (BABA Sound Man) came in and set up his sound system for the rather large dining room which was complete with a stage. We even had an empty lecture room across the hall for warming up. We played songs we knew from previous gigs including lots of new Gospel songs we liked, and about half way through, Darryl suggested we play a few older tunes the crowd could recognize such as "I'll Fly Away". This was a great idea and our audience really perked up with that.

Some comments later heard from the residents ranged from "I hope they come back" to "the best entertainment they ever had". It sure made us feel good. We put smiles on a few faces including our own.

So for those of you that play music, either in a band or a group that just jams, do consider seeking out the retirement centers or nursing homes in your area and go play for them. It is very rewarding in many ways.

-Chuck Taylor



ANNE'S NOTES (continued from page 2) and doing a decent strummy-strum as others play, without music in front of me. (Not even my iPad; see last month's article.)

I've taken lessons here and there, receiving some really good instructional guidance. I found that the lessons made it a little less fun for me; I was putting pressure on myself, with the end result being not looking forward to lessons. While it's good to have instructional videos/books, I think that too many are not helpful. Stick to 2 or 3 programs/lessons to start so you have a clearer direction. (BTW, I very much enjoy the lessons online at Academy of Bluegrass. It's do your own thing at your own pace instruction for all levels.)

Here are my very unprofessional, unsolicited thoughts on learning to play bluegrass:

·It's okay to be shy, just keep trying. It's okay to be imperfect; you can play softly if you think you don't sound good. It's okay to not know very many songs; everybody started somewhere. That bears repeating: EVERYBODY STARTED SOMEWHERE.

Come to the BABA slow jams every month. Come early; there's somebody in there playing. Strum along the best you can.

- Practice chords and the basic 1-4-5 patterns.
- Learn to either (1) play by ear (I'm lousy at this), or (2) read tablature (I like this).
- Listen, listen, listen to CDs, Bluegrass Junction on Sirius, or Pandora. Pick up your instrument and just try to play along. Don't know what key they're playing? Try strumming along first in G (G-C-D), then A (A-D-E), then D (D-G-A). If that doesn't work, try B or B-flat.

In the Disney movie, Nemo's dad told him, "Just Keep Swimming!" I'll unabashedly paraphrase that for you: Just Keep Playing!

Contributed by Anne Hayden

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) **The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.**



**OH MY!
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Fire on the Strings Festival

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In Memoriam: **Russ Reynolds**

Russ was a former BABA Board member and was known by most people at the time as a banjo player although he was an extraordinary guitar player as well. He was on the BABA Board in the early days before most of us had e-mail or cell phones. He handled publicity for us back then the hard way – by maintaining mailing lists and using old fashioned “snail mail” and he did a good job.

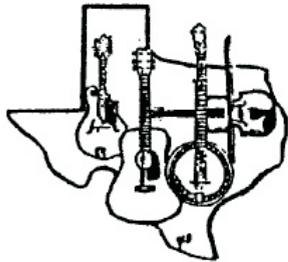
He performed regularly in a trio with his wife Sharon and bassist John Cole. They played bluegrass, county, folk and gospel music all bluegrass style on the BABA stage in League City as well as the Bluebonnet Bluegrass festivals that we used to produce at Jellystone RV Park near Waller and many other venues. Recently Russ and Sharon had been recording and performing mainly Gospel music. Russ and his wife Sharon had a love for Jesus and a nursing home music ministry. Sharon wrote a lot of gospel music and Russ helped especially with arrangements.

Please keep Russ alive in your memories, and keep his wife and family in your prayers.

The Space Shuttle flies over Johnson Space Center one last time.

(thanks to Sandy Jones)





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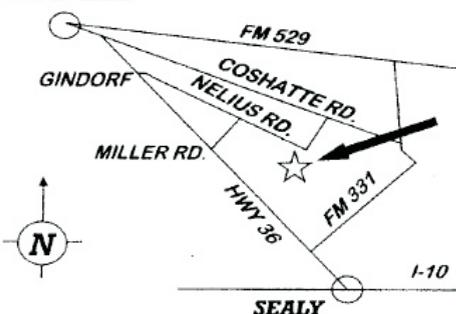
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Members' names are in alphabetical order

Gold Club Members

Don & Jan Clark, Mike & Pat Conwell, Ed & Ann Fitchard, J.B. & Nancy Graham, Ron & Anne Hayden, Gerry & Kim Herman, Lynn Hollbrook, Rick & Shirley Kirkland, Darryl & Tina O'Bryant, Laney & Shannon Sims

Membership in the Gold Club is payable annually. We thank you for your "extra" support.

BABA Lifetime Members: Brad & Dee Alford, Dave Aldrich, Scott & Diana Armstrong, Doris Arnett, Chris Bagley, Hubert & Shirley Brasseaux, Cara Cooke, Eric & Kim Corgey, Lyman & Annis Cox, Paul & Dana Cutts, Robert & Debi Duke, Bill & Joni Dusenbury, Harry Edwards, Ruth Evans, George Franklin, Jason & Alicia Fricke, Ed & Becky Fryday, Mike Fuller, Paul & Lillie Futch, John & Jean Gardner, Bill & Geri Gatlin, J.B. & Nancy Graham, Jim & Sharon Greenlee, Doris Grigg, Chuck & Mary Pat Gunn, Robert & Elizabeth Hasserd, Tom Harrison, Arvin & Sheryl Holland, Sammy & Ottie Holloway, Jim & Carolyn Johnston, Stan Jones, Paul & Linda Kerr, Pat Lomas, Ken & Wanda MacDonnell, Phil & Cecile Mathers, Paul & Madeline McKneely, Faber & Sandy McMullen, Patrick Milligan, Barbara Monroe, Charles & Ellen Orsburn, Mike Pettitt, Bill & Glenna Pierpont, Norman Ponder, Billy Potts, Tony & Nema Redding, Karl Reid, Jack & Carol Ritter, Tom & Sandy Roberts, Jonathan & Kristine Samuell, Billy & Terry Schmidt, Jerry & Monica Scribner, Gordon Spaulding, O.K. & Sharon Stafford, Bob & Marilyn Taylor, James & Laura Taylor, Scott Teven, Don & Charlene Threlkeld, David Towery, Helen Vinson, Viola Wakefield, Larry Wenner, Paul Williams.

Endowment Gift Members:

Phil & Fern Deans, Lisa Maranto

Foundation Member:

Ed Fryday



PICK YOUR NEWS

Mark your calendars for the **BABA February show**. **Steve Smith and the Hard Road Trio** will be our featured performer on the third **Saturday, Feb. 16**. They will also host a **Mandolin and vocals workshop**. Price to BABA members is free! Join up or re-up to take advantage of our great benefits. If you join or renew (you can renew early) before the end of the November show, you also get in on the raffle for the hand-made quilt and the Taylor Baby guitar and gig bag. Membership levels are on the next page. Workshop is \$35 to non members, from 6 to 7 PM.

IBMA awards, 2012: see the list on page 14.... and don't forget to check out page 24!!

INVITATION: Paul Zahasky with the Alaska String Band is putting together a concert in Wharton, Texas on November 10th of this year. They would love to extend an invitation to the concert to our members, as well as to others who might wish to attend. You can read more about them and the Wharton show at <http://www.alaskastringband.net>

Travelling in Texas and need a bluegrass connection?
Central Texas Bluegrass Association: <http://centraltexasbluegrass.org>
West Texas Bluegrass/Traditional: <http://www.westtexasbluegrasstraditionalmusicassociation.com>
Texas Bluegrass Jams: <http://www.bluegrassmusicjams.com/jam-texas.html>



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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OFFER
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Individual Membership: \$35.00 annually

You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams. You'll receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area – as well as the satisfaction of supporting BABA and Bluegrass Music in Texas.

Family Membership: \$50.00 annually

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Gold Club Membership Individual: \$100.00 annually

Get all the benefits of the individual membership, a Gold Club Membership Name Badge, & a BABA shirt for giving that extra support to the BABA family. You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams, receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, get admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area - and the satisfaction of supporting BABA a little extra.

Lifetime Member Individual: \$350.00

Get all the benefits of BABA membership for life! You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams, and receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly. You'll get admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area - and the satisfaction of supporting BABA for life.

Lifetime Member Family: \$500.00

Get all the benefits of BABA membership for life for you and your immediate family! You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams, and receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly. You'll get admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area - and the satisfaction of supporting BABA for life.

Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual: \$1000.00

Get all the benefits of the individual membership, A Gold Club Membership Name Badge, A BABA shirt, and knowing that you are giving that extra support to the BABA family. You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams. You'll receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area -and the satisfaction of supporting BABA 'above and beyond'.

LAST MONTH'S SHOW AND JAM...hope you didn't miss it! WE ❤️ OUR BANDS AND VOLUNTEERS.

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Roger Ecklund
Pat Patterson
Chuck Taylor
Mark Kishbaugh

SLOW JAM:
Laney Sims

KITCHEN:
**The Kirklands
& friends**

PHOTOGRAPHS:
Travis Posey

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Roger Ecklund
Pat Patterson
Chuck Taylor
Mark Kishbaugh

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TABLE VOLUNTEERS:
Shannon Sims, Sharon Stafford,
Lea Patterson



BABA puts on a stage show on the third Saturday of nearly every month.

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MEMBERSHIP:
Anne Hayden

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WELCOME BACK!
to our renewing
friends, too



PHOTOS from the **September** Show! *Thanks to Travis Posey*



<http://baba123.smugmug.com/Music/Monthly-Show-Sept-2012>



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SHOW'S OVER..... until October 20th!



The Ten Commandments of Jam Session Etiquette R. Lynn Holbrook



Thou shalt...

- I. ask prior to joining a jam
- II. play in tune
- II. play in time with the unit
- V. go around the circle giving all a chance to call a tune
- V. play softly unless taking a break
- VI. play very softly while figuring out the chord structure
- II. not play during guitar breaks unless thou art the bass or mandolin (chopping)
- II. sing on pitch... or not at all
- X. know the words to a tune thy calleth
- X. direct the instrument breaks to a tune thy calleth



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Stringing You Along.....

Paraprosdokians: figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected....and often humorous.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

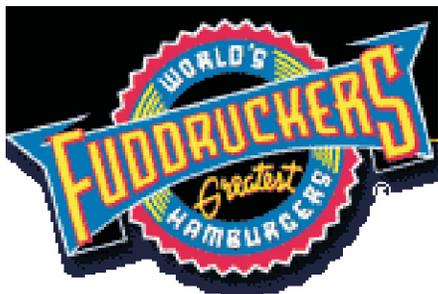
We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who's right - only who's left.

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

contributed by Sandy Jones and Kerry Sturgeon

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!
Don't forget to bring us your receipts from any League City establishment where you shop or eat on the day of the BABA show! If you make your purchase on the way home, bring the receipt to the next show. Put your name and zip code on the back (and the shop name if it's not on the receipt) and drop it into the BABA raffle jar. Your shopping in League City helps promote BABA, and you could win a raffle prize for your effort!



If you're gonna be pickin' all night, try making up some wicked Chili so y'all got eats to go with the music. Here's a recipe from the Kirkland Family Files.

You know the Kirklands.....the ones that have been running the Kitchen Table at the BABA shows lately? M'mmmm M'MMM GOOD! Try this; call me in time for dinner.

Everyone that cooks has a recipe for their own "world's best chili". Beans, no beans, fresh tomatoes, canned tomatoes. I'm not going to get into that - you can decide for yourself.

Fresh tomatoes need to cook longer. I've used both & had great results.

I don't use a recipe to make chili (or much of anything). Everything is 'to taste' for me, but for those who haven't come up with your own "world's best chili" here's a starting point.

CHILI

2 lbs. coarsely-ground lean beef or venison (some times I'll add pork sausage ½ & ½)
 2 large green bell peppers, chopped (optional)
 2 fresh jalapeno chopped (optional) you can use your favorite pepper (cayenne, jalapeno, habanero,)
 2 medium onions, chopped
 2 ribs celery, chopped (optional)
 6 cloves garlic, minced
 1/3 cup chili powder +/-
 1 tbsp. salt
 1 tsp. cumin +/-
 1 (14.5 oz.) can diced tomatoes
 1/4 tsp. dried crushed hot peppers of your choice: (cayenne, jalapeno, habanero)
 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
 6 cups water or beef broth
 2 (15.5 oz.) cans kidney or pinto beans (optional)

Sauté meat, bell peppers, fresh Jalapenos, onions, celery, and garlic in a heavy pot with a small amount of oil. Drain. Stir in all other ingredients except beans. Cover and simmer one hour, stirring occasionally. Add beans and simmer another 15 minutes. Makes about a gallon of the tastiest, most satisfying chili you ever ate.

For hotter chili, add more chili powder and/or peppers.

Enjoy and if you have any recipes you would like to share, send them to us.

Rick



IBMA AWARDS 2012

Hall of Fame: Doyle Lawson, Ralph Rinzler

Entertainer of the Year: The Gibson Brothers

Vocal Group: Blue Highway

Instrumental Group: The Boxcars

Male Vocalist: Russell Moore

Female Vocalist: Dale Ann Bradley

Emerging Artist: Joe Mullins & the Radio

Ramblers

Album: *Heart of a Song*, Junior Sisk and

Ramblers Choice

Instrumental Recorded Performance: *Angeline the Baker* by The Lonesome River Band

Gospel Recorded Performance: *Singing as We Rise* by The Gibson Brothers with Ricky Scaggs

Song: *A Far Cry From Lester and Earl* by Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice

Recorded Event: *Life Goes On* on Rural Rhythm Records

Banjo Player: Sammy Shelor

Guitar Player: Doc Watson

Fiddle Player: Stuart Duncan

Bass Player: Marshall Wilborn

Mandolin Player: Adam Steffey

Dobro Player: Rob Ickes

Broadcaster: Kyle Cantrell, Sirius XM Radio

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Bluegrass Event: ROMP

Bluegrass Songwriter: Jon Weisberger

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They have something for everyone who ever cared about music. But be careful, this site can be addictive!

Strum Hollow Acoustic Music
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(There's no "www." in it) Judy

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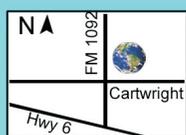
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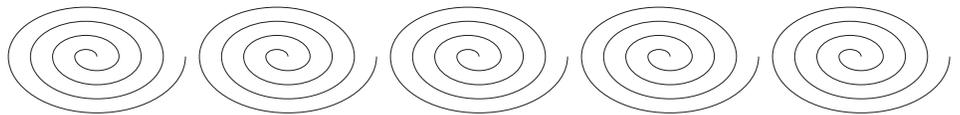
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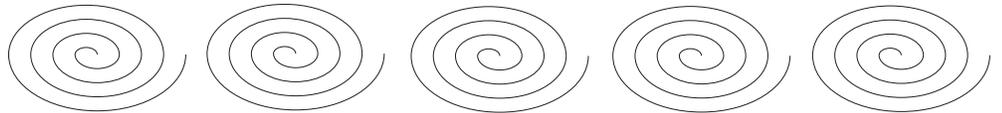
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POLITICS

Contributed by Ed Fryday

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. ~Plato

* Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

* When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow

* Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~Author Unknown

* Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~ John Quinton

* Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~ Oscar Ameringer

* The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it. ~ P.J. O'Rourke

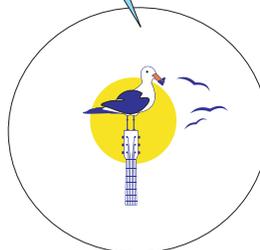
* Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so. ~Gore Vidal

* I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle

* Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. ~Doug Larson

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Cypress, TX - St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13131 Fry Road, 7-9:30 PM, tonynema@earthlink.net, 281-373-1777

VACANCY!!! Do you have a jam we can add here? Do you know of any? Or if any of these have quit?

Groves, TX - Allie Morvent's House, 7119 Howe, 7PM, (409) 962-5236

Fridays

Manchaca, TX - Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 Mi. W. of Manchaca Rd). 7PM Show (512) 282-3600.

Dickinson, TX, - Dickinson BBQ, 2111 FM 517 E, 7-9PM, (281) 534-2500

Sundays

Austin, TX - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 S. Lamar 2-5 PM. (512) 442-8283, or 272-9673.

1st Tuesdays

Nassau Bay, TX - Jam at Fuddrucker's, 2040 NASA Pkwy. (281) 993-1620

1st Friday

Carthage, TX - Town Square, 6:30PM (903) 678-3857

Saturdays

Alvin, TX - Texas Opry, 1720 Sealy. Admission charged. (281) 432-2942

Mauriceville, TX - Tuffy's, Bayou Country Grass, 6:30 - 8:30PM

1st Saturday

Henderson, TX - Odd Fellows Hall, 6PM (903) 889-2783 or 566-6650

Needville, TX - Brazos River Pickers puts on a free concert from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Usual State Park entry fees apply. (281) 344-0601, www.brazosriverpickers.com

Pearl, TX - 15 miles west of Gatesville, 7 miles south of US 84 on FM183, pearlbluegrass.com

Montgomery, TX - Downtown Montgomery, 10 AM - 2pm, 936-597-5002

2nd Saturday

Tomball, TX - Oklahoma Community Ctr., Conroe-Huffsmith Rd. off FM 2978, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show, (281) 850-1413

Houston, TX - West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. 7:30 PM Admission, not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society (281) 347-3235

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Deer Park, TX, - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM

Fayetteville, TX - info@texaspickinpark.com, www.texaspickinpark.com, 6PM

3rd Saturday

Harwood, TX - Community Center, 2 PM Jam/5:30 PM Pot Luck Supper (512) 648-4728

Houston, TX - Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. 3 - 6 PM.

League City - Civic Center, 300 Walker. **BAY AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**. 5 PM Jam/7 PM Show, (713) 249-2986

Marshall, TX - Lions Community Center, Poplar St. 7 PM Show, (903) 935-7023

Minden, TX - Community Center, 5:30 PM, (903) 657-3320

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4th Saturday

Beaumont, TX - Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord, (409) 866-0848, SE Texas Dulcimer Friends

Sacul, TX - Opry House, Hwy. 204 (25 mi. SE of Jacksonville), 6:30 PM, (903) 586-8484 or (409) 326-4544

Bellville, TX - Coushatta RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show (Jan. thru Sept. (979) 865-5250

Whitewright, TX - Opry House, 7 PM, (903) 364-2539

Walker, LA - Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy. 190, (504) 664-3630

Deer Park, TX - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM

Cypress/Tomball Area - Bluegrass Jam, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Mueschke & Draper Rd., (281) 373-1777, tn.blugrasjam@earthlink.net

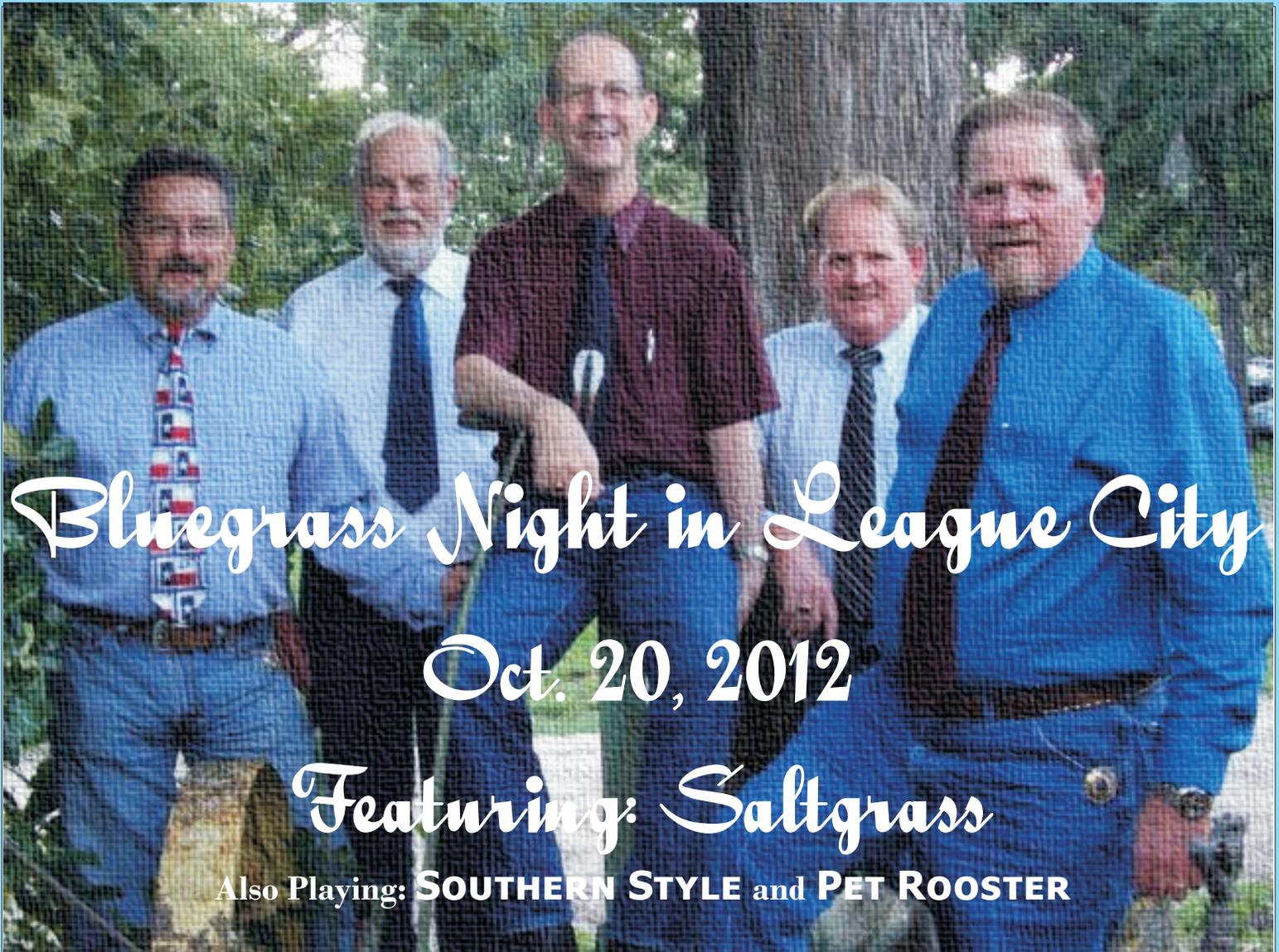
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