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# THE BABA BULLETIN

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association

5820 Misty Meadow, League City, TX 77573

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bluegrass Music, Spring/Summer in SE Texas and the BABA monthly shows. Life is good! A big thanks to the bands last month. It sure was good to see our friends The Bluegrass Solution. It was way to long. As usual the BABA crew did a great job. (thanks to the crew we couldn't do this without you)

As I'm writing this I don't know who the bands are for this month but you can bet Lynn is working hard (hanging out on a sail boat in the tropics) to bring the best bands available as he always does. There will be lots of bluegrass on stage and in the jam rooms too.

Exciting news about the Texas State Mandolin, Flat pick, and Banjo Championships. For all those not lucky enough to live in the bay area close to BABA that have "suggested " to me many times BABA and the bluegrass associations in the great state of Texas. (more on the sponsors later) have come together to hold the championships in the center of the state at the Pearl Community Center home of the Pearl 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Jam and Stage Show. Check out the attached contest flyer in this issue for details and links to all the info on all your questions or contact me. Bigger cash prizes this year!!!

I'm proud to let you know the bluegrass community in Texas came together to make this happen. I can't list them all here but they're all listed on the contest sponsor pages in this issue, and the BABA display on stage at the show. None of this could happen without them. A special thanks to Sue and Fred Knorre of Pearl 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Jam and Stage Show (and BABA members) for taking this idea and running with it. You've been the driving force to make this happen and we thank you.

I need to thank you the BABA members for your support. Without you and your support there wouldn't be a BABA Show and jam every month.

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30 years old??**

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# April Show Lineup!

**HI THERE, BLUEGRASS MUSIC FANS!** Come on out to the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center in League City on Saturday, May 20th, for an evening of fun and music from some of the best bluegrass music in the area!

Jam rooms open @ 4:30 PM and the **STAGE SHOWS** will start at **6:00 PM**. We'll have **MUSIC**, food, door prizes for members, and we aim to provide a generally good time for pickers and gridders alike. (Band schedules are subject to changes as needed)

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## Stringing You Along

### Holy Humor

#### HEY MEMBERS!

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**THANKS!**

**P.S. You can join there, too.**

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.

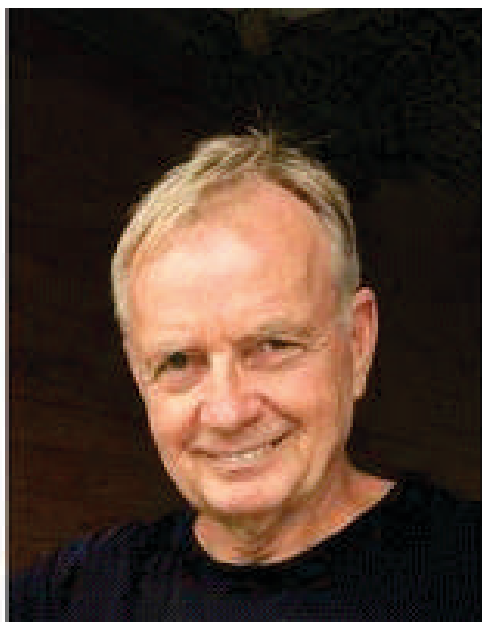
Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

*Thanks to Rhonda Brobst.*



## *In Memoriam, Howard Nolan Barbour*



**HOWDY BARBOUR 1948-2017**

Howard Nolan Barbour II, known to all who loved him as Howdy, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on April 26, 2017.

Howdy fell ill a few months back and after several trips to different hospitals it was finally discovered that he had stage 4 stomach cancer. His children and wife Lou-Lou gathered at their home in Brenham and finally at Hospice in Bryan and spent the last three weeks of his life all together.

Most of you will have known Howdy as the Dobro player for our group, the Wabash Ramblers. The group was named for the Valley Howdy was born in, the Wabash Valley of Logansport Indiana. As the Wabash Ramblers, Howdy, Lou-Lou, Glen and I played BABA many times and shared many hours of fun picking with our BABA bluegrass friends.

Howdy was a lifelong musician and a big supporter of the Fayetteville jam which is hosted by his wife Lou-Lou. He took great pleasure in helping others learn and enjoy the instruments and the music he loved. Howdy was the kind of person who overcame great obstacles in his life to succeed at most anything he attempted. He owned his own Auto Repair Business in Brenham for 14 years. One day he read a magazine article about someone going to nursing school, he decided if they could do it so could he...and he did. He went during the week to study and get a degree in nursing at UT Medical Branch. Then went back another year to get his license to be a nurse practitioner. For several years Howdy had a clinic and pharmacy in Northwest Houston. He used his knowledge not only as a profession but as a ministry to his friends needing care or counselling....night or day.

Howdy was a Vietnam Veteran an excellent carpenter, an auto-mechanic, a talented musician, a loving husband, an amazing father and grandpa...and had recently taken up bee-keeping! He was a Christian man, a dear and true friend. We will miss him greatly, as he waits for us... at the feet of God.

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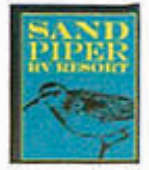
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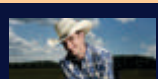
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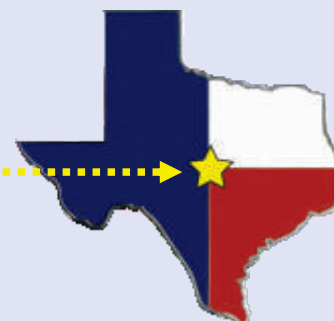
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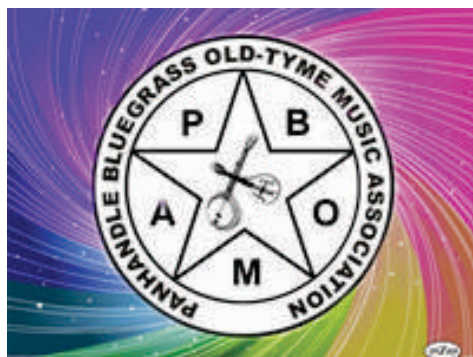
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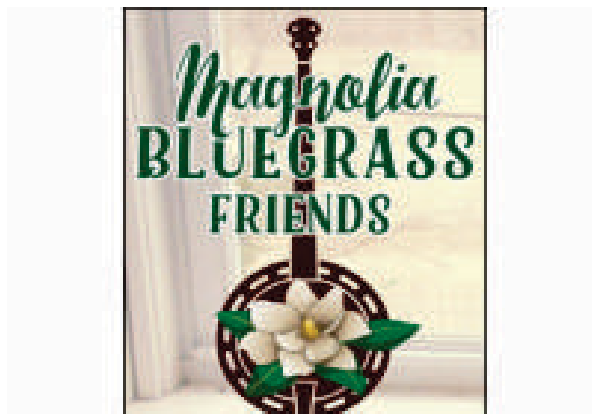


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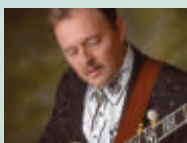
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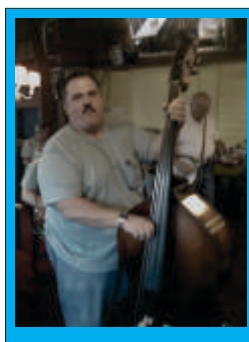
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### President's Message - continued from page 1-

Your membership dues and donations are what make it all happen. We need your continued support to keep BABA strong.

Thanks to all the volunteers. When you see the BABA volunteer tell them thanks for all the hard work it takes to bring these shows to you every month. They are all un-paid volunteers that do this out of love for the music and to bring a little joy to our lives.

Pick on.

Rick

**Reminder:** while getting IN the show is free, putting ON a show is very definitely not free. Starting with the January show, we can take credit card donations too! See Rick. He'll drop everything and scan your plastic. Mail-in donation forms will be at the membership table if you are able to help us keep BABA's doors open.

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The monthly show is free to the public and features Bluegrass from the local and national scene. The stage show begins at 6:00 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!

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### **ADD-ONS TO THE BLUEGRASS JAMS!**

Until we get time to reformat the whole list, this is the overflow page for some  
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**At the Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Road (North @ Longenbaugh Road),  
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**Every Monday, 6:30 to 9:00 PM, Rooms 403 and 404**

**Second Friday Show and Jam, Show is 6:15 to 8:30 PM and the Jam is 4:00 to 8:45 PM  
in the auditorium.**

**Contact: [tonynema@earthlink.net](mailto:tonynema@earthlink.net) or phone 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396**



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[www.bluegrassrising.net/#!/about-our-band/clmys](http://www.bluegrassrising.net/#!/about-our-band/clmys)

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to our members who help keep the music playing every month, and an extra shout out to those who have joined as Gold Club, Lifetime, Endowment and Foundation levels. We couldn't do this without all of you!

**Members' names are in alphabetical order**

## Gold Club Members

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*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, 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, Ron & Anne Hayden, Arvin & Sheryl Holland, Sammy & Ottie Holloway, Jan Johnston, Stan Jones, Paul & Linda Kerr, David & Colee Littlefield, 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 (R.I.P.) & 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, Charlene Threlkeld, David Towery, Helen Vinson, Viola Wakefield, Larry Wenner, Paul Williams.

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## PICK YOUR NEWS

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### SPBGMA award nominees for 2017

#### Bluegrass Album of the Year

- *Most Welcome* by Branded Bluegrass produced by Clay Hess on Hayes Studio and Productions
- *David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition* by David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition produced by David Parmley and Dale Perry at Lakeside Recording Studios
- *Dig in the Dirt* by The Farm Hands on Pinecastle Records
- *Playing Hard To Forget* by Claybank on Rural Rhythm Records
- *Bridging the Tradition* by Lonesome River Band on Mountain Home Music
- *Drifter* by Volume Five on Mountain Fever Records

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#### Bluegrass Band of the Year (Overall)

- Rhonda Vincent & The Rage
- Flatt Lonesome
- The Farm Hands
- Balsam Range
- David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition
- ClayBank

#### Bluegrass Entertainer(s) of the Year

- Volume Five
- The Farm Hands
- Flatt Lonesome
- Remington Ryde
- Ronnie Reno
- Balsam Range

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See all of the nominees at: <https://bluegrasstoday.com/spbgma-award-nominees-for-2017/>



# WHODUNIT AT THE LAST SHOW?

Could we put on ANY shows without our volunteers? **NO!** Tell them thank you when you pass by one of 'em.

## BANDS

**The Bluegrass Solution**  
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## EMCEE

**Arvin Holland**

## SET UP & TAKE DOWN

**Roger Eklund, O.K. Stafford,**  
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**Lynn Holbrook**

## SOUND

**Roger Eklund**  
**Lynn Holbrook**

## FOOD

**Sandi Cook**  
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**Sharon Stafford, Shannon Sims,**  
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## SLOW JAM

**Laney Sims**

**Special Thanks!!** Pauline Eklund donated more great jewelry for the BABA sales table. Come and see!

**MEMBERS:** be sure to get your ticket for the door prizes!

# BE SURE TO THANK THEM!



# PHOTOS

**Thanks to Travis Posey for the photos!**

**There's a place for everybody at BABA!**

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<https://baba123.smugmug.com/Music/BABA-Show-February-18-2017/>

No WAY I can put all of the great pix on one page. See if your mug is captured on the website! Link above



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# MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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## **Family Membership:** \$50.00 annually

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## **Gold Club Membership Individual:** \$100.00 annually

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## **Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual:** \$1000.00

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## **Texas Bluegrass Jams & Shows**

Combined list from Bay Area Bluegrass Association and Central Texas Bluegrass Association: If you're in Southeast to Central Texas, bring your instruments because we're going to find you a place to pick and jam.

**PLEASE notify us** at [bayareabluegrass2@aol.com](mailto:bayareabluegrass2@aol.com) if you find any errors, or have a jam that you'd like changed, added or deleted. We list by day of the week, then by town/city.

### **Mondays**

**Bluntzer:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 2-6 PM, South Texas Bluegrass Gospel Jam, G&H BBQ, 5491 Hwy 624. phone 361-387-4552  
Email [stx.bluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:stx.bluegrass@gmail.com),

**Cypress:** Every Monday 6:30-9:00 PM, Weekly Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd (North @ Longenbaugh) Rooms 403 & 404 Email [tonynema@earthlink.net](mailto:tonynema@earthlink.net), phone 281-373-1777

**San Antonio:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7 PM, "Monday-in-a-Jam" at Grady's BBQ, 327 E. Kakoma Dr., 78216. Phone Peyton Starr 210-870-4321 or Sheryl Sultenfuss (no phone listed)

### **Tuesdays**

**Llano:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7 PM, Beginner/Intermediate, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. Phone Jeff White 325-248-4114

**Medina:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, All Gospel Jam, 6 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. Phone Linda Barton, 830-589-2486

**Nassau Bay:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7-@9 PM at Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Pkwy, 281-933-1620

**Shulenburg:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-9:30, Shulenburg RV Park Clubhouse. Phone Loretta Baumgarten 979-743-4388 or  
Email [camp@ShulenburgRVPark.com](mailto:camp@ShulenburgRVPark.com)

**Sugarland:** 6:30 to 9:00 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church, 502 Eldridge Rd, Sugarland. Bluegrass and accoustic instruments only. Contact [samgrice@windstream.net](mailto:samgrice@windstream.net) or 832-428-3165

### **Wednesdays**

**Austin:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7-10 PM, Musician's Woodshed, 3698 RR 620 South, Ste. 107, 78738, [themusicianswoodshed.com](http://themusicianswoodshed.com)

**Houston:** each Wednesday, 6-9 PM, at Hickory Hollow, 100 Heights Blvd, Houston (just south of I 10 on Heights Blvd)

**Houston:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7PM to 9PM, Old Time Music jam, Pizza Inn, 1801 Mangum Rd, @W 18th & Mangum Rd just outside the NW Loop. Contact Steve Bing, 225-405-9707

### **Thursdays**

**Austin:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7 PM, Bruce Manbridge's home. **Contact Steve Mangold for all Austin Jam info, 512-345-6155**

**Cypress:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 12:30 - 3PM, Weekly Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress. Email: [tonynema@earthlink.net](mailto:tonynema@earthlink.net) or phone 281-373-1777

**Georgetown:** Every Thursday, 5:30-7:30 PM, Duke's BBQ. Email [sigi@sigi.us](mailto:sigi@sigi.us), phone 512-869-8076

**Groves:** Every Thursday, 7 PM, Allie Morvent's House, phone 409-962-5236

**Manchaca:** Every Thursday, 6:30-9 PM, Manchaca Railroad BBQ, FM 1626. Phone Dave 512-680-4433

### **Fridays**

**Bandera:** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 6:30 PM, Silver Sage Corral, east of Bandera. For info, phone 830-796-4969

**Carthage:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 6:30 PM, Town Square. For info, phone 903-678-3857

**Cypress:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, show 6:30-9:00 PM, Jam 4 - 8:45 PM, Ausitorium. Weekly Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, (North @ Longenbaugh) Rooms

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**Hondo:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, begins 11 AM, Hondo Hootenany. Hondo Community Center, 1014 18<sup>th</sup> St. Phone 830-426-2831

**Utopia:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7 PM, Senior Citizen's Center. Phone Skip Doerr 830-966-6362

**Victoria:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Slow Jam 5-7 PM, regular jam 7-10 PM, American Legion Post #166, 1402 E. Santa Rosa. Free Admission. Email [crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com) or phone Stan Kendrick 361-935-4413 or Gary Moses 361-550-5466

### **Saturdays**

**Alvin:** Every Saturday, Texas Opry, no time given, 1720 Sealy, Admission is charged. Phone 281-432-2942

**Austin:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 3 to 6 PM, all levels, CTBA sponsored. 3801 Berkman Dr., 78723.

**Beaumont:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, no time listed, Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord. S.E. Texas Dulcimer Friends. Phone 409-866-0848

**Bellville:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 4 PM jam & 6 PM show Jan through Sept, Coushatta RV Ranch,  
Email [coleebiller@aol.com](mailto:coleebiller@aol.com), phone 936-697-5949, website [www.TXBluegrassMusic.com](http://www.TXBluegrassMusic.com)

**Deer Park:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 11 AM-3 PM, Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St. No contact listed.



Here's the rest of the jam and show schedule! 'pick' your favorite.....

### **Saturdays continued**

**Fayetteville:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 6 PM April – Nov, Courthouse Square. Email [info@texaspickinpark.com](mailto:info@texaspickinpark.com) or see [www.texaspickinpark.com](http://www.texaspickinpark.com)

**Field Creek:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71.  
Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

**Garland:** Every Saturday March – Nov, 7:30 PM – 1 AM, between Main & State Sts. @ 6<sup>th</sup> St.

See the website: [www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142](http://www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142)

**Glen Rose:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, no time listed, Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Assoc., free stage show, camping encouraged.  
Phone John Scott 817-525-0558

**Grapevine:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 215 Jenkins St, Grapevine from noon to 4:00 PM; Southwest Bluegrass Association

**Harwood:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 2 -9 PM, Jam & Stage Show. 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90. Tony Conyers 512-601-1510 ; 512-940-3731

**Henderson:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 6 PM, Odd Fellows Hall. Phone 903-889-2783 or 903-566-6650

**Houston:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 7:30 PM, Admission charged and not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society,  
West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. Phone 281-347-3235

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 3-6 PM, Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. No phone listed.

**Huntington:** Nothing going on any more. Find a new jam? email the editor at [bayareabluegrass2@aol.com](mailto:bayareabluegrass2@aol.com)

**League City:** 3rd Saturday, 5-11 PM jam, 6-9 PM show, 400 W. Walker St @ the Civic Center, Bay Area Bluegrass Assoc.  
Phone 281-488-2244

**Liberty Hill:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1-6 PM, Hwy 29 West. Phone Paula 512-778-5410

**Llano:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71.

Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Jan – Oct, 5:30 – 10:30 PM, Bluegrass in the Hill Country Jam, The Badu House.

Email [info@bluegrassinthehillcountry.org](mailto:info@bluegrassinthehillcountry.org)

**Magnolia:** 1st Saturday, Jam @ 4 PM, stage show 6-9 PM featuring 3-4 local bands. Texas Olde Tyme 1st Saturday Bluegrass Jam, West Montgomery County Community Development Center, 31355 Friendship Drive, Magnolia TX 77355-2603. Contact Bobby Stem 281-744-7652 Website: [www.totbgb.com](http://www.totbgb.com)

**Marshall:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7 PM Show, Lions Community Center, 1201 Louisiana St. Phone 903-935-7023

**Minden:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 5:30 PM, Community Center. Phone 903-657-3320

**Montgomery:** 1st Saturday, The Garrett House. May be cancellations due to weather/scheduling; Contact Lonnie Clover at [lrclover@msn.com](mailto:lrclover@msn.com) before travelling. Jam starts @ 10 AM until 2 PM or so.

**Needville:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 6 PM-8 PM concert. Brazos River Pickers perform free at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Concert is free but usual State Park Entry fees apply. Phone 281-344-0601 or website [www.brazosriverpickers.com](http://www.brazosriverpickers.com)

**Odessa:** 2nd Saturday, Noon to 6 PM, Jam and potluck dinner for pickers and for grinners (guests welcome): Acoustic only with exception for bass; Music is Bluegrass, Old Time Country, Gospel and 'other'. No smoking or alcohol. 4400 Andrews Highway @ Jesus Connection Church, Odessa Contact Pete & Claudette Stull, ph: 432-362-6944, email: [wb7amp@cablone.net](mailto:wb7amp@cablone.net)

**Pearl:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 1 PM, Pearl Bluegrass Jam & Show. Old School House on FM 183 (not US 183).

**Purmela.** RV hookups available. Phone Ronald Medart 254-865-6013 or website [www.pearlbluegrass.com](http://www.pearlbluegrass.com)

**Round Rock:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 2-5 PM, Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail. Phone 512-671-8663 or website <http://dannyraysmusic.com>

**Sacul:** 4th Saturday, 6:30 PM, Opry House, Hwy 204 (25 mi. SE of Jacksonville). Phone 903-586-8484 or 409-326-4544

**Sulphur Springs:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, October through March. No time listed. 400 Como St. Phone 903-885-4078 or 903-885-7063

**Tomball:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, noon - 4PM, Kleb Woods Nature Center, 20303 Draper Rd (@ Muschke Rd) Tomball 77377  
Email [tonynema@earthlink.net](mailto:tonynema@earthlink.net) or phone 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396.

**Walker, LOUISIANA:** in case you sneak across the border. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, no time listed, Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy 190.  
Phone 504-664-3630

**Wrightright:** 4th Saturday, 7 PM, Opry House. Phone 903-364-2539

### **Sundays**

**Austin:** every Sunday, 2 PM, Hill's Café, 4700 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745 \*\*\*Site Change!

**Corpus Christi:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2 PM, Heritage Park. South Texas Bluegrass Association, Phone Bill Davis 361-387-4552

**SEE: the overflow jam info on page 16 at the bottom!**

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The four most beautiful words in our common language: <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>I told you so.

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.

People in sleeping bags are the soft tacos of the bear world.

All pro athletes are bilingual. They speak English and profanity.

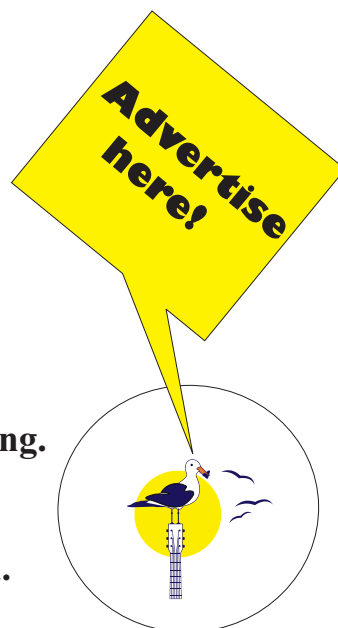
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Eat right. Stay fit. Die anyway.

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