



FROM DAVID.....

TO.....

Santa Claus



by Jane Bouterse

The models range from Michelangelo's *David* to *Santa Claus*. *David*, the ultimate masterpiece, stands a conquerer. His bent left arm has thrown his sling over his shoulder, and his left leg, knee slightly bent, extends to the side of his erect body. The muscles ripple through his slim torso bending subtly to his right. Muscles provide the gentle rolls which shape his right arm resting comfortably on the bulging upper thigh of his right leg. His body language shouts physical perfection and confidence. His head is turned to his left, as his eyes look away from what is directly in front of him. What do those eyes see ...what?....a slain Goliath? a goal achieved? a future of leadership? a moment of pride or even pain? Perhaps that is the reason *David* continues to be one of the world's most admired works of art. He speaks of physical prowess as well as pride and humility. In many ways, he embodies a bit of every man.

*Santa Claus*, with his white beard, fat belly and jolly laughter remains a mythical figure much beloved. His physique boasts abundance; his smile suggests the warmth of human contact and caring; his consistent image provides a kind of snug, restful feeling. Even without the red suit, the several Santa's helpers I have known reach out to others with a reassuring, caring laugh and hug.

*David* and *Santa Claus* personify the extreme boundaries of masculine potential. In between them are all shapes and sizes and

temperaments. Some might even say, "Men...you can't live with 'em; you can't live without 'em." They are, indeed, a complicated and changing gender whose energies continue to provide the grease and fuel that keep our world on the move. Therefore, the time has come...

ALT is providing Texarkana the opportunity to give the Men the credit they have earned and to say "Thank you" to our Handsome Men. Like *David*, physical appearance is but one element of measurement; the personality of *Santa Claus*, yet another. These two figures are but benchmarks, since ALT nominees are "their own men" with unique characters and accomplishments as well as physical appearances. ALT celebrates them all and invites our readers to join in the tributes.

The men of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are, in many ways, markedly different than their predecessors whose roles and responsibilities were clearly defined. Men of earlier centuries were the wage earners, the providers of the family. They left the house at the same time each day to go to work and returned just as predictably at the end of their workday. Women, meanwhile, were the household specialists whose duties revolved around running the household and rearing the children. The division was probably convenient and also probably responsible for the cliché: "A man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done." This observation provided a conveniently

reliable generalization until World War II. With the men gone to war women were required to cast aside their aprons and don their overalls. Once they became a part of the labor force and were able to provide for their families, they never looked back. When the fighting men returned home, they had to compete with Rosy the Riveter for many jobs previously assumed to be men's territory. As the 20<sup>th</sup> century drew to a close, men found themselves in a precarious position.

The women's movement had left them confused. Especially in the South, customary courtesies were spurned by more assertive females who appeared to be multi-tasking everywhere. Women still cooked and washed clothes, but technology made those jobs so much simpler that males could do them. Cleaning the house became everyone's job or perhaps the maid's. Men were forced to learn how to vacuum, change diapers and tie hair ribbons. Management of the household became a shared responsibility, as the man might find himself at home caring for the children while the woman took college classes, made a speech at her civic or cultural club or even ran for public office. My father had great difficulty accepting many of these changing responsibilities until his grandchildren came along. By that stage in his life, he had more time to share and enjoy his three girls who never hesitated to ask for his attention to any of their needs. He certainly would

not disappoint any one of them in spite of the challenge and the necessity for change.

As the 21<sup>st</sup> century is moving right along, the roles of men and women blur. Both parents may work or the wife may work while her house husband attends to the needs of the children and home. Psychologists Janet Hyde, UW-Madison and Rosalind Barrett from Brandeis University, have concluded that men's multiple roles contribute to their improved health. "Some data suggest that men's family roles may be more critical to their psychological well-being than their wage-earning ones," and role satisfaction is far more important than the number of roles managed.

In fact, traditional roles have almost completely disappeared, especially in the 29-40 male age group. Such significant changes have prompted articles like the September 2010 NEWSWEEK lead story which

declared, "Man Up! The Traditional Male is an Endangered Species." Hanna Rosin, a contributing editor to ATLANTIC and co-founder of Slate's online women's magazine DOUBLE-X, wrote "The End of Men," while Guy Garcia wrote the 2008 book THE DECLINE OF MEN: "How the American Male is Getting Axed, Giving Up and Flipping Off his Future." (These changes are occurring throughout our global village—not just in America.)

Neal Conan on a recent NPR TALK OF THE NATION observed: "Being a man isn't what it used to be." Conan and company were led to conclude that the recent recession had hit male dominated jobs so hard that it should be called the "he-cession." According to Conan, "...of the 15 job categories expected to grow the most over the next decade, men dominate just two of those fields: janitorial workers and computer engineers."

WOW! These winds of change are likely to turn into a hurricane—reshaping the entire terrain—before they settle down, but one thing is certain. The determined, stalwart, eager and interested men who seek to succeed in their new worlds will survive and benefit themselves, their families and their communities. Take a look. Many of them are pictured in the pages which follow.

ALT is fortunate to have Handsome Man nominees whose strength of character and faith, creativity and knowledge, willingness to work and share have been carefully considered. Their attitudes and actions belong in the 21<sup>st</sup> century regardless of their chronological ages. Their physical appeal is apparent, and only one of the considerations to influence your vote. ALT is proud to acknowledge all of our Handsome Man nominees and urge you to share your pride by casting your votes for the 20 Most Handsome Men winners.



**Vote now at [www.alt-mag.com](http://www.alt-mag.com)!**

Voting lasts from November 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010.

One vote per email address each day. Any abuse of the rules may result in the disqualification of the nominee!

Winners will be announced in the January, 2011 edition of ALT Magazine!

Good luck to each of our Handsome Men Nominees!



## Ben Mayo

### How I'm Involved:

- o Member at St. Edwards Catholic Church
- o Involved in Leadership Texarkana, Taught Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders
- o Co-chair of the American Heart Association Heartball, 2010
- o Co-chaired a past CASA fundraiser

**My Family:** Married to Stacy; Son, David; Parents, Ann and Mike; Brothers and Sisters-In-Law, Stephen and Alison, Patrick and Lauren; Niece, Adyson.

**My Interests:** I enjoy cooking, swimming, being outdoors but mostly spending time with family.

**Who Inspires You Most:** My grandparents; to be a part of the greatest generation and to have gone through the struggles of their time from the Great Depression to the World War are unimaginable to me.

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** First, I would like my family to be a positive influence on our community and secondly I would like to leave the family business better than it was when I joined it.



## Billy Lavender

### How I'm Involved:

- o Member of First Baptist Church Moores Lane
- o Vice President of Texas A&M-Texarkana Alumni Board
- o Texarkana, AR Baseball Association Board Member
- o Owner, Villa Liquor Store

**My Family:** Married to Debbie; Son, Trey; Daughter, Libby.

**My Interests:** Razorbacks, Kids and sports- ALMOST in that order! My favorite is when all three are combined!

**Who Inspires You Most:** It would have to be my dad and my son. My dad inspires me to live the right way, and my son inspires me to be a better man because I know he's watching me!

**Favorite Quote:** "As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round."- Ben Hogan

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## Burns A. Barr, Jr.

### How I'm Involved:

- o Member at Beech Street First Baptist Church
- o Working for KLF1 TV, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through television
- o Involved in security ministry at BSFBC
- o Involved in Threads

**My Family:** Married to Rebecca; Daughters, Addison and Anna Clair.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I am one of three "Burns" in my family. My grandfather, father and myself are all named "Burns." When you have such an original or different name, most people you meet want to know what your name means or the significance of the name. In my case, there isn't a meaning or story behind it! My grandfather has no idea why his mother named him "Burns." Of course I was named after my father, as he was named after his. So now, we joke that I am "Third Degree Burns!"

**Favorite Quote:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."-Philippians 4:13



## Chad A. Edgington

### How I'm Involved:

- o Associate Pastor for Worship and Senior Adults, FBC Wake Village
- o Member of the FBCWV Benevolence Team helping the needy and homeless
- o Serve on the Board of Directors for the Friendship Center, Inc.
- o Leader of Mission Work Teams

**My Family:** Married to Melissa; Daughter, Adelaide; Son, Sawyer.

**What Brought Me to Texarkana:** I was called by FBCWV to serve as Associate Pastor in December, 2009. Prior to that, I was practicing family and criminal law with a law firm located in Abilene and living in Eastland, Texas. This is my first full-time ministry position and I love it!

**Interesting Story About Me:** I made extra money in law school working as an Elvis impersonator at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, Texas. I won my election as class President my second year of law school by promising that if I won, I would wear my rhinestone decorated Elvis jumpsuit to Constitutional Law class. It was my only campaign promise and I made good on it!

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**How I'm Involved:****Chad Sparkman**

- o Member at Pleasant Oaks Baptist Church
- o Sunday School Teacher, young adults
- o As a Restaurant Owner, Donates food and service to different churches, schools and non-profit organizations
- o Donates toward local church missions as well as missions around the world.

**My Family:** Married to Emily; Son, Colton; Daughter, Havyn.**Interesting Fact About Me:** I have started four new companies. With my partner, in 2009, I started Lonestar Lawns and Landscaping. In 2010 we opened The Green Tomato and formed Premier Marketing Group in Shreveport, and we recently opened Daddy Dougaloo's. Our hopes are for one of our two restaurant concepts to really take off and start expanding even more. It's been a blast and I look forward to the challenges ahead.**Favorite Quote:** "Don't tell me the sky's the limit, when there are footprints on the moon."- Unknown  
Decide to work hard and chase your dreams, and there is no limit to our potential. Don't let others set your boundaries!**How I'm Involved:****Chet Nichols**

- o Member at First Baptist Church Moores Lane
- o Volunteer with local veterans and their disability claims and other related benefits
- o Member of local TEA Party and Run [www.politicalintegritynow.com](http://www.politicalintegritynow.com)
- o Volunteered for an NBC documentary by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

**My Family:** Married to Natalie; Sons, Mack, Zach and Benjamin; Daughter Etta.**Favorite Quote:** "There are always two sides to a story, and somewhere in the middle lies the truth."- former neighbor of Chet**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** When the curtain is drawn, and God calls me home, I want to be remembered by what I want to be put on my gravestone "Here lies a loving father, husband, brother, son, friend and servant of God" That is what I want as my legacy, everything else is short term and irrelevant.**Category One • Ages 21-35 • Vote now at [www.alt-mag.com](http://www.alt-mag.com)****How I'm Involved:****David Magness**

- o Leadership Texarkana Graduate
- o Heavily Involved in Heritage Church Community Groups
- o Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Ambassador
- o Praise Band Guitarist at Heritage Church

**My Family:** Married to Chase.**My Interests:** I am a member of Team Edge, a local cycling race team, and I enjoy mountain biking, running, kayaking, reading, playing and writing music, watching baseball and watching good movies.**Interesting Fact About Me:** I am named after my grandfather, who passed last year after battling cancer. Last October, my dad and I rode our bicycles in Austin for the Livestrong Challenge in honor of my grandfather. We rode 90 miles, and it was really special to do that with my dad. Next time, we'll be joined by my mom and my wife!**How I'm Involved:****Frank Pryor, Jr.**

- o Member at Crosspoint Baptist Church
- o Serving the community at various events including pageants, festivals and concert events

**My Family:** Married to Sarah; Son, Logan.**Interesting Fact About Me:** Most people don't know that even though I've been a musician/entertainer for over half of my life, I'm actually a pretty shy guy.**Who Inspires You Most:** My wife, for putting up with me, being the wife and mother that she is all while going to school full time and working full time. She handles everything on her plate exceptionally well.**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I could only hope to be the kind of parent to my son that my parents are to me. I hope that my time and work as a local musician, songwriter and record producer will enrich my community and make my family proud.



**How I'm Involved:**

**Greg Schwartz**

- o Worship Leader, Praise Band Bass Player- FBC Moores Lane
- o Technical Theatre Director at Pleasant Grove High School

**My Family:** Parents, John and Andrea; Sister and Brother-in-law, Amanda and Kyle; Engaged to Sarah.

**Interesting Story About Me:** The first time I saw my fiancé, I was a high school senior running out to football practice. As I was running across the top of the hill, I was bewitched by the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. Watching this amazing red head, I wasn't paying attention and ran over one of my teammates who had stopped to tie his shoe! She dated me anyway!

**Who Inspires You Most:** My students inspire me the most. The smallest things make them happy, and a simple encouragement helps them feel invincible. Being around them convinces me that anything is possible.



**How I'm Involved:**

**Stosh Skinner**

- o Member at Trinity Baptist Church
- o Involved in Church League Softball at Heritage Church
- o Involved with Race for The Cure

**My Family:** Parents, Tracy and Lavonda Skinner; Sister, Makenzie "porkchop" Skinner.

**My Interests:** I enjoy riding the Harley, dirtbike and mountain bike- anything with 2 wheels! I also enjoy taking care of myself in the gym.

**Favorite Quote:** "Winning means being unafraid to lose."- unknown

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want to be remembered as someone who made a difference in someone else's life.

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**How I'm Involved:****Jason Vanderhoof**

- o Served on mission trips in Columbia, Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize
- o Uses his Landscape Company and Nursery to help renovate CASA, the Chamber of Commerce, various churches and other non-profit organizations
- o Uses his Nursery to Donate to numerous schools and public service departments.

**My Family:** Married to Jodi; Daughter, Zoe Bella.

**Who Inspires You Most:** The Human Spirit- The most powerful force on this earth, especially when submitted to God's will in their life. When I was young, I grew up very humble in a single parent family. Many of the kids at school changed their heroes from day to day, and I never really voiced my hero because I DIDN'T HAVE ONE. When I was about ten, I started to listen at church because I had a "drug problem." My mom "DRUG" me to church every Sunday so I might as well listen! The preacher was talking about the importance of putting your trust in no man and trying to be like the only example of a complete man that ever walked the earth- a hard worker who loved and spent time with his family, served his community and constantly preferred others over himself.

**How I'm Involved:****Josh Davis**

- o Member at Williams Memorial UMC
- o Serve on Texarkana, TX City Council Ward 6
- o Past MDA coordinator for TAFD
- o Volunteer for Community Charity Events

**My Family:** Married to Mandy; Daughter, Lora.

**My Interests:** I enjoy anything outdoors and working with my hands. I like anything with a motor; tractors, antique cars, Jeeps, and attending antique car and tractor auctions. I love farming and serving my community.

**What do you want your legacy to be:** My legacy will be my daughter. I hope she sees in me a man that loved and obeyed God. I hope that through me she will see anything is possible. Whether she wants to take over the farm or go into politics, be a teacher or a mom- she can do whatever she sets her mind to do! As long as she treats others fairly, I will be happy in knowing I raised a strong and confident woman, who sees I am hard worker who loved and spent time with his family, served his community and constantly preferred others over himself.

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- o Member of First Baptist Church, Genoa, and involved with other area churches
- o As Co-Owner of The Green Tomato and Daddy Dougaloo's Restaurants, provides donations for fundraising for church mission trips, military groups, schools, children's ball teams and pageants. Has also provided meals to visiting Christian bands such as Mike's Chair, Brit Nicole and Building 429

**My Family:** Daughter, Raelyn Marie; Parents, Randy and Karen; Grandmother, Beverly; Brother and sister-in-law, Wesley and Leslie; Nephew, Graham.

**Interesting Story About Me:** When I was 20 years old I uncharacteristically became involved with drugs and substance abuse. Although this period in my life didn't last more than a few months, it left me with a sense of obligation to play a role in the recovery of people in similar situations. There's one person who I feel an extreme sense of satisfaction about. After not seeing this friend for a number of years, I ran into her and immediately recognized the signs of substance abuse. I played a role in getting her into recovery and she, in turn, has taken a very prominent and public role in paying it forward.

**How I'm Involved:****Justin Matlock**

- o Member at New Zion Baptist Church

**My Family:** Parents are Janet and Steve**My Interests:** I take interest in riding motorcycles, fishing ,hunting and swimming.

**Who Inspires You Most:** My father inspires me because of his hard work and accomplishments. I am always trying to impress him.

**Favorite Quote:** "Ability is what you're capable of. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." - Lou Holtz

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want to be known as the person who would give the shirt off his back if you don't have one and as someone you can talk to when you have no one, someone you can trust.



Mark Duch

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Parishioner at St. Edward's Catholic Church
- o Volunteer Judge for Teen Court
- o Help to raise money for the local Animal Shelter

**My Family:** Married to Sarah.

**My Interests:** I enjoy playing guitar in the summertime, hunting ducks in the wintertime, playing tennis in the in-between times and following the Arkansas Razorbacks all the time. My wife and I love to travel, and we recently returned from a pilgrimage to Italy, stopping in Rome, Assisi, Sienna and Florence.

**Who Inspires You Most:** My mother, Shelia, for showing me how to gracefully and faithfully deal with fear and adversity.

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** That I stood ready to tell the truth to whomever dares to ask—and whomever dares to listen.



Mason Lafferty

**How I'm Involved:**

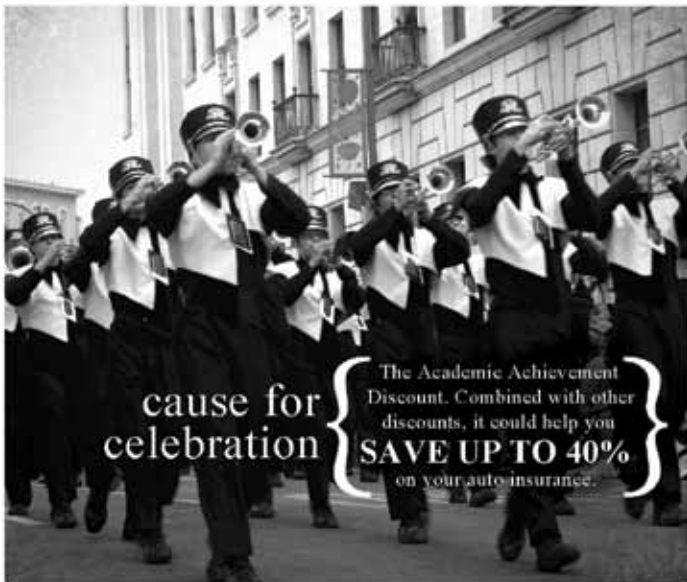
- o Member at Walnut Church of Christ
- o Member of Texarkana Home Builders Association

**My Family:** Married to Amanda

**My Interests:** I love watching ALL sports, much to my wife's dismay. I also love playing guitar and golf.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I watch literally every Dallas Cowboys football game. I have a few different shirts/jerseys that I like to wear during these games, even if I'm at home. Amanda makes fun of me because if the player who's jersey I'm wearing is not making good plays, I'll go switch jerseys. She thinks it doesn't help but I'm convinced it does!

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I would like to be remembered as someone who had a big heart, loved deeply, helped others and never gave up on people.



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## Micah Harp

### How I'm Involved:

- o Organizes two golf tournaments per year- One to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital and one to raise cancer awareness
- o Involved with the Komen Race for the Cure
- o Serves as a sponsor for various community non-profit events

**My Family:** Married to Amanda; Daughters, Annabelle and Sadie

**What Brought You to Texarkana:** I started my business three years ago here in Texarkana. My wife and I decided that if our business was in Texarkana that we needed to live there as well. So a couple of months ago we happily made the move.

**My Interests:** I love golf and the Dallas Cowboys!

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I am a third generation jeweler. My family has been involved in the jewelry business since 1952.



## Shane Holland

### How I'm Involved:

- o Participant in the Texarkana Wilbur Smith Rotary Club Program
- o Minton's Sportsplex Foundation Scholarship Committee that benefits area schools and students
- o Pleasant Grove Educational Foundation Organization 5 K Run
- o Komen Race for the Cure and area Charity Golfing Benefits to raise awareness for different events

**My Family:** Married to Robin; Mom, Jeanie; Brothers, Brandon and K.C.; Parents-in-law, Joyce and Chris.

**My Interests:** I usually jump at the chance to participate or educate someone in any type of sports or physical activity. I enjoy holding classes at the Sportsplex in nutrition and wellness coupled with fitness training. Robin and I both enjoy working out and playing coed softball. I also enjoy just about anything athletic. I run in 5k runs when I can as well. We enjoy going to sporting events and Longhorn Football! My favorite thing is to make people laugh! (However, my wife, Robin, told me NOT to quit my day job!) I enjoy being surrounded by friends, meeting new people, entertaining, and just generally having a good time.

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## Travis Jackson

### How I'm Involved:

- o Student Pastor at Church on the Rock
- o Regularly serve at the Texarkana Nursing Home
- o Involved with Randy Sams homeless ministry
- o Organized Voter Registration Drive at Church on the Rock

**My Family:** Married to Whitney; Children, All the kids at the powerhouse!

**My Interests:** I like going to church, reading, working out, politics, flag football, softball and hanging out with my family and friends.

**What do you want your legacy to be:** I want my legacy to be that I lived for Jesus, and I did the best I could with what God gave me. That God used me to influence a lot lives for him, and that I finished the race strong and made my family proud.



## Zachary Lawrence

### How I'm Involved:

- o Member at Williams Memorial United Methodist Church

**My Family:** Married to Amber; Son, Saxton.

**My Interests:** I enjoy fly fishing, golf, Razorback sports and guitar.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I was an All-State Lacrosse player in high school, Baylor School Chattanooga, TN.

**Favorite Quote:** "Change is the law of life." -John F. Kennedy

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I would like for my legacy to be that I worked hard and played harder.

**How I'm Involved:****Bill Spradlin**

- o Supporting Sponsor of the American Cancer Society and MD Association
- o Member Texarkana Board Of Realtors
- o Texas Firefighters Association

**My Family:** Married to Tracy; Son, Payton; Daughters, Ashley, Megan and Amanda.**Who Inspires You Most:** I guess the answer to this question would be Professional Firefighters everywhere. Firefighters are amongst the lowest paid public servants, yet, they have one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. Firefighters do not do the job for which they are called upon for the money. It is in their blood to do everything they possibly can to protect property and save lives. In fact, most firefighters are required to work 2 jobs in order to support their families and enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. The true meaning of dedication and devotion to duty lies deep within the heart of a firefighter.**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I guess my life would be absolutely complete if I knew that I were remembered by my friends and family as a man of simple values: hard work, loyalty and a man who learned to never say "NO" to his wife!**How I'm Involved:****Blake Carlow**

- o Member of First Baptist Church of New Boston
- o Volunteer for Hurricane Disasters of Katrina, Rita and Ike
- o Volunteer at New Boston Middle School
- o Member of Bowie County Farm Bureau Board for the past 15 years

**My Family:** Married to Melinda; Daughter, Malori; Son, Mason.**Who Inspires You Most:** My Dad, Judge James Carlow. He is my inspiration because of his honesty and integrity, work ethics and because he is business minded.**Favorite Quote:** "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."-Theodore Roosevelt**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want everyone to remember me as being a fair and honest business man, and I want my family to know how much I love them.**How I'm Involved:****Bob Bruggeman**

- o Member at First Baptist Church, Usher and Greeter
- o Vice President Texas Association of Sports Officials (High School Baseball Umpire 31 yrs)
- o Member – Kiwanis Club of Texarkana
- o United Way Campaign Volunteer
- o Texarkana, Texas, City Council Member Ward 4 / Mayor Pro Tem.
- o Board Member- Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Facilities

**My Family:** Married to Jackie; Daughters, Elizabeth and Olivia.**My Interests:** I enjoy playing golf and working in the yard. I love looking at new cars.**Interesting Fact About Me:** I have had 6 career holes-in-one playing golf.**How I'm Involved:****Brent Carmony**

- o Member at Williams Memorial Methodist Church
- o Coach all youth sports
- o Support numerous charities- Make a Wish, Special Olympics, American Heart Association, Children's Hospital, Breast Cancer Awareness and more.

**My Family:** Married to Christine; Daughters, Britton and Brianna; Sons, Brent II and Brett.**Interesting Fact About Me:** When I was 10 years old, I use to sell Tyler Roses on the street corner of Irving, Texas.**Favorite Quote:** "Quitters never win, winners never quit."- Unknown**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want my legacy to be that I cared about all of my patients and was the best husband and father that I could be.



**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at Saint James Episcopal Church
- o Member of The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, a men's group in the church responsible for outreach, including feeding the homeless at the Randy Sam's Homeless Shelter monthly.
- o Member of Texarkana Noon Lions Club

**Brian Purtle**

**My Family:** Married to Michelle; Son, Blake; Daughter, Caroline.

**My Interests:** Hunting, gardening and sports- especially Texas A&M sports!

**Who Inspires You Most:** My children inspire me because they tackle life with great enthusiasm. Even though they may occasionally ask for advice, they try to make their own way. They never fail to surprise me. They make me laugh and challenge me every day - they're teenagers. You hope when they are young, they are learning all the right lessons. What makes me happy now that they are becoming young adults is that all your hard work, sacrifices and love is paying off.



**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at County Avenue Baptist Church

**Donald Benning**

**My Family:** Married to Stacey; Daughters, Leslie and Ashley; Sons, Thomas and Isaac; Grandson, Braiden.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I am the youngest of identical twins. We are called mirror twins because my twin, Ronald, is right handed whereas I am left handed. We switched classes in junior high school on many occasions, but only one teacher ever caught on. She knew when we had switched because she was the only one who noticed that one of us was right handed while the other was left handed. She never told the other teachers how she knew the difference. People always ask what it is like to be a twin. We answer that we don't know because we have never known anything else.

**Who Inspires You Most:** My parents inspire me the most. They raised five unruly sons and did an excellent job. We were never rich in money but we were always rich in love. All the money in the world cannot buy a happy family.

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**How I'm Involved:**

Doug Sloan

- o Owner, Texarkana Wingstop Restaurants
- o Member and Treasurer, Pleasant Grove Band Boosters
- o Involved with Partners in Education with TISD
- o Member of Knights of Columbus

**My Family:** Married to Lisa; Son, Drew; Daughter, Lauren.

**My Interests:** I love woodworking, collecting Coca Cola and Mickey Mouse, H.O. Gauge trains and taking vacations and spending quality time with my family.

**Interesting Story About Me:** I met my wife through a mutual friend as a blind date. I really did not want to meet her because I knew nothing about her. I actually turned around three times before I finally made it to her house! We have been married now for 22 years.

**Favorite Quote:** "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."  
-Walt Disney



**How I'm Involved:**

Doug Warren

- o Member at First Baptist Church New Boston, TX

**My Family:** Married to Camille; Daughter, Ashley; Sons, Jordan and Ryan; Grandsons, Dylan and Daylen.

**What Brought Me to Texarkana:** A beautiful hometown girl and her son from New Boston, TX.

**Interesting Story About Me:** For the past eleven years, I have worked with wounded soldiers on outdoor projects all across the country, projects designed to help take them from the horrors of war back into the realm of day to day living here at home with their families and friends. Outdoor programs on the woods and water from Alaska to Maryland have proven to be an outstanding physical therapy aid to our wounded service members. The restored self confidence on the face of a recent paraplegic after netting a salmon in the wilds of Alaska goes unmatched. These outdoor "therapy challenges" work by bringing out and honing a new drive and adaptation that will be necessary for their new lives ahead.

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't mistake kindness for weakness." - Albert Collins

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**How I'm Involved:**

Dustin Robnett

- o Member at Cowboy Church
- o Member of Southwest Arkansas High School Rodeo Association
- o Member of Hooks Band Boosters
- o Volunteer with Cub Scouts Pack 547

**My Family:** Daughter, Taylor; Son, Austin; and Daughter, Bristol.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I was very involved in dirt track racing from 1994 until 2007. During that time, I won seven track championships. I am currently a radio talk show co-host on 740 AM's ESPN Up-To-Speed.

**Who Inspires You Most:** My children inspire me. I want to be someone they look up to and make them proud to say, "That's my dad."

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I would like to leave a legacy of hard work, love of family and respect.



**How I'm Involved:**

Dustin Stringer

- o Attend regularly at Hardy Memorial Methodist Church
- o Volunteer Coach, tee-ball and soccer

**My Family:** Married to Wendy; Son, Peyton.

**My Interests:** Going to the gym, anything outdoors but my real love is competitive fishing!

**Interesting Fact About Me:** After a hunting accident that left me impaled, hanging in a tree by my arm, I was able to walk half a mile out of the woods and drive myself to the hospital. This has also led me to church and to the gym.

**Favorite Quote:** "God bless me with an ability to read numbers and cursed me with a tongue!" - Dustin

**What do you want your legacy to be:** I want my son to look back and say that I was the best father he could ask for.



Jeff Phillips

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at First Baptist Church, Moores Lane
- o Texarkana Rotary club
- o Red River Plantation Hunting Club member
- o Race for the Cure participant

**My Family:** Married to Kelli.

**My Interests:** I love playing poker with my Monday night guy crew, fishing on the red river, hunting on my deer lease, working out, fantasy football, golfing, date nights with my wife and traveling the world.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I can juggle!

**Who Inspires You Most:** My mother, Carol. She has always been a huge support in my life, and I will be forever grateful. She was my rock at a tough time in my life.



Jeff Pritchett

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member of Trinity Baptist Church
- o President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 502, 8 yrs
- o Participated in various fundraisers for MDA
- o Donate to Temple Memorial Rehabilitation Center, Easter Seals and Shriners

**My Family:** Married to Billie; Daughters, Morgan, Regan and Sydnee

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I have a daughter in Brazil. She is not my biological daughter, but my daughter none the less. Maria was an exchange student in mid school year and was going to be sent away. Once we talked to her, we fell in love with Maria! She spent the rest of the school year with us, and even went on a cruise with the whole family just before she went back to Brazil in late June of this year. The day she left she told me I was her father and I told her she was my daughter and always would be. She asked me to give her away at her wedding and I cried like a child. It is amazing how someone can touch your life in such a short period of time.

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** That people see all the good in me through my children as they grow into young women who give of themselves to their husbands, children and everyone in their lives. When I die, I pray that people to whom I've never given a dime say that I was a giving man.

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**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at St. James Episcopal Church
- o Member of the Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department for 16 years
- o Non-Profit Organization Volunteer

**Jeff Tanner**

**My Family:** Married to Jennifer.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I have also been awarded Firefighter of the Year twice. The second award, and the one I am most proud of, was for resuscitating an elderly gentleman using CPR who is still alive today.

**Who Inspires You Most:** I am inspired the most by Steve and Sue Johnson of Texarkana, Arkansas. I am inspired by Steve for his fire investigation knowledge. He has probably forgotten more about the craft than I will ever know. I am inspired by Sue for her personality. She is probably the most considerate and kind hearted person I know.

**Favorite Quote:** "You have achieved success if you have lived well, laughed often and loved much". -unknown



**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at First Baptist Church, Texarkana, TX
- o RA's Volunteer

**Justin Ingram**

**My Family:** Married to Stephanie; Sons, Reid and Cade.

**My Interests:** There is nothing better than loading up the family and taking the boat to the lake for the day to ski and wakeboard. I also enjoy playing golf and hunting with my two boys. I love to watch football any time I can. Hook 'em, Horns!

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I am terrified of horses- too big and too smart for me to be around!

**Who Inspires You Most:** My wife is my inspiration. She is my rock. She is such a beautiful person, inside and out. She always has a kind word and a smile for everyone even when she doesn't feel up to it. Whenever I feel stressed out she knows just what to say to make me feel better. She makes me a better person just by being with her.

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**How I'm Involved:**

**Mark Brine**

- o Member at First Baptist Church, Texarkana
- o Member of the Elks Club
- o Member of Northridge Country Club
- o Member of NADA and TADA

**My Family:** Married to Karen; Daughter, Jenna; Son, Joshua.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I won the Texarkana city golf championship and the Northridge club championship in the summer of 1978, and Bill Rogers presented me with the club championship trophy. That was cool- I was 17 at the time.

**What do you want your legacy to be:** That I was a good husband, father, son and friend, that I always tried to do the right thing when it counted.



**How I'm Involved:**

**Philip Poteete**

- o Youth Pastor, Christian Fellowship Church

**My Family:** Married to Michelle; Daughter, Lyndsey.

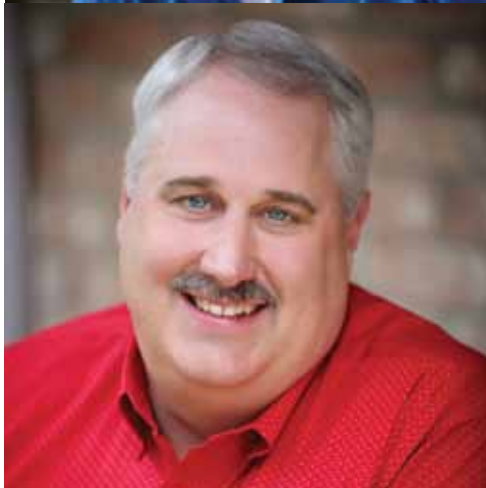
**My Interests:** I love hunting, basketball, playing pool, jet skiing and canoeing rapids.

**Interesting Story About Me:** I seriously thought I was being "punked" about the nomination for this contest. I could not imagine anyone would nominate me for this!

**Who Inspires You Most:** My pastor, Ben Aguirre. He has so much wisdom, and he is a man of integrity and character.

**What do you want your legacy to be:** That I lived my life with passion and purpose for the glory of God and inspired young men and women of God to rise up and take their place in the Body of Christ.

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**How I'm Involved:**

**Robert Bunch**

- o Member of Williams Memorial UMC
- o Nash, Tx, City Council Member
- o Executive Board of Directors Caddo Area Boy Scouts of America

**My Family:** Daughters, Karaline and Hannah.

**My Interests:** My favorite hobby is spending time with family and friends at Lake DeGray in Arkadelphia Arkansas, on a houseboat. I also enjoy all types of hunting and taking care of my 30 Longhorn Cattle.

**Interesting Story About Me:** While attending College at Texas A&M my part time job was working on a horse ranch in Bryan, Texas. My job was repairing fences, working on equipment and cleaning the stables. I could do everything but RIDE THE \$100,000 HORSES. I decided one day I was tired of working and wanted to ride one of the expensive Arabian Hunting and Jumping Horses. With no training or experience in jumping, I was enjoying a ride in the pasture one Friday afternoon when the owner of the ranch came in and caught me. He ask me why I was riding this horse and I just said I was tired of shoveling horse manure and decided it was time to take a ride. Needless to say the owner didn't agree and fired me on the spot!



**How I'm Involved:**

**Scott Hines**

- o Board Member, Webmaster and Coach of Pleasant Grove Youth Association
- o Dixie Baseball Assistant Coach
- o Boy Scouts of America, Troop 16, Assistant Scoutmaster
- o Volunteer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as Webmaster and Vessel Safety Examiner

**My Family:** Married to Melody; Daughters, Brooke and Abby Gayle; Son, Garrett.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** In 1993, while working at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, I was selected to be the first Department of Defense civilian to participate in the entire 17 week Quartermaster Officer Basic Course in Ft. Lee, Virginia. The class of 60 U.S. Army Second Lieutenants voted me to receive the Spirit Award for my efforts during the course.

**Favorite Quote:** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."-Colossians 3:23



Tim Montgomery

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church
- o Vice President of Laces of Grace, providing shoes to less fortunate children before school starts back up again

**My Family:** Married to Cynthia; Son, Joshua; Daughter, Sarah.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I have been to a depth of 160' while diving in the southern Philippines! My next diving adventure is to see the aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Oriskany, sunk off the coast of Florida.

**Who Inspires You Most:** Grant Harrison is a 16 year old young man in our church who has been confined to a wheelchair all of his life and has survived a battle with cancer recently. He has a great attitude and will no doubt be unbelievably successful in life. He is a true champion in every sense of the word!



Trent Hanna

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at Highland Park Baptist Church
- o Technical Theatre Teacher at Texas High School
- o Vice-chair of the Arkansas Historic District Commission

**My Family:** Married to Bethany; Sons, Benjamin and William.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** My wife and I bought the abandoned Mullins Court Apartments in 2006 and spent 3 years restoring them. It was a daunting task, but with hands-on help from the community and our family, we have created homes for 12 families and helped turn the neighborhood around. I kept telling my wife, "Only 12 more kitchens in line ahead of ours..."

**Who Inspires You Most:** Dave Ramsey for financial advice and Tom Silva from "This Old House" for carpentry expertise.

**Favorite Quote:** "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

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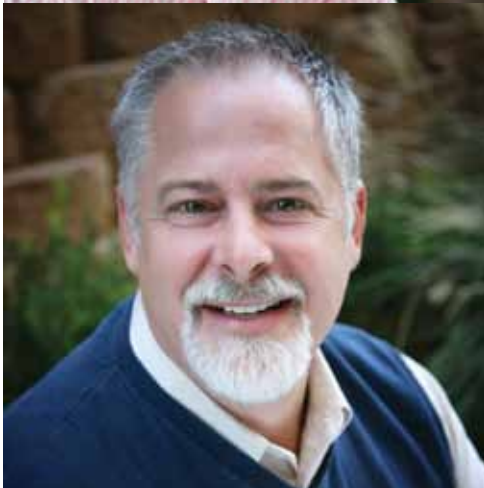
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**How I'm Involved:****Bix Rathburn**

- o Member at First Baptist Church, Texarkana
- o Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Board
- o Christus St. Michael Quality Review Council
- o TRAHC Board of Directors

**My Family:** Married to Adrienne; Daughters, Beth, Mary and Kate; Sons, Wes and Carl.**Interesting Fact About Me:** Approximately 20 years ago I came down with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which paralyzed me totally for about six months and placed me in a wheel chair for another six months. I gained a far greater appreciation for the changes that affect the everyday lives of people with disabilities.**Who Inspires You Most:** My wife. She is an amazing woman – a strong spirit that loves deeply - a lady that has yet to meet a challenge she cannot overcome and a person she cannot love. She radiates empathy and energy with a brilliant smile even in the face of challenge.**How I'm Involved:****Buzz Barron**

- o Member at Williams Memorial UMC
- o Active in fundraising efforts with the Literacy Council, Komen Race for the Cure, Harvest Texarkana, the Boy Scout Council, the United Way and the Texarkana Animal League.

**What brought you to Texarkana:** After five years of retirement, riding the Harley 70,000 miles, I got bored as heck! I've spent my whole life being totally involved in the communities I've served. I missed the people and working in their behalf. I am sort of a social butterfly, and helping people is an important part of my life since I was a Boy Scout. I got on Monster.com and started looking for work, as a 61 year old that hadn't worked in five years and was last a CEO. After 30 applications, I got a call from Jack Gooding for an interview here in Texarkana. He was impressed with my Boy Scout experience as it was non-profit management, and hired me as the Executive Director of the Texarkana Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. I've been here almost five years now and have been totally welcomed by this community. I call Texarkana home. I love this place, friendliest people, and most beautiful women on the planet...**Favorite Quote:** "Either lead, follow, or get out of the way."-Ted Turner**Category Three • Ages 51+ • Vote now at [www.alt-mag.com](http://www.alt-mag.com)****How I'm Involved:****Chuck Guilbert**

- o Served as Worship Leader in many area churches over the past 36 years- produced and directed "The Book" at Trinity
- o Volunteer with the Running WJ Ranch- Sound System
- o Volunteer with the Miss America Pageant System
- o Helped to raise funds for St. Jude Hospital and Caringbridge

**My Family:** Married to Karen; Daughters, Ashley and Breanne; Sons, Heith and Brennan.**My Interests:** My number one interest, outside my family, is Garrison Gardens. My wife and I have been praying and working toward starting a wedding venue for 12 years. We had the opportunity to start work on the gardens July of last year and had our first wedding March of this year. We have since booked over 40 weddings and feel very blessed to be able to present something of this quality to Texarkana. Another great interest of mine is working with horses. I love to go trail riding in the mountains.**Favorite Quote:** "Opportunities are a gift from God and what we do with them is our gift to God, but most of the time opportunities are disguised as insurmountable problems."-Unknown**How I'm Involved:****Curt Green**

- o Member at Calvary Baptist Church
- o Supporter of Caddo Area Council of Boy Scouts
- o Active Member US Chamber of Commerce
- o Formerly served on Texarkana Historical Society and Museum Board

**My Family:** Married to Diane; Daughter, Whitney; Son, Clay; Granddaughter, Greenlee.**My Interests:** I enjoy fly fishing, bass fishing, deer and turkey hunting with friends and family and, of course, playing with my granddaughter, Greenlee!**Interesting Fact About Me:** My wife said; "Curt purchased a Green 1979 Ford Bronco, he drove it for 16 years in his Real Estate activities, at which time, his 16 year old son, Clay inherited the Bronco and drove it for 3 years. Here's the funny part although it has not been drivable since 2000, Curt still has it parked in his back driveway and keeps it's tags and registration up to date, (a true Arkansan!)"**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I hope that it is said of me that I acted justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly.



**Damon Young**

**How I'm Involved:**

- o St. James Day School Board of Directors
- o Chairman, Opportunities, Inc. Annual Fund Drive
- o City Attorney, Texarkana, AR
- o President, Hempstead County Hunting Club (Grassy Lake) with current service on the Board of Directors.

**My Family:** Married to Doris Ann; Daughter, Jerri Ann; Son, Mike.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I was licensed to practice law before graduating from law school. Having completed the requirements, I took and passed the bar exam in July, 1964, but did not graduate from law school until January, 1965. The rules were thereafter changed and it is no longer possible to sit for the bar exam prior to graduating from law school.

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** That I promptly paid my debts; that we raised good children; and, that I was true to my friends.



**David James**

**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member at Trinity Baptist Church
- o Life Fellow Texas Bar Association
- o Former Board Member, TISD President 1994-1997
- o Former Member, Texarkana Public Library Commission

**My Family:** Married to Diana; Daughters, Shanna, Shelly and Stacy.

**My Interests:** I enjoy horseback riding, fishing, golf, movies, plays, various types of music and traveling with Diana.

**Interesting Story About Me:** I once had a one on one debate with Howard Cosell about whether or not Vince Lombardi was too much of a dictator as a coach. I lost the debate.

**What do you want your legacy to be:** That I did try to prioritize my life as Mr. Landry said- "God, Family and Job" and in attempting to do so that I have tried to treat others as I have hoped they would treat me.

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**How I'm Involved:**

**Eddie Daines**

- o Member of Family Word Church
- o Board of Directors of Watersprings Ranch
- o Governance committee at Texarkana Symphony Orchestra
- o Advisory Board at Harvest International Ministries
- o Board of Directors of North American Word Outreach

**My Family:** Married to Jane; Sons, Mark, David and Trey; Daughters, Darrah and Christy; Grandchildren, Karrah, Christopher, Grace, Jacob, Madison, Nate, Mary Claire, Sarah Jane, Will and John D.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I was a line coach under Wattie Myers at Texas High School during the 1962 and 1963 seasons; I was also a golf coach during the 1962 and 1963 seasons.

**Who Inspires You Most:** Our Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan and missionaries inspire me.



**How I'm Involved:**

**Frank Poff**

- o Served as a City Director for Texarkana, Arkansas from 2002 until 2005
- o Chairman of the National House of Delegates of Easter Seals, Inc.
- o Texarkana Resources for the Disabled Board of Directors
- o Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council Long Term Planning Committee, Director

**My Family:** Married to Theresa; Sons, Lin, Will and Curt.

**My Interests:** I love my wife, sons, theater, lake, motorcycles and laughing.

**Favorite Quote:** "“Be a shepherd not a sheep. Never let a woman weep. Always look before you leap. And kiss your wife before you sleep. Practice kindness but weakness ban. Be your childrens’ biggest fan. Always do the best you can. That’s all it takes to be a man.”"

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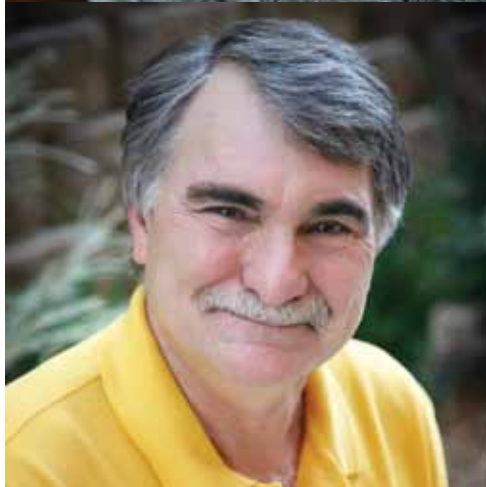
**Freddie Contreras**

- o Serves the Community as a Physician

**My Family:** Married to Bridget; Daughter, Kelsey; Son, William

**My Interests:** I enjoy nature photography and tennis.

**Interesting Story About Me:** One night I was on call. A young boy, 13 or 14, had a skateboard accident. He was initially fine, but by the time he got to the ER he was comatose. A CT scan was done which was read as normal. I placed an intracranial pressure monitor in him, and he had markedly increased intracranial pressure (in the forties with normal being around ten-fifteen.) I knew he was in trouble, but I couldn't figure out how to help him! I took the films by Dr. Bohmfalk's house and he also thought the CT of the head was normal. By the time I came back to the ICU, the boy's intracranial pressure was in the fifties. I needed help, when I suddenly knew what was wrong with him! I suspected the boy had a blood clot at the base of his brain- a posterior fossa epidural hematoma. I was correct. I had never seen this problem before and I have not seen it since. The young boy survived and is now a PHD. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God spoke his diagnosis to me.



**How I'm Involved:**

**George Carpenter, Jr.**

- o Deacon, Central Christian Church, Member of Personnel Committee
- o Past President, Texarkana Noon Lions Club Member
- o American Cancer Society Committee

**My Family:** Married to Julia; Son, Tyler Moore; Daughters, Katie Carpenter Moore, Sarah Carpenter.

**My Interests:** Playing golf, family time, travel and friends.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** Out of highschool, I worked for the cable TV company as an installer and climbed telephone poles!

**Favorite Quote:** "Patientia rara virtute."

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want to be remembered as a good husband and father and as someone who treated people the way I would like to be treated.



**How I'm Involved:**

**Horace G. Shipp**

- o Member of Hampton Church of Christ
- o Mayor, Texarkana, AR, Member of Texarkana, AR City Board of Directors
- o Teacher/presenter in annual classes of Leadership Texarkana
- o Past member of TRAHC and the Texarkana Chapter of the Red Cross boards

**My Family:** Married to Teresa; Daughter, Julie Davis; Son, Justin Shipp.

**My Interests:** Family time, collecting Texarkana post cards, traveling and Razorback football!

**Favorite Quote:** "Do all that you are supposed to do and a little bit more."-Anonymous

**What do you want your legacy to be:** I want to be remembered as an honest person who really cared, a great husband and father, and an individual who always worked hard and did his absolute best at whatever task was before him. In summary, I want to be remembered as a person who "made a difference."



**How I'm Involved:**

**James W. Bramlett**

- o Member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- o Served Texarkana, TX as Mayor from 1998-2008
- o Has served the community for years through a number of committees and various charity involvement.
- o Serves the community with the Bramlett Beans and Cornbread Food Basket fund raiser which for the past 11 years has supplied needy families in the local area with food baskets produced from donations from the community. 83 families were served in 2009

**My Family:** Married to Kathy; Son, J.W.

**My Interests:** I enjoy weightlifting, motorcycles and working in my yard.

**Favorite Quote:** "Under promise and over deliver."-Rudy Giuliani



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**How I'm Involved:**

**James Keeton**

- o Member at St. Paul UMC, Sunday School Superintendent
- o International Paper Mill Community Board, Member
- o The Texas Association of School Boards
- o Macedonia-Eylau Community in Action (MECA), President, Co-Founder

**My Family:** Married to Mary; Children, Patrick, Demetria, Tina, Stephanie, Jeri, James, Kimberly, Javon, Jerica and Joshua.

**My Interests:** My hobbies are gardening, cooking, travelling and hanging, when I have time, with my retired buddies at the West 7th street McDonald's, drinking coffee and solving all the problems of the world. My interests are helping those in need. Whether it's providing a service, lending a helping hand, finding a home for the homeless, helping a child turn it's life around, visiting the sick or witnessing to an individual that may be heading in the wrong direction, using my life story as an example.

**Favorite Quote:** "Once a task has begun, never leave 'til it's done, be the labor great or small, do it well, or not at all." My dad instilled this in all his children and I'm passing it on!



**How I'm Involved:**

**Jeff Brown**

- o Harvest Texarkana Board
- o Hosted Benefit Dinners for Race for The Cure
- o Celebrity Artist for the Party with Picassos
- o ARKTEX Animal League

**My Interests:** My hobbies include painting weekly with Dean Lynn, gardening, cooking and entertaining and travel. I particularly enjoy the East coast.

**Who Inspires You Most:** I would have to say my parents have always been an inspiration in their lifestyle of always giving of their time and resources to their church. They are always ready to help someone in need. My art teacher in high school, Jo Morgan, was also so influential in her ability to make you believe in yourself.

**Favorite Quote:** "When someone shows you who they are- Believe them!"- Maya Angelou



**How I'm Involved:**

- o Local Dinner Club, Member

**Kip Pavey**

**My Family:** Married to Mary Ann; Daughter, Amy; Sons, Blake and Taylor; Grandchildren, Colten, Mason, Megan and Amber.

**My Interests:** I like to cook, and I enjoy wood working and home remodeling.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** My family had a houseboat on Lake Wright Patman. Growing up, we were at the lake every weekend in the summers. We always had friends and family with us, and we had a blast. I grew up with a very close family, and I had great childhood that I would not trade for anything in the world.

**Favorite Quote:** "We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately" – Benjamin Franklin



**How I'm Involved:**

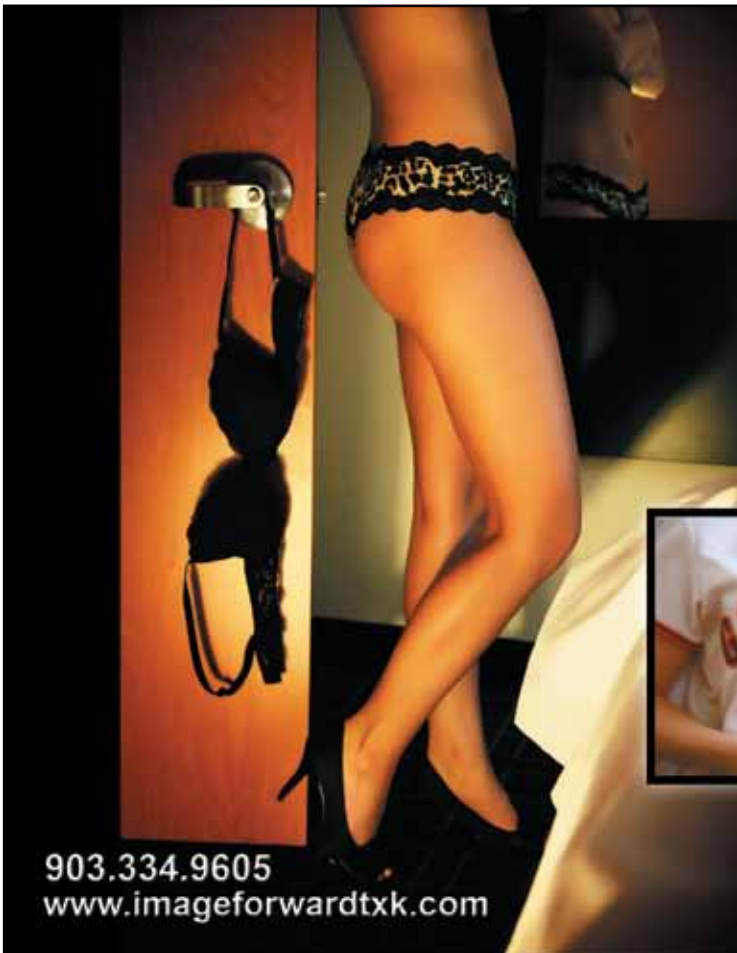
- o President of Texarkana Jaycees in 1980
- o President of Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball Association for 9 years
- o Worshipful Master of Texarkana Lodge #341 in 1985 and 2009
- o Current Republican Precinct Chairman of Precinct 12

**Mike Carter**

**My Family:** Married to Charlene; Daughters, Shelly and Angie; Son, Mike; Grandchildren, Danielle, Jackson, Brodie, Bailee, Trent and Luke.

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I made it through three tours in Viet Nam in the Navy with no mental or physical injuries. I got out of the Navy in 1971 and joined the Air Force Reserves. I tried that for four years and it was not compatible with the air conditioning business so I tried the Army Reserves for two years. That did not work well either so I joined the US Coast Guard. This was working really well for me until they moved my reserve unit from Shreveport to Port Arthur, TX. I made it for four years but finally had to quit because of the distance I had to drive. After giving Uncle Sam 14 years, I bowed out of the military with reservations.

**Favorite Quote:** "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." –Thomas Jefferson



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**How I'm Involved:**

- o Member of The Wilbur Smith Rotary Club And A Paul Harris Fellow
- o TAMU-T Business Advisory Council Member
- o CASA Advisory Board Member
- o Former State President of Texas Young Realtors
- o Former State President of Parents Anonymous

**My Family:** Daughter, Brooke; Grandson, Chase.

**Interesting Story About Me:** I played kissy-face with someone famous!

**Favorite Quote:** "Man makes the money, money does not make the man."- LL Cool J

**What Do You Want Your Legacy To Be:** I want to be remembered for making Texarkana a better place to live and work.



**Ron Morrow**

**How I'm Involved:**

- o State Farm Insurance, Agent
- o Former Master Trustee, Board President- PGISD
- o Deacon, First Baptist Church- Texarkana

**My Family:** Married to Barbara; Son, T.J.; Daughters, Haleigh and Mollie

**My Interests:** I take interest in golf, hunting, fishing and hiking.

**Who Inspires You Most:** I am inspired daily by my wife and children, yet my parents continually provide inspiration based upon a foundation of Godly principles, integrity and a competitive spirit.

**Favorite Quote:** "Glory to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or even imagine according to His power at work within us."-Ephesians 4:20

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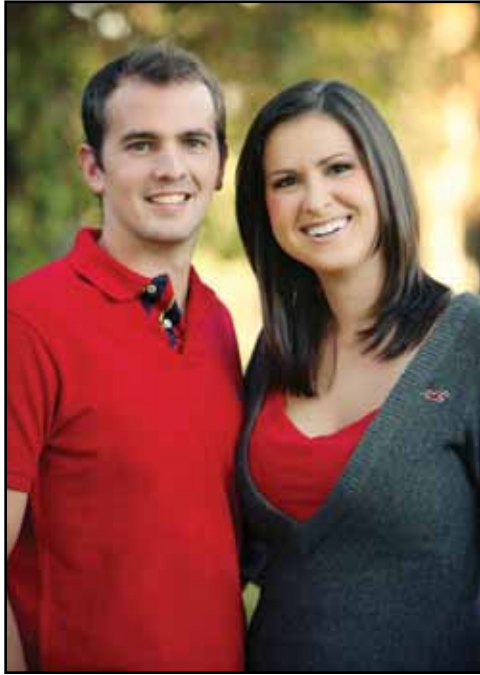
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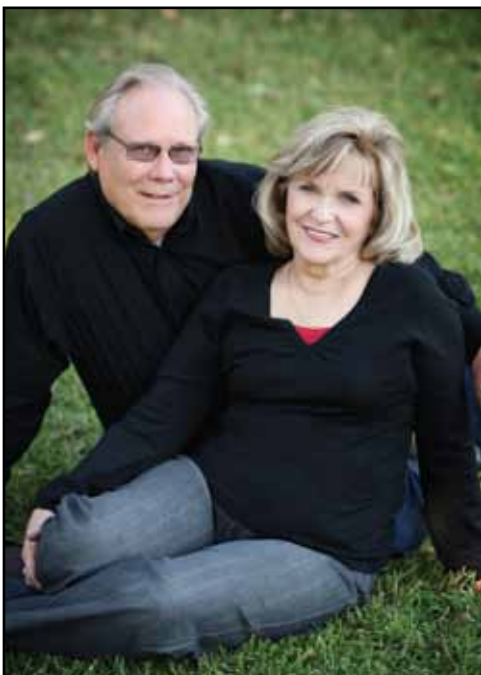
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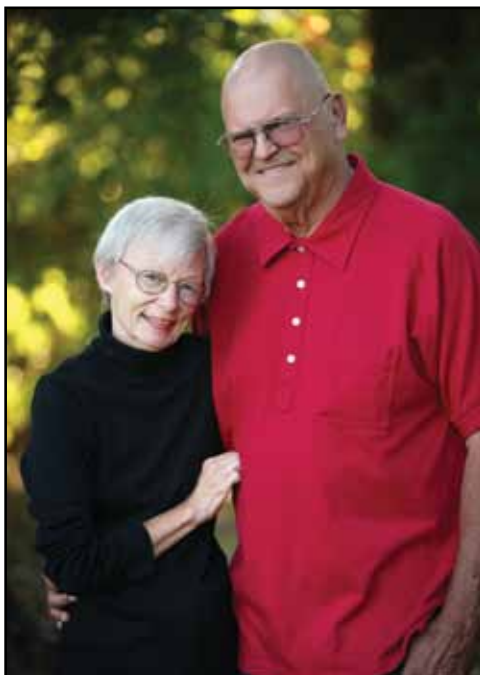
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