

# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION NEWS

JULY 2022

## THE VACATION ISSUE

### DAYCATIONS IN EVERY DIRECTION!

*Cindy Miller*

Summer is a wonderful time to visit new places, learn new things, and try new restaurants. Many of us take extended trips that require traveling by plane, train, or long automobile rides. What if we decided to explore with “DAYCATIONS?” Taking a “daycation” allows you to see, learn, and enjoy places near to home that do not require a hotel stay or traveling long distances. I have written about four places north, south, east, and west of our neighborhood. Consider taking one, two, three, or all four of the “daycations” I have spotlighted.

#### Happy Travels!

#### North: Johnson City

About an hour north of downtown San Antonio is Johnson City. The area is known as the home of President Lyndon B. Johnson. The LBJ State Park and Historic Site is in neighboring Stonewall, Texas.

On the way to the park, in what is affectionately called Wine Road (Highway 290), you will find an abundance of wineries and vineyards. Plan your visit at [wineroad290.com](http://wineroad290.com). We chose to stop at Hye Meadow Winery (10257 W. Highway 290) in Hye, Texas. Hye Meadow recommends reservations for production tours but assured us no one has ever been turned away. We had an impromptu



wine tasting with a meat and cheese charcuterie board. Hye Meadow has a variety of wine made by winemakers and owners Mike and Denise Batek. Their winery is also home to two rescue donkeys. Visitors are encouraged to sip their wine and feed the donkeys apples. Hye Meadow has numerous award-winning varieties of wine but are extremely proud of the BOOOOM wine which was voted Best Texas Wine in the Houston Rodeo International Wine Competition.

According to owner Mike Batek, “There’s nothing better than the smile on a person’s face when they sip good wine.”

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site welcomes visitors to learn about the life of the former president. The park is famous for its seasonal wildflowers. A working farm where park interpreters dress in period costumes is a great way to learn about life during LBJ’s childhood. Self-guided tours of LBJ State Park and LBJ Ranch are available to visitors. You can choose to either drive or walk around the park.

We enjoyed lunch at a local favorite, Pecan Street Brewery. Their most popular dish is the Pecan Sweet Chicken. Not only is this a customer favorite, but the staff also recommends this plate without hesitation. It’s a huge portion of a combination of sweet and savory



AWARD-WINNING WINES AT HYE MEADOW WINERY.



RESCUE DONKEYS RESIDING AT HYE MEADOW WINERY.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Shawn Campbell*

I was sorely tempted to just write "Vacay" this month and call it a day, but then I got to thinking about the e-Blast this week providing information on the Unified Development Code (UDC) Amendments and the Tier One Neighborhood Coalition (T1NC). This month we celebrate the Fourth of July, the birthday of this great experiment. And, if you have been watching the January 6 Congressional hearings, you know how delicately balanced our democracy is. In addition, you realize how individuals at the grassroots level make a difference. That is what the T1NC and the city's UDC Amendments are all about. Go to [sanantonio.gov](http://sanantonio.gov) and search "UDC." It is Chapter 35 of the municipal code and it is updated every five years. We are in that timeline now. If you visit [t1nc.org](http://t1nc.org), you will find it is an organization of over 40 inner city neighborhoods, including King William, that is a living example of democracy at its best, exemplifying engaged citizenry working alongside elected and appointed officials. We are fortunate to have Margaret Leeds on the T1NC. The KWA Board works to support or voice objection to UDC Amendments that impact King William as a historic district. But, there are a lot of neighborhood issues. You as a citizen should take the time to look at the amendments. The hard work has been done by the T1NC, but the most important work is you participating at a grassroots level, voicing your support or nonsupport, even if it is just one amendment. A draft letter and contact numbers to leave a voice message are provided in the e-Blast. Happy Fourth of July and "engage."

## JULY EVENTS

- 4 **Regatta & Social** (*Social replaces July Membership Meeting*)
- 18 **Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting**
- 20 **Historic & Design Review Commission Meeting**
- 20 **KWA Board Meeting**



## BOARD BRIEFS:

At the June 15 board meeting Fair Director John Costello gave an update on the upcoming Fourth of July Regatta and Brunch, Sauerkraut Bend 5K Run in October, and Holiday Home Tour. John Doski and the "Sound Whisper" Don Pitts gave the board an update on the city's Noise Task Force. Executive Director Lisa Lynde gave an update on Fair financials. President Shawn Campbell presented the board with an update on the Big Pig. Margaret Leeds spoke on the UDC Amendments followed by lengthy discussion. Committee members from the Architectural Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Membership Committee, and Nominating Committee all reported active and engaged work in support of the KWA.

*Tina Garza, Board Secretary*

# THE HISTORY OF KING WILLIAM BY JIMMY HESTON - PART FIVE

*Executive Director Lisa Lynde*

Please enjoy the fifth feature of Jimmy Heston's research paper on the history of King William. I ran across his paper while going through boxes that were stored at 1032 S. Alamo. Jimmy wrote this as a sixth grader in 1984, and we will continue to include his entire paper throughout the coming issues!



MENGER HOTEL, CIRCA 1865.  
IMAGE: TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**PART SIX TO BE CONTINUED IN THE  
AUGUST KWA NEWSLETTER!**

## Address in the King William District: Symbol of Success

Many Germans that came to Texas in the 1840s were intellectuals and fugitives of the petty tyrants of the Fatherland, and they did not like the privations of the backwoods very much. Because they preferred to hear Mozart's and Beethoven's music in more civilized surroundings, they traveled to such centers as San Antonio and became powerful, especially in the part of San Antonio east of the San Antonio River.

These Germans were determined to have the cultured life they wanted in this western town. They were the people who gave Alamo Plaza a more respectable appearance, due to the opening of the Menger Hotel in 1859. Farther north of the Menger, Germans built their very first Turner-Halle (athletic club). This club became the main theater of the town. The wealthy German families had a great respect for the fine arts and felt it was their privilege to entertain artists. They vigorously attempted to bring good music and drama to San Antonio including a series of full-dress operas. The establishment of the theater and Casino Association in 1854 supported their interest in culture.

## JULY 4TH REGATTA & SOCIAL!!!

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 10 A.M.

*Regatta at Nueva St. Floodgates*

*Social at Upper Mill Park*

All neighbors are invited to participate in King William's traditional July 4 Regatta celebration on July 4, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Gather at the Nueva Street floodgates of the San Antonio River with your **canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, or other floating contraptions!**

Come dressed and decorated in your best stars-and-stripes for the **"Most Stylish" competition**. Race trophies and the style award will be awarded at the Social at Upper Mill Park following the Regatta.



The King William Association will provide **breakfast** tacos and water along with a **specialty crafted adult cocktail** for the day. Be sure to BYOB if you prefer something else! Residents are invited to contribute their favorite potluck brunch dish...salads, breads, sides, sweets, and more! While chairs and tables will be available, feel free to bring your own chairs and blankets to the party.

**Rudi and The Rudiments** will entertain us as we celebrate the birth of our nation and the joy of living in our wonderful neighborhood. Invite your new neighbors to participate in the KW Independence Day extravaganza! **If you'd like to participate, get more info, or if you want to lend or borrow a canoe or kayak**, contact Commodore of

the King William Yacht Club Marita Emmett at

[marita.emmett@gmail.com](mailto:marita.emmett@gmail.com).

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flavors topped with pecans. Their most popular beer is Screw Loose Blonde Ale. Our lunch ended with one of their summer signature desserts - peach pie. Their recipe includes seasonal peaches from Fredericksburg. Other popular desserts include their pecan pie bar and chocolate dessert made with nitro stout and topped with caramel sauce and Texas pecans. Our waitress said, "If we can add pecans and beer to a recipe, we will!"

There are numerous shops and galleries in downtown Johnson City. A good variety of wares can be found at the Old Annex Market about one block from the courthouse. Bart and Debbie Burkhard bought the building in 2016 and opened for business in 2019. In a former life it was an old maintenance barn, but the couple decided to open an open-air market. Twenty four 10x12 foot booths house different vendors from central Texas selling furniture, art, clothing, and jewelry. Most of their shoppers are from Austin, Houston, and Dallas who have discovered Johnson City and love the small-town atmosphere.

And for the kids, the Science Mill is an interactive museum that allows children to explore a world of science, technology, engineering, and math.

### East: Gonzales

Gonzales is about 63 miles east of San Antonio. Texas history buffs or anyone interested in history will enjoy a quick visit to Gonzales, the birthplace of Texas freedom. The first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired in Gonzales. The Runaway Scrape began with the siege and fall of the Alamo and ended with the Battle of San Jacinto. A visit

to the Gonzales Memorial Museum, a driving tour of Historic Gonzales, and a tour of the Gonzales County Jail Museum are all must sees when visiting Gonzales. About 8.5 miles outside of Gonzales sits the Sam Houston Oak. Folklore has it that under this tree is where Sam Houston received the news that the Alamo had fallen and defenders were killed.



THE "COME AND TAKE IT " CANNON AT THE GONZALES MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The town square has many places to shop including numerous antique stores. The Gonzales Food Market at 311 Lawrence Street is a great place to eat. The menu offers many options for meat lovers. I'll recommend the lamb ribs, yes lamb ribs. The meat fell off the bone and was complimented with potato salad and beans. Peach cobbler wrapped this meal up nicely.

### South: Three Rivers

Three Reasons to visit Three Rivers, Texas

#### 1. Do you enjoy nature? Visit Choke Canyon Reservoir and State Park!

Choke Canyon Reservoir with 26,000 surface acres is one of the largest freshwater lakes in South Texas. It is the site of many fishing tournaments throughout the year. The state park that surrounds the reservoir is noted for its wildlife including white-tailed deer, javelina, wild turkey and even alligators. There have been sightings of bald eagles within the Choke Canyon area. Some of the largest big-mouth bass caught in Texas have been landed at Choke Canyon. Fishing



THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE OAK OR SAM HOUSTON OAK IN GONZALES, TEXAS

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The hottest part of the summer is upon us. We are in Stage 2 of SAWS watering rules. Check the SAWS website at [GardenStyleSA.com](http://GardenStyleSA.com) for current rules and future changes. Maintenance is the key word for what to do in the garden until cooler weather arrives. As potted plants begin to show stress and wither don't be afraid to add them to the compost pile and save on water.

Remember to fertilize lawns and shrubs every three to four months with an organic granular fertilizer. Summer heat isn't a factor because organic fertilizers will not burn the grass. Wait for cooler weather to put out compost.

If you have a favorite shady spot in the garden that now seems too hot to enjoy, try placing a couple of container grown ferns around to give it a cooler, tropical feel.

Even though we may be limited in outdoor activity, it is a good time to plan future garden activities. The following are two good sources for gardening information:

1. [dirtdoctor.com](http://dirtdoctor.com)
2. On the radio, **550 AM** on Saturday and Sunday mornings, a local nurseryman takes call-in questions. On Saturday, the program is on from 5:30-9 a.m. and Sunday from 8-11 a.m.



### **GARDEN NOTE:**

**Gardening is cheaper than therapy  
and you get tomatoes.**

### *Annice Hill*

Okay – vacation time! Let's take a vacation here at home. We can go to Africa at the San Antonio Zoo. We can go to the ocean at Sea World. We can go to the rain forest at the Botanical Garden's orchid display. We can walk Venice's canals along our River Walk. So get the pool ready, fire up the BBQ, and get ready to vacation at home!

### **Barbecued Spareribs**

- 2 racks pork ribs (about 3 to 4 pounds each)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Your favorite BBQ sauce (*see recipe below or an easy one*)

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Cover baking sheets with foil, and lay the ribs meaty side up on the sheets. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and bake for 15 minutes.
3. Brush the ribs with BBQ sauce and continue to bake for 45 minutes more, basting frequently. Remove from oven.
4. Place the ribs on a preheated grill, 3 to 4 inches from heat source, meaty side up. Cook for 10 minutes, basting often. Turn the ribs meaty side down and cook for 5 minutes more, basting. Carve up and serve with extra BBQ sauce on the side for dipping.

### **Lance's BBQ Sauce**

*This sauce recipe is from my friend Lance. A very easy and good BBQ sauce.*

- Ketchup
- Honey
- Worcestershire sauce
- Garlic powder
- Tabasco

Mix equal parts ketchup and honey with one large bottle of Worcestershire sauce. Season to taste with garlic powder and Tabasco (or hot sauce of choice). Heat on medium until heated through.



# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

## SIGN ME UP OR RENEW MY DUES TO BE A KWA MEMBER IN 2022

*Dues for 2022 are payable by January 15 in order to receive complimentary King William Fair admission and be included in the printed directory. We nominate voting members in good standing to serve on the Board of Directors and nominating committee. A voting member must be current with annual dues 30 calendar days prior to any vote. The membership year runs January 1 to December 31. Dues may be paid any time but will not be prorated. The King William Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).*

### VOTING MEMBERS: Select a category:

- Individual (\$30/1 vote)       Business/Organization (\$50/1 vote)  
 Patron (\$75)                       Family (\$40/2 votes)  
 Benefactor (\$250)               Lifetime (\$1,000)

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Select a category:

- Individual (Free)     Family (Free)     Business/Organization (Free)

### INDIVIDUAL NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

*For voting business members, list the designated person and alternate who may cast a vote.*

**BUSINESS NAME** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN** (under 18, list names): \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Would you like your children's names in the KWA Directory?

YES  NO

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one)  I AM  I AM NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION.

**PRIMARY PHONE** (with area code):

home  cell  work \_\_\_\_\_

**WEBSITE ADDRESS** (for businesses): \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES):** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Would you like your email address listed in the KWA Directory?

YES  NO

**ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE ON THE...**

- Architectural Advisory     Board     Cultural Arts     Home Tour     King William Fair  
 Newsletter Committee     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please fill out the KWA membership form above and mail to the KWA office. You may also drop your KWA membership form in the mail slot in the door facing Madison (not the parking lot entrance). You may also email us at [info@ourkwa.org](mailto:info@ourkwa.org), or you may become a KWA member online by going to <https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join>.

Renew your membership today or join King William Association for the first time! The membership year began in January, but it is never too late to renew or join.

The more numerous and diverse our members the more powerful our voice in the effort to advance the KWA mission of preserving and protecting our historic residential environment. We encourage you to become involved in the work of KWA and to participate in KWA sponsored events that offer an opportunity to strengthen a sense of belonging by building relationships with neighbors. Your membership offers other benefits in the form of discounts on KWA merchandise and at businesses in the area.

Equally important, your membership helps support KWA programs, including the King William Fair!

Joining for the first time or renewing your membership is quick, easy and secure online by visiting our website at [www.ourkwa.org](http://www.ourkwa.org).

Shawn Campbell  
KWA Board President





# FORMULARIO PARA MEMBRESÍA DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

## FAVOR DE ACTIVAR O RENOVAR MI MEMBRESÍA DE KWA PARA EL 2022

La membresía es efectiva del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre. La cuota se puede pagar en cualquier momento, pero no se prorrateará. La Asociación King William es una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3).

### MIEMBROS CON DERECHO A VOTO: Seleccione una categoría:

- Individual (\$30/1 voto)
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- Patrocinador (\$75)
- Familia (\$40/2 votos)
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### CIUDAD/ESTADO/CÓDIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seleccione uno)  VIVO  NO VIVO DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE LA ASOCIACIÓN KING WILLIAM.

### TELÉFONO PRIMARIO (con código de área):

- casa
- celular
- trabajo

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- Artes culturales
- Comité de asesoramiento arquitectónico
- Comités para el boletín
- Feria King William
- Mesa directiva
- Recorrido de Casas
- Otro: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniela Oliver de Portillo



ISIK KAYA SECOND NATURE 45 X 30 INCH, COURTESY OF BLUE STAR CONTEMPORARY

July is one of our favorite summer months to take a nice break and head on vacation. Whether you are welcoming friends from out of town or taking a couple days off for a staycation of your own, Blue Star Contemporary (BSC) is the place to go for the best contemporary art in the city. To kick off this perfect summer vacation month, BSC presents new and exciting exhibitions opening on July 1. *Andreas Till: De Ami* focuses on the influence of the presence of American troops in artist

Andreas Till's hometown Heidelberg, Germany and the relationship between Germans and Americans between 1945 and 2013 born out of this presence. *The Other Side* is a small selection of films referencing ideas of transitions and events that foundationally change someone, i.e. "to be on the other side of something." Works also allude to ideas of mortality and the spiritual concept of metaphysical selves entering a new plane. The films were selected from Darmstadt Sezession's 2021 prize shortlist for our collaborative *Projection/Projektion* grants and screenings programs and feature the work of Faezeh Nikoozad, Aki Pao-Chen Chiu, Breech Asher Harani, and Fumiko Kikuchi. *Fake Plastic Forest* features the work of France Dubois, Annette Isham, Işık Kaya, and Leigh Merrill, contemporary photographers and lens based artists dealing with themes of artifice, truth and fiction, and the theatricality of our interactions with nature.

Also on view is *Travel Distance* curated by independent curator and interdisciplinary artist Amber Zora. The artworks featured represent how veterans and their families have processed, moved through, purged, and reclaimed their experience around military service. *The Veterans Book Project* is a library of books authored collaboratively by artist Monica Haller and dozens of people who have been affected by, and have archives of, the American wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

COMING EVENTS - ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR



The Cultural Arts Committee of the KWA has a lineup of **Concerts in the Park** for this Fall.

The committee would LOVE to have a couple of NEW MEMBERS as we plan our next Art Exhibits and Presentations. Share our joy in bringing these events to our neighborhood. **Please contact Nora Peterson for more information [noralpeterson@satx.rr.com](mailto:noralpeterson@satx.rr.com).**

[satx.rr.com](http://satx.rr.com).

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**VOLCAN**

*San Antonio's Latin Band*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**EDDIE AND THE VALIANTS**

*Come and listen to their "West Side Sound"*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**To Be Announced**

*We will celebrate Veteran's Day*

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The concerts are in San Antonio Housing Authority's Beautify San Antonio Park and are **FREE** and open to the public of all ages.





## AT A GLANCE

*Executive Director Lisa Lynde*

### Wallace, LA

Pro Publica and Government Executive both released stories surrounding a proposed massive grain elevator project on the Mississippi. The property owners hired an archaeological consulting firm to conduct a study and prepare a report for the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the impact a project like this would have on the small community of Wallace, a predominantly African-American community and on two historic plantations. One of these plantations, the Whitney Plantation, serves as a memorial to the enslaved who were forced to work. The other, Evergreen Plantation, is a uniquely intact National Historic Landmark. Both stories have reported that the consultant prepared a report detailing the negative impacts a project of this size would have, and noted the area possibly also has some not-yet-discovered cemeteries of the enslaved that worked the land. Yet when the report was submitted by the property owner and developer, those passages had been edited out. The original author of the report, along with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are now insisting the Army Corps of Engineers “supplement or replace” the report provided to them by the developer.



THE WHITNEY PLANTATION AND EVERGREEN PLANTATION IN WALLACE, LA

### Des Moines, WA

Pacific NW Magazine recently published an article about the “majestic” Masonic Home. Built in 1925-27 as a residence for elderly Masons, the property closed as a retirement center in 2005. It was then used briefly as an events complex. The Masons sought to possibly develop it, but the estimated \$40 million price tag was beyond their reach so instead they sought to demolish it in 2019. They then sold the property to Zenith Properties, who have now again applied to have the building demolished. The City of Des Moines is conducting an environmental review and it triggered an advocacy alert by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. As one impassioned resident expressed, “It’s one of the most beautiful things in all of Puget Sound, which makes it one of the most beautiful things on the planet Earth.”



MASONIC HOME IN DES MOINES, WA

### Peoria, IL

WCBU has reported the City of Peoria has regretfully approved demolition of Hale Memorial Church. The church, named after a local community leader, was built in 1900 and served as a church until 1999 when a devastating fire caused over \$100,000 in damage rendering it unusable. Since then the property was sold three times to couples who perhaps naively thought it could be saved. The last couple then sold it to a local developer whose original plans were to restore the structure. But after an engineering study both city leaders and the developer have decided to allow the building to “die with dignity.” Plans are to salvage stone from the church to reuse in the gardens and park they plan to create on the vacant lot.



HALE MEMORIAL CHURCH IN PEORIA, IL

## DAYCATIONS IN EVERY DIRECTION!

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guides are available. Call Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce at (361)786-4330 for more information. There are excellent camping facilities at Choke Canyon including cabins and motor home and RV hook-ups. Just outside the park are a variety of accommodations and restaurants. The entrances to the lake are four miles (South Shore Unit) and 10 miles (Calliham Unit) from Three Rivers.

### 2. *Do you enjoy shopping? Stroll through River Ruby Boutique!* (105 Gallaher St.)

This little shop is a true South Texas gem. It is a family-owned and operated business. It is worth the stop to check out their unique, trendy clothing for women in sizes S-3XL. Men's clothing and special gifts are aplenty in this chic boutique. In addition to their clothing, Texas brands include Consuela, Pink, Panache, Tyler Candle Co. and one of a kind art pieces by local rock artist Patty Jean Reagan. You will always find a friendly face and leave their shop with a few treasures and certainly a smile.

### 3. *Are you a foodie? Eat at Sowell's! (114 W. Thornton St.)*

Situated in the oldest building in Three Rivers is Sowell's Bar-B-Q owned by native Three Rivers resident Rick Sowell. Rick is a former Southwest Texas State football player and proud Three Rivers High School alumnus. He is married to school teacher Gretchen Sowell, and both are entertainers. He is a gifted musician, and no one tells a story quite like Gretchen. They can be found at the restaurant most days. Sowell's is a local favorite. The Tres Rios plate may be worth the drive to Three Rivers. Imagine a one-pound hamburger patty stuffed with fresh grilled onions, fresh jalapenos, and covered in melted cheese with homemade brown gravy paired with home fries or hand dipped onion rings.

### West: Castroville

Castroville is about 25 minutes west of San Antonio. It is a small town often referred to as the "Little Alsace of Texas." Early settlers to the area were from Alsace, a region of France. Emigrants were mostly of German descent. Many descendants of early settlers still carry on the rich cultural heritage of their ancestors.

Stop by the Steinbach House and Visitor Center. The home was originally built in France in the early 17th century and transported to Castroville in 1998. It is a wonderful tribute to the rich Alsatian heritage in Castroville.

One of the cornerstones of Castroville's history is St. Louis Catholic Church. The first small church was dedicated in 1849. It still stands on the grounds of the Moye Center around the corner of the present



TOP TO BOTTOM, CHOKE CANYON RESERVOIR IS ONE OF THE LARGEST FRESHWATER LAKES IN SOUTH TEXAS; FAMILY-OWNED AND OPERATED RIVER RUBY BOUTIQUE; AND SOWELL'S BBQ IS IN THE OLDEST BUILDING IN THREE RIVERS.

church. St. Louis Day is celebrated on the Sunday closest to August 25, their patron saint's feast day. It is one of the best known parish celebrations in South Texas. Many historical markers have been awarded to the church, cemetery, and St. Louis Day. The beautiful church is open to visitors. Walk in and admire the majestic stained-glass windows and grand woodwork.

If you enjoy hiking, consider starting at Regional Park Loop. Several hikes are listed as easy or moderate. My husband and I took the Cross

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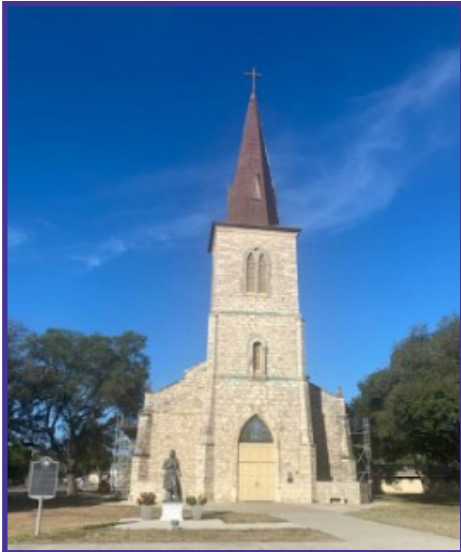
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Hill Loop Trail. It is about a two-mile moderate hike which leads you to the cross erected on Mount Gentilz, a historic landmark erected in the 1840s. Once you get to the top, you get some very good views of Castroville and the Medina Valley.

You will have a hard time picking a treat from the large selection of pastries and sweet goods at Haby's Alsatian Bakery. The doughnuts, honey buns, and cinnamon rolls all looked delicious, but we chose the apple fritters which are a customer favorite.

Sammy's Restaurant is a third-generation restaurant that serves some of the best food in the area. They use fresh produce from local markets and their steaks are delivered daily from Dzuik's Meat Market. Their fresh bread is baked daily at Haby's right across the street. They pride themselves on serving "homestyle meals with small town service." We had the sweetest waitress who insisted we try some homemade strawberry pie while we waited for our meal. Who doesn't like to eat dessert first?



LEFT TO RIGHT, ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED IN 1849; CROSS ON MOUNT GENTILZ, A HISTORICAL LANDMARK ERECTED AROUND 1840; HABY'S ALSATIAN BAKERY IN CASTROVILLE.



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## IN MEMORY OF KING WILLIAM RESIDENT

Jimmy Moore

Few San Antonio theatre community members will be remembered for their impact on the performing arts like Rick Malone. An Army veteran, a father, husband, and resident of Madison Street for the last several years of his life, "Papa Rick," as he was known to many, ate good food, drank good wine, laughed, traveled, and created alongside his wife, Diane, until his passing in late January.

Rick was an internationally recognized theatrical sound designer. As a co-founder of The Classic Theatre, Rick was instrumental in the planning and day-to-day efforts that kept the theatre alive. In later years, The Malones were lodestars for The Classic, incredible volunteers, and outspoken supporters of the work created on our stage.

Off stage, the Malones mentored and advised many young artists in our community, including me. From my first professional musical to my first encounter with The Classic Theatre (an organization I now help to lead), to my first date with my husband on the Malone's porch during Fiesta, to purchasing our first home on Madison Street, all these pivotal life experiences stemmed from my friendship with Rick and Diane.

As Producing Artistic Director of The Classic, I know that Rick's joviality, techni-

### RICK MALONE

cal acumen, artistry, and encouragement will be missed, and his valuable contributions will always remain at the core of the theatre he helped create and in the hearts of practitioners like myself who worked alongside and learned from him.

"The Malone Fund for Excellence in Technical Theatre at The Classic" has been created to ensure that "Papa Rick" and his legacy are remembered. Please join Diane Malone, her daughters, and my family by considering a gift in Rick's honor at [TheMaloneFund.com](http://TheMaloneFund.com).

And, the next time you have a delicious gin and tonic (Rick's were the best!), consider lifting a glass to our dearly departed neighbor and friend, Rick Malone.



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