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Fall 2026

A Vibrant Learning Community for Adults Aged 50+

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Fall 2026 Director's Message

Welcome to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University!

Dear OLLI Friends,

For me, the gradual change of seasons, especially summer into early fall, brings a sense of nostalgia. Subtle cues like temperature shifts, the appearance of colorful falling leaves and the anticipation of familiar events like holidays with family, the hustle and bustle of on campus activities and the aroma of pumpkin-nutmeg-cinnamon spice can trigger fond memories. Autumn also represents harvest and abundance, literally reaping the results of our previous efforts. The most significant memory for me this time of year is the anticipation and excitement of a new school year. I have vivid recollections of shopping for new outfits, pens, books—all the books—and new looseleaf binders. When I think back to those bygone college years, walking on campus for the first time, I can still recall a fusion of exhilaration and anxious energy. One memorable incident was the time when my car was towed for parking illegally; I didn't want to be late for my first Shakespeare class. Initially, I was convinced it was stolen. Reader, it was not.

Back to school was more than just textbooks and new backpacks, it was also an opportunity to learn new skills, expand existing knowledge, experience unfamiliar surroundings and make new and sometimes lifelong friends. Fortunately for OLLI members, this experience we enjoyed in our youth is still available to us as adults.

Here at OLLI, we believe that the pursuit of learning should not be confined by age, background, or previous experience. Our mission is to foster a comprehensive and intellectually stimulating environment where adults can continue to grow, explore, and connect—with ideas, with one another, and with the wider world.

This fall, our curriculum committees at all four Texas Tech OLLI locations have created a fresh lineup of course offerings designed to inspire and bolster you, offering you the chance to make meaningful connections and stay curious. We are fortunate to have an expert group of instructors who volunteer their time and energy to make our classes engaging. They are scholars, professionals and enthusiasts drawn from within and beyond our communities. From art and literature to science, history, technology, wellness and more, there's something for everyone's interest. The magic of OLLI is, it doesn't just teach you what you think you want to know, it opens doors of possibility that you didn't know were there.

Whether you are joining us for the very first time or are a returning member, know that you are an essential part of a community dedicated to the joy of discovery and camaraderie. From all of us at OLLI—Susan (Lubbock), Sarah (Highland Lakes), Alice (Fredericksburg), Bill (Abilene) and our voluntary Advisory Councils at each of our cities, we are delighted to begin a new semester with you. You don't need a new outfit and parking is free.



All my best,

Penne Lynne Richards, M.F.A.
*Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Office of the Provost for Outreach & Engagement
Texas Tech University*



THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977 by respected businessman, philanthropist, and community leader Bernard Osher. The Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through innovative funding in higher education and the arts.

The Foundation supports a national lifelong learning network of programs designed for adults aged 50 and better; Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes operate on 120+ college and university campuses in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 300 towns and cities across the nation. Each independent Institute is affiliated with a college or university, offering intellectually stimulating, non-credit courses tailored to meet the diverse interests and needs of their local communities. Courses, study groups, social events and educational travel opportunities foster a culture of joyful learning and personal fulfillment without tests or grades.

At OLLI at Texas Tech University, we are extremely fortunate and honored to be counted among the universities affiliated with the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Partnership

At OLLI at Texas Tech, we are committed to offering programming that is engaging, educational and enjoyable. Our partnership with the Museum at Texas Tech has not only provided an ideal space for our specialized programs, but it also opened doors to the unique learning experiences available only within the museum.

In 2026, Lubbock OLLI has taken this partnership to the next level by officially moving into the Museum at Texas Tech, located at 3301 4th Street in Lubbock, Texas. This exciting transition allows us to develop and expand our courses in an environment where we can continue to grow and thrive.

A poster for an event titled "STOLEN DIGNITY AND THE MEANING OF JUSTICE". The poster has a dark blue background with a faint image of trees. At the top left is the Texas Tech logo, and at the top right is the text "MUSEUM AT TEXAS TECH" and "TEXAS TECH". The title is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, the date and time "OCTOBER 1, 2026 @ 6 PM" are written in bold, orange capital letters, followed by the location "HELEN DEVITT JONES AUDITORIUM" in smaller, bold, orange capital letters. The speaker's name "TIM CARPENTER" is in bold, white capital letters, followed by his credentials "FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FBI ART CRIME TEAM, AUTHOR OF 'THE GRAVE ROBBER'" in bold, orange capital letters. At the bottom left, the text "This event is free and open to the public. Reception and book signing to follow. For more information about the event →" is written in white. At the bottom right is a QR code.



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GIVING TO OLLI

OLLI is dedicated to providing enriching educational and social experiences for its members. While membership fees and endowment interest help fund operations, they don't cover all costs. That's why the program needs your help.



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Thank you for your generosity and commitment to lifelong learning.

WHAT IS OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)?

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a membership-based program for adults aged 50 and better where curiosity, connection and inspiration meet. With four Texas Tech University OLLI sites located in Lubbock, Highland Lakes, Fredericksburg, and Abilene, members at each site have access to over 80 courses per semester.

OLLI is supported in part through membership dues, class fees, and a generous endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation, a philanthropy founded by business man, Bernard Osher. OLLI at Texas Tech is part of a network including 120+ Osher programs partnered with universities and colleges across the U.S.

How to register?

Visit olli.ttu.edu/register or contact your site coordinator.



What does membership cost?

Membership is \$35 per person, valid for a year from date of purchase, and does not include cost of individual courses.

Who teaches OLLI classes?

Most of our classes are taught by distinguished professors, both active and retired. Other instructors are experts in their fields, university doctoral students or OLLI members. There is one common denominator: they teach because they enjoy education and OLLI students.

What happens for weather or other emergency cancellations?

OLLI follows the same policy as Texas Tech University for cancellations because of weather or other acts of nature or emergencies. If TTU classes are canceled, OLLI classes are also canceled. Postings can be found at emergency.ttu.edu as well as on local television or radio stations. OLLI reserves the right to substitute instructors, rearrange class schedules or cancel classes because of low enrollment or illness. In case of class cancellation or a schedule change, you will be notified and may receive a credit for another class in the same semester or a refund.

What if I have to cancel my registration?

Because space in classes is limited, please let the office know as soon as possible if you need to cancel a class registration. It is important that you are aware that canceling any class requiring bus transportation, food or supplies will result in loss of the registration fee unless the member is able to find a replacement to attend in their place. For all other classes, we ask that members let us know of their cancellation at least four days in advance to be eligible to receive a credit transfer to be applied to another class or choose to donate their credit. Members may also choose to donate their refund if they wish to support OLLI operations.

We do provide full refunds on a case-by-case basis for illness, medical emergencies, etc. Membership fees cannot be credited or refunded.

LIVE OSHER ONLINE SIX-WEEKS SERIES COURSES – FALL 2026

Osher Online Live courses a unique blend of convenience, affordability and diverse learning experiences. These live courses offer participants the opportunity to connect with fellow OLLI members from across the country, all from the comfort of their homes. Each course is a 6-weeks series class, occurring on the same day/time for \$60.

Art Detectives Forgery, Provenance, and the Science of Authentication

Mondays, September 28 Through November 2, 12-1:30 PM

Cults and New Religious Movements in America

Tuesdays, October 6 Through November 10, 2-3:30 PM

Great Artists in American Roots Music

Mondays, September 28 Through November 2, 10-11:30 AM

Living off The Laughter: History of Comedy in America

Wednesdays, October 14 Through November 18, 2-3:30 PM

Post War Architecture: The Innovative Architects of the Midcentury Modern Period

Wednesdays, October 7 Through November 11, 12-1:30 PM

Power and the People: The Evolution of the U.S. Federal Judiciary

Thursdays, October 15 Through November 19, 12-1:30 PM

The History and Experience of Route 66

Mondays, October 5 Through November 9, 6-7:30 PM

Tracing Our Roots DNA, Family History, and the Politics of Identity

Wednesdays, September 30 Through November 4, 6-7:30 PM

REGISTER TODAY!

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Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday: Closed



Abilene Spring Semester Kickoff **IP**

Come learn what the new fall semester of OLLI at Texas Tech University has in store for you and friends. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will be

introducing its Fall 2026 course offerings in this informal setting. Experts from various fields have agreed to serve as course instructors, and you can meet many of them. Snacks and beverages will be served. Join us for a fun and free opportunity to meet other lifelong learners and choose your courses.

Thursday, September 17 | 5-7 p.m. | Free In-Person
Community Foundation of Abilene, Community Room
850 North First Street | Abilene, TX



Placekeeping: The Power of Preservation **IP**

The historic West Texas Utilities Power Plant in Abilene, completed in 1922, once powered the growth of West Texas as a major regional electricity provider, helping shape the area's economy and energy industry. Vacant for decades, this iconic landmark is getting a second surge of life. The Abilene Preservation League is flipping the switch to shine new light on the power plant's future. Come hear the vision for this landmark's powerful resurgence into its next century.

Brandon Young, AIA, is partner and director of design at Parkhill, a regional architecture firm. He received his Master of Architecture from The University of Texas at Austin and taught foundational architecture courses at Abilene Christian University for 14 years.

Tuesday, September 29 | 4-5:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX

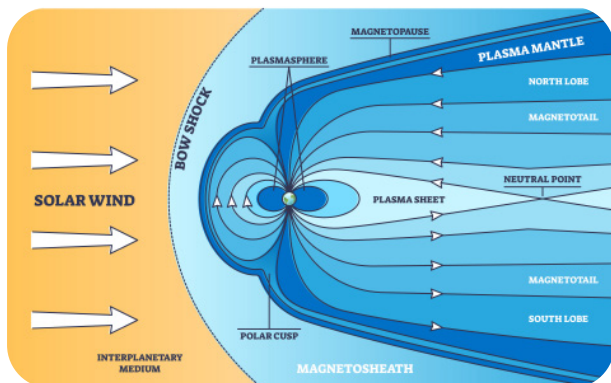


Tracking the Trail: The Butterfield Route in Texas **H**

Before the railroad held the continent together, there was the Butterfield Overland Mail, the first transcontinental line. We'll have a special focus on its rugged path through Taylor and nearby counties, locate the historic stations that once bustled with weary travelers and uncover the daily perils faced by drivers and passengers. Through historic maps, local lore and fascinating archaeological insights, you will explore how this brief but vital enterprise forever transformed the frontier.

John Caraway is chair of Government & History at Cisco College. Dixie Hoover is retired from the Texas Historical Commission as site manager. Jeff Salmon is director of Frontier Texas and chair of the Taylor County Historical Commission.

Tuesday, September 22 | 4-5:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Frontier Texas, Community Classroom | 625 North First St. | Abilene, TX



The Magnetosphere: Earth's Invisible Shield

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The Earth's magnetosphere may be invisible, but it plays an important role in making life on Earth possible. The course will begin with a brief account of how our understanding of the magnetosphere and its importance has evolved over time. A description of the various regions will follow, concluding with how the magnetosphere affects life on Earth and the ways that we study it.

Wayne Keith earned his Ph.D., in space physics in 2001 from Rice University. After completing post-doc positions at the Southwest Research Institute and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, he transitioned to full-time teaching, spending the last 20 years at McMurry University. His first book was published in 2021.

Thursday, October 1 | 3:30-5 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
Abilene Heritage Square, Stone Owl Academy
1699 South First Street | Abilene, TX



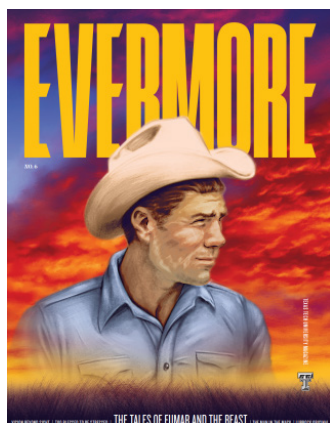
Tour of an Outstanding Natural History Collection

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Come for a personalized tour of the Natural History Collection at ACU, hosted by Tom and Pebbles Lee. The collection contains over 2,500 specimens and 1,500 tissue samples, representing animals from every continent except Antarctica. A special focus is species that are native to Texas and the Southwest, as well as unique exhibits collected on research trips in North and South America. Members will hear stories from first-hand visits to the remotest parts of the Andes and gain a valuable understanding of this type of research to our planet.

Tom Lee, Ph.D., is chair of biology at ACU and director of the ACU Natural History Collection. Lee and his wife **Pebbles** work together in the Department of Biology Lab, where Pebbles is operations manager.

Tuesday, October 13 | 4-5:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Onstead Science Center | 1600 Campus Court | Abilene, TX



Striving For Honor: Evermore

IP

It began as a magazine. It's grown into so much more. Join us to hear the stories behind the production of Texas Tech's internationally recognized publication, Evermore, and how the brand's continued growth proves that From Here, It's Possible™.

A Texas Tech alumna in journalism, **Glenys Young** is an award-winning writer and editor. Returning to her alma mater, she later championed the unique storytelling style of Evermore, and serves as its editor and Texas Tech's senior director of storytelling.

Thursday, October 8 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX

Pundits, Polls & Politics: The Mid-Term Edition!

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On Nov. 3, all 435 seats in the U.S. House and 35 in the Senate will be up for re-election. This mid-term may be more consequential than any recent one. We'll dig into all the national issues, looking at how they rank -- by party affiliation, generation and region. We'll look at some of the better forecasts of results and then conduct our own on-line, in-class polls. YES, we will forecast the House - Senate results by party.

Doug Stowell is a consumer and political polling veteran in both the U.S. and the EU. His career includes director of market research for Xerox Corp. and opening his own firm, Market Resource Associates, in 2008. As a public service, he provides OLLI lectures to more than 100 organizations nationwide.

Wednesday, October 21 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



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All About Bees: A Visit to Sadie Grace Farms IP

Buzz on over to Lawn, Texas, for an exclusive, hands-on look into the fascinating world of apiculture. We will meet a local master beekeeper

to explore the inner workings of a honeybee hive. Discover the vital role these pollinators play in our ecosystem, learn about the rewards and challenges of modern beekeeping and see how sweet local honey goes from hive to jar.

Chrissy Ward is a born-and-raised Abilenian and Wylie High graduate. She earned a degree in church ministry with a minor in leadership studies from Hardin-Simmons. She has been a realtor since 2018 and has been very active in the Big Country Beekeepers Association.

Thursday, October 22 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | \$30 In-Person
Sadie Grace Farms | 7409 Hwy. 84 | Lawn, TX

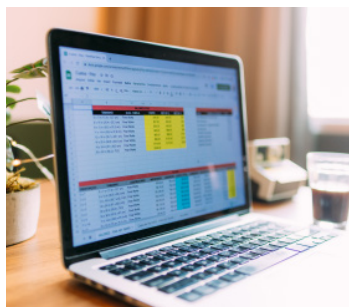


Beyond the Squint: The Cinema Legacy of Eastwood IP

From Clint Eastwood's antihero of the spaghetti Westerns to an Oscar-winning director of profound American dramas, he shapes the cinematic landscape like few others. With our favorite movie hound Zach Ingle, we'll explore his decades-long legacy as a star and filmmaker. Through clips and vibrant discussions we'll look at his evolution from a symbol of rugged masculinity to a director who deconstructs violence, morality and aging. Join us for an enjoyable look at the lifetime work of a true Hollywood legend.

Zachary Ingle, Ph.D., takes us through the lifetime of work of Eastwood. He is assistant professor of communications at Hardin-Simmons University. He has written extensively about film, popular culture, religion and sports.

Tuesday, October 27 | 4:30-6 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



Make Microsoft Excel Your Personal Ally IP

It comes with your computer most times, but many of us don't fully utilize the powerful program. Excel expert Chrisstie Crim will take

us through easily understandable real-life demonstrations of ways we can unlock overlooked features. Without buying any specialized software, you can add more clarity to your finances and recordkeeping. If you're a visual learner, build beautiful charts that communicate and more. We will be in a computer classroom at ATEMS, the Science and Technology high school of Abilene.

Chrisstie Crim is assistant director and instructional coordinator at the LIFT Center in Abilene, which houses the Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math & Science campus.

Thursday, October 29 | 3-4:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
LIFT Center | 2034 Quantum Loop | Abilene, TX



Tour of the Swenson Ranching Archives IP

A fall trip to Stamford is coming up in partnership with the Museum of the West Texas Frontier. We'll have a guided tour of the historic archives of the SMS Ranches empire, lunch at the museum, and a visit to the 1927-28 SMS Ranches, the principal headquarters building. Two weeks before the class, members will receive a short history of the SMS ranches and information about travel coordination.

Jewellee Kuenstler has been director of the Museum of the West Texas Frontier since 2021. Under her leadership the museum has grown in visitor numbers and scope. She is a published author and was named Stamford Citizen of the Year in 2024 as well as Texas Cowboy Reunion Hostess in 2025.

Wednesday, November 4 | 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
\$35 Including Lunch | \$25 Without Lunch
Museum of the West Texas Frontier
113 South Wetherbee Street | Stamford, TX



OLLI Member Play Monday IP at the SPARK Center

Following last semester's hit sneak peek, join OLLI for an exclusive, private visit to the SPARK Center at Abilene Heritage Square. Director Marsha Hammack is opening the doors on a Monday just for us, giving members free rein of the fascinating interactive exhibits without the usual daytime crowds. In addition to exploring, you'll hear from Marsha herself as she shares insights on the vital role of STEM education, drawing from her 35 distinguished years as a science educator.

Marsha Hammack is director of the SPARK Science Center at Abilene Heritage Square, part of the Grace Museum. She has over 35 years experience as a science educator.

Monday, November 9 | 10:30-Noon | \$20 In-Person
Abilene Heritage Square, SPARK Science Center
1620 South 3rd Street | Abilene, TX

Eyes of the Plains: Inside the IP West Texas Mesonet

Launched by Texas Tech, the West Texas Mesonet features over 180 stations capturing hyper-local weather events. We will explore how this grid provides real-time, rapid data that can be used for precision forecasting leading to earlier warnings for concentrated cloudbursts, like those behind the flooding that turned the Guadalupe River catastrophic and made serene Hill Country creeks rage. Since most stations sit on private land, we will highlight the critical partnership between the university and landowners and how the community directly assists emergency managers when minutes matter most.

Natalie Trout is a research scientist at the Texas Tech National Wind Institute specializing in atmospheric science and severe weather meteorology.

Wednesday, November 18 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



OLLI Book Cub: IP "This Book Made Me Think of You"

British author Libby Page delivers an uplifting tribute to the power of literature and community in this bestseller. Five months after losing her husband, Joe, Tilly Nightingale receives an unexpected gift at her local bookstore: 12 books chosen by Joe, each accompanied by a personal letter to guide

her through her first year of grief. What follows is a globally inspired journey of self-discovery, connection and healing. Join us to discuss this beautiful "love letter to books," and share your thoughts on how reading has the unique power to connect us and transform our lives.

Arlene Kasselmann established the independent bookstore Seven and One Books after a career in academic advising. She is a native of South Africa.

Wednesday, December 2 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon | \$15 In-Person
Seven and One Books | 1138 North 2nd Street | Abilene, TX



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The Curator's Eye: Newest Grace Art Installations

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This private gallery tour with curator and art historian Judy Tedford Deaton will explore current art exhibitions at The Grace Museum located in the Abilene Cultural District. The tour will feature two exhibitions on view, “Emily LaCour: At the Table” and “All Creatures Great and Small: Selections from The Grace Permanent Collection.” Emily LaCour’s solo exhibition features gestural paintings of friends and family gatherings painted from life to explore “the felt dynamics of relationships.”

Judy Tedford Deaton is chief curator and director of Exhibitions and Collections at the Grace Museum. A frequent guest speaker and art juror, she is a recipient of the SMU Meadows Artistic Scholarship Graduate Award in Art History..

Tuesday, December 8 | 2:30-4 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
The Grace Museum | 102 Cypress Street | Abilene, TX



Swenson Family's Christmas at the Swenson House

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The W.G. and Shirley Swenson House will be decorated for Christmas in all its early 20th century glory. Come for tea and stories about the Swenson family plus a tour of this grand house.

Janet Payne has led the effort for years to preserve and enhance this valuable asset to Abilene's history.

Tuesday, December 15 | 4-5:30 p.m. | \$25 In-Person
Swenson House | 1726 Swenson St. | Abilene, TX



Cypress Street Station
Downtown Abilene

Fredericksburg

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Alice Boyd, Coordinator

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Monday - Thursday: 12 pm - 5 pm

Friday: Closed



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Fredericksburg Fall Semester Kickoff

Join OLLI at Texas Tech Fredericksburg as we celebrate the Fall semester with appetizers, wine and fellowship as instructors provide a sneak peek of the upcoming courses. Explore the fall catalog, register for classes and meet other lifelong learners. OLLI Members, bring a friend—if they become an OLLI member at the kickoff—you will receive one-free OLLI class for the referral. *RSVP by Sept. 11 to reserve your space by emailing alice.boyd@ttu.edu.*

Sunday, September 13 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Free In-Person

Golden Hub Community Center

1009 N. Lincoln Street | Fredericksburg, TX



The Salem Witch Trials and Travelogue

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This class combines one of the most frightening and inexplicable episodes in American history with the celebration of Halloween in one of the premier travel destinations in the country. Salem, Massachusetts is known for its museums, architecture, restaurants and people. Charlotte will guide you through this unusual pairing so that you can make travel plans for a rich travel experience.

Charlotte Freeborn is a member of the Fredericksburg OLLI Council and is a frequent presenter on a variety of subjects. She holds a bachelor's from the University of North Texas and a master's from Southern Methodist University.

Tuesday, September 22 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



The Empire State Building: American Icon

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Built during the Great Depression, the Empire State Building became the world's tallest building in 1931 and held the title until 1970. Its famous lights first shone on May 1, 1931, and the 1933 film "King Kong" turned it into a global icon. Yet behind its success was decades of financial turmoil and ownership battles. Investors went bankrupt, developers fought for control, Donald Trump sued over land rights, a Japanese yakuza acquired interests in the 1980s, and the building finally became a publicly traded company in 2013. A classic American story of ambition, conflict and reinvention.

Instructor Marye Tharp, Ph.D., has over 35 years of experience teaching in advertising and marketing. She's authored papers and books on consumer behavior.

Thursday, September 24 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX

Fredericksburg



Music: The Key to Literacy for All Ages IP

This class will look at how music can boost and support literacy for everyone, from young kids to seniors. We'll

dive into how music can enhance cognitive function, improve literacy skills and help non-English speakers learn English.

Lisa Roebuck, soloist, choir director and retired Round Rock ISD fine arts director; **Susan Rodriguez**, Gillespie Literacy citizenship and ESL tutor; **Michele Stehling**, soloist, 36-year choral educator and Gillespie Literacy citizenship tutor.

Monday, September 28 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



Paint a Vibrant Flower with Gouache IP

Gouache is a vibrant medium that blends the luminosity of watercolor with the bold opacity of acrylic, making it an ideal choice for beginners. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques—such as wet-on-wet washes, blending and rich layered color—to create your own beautifully framed three-dimensional artwork to take home. All supplies are provided; just bring your curiosity and adventurous spirit! You'll also leave with a helpful resource list so you can continue exploring gouache at home.

Susan Tarrant, assistant director of OLLI at Texas Tech University, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas. Her artistic style is inspired by the vivid shapes, patterns and colors of her East Texas Piney Woods upbringing and her travels to Hawaii.

Wednesday, September 30 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



10 Things To Do Before You Get Hacked, Your Personal Cybersecurity IP

Protecting yourself online starts with small actions that will make a big difference. It's not necessary to be a tech expert in order to protect yourself online. Annette Bennett will present 10 easy steps that will cover the most common personal cybersecurity weak spots. You'll learn ways to secure your accounts, protect your identity and reduce your risk of being hacked. This class is for people with little to no experience. Bring your cell phones or tablets. Handouts will be provided.

Annette Bennett is no expert on computers, so her presentation is geared to others who are in the same boat.

Wednesday, October 7 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



Iran: People & Culture IP

This presentation is intended to cover a personal experience of immigrating to the U.S. but also touch base on recent events with Iran. Topics will include understanding the history and culture of Iranian people as opposed to the current regime.

Mo Saiidi immigrated to the U.S. in 1970 at age 19 to pursue higher education. A University of Texas graduate, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering. During a 37-year career with Boeing, he worked on commercial aircraft, the Space Shuttle, and the International Space Station. Since retiring in 2015, he has remained active in local issues and served two terms as chair of the Gillespie County Republican Party. He lives in Fredericksburg with his family.

Thursday, October 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX

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Barbecue Diplomacy in 1963: LBJ and Ludwig Erhard

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During a time of Cold War tensions in December 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson hosted West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard for high level meetings at the

LBJ Ranch. But it wasn't all work. President Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson took their German guests to a series of friendly events in nearby Stonewall and Fredericksburg. The class will include images, stories, a short video and live music performed by Annabel Wilkinson who, as a high school student, played the accordion during a Texas-style barbecue held in honor of Chancellor Erhard.

David D. Schafer is a former National Park Service park ranger. After a 32-year NPS career he retired in 2019 while serving as a supervisory park ranger at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park.

Monday, October 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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The Ancient Mountains of the Llano Uplift

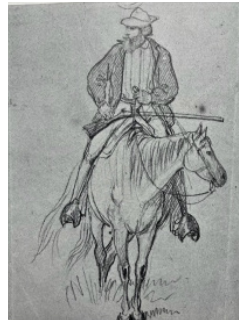
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Newcomb, W. W., Jr. (1978). German artist on the Texas frontier, Friedrich Richard Petri. Texas Memorial Museum.

The Extraordinary Life of Jacob Kuechler; from Bettina, Bloodshed and Boundaries

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In the violent world of 19th-century Texas, Jacob Kuechler lived an extraordinary life. A German revolutionary, scientist and surveyor, he settled in Gillespie County after fleeing upheaval in Europe.

A Unionist during the Civil War, he survived the Nueces Massacre, worked in Mexico during the war and later became Texas Land Commissioner during Reconstruction. His story mirrors Texas's turbulent transformation from frontier to divided state.

Katherine Peake is an "accidental" historian, former Fredericksburg judge, attorney and anthropology graduate who researched Lower South Grape Creek history, including a Mormon farm, Captain Jack Hays lawsuit and Hängerbünde murders.

Tuesday, October 27 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



The Texas Rangers, Their Beginning 1823 to 1900

IP

This course is a detailed program to give a better understanding of where the Texas Rangers came from, who they were and why they were so important in the rough-and-tumble years in Texas between 1823 and 1900. We will consider the men, what they had to do to survive against Native Americans, bandits and the elements. Learn about how the Texas Rangers made do then adapted to the rigors of "frontier life".

Jeff Nichols shares his passion for Texas and the Old West through years of reading and study. Russell Peckham brings firsthand family history and knowledge of frontier Rangers.

Marvin Schroeder combines family roots in the Texas Revolution with experience in museums, film and historical preservation.

Wednesday, November 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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Taste of the Hill Country Demonstration Dinner

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Enjoy an evening discovering the “Taste of the Hill Country.” This 2–2.5 hour demonstration dinner combines cooking instruction with a delicious meal and carefully paired wines. Learn techniques and flavor combinations while enjoying a memorable dining experience. You’ll receive a recipe booklet with step-by-step instructions and cooking tips to recreate these dishes at home.

Menu: Hot Honey Apple Flatbread with Prosciutto & Arugula; Butternut Squash Bisque with Crème Fraîche & Spiced Pepitas; Bacon-Apple Glazed Pork Tenderloin with Corn Pudding & Roasted Garlic Broccolini; Pumpkin Spice Pound Cake with Orange Chantilly Cream & Toasted Pecans.

Please contact the Cooking School regarding food allergies. Recipe modifications cannot be made during class.

Sean Higginbotham, Executive Chef

Thursday, November 5 | 5-7 p.m. | \$90 In-Person
Das Peach Haus | 1406 S US Hwy. 87 | Fredericksburg, TX



New Science on Our Most Common Killers

IP

All is not lost! This topic covers the recent science of preventive medicine for reducing

the risk for some of the leading causes of premature death: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Our best science also provides insights into how older people with chronic disease can still live with a strong sense of well-being. Just as we can work now to reduce our risk of dying prematurely from these diseases, we can also work now so that we have the resilience to maintain The Good Life even when disease does not spare us.

Vaughn Hamilton taught English and history and now emergency medicine for paramedics. Today, he enjoys working with the Marble Falls Area EMS.

Monday, November 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



Who Are You When You're Not Working?

IP

People spend years preparing financially for retirement but rarely prepare for the personal transition. When a career ends, people often lose structure, identity, social connections and purpose. This presentation explores retirement identity transition using the Transtheoretical Model of Behavior Change and the Eight Dimensions of Wellness. Participants will leave with practical tools and resources for building a fulfilling next chapter.

Matthew Geddie, OTR, Ph.D., is a retired Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center professor and occupational therapist. Drawing on 30 years of research and his own retirement experience, he founded ChangeEight to help people navigate retirement identity transition.

Tuesday, November 10 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



The City of Fredericksburg Texas Overview and Priorities

IP

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the city of Fredericksburg, including a brief history of our town, current state and an

overview of our new 2026 city council's goals and priorities to support our growth initiatives.

Randy Briley, mayor of Fredericksburg, is a U.S. Navy veteran, former Fortune 500 executive at Motorola and Zebra Technologies and a city council member (2023–2025). He was also a member of the Gillespie County Historical Society (2023–2026).

Wednesday, November 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

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In 1985, the 69th Texas Legislature created the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature to advise on issues affecting older Texans. TSHL provides a non-partisan forum for discussion

and debate of issues, advocacy training and an avenue to serve Texans age 60 and above. TSHL goals center around the welfare of older Texans. The objective is to realize passage of TSHL priorities on issues affecting older Texans in the Texas Legislature. Come learn about how TSHL operates as your voice in Austin.

Eric and Carol Hammersen represent Gillespie County (part of Silver Legislative District 18, Alamo Area).

Thursday, November 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



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City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



Data Centers, Water and Responsible Development

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Data centers are a hot topic across Texas, with more than 470 proposed projects statewide. This course explores the types of data centers, developers, and business models being promoted, along with the resources they require, including electricity, water, and workforce needs. Participants will learn how to evaluate proposed projects and their impacts on local communities. The TTU-Fermi America proposal near Amarillo will be discussed as a case study.

Kassandra McQuillen is an assistant professor in Texas Tech's Energy Commerce program and a licensed attorney in Texas and California. She advises landowners and rural communities on renewable energy projects and resource planning.

Tuesday, December 8 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
City Hall at East Campus | 2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290 | Fredericksburg, TX



The Phantom Rails: Riding the Fredericksburg Railroad

IP

In 1913 the first locomotive rolled into Fredericksburg, covered in grease and soot, squeaking like a cheap fiddle and spewing vapor like a leaky steam pipe. A 30-year dream came true. A century later the train is gone, but traces of the phantom rails are still out there, if you know where to look.

Michael Barr writes a local history column called Hindsight for the Fredericksburg Standard. The author of five books and numerous short stories, he is a regular contributor to Rock and Vine Magazine.

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Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

Highland Lakes Fall Semester Kickoff **IP**

Join OLLI at Texas Tech Highland Lakes as we celebrate this new semester filled with fun, food and fellowship. Enjoy drinks and appetizers while presenters share information about the upcoming OLLI classes. Then, take time to explore the catalog and register for all the exciting new course offerings. *RSVP by Sept. 12 to reserve your space by emailing sarah.amos@ttu.edu.*

Tuesday, September 15 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Free In-Person
First Baptist Church | The Pavilion
901 La Ventana | Marble Falls, TX



LCRA in the Highland Lakes **IP**

Highland Lakes residents and visitors know the Lower Colorado River Authority manages the Colorado River and the Highland Lakes. But there's more to the story. Learn a bit of LCRA's history and how LCRA continues to impact the water, power, telecom, parks and communities of Texas.

Susan Patten is LCRA's local liaison to the communities in the Highland Lakes. She lives in Kingsland, where she is active in chambers, charities and community initiatives. She spent her career reporting on or participating in civic life.

Wednesday, September 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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Paint a Vibrant Flower with Gouache **IP**

Gouache is a vibrant medium that blends the luminosity of watercolor with the bold opacity of acrylic, making it an ideal choice for beginners. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques—such as wet-on-wet washes, blending and rich layered color—to create your own beautifully framed three-dimensional artwork to take home. All supplies are provided; just bring your curiosity and adventurous spirit! You'll also leave with a helpful resource list so you can continue exploring gouache at home.

Susan Tarrant, assistant director of OLLI at Texas Tech University, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas. Her artistic style is inspired by the vivid shapes, patterns and colors of her East Texas Piney Woods upbringing and her travels to Hawaii.

Tuesday, September 29 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
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Edgar Degas: Not Just a Painter of Ballet Dancers **IP**

An Impressionist, but more accurately a classical painter of modern life: the cafes of Paris, portraits of his New Orleans family and Parisians; of arresting race horse scenes, of a series of working class women and bathers, and of ballet dancers as

professionals. He left 150 wax sculptures when he died, later bronzed. Degas is remembered as an argumentative, curmudgeonly genius.

Carole Buchanan, Ph.D., is an award-winning teacher. She trains world and European history Advanced Placement teachers.

Thursday, October 1 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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Lesser-Known Lepidoptera: The Secrets of Moths

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Moths are so much more varied than we think. Butterflies get all the credit and attention for being pretty pollinators, but what about their moth-y relatives? Join us to learn all there is to know about these truly unique insects.

Samantha Weaver, Inks Lake State Park ranger, has worked with Texas State Parks for six years now, and fell in love with moths through her job.



Wednesday, October 14 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
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The Art of Candle Making at Retreat Ranch

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This is a dynamic and fun workshop where you'll learn the art of candle making by creating a custom scented soy wax candle using eco-friendly, specially curated ingredients. Each person will go home with an 8 oz. custom candle and an invaluable experience! Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Lily Lorenz, Retreat Ranch operations manager, has been passionately crafting candles for the past three years under the mentorship of Shannon Jamail, Retreat Ranch owner, who brings over 10 years of candle making expertise and love to the craft.

Wednesday, October 21 | 1-3 p.m. | \$35 In-Person
The Retreat Ranch | 1643 County Road 403 | Marble Falls, TX



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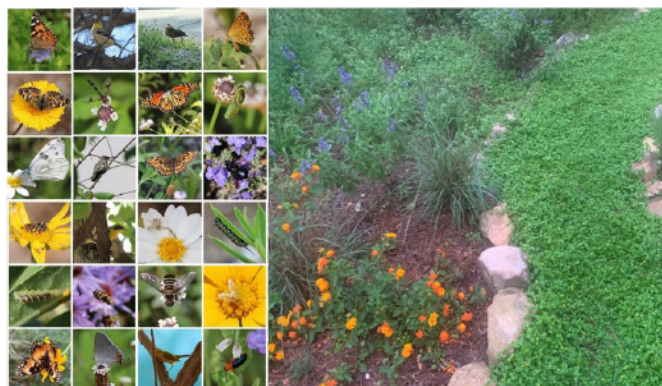
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Preserving Memories and the Harvest

Join a Master Gardener and professed foodie for some basics in canning, freezing and quick pickling that will not only preserve a garden harvest but make special memories with family and friends. And, if you don't have a garden, store produce will work as well!

Lyn Mefford, Ph.D., is a retired educator, Master Gardener, professed foodie and amateur chef. She delights in sharing practical knowledge through experiential learning.

Wednesday, October 28 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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Listen to Your Landscape

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Your landscape will tell you what it needs - all you have to do is pay attention. This course will focus on the importance of having local native plants in your landscape for resiliency, ecological health and beauty. We will cover considerations and questions to ask yourself for a healthy landscape, identify cues that tell you what it needs or doesn't need, offer suggestions on when to take action and provide tips for long-term landscape sustainability and success.

Lee Marlowe is restoration ecologist and avid native plant gardener. She serves as the sustainable landscape ecologist for the San Antonio River Authority.

Thursday, November 5 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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The Craft of a Great Cup of Coffee

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Coffee is more than a beverage; it's a point of interest, a medium for connection, a world to explore! Come experience the magic in preparing and enjoying a good cup of coffee. We will begin with the different coffee growing regions, then explore

the different varieties in coffee roast levels and the specific flavors each brings out in the bean. Later, we will discuss the best grinding and brewing processes so that you can make the best cup of coffee in your very own home. Finally, we will discuss the taste profiles of different brews of coffee.

Caleb Jones owns Numinous Coffee Roasters and gets to explore the vast world of coffee daily, stewarding the roasting and serving of coffee one cup at a time.

Sunday, November 8 | 3-5 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
Numinous Coffee Roasters | 715 RM 1431 | Marble Falls, TX



Sip Smart, Live Well IP

Every day, we make choices about what we drink, but how often do we stop to ask what's in them and how they affect our health? Beyond individual habits, these choices shape broader trends in our society, influencing long-term health outcomes. This session explores common beverages

through a science-informed lens, separating marketing from evidence. The goal is not to prescribe what you must drink, but to empower you with knowledge to make informed decisions and to better understand the ripple effects of those choices in our communities.

Yogendra (Yogi) Bordiya, Ph.D., is a senior scientist with experience in molecular biology, microbiology and in vitro diagnostic product development. Bordiya is the author of "Sip Smart, Live Well: Unfiltered."

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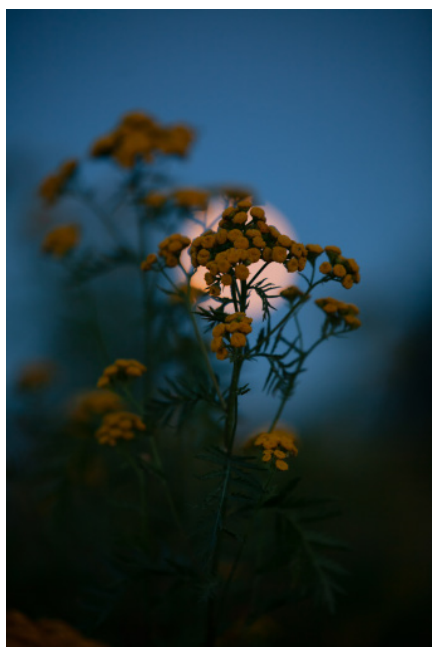


Fundamentals of Wine IP

Join us at Perissos Vineyard and Winery for a quick introduction to wine. This will include a guided tasting of six wines, covering the major types of wines, the major wine regions and the essentials of wine tasting, describing the various elements of wine appearance, aromas and taste. You will walk away with wine recommendations to pair with upcoming holiday meals sure to wow your guests!

Lead by Greg Waldron.

Thursday, November 19 | 3-5 p.m. | \$50 In-Person
Perissos Vineyard and Winery | 7214 Park Rd. 4 W | Burnet, TX



Gardening by the Moon IP

We will have an engaging discussion exploring the different lunar phases of the moon and their influence on plant growth. The presentation will also feature a demonstration of how plants, decorative arches, comfortable seating and calming water features can be thoughtfully combined to create a beautiful and peaceful "Moon Garden" designed for evening enjoyment and relaxation.

Mena Rueffer has background in landscape design and horticulture from The University of Texas. She has been a Highland Lakes Master Gardener since 2018.

Tuesday, November 17 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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The Red River War **IP**

This class will begin at the second battle of the Adobe Walls and cover the Military strategic plans and resulting battles from 1875 thru 1876 that resulted in the last Comanche, Southern Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kiowa tribes surrender to the Indian reservations in Oklahoma.

Instructor Rick Smith is a Texas history buff who has three master's degrees and is retired from IBM and Austin Community College.

Wednesday, December 2 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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Wednesday, December 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

First Baptist Church, The Pavilion | 901 La Ventana | Marble Falls, TX



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Friday: 9 am - Noon



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Lubbock Fall Semester Kickoff: In Conversation with Texas Tech Athletic Director, Kirby Hocutt

OLLI invites you to the Fall kickoff with a special conversation with Kirby Hocutt. He has led Texas Tech Athletics since 2011, transforming the department into one of the nation's premier programs through record fundraising, major facility investments, and sustained competitive success. Under his leadership, Texas Tech has won 28 Big 12 championships, including a school-record eight in 2024-25, while nine programs have reached the national quarterfinals or better. The Red Raiders have won two national championships, with men's basketball and softball also finishing as national runners-up. In 2024, football claimed its first outright conference title since 1955. Hocutt also launched the historic \$500 million Campaign for Fearless Champions, benefiting all 17 sports, including the \$242 million South End Zone Building and Dustin R. Womble Football Center at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Enjoy dinner, wine, prize entries, and an opportunity to learn about and register for OLLI's fall classes.

Register by September 3, 2026.

Wednesday, September 9 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway St. | Lubbock, TX



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The Beatles 1966 World Tour: A Moment That Almost Ended The Beatles

The Beatles' inaugural concerts at the Budokan in Japan in 1966 were met with overwhelming fan enthusiasm. However, chaotic atmospheres, death threats and dissatisfaction with the live sound quality on their 1966 World Tour led to their decision to discontinue live performances, marking a significant turning point in their career and effectively ending their live performances.

In 1964, **Larry Hess** heard The Beatles' "She Loves You" on a transistor radio, igniting a lifelong passion for music. He earned degrees in music education and performance, then built a career as a teacher and performer with symphony orchestras, musical theater pit bands and jazz and rock groups. In retirement, he is a cruise enrichment speaker, sharing stories behind iconic songs with audiences worldwide.

Wednesday, September 16 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, HDJ Auditorium
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Lunch & Learn: Beyond Diet and Exercise, Hidden Influences That Impact Health

IP

Enjoy lunch at Skyviews restaurant while learning. For many of us, health is a priority, but how well do we understand the role of the nervous system? How do stress,

posture and limited mobility affect overall well-being? In this class, we will review research exploring how these factors influence health and discuss practical strategies to improve quality of life and support a path toward wellness.

Caleb Christensen, D.C., is a Lubbock native and chiropractor with 19 years of experience. A graduate of Parker Chiropractic University in Dallas, he is nationally certified in decompression therapy. His focus includes neck and back pain, disc issues, headaches, sciatica and extremity radiculopathy. He practices at Texas Chiropractic Wellness in Lubbock.

Tuesday, September 22 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | \$30 In-Person
Skyviews, Room 602 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



The Deserving: American Justice and the Condemned H

How does a person come to cause harm, and what role do we play in creating the conditions for that harm to happen? Elizabeth Vartkessian works as a mitigation specialist, a little-known profession inside

criminal defense. Her job is to help others (prosecutors, judges, juries, the community) see her clients, who are usually accused of or convicted of murder, as fully human. In that process, she carries out three generations of investigation to uncover the known and invisible forces that shape the trajectory of a life. In this session, Vartkessian will talk about her work, her new book and what is needed to ensure that less harm takes place in our communities. Texas Tech's national literary magazine, Iron Horse Literary Review, will offer free copies of Liz's book to participants.

Mitigation specialist **Elizabeth Vartkessian** holds a Ph.D. in law and a master's in comparative social policy from the University of Oxford. She is the founder and director of Advancing Real Change Inc., a national nonprofit dedicated to conducting life history investigations in criminal cases.

Wednesday, September 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



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Wednesday, September 30 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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The 80th Season of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra & A Day in the Life of a Classical Musician IP

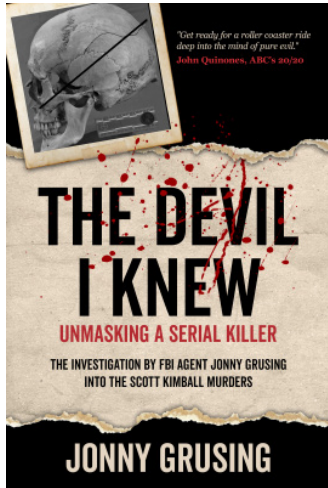
Join Mark Morton, DMA, principal bass of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and professor of double bass at Texas Tech, for a preview of highlights from the LSO's 2026-27 season and a brief look at the orchestra's 80-year history. Morton will also offer an insider's perspective on the life of a classical musician, exploring professional training, concert preparation and the experience of rehearsing and performing in a symphony orchestra.

Mark Morton, DMA, is professor of double bass at Texas Tech and principal bass of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. A former principal bassist with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, he is an internationally acclaimed soloist, Juilliard graduate and winner of the International Society of Bassists Solo Competition.

Thursday, September 24 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway Street | Lubbock, TX



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Catered Dinner: The Devil I Knew, Unmasking a Serial Killer IP

Based on his true-crime memoir “The Devil I Knew: Unmasking a Serial Killer,” retired FBI special agent and former Texas Tech basketball player Jonny Grusing recounts his investigation of serial killer Scott Kimball, a former FBI informant who murdered multiple victims in

Colorado and Utah. Through firsthand experiences, Grusing shares how behavioral profiling, interviews and investigative work helped bring a dangerous psychopath to justice while revealing the profound impact of the crimes on victims’ families. *Dinner will be catered by Texas Tech’s Skyviews restaurant.*

Jonny Grusing served as an FBI special agent in Denver from 1996–2021, specializing in violent crimes, serial killers and homicide investigations. He was the division’s Behavioral Analysis Unit Coordinator and now serves as director of security for Douglas County School District in Colorado. Grusing has appeared on 20/20, Wild Crime, Very Scary People, Murder Uncut and Hannity.

Friday, October 2 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, HDJ Sculpture Court
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Mahjong 101 (Series 1) IP

Curious about mahjong? Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly introduction to this classic and strategic tile game. You’ll learn the history of mahjong, become familiar with the tiles and NMJL card, and practice the basics of gameplay. No experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided—just bring your curiosity and get ready to play.

Stacy Harvey, is a certified “Oh My Mahjong” instructor and the CEO/Owner of The Mahj Haus, a mahjong parlor offering open-play mahjong and events, building connections over a game of mahjong.

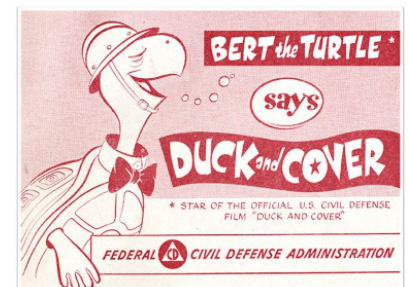
4 Sessions- Wednesdays, Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28
2-3:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University | 3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

Duck and Cover: Cold War Civil Defense in Lubbock, 1946-1970 H

Civil Defense took on a new dimension following WWII and the beginning of the nuclear age. Federal, state and local governments began to educate and prepare citizens for a potential nuclear attack. Lubbock’s plan for educating citizens became a model for towns and cities across the nation. This class will explore Lubbock’s efforts through film, education, evacuation plans and fallout shelters from post WWII to 1970.

Cindy Martin, a retired archivist, has devoted many years to researching Lubbock history. She preserves and shares the city’s heritage through research, exhibits and public presentations. She serves on the Lubbock County Historical Commission and the Board of the Lubbock Heritage Society.

Tuesday, October 6 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
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Spend an Artful Afternoon at LHUCA IP

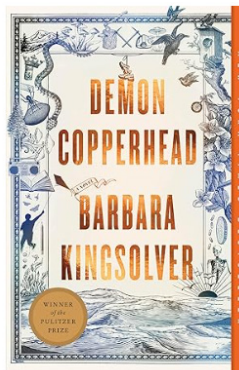
Join the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts for an afternoon of art, history and exploration. Tour four galleries with LHUCA Curator Taylor Ernst, who will share insights into the featured artists and exhibitions. Enjoy a screening of the PBS documentary “Louise” in the Firehouse Theatre, offering a look into the life of LHUCA’s namesake. Following the film, Ernst and Jamison Driskill will lead a tour of the LHUCA campus, including the Helen DeVitt Jones Clay Studio and the LHUCA Warehouse.

***Taylor Ernst** will be your host and tour guide for the afternoon. Ernst currently serves as the LHUCA curator, bringing in over 22 contemporary artists each year. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Studies, and a master’s in Heritage and Museum Sciences, both from Texas Tech.*

Thursday, October 8 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person

Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts

511 Avenue K, Lubbock, TX 79401 | Lubbock, TX



Book Club: “Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver IP

Calling all lovers of classic and contemporary literature! Barbara Kingsolver’s novel, “Demon Copperhead,” is based on Charles Dickens’s beloved novel, “David Copperfield,” and was described by Stephen King as “storytelling at its best.” We’ll have an informal

conversation about the book interspersed with questions and background from the instructor. (Overachievers are welcome to read both the original text and Kingsolver’s modern interpretation.)

***Katie Cortese, Ph.D.**, is the author of “Make Way for Her and Other Stories” and “Girl Power and Other Short-Short Stories.” Her work has earned prizes from Narrative Magazine, River Styx, Silk Road, and elsewhere. She is the faculty advisor for Harbinger Journal, the faculty director of Texas Tech University Press and the series editor of the Iron Horse Prize for a First Book of Collected Prose.*

Friday, October 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room

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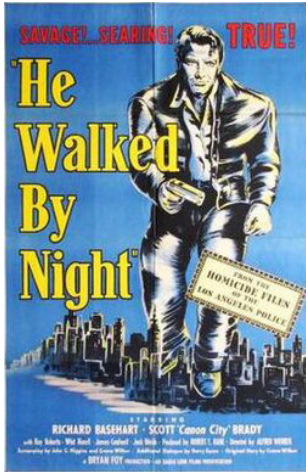
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Dinner & Movie: What Happened When "He Walked by Night"? IP

"He Walked by Night" (1948) is a film noir thriller based around true events and case files. It features Jack Webb of "Dragnet" fame in one of his first acting roles. The LAPD is after a killer who continues to elude them. The movie has been called a "thrilling, absorbing story, superbly told,

well-acted [and] brilliantly photographed" (The Hollywood Reporter). Other actors in the film include Richard Basehart, Roy Roberts, Whit Bissell and James Cardwell. Done in a documentary type style, the film presents an exhilarating plot, beautiful cinematography and fine acting. Come enjoy this film as it is a thriller like nothing else.

Instructor **Rob Weiner, M.S., M.A.**, is a Texas Tech librarian and longtime OLLI film instructor.

Tuesday, October 13 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway St. | Lubbock, TX



Cake Decorating with Chef Tasha IP

Step into the world of elegant cake design with this hands-on introductory class inspired by the timeless beauty of Bridgerton-era desserts and vintage cake artistry. Students will learn foundational baking techniques, cake preparation, frosting basics and essential decorating skills. The class will focus on classic Lambeth-style and vintage piping methods, including borders, shells, swags, rosettes and decorative flourishes that create the romantic, ornate look popular in modern vintage cake designs.

Tasha Teel is the owner and pastry chef of The Cakery. With a culinary arts degree and a passion for pastry, she has built a successful bakery known for custom cakes and desserts. Teel brings expertise in baking, creativity and entrepreneurship, helping others turn passion into purpose. Her greatest joy is creating desserts that help people celebrate life's most meaningful moments.

Monday, October 19 | \$85 Each Class, In-Person
2 Class Times Offered: 10 a.m.-Noon or 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Cakery | 6305 66th St. #900 | Lubbock, TX



Coins: Pocket Change to Priceless Finds IP

From collecting Lincoln cents as a child to helping clients turn collections into gold mines, Randy Briggs has over 60 years' experience collecting, buying and selling coins, gold, silver, stamps, currency and other collectibles. He and his wife Lauren will discuss today's most sought-after and valuable coins along with stories and thrills along their hunt for elusive pieces. Each class member is invited to bring up to three coins for evaluation



and possibly offers at the end of class. Appointments for gold jewelry and other collectibles can be arranged for the next two days.

Randy and Lauren Briggs are owners of Briggs & Coops, a family-owned business founded in 1935 and operated today with their son. Randy is an expert numismatist and a member of the American Numismatic Association for more than 50 years.

Thursday, October 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room | 3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Introduction to Playwriting IP

In his playwriting classes, Jeff Day focuses on practical tools writers can use immediately: building clear objectives for characters, writing scenes that play through action rather than explanation and shaping rhythm and space on the page so a script comes alive in performance. His approach is simple and welcoming: help writers discover what they want to say and give them the tools to say it clearly and powerfully.

Jeff Day holds a Ph.D. in theatre and an Master of Fine Arts in Directing, with experience across more than 150 theatrical productions in roles ranging from actor and director to teacher. He attended the prestigious Playwriting Intensive at the Kennedy Center and has spent years working with actors and writers to bring stories to life on stage.

4 Sessions- Fridays, Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20
2-4 p.m. | \$40 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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Disaster Day: How Simulation Builds Compassion and Community Resilience IP

What if disaster struck tomorrow and responders had never practiced working together? This class introduces Disaster Day, Texas Tech's large-scale emergency simulation where students, community partners and first responders tackle realistic crisis scenarios. Explore how the arts help build communication, empathy, critical thinking and coordination under pressure. You'll sample the simulation and discover how practice, imagination and collaboration strengthen preparedness before emergencies happen. No experience required.

Mallory Prucha is associate professor of Costume Design & Technology at Texas Tech's Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts and coordinator of Strategic Planning & Initiatives. Her work spans theatrical design, community-engaged research and large-scale simulation. A member of USA Local 829, IATSE.

Thursday, October 29 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, Texas



What is Artificial Intelligence and How to Use it Safely H

This class will explore the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI), including what it is, how it evolved and the history behind its development. We'll examine the different types of AI and consider what the future might look like. The course will also cover how to identify

AI-generated content, the security risks, ethical concerns and potential biases associated with AI. Finally, we'll discuss best practices for using AI safely and responsibly.

Elizabeth Weathers, International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) Tandem Support Specialist.

Friday, October 30 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



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Lunch & Learn: Who Are You When You're Not Working?

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People spend years preparing financially for retirement, yet few prepare for the loss of structure, identity, social connection and purpose that often follows. Research shows these non-financial factors are key predictors of retirement satisfaction. This presentation explores retirement identity transition, introduces the Transtheoretical Model of behavior change, and uses the Eight Dimensions of Wellness as a roadmap for building a meaningful next chapter. Participants leave with practical next steps, free resources and a self-assessment tool. Enjoy lunch at Skyviews restaurant while learning.

Matthew Geddie, OTR, Ph.D., taught occupational therapy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center from 2003–2026, earning seven Best Teacher awards. Founder of ChangeEight, he applies evidence-based behavior-change and wellness frameworks to retirement identity transitions.

Wednesday, November 4 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | \$30 In-Person
Skyviews, Room 602 | 1901 University Ave. | Lubbock, TX

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Lost and Found: Rediscovering Mission Espiritu Santo and its Role in Texas History

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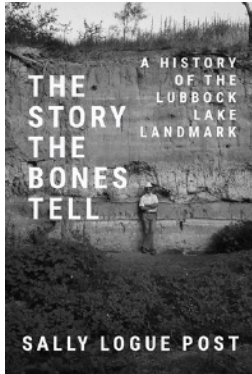
Explore the archaeological detective story of Fort St. Louis and the original site of Mission Nuestra Señora del Espíritu Santo de Zúñiga, two key landmarks in early Texas history. Beginning with La Salle's ill-fated 1685 French colony and continuing through the 1722 Spanish mission, this class examines how archaeologists rediscovered these lost sites using remote sensing, artifact analysis and historical maps. Learn how modern science reveals a story of European rivalry, Indigenous encounter, and Texas's origins.

Tamra L. Walter, associate professor of archaeology at Texas Tech, earned degrees from UT Austin (B.A., Ph.D.) and the University of Montana (M.A.). She researches Spanish Colonial Texas missions and presidios and has conducted excavations in Texas and Formative Period sites in Ecuador.

Thursday, November 5 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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Book Club: "The Story the Bones Tell" by Sally Post

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In "The Story the Bones Tell," veteran journalist and Lubbock local Sally Logue Post takes readers on a journey through deep time. From the icy winds of the Pleistocene, where massive Columbian mammoths and ancient bison once gathered at the water's edge, to

the arrival of the first hunter-gatherers and the eventual settling of the modern West, this is more than a book about archaeology. It is a biography of a place. Post weaves together the high-stakes drama of scientific discovery with the intimate stories of the people who lived, hunted, and died on these grounds. Guided by the pioneering work of Dr. Eileen Johnson and generations of researchers, the narrative transforms dusty excavation pits into a vivid time machine. The first hour will be an open discussion led by the instructor, followed by a half-hour Q&A with the author in person.

Katie Cortese, Ph.D., is the author of "Make Way for Her and Other Stories" and "Girl Power and Other Short-Short Stories." Her prose has recently appeared in journals such as *Redivider*, *Gargoyle*, *Indiana Review*, *Gulf Coast*, *Blackbird* and elsewhere. She is the faculty advisor for *Harbinger Journal*, the faculty director of Texas Tech University Press and the series editor of the *Iron Horse Prize* for a First Book of Collected Prose.

Tuesday, November 10 | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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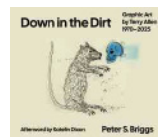
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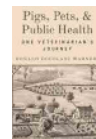
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Chuck Wagon Dinner: The Art and Business of Registered Ranching

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Lea Ann Lust is the education manager at the National Ranching Heritage Center. She and her husband, **Tim**, also have Lust Angus Cattle. Their family has been in the registered cattle business for over 80 years.

Wednesday, November 11 | 4-6 p.m. | \$40 In-Person | National Ranching Heritage Center | 3121 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

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1928 - Once In A Century H

The 1928 presidential election was one of the most fascinating in American history. It began when President Calvin Coolidge stunned the nation by handing reporters a note that read, “I do not choose to run for president in nineteen twenty eight.” What followed was a campaign filled with historic firsts—from the first major-party convention held in Texas to the nomination of an unconventional Republican candidate. Join us as we explore the personalities, surprises and election-night milestones that made 1928 a turning point in American politics.

Deborah Bigness is a member of the Lubbock County Historical Commission, retired manager of operations at the Lubbock Lake Landmark and a frequent author and presenter on historical themes.

Tuesday, December 1 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

The Genius of Women IP

In 1995, St. John Paul II (Pope 1978-2005) wrote a Letter to Women for the UN World Conference on Women, referring to the “feminine genius.” In 1921, a woman writer for The New York Sun described sculptor Anna Huntington’s bronzes as “objects...one naturally associates with the feminine genius.” Examining artworks on view alongside Renaissance images of the Blessed Virgin Mary—the most iconic woman in art for 17 centuries—we will explore what is meant by this intriguing phrase used more than half a century apart. Then, we will look closely at Huntington’s bronze to consider what the critic saw in 1921 that so naturally suggested the genius of woman.

Tracee Robertson is the Helen DeVitt Jones Curator of Art at the Museum at Texas Tech.

Friday, December 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room | 3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

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Christmas Floral Design IP

Celebrate the holidays in this hands-on Christmas Floral Design class. Participants will explore seasonal blooms, color harmony and basic arranging techniques while creating a festive Christmas centerpiece to take home. Guided step-by-step by an experienced instructor, students will learn to design with fresh flowers and evergreens. Perfect for beginners and flower lovers alike, this relaxed, creative class includes all supplies and fresh materials—just bring your enthusiasm for a Christmas design.

Cassie Sanders is a project and partnership specialist with the Texas State Florists Association. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from West Texas A&M and is an American Institute of Floral Design and Texas Master Florist.

Thursday, December 3 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$50 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



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Conifers are Tree-mendous H

'Tis the season of mirth, merriment and pine trees! Do you lie awake at night wondering how to tell a spruce, a cedar and a fir apart or how that piney-scent from your festive bow helps fight off hungry insects? Why do some Christmas trees have cones and others appear to not? Fear not! You have come to the right place to learn all about the amazing conifers (pines, firs, spruce, hemlock, cedar, larches and many more) - a group of plants that have been around even before the dinosaurs.

Aaron Pan, Ph.D., is the executive director of the Museum at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. In his leadership role, he oversees the multi-gallery museum, the Heritage and Museum Sciences graduate program, and the Lubbock Lake Landmark archaeological site.

Tuesday, December 8 | 10:30 a.m. - Noon | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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Terroir and Taste: The Agricultural Science Behind Texas Wine IP

Join us for an exploration of West Texas wine viticulture - grape farming. In this class, we will uncover the agricultural formula local vineyards use to harness our unique red dirt, high elevation and dramatic temperature shifts to cultivate world-class wine grapes. Explore the architecture of a working vineyard, from site selection to the wine in the glass, and enjoy a guided tasting of local VIÑADOR wines.

Mason Moreland, Texas Tech alumnus, is owner of Texas Vine Country, one of the state's largest grape growers with nearly 1,000 acres of vineyards. It is one of the largest wineries in the state with a budding new consumer wine label, VIÑADOR. He serves on the Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association board and is a passionate "AG"-vocate for local Texas farming.

Friday, December 11 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
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Motion Is Medicine: The Science Behind Movement and Pain Relief H

Pain is something we all experience, but it doesn't always signal injury or damage. Discover the fascinating science behind how pain works, how your body adapts and grows stronger through exercise and why movement is one of the most powerful tools for maintaining health, mobility and independence as you age. Gain practical insights that can help you move with more confidence, stay active and better understand what your body is telling you.

Hima Bindu Doddoju, MS, PT (Ph.D. student) and Cole Campbell, BS, EP-C (master's student) will present this class together.

Tuesday, December 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
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W.D. "Dub" Roger's- Lubbock' TV Pioneer H

Enjoy a discussion of Lubbock's first television station KDUB channel 13, through the eyes of Dub Rogers, the broadcast pioneer who launched the station in 1953. KDUB was the nation's first station in a medium-sized market.



John Sparks holds a bachelor's of business administration and master's degree from Texas Tech. He taught journalism and broadcasting at South Plains College where he helped establish the Dub Rogers Collection of Broadcast Memorabilia.

Thursday, December 17 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$15 Online
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Abilene	Placekeeping: The Power of Preservation	6	Tues 9/29	4 - 5:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	The Magnetosphere: Earth's Invisible Shield	7	Thur 10/1	3:30 - 5 pm	\$15
Abilene	Striving For Honor: Evermore	7	Thur 10/8	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Abilene	Tour of an Outstanding Natural History Collection	7	Tues 10/13	4 - 5:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	Pundits, Polls & Politics: The Mid-Term Edition!	7	Wed 10/21	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Abilene	All About Bees: A Visit to Sadie Grace Farms	8	Thur 10/22	11 am - 12:30 pm	\$30
Abilene	Beyond the Squint: The Cinema Legacy of Eastwood	8	Tues 10/27	4:30 - 6 pm	\$15
Abilene	Make Microsoft Excel Your Personal Ally	8	Thur 10/29	3 - 4:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	Tour of the Swenson Ranching Archives	8	Wed 11/4	10 am - 1:30 pm	\$35 Includes Lunch \$25
Abilene	OLLI Member Play Monday at the SPARK Center	9	Mon 11/9	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$20
Abilene	Eyes of the Plains: Inside the West Texas Mesonet	9	Wed 11/18	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Abilene	OLLI Book Cub: "This Book Made Me Think of You"	9	Wed 12/2	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15
Abilene	The Curator's Eye: Newest Grace Art Installations	10	Tues 12/8	2:30 - 4 pm	\$20
Abilene	Swenson Family's Christmas at the Swenson House	10	Tues 12/15	4 - 5:30 pm	\$25
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg Fall Semester Kickoff	11	Sun 9/13	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Free
Fredericksburg	The Salem Witch Trials and Travelogue	11	Tues 9/22	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Empire State Building: American Icon	11	Thur 9/24	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Music: The Key to Literacy for All Ages	12	Mon 9/28	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Paint a Vibrant Flower with Gouache	12	Wed 9/30	2 - 3:30 pm	\$45
Fredericksburg	10 Things To Do Before You Get Hacked, Your Personal Cybersecurity	12	Wed 10/7	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Iran: People & Culture	12	Thur 10/15	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Barbecue Diplomacy in 1963: LBJ and Ludwig Erhard	13	Mon 10/19	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Ancient Mountains of the Llano Uplift	13	Thur 10/22	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Extraordinary Life of Jacob Kuechler; from Bettina, Bloodshed and Boundaries	13	Tues 10/27	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Texas Rangers, Their Beginning 1823 to 1900	13	Wed 11/4	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Taste of the Hill Country Demonstration Dinner	14	Thur 11/5	5 - 7 pm	\$90
Fredericksburg	New Science on Our Most Common Killers	14	Mon 11/9	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Who Are You When You're Not Working?	14	Tues 11/10	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The City of Fredericksburg Texas Overview and Priorities	14	Wed 11/18	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature	15	Thur 11/19	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Eyes of the Plains: Inside the West Texas Mesonet	15	Wed 12/2	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Data Centers, Water and Responsible Development	15	Tues 12/8	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Phantom Rails: Riding the Fredericksburg Railroad	15	Thur 12/10	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Highland Lakes Fall Semester Kickoff	16	Tues 9/15	5:30 - 7 pm	Free
Highland Lakes	LCRA in the Highland Lakes	16	Thur 9/23	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Paint a Vibrant Flower with Gouache	16	Thur 9/29	2 - 3:30 pm	\$45
Highland Lakes	Edgar Degas: Not Just a Painter of Ballet Dancers	16	Thur 10/1	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Lesser-Known Lepidoptera: The Secrets of Moths	17	Wed 10/14	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
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Highland Lakes	Listen to Your Landscape	18	Thur 11/5	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	The Craft of a Great Cup of Coffee	18	Sun 11/8	3 - 5 pm	\$20
Highland Lakes	Sip Smart, Live Well	19	Wed 11/11	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Gardening by the Moon	19	Tues 11/17	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Fundamentals of Wine	19	Thur 11/19	3 - 5 pm	\$50
Highland Lakes	Eyes of the Plains: Inside the West Texas Mesonet	20	Tues 12/1	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	The Red River War	20	Wed 12/2	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Data Centers, Water and Responsible Development	21	Wed 12/9	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Lubbock Fall Semester Kickoff with Kirby Hocutt	22	Wed 9/9	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	The Beatles 1966 World Tour: A Moment That Almost Ended The Beatles	22	Wed 9/16	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$20
Lubbock	Lunch & Learn Beyond Diet and Exercise, Hidden Influences That Impact Health	22	Tues 9/22	11 am - 1 pm	\$30
Lubbock	The Deserving: American Justice and the Condemned	23	Wed 9/23	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	The 80th Season of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra & A Day in the Life of a Classical Musician	23	Thur 9/24	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	Data Centers, Water and Responsible Development	23	Wed 9/30	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Catered Dinner: The Devil I Knew, Unmasking a Serial Killer	24	Fri 10/2	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	Duck and Cover: Cold War Civil Defense in Lubbock, 1946-1970	24	Tues 10/6	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	Mahjong 101, Series 1 (4 sessions: Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28)	24	Wednesdays	2 - 3:30 pm	\$40
Lubbock	Spend an Artful Afternoon at LHUCA	25	Thur 10/8	2 - 3:30 pm	\$20
Lubbock	Book Club: "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver	25	Fri 10/9	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Dinner & Movie: What Happened When "He Walked by Night"?	26	Tues 10/13	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	Coins: Pocket Change to Priceless Finds	26	Thur 10/15	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Cake Decorating with Chef Tasha (2 class times offered)	26	Mon 10/19	10 am - 12 pm, or 5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$85 per class
Lubbock	Introduction to Playwriting: (6 sessions: Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20)	27	Fridays	2 - 4 pm	\$40
Lubbock	Disaster Day: How Simulation Builds Compassion and Community Resilience	27	Thur 10/29	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	What is Artificial Intelligence and How to Use it Safely	27	Fri 10/30	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	Lunch & Learn: Who Are You When You're Not Working?	28	Wed 11/4	11 am - 1 pm	\$30
Lubbock	Lost and Found: Rediscovering Mission Espiritu Santo and its Role in Texas History	28	Thur 11/5	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	Book Club: "The Story the Bones Tell" by Sally Post	29	Tue 11/10	1 - 2:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Chuck Wagon Dinner: The Art and Business of Registered Ranching	29	Wed 11/11	4 - 6 pm	\$40
Lubbock	Mahjong 101, Series 2 (4 sessions: Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16)	30	Wednesdays	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Cybersecurity—Protecting Your Digital Self	30	Thur 11/19	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	1928 - Once In A Century	31	Thur 12/1	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	Christmas Floral Design	31	Thur 12/3	2 - 3:30 pm	\$50
Lubbock	The Genius of Women	31	Fri 12/4	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	Conifers are Tree-mendous	32	Tues 12/8	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	Terroir and Taste: The Agricultural Science Behind Texas Wine	32	Fri 12/11	2:30 - 4:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	Motion Is Medicine: The Science Behind Movement and Pain Relief	33	Tues 12/15	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online
Lubbock	W.D. "Dub" Roger's- Lubbock' TV Pioneer	33	Thur 12/17	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$15 Online

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