

# Tourism Tidbits



## CCC Exhibit Opening at the Texas Forestry Museum

The Texas Forestry Museum invites you to experience the profound impact that the Civilian Conservation Corp had on our forests and forest service both statewide and nationally at the opening of the exhibit entitled The C.C.C. – An Enduring Forest Service Legacy, August 16 starting at 2 p.m.

This exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of the C.C.C. program. Key-note speaker, Bob Pasquill, Heritage Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service, will present The CCC Program, which explains the creation of the CCC, how it worked, who it benefited, and the accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corp. Learn why the CCC's legacy lives on.

Documentary film-maker, Carey Russell with Kestrel Filmworks, Austin, Texas will preview his soon to be released film entitled Roosevelt's Forest Army. A special invitation is extended to all CCC'ers and their families and all alumni will be introduced during the program. This event is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

The Texas Forestry Museum a private non-profit organization is located at 1905 Atkinson Dr. in Lufkin, open seven days a week, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, except major holidays.

For more information on the Texas Forestry Museum and its scheduled events, please call 936-632-9535.

## Grand Day

Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Visitors will have a chance to make Grandparent's Day cards, along with other arts & crafts, tour the museum, have refreshments, and more. All Kids' Club members that attend will receive a 'grand'prize!

This event is FREE and open to the public, so come and join us for our Grand Day Event!



**Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
**1615 S. Chestnut · Lufkin, TX 75901**  
**(936) 634-6305 · [www.visitlufkin.com](http://www.visitlufkin.com)**

Submissions to post an event in Tourism Tidbits are due the **3rd Friday of every month**. Tourism Tidbits is published monthly by the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Our newsletter features tourism-related information around Lufkin, and is also available on our website, [www.visitlufkin.com](http://www.visitlufkin.com). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, or would like to make any changes to your mailing address label, please contact us by phone at (936) 631-3826.

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## World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day will be celebrated across the U.S. and around the world on Saturday, September 27th. Presented by the U.N. World Tourism Organization, World Tourism Day provides a marker each year to join destinations worldwide in championing the benefits of travel.

Activities surrounding World Tourism Day in the United States are coordinated by the Travel Industry Association (TIA), a Washington-based trade association that represents the common interests and concerns of travel in America.

## Destination Lufkin Wins Awards in State Competition

The Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau, a division of the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce took first and third place awards in Advertising and Local Awareness during the Texas Association Convention & Visitor Bureau (TACVB) Annual Idea Fair in Beaumont, Texas, August 5-8, 2008.

"The Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau is excited that Destination Lufkin has been awarded these prestigious awards," stated Manager Alisha Burrow. "Over the past year, the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau has been working diligently to create materials that not only best represent our region of Texas, but also to sharpen and consolidate the City of Lufkin's message in the tourism world.

Winning these awards has become an effective tool in emphasizing that the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau is on the right track and that more is yet to come."

The Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau won third place in advertising in their

budget category for Destination Lufkin's January 2008 advertising section in Texas Monthly.

This cooperative marketing initiative also included advertisements from the Diboll Civic Center's Tamale Festival; Texas Forest Country; and UFO Pizza. "Destination Lufkin" was designed as a promotional vehicle for promoting Lufkin and showcases attractions, lodging and restaurants, and events that appeal to our local residents, as well as potential visitors, meeting planners, and groups.

The Lufkin Convention & Visitor Bureau utilizes custom graphics by local artist, Jeanelle McCall, who captures and showcases our region through extraordinary artwork.

The Texas Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (TACVB) provides cooperative action to enhance and encourage the growth of the convention and visitor industry in Texas.



## 3rd Annual DIBOLL DAY

### Hold'em Tournament

Saturday, September 13

Dealing starts @ 6:30 PM

Play til there is a  
winner!!!!

Lottie & Arthur Temple

Diboll Civic Center

\$ 40 PER PERSON

Additional BUY IN'S

available for limited time

(BYOB) SET-UPS

AVAILABLE

**TOP 5 PLAYERS  
GUARANTEED  
PRIZES!!!**

**GRAND PRIZE**

\*\*\*BIG SCREEN TV\*\*\*

**2<sup>nd</sup> place**

\$1000 TRAVEL  
CERTIFICATE

\$5 OFF FOR EARLY  
REGISTRATION/PAYMENT  
BY September 8

Come early to get a  
good seat!!!

Dinner will be served @  
5pm for an additional fee

**LIMITED SEATING  
FOR RESERVATIONS**  
CALL MELODY AT 829-1820

**PROCEEDS TO  
BENEFIT DIBOLL  
BOOSTER CLUB**

## happenings in LUFKIN

Please visit [www.visitlufkin.com](http://www.visitlufkin.com) for more happenings in Lufkin!

### 4 "The Life Giving World of Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center"

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Lufkin City Hall Room  
102, rachel@cityoflufkin.com

### 6 Region V High School Rodeo

George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center,  
(936) 637-3976

### 6 Family Day

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Ellen Trout Zoo,  
(936) 634-9308

### 6 Grand Day

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Texas Forestry  
Museum, (936) 632-9535

### 6 Amazing Turtle Race

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Ellen Trout Zoo.  
Contact Angelina Beautiful Clean at  
(936) 631-3829

### 7 Art Camp Reception

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Museum of East Texas,  
(936) 639-4434

### 8 – October 1 AC Faculty Exhibition

Reception: September 9, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Free Admission. AC Art Gallery, (936) 633-5233

### 9 – 10 Tuna Does Vegas

7:30 p.m., Temple Theater, (936) 633-5454  
**13 Cactus Classic Team Roping**  
George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center,  
(936) 637-3976

### 13 Willie P. Richardson Show "Farewell Tour"

Pitser Garrison Lufkin Civic Center,  
(936) 554-5822

### 19 Branson Comes to Lufkin

Pitser Garrison Lufkin Civic Center,  
(936) 465-4140

### 27 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Hushpuppy Championships

George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center,  
(936) 634-6305

### 27 Texas Gold Star Opera "Branson – Style Variety Show"

Pitser Garrison Lufkin Civic Center,  
(936) 564-2279 or (936) 554-1428

### 28 AC Faculty Recital featuring Karen McBee and Larry Greer

Temple Theater, 2:30 p.m.. Free Admission,  
(936) 633-5233

## 37th Annual Southern Hushpuppy Championships

If you've got the secret ingredient to the most delicious hushpuppy recipe, then sign-up your team for the 37th Annual Brookshire Brothers/HYTOP Southern Hushpuppy Championships to be held at the 24th Annual Texas State Forest Festival on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Registration for the 37th Annual Brookshire Brothers/Hy-Top Southern Hushpuppy Championships is under way until Friday, September 12th at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee for the Championships is \$40, with cash prizes awarded to these "deep-fried and delicious" hushpuppies worth \$500 for first place, \$250 second place, and \$100 for third. The first heat will begin at 1:00 p.m. with 3 or more to follow, and don't forget the showmanship award! A showmanship plaque will be awarded to the team with the most creative theme that captures and enhances the fun and spirit of the Southern Hushpuppy Championships!

Hushpuppies come in all shapes, sizes, and flavors and will be judged on taste, originality, and appearance. The competition features all types of teams including family teams, business teams, non-profit organization teams, and teams comprised of children and teenagers. The number of teams accepted is limited, and entry forms can be obtained by contacting the Chamber.

For questions regarding the Hushpuppy Championships log onto [www.texasforestfestival.com](http://www.texasforestfestival.com) and fill out your entry form today or contact the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce at (936) 634-6644.

## Tuna Shows Lufkin the FUNNY in "Tuna Does Vegas"

The Angelina Arts Alliance is tickled to announce the presentation of the long-awaited fourth installment of the very funny and very popular Tuna stage shows. Tuna Does Vegas opens the 2008-2009 Premiere Series at the Temple Theater on the Angelina College campus with two big performances—Tuesday, Sept. 9th and Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Both shows begin at 7:30 pm. Tickets (\$31-\$40) are on sale at the Temple Theater box office (936-633-5454).

Patrons who arrive at the box office at 7 pm the night of the show can purchase unsold seats for half-price (subject to availability). Box office hours are weekdays noon to 5:30 pm. Show sponsors are Lufkin Industries, Inc. and A Friend of the Arts. Season sponsors are Memorial Health System of East Texas and Temple-Inland.

After almost a decade since their last Tuna show, Red, White and Tuna, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams return to the fictional yet legendary "third smallest town in Texas", and gloriously resurrect Tuna favorites such as Arles Struvie, Bertha Bumiller, Didi Snavelly, Joe Bob Lipsey, Petey Fisk, and Vera Carp.

In Tuna Does Vegas, Arles and Bertha decide to head to exciting Las Vegas to renew their wedding vows, but within a few minutes, not only does everyone in Tuna, Texas know that the couple is going, but they've decided to tag along (for reasons ranging from logical to lame).

Once the action picks up in Sin City, the audience meets several brand new characters, including world-weary hotel manager Anna Conda and her shady associate, Shot (so named because Sinatra once shot him in the buttocks).

Since 1981, when Sears and Williams were asked to create a party skit that quickly evolved into a play, the Tuna series has endured, and gathered an enthusiastic following from all walks of life.

Tuna Does Vegas came about rather unexpectedly when Sears, Williams, and their director, Ed Howard, began to think of their fictitious town after a considerable time away from the material.

"The real question for us," Williams says, "Was if we do have another 'Tuna' in us, how do we not repeat ourselves?" The answer was to take the good folks of Tuna out of Tuna, and drop them into unfamiliar waters. The resulting hilarity is pure magic.

Longtime Tuna fans and novices alike will delight in the comedic tempest created by the quick-witted, cross-dressing, quick-changing duo of Sears and Williams.

Tickets for Tuna Does Vegas are on sale at the Temple Theater box office (936-633-5454). Hours are weekdays from noon to 5:30 pm. Some content is not suitable for young audiences.



## Tourism Marketing & Promotions

Check out these  
tourist-friendly  
websites and  
publications and see  
how we are  
promoting Lufkin!



## Family Day at the Zoo



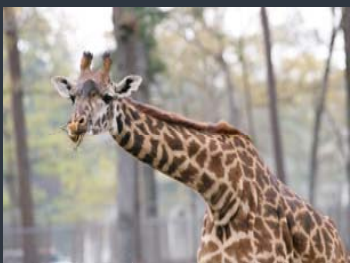
Come out to the Ellen Trout Zoo for family fun at the 5th Annual "Family Day, A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children" event scheduled for Saturday, September 6th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Sponsored by The Coalition, KSWP/KAVX, Coca-Cola, Brookshire Brothers, City of Lufkin and the Friends of the Ellen Trout Zoo, Family Day is a national campaign used as a tool to remind parents to eat dinner nightly together as a family and to spend time with their children as a way to prevent substance abuse.

Beginning at 10 a.m., zoo admission will be half off. The District All-Stars and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council will be doing puppet shows.

Two dollar hamburger baskets will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will also be free face painting, zoo membership discounts and lots of family fun activities.

For more information about Family Day at the Zoo or about this event, contact The Coalition at (936) 634-9308.



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# TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

Presented by  
**Brookshire Brothers**

**September 24-28, 2008**

## Lufkin, Texas

George H. Henderson, Jr.  
Exposition Center

Gate Admission: \$5.00

Gate Hours:  
Wed. through Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call (936) 634-6644 or visit [www.texasforestfestival.com](http://www.texasforestfestival.com) for more information.

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County Chamber of Commerce,  
George H. Henderson, Jr.  
Exposition Center,  
Texas Forestry Museum and  
Angelina Beautiful/Clean

MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM  
OF TEXAS  
**AL MEYER**  
communications  
**First Bank & Trust**  
EAST TEXAS  
**Coca-Cola**

## The Amazing Turtle Race

The Amazing Turtle Race will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ellen Trout Zoo's Lake at 3:00pm following The Coalition's Family Day event!

### Turtle Adoption Sites

**Brookshire Brothers (Gaslight)**  
– Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 – 8:00

**Brookshire Brothers (Gaslight)**  
– Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 – 3:00

**Sam's Club**  
– Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 8:00

**Sam's Club**  
– Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00



**Turtle Snap Pack (\$20)**

1 Turtle T-shirt

2 Turtle Adoptions  
1 Take-Home Bath Turtle  
2 Turtle Tattoos

**Take Home Bath Turtle**

1 - \$5.00 2 - \$7.00

Angelina Beautiful/Clean will be selling turtle adoptions for the prices listed below:

1 Turtle Adoption	\$5.00
3 Turtle Adoptions	\$10.00
7 Turtle Adoptions	\$25.00

**Turtle Parents do not have to be present to win!**  
Thank you for helping Angelina Beautiful/Clean.

[www.amazingturtlerace.com](http://www.amazingturtlerace.com)

## Diboll Day 2008

Preparations for Diboll Day 2008 are underway! The kickoff luncheon will be held September 4 at the Lottie and Arthur Temple Civic Center in Diboll at 11:30 am. The month of September will be full of bingos, steak suppers at North Boggy, raffles, Texas Hold 'Em, group luncheons every Thursday, and other fun events.

The grand prize for this year's Diboll Day is a Toyota Rav4; 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize is \$1,000 worth of gasoline; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize is a Wii gaming package.

Diboll Day 2008 culminates Saturday, October 4 with the parade, Queen Coronation, grand prize drawing, and an event-filled day in Old Orchard Park. Diboll Day 2006 rose over \$465,000 for community agencies and youth organizations. For more information, contact Diboll Booster Club President Lesa Terrell at (936) 635-1658.