

# The Abilene AGGIE

AUGUST, 2014



The Association™  
OF FORMER STUDENTS  
*We are The Aggie Network!*

Official Publication of the Abilene A&M Club, Inc.

**NEXT MEETING August 6, 2014 • 12:00 PM • ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB**

## Howdy!

Luckily, the dawg days of summer are not barking as loudly as they could and we have been blessed with some rain. Nonetheless, it is a good time to enjoy some home made peach ice cream, or a quart or three of Blue Bell and cogitate about cooking Aggie Fries, Aggie Football and cooler weather.

Last week, Mel and I attended a meeting of the Anson Lions Club. Our speaker was the curator of the 12th Armored Division Museum. He delivered an excellent program with great passion for the history in his care and the importance of preserving and sharing it.

He then shared his experiences interacting with today's generation and, their impression of history which I failed to comprehend. He also shared the events of a recent trip to visit relatives in the northeast. I'll tell you Ags, I got plumb nauseated. I can't imagine any part of American where the people no longer fear God and make no effort to instill traditional American values in their children. The same children that consider the 1980s as ancient history, and have learned nothing about WW II except the USA is the evil empire for using atomic weapons on Japan. The same children that are absolutely convinced there is no cause greater than themselves, wouldn't consider military, community or any other service that doesn't benefit them directly. A generation that cannot comprehend the sacrifices that have been made to defend this Country and the freedoms they take for granted.

Ags, it didn't take much cogitation to realize: How blessed we are to live where the above listed atrocities are incomprehensible. How blessed we are to have attended a College whose students have willingly sacrificed for freedom, a College where that sacrifice is honored and respected, a College where service for a cause greater than ourselves is expected, a College named Texas A&M.

Gig 'em,  
J. Clay Deatherage '84

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

**BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 21, 2014 • 11:45 AM • Abilene Country Club**

All Regular Club & Board Meetings are at Noon at the Abilene Country Club

**AUGUST HAPPY HOUR**  
August 21, 2014 • 5:30—7:30 PM • The Winery @ Willow Creek • 4353 S Treadaway , Abilene, TX 79602



Follow us on Twitter  
@AbileneAagies

[abileneamc@aggienetwork.com](mailto:abileneamc@aggienetwork.com)

# 2014 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

## August

August 6 - Regular Club Meeting - Jim Burkhart, Junction Boy, Speaker

August 16 - Fry Booth Cleanup Day 0830

August 21 - Board of Directors Meeting

August 21 - Aggie Happy Hour, The Winery at Willow Creek, 4353 S Treadaway

## September

September 3 - Regular Club Meeting

September 3 - Enrollment Workshop for High School Counselors

September 5 - 10, FRY BOOTH WHOOP!

September 18 - Board of Directors Meeting

September 18 - Aggie Happy Hour

## October

October 1 - Regular Club Meeting, Scott Jarvis, Speaker

October 16 - Board of Directors Meeting

October 16 - Aggie Happy Hour

## November

November 5 - Regular Club Meeting

November 20 - Board of Directors Meeting

November 20 - Aggie Happy Hour

November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving

# SEPTEMBER 5 - 13 FRENCH FRY BOOTH

## FM 707 Self-Storage

Paul Graham '43  
1 Mile West of US 83-84  
on FM 707

Rental Office

2041 S. Treadaway • (325) 676-5886  
www.fm707storage.com

CHUCK DOBY, P.E. '70 - 695-6281



**CADCO**  
Architects - Engineers, Inc.  
Abilene, • Texas

State Farm®  
Providing Insurance and Financial Services  
Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710



Risha Sanders, Agent  
3228 North 10th  
Abilene, TX 79603-4738  
Bus: 325-673-4229  
risha.sanders.nv0v@statefarm.com



PD6151 4/04

**ROBERT G. OGDEE, M.D. '84**  
OBSTETRICS AND GYNCOLOGY  
BOARD CERTIFIED

1680 ANTILLEY ROAD, SUITE 120      FAX: 325-695-0534  
ABILENE, TEXAS 79606      TEL: 325-695-GYNO(4966)

**WEST COMPANY** *Land Surveying*  
*of Abilene*

**Riley Griffith, RPLS**  
MANAGER

2401 S. Willis, Ste. 110  
Abilene, Texas 79605      (325) 437.8118  
Email: rgriffith@team-west.com      Fax (325) 437.8119

**BUG BLASTERS**  
PEST CONTROL 

Termites Roaches Ants Crickets Fleas Pillbugs

**673-1717**  
TPCL 10547

ANDREW TURNBULL '84      P.O. Box 7606  
Cert. App TPCL 32672PT      Abilene, Texas 79608-7606

RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL

## Introducing our July Speaker

### Mr. James Burkhart '57

James L. Burkhart is a survivor of Texas A&M football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's 1954 Junction Boys summer training program. Burkhart played on the A&M team and graduated from the university in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. He worked in petroleum exploration and production, and also has interests in ranching.

"I grew up with my dad working in the oil industry," Burkhart said. "That's what I did, but I have at various times in my life had a horse or two, and maybe had a little ranch somewhere." He said ranching has been very important to the development of the United States, especially the western half of the country.

Mr. Burkhart of Lubbock, is an ardent supporter of the National Ranching Heritage Center, He was presented the Boss of the Plains Award for his leadership in supporting of the Ranching Heritage Center. He believes ranching has been very important to the development of the United States, especially the western half of the country. He has been the primary support for bringing the Pitchfork cookhouse to the Heritage Center, other than the Pitchfork board who donated the building. Jim is financing the restoration of the building itself.

Burkhart, a board member of the Ranching Heritage Association, would like to see the National Ranching Heritage Center expand by taking in structures and artifacts from areas such as Wyoming and Montana. "It is a wonderful thing to have the center here," he said. "I think it ranks up there with the Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, which used to be the cowboy Hall of Fame." Burkhart, would like to see the National Ranching Heritage Center expand by taking in structures and artifacts from areas such as Wyoming and Montana. "I think one of our big challenges is to include more states and areas. The National Ranching Heritage Center is a wonderful thing for this part of the country."



*Class of '76*

**PERRY HUNTER HALL, INC.**

**Ronny J. Bryant**

*Professional Insurance Agents/Consultants*  
N. First at Mulberry • Box 1400 • Abilene, TX 79604  
(325) 673-6414



**BUFFALO GAP RD. ANIMAL CLINIC**

Dogs - Cats - Birds - Exotics

Dr. Mark A. Hitchcock	Office: 325-793-1011
4522 Buffalo Gap Rd.	Fax: 325-793-1013
(in Ridgemoor Village)	Pager: 325-671-7481
Abilene, Texas 79606	Emergency & House Calls

**J. EDWARD SARTAIN '63**  
ATTORNEY

**BOX 450**  
**ABILENE, TEXAS 79604**

(325) 676-2492



**BILL LIBBY**

McM Station Box 188  
Abilene, TX 79697  
325-793-4637 (w)

[www.mcm.edu](http://www.mcm.edu)

Jim Tallant '82  
*Vice President  
Financial Advisor*

500 Chestnut St. Suite 1900  
Abilene, TX 79602  
rel 325 734 3310  
direct 325 734 3313  
fax 325 670 0142  
roll free 866 606 6767  
[www.morganstanley.com](http://www.morganstanley.com)  
[james.tallant@mssb.com](mailto:james.tallant@mssb.com)

**MorganStanley  
SmithBarney**

**PAM LETZ, CSR**  
**ABILENE COURT REPORTERS**  
Email: [lsr@abilene.com](mailto:lsr@abilene.com)

100 Chestnut, Suite 108 Abilene, Texas 79602	P.O. BOX 5377 Abilene, Texas 79608
---	---------------------------------------

Phone: 325.673.0712  
Toll Free: 866.673.0712  
Fax: 325.673.0119

Member TCRA, NCRA, STAR

## Two Aggies Receive Aggie Rings From Boot & Ring Program

**Sean Butler '14** is the son of David and Sherry Butler, and nephew of Randy Brooks '86. Sean is an Eagle scout who graduated from Cooper High School in 2010. After completing his freshman year at Texas A&M Galveston he transferred to College Station to study Rangeland Ecology and Management. Sean was in the Corps of Cadets, company L-1 before graduating in May 2014. He now works for JBS Cattle Feeders and lives in Dalhart.

**Alexandria (Ally) Ogdee** was born April 8, 1994 in Wharton, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert (Bobby) Ogdee '84 and has been a die-hard Aggie from birth. She and her twin brother Alec graduated from Wylie High School in 2012. Ally and entered A&M and was accepted into the Texas A&M School of Nursing after two years she currently in school at the A&M Health Science Center. She will receive her aggie ring in September and will graduate in 2016 with a BS in Nursing.

The Abilene A&M Club Boot and Ring Program is funded by private contributions and does not utilize funds earned by the Club for its scholarship programs. It recognizes students that have made significant contributions to the Club by working in the French Fry Booth and did not receive a Club Scholarship.

Recipients are selected by a nominating committee and approved by the Board. Students are eligible to receive the base price of a 10 karat Aggie Ring. Students who are Corps members may also receive the cost of Sr. Boots.

Payments are made in the student's name to the University and / or the boot maker.

**ROBERT W. WILLEN**  
 P.O. Box 2283  
 Albany, Texas 76430  
 TEL (325) 762-2477 FAX (325) 762-2102  
 robert@rbrazos.com

**BML INC.**  
**CRUDE OIL MARKETING**  
 ESTABLISHED 1981  
**POWELL BERRY '62**  
**GREG BERRY '84**  
**DEAN BERRY '87**

*Quality*  
 IT'S NOT JUST A MOTTO.  
*Integrity*  
 IT'S THE VERY FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING WE DO.  
*Knowledge*

*Bobby J. Melsan, CPA, '58*  
*Russell Guthrie, CPA, '80*  
*Jeremy Stephens, CPA, '00*

**DK Davis Kinard & Co, PC**  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
*Quality. Integrity. Knowledge.*

**Condley**  
 AND COMPANY, LLP

Trey Todd, CPA '07  
 trey.todd@condley.com  
 www.condley.com

993 North Third Street  
 P.O. Box 2993  
 Abilene, Texas 79604-2993  
 phone 325-677-6251  
 fax 325-677-0006

Specializing in the renovation of  
 foreclosed & distressed properties

**TOMSCO L.L.C.**  
 Real Estate Investments

Tom McAlister '70  
 333 Elm Cove Dr  
 Abilene, TX 79605

325.677.7543  
 Fax 325.691.9760

**cordell's**  
*an edible experience*

3301 South 14th Street  
 Suite 33  
 Abilene, TX 79605

Joy Beard  
 Jason Beard  
 Proprietors

Tel: (325) 455 - 1524 www.shopcordells.com Fax: (325) 480 - 1218

If you would like to contribute to this program, or consider a memorial contribution to help sustain the project, Please speak with a Board member.

## Did YOU Know?

Did you know that on April 26, 1980 the world's longest banana split to enter the Guinness Book of World's Records was built on Kyle field? The split was one mile, 575 yards long and included over 34,000 ice cream scoops, 11,000 bananas, 500 gallons of topping and over 100 pounds of nuts.

The project was masterminded by Ken Lewis '80 from Houston (brother of state representative Susan King).

This was a huge achievement but the "rest of the story" is good bull. So now Kyle field has the longest banana split and 11.000 banana peels. What to do with 11.000 banana peels? Of course good Ags load them into 4 pickup trucks and drive to Austin, break into memorial stadium and use the peals to spell out some appropriate, slurs that reinforce our love for t. u. and t-sips in general.

Wouldn't you know the campus police show up? Lots of smooth talking, a promise to replace the broken lock, and our good lads were headed home to College Station. Mr. Lewis must have been quite the salesman since no charges were filed or tickets issued. Now that's good bull!!!!



**CRAIG CHUPIK '00**  
OWNER/OPERATOR

DoubleDave's Pizzaworks  
4001 John Knox, Abilene, TX 79606  
Store: 325.692.5000 Fax: 325.692.0314 Mobile: 325-330-3187  
craigc@doubledaves.com

**DECKER & ARROTT P.C.**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Administrative & Eminent Domain Law ♦ Agriculture Law  
Banking & Finance Law ♦ Business & Corporate Law  
Civil Litigation ♦ Estate Planning & Probate  
Oil & Gas Law ♦ Real Estate Law

**JAMES M. DECKER '06**  
**NICHOLAS "NICK" E. ARROTT II '00**  
104 Pine Street, Suite 712  
Abilene, Texas 79601  
Business Phone: (325) 773-2255  
Cell Phone: (214) 683-6154  
Business Fax: (325) 773-2277  
Emails: james@deckerarrott.com or nick@deckerarrott.com  
Website: www.deckerarrott.com



**Kinder Hearts  
Home Health, LLC**  
"Home Health Agency"

**Daryl Phariss, PE '81**  
Director of Business Services

Cell: 325-370-4051  
Business Phone: 325-672-6135 • Business FAX: 325-437-0355

kinderhearts.com

**Stocks. Bonds. CDs.  
IRAs. Mutual funds.**



**Maria S Hanks '02**  
Financial Advisor  
2002 Sayles Blvd  
Abilene, TX 79605  
325-695-0024

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Member SIPC

**Lone Star Canvas**  
& SIGN WORKS

**TED EVANS '98**                      800-786-9190  
OWNER                                      325-793-9241

LONESTARCANVAS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

**REHAB**  
WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER

**James Hughes, CPA '82**

(325) 793-3400 • 4601 Hartford • Abilene, TX 79605  
WestTexasRehab.org

# GOOD BULL

The Abilene A&M Football Watch Party will return to the Long Branch Saloon, located at 3225 North 6th Street for the 2014 Season.

Come join us for Aggie Football, cold drinks and good Company as watch the Fightin' Texas Aggies Beat the Hell Outta Everybody this fall.

The Dallas A&M Club has invited us to a BBQ and watch Party in conjunction with the Arkansas game. Look for details at the Club meetings.

For up to the minute information on game and watch party times follow us on Facebook and Twitter

*Got any Good Bull? Send it to us!*

**JASON ADAMS '06** \* 325.280.4545 \* [Jason@vagabondpizza.com](mailto:Jason@vagabondpizza.com)

**KELLER WILLIAMS**  
REALTY

3140 South 27th St • Abilene, TX 79605

325.665.5137 mobile  
325.698.3211 office  
325.695.3210 fax

**Gary Bomar**  
REALTOR®, Farm & Ranch Specialist  
[bomar@lligrape@gmail.com](mailto:bomar@lligrape@gmail.com)

[kwabilene.com](http://kwabilene.com)  
Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated

**BELIINDA SOUTHALL, DC**

Chiropractic • Acupuncture  
Animal Chiropractic • Personal Training  
Nutrition/Weight Loss Counseling

**ABILENE OFFICE**      **BAIRD OFFICE**  
4433 Loop 322      425 Market St  
(325) 793-9444      (325) 854-2724

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

**Insurance Partners of Texas**  
An Employee Benefit Company

**Summer Powers**  
ASSOCIATE PARTNER  
[spowers@ipot.net](mailto:spowers@ipot.net)

2230 Industrial Blvd.  
Abilene, Texas 79602

Phone 325.437.0900  
Toll Free 866.473.0906  
[www.ipot.net](http://www.ipot.net)

**STEVE SMITH**  
Financial Advisor

911 Hutchings Avenue  
Ballinger, Texas 76821  
[stephen.smith@raymondjames.com](mailto:stephen.smith@raymondjames.com)  
[www.raymondjames.com/stevesmith](http://www.raymondjames.com/stevesmith)

Phone (325) 365-4175      911 Hutchings Avenue  
Mobile (325) 977-0080      Ballinger, Texas 76821  
Toll Free (800) 723-2708      [stephen.smith@raymondjames.com](mailto:stephen.smith@raymondjames.com)  
Fax (325) 365-2132      [www.raymondjames.com/stevesmith](http://www.raymondjames.com/stevesmith)

Securities offered through **Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.**, member FINRA/SIPC

**ADAM MUÑOZ PRODUCTIONS**

**325-864-4994**

Graphic Design	Postcards	Magnets
Branding	Newsletters	Stickers
Logos	Brochures	Invitations
Bookings	Menus	Cds & Covers
Managing	Media Guides	Events
Business Cards	Yearbooks	Promotions
Letterheads	Catalogs	Pens
Envelopes	Banners	Caps
Invoices	Posters	T-shirts
Flyers	Tickets	Mugs

[sales@adammuozproductions.com](mailto:sales@adammuozproductions.com)

## Abilene A&M Club Silver Taps

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of our fellow Aggies

Capt. William Allison '55 - February 6, 2014

Mr. Carroll Chapman '53 - March 13, 2014

Mr. C. Barber '47 - February 22, 2014

Ms. Ashley Nicole Stephenson '16 - May 27, 2014

Please notify the Club of the passing of any members of the area's Aggie family so that we may express our condolences and ensure the Association is notified

## Prayers and Concerns

Please notify us of any prayer requests or concerns regarding our Aggie Family

## *Memorial Contributions*

*There are many ways to honor departed family members and friends. Should you select a memorial contribution that embodies the Aggie Spirit as a method to celebrate the life of a loved one, the Abilene A&M Club will consider it an honor to help ensure your wishes are met.*

*Local Club options include the Senior Ring & Boot Fund, the Freshman Scholarship Fund and the Class of '43 White Belt Scholarship Fund. If your preference is one of the numerous organizations on campus or an affiliate of the Aggie network, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.*

# ABILENE A&M CLUB, INC.

P.O. Box 884, Abilene, TX 79604

BE INVOLVED - DON'T BE A TWO PERCENTER

- Membership  
 Change of Address

- Mail Newsletter to  
 Home  
 Work

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Full Name (if Aggie) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Class \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues:**

- \$35/yr Individual  \$35/yr Aggie couple

**I want to help with:**

- Scholarship Selections  Muster  French Fry Booth  Golf Tournament  Board of Directors

**Optional Reveille Donations:**

(above & beyond dues)

- \$25  \$50  \$100

**Golden Reveille Donations:**

- \$250  \$500

**I wish to be acknowledged:**

- in the Newsletter \$75.00/ yr  on Aggie Football Radio \$ 400.00/ yr  at the Golf Tournament

**Total Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Purpose:** Primary functions of the Abilene A&M Club are serving as the focus of all organized alumni activity in the Abilene area, and providing scholarship funds for deserving area students who are attending Texas A&M. The Club currently offers scholarships funded by your Membership Dues, Reveille Donations, Newsletter Sponsorships, the Aggie French Fry Booth at the West Texas Fair, A&M Football on radio and the annual Golf Tournament. Donations may also be made directly to the Abilene Community Foundation Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund (tax-deductible) which is a perpetual fund using only the income generated for scholarships.

## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

**The Abilene Aggie**

Official Publication of the Abilene A&M Club  
 POST OFFICE BOX 884  
 ABILENE, TEXAS 79604

return service requested