



THE GASTON HERITAGE

GASTON MUSEUM

*Preserving our History...
one Memory at a Time!*



RED DEVIL REUNION!

**OCTOBER 2,
2021**

10:00 - 2:00

Gaston Museum



MUSEUM HOURS

10:00 – 4:00

Fridays and Saturdays.

We will also schedule visits
at other times.

Call Museum 903-722-9016
or Director, 903-812-1794.

CALLING ALL RED DEVILS

By James Gray, Class of 1956 and Museum Board Member

Friday and Saturday October 1 and 2 will be reunion time again at the Gaston Museum location. Although the Museum will be open both days from 10 am to 4 pm, the emphasis for visitation and maximum attendance will be from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 2. Cold drinks and light snacks will be provided. **Since there is no registration fee, donations would be most appreciated.**

Gaston School is now history (1931 – 1965), and each reunion becomes more important than ever. We are rapidly losing our classmates as evidenced in the final farewell list in each issue of the Gaston Heritage Newsletter. This reunion will be the last time for some Gastonites to share the love and friendship of our youth. For some, it will be the final goodbye as we fade into history.

Please make a serious effort to attend your Gaston family reunion. Your Red Devil spirit will be uplifted by visiting the superbly renovated museum and celebrating our proud legacy and heritage. This will be a joyous occasion of shared remembrances with lots of hugs and laughs. It will truly be a sentimental journey for all Red Devils to enjoy. You will not be disappointed. You will be glad you attended!

Remember, we are profoundly unique in our proud history, and there will never be another Gaston Red Devil generation.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Memorial for Merritt Graves

Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

In a wonderful illustration of the lifelong love and camaraderie of the Gaston family, Gaston Museum will host Barbara Graves and her family as they conduct a memorial service for Merritt Graves (3/20/1940 - 3/16/2021) on Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m., Merritt had life-long memories of his days in Joinerville. He and his sister Kay have been faithful supporters of the Museum. The Gaston Rifle Cub exhibit items were donated by the Graves family. His wife and daughters invite any of his class of '58 or others who knew Merritt to join us on September 18.



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Director's News

by Stephanie Osteen

Hey alumni - we are ready and raring to go; this year's reunion looks to be super special. A large tent on the Museum grounds will be provided, with tables and chairs for the alumni to gather, sit and visit on October 2 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Along with honoring the alumni we are inviting the community to come and be a part of the day's festivities. With no registration fees, we will depend on your generosity of donations. The grounds will be open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Saturday, along with our regular hours of 10 – 4 on Friday. We make note of Dad Joiner Day on October 3, so designated by Rusk County to commemorate the event that began it all!

All visitors on October 2 will have the opportunity to go back in time. Games such as corn hole, horseshoes, dominoes, croquet and more will be available for your enjoyment. Plan to come see your Gaston friends, enjoy cold drinks and snacks. There may be a lunch option available for purchase. There will be items for sale and for silent auction as part of our fund raising efforts. An antique secretary donated by the school is our main silent auction piece this year. Bid sheets will be posted at the museum starting Friday at 10 and closing Saturday at 2:30. Photo is posted on Facebook.

We are so busy around here with tours increasing and school starting. Our education day program will be back in swing this year, and we are looking forward to sharing new and exciting history with the students. A new project is the escape room event. If you are fun loving and like a mystery, be sure to take a walk through the Sid and Ollie "Sis" White's Original Tent House Escape. We now have an interactive scavenger hunt type program introducing visitors to the real people of Joinerville, Turnertown and the Gaston School. A new exhibit of an original painting by William "Billy Gus" Berry will also be on display.

Education stations that are critical for our education day program will be exhibited throughout the property. Students from local homeschool organizations are partnering with us as they do presentations and allow hands-on interaction with visitors. These students gain credit for community service as well as leadership skills needed to apply for scholarships. The education day program is one we have done for many years but are enlarging and preparing to step out and reach students in more schools in our East Texas area. Come see all the great educational and historical fun. You never know, you might just see a gusher. Food, Fun, Reminiscence, and more are waiting for you on Oct 1st and 2nd.

On a side note, as we move forward on creating the permanent outdoor exhibits, we hope to build a privacy fence across the front where the snack shop is now. A to be determined fee for a one-time donation will pay for renovation or creation and add the name of the corporate or individual sponsor to particular exhibits. Some examples are the (All Star Drilling) White's Gas Station and the (Jane Doe) Outdoor School. A full list of opportunities and prices will be on display at the reunion. Help us make Gaston Museum a place that will never be forgotten. Go Red Devils Forever and Ever.

**Gaston Museum Income/Expense
January 1 - June 30, 2021**

Income	
Admissions & Tour Income	379
Donations - General	2,405
Donations - Memorial	7,680
Interest	85
Memberships	85
Merchandise Sales	482
Renovation Income	2,529
Stock Dividends	41
Stock Gain	99
Total Income	13,785

Expenses	
Artifact Preservation	51
Bank Charges & Fees	14
Cleaning Services	175
Credit Card Processing Fees	9
Education Program	95
Insurance	3,195
Maintenance	6,728
Museum Promotion	190
Newsletters	536
Office & Cleaning Supplies	165
Postage - General	55
Recycling Program	30
Renovation Investment	671
Rose Garden Expense	282
Safety & Security	-75
Subscriptions	45
Utilities	2,890
Web Page Hosting & Domain	111
Total Expenses	15,317
Net Financial 2021 YTD	-1,532

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Contributor

Joe Berry	Bobby & Shirley Hunt
Lou Crawford	Bobby & Shirley Hunt
Lou Crawford	Sue Hurley
Huey Crisp	Sue Hurley
Charles Edward Crocker	Doris Crocker & Family
Karen Duran Dean	David & Ruth Rusk
James Merritt Graves	Kathleen Graves
James Merritt Graves	Laura Hall
James Merritt Graves	Class of 1958
Terry Irick	Brad Irick
Don Long	Class of 1958
Tom Nicol	Bobby & Shirley Hunt
Tom Nicol	Carlos & Frankie Hunt
Tom Nicol	Curtis & Shirley Seelbach
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Tisdale	Donald Tisdale
Bill Tisdale	Donald Tisdale
Bonnie Summy Tisdale	Donald Tisdale
Geneva Tisdale	Donald Tisdale
Marie Tisdale	Donald Tisdale
Barbara Blackford Toler	Class of 1958
Melba Hunt Whitehead	Class of 1958

FINAL FAREWELL

Frank Boyd, <i>Class of '41</i>	12/10/1930 - 8/7/2021
Alvaretta Layne Hopkins Burton, <i>Class of '43</i>	8/8/1925 - 5/25/2021
John Chisholm, <i>Class of '54</i>	8/25/1935 - 1/12/2021
Richard Earl Colley, <i>Class of '51</i>	4/29/1931 - 12/10/2020
Lou Layne Crawford, <i>Class of '52</i>	8/24/1934 - 6/12/2021
Charles Crocker, <i>Class of '53</i>	1/25/35 - 10/7/2020
Carolyn Foreman Layne, <i>Class of '69</i>	11/21/1950 - 1/8/2021
Shirley Nations Lee, <i>Class of '54</i>	11/30/1936 - 6/1/2021
Tom Nicol, <i>Class of '52</i>	5/24/1934 - 6/7/2021
Jimmie Faye Reardon Snider, <i>Class of '48</i>	11/21/1930 - 3/8/2015
Lonnie Traylor, <i>Class of '55</i>	2/20/1937 - 7/30/2021
Glenda Morgan Underdown, <i>Class of '65</i>	11/24/1946 - 12/6/2020
Joe Mack Whitehead, <i>Class of '77</i>	3/4/1959 - 6/25/2021

Gaston Museum Board of Directors ■ BALLOT September 2021

These candidates have served on the Museum Board and are running for reelection.

John Whitehead Rosemary Whitten

Write-in _____

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 EAST TEXAS OILFIELD

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Terry Irick Memorial Scholarship



Boccero Booker

We are proud to announce the winners of the 2021 Terry Irick memorial scholarship. Pearson Booker, the grandson of alumni Geneva Cooper Hil, and Jocelyn Boccero, a young woman from Henderson High school who met

the required 20 hours of volunteer service, will both receive a \$500 scholarship. Our congratulations on their determination and hard work and their vision to go forward with their education. We are proud to keep this program going and give these young people the opportunity to the education that we feel was so important to the Gaston School.

Our committees have met to consider plans for our 2021 Terry Irick /Gaston Museum Scholarship Golf Tournament; the decision has been made that we will not host a golf tournament this year. Our sponsors have been hit very hard. We want to honor the support we have had from them through the years, so we will not ask for donations this year. Our hope is that it will allow them to recoup from COVID in 2020 and currently. Our plan is to move forward to next year on our scholarship tournament. We will, however, continue to provide scholarships annually.

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Andy Elliott, *Chairman*
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 Julie Dickeson, *Treasurer*
 Stephanie Osteen, *Director*

Janie Crisp Bradburry*	Carlos Hunt*
Paul Fess	Dwight Huntsman
Jim Gray	John Whitehead

*These directors have announced resignation at the end of 2021. We so appreciate their service and look forward to their continuing as volunteers.

Renew your membership now and

—BE A PART OF THE PIPELINE—

During World War II, the East Texas oil field was invaluable. To move the oil to Eastern refineries, a pipeline was constructed as a critical lifeline for the war effort.

Established in 2007 by the Museum Board of Directors, the “Pipeline Club” became such a lifeline for the Gaston Museum! Members pledged a designated amount that they could commit to giving yearly. This helped the Museum budget for necessities such as utilities and maintenance.

The Pipeline Club of 2022 may be even more important. We will expand our memberships beyond our Alumni base as an added source for the funding pipeline! For the wonderful museum created over 25 years ago, growth and expansion is critical to its survival. We have been passed the torch to keep the mission of our founders alive!

With your support, in 2020 we completed Phase 1 of our renovation with a completely remodeled and refurbished exhibit building, and new derrick signs. As we enter Phase 2, our education program and tourism is growing by leaps and bounds. Thanks to the vision of Director Stephanie Osteen, we are seeing a new future unfolding for the Gaston Museum!

Home-school groups are getting involved and our volunteer base is growing. We are embarking on new and exciting ways to get the community, our schools and passing tourists interested and involved in Gaston’s rich history. Outdoor exhibits and education stations are being built, craft classes and vintage game nights are being planned, and hands-on activities are being created to engage visitors of all ages in experiencing a bit of real life during the East Texas Oil Boom.

The time is now! The Gaston Museum will soon be featured on Expedition Texas as a must-see tourist attraction! Tyler Today magazine will feature us in an upcoming article. The future is bright at the Museum! But we need your help to make it happen.

Complete and mail the form on the back of this page and...

Help Us Stay Red Devil Strong!



Renew Your Membership and become a "Pipeliner!"

As a special gift for our 2022 Platinum Pipeliners (\$1000 lifetime membership), we are offering real pieces of our Alma Mater! We are designing a limited edition, beautifully framed shadow box with a genuine piece of the Gaston auditorium stage where many of you performed in the Band, choir or drama club; where Elvis crooned in 1955; and where every Gaston graduate received their diploma.

Our 2022 Gold Pipeliners (\$500 Membership) will receive two genuine Gaston School / White's Cafe tokens, mounted in a beautifully appointed frame with the artifacts' history. Like many retailers in the 1940s, the Whites offered these tokens to patrons for future discounts, as a promotional tool and to help their customers during wartime.

Membership at every level supports the growth and vitality of our Museum and is much appreciated! All members receive a discount on Gaston merchandise and a subscription to the *Gaston Heritage*. See gifts for other memberships below.

Fall Membership Drive - Gaston Museum

Name _____ Phone # _____ email _____

Address _____

2022 Annual Memberships: (rates effective July 31, 2021)

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Annual Memberships: Dues

Merchandise

Discount

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| <input type="radio"/> Individual | \$20 | 5% |
| <input type="radio"/> Family | \$25 | 5% |
| <input type="radio"/> Friend | \$50 | 10% |

2022 Pipeliner Club:

Dues

Discount

Added Benefits:

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| <input type="radio"/> Pipeliner Bronze | \$100 | 15% | Gaston Cookbook or D Bradford Ornament |
| <input type="radio"/> Pipeliner Silver | \$300 | 20% | Life in the ETX Oilfield book or TShirt |
| <input type="radio"/> Pipeliner Gold | \$500 | 25% | Framed Gaston/Snack Shop tokens |
| <input type="radio"/> Pipeliner Platinum | \$1000 | 30% | Lifetime Membership & Gaston stage item |

Pay for your 2022 membership with a check to Gaston Museum using the envelope provided OR: Call our Treasurer at 903-658-4320 to pay with your credit card.

Thank you for supporting your Museum!