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2010 Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children

It is time once again for Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. This annual event reminds parents that eating dinner as a family on a regular basis can help prevent substance abuse among children and teens.

The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has over 25 years of research to suggest that family meals are a simple yet effective method of prevention. CASA Founder and Chairman, Joseph A. Califano, Jr. said "If I could wave a magic wand to make a dent in our nation's substance abuse problem, I would make sure that every child in America had dinner with his or her parents at least five times a week."

CASA launched the first Family Day in 2001 and The Coalition began celebrating it locally in



Pictured from left: Abby Baker, Bob Brown and Jordan Hudspeth serve hamburgers at the 2009 Family Day at Ellen Trout Zoo.

2003. Each year, our local event is held at **Ellen Trout Zoo** and this year's festivities will be held **Saturday, September 11th** from **10 am to 2 pm**. As usual, there will be loads of family fun with 1/2 price admission to the zoo, free face painting, puppet shows and \$3 hamburger lunches.

Family Day would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors! We would like to thank the following businesses:

KSWP/KAVX

Coca-Cola

City of Lufkin

Brookshire Brothers, Inc.

Friends of the Ellen Trout Zoo

So come join us, Saturday, September 11th to celebrate family time! We hope to see you there!

For more information about Family Day, the national event, visit www.casafamilyday.org.

For more local information, contact The Coalition at 634-9308 or visit www.angelinacoalition.org.

Great American Smokeout

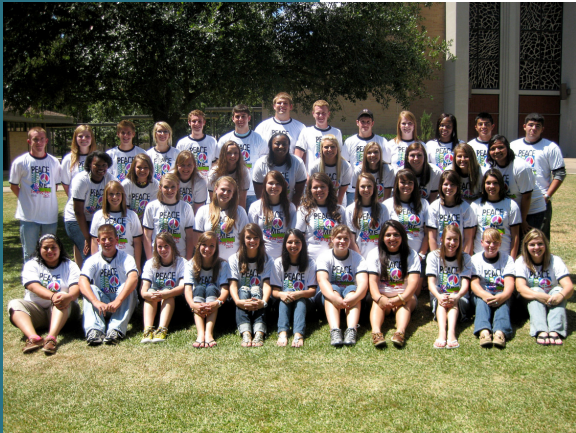
The idea for the Great American Smokeout was born in 1971 when Massachusetts resident Arthur P. Mullaney encouraged people to not buy cigarettes on one day and donate the unspent money to a local high school. It gained ground in 1974 when a Minnesota newspaper editor led the effort to have a statewide Don't Smoke Day. The movement spread to California in 1976 when the state

chapter of the American Cancer Society held the event with almost one million smokers participating. The Great American Smokeout began to be held nationally in 1977.

Although there have been widespread efforts to prevent tobacco use and to encourage people to quit, it is still a big problem in today's society. Here

in Angelina County, the local school surveys show that tobacco is one of the biggest problems among our youth population. Nicotine is so addictive that once a person starts it is extremely difficult to stop. The 2010 Great American Smokeout will be Thursday, November 18th and The Coalition will be hosting a local event. Details will be given at a later date.

Congratulations 2010-2011 Drug-Free All Stars



We are pleased to welcome the new Drug-Free All Stars of 2010-2011. These 43 high school seniors represent each of the six schools across Angelina County, and have committed to being alcohol, tobacco and drug free. They will spend this school year volunteering their time to the community and acting as role models to their peers. We look forward to another great year!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Loren Head, Hudson All Star 2002-2003

Loren attended Texas A&M from 2003 – 2008. He held leadership roles in Corps Company D-1 and Parsons Mounted Cavalry. His senior year he was Company Commander of D-1. Loren graduated from A&M in 2008 with a BS in Ag Leadership & Development

Since graduation he has worked as Head Wrangler for Rockin C Ranch, a working cattle ranch and Christian youth camp in Lindale, Texas.

Loren married Alaina Mueller in an oceanside ceremony in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov 25, 2009. He and Alaina moved to Busan, S Korea, Dec 11, 2009, to teach for Avalon English Schools. They are due back in the States Dec 2010.

Are you a former Drug Free All Star? Do you know one? We would love to know what our All Star alumni are doing now. If you have any information please contact Amy Bradley or Jean East at 634-9308 or email abradley@angelinacoalition.org or jeast@angelinacoalition.org.

Hudson All Stars

- Brooke Busbee
- Hayley Gibson
- Cody Inman
- Tori Jones
- Allie Jordan
- Hannah Smith
- Jacob Smith
- Meagan Swor

Huntington All Stars

- Jenni Bowden
- Zowie Grimes
- Chandler Modisette
- Meagan Neal
- Trent Smith
- Mitchell Stewart

Zavalla All Stars

- Megan Fridell
- Erika Jordy
- Danielle Hopson

Lufkin All Stars

- Vicky Camarillo
- Julianne Ford
- Reagan Lognion
- Jacob Rhodes
- Nia Shy
- Emily Weaver
- Colton Wynne

Diboll All Stars

- Cheniece Bray
- Courtney Burchfield
- Tyler Dubose
- Tiana Garcia
- Brianne Glass
- Danielle Lakey
- Selena Meza
- Sarah Morado
- Tiffany Mott
- Gilberto Rosales
- Esteban Solis
- Elena Villanueva
- Tyler Warren

Smoke-Free Restaurant June & August



In June, Cheddar's Casual Café was added to the growing list of restaurants who have been awarded for being smoke-free by the Drug Free Business Task Force, a committee of The Coalition. Pictured from left: Kim Simmons, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council; Paul Jackson, Burke Center; Nancy Banuelos, Cheddar's Casual Café; Janet Taylor, The Coalition; Jennifer Stevens, Woodland Heights Medical Center; Sharon Brown, Temple Inland; and Jean East, The Coalition.

In August, the Drug Free Business Task Force, a committee of The Coalition, stopped by Bodacious BBQ to thank them for being a healthy, smoke-free place to dine. Pictured from left: Jean East, The Coalition; Emily Watts, Brookshire Brothers; Charles Chatman, Bodacious BBQ; Jennifer Stevens, Woodland Heights Medical Center; Janet Taylor, The Coalition; Paul Jackson, Burke Center.



2009 In-Kind Donations

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council	Emily Watts, Brookshire Brothers Food & Pharmacy	Lufkin Fire Department	Rocky Thigpen
American Cancer Society	First Baptist Church Huntington	Lufkin Mall	Ron Crocker, Carroway Funeral Home
AmeriCare EMS volunteers	First Street Arts Center	Lufkin Police Department	Roy Knight, Lufkin ISD
Angelina County Jail	Friends of Ellen Trout Zoo	Manhattan Restaurant	Sam's Club
Austin Thigpen	Gary Martel, Diboll ISD	Mary Ann Whiteker, Hudson ISD	Sandy Hendricks, Connections Prevention Program
Baymont Seafood	Glenda Wynne, Consolidated Communications	Mary Grider, Kurth Library	Scott McIlveene, Capital One Bank
Bob Brown	Greg Sanches, Texas Department of Public Safety	Melanie Patterson, Connections Prevention Program	Sgt. David Thomas, Lufkin Police Department
Bobbi Robinson	Hilary Haglund Walker	Memorial Hospital ER Staff	Sharon Brown, Temple-Inland
Brookshire Brothers Food & Pharmacy	Hobby Lobby	Michael Paul Daniels, Hudson Police Department	Smoothie King
Café Del Rio	IHOP	Michelle Green, Planned Parenthood	Sonic
Carol Bradley	JM Management, Mark Hicks	Michelle Ross, KSWP Radio	Sound Techs
Carolyn Wilson, CBTX	Jennifer Stevens, Woodland Heights Medical Center	Minnie Jones, Oncor	Stephanie Cagnon, Lufkin Police Department
Carroway Funeral Home	John Courtney, Hudson ISD	Misty Spencer, Central FCCLA	Stephen & Cyndi Kullback
Casa Ole	Judge Billy Ball	MSG.PR, Lee Miller	SUNNY Radio
Cathy Standerford, Hudson ISD	Judge Esther Barger	Olive Garden	Tammy Lockington, Girl Scouts
Christie Maddux, Lufkin Mall	Judge Paul White	Ora Volunteer Fire Department	Tara Watson-Watkins
City of Lufkin	Judge Wes Suiter	Patricia White, Lufkin ISD	Target
Clyde Herrington	Karen Hetherington, Connections Prevention Program	Paul Jackson, Burke Center	Ted Lovett, Lufkin Fire Department
Connections Prevention Program, Burke Center	Kathryn Williams	Paula Havard, Pregnancy Help Center	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Cotton Patch	Keith New	PHI Air Evac Services helicopter	The Main Event, Mark Hicks
David Flowers, Zavalla ISD	Kenneth Jeffrey	Phyllis Grandgeorge, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council	Tom Selman
Denise Hoepfner, Lufkin Daily News	KFOX Radio	Q107 Radio	Tonya Akridge, Lufkin ISD
Diboll Free Press	Kim Herman	Ralph & Cacao's	Trish Inselmann
Don Burnett, Lockheed Martin	Kim Simmons, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council	Randy Dupree	Vickey Booker, Burke Center
Dr. Allen Garner, Central ISD	Kris Hoepfner, Target	Red Lobster	Whataburger
Dr. Eric Wright, Huntington ISD	KSFA Radio	Red Ribbon School Coordinators	Williams Wrecker Service
Drew Wilson, KSWP Radio	KSFP Radio	Redland Auto Salvage	Woodland Heights Medical Center ER Staff
Drug Free All Stars	KSWP Radio	Richard Rudel, Alexander, Lankford & Hiers, Inc.	Yates Media
Due's Wrecker Service	KYKS Radio	Ricky Gay	
Edwin Quarles, Lufkin Daily News	Leslie Ashby, Hudson ISD		
El Chico	Lufkin Coca-Cola		
Ellen Trout Zoo	Lufkin Daily News		



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**The Coalition, a 501C(3) non-profit organization,
will reduce drug abuse by nurturing a community
environment that exposes our youth to positive
influences.**

Red Ribbon Week & Stay on Track Fun Run

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Steve Kullback

Christie Maddux

Scott McIlveene

Gary Martel

Jennifer Stevens

Michelle Ross

Judge Wes Suiter

David Thomas

Judge Paul White

Patricia White

Mary Ann Whiteker

Eric Wright

Peace, Love & Me - I'm Drug Free is the 2010 Angelina County Red Ribbon Week theme. Kick off Red Ribbon Week with the 5th annual Stay on Track Fun Run, October 23 at Ellen Trout Zoo. There will be a 1 mile and 5K run, walkers are welcome. To register go by The Coalition at 104 S. Bynum, call 634-9308 or visit angelinacoalition.org to download a registration form. Proceeds from the event benefit drug-free initiatives for Angelina County.

Celebrate a drug-free lifestyle during Red Ribbon Week, October 25-29 by wearing red ribbons and a Red Ribbon Week t-shirt. Shirts will be available October 6th for \$5 and \$7 and can be pre-ordered at participating schools and The Coalition office at 104 S. Bynum.



Be sure to purchase a Red Ribbon t-shirt with this year's theme "Peace, Love & Me - I'm Drug Free." (t-shirt design above)

Call The Coalition at 634-9308 for more details.

Businesses interested in supporting a drug-free Angelina County can partner with a school for Red Ribbon Week to show support. Contact Jean East at The Coalition at 634-9308 or email jeast@angelinacoalition.org.

Once again there will be great Red Ribbon contests to enter – essay, billboard, slogan, coloring contest, and a new contest this year will be a door decorating contest. Each contest offers exciting prizes so be sure to check out the rules and deadline information on our website at www.angelinacoalition.org. For more details on all the Red Ribbon events, contact The Coalition at 634-9308.



Adopt a School for Red Ribbon Week

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