

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 1 OF 1

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/19/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 5/26/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

## Out of School Bash and Summer Reading Club Launch Party

The end of school is a joyful time and cause for celebration. Ramp up the fun by joining the festivities at the Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway, on Friday for some fabulous live music and other festivities.

"We want to celebrate a successful school year as well as highlight to the community what the city of Eufaula has to offer their family for the rest of the summer," said spokeswoman **Suzanne Hendrickson**.

"We will have stage entertainment, food trucks, game booths, costumed characters and roaming entertainers. The library will be there to tell people about the summer reading program and help them sign up."

"And the Parks and Community Services Department will also have information about our summer programs as well. All ages are invited."

Bands performing include David Slick at 4:15 p.m. followed by Island Boogie Steel Drum Band at 5:30 p.m. with the finale by Professor D.

Call 817-685-1666 for more information.

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 5/26/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

# Eyes on H-E-B: Cheers for volunteers at Euless awards dinner

It was a feel-good atmosphere at the Annual Boards & Commissions Dinner at the Texas Star Golf Course last month when the contributions of residents who provide valuable volunteer service to the city of Euless were honored at a festive Mardi Gras-themed celebration.

"The Volunteer of the Year awards are such fun to give each year," wrote Mayor **Linda Martin** in the newsletter Euless Today. "The award winners are always surprised and very deserving of this honor. This year's winners were no exception. We are so appreciative of all of our volunteers."

Receiving top honors for his tireless work since 2008 on the Historical Preservation Committee was **Bill Golden**, who was named Volunteer of the Year. Golden chaired the commission for several years and was instrumental in operating the Euless Heritage Museum, where he also volunteered as a docent.

Retired Mayor **Mary Lib Saleh** was a natural fit to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Her remarkable contributions to Euless during her time on the City Council and then as mayor for 21 years as well as her earlier service on the parks and library boards were lauded in presenting her the prestigious award.

"She has always had a great passion for our library in particular and was one of the founding members of the Euless Library Foundation. The library has been named in her honor and will continue to provide joy to people of all ages for years to come," said city spokeswoman **Betsy Deck**.

**Verna Kight** accepted the Volunteer Business of the Year honors in recognition for her community efforts while she owned and operated Verna's Cafe for many years. Her business was a popular

DISTRIBUTED TO:

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 5/26/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

gathering place in Eules, and she still bakes pies for City Council meetings even though she has now retired.

**Emily Hudgens**, a junior at Trinity High School, was named Youth Volunteer of the Year for her extraordinary efforts at the library for the past several years.

“Emily has been a huge help to us over the past few summers — she is dependable, motivated and takes initiative,” said Library Administrator **Sherry Knight**. “Emily helps our Summer Reading Challenge run smoothly by preparing children’s crafts, showing kids how to log their reading for prizes, helping with crowd control at performances and anything else that needs to be done.”

The Eules volunteer program was established 20 years ago and has around 600 volunteers who serve in various capacities in city departments and on boards and commissions. Deck said the city benefited from more than 1,200 hours of service last fiscal year valued at more than \$28,000.

“Eules volunteers consistently give their time and energy to make our community fabulous. In turn, the city of Eules honors volunteers each year to celebrate the dedication and service of these outstanding people,” Deck said.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can visit [www.eulesstx.gov/pacs/volunteers.htm](http://www.eulesstx.gov/pacs/volunteers.htm) or contact Deck at 817-685-1821.

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 1 OF 6

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/19/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

# Eulesse recognized for heart attack treatment plan



Firefighters/Paramedics from left, Matt Sanders, Joel Daniel and Saul Padilla are photographed at Eulesse Fire Department's Station 3 in Eulesse, TX on May 29, 2015. The Eulesse Fire Department was recently given the Mission Lifeline award by the American Heart Association for their efforts in starting treatment on heart patients while communicating to the hospital during transport. | Jeena Stephen Special to the H-E-B News

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 2 OF 6

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST



Firefighters/Paramedics Joel Daniel, left, and Matt Sanders pack up the LIFEPAK 15 monitor and defibrillator at Euless Fire Department's Station 3 in Euless, TX on May 29, 2015. The Euless Fire Department was recently given the Mission Lifeline award by the American Heart Association for their efforts in starting treatment on heart patients while communicating to the hospital during transport. | Jeena Stephen Special to the H-E-B News

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 3 OF 6

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

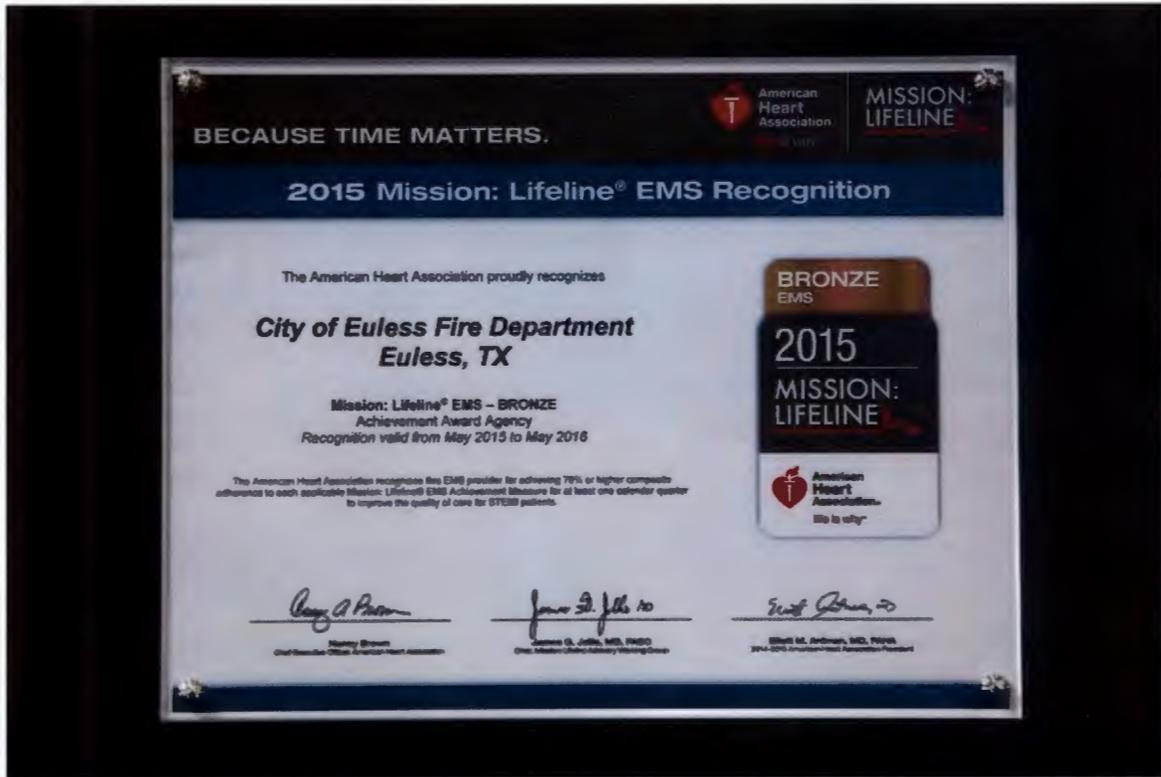
DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST



The LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillator sits inside an ambulance at Euless Fire Department's Station 3 in Euless, TX on May 29, 2015. It is used by firefighters/paramedics. The Euless Fire Department was recently given the Mission Lifeline award by the American Heart Association for their efforts in starting treatment on heart patients while communicating to the hospital during transport. | Jeena Stephen Special to the H-E-B News

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST



The Euless Fire Department was recently given the Mission Lifeline award by the American Heart Association for their efforts in starting treatment on heart patients while communicating to the hospital during transport, certificate photographed at the Euless Fire Department administration building in Euless, TX on May 29, 2015. | Jeena Stephen Special to the H-E-B News

By Elizabeth Campbell

[liz@star-telegram.com](mailto:liz@star-telegram.com)

EULESS

Communication between paramedics and the hospital is vital when transporting heart patients.

Last week, the Euless Fire Department was among 15 North Texas cities that were recognized by the American Heart Association with the Mission Lifeline EMS award for implementing improvement measures for treating patients with severe heart attacks.

“This is our first year to be in the program. We were really fortunate that we were able to qualify for the bronze award with the number of patients we transported,” said Jeff Morris, assistant fire chief.

Morris said Euless submitted data from 2014 showing that paramedics transported 10 patients showing symptoms of a heart attack.

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 5 OF 6

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

The goal is to have the patient in surgery to open up a blocked artery in less than 60 minutes after receiving the 911 call, Morris said.

For instance, when paramedics arrive at someone's home, they immediately do a 12-lead electrocardiogram, which is read and transmitted to the hospital via a Bluetooth connection. A heart attack evaluation must be done within five minutes, he said

Agencies must apply for the award, which includes meeting specific criteria when transporting patients, said Brian Brooks, director of communications for the American Heart Association of Tarrant County.

The number of cities that were recognized more than doubled from seven in 2014 to 15 this year, he said.

The Mission Lifeline award is given to agencies based on performance data from 2014 showing a 75 percent or higher compliance in three areas.

Mission Lifeline is all about transporting heart patients in a timely manner, he said.

"Once paramedics show up on the scene, communication starts with the hospital so that the patient is ready to be treated," Brooks said.

"If they are having a major heart attack or other symptoms, care has already started from the time they call 911."

Brooks said the American Heart Association wants to increase awareness of the "Don't die of doubt" campaign, which encourages people to call 911 rather than to drive themselves to the hospital.

"If you drive yourself to the hospital, they are not going to be ready for you when you get there," Brooks said.

But if someone with chest pains, shortness of breath and other symptoms calls 911, communication with the hospital begins immediately, and paramedics can also begin treatment. The care is "seamless," he said.

Eules is not the only city that follows the American Heart Association guidelines, Morris said. Hurst, Bedford and Grapevine also participate.

"It is important for cities to champion awareness of calling 911," he said.

"Don't delay calling when you have signs and symptoms. Most people will deny they are having a heart attack," he said.

Signs include severe chest pain, shortness of breath, sweating and anxiety.

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 6 OF 6

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/2/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

### A CLOSER LOOK

Here is a list of area cities that were recognized by the American Heart Association. Note, bronze indicates meeting performance standards for one calendar quarter, silver for one year and gold for two consecutive years.

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| Bronze | Eules Fire Department         |
| Bronze | Mansfield Fire Department     |
| Bronze | Midlothian Fire Department    |
| Bronze | DeSoto Fire Rescue            |
| Silver | Southlake Fire Department     |
| Silver | Keller Fire Rescue            |
| Silver | Cedar Hill Fire Department    |
| Silver | LifeCare EMS                  |
| Silver | Frisco Fire Department        |
| Silver | Grapevine Fire Department     |
| Gold   | Grand Prairie Fire Department |
| Gold   | Rowlett Fire Rescue           |
| Gold   | Plano Fire Rescue             |
| Gold   | Garland Fire Department       |

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 1 OF 1

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/3/15 NEWSPAPER CBSDFW.COM

## Hundreds Having To Vacate Sold Apartment Complex

June 3, 2015 10:12 PM

**EULESS(CBSDFW.COM)** – A Euless apartment complex is telling everyone they have to move out in a matter of weeks.. Shadow Creek Apartments sent tenants a note saying they have to be out by the end of the month.

“It was insane. It was kind of like, shock. How can you tell me I need to leave?” says Daniel Lawlor.

Lawlor and hundreds of other residents have to go because the property has been sold.

“It’s get out. Do you eat for that month? Do you pay bills for that month? Or you have to find somewhere to move,” says Lakeisha James, a mother of four. She says tenants should have been given more time and not strung along paying rent.

“Money rules the world for some people. But what about the families? Some of us are going to have to go through hotels,” says James.

The manager told CBS11 by phone, Shadow Creek Apartments followed the law and gave residents the option of moving to one of its other complexes.

Residents like James and Lawlor say all they can do is hope for a break and an easy move.

“They just walked off without saying bye or anything,” says James. “You just straight up kicked us out like we were trash.”

Residents say they were all signed to lease up until June. They say they fell if apartment management knew earlier they were selling, they should have told the tenants so they could have had more time to prepare.

DISTRIBUTED TO:

PAGE 1 OF 3

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/7/15 NEWSPAPER The Examiner  
com

## Better online research in Fort Worth Genealogy June 8 - 14

June 7, 2015 9:19 PM MST

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015**  
**Community Room of**  
**Arlington West Police Service Station**  
**2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**



**PROGRAM: Bernard Meisner will share**  
**"Techniques and Strategies for More**  
**Effective On-line Searching."**

Genealogists will learn about effective online searches June 9 in Arlington.  
*Arlington Genealogical Society*

June 8: The Euless Historical Preservation Committee meets the second Monday of every month at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Pre-Council Chamber, 201 N. Ector Drive, Euless.

June 9: The Arlington Genealogical Society meets the second Tuesday of months September through June at 6:30 p.m. in the West Arlington Police Service Center Room, 2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd. This month features Bernard N. Meisener "Sharing his Techniques and Strategies for More Effective On-line Searching." The membership will also vote on a slate of officers for 2015-2016. There will not be meetings in July or August.

June 13: Visit Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Drive in Euless. Free tours second Saturday of every month from 1-5 p.m. Group tours can be scheduled on a different day depending on staff availability. Tour the Fuller House, the first brick home in Euless which is now a museum; the Himes Log House, built in the 1850s; and the McCormick Barn, built in 1919. For more information call 817-685-1649 or email Ofa "Mary" Faiva-Siale, [eulessinfo@eulessstx.gov](mailto:eulessinfo@eulessstx.gov).

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
 McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
 BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/7/15 NEWSPAPER The Examiner  
 .COM

All year: "Preserve the Pensions," presented by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Archives, and the genealogical community, to digitize War of 1812 pension files through 2015.

All year: The City of Arlington Central Library, serving patrons for the last 40 years, closed permanently December 23, 2014. The closure is a key step in the transition to a new George W. Hawkes Central Library at a site across Center Street from its present location and scheduled to open in 2017. In the interim, Arlington library patrons will use a temporary downtown library service center named "Central Express" located at 200 N. Cooper Street. This downtown library offers computer access, Wi-Fi, new and high demand materials for adults and children and holds pickup. Hours of service at the Central Express Library will be 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The genealogy collections will be divided among various library locations. Read about where the various collections are housed.

All year: The Euless Public Library has genealogy resources, including Fold3, formerly known as Footnote, which is an online military database, and Newsbank, which provides access to newspapers and other news sources. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Address is 201 N. Ector Drive, 817-685-1480.

All year: The Fort Worth Public Library houses an extensive genealogy collection and has software and reference material available for genealogists. Hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Address is 500 W. Third St., 817-392-7701.

All year: The Fort Worth Public Library publishes Genealogy Success Stories about local researchers and their genealogy discoveries. The most recent success story is about Gerry Gieger and the research he did on his wife's behalf before she passed away.

All year: Civil War Veterans Memorial, on property owned by Bedford Church of Christ, 2401 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas 76021, next to historic Bedford Cemetery. Open from dawn to dusk, free admission. Park in west parking lot of church.

All year: Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays. In addition to providing exhibits, museum staff and volunteers can help patrons with genealogy. Donations requested. Located at 102 North Main St., Mansfield, 76063, (817) 473-4250 or mansfieldmuseum@sbcglobal.net Like them on Facebook.

**DISTRIBUTED TO:**

PAGE 3 OF 3

**MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER**

**DATE DISTRIBUTED** 6/9/15 **DATE OF ARTICLE** 6/7/15 **NEWSPAPER** The Examiner  
com

All year: Texas Civil War Museum is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 760 Jim Wright Freeway North, Fort Worth, 76108. Adult admission is \$6, students ages 7-12 are \$3 and children 6 and under are free with adult admission. This is the largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi. Contact (817) 246-2323, [questions@texascivilwarmuseum.com](mailto:questions@texascivilwarmuseum.com) or join them on Facebook.

All year: Arlington Family History Center, 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington, 76016, 817-446-7088. Volunteers provide free genealogy assistance. Hours of operation are Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/8/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

# Back home in Texas and 'dancing with my bass fiddle'



Louise Rowe, right, brought in former Light Crust Doughboy fiddler Jim Baker. | Terry Evans

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/8/15 NEWSPAPER FWST



Louise Rowe plays stand-up bass with a band that includes her nephew, fiddler Dexter Rowe, at Texan Restaurant in Euless on April 24. | Terry Evans

By Terry Evans

Special to the H-E-B News

### EULESS

Louise Rowe can still swing with the best of 'em, Western style.

"I just kind of dance with it while I'm playing," said Rowe, 82, who struts a stand-up bass with her band, the Texan Playboys.

Six decades have passed since she was schooled by the legendary Bob Wills in the art of Western swing — as the only woman to ever play an instrument in his band, the Texas Playboys.

She and the Texan Playboys play weekly at the Texan Kitchen in Euless, where she now lives.

Among her band members is Jim Baker, a fiddler with the Light Crust Doughboys, the band that Wills helped start in the early 1930s and which still exists today.

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
 McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
 BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/8/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

"It's great working with her, a big thrill for me because there's lots of history behind her," Baker said. "Western swing is my favorite thing."

It's also Richard Rash's favorite thing, which is why the 73-year-old Euless resident and fan has been at the restaurant virtually every Friday night for about two years.

"I've been in Texas for 40 years and I identify with Texas music," Rash said. "This band is as close to the original Western swing as you're going to find."

Songs like *Faded Love*, *Home in San Antone* and *Cherokee Maiden* bring in a crowd of people like Rash who understand that this is the music of Texas. To do those songs justice takes a particular kind of musician, and Rowe remembers how she became one.

## Getting an early start

A Midland native who grew up in Duncan, Okla., Rowe was 5 years old in 1937 when she played her first gig with her siblings in the Seven Rowe Brothers band at a school Geronimo, Okla., just outside of Lawton.

"I remember my brother who played bass would put me on a chair when he played a fiddle hoedown," Rowe said. "I would play the bass on two strings. I could make the right changes then by ear."

The band's increasing popularity drew them to Texas, and their little sister was with them in Wichita Falls when the big break came.

"Al Dexter heard the band, I think it was 1948 or '49," Rowe said. "He had a club in Dallas called the Bridgeport Club, and he hired the Seven Rowe Brothers as the house band."

Rowe said her brothers became the first big Western swing band in North Texas and sometimes shared their stage with her, bringing her up to use her talented voice for an occasional song. But they also made sure she developed as a musician, teaching her guitar and fiddle, along with the bass.

"My first job was with the Big D Jamboree," Rowe said. "I would sing there one week, and the next week I alternated with the Cowtown Jamboree. From there I went to work with Jim Boyd ... and doing a TV show on WFAA. That was in 1952."

Her big break came when Dexter arranged a battle of the bands between her brothers and the Texas Playboys. Wills heard her sing one song, and that's all she wrote.

"He hired me right there on the Al's Barn bandstand," Rowe said.

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTNY SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
 McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
 BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/8/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

## A real Texas Playboy

Of course, she said, Wills asked for and got the brothers' blessing first. With that, he signed Rowe as a vocalist for an 18-date tour, mostly in California.

"On the way back to Texas, we were in Muskogee, Okla.," Rowe said. "It was the 17th night of the tour and the rhythm guitarist, Eldon Shamblin, [Rolling Stone once said he was the greatest living guitarist in the world], could not make the gig that night."

Despite that, the stage crew "hooked up Eldon's guitar and set it in a chair in case someone decided to play some rhythm," Rowe said. "I walked over and picked up the guitar and started beating rhythm. Bob Wills looked at me and said, 'Child, I didn't know you could do that.'"

Rowe said that Wills most often called her "Child" when he spoke to her, unless she had messed up.

"If Bob called me Louise, he was mad at me for something," Rowe said. "He'd say, 'Louise, I'm going to send you home to your brothers.'"

By itself, playing rhythm guitar that night didn't change her standing as a singer with four solos per show. Wills was again impressed when Rowe relieved bass man Jack Loyd so Loyd could step up to the mike for a vocal solo. But something else that happened that night — also related to Shamblin's absence — sealed the girl's future.

"Eldon had been singing a third-part harmony to *Faded Love*," Rowe said. "But Billy Bowman sang that part on the original recording, which was a hit, and he had a high tenor voice. Eldon was a baritone."

When someone in the crowd requested *Faded Love*, Wills was at a loss without someone to sing Shamblin's part. Rowe said she volunteered, and Wills accepted with reservation.

"So when I sang the song, my voice was high, like Billy's on the record, and it knocked Bob out," Rowe said.

At the band's next and final performance of the tour in Dallas, Wills announced to the crowd that the band was going back on tour in California, would be doing TV and radio shows, and that Rowe was an official member of the band.

"He hadn't said a word to me before that," Rowe said.

During that second tour, Loyd met a girl, fell in love, got married and quit the band. Wills put the bass in Rowe's hands, got her a union card and dressed her in a costume to match the rest of the musicians.

MAYOR CITY CNCL CITY ATTN SUTTER FREEMAN BROWN CRANOR ANIMAL CNTR  
 McDONALD COLLINS W. RHODES GETCHELL LIBRARY ADMIN LIBRARY REF HARTSELL  
 BARKER

DATE DISTRIBUTED 6/9/15 DATE OF ARTICLE 6/8/15 NEWSPAPER FWST

"He told me, 'Now you are going to be a real Bob Wills Texas Playboy, and don't ever forget it,'" Rowe said.

The ensuing years brought countless musical accolades, tours and recordings with dozens of hall-of-fame-level performers.

## Still playing bass fiddle

Rowe's other accomplishments include two marriages and two daughters, one of whom she lives with in a cul-de-sac home near the restaurant where she performs with the band she assembled a little over two years ago.

She was determined to achieve a genuine, mid-20th-century Western swing sound, and getting Baker on fiddle was only the beginning.

Take her choice for rhythm guitar: L.J. Pritchett.

"I wanted to build a band with an authentic Western swing rhythm section, and [Pritchett] worshipped Eldon Shamblin," Rowe said.

She rounded out the band with Jon Stutler, on sax, clarinet and vocals; her nephew, Dexter Rowe, on fiddle; Wayne Glassen and John Case, alternating on keyboard; and Mark Minten and former Texas Playboy Casey Dickens, on drums.

The one thing Rowe sacrificed to age was her singing voice. But she hasn't lost a lick with the big partner that got her signed on with Wills and frequently took her far away from North Texas.

"When I left here I was 19," Rowe said. "Now, I'm back home again, dancing with my bass fiddle."

## IF YOU GO

Western swing veteran bassist Louise Rowe leads a group of musical historians called the Texan Playboys from 7 to 9 p.m. each Friday at Texan Kitchen, 415 N. Main St. in Euless.