WESTERN TRAIL DESIGN

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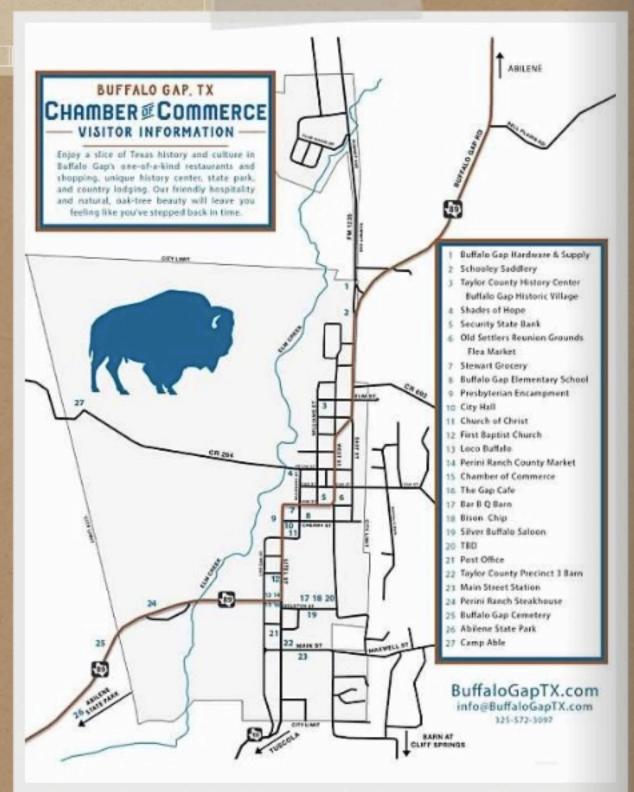
In 2015, my journey into the world of Photoshop began, sparked by my involvement with the Cotton Bowl. In this capacity, I found myself working on graphics for both social media and operational needs. As time progressed, it became evident that my affinity for this skill was growing, and I was continually driven to refine it.

Fast forward to 2022, when I had relocated and taken on a communications role in Abilene that demanded extensive use of Photoshop. Unexpectedly, a call from the Buffalo Gap Chamber of Commerce inquired about the creator of a map we had employed. Though predating my tenure, I offered my expertise to the project, drawing from my experience crafting numerous maps for the Cotton Bowl.

The map project turned out to be straightforward, yet its completion ignited a fervor within me. Following careful consideration, I embarked on a new venture. Inspired by my profound admiration for the Old West and the local region, I aptly named my endeavor "Western Trail Design," a nod to the historical significance of the Great Western Trail, an erstwhile cattle drive path that traversed my hometown.

Over the subsequent year, I collaborated with diverse groups, lending my graphic design skills to a myriad of projects. Through these experiences, a fresh and undeniable passion was kindled within me.

First Project: Buffalo Gap Map









After a few rounds of edits, the Western Trail logo turned out great! Concepts to build portfolio

















Friends of Fort Griffin Logo

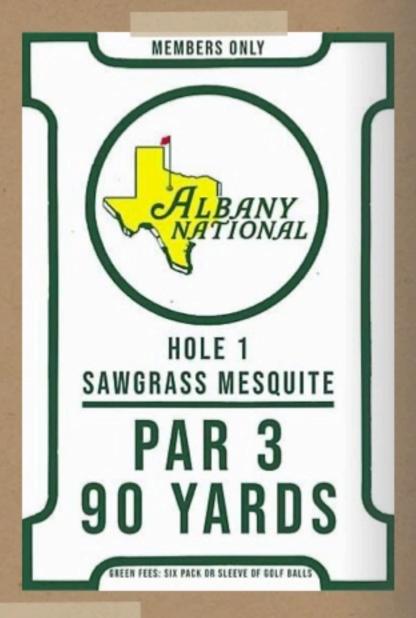
One of my first projects was helping my mom with her FoFG party. I helped design the logo to put on koozies. Was great seeing everyone use them!



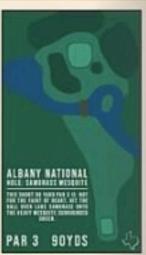


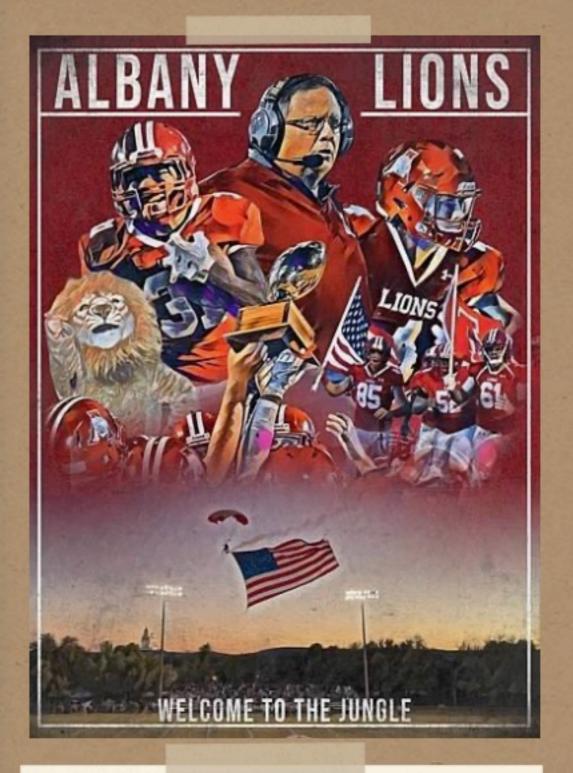
Working at the Abilene CVB gave me many opportunities to improve my skills. Though simple (and not my best work) These ads were in the Texas Monthly and its website.

Passion for golf led me
to design a logo for my
backyard Par 3.
Inspired by The
Masters, my favorite
sports event, the logo
captures the essence of
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with a touch of that
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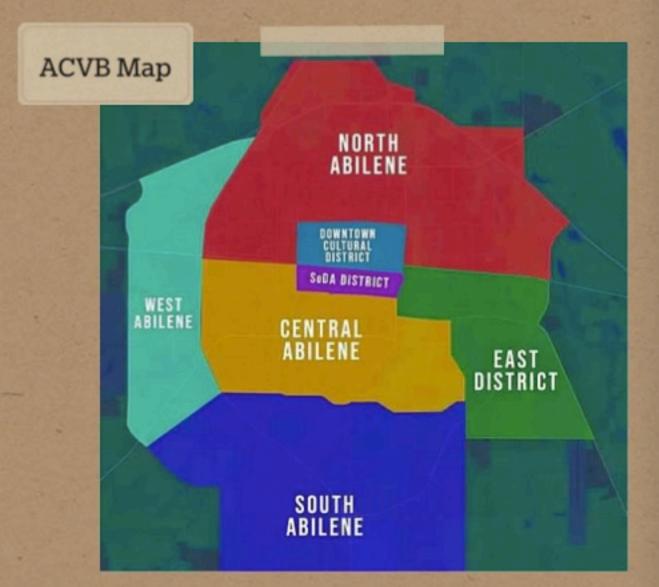


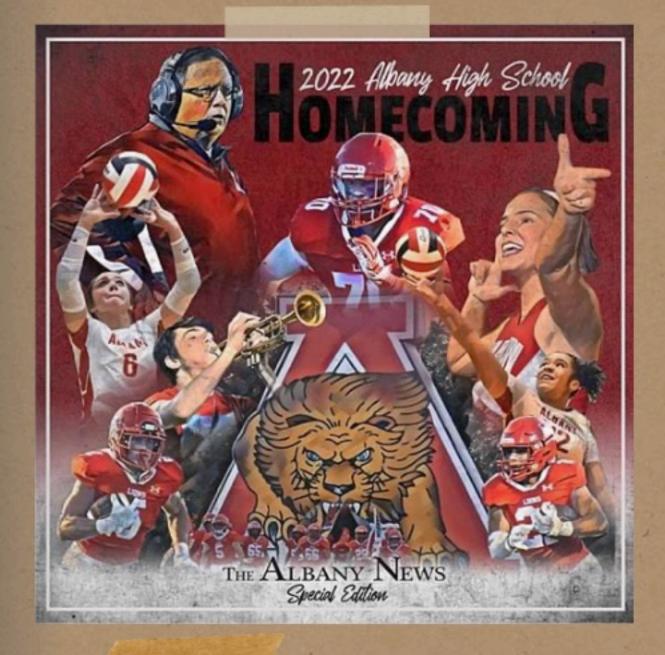


My breakthrough came with a football concept poster. I whipped up a fun design featuring the Albany Lions and Coach Faith, and shared it on social media. The response was overwhelmingpeople loved it, and the positive feedback was incredible.

After I put out the Lions poster, I had someone reach out to design a logo for their hair shop. It was the first time I was sought out for work. Although.... the logo was never used for the shop.





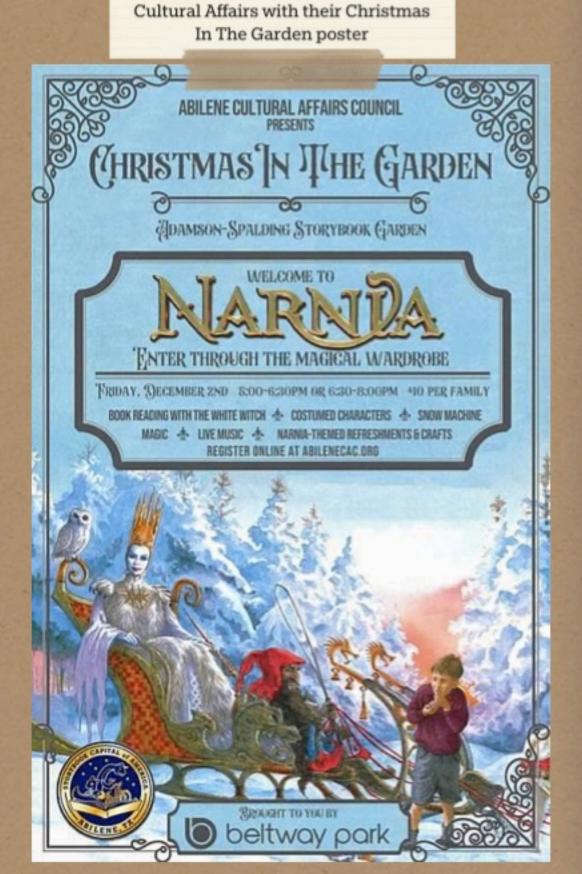


Homecoming Special Edition Cover

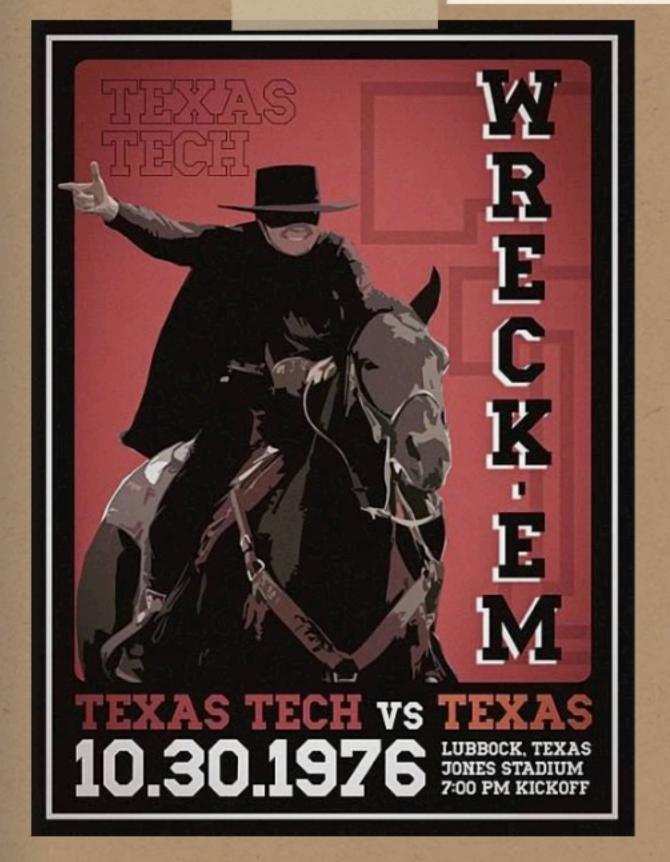
The original Lions poster caught the eye of the Albany News and they asked me to make the cover for the Homecoming section of that weeks paper.



Texas Tech Concept Poster



I helped our friends at the Abilene



Never thought I would help design a beer can, but here we are. We created this for a promotional item for the ACVB and collaborated with local brewery, Grain Theory.







During a moment of unexpected opportunity, Mark Powell, a well-known Abilene musician and the man behind Outlaws & Legends, extended a request to the ACVB. He sought our assistance in sending out a press release and displaying a poster he had provided. Upon first glance, it was evident that the poster's design left much to be desired Taking swift action, I promptly composed an email response to Mark offering my services to revamp the poster. Within a mere half-minute of sending the email, my phone rang and it was Mark on the line. In our conversation, he asked if it was feasible to recreate the poster within a few short hours. Without hesitation, I accepted the challenge. As time pressed on, I worked diligently and against the clock, ultimately succeeding in my task. The result was not only a poster redesign but the establishment of the visual foundation for that year's upcoming festival, setting the tone for what was to be a memorable event.

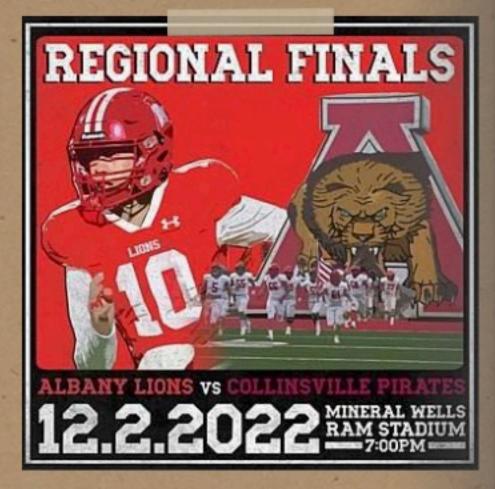




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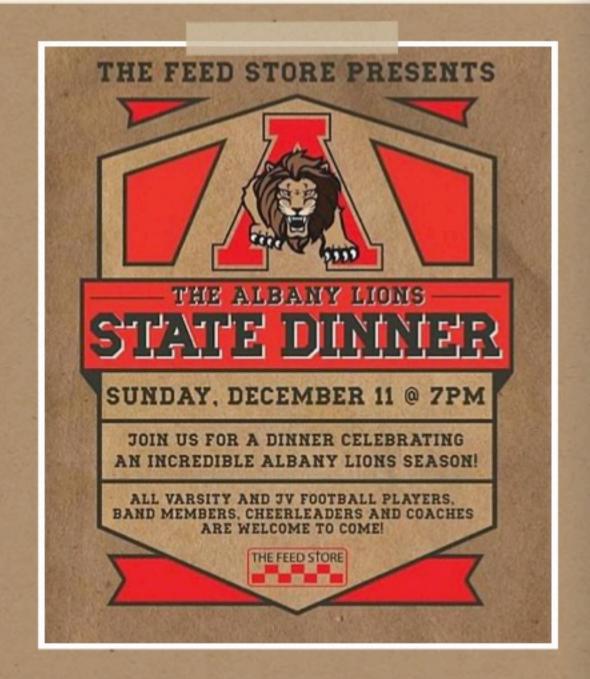
Lions playoff graphics

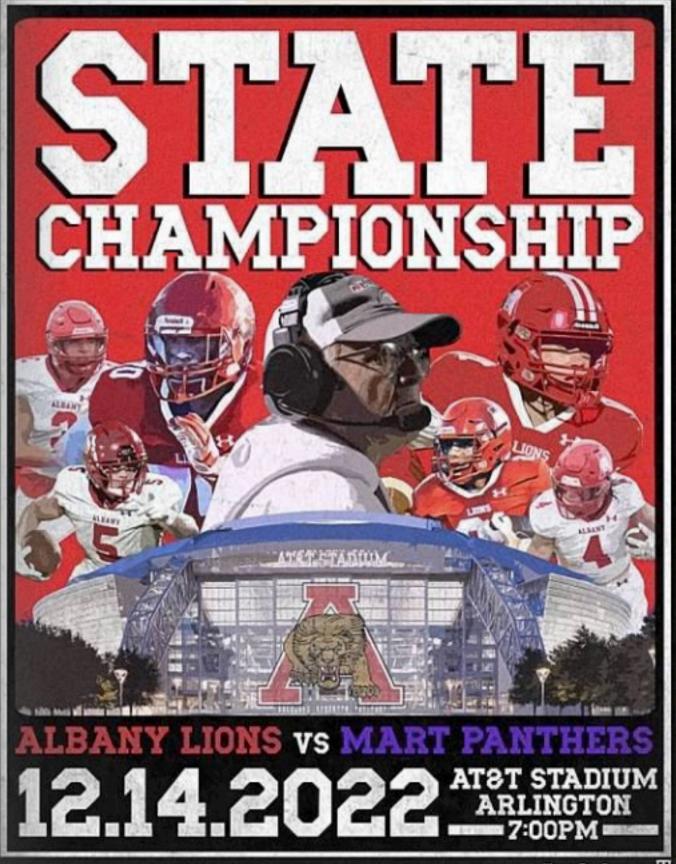






Helped our friends, the Sherwoods, with a poster for a movie they were playing at the Aztec The Albany Lions' journey to the state championship was a pivotal moment for me, opening my eyes to a significant opportunity in the realm of graphics. Recognizing the magnitude of the event, I seized the chance to design a promotional poster. My efforts didn't go unnoticed; impressed by my work, The Feed Store enlisted my services to craft a poster for their upcoming state dinner. This event would bring together the players and foster a sense of community during the intense game week.

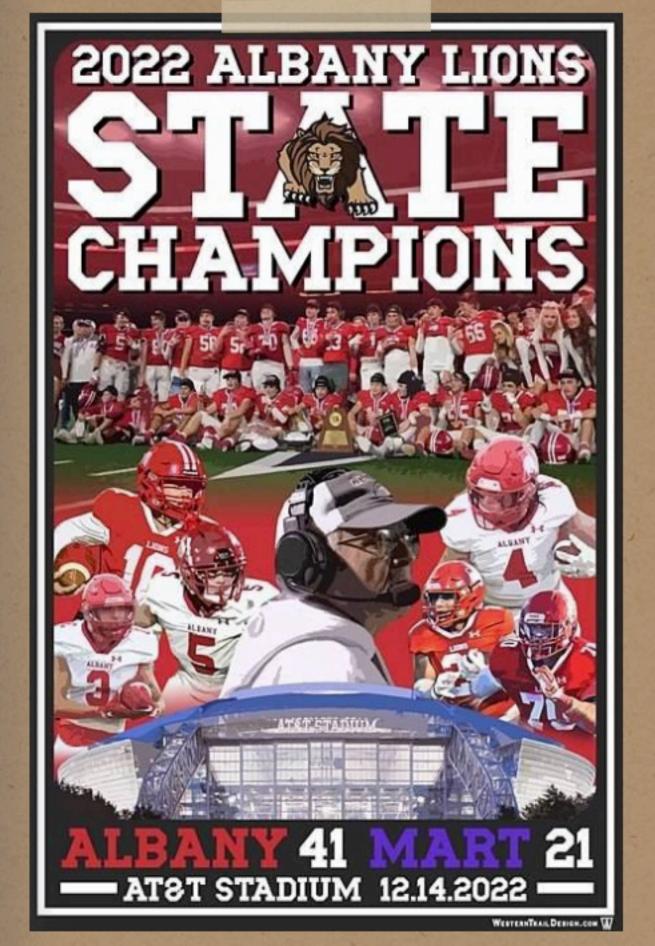




Returning to AT&T Stadium for the first time since leaving my old job was a nostalgic journey filled with emotions. However, the occasion was extraordinary as I found myself there to witness my hometown Lions competing in the state championship game. Despite the odds stacked against them as underdogs facing the perennially dominant Mart team, the Lions showcased an incredible performance that kept me enthralled from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. The stadium's electrifying atmosphere and the fervent support of the Albany crowd created an unforgettable experience.

As the final whistle blew and the Lions celebrated their triumphant victory, the excitement refused to subside. Returning to the hotel, I found myself unable to sleep due to the lingering adrenaline rush. Fueled by the win, I channeled my energy into a creative endeavor, designing a poster to commemorate the state championship victory. The artwork encapsulated the Lions' determination and the jubilation of the moment. The next day, I shared the poster on social media, and to my delight, it garnered an overwhelming positive response. People expressed their eagerness to own a piece of the celebration.

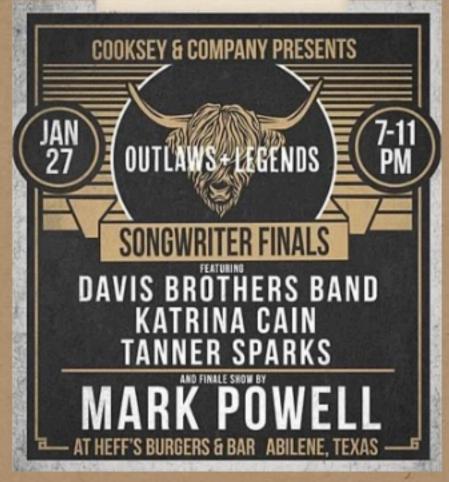






Merry Christmas from WTD





ACVB New Years Graphic



Logo for one of my coworkers side business



In January, my close buddy Bryan Delgado, got in touch with me with an intriguing proposal. He asked if I'd be interested in designing a logo for his friends who were embarking on a new coffee shop venture in Seminole, Oklahoma. The coffee shop, named Drip Coffee Co, sounded like an exciting project. I saw this as a valuable chance to enhance my portfolio with a genuine logo design.

Initial Concepts





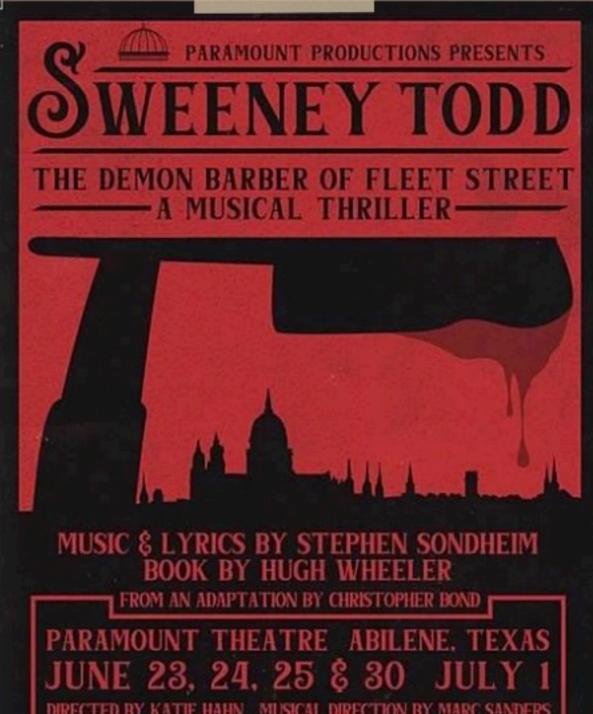
Final Logo



SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA EST 2023

Having a connection with the historic Paramount Theatre in Abilene through my work at the ACVB, I decided to offer my assistance with graphics. I got in touch with them and presented a film series poster idea during our meeting. Although they appreciated the concept, they had a distinct project in mind. Their upcoming summer musical, "Sweeney Todd," required graphic work, and I gladly accepted the task. Collaborating with the theatre, I poured my efforts into the project, and the end resulted in a stunning poster that was truly satisfying for both parties.





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FORT GRIFFIN FANDANGLE



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Upon returning to Albany, the opportunity to contribute to the Fandangle board was extended to me, a proposal I readily embraced. Continuing a family tradition, I proudly became the third generation of Wallers to take on this role. Leveraging my expertise in graphic design and marketing, the board entrusted me with the task of crafting a special commemorative logo, celebrating the show's 85th anniversary. Eagerly, I delved into the project, pouring my creative energy into producing a design that would encapsulate the spirit of the event and its rich history.

Fandangle to celebrate 85th anniversary

◆ Tickets for 2023 shows now on sale

By Donnie A. Lucas

Tickets are now on sale to members for the 85th anniversary performances of the Ft. Griffin Fandangle set for June 16 and 17, and June 23 and 24.

The membership drive for this year has already started, with eight levels of contributions available for patrons. The Fandangle is the Old-

The Fandangle is the Oldest Outdoor Musical in Texas, involving as many as 300 cast and crew members each summer for the four performances at the Prairie Theater.

The show was written by Albany playwright Robert Nail as a senior class play in 1938, but quickly was expanded to include members of the community. Nail called the production a true "People's Theater" since it included non-professional and unpaid singers,

dancers and actors from all walks of life. First produced at the

football stadi-

um, the show moved to its own outdoor theaterin 1965.
Nail died unexpectedly in 1968, but the community rallied to continue the show yearly since 1970, except for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ail Artistic director Lorna Ayers 88, said that the 85th anniversary show will be a collection of historical accounts weven in with some of the crowd favorites from over the years.

Almost all of the music and song lyrics are original, written by past musical or artist directors for particular show themes in the past.

Audience members will notice major improvements at the Prairie Theater this season, with the entire seating area reconstructed using limestone block to provide

COVID-19 a more secure experience rather than the tiered rows supported orna Ayers by utility poles.

The sound system is also

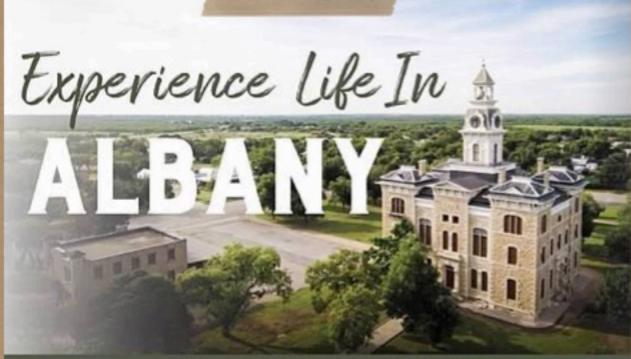
being replaced for the 2023 show, a major upgrade over the 30-year-old system that was in place.

Through a capital improvement fundraising effort, several other major renovations are also in the works including the steam-powered calliope, rest rooms and walkways, and sets, props, and costumes.

Memberships is open to everyone with the following donation levels: Pioneer \$25, Longhorn \$75, Patron \$175, Bronze \$250, Silver \$500, Gold \$1,000, Platinum \$2,500, and Diamond \$5,000.

Tickets and memberships can be purchased by accessing the website: www.fortgriffinfandangle.org/

For more information, contact the Fandangle office at 325-762-3838. I helped the Albany Chamber with this magazine ad







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THE ICE HOUSE
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Following the success I achieved through my involvement in the graphics program for Outlaws and Legends, I decided to reach out to the Carefest festival crew and offer my assistance on the graphics front. Conveniently, the festival was set to take place in my hometown of Albany. With personal connections to both Ragan and Mindy, who were in charge of organizing the event, arranging a meeting was a breeze. During our discussion, I learned that they were keen on collaborating with me, seeking my expertise for creating the festival poster, handling various other graphic design tasks, and even constructing a website.

Although my previous experience had mostly been centered around working on the WTD website, I recognized the potential for this new endeavor to become an additional source of revenue. Eager to take on the challenge, I accepted the responsibility. After brainstorming and sketching out several concepts for the festival poster, we eventually settled on a design that exuded a captivating neon sign aesthetic. The lineup of performers was nothing short of remarkable, featuring the best of the early Texas Country music artists, with Pat Green as the headliner. As someone who had a strong affinity for Texas country music, being part of this musical felt like a truly rewarding experience.

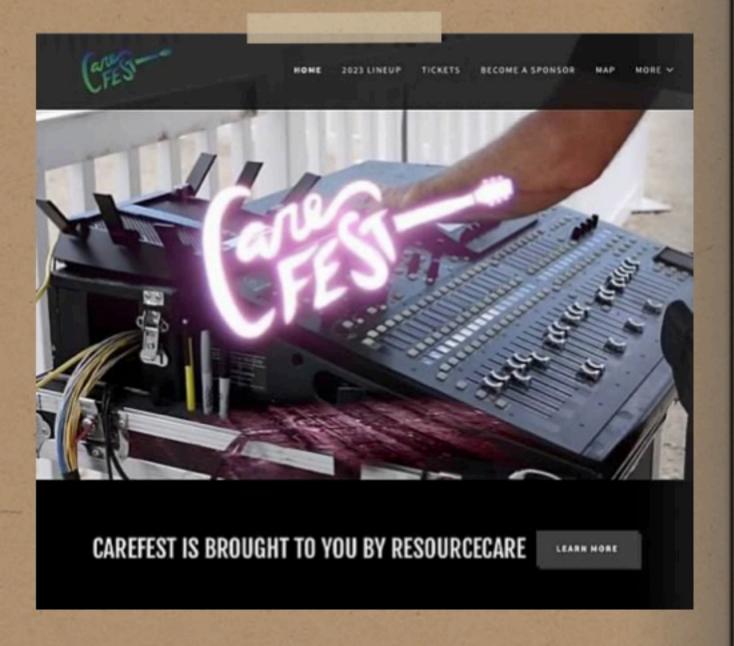




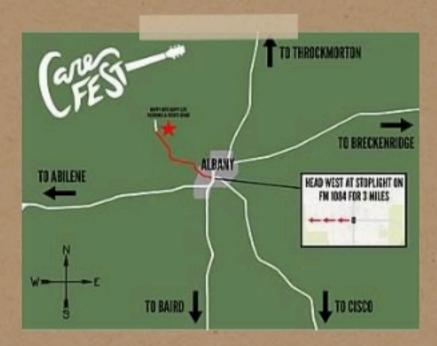


After finishing the Carefest website, I realized I was skilled at creating websites. In the following months, I took on several website projects, improving my abilities and creating functional and appealing online experiences.

This journey has opened up a world of opportunities for me to bring my digital ideas to life.

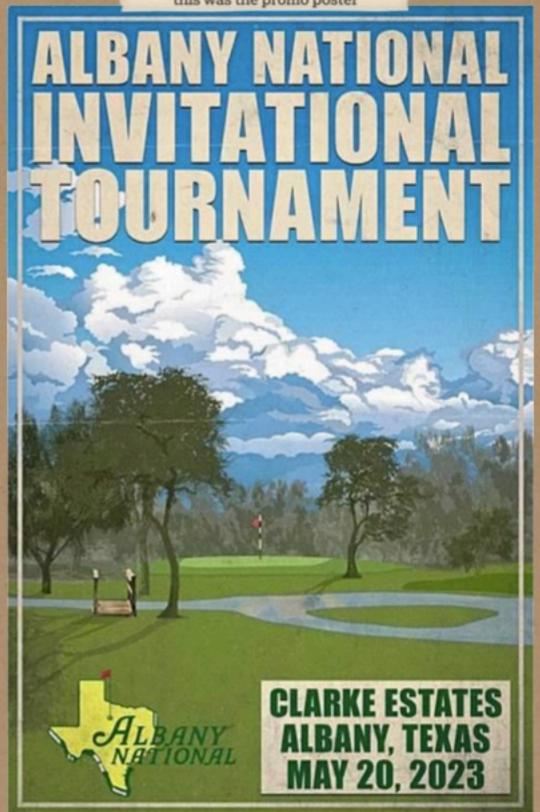


Carefest Maps





I put together a small golf tournament at my home par 3 and this was the promo poster



Bryan Delgado
reached out once
again for help with
a campaign his
company was
putting together.
He needed help
with a presentation
deck and had a few
items that needed
mockups:





After posting a brief social media ad to promote my services, I was pleasantly surprised by the swift response. A local business owner reached out to me with keen interest, expressing the need for two distinct logos. This immediate and enthusiastic engagement not only affirmed the effectiveness of my advertisement but also filled me with a sense of excitement for the creative journey ahead.

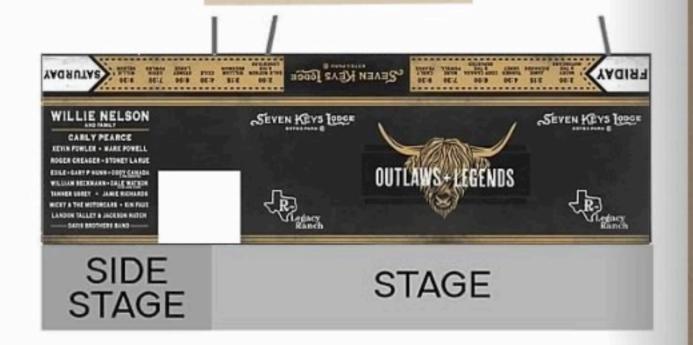




Out of the blue, Mark Powell extended a surprise request my way, seeking assistance in swiftly crafting a graphic. His aim was to unveil a fresh single, necessitating a captivating cover. Specifically, he envisioned the artwork to mirror the iconic black and white aesthetic synonymous with Johnny Cash's style.



As the arrival of Outlaws and Legends drew near, the culmination of weeks of preparation found its focus in the meticulous creation of stage signage. Every detail had to align flawlessly, making the precise measurements an indispensable guide in this endeavor. The process was undeniably intense, with the weight of ensuring perfection resting on my shoulders. Yet, amidst the stress, determination prevailed, and the task was accomplished. When the time came, the unveiled stage signage stood as a testament to the dedication poured into its crafting. As the crowd gathered and the music filled the air, thousands of eyes turned upward to the performers, including the legendary Willie Nelson. Amidst the melodies, a sea of carefully designed signage enveloped the surroundings, a visual symphony that seamlessly harmonized with the musical one, creating an immersive experience that will forever be etched in memory.





Willie Nelson strumming heartstrings while jamming with my signage on stage. A cool moment frozen in time.



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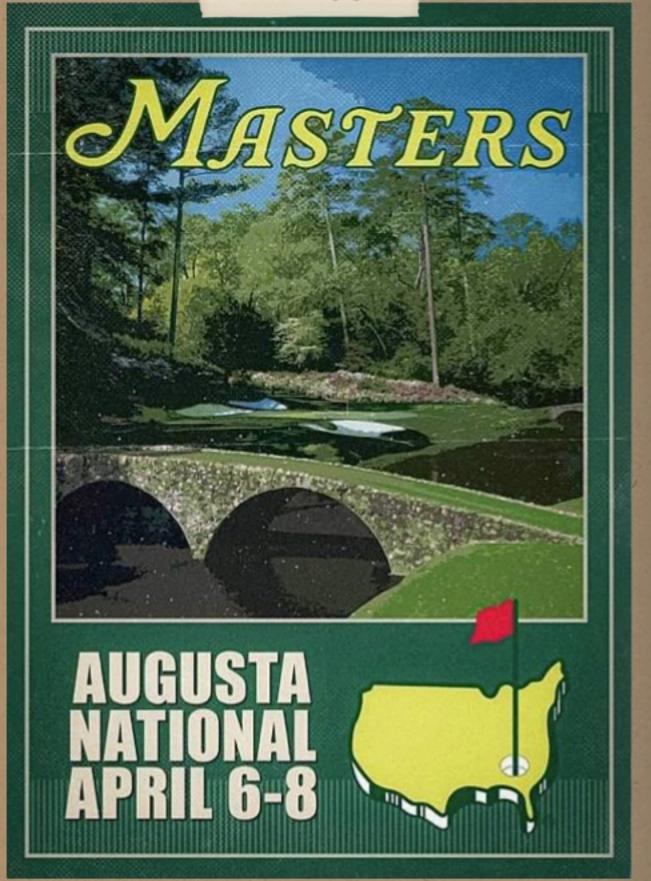
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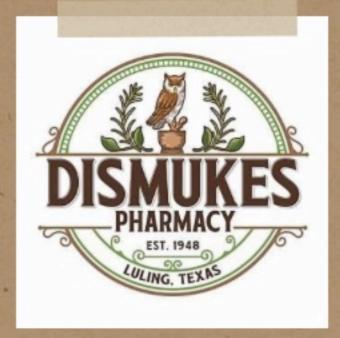
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Another logo design came from the social media ad. Owl Drug in Coleman reached out to use their current logo and update it to a 100th anniversary logo. They also had a "sister" pharmacy that they wanted to create a similar logo for.





Goodnight Steakhouse & Saloon

The closure of the iconic Beehive restaurant in Albany marked the end of an era leaving a sense of nostalgia and sadness among the community members who had enjoyed its offerings for four decades. The news of its closure reverberated through the town, prompting many to reflect on the countless memories and meals shared within its walls. However, the gloom was short-lived as a new chapter began to unfold within just a few months of the closure. An enthusiastic new owner stepped in, purchasing the building with the intention of breathing new life into the space. Plans were set in motion for a comprehensive renovation a fresh identity, and the eventual reopening of the establishment as a new dining destination.

Seizing the opportunity to contribute to the rebirth of this cherished establishment, I reached out to the new owner, offering my expertise in graphic design. Eager to embrace collaboration, they welcomed my assistance in creating a captivating logo and addressing other graphic design requirements for the revamped restaurant. This was a chance for me to combine my creative skills with a shared passion for the revitalization of a beloved local landmark. As I delved into the project, I poured my creativity and dedication into crafting three distinct logo concepts that captured the essence of the restaurant's renewed identity.

In the end, witnessing the culmination of efforts in the form of the finalized logo suite brought a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. The logos stood not only as visual representations but also as symbols of resilience, transformation and community spirit. As the renovated restaurant prepared to open its doors once again, I felt a sense of pride in having played a role, however small, in helping to shape its new identity. The journey from the closure of the Beehive to the emergence of this rejuvenated culinary establishment underscored the enduring power of community, creativity, and collaboration.

Evolution of Creativity: Exploring the Journey of the Goodnight Logo Design











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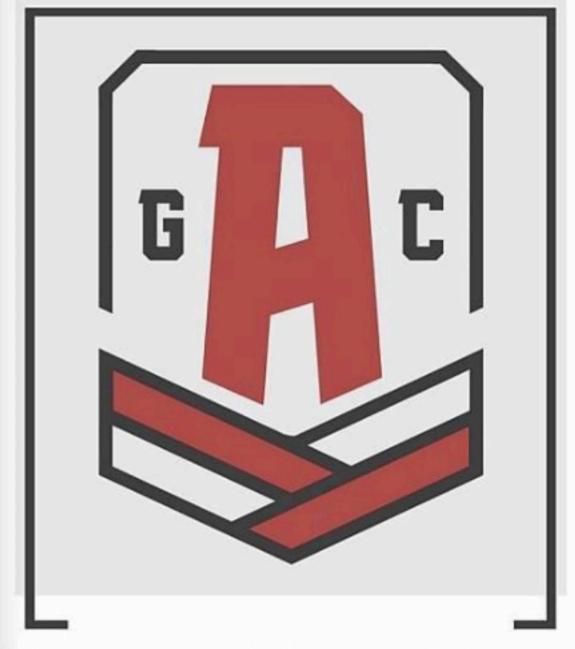
Albany Golf Club

The Albany Golf Club holds a special place in my heart, perhaps even at the very top of my list of favorite places in the world. Standing strong for nearly a century, this remarkable establishment has weathered the tides of time while maintaining its timeless allure. The allure of the golf course isn't just about the greens or the scenic fairways; it's about the rich history that resonates within its boundaries. Recently, I had the incredible opportunity to contribute to this cherished sanctuary in a unique way by crafting a logo and brand identity that would stand as a testament to its legacy.

With the enthusiastic endorsement of the AGC board, I eagerly plunged into the endeavor of designing a logo that encapsulated the club's essence. Surprisingly, the creative process unfolded with astonishing ease. The initial draft seemed to effortlessly capture the spirit of Albany Golf Club, rendering additional iterations unnecessary. It was as if the design had been waiting in the wings, ready to burst onto the canvas in a symphony of colors and shapes. The final product felt like a natural extension of the club's identity, an evolution rather than a revolution.

The board's response to the logo was overwhelmingly positive, an affirmation that my creative vision was aligned with the club's values. Swiftly, the logo was embraced and integrated into the club's materials, emblematic of the harmony between tradition and innovation. Buoyed by this success, I also embarked on the journey of creating an AGC website. This digital platform not only offered a visual representation of the club's splendor but also served as a portal to connect with a broader audience. The website, adorned with the new logo, breathed fresh life into the club's online presence, fostering a newfound credibility that resonated far beyond its physical borders.

This project was a labor of love, a collaboration between my passion for design and my devotion to Albany Golf Club. It was more than just a task; it was an opportunity to pay homage to a place that had brought joy and serenity to countless individuals. As I reflect on this endeavor, I'm reminded of the power of design to encapsulate the essence of a cherished location and elevate it to new heights. The privilege of contributing to the legacy of Albany Golf Club will forever hold a cherished place in my heart.



ALBANY GOLF CLUB

ALBANY, TEXAS EST 1925









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WEST TEXAS GOLF AT ITS BEST

If you're looking for an enjoyable round of golf in West Texas, look no further than the Albany Golf Club. This 9-hole course has been a beloved local attraction for over 60 years and for good reason. Its challenging layout and well-maintained greens make it a fun and worthwhile course to play for both beginners and experienced golfers alike. Whether you're a resident or a visitor passing through the area, be sure to check out this hidden gem of a golf course!



Designing Dreams: From Avid Reader to Cover Designer with Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine

Imagine the feeling of seeing your childhood dreams come full circle from being an avid reader to a featured player and finally to a cover designer for the most renowned football magazine in Texas. That's exactly what happened to me, and I'm thrilled to share my journey of working with Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine to create a special edition cover featuring my hometown team, the Albany Lions.

Each year, Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine collaborates with state champions from the previous season to craft a unique and captivating special edition magazine cover. And in an incredible twist of fate, I had the tremendous honor of contributing to the design of this special cover through my work at Western Trail Design.

Growing up in Albany, the heartbeat of small-town Texas football, I developed an unwavering passion for the sport. I eagerly awaited the annual release of Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine, hoping to find inspiring stories and exciting updates about my Albany Lions. Little did I know that destiny had an exceptional journey in store for me.

In the 2006 edition of the magazine, during my senior year, I found myself listed as a "player to watch." Despite being a modestly sized and scrappy player, this mention ignited a fire within me. It symbolized recognition and a connection to the football legacy I held dear.

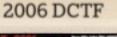
When the opportunity arose to contribute to the design of the special edition cover for Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine, I seized it with both hands. It was a chance to give back to the magazine that had fueled my love for the game and had acknowledged me during my playing days.

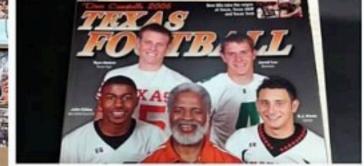
The project was a dream come true collaborating with DCTF, working with images of my hometown team, and weaving together elements that captured the essence of Albany Lions' triumphant journey to the state championship. The cover needed to exude the pride and spirit that our community held for our team.

As I worked tirelessly on the design, I felt a profound sense of connection with the magazine's legacy and a responsibility to honor the players who had come before me and those who would follow in their footsteps. This project wasn't just about graphic design; it was about encapsulating the heart and soul of Albany's football spirit.

Seeing the final design on the cover was a moment of sheer elation. The memories of reading the magazine as a wide-eyed child, the pride of being recognized as a player, and the sense of accomplishment from contributing to its design all collided in a rush of emotion. It was a full-circle journey that filled me with gratitude.







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SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EDITION Dave Campbells INSIDE: 2023 TEAM PREVIEW, ROSTER & SCHEDULE TEXAS: FOOTBAL

The release of the special edition magazine coincided with the first week of fall practice for the Lions, adding an extra layer of excitement to the season's kickoff. As I shared the news through a social media post, the response was nothing short of remarkable, with an outpouring of enthusiasm from Albany residents. Even the Lions coaches expressed their genuine admiration for the cover, conveying their appreciation for the design. The magazine's cover, a testament to creativity and hard work, stands as a pinnacle of my achievements, evoking a sense of pride that is both fulfilling and deeply gratifying.



How time flies! It's hard to believe that a whole year has passed since I took the plunge into the exciting world of entrepreneurship with the launch of my very own design company, Western Trail Design. As I sit here and reflect on the journey of the past twelve months, I can't help but feel a swell of pride and gratitude for the successes and experiences that Year One brought me.

From the outset, I knew that starting a company wouldn't be a walk in the park. However, the growth and accomplishments that Western Trail Design achieved in such a short time exceeded even my wildest expectations. The spectrum of projects I had the privilege to work on was nothing short of exhilarating from small gigs that tested my creativity to grand undertakings that pushed the boundaries of my skillset.

The year was dotted with highlights that illuminated my path and reinforced my passion for what I do. The chance to design graphics for the Outlaws and Legends music festival was undoubtedly a moment of pure excitement. Seeing my creations donning billboards and promotional materials for such a renowned event was a surreal experience that affirmed my decision to go start this company.

Speaking of surreal experiences, creating graphics for the Paramount Theatre's production of Sweeney Todd was a huge honor. The challenge of capturing the essence of such a dark and intricate narrative within visual designs pushed my creative limits and taught me the value of storytelling through art.

One of the peaks of the year was designing graphics for the Albany Lions during the playoffs and subsequent state championship victory. Designing posters that celebrated their journey and triumphs was more than just a job; it was an opportunity to become a small part of the community's pride and joy.

Amidst these projects, I had the honor of contributing to significant local milestones. Designing the 85th Anniversary logo for the Fort Griffin Fandangle, a cherished annual event in our town, filled me with a deep

sense of connection to the community's history and traditions. The Albany Golf Club logo and the rustic charm of the Goodnight Steakhouse & Saloon logo allowed me to convey the essence of our area's culture through visual identity.

And let's not forget the thrill of being tasked to design a special edition cover for Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine featuring the Albany Lions. It felt like a spotlight was shining on our town's sports pride, and I was humbled to be the one tasked with capturing that spirit.

The first year wasn't without its challenges, of course. There were sleepless nights, tight deadlines, and moments of self-doubt. But each obstacle only served to make the victories sweeter and the growth more pronounced. I can look back now and appreciate how each hurdle taught me valuable lessons in time management, client communication, and the power of adaptability.

As I stand at the cusp of Year Two, I am filled with a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation. The trail ahead is uncharted, but armed with the lessons and accomplishments of the past year, I am ready to tackle whatever comes my way. Western Trail Design is not just a business venture; it's a testament to the power of following one's passion and embracing the challenges that pave the way for success.

To those who supported me along this journey my clients, friends, and family thank you from the bottom of my heart. Year One was just the beginning, and I can't wait to see where the trail leads next. Here's to chasing dreams, one design at a time.

-David H. Waller

