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Abstract: Donna Kay Blase Tucker

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Donna Kay Tucker's family is a fixture on the west side of Rosenberg. Blume Road is named after her maternal grandparents. Her father owned and operated Blase Oil Company and Fred's Service Station on Avenue H/Highway 90A since the mid 1920s. Her mother ran Fred's Cafe, another family venture connected to the service station. Her son Bo runs today's successor to those businesses, Tucker's Tire Company, located in the same general area. Donna Kay and her late husband O. D. Tucker, Sr. settled in Beasley during the mid 1960s and spread the family presence even further westward.

Donna's interview recounts the time when she could ride her horse from west Rosenberg to Richmond, where she'd swim in the Brazos at Rocky Falls with friends. Her memories are filled with Rosenberg's old retail establishments, since her family was in the same profession.

Donna and O. D. were instrumental leaders in development of the modern Fort Bend County Fair, parade, and youth rodeo. The Blume-Blase-Tucker family has left an important mark on Fort Bend County history.

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Interview Summary

People

Family

Charley and Elizabeth Gable Blume,
maternal grandparents
Fred Henry and Hildegard Blume Blase,
parents
Charles Henry 'Buckshot' Blase, brother
Olen Dewey Tucker, Jr., husband
Olen Dewey 'Bo' Tucker, III, oldest child
Blane Anthony 'Bat' Tucker, 2nd child
Robyn Renee 'Cisco' Tucker, 3rd child
'Bud' Tucker, 4th child
Blase Quattro Tucker, Bo's son and Donna
Kay's grandson

Friends

Mary Ann Grayless
Jackie Lehman
Carol McCann
Sue Mitchell
Evalyn Wendt Moore

Memorable People

Henry Aldhouse, school bus driver and later
Lamar Consolidated ISD administrator
Smoky and Betty Davis, youth rodeo stock
providers
Richard and Dolly Joseph
Renee Lamb, Old Foster Museum
Kathleen Joerger Lindsey, attorney
Michael Moore, Fort Bend Museum
Executive Director
Sydney Pastor, Beasley school principal
Travis Reese, Lamar Consolidated HS
Vickie Tonn, Old Foster Museum
Bob and Marcia Vogelsang
Henry Wertheimer, Schaeffer's Drug Store
Phoebe 'Annie' Wilkie, childhood nanny

Activities / Projects

Fort Bend County Fair, parade, and youth rodeo
Involvement with horses and cattle since
childhood
Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo
Raising wildlife in Beasley
Receptions for Miss Rodeo USA at home in Beasley
Wild game dinners at home in Beasley

Places / Businesses

Bailey's Feed Store
Blase's Dry Goods Store
Blase Oil Company
Briscoe's Feed Store
Dostal's Jewelry Store
Fred's Service Station
Fred's Cafe
Lamar Consolidated Senior High School
Luksa's Grocery store
Old Railroad Cafe
Pickard and Huggins Store
Post Office Pharmacy
RB Department Store
Robert E. Lee Elementary in Rosenberg
Rocky Falls swimming hole in Richmond
Rude and Sons sporting goods store
Taylor Ray Junior High School
Tucker's Tire Company
White Elephant Shop/Lane Trading Post