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Visitors to Nac County from Outer Space!?

by Charles Shepherd

**A note from David Stallings, Publisher of *Around the Town* . . .
 No, we are not going to become a *Nacogdoches National Enquirer!* I've known Charlie Shepherd since I was a child. His father was my Sunday School teacher at Fredonia Hill Baptist Church and his mother, Flora, was one of my mother's best friends. "Coley" Bass was also a long-time friend. The following unedited, unredacted story was given to me recently by Charlie and he swears that it's true. Read it and you can decide! It's a "fun read," no matter what you decide.**

Since the beginning of time only a few, if any, have experienced the happening that occurred here in Nacogdoches in the summer of 1957. The location of the occurrence was approximately 15 miles from down town Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas. What occurred was about a half to three quarter of a mile from the Shawnee River. My friend, Cole Heflin Bass, the son of Loren and Doris Bass, met at the age of 4 to 5 years old at the Fredonia Baptist Church. After our get together, we were together 4 - 5 days a week, actually more, until I left Nacogdoches in 1962. His great uncle was the movie star, Van Heflin. Mr. Bass had a grocery store in those days, and, for the meat market, unlike today, had to kill and skin and process the meat for the market. In those days there were no Kroger's, etc. Due to this requirement, he leased approximately 100 - 140 acres down on the Shawnee river bottom where he ran cattle and to have a place to deer hunt. The property came with an old two bedroom house with a tin roof, a covered front porch and a small room in the back to cut up meat for processing and sale at the grocery store. On our rides, or drives to the property, there were no houses for six or so miles prior to our turn off



to the property. The house and property was approximately a mile from the road going to the public part of the river. The house had no electricity, no telephones, no radios, but it did have a gas stove, no refrigerator, but it did have an ice box and a fireplace. When Coley and I were ten or so years old Mr. Bass would take us down to the little house, we called it the Shamrock, because of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, and leave us for three to four days. He would give us cans of beans, fruits, and vegetables, and two boxes of shells for our 22 rifles. We would go out and shoot squirrels, rabbits, and birds, clean and eat. Additionally, we frequently fished at the Shawnee River, caught and cleaned our catches of fish. We continued this practice off and on until we were 17 years old. At the age of fourteen years, after Coley turned 14 July 24th, he and I went to the courthouse to take the tests to get our driver license. I passed the test and got mine at the age of 14, Coley failed his test, but, he passed it a month later, also at the age of 14.

In the summer of 1957 Coley and I had, as we had done many times, fishing hunting, etc., gone down to the Shamrock. The truck we were in belonged to his dad. Due to his grocery collections efforts, Mr. Bass kept a high powered rifle behind the seat of the truck, a 30-06. The event occurred in the late afternoon of August 1957, actually I now believe it was August 11 of 1957 approximately 200 yards from the Shamrock, as we were driving down to the Shawnee river on the leased property, it was around 8:00 P.M. It was nearing dark, the sun was down. The property from the main road to the Shamrock was not fenced but the area 200 yards back from the Shamrock was fenced due to the cattle. The gate going into the back of the lease was about 16 feet wide with a one inch chain and a big lock. Coley was driving us down and we stopped at the gate, he got out with a key chain with at least 12 - 17 keys and was trying to find the right key to unlock the gate, he exited the truck and left the door open. I was sitting in the truck, probably a 1954 model, the seat could seat three if you didn't mind a close fit. I was watching Coley fumble with the keys and while doing so I saw some lights, not bright, but like another old truck coming down the one lane path leading from the main road. It was not the path that we took from the Shamrock. This path came from the main

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Memory Lane - "The Gift of Memories"

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Memory Lane, is a true labor of love for owners Vickie and Kara Porter. It is a most interesting consignment mall consisting of seven diverse vendors who provide a delightful smorgasbord of things which are most likely going to be attached to a lot of cherished memories. The Porter's are a very busy and dynamic couple who also own a farm where they raise cattle and chickens. They love going to auctions and estate sales, however, because of the farm, they have to stay pretty close to home.



When I asked how they got into the antique business, Vickie says she inherited her love of antiques from her mother. Her mother collected a variety of things but she says her mother's personal record collection probably consisted of more albums than

they have in the mall right now, and that is a lot of records. In fact, because her mother always played these albums, it's what she listened to. So collecting, she says, like that wonderful music, is just in her blood. Luckily for her, her husband is a fan of antiques too. He collects antique clocks and has a lot of different types from different eras. Kara also collects antique cars. He has a 1957 GTO and a 1930 Ford, complete with running boards and a rumble seat. This is what led them to have the FREE Antique Car Show. They feel it is the perfect compliment to their business.

Whatever you are looking for, you will probably find it here. They have fine china, colorful Carnival glass, nutcrackers, Depression Glass, Waterford crystal, Ball canning jars, Mason canning jars, Delf pottery, brass lamps, a 1921 brass fan, a wide variety of clocks of all sizes and shapes, a lovely selection of furniture, beautiful side boards, china hutches, jewelry, crafts, paintings, and so much more. Just take a stroll through the different venues. I'm sure it won't take long before you understand why they named the mall Memory Lane.

Ashley Porter, their daughter-in-law, now has her own booth and, like several other family members, she also volunteers to help out when ever she can. Teddy Aylor is a part-time employee.

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Special every Tuesday - 10% discount for military and college students.

The Federation of Womens clubs is offering a summer etiquette program for boys and girls ages 11-14. The sessions will be from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm at the Old University Building on Tuesday, August 7, Wednesday, August 8 and Thursday, August 9. Topics will include the art of introducing themselves, writing thank you notes, table manners and a brief history of the community that can be shared with friends and/or new acquaintances. Several members of the Federation will be directing the activities and a lunch will be served. The applications for the program are available at the CVB downtown and can be picked up there during their hours, Monday thru Saturday. The charge is \$25.00. Further information may be obtained by calling 936 554-7457.

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Gunsmoke Ridge

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

After thirty-three years as a Sports Coach, the last fourteen of them spent coaching the eighth-grade at the Nacogdoches Independent School District, Coach Steve Oates retired, shifted gears, and opened Gunsmoke Ridge. Although it has an open-air pistol range and an outdoor covered pistol range, it is much more than a gun range. It is a first-class training facility with a NEW indoor instructional classroom.

Way before Oates could open the door to his new business, he had to undergo some intense training. To teach well, you have to be taught well and to make sure you were, you are required to be certified by both the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). And before you can become a handgun instructor there are several more government hoops you must jump through and you are closely scrutinized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You can be absolutely certain that Oates is a qualified weapons instructor and he has more than one level of skill-set.



For those of you who have never fired a gun before, he offers Handgun 101 Classes which are two hours long. The first hour covers all the basic fundamentals such as grip, stance, loading/unloading, and handgun maintenance. Followed by one hour of target practice. For people who fill out the paperwork to certify online, he can administer, by appointment, the actual shooting qualification exam.



He also offers "License To Carry" Handgun Instruction classes on Saturdays or weekdays by appointment only. This five-hour course outlines DPS instructional curriculum, as well as provides the opportunity to complete the shooting qualification. He has special classes for groups of four or more on weekdays, by appointment

only. His teaching schedule is actually very flexible.

His grandfather was a Center, Texas policeman and his father, Harold D. Oates, retired from Texas Parks and Wild Life where, in addition to his other duties, he was the handgun instructor for the Game Warden Academy. Oates says that as a young man his father would instruct him using an empty gun and once his father was confident that he knew how to properly handle the gun, he would let him fire at a target. He says his favorite one was a five-gallon water jug because when you were "on target," it would explode and go everywhere.



His most memorable student, so far, was a ninety-one-year-old gentleman who shot the center out of the target to qualify with a small revolver. Oates was so impressed that he created a special certificate to present to him. He says that rather than say it was because he was the oldest person to ever qualify, he said he was the "most mature." So remember this story when you go to Gunsmoke Ridge. Shoot straight and you just might get a certificate too.

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Sacul Store & Cafe'

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Take a scenic drive to the far western end of Nacogdoches county and sitting at the junction of Highway 204 and FM 1648, about twenty-one miles northwest of Nacogdoches, is Sacul. If you get out that way, you want to be sure to stop at the Sacul Store & Cafe'. This charming little business is owned by Cecil and Cindy Petty and this isn't your average store and cafe'. You've heard the phrase "chief, cook, and bottle washer," well, that would be an appropriate title for each of them when they're in "cafe'" mode. The Cafe' was built in the late 1950s and was originally a hardware and grocery store which was purchased by Cecil's parents who changed it to a country store and cafe'. When they retired they leased out the store for a few years until Cecil and Cindy took over in 2010.



They have put together an impressive menu, with a lot of options. Starting with a complete breakfast menu, available any time of day, that includes everything from toast to just about anything else you can think of. They have some of your basic comfort foods like hot dogs, all kinds of burgers, sandwiches, salads, and almost everything on the menu is made fresh daily. But it is their daily lunch specials that are the definition of "homemade." They have a different special every day they are open, and they also offer "Take Out," so it's easy to see how they got a five-star rating from their customers.

The population of Sacul varies somewhere between 150 - 250, depending on your source. One thing that is not debatable, however, is the kind of people who live there. According to Cindy, everyone in Sacul and the surrounding communities are awesome and she and Cecil can't imagine living anywhere else.

Daily Lunch Specials:

- Mondays: Hand Breded Chicken Fried Steak
- Tuesdays: Meat Loaf
- Wednesdays: Chicken Fried Chicken Breast
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With summertime also comes vacation time. As you plan your vacation destination, I want to share the three steps to a successful and safe trip. They include:

- Choosing a great location in Texas, preferably with a pool or waterpark for the kido's
- Planning a stop along the way at a Texas Travel Information Center
- Safely maneuvering through a TxDOT work zone.

You can't skimp on planning in any of these three areas, because if you do, you are asking for a vacation disaster.

Of course the kids are excited about traveling – whether it's to Disneyworld or to the waterpark in Nacogdoches. Maybe it's a weekend getaway for two or a solo trip to a hill country spa. One thing is for sure - no matter where you go you have to plan ahead.

No doubt, you will encounter a little stress along the way, and the perfect place to take that stress level down a notch is a stop at one of Texas' beautiful travel centers.

Visit txdot.gov and search Texas Travel Information Centers in the search box at the top of the page. You will find a listing of the 12 locations around the state, hours of operation and the opportunities at each. You will also discover links that will take you to Texas Highways magazine, driving conditions around the state at drivetexas.org, live traffic cameras that give you an idea of the traffic you might encounter, coastal ferry information and safety tips. Now you are on the road to planning a perfect vacation.

One of the best things about the Texas Travel Information Centers is they are free and educational! What more could a parent want? Take your time and spread a picnic while you are there. The grounds are beautiful and the information is bountiful.

Your third key to planning a great trip could be the most important. You should plan for delays and congestion as you travel through our work zones. Add extra time to reach your destination. Work zones are not a bad thing. They represent the future. We continue to build and improve the Texas transportation system.

Try smiling at our workers with an occasional wave from the comfort of your air conditioned car. They work in 90-plus degree temperatures all day, so they don't mind your pleasant attitude and patience as you drive past.

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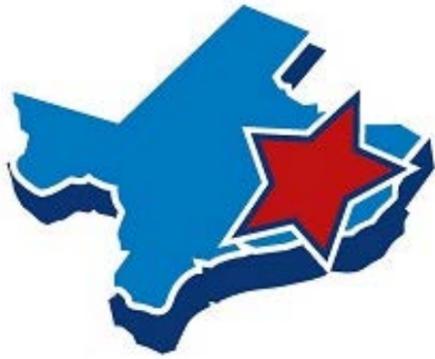
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Kids Day at the fair will be Friday, October 12th. All Elementary School age children are welcome! There is no charge for attendance, all you need to do is send in your registration form (also on our website at nacexpo.net). Kids will be treated to a tour of the Roselake Ranch Petting Zoo. Nacogdoches Fire & Rescue will have a fire truck and EMS ambulance, Texas Forestry Service and the Nacogdoches Sheriff's Department will have their vehicles here as well to give the kids a close up look of their equipment and talk to them about their jobs.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Piney Woods Fair, please contact our office at 936-564-0849 or email nacexpo@co.nacogdoches.tx.us.

JULY 11-14, 2018 – TIMELESS TWIRL-O-JACK CAMP TWIRLING CAMP FOR GRADES K-12

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Eligibility: Anyone entering 6th Grade through 12th Grade.

Camp Fees: (Fees include tuition, room, meals/snacks, T-shirt and Camp music)

- Residential Camp for 6th-12th Grade: \$300 per person for Early Registration by June 15, 2018. \$350 per person if received by registration deadline, June 25, 2018.

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- \$25 fee on refunds if notified by, June 25, 2018. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 25, 2018.**

Payments: Send payments for camp by personal check, school check or money order to Candice Curbow, 1161 CR 1362, Garrison, TX 75946. (DO NOT MAIL CASH). Make checks payable to Timeless Twirl-O-Jacks.

Food Service: Breakfast & Dinner at the East College Cafeteria on SFA Campus. Lunch will be provided by Chick-Fil-A; Subway; Pizza and Raising Canes. The Timeless TOJ Concession stand will be available and stocked with snack food items and water for \$2.00 each, cash only. Concession Tickets can be opened by parents at registration.

Housing: Students will be housed in a dorm on SFA Campus (Dorm TBA). Each dorm room will house 2 campers. Campers will need to provide all linens.

Transportation: Campers will be transported to and from camp by the Stephen F. Austin State University Shuttle Bus Service. (Classes will be taught each day at the Nacogdoches County Civic Center)

Classes Offered: Fundamentals, Dance Twirl, Feature Twirler, Prop routines, 2-Baton, Fire Batons, Tricks Classes, Flag Batons and Samoan Knives, Night Activities.

Camper Supervision & Class Instruction: Every activity of camp life will be supervised and instructed by the Timeless Twirl-O-Jack Alumni members and the 2015 SFASU Twirl-O-Jack line members.

What to Bring: Batons (2-4), water jug, knee pads, black athletic shorts, twirling shoes, all bed linens, pillows, bath towels, washcloths etc., supplies for door decorating contest.

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Door Decorating Contest: Roommates decorate their dorm doors. All supplies must be provided by campers. Winners will receive a prize.

Final Demonstration: Saturday, July 14, 2018, 11:00 AM, Location TBA.

Attire: Black shorts, camp t-shirt and twirling shoes.

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED!! REGISTRATION IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL PAID IN FULL! For questions please email Camp Director, Candice Curbow at twirlojacks@gmail.com.

Planning to stay overnight? Great! Be sure to visit www.nacexpo.net or www.visitnacogdoches.org for links to local hotels and discount offers.

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Many former scouts remember daily swims in the icy cold water. Thousands of gallons of water per day flow out from underground and into the pool (600 gallons per minute). The temperature of the water—year round—is around 66 degrees. Ownership of the springs is still in the TUCKER FAMILY with one member owning the concession rights. Camping has been expanded with facilities for tents to motorhomes. Water and electricity are readily available. On the premises are facilities for bathing as well as laundry. Rec halls are available for family reunions, birthday parties, and weddings. The office is open seven days per week to handle camping requests and daily swimmers. These springs are a major part of the headwaters to the Naconiche Creek. (Photos by Roger Dudley)



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Stephanie Fontenot
CVB Marketing Director

A variety of visitors come to Nacogdoches during the summer months, including thousands of parents of prospective and future students at Stephen F. Austin State University. The Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau is excited to team up with the university's Orientation Programs department to welcome parents in a fun and interactive way this summer. Specifically, we're inviting parents to join us at Lanana Creek Ice House for refreshments and conversation after the conclusion of Thursday night orientation sessions. Members of the Visit Nacogdoches staff and community leaders will be present to greet these important visitors and thoroughly welcome them to our town. We hope all parents will return to our community many times throughout their child's collegiate career and find that Nacogdoches feels like a true home away from home for them as well.

Looking for a place to take the family for Independence Day celebrations? Look no further than Freedom Fest. This year's event, hosted by the Nacogdoches Jaycees, will take place the evening of Wednesday, July 4, in Festival Park near downtown. You can expect to find fun for the entire family. Bounce houses and games will be available for the kids, food trucks and vendors will be set up throughout the park and the evening will end with a grand show of colorful fireworks. Find more information about this event at www.VisitNacogdoches.org.

If you haven't yet experienced the new Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail, it's the perfect time to view the map and hit the road because we now have more than 100 barn quilts registered. The trail is the largest of its kind in our area and offers residents and visitors alike a chance to view Americana in Texas' oldest town like never before. The colorful, artistic quilts are visible on buildings, fences and even mailboxes throughout Nacogdoches County. The best part is that you can view them while enjoying the comfort of cool air conditioning in your own vehicle. View the online map and plan your route today by visiting www.VisitNacogdoches.org/barnquilt.

Do you have family visiting this summer? Be sure to send them downtown to visit the Charles Bright Visitor Center. We have a variety of new oldest town merchandise available, as well as Charlie Dochess, the center's own pet ambassador – a Frenchton puppy owned by Nacogdoches CVB Executive Director Sherry Morgan. Our center is a historical wonder itself and includes numerous educational exhibits, including an informative video about Nacogdoches history. We hope to see you soon.

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Deadline for entries: July 21, 2018

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Further Information:

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Calendar

Entries received: Saturday, July 21 from 2-5 p.m.

Judging: Saturday, July 28 from noon-2 p.m.

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Chamber Connection
 by Kelly Daniel
 Executive Vice President,
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Summertime Adventures

Along with bringing rising temps and uncountable pitchers of ice tea and lemonade, the months of summer seem to produce a special spirit of adventure. Maybe it is the lack of a regular work and school routine or possibly, the hours upon hours of available daylight, but something about “summer” sparks the explorer spirit. Good for us that our East Texas area offers an impressive selection of activities and recreation options to pack into our summer schedule.

So, just for fun, I searched “recreation” in the Chamber’s online business directory found at www.Nacogdoches.org, and here is the list of Chamber members that appeared:

A&P Inflatables, Boys and Girls Clubs of Deep East Texas, Cherokee Trace Drive-Thru Safari, Crystal Beach Realty, EscapeNac, Meadow Ridge Archery and Gun, Party ‘N Things / Space Walk of East Texas, Roselake Ranch, SFASU Gardens, SFA Campus Recreation, Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark, Texas State Railroad, The Bike Shop and Zip Nac. Quite the list of diverse offerings!

Plus, we are fortunate to have the Lanana Creek and Banita Creek trails available to enjoy any day of the week, as well as the swimming and fishing areas at Lake Naconiche and Lake Nacogdoches. Lake Naconiche now offers a beautiful pavilion for gatherings and a brand-new playground installed by the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches.

Please don’t forget the Judy Bl. McDonald Public Library, where you may browse a long list of activities that fit the interests of children and adults. I personally plan on catching impressive performances offered through the SFA College of Fine Arts SummerStage Festival, Lamp-Lite Theatre, Angelina Arts Alliance and The Pines Theater.

I may have unintentionally left off some great ideas for exploring the area this summer. So, if anyone has more to add to the list, please send to business@nactx.com. I will be happy to share on our Nacogdoches County Chamber Facebook page and our online community event calendar.

For now, I have some exploring to do!



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News from the Nacogdoches County Attorney's Office

Help for Victims of Assault Family Violence



John Fleming
Nacogdoches County Attorney

The County Attorney's Office prosecutes Assault Family Violence cases. A husband or boyfriend who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a wife or girlfriend has violated Texas Penal Code Section 22.01(a)(1) - and the same is true of a girlfriend or wife who causes bodily injury to a boyfriend or husband. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor in Texas, meaning that a person convicted of the crime could serve up to a year in the county jail and/or pay up to a \$4,000.00 fine. The legislature and local law enforcement take this crime seriously and we do as well.

In the County Attorney's office, victims of domestic violence are contacted by our Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC) within 48 hours of an arrest of the suspect. Holly George, our VAC, can help a victim understand the criminal justice system and guide the victim toward available services such as counseling and safe housing. It is also a chance to explain to the victim that he/she has rights just like the accused. The victim's bill of rights are found in Art. 56.02 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Victims of crimes in Texas have over 14 delineated rights.

For a variety of reasons, many incidents of domestic violence go unreported. Some victims are afraid or embarrassed to report the abuse while others worry an arrest of the accused will impact the family financially. Some victims are concerned they won't be believed. Assault Family Violence often happens behind closed doors with no witnesses other than the parties. Although this often creates a he said/she said type of circumstance, it should not delay a call to law enforcement. The call to law enforcement is one of the first steps a victim can take to get help. If the suspect is arrested, the case will be forwarded to our office for review. If our office believes the case has merit, we will file and prosecute the case. Most cases presented to our office are filed.

Any victim of domestic violence may apply for a protective order in the County Attorney's office - it doesn't cost the applicant any money. If granted, the protective order requires the offender to remain a certain distance from the applicant. While it is only a "piece of paper," a violation of the protective order by the perpetrator is another crime with a punishment range of up to one year in jail. Prosecutor Paige Pattillo-Brown and Mrs. George work closely with victims to help victims secure protective orders.

If you are a victim of domestic violence and need help, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1 800 799 7233 (SAFE) for assistance. If you are a victim of domestic violence and it is an emergency, please call 911. For more detailed information on this subject, including paths to safety, please visit www.thehotline.org

Our office wants to help victims of domestic violence become survivors of domestic violence. If you are a victim of family violence, know someone who is a victim family violence or if you need more information, feel free to call our office at 936 560 7789 during normal business hours. Feel free to email our office at any time at jfleming@co.nacogdoches.tx.us or hgeorge@co.nacogdoches.tx.us

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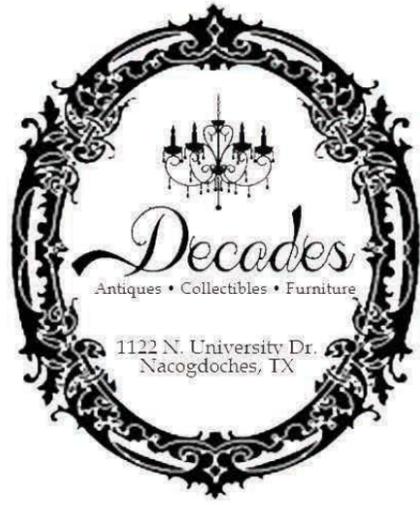
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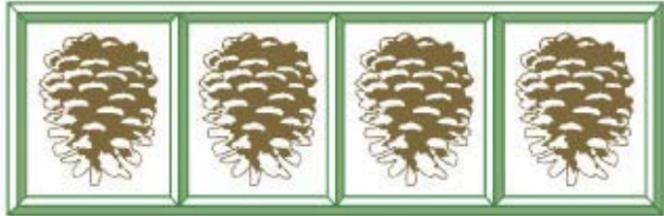
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NACOGDOCHES COUNTY; ANGELINA RIVER BOTTOMS AT GOODMAN BRIDGE, DECEMBER, 1983. Over the radio I asked the TEXAS GAME WARDEN CHIEF, “3204, ARE YOU OK ?!” The response, “TEN-FOUR! THEY ARE SHOOTING AT ME..... BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN HIT! “

BACKGROUND: It is midnight on a 30 degree night with a full moon. Sara Bess and I are at our camp house at Durst Lakes. The river is spilling over its banks and causing the lakes to rise. The camp is elevated seven feet but the water is inching toward it. I am outside, trying to decide if we can stay the rest of the night or begin packing. I hear a shotgun blast boom through the cold clear air. Veteran TEXAS GAME WARDEN, TOM SMITH (Radio number 3206) had just checked out at home a few miles away. I knew not to bother him with hearing just one shot, however, less than ten minutes later I hear a second shot. I called Nacogdoches County Sheriff’s Dispatch, with Bambi L Kerr on the radio, “352 to SO, call 3206 and advise him some one is on the Stripling Island loop road and now have fired twice. TEXAS GAME WARDEN, DISTRICT CHIEF, JERRY McRAE, immediately came on the radio and advised to disregard (10-22) calling Tom. He said, “ I am on the other end of 1911 (Farm road) at Hwy 69 and I can be there in just a few minutes. The Chief crossed Goodman Bridge into Nacogdoches County and soon crossed the wooden LEGG CREEK BRIDGE. He arrived at the-Intersection of FM 225 and CR 789 (located three miles west of LAKE NACOGDOCHES.) Chief McRae, radio number 3204, was there less than three minutes when a slow moving vehicle passes by him headed toward Goodman Bridge and Cherokee County. He fell in behind them and after a short distance, turned his red lights on to stop them. They responded by accelerating rapidly toward the river. I hear the tires bounce hard off the Legg Bridge and the Goodman Bridge with the speeding car’s engine whinning as they headed west on FM 1911. And then the shot....the 12 gauge boomed loud on that cold, clear night! McRae, in his one-of-a-kind-radio-voice, calmly stated that they had leaned out the window and shot at him, but he was not hit. Less than a minute later, McRae exclaims, “They wrecked out and and have hit the woods!” I told him, “I am coming to you.” I also called the Sheriff’s Office and told Bambi to call Tom and advise him shots had been fired at his supervisor.

MY LOCATION: While 3204 was less than one-half mile due south from me, we had a MAJOR PROBLEM. Between the two of us were two obstacles, a Durst Lake AND the ANGELINA RIVER! I ran inside and told Sara Bess what she had learned to expect from me, “Someone has shot at Jerry McRae and I have to go!” “How long will you be gone?,” she asked, and I said , “I have no idea, but you have a radio with you!” Getting to the Chief, I have to head back east past two other Durst Lakes to cover the two and one-half miles back to the front gate. Then I have to drive back west to cross the creek and river and another three miles to find 3204. He was with a wrecked out car that the suspects had fled from.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE SHOT: The Chief stayed in pursuit until the vehicle wrecked. The vehicle came to rest on the north side of 1911 as it partially took a fence down. This was approximately three miles east of the intersection with US HWY 69. The three suspects bailed out of their car and fled through the fields and woods. While I had been calling for help on the Sheriff’s radio frequency, McRae had been calling for assistance on his STATE RADIO and TEXAS GAME WARDENS responded rapidly from all the surrounding counties. Jerry McRae as District Chief, was over seven counties. His supervisor, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, JACK TISDALE, who had 30 or so counties under his command, quickly responded to 1911 as did many others. (For many years now District Chiefs have been Captains and the Regional Directors are Majors. McRae himself promoted to Major and supervised 30 or so counties for many years while based in Mt. Pleasant.) Also aiding in the response was the fact it was a full moon, 30 degree night in late December, which meant that all the Wardens were already out WORKING! Trust me when I say that everyone showed up on FM 1911 that night!

THE SEARCH: Before a lot of help arrived, CHIEF McRAE, GAME WARDEN TOM SMITH, and GAME WARDEN JIMMY WOOD rode with me in my four wheel drive Blazer as we checked the woods and pastures in the direction they had fled. More Game Wardens and other officers were arriving and the decision had already been made to call for tracking hounds from the TEXAS PRISON

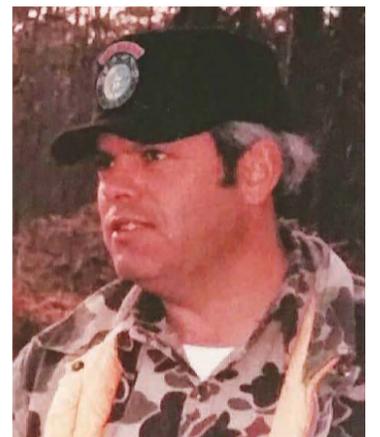
SYSTEM. It was now about 3 am, and as it would take awhile for dogs to arrive, I told JIMMY WOOD that I was going back to my camp and get better dressed for a search extending into the next day. Jimmy accompanied me to my camp where we told Sara Bess of the developments and about dogs coming from the prison system. (Sara Bess had been exposed to this early in her life as her grandfather on her mother’s side, W.E. McKay, had been a thirty year Game Warden working Walker and Trinity Counties. Her mother, Bessie McKay Brookshire, had grown up in Huntsville with the Walls Unit a block and one-half east of their home and Sam Houston College campus joining their property.) On the way to the camp earlier in the evening, Sara Bess and I had stopped at Kentucky Fried Chicken and stocked up on biscuits, jelly, and chicken. Sara Bess asked Jimmy if he wanted something to eat. He said, “No, I am ok.” However, less than one minute later, Jimmy was saying how good biscuits and jelly are at that time of night! Jimmy and I left Sara Bess and headed back to the improvised Command Post. After a short while the dogs and horses arrived. After the dog handlers headed off on horseback, we heard the dogs as they trailed west for awhile and then crossed back south over 1911 and headed to Wells, Texas. Just south of Wells, the dogs trailed to a PAY TELEPHONE (Remember those??). Here they lost the scent. The suspects had called for a ride and they got it! I was not involved in the capture of the three suspects several hours later, but they were caught. Remember, the GAME WARDENS already had their car!

WHAT WAS THEIR CRIME: Remember that this all began because I thought I was hearing deer poaching from a public road and called for help. The two incidents were not connected in any form or fashion!! What these three had cooked up had nothing to do with game violations. They had come over from Wells to a house near Douglass, Texas, to participate in a drug transaction. At the end of this drug and money transaction, these enterprising thugs then pulled a gun on the seller, and then proceeded to steal all of his marijuana, all of his money, and his gun. They, thinking how clever they were, ran out, jumped in their car and headed to Goodman Bridge, directly in front of TEXAS GAME WARDEN CHIEF, JERRY McRAE.....and you now know the rest of the story.

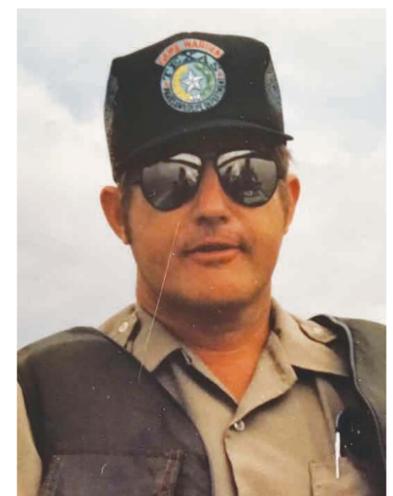
WHAT DAYLIGHT BRINGS: Leaving Wells, I knew I needed to make a couple stops to inform residents of the events that had taken place during the night. The first stop was to visit with land owner and pasture rider, DELBERT JONES. (Today there is a 13,000 acre Wildlife Management Area named for him on FM 1911.) There were several cut barbed wire fences that the owners needed to know about as this pertained to keeping their livestock from escaping. Also, one deer camp needed to know. About 8:30 or so as I am heading back to my camp, Sara Bess, and the rising river; Game Warden Jimmy Wood calls me on the radio. He said while I was out of the truck, Sara Bess had tried to call me on the radio several times to tell me the river was beginning to come up underneath the camp house and she was worried that she would not be able to get out. I chuckled with pride on hearing what Jimmy said next, “I told her, ‘Sara Bess, don’t you worry, if we have to come by boat, we will get you out!’ ” That is what this group of men would do for each other when the chips are down! It is with pride that I was able to call them, ‘FRIENDS’! My Blazer made it to Sara Bess and I got her out.....45 minutes later the rising water would have been too deep!



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Water For Blood

A Bonnie and Clyde Encounter

by Jerry Permenter

It was a day like any other, hot and dusty with just a trace of fall beginning to tint the evenings like smoke.

My grandfather, Thomas Carroll was plowing when he saw the car come barreling down the red dirt road from Pisgah. My grandparents lived near Rambintown, out in Nacogdoches County, a small community of family and friends tucked away near the Cedar Bluff community.

My dad Alvie and his younger brother, Thomas Jr. were drawing water from the well when the car swerved up out front then out into the road again, only to back into the driveway. As quickly as they'd shown up, Clyde Barrow popped his head out of the driver's side window.

"Boys, y'all come 'ere." He motioned.

"We were boys," daddy later recalled, "so we always did what any adult told us to do, and we went straight over to his window and leaned in."

"Yessir, what are you looking for?" My dad, being the older brother, asked.

"We've been driving all night to get back here. Quite a ways to go and hoped you fellas might bring us some water. Saw you drawing some for yourselves, and thought we'd ask."

It was then they saw Bonnie, who'd been curled up like a cat on the passenger side, shielding her face from the afternoon sun. Daddy remembered her hat, pulled tight over her skull, with wisps of hair popping out from underneath.

"She was a little thing," he said, "and looked suspicious, scanning the mirrors for any other vehicles coming down the road."

"Yessir, we'll go draw it right now."

When Pa Permenter watched from the field as he saw the car barreling down towards his house, he knew it was traveling awful fast for the condition of the road. Rutted and red from a recent downpour, he was even more surprised when he watched as his two sons approached the car that had backed into their driveway.

Pa told his sons later, "I thought it might be them."

Walking in his field overalls quickly up the trail to the house, Pa Permenter said he approached from Bonnie's side, nodded and tipped his hat to her and walked around to the driver's window. His sons had already gone to fetch water for the couple, not realizing they were drawing water for Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.

As Pa Permenter made conversation with Clyde, he eyed the backseat, and noticed fresh blood all over it, so recent it appeared maroon and wet, even with a coat of dust having settled over it. In the back floorboard, within easy reach, were three guns, their barrels protruding at odd angles from underneath a patchwork quilt.

"I hollered out to the boys to hurry up, as our company was thirsty," he said later. "I knew the longer they sat outside of our house, in broad daylight, the quicker we could all be pulled into something we wanted no part of whatsoever."

Alvie and TC each brought a bucket of water, with the family's dented old well dipper out to the car. After giving Bonnie a drink by passing the dipper, Clyde took a long draw from the edge of the bucket. Granddaddy offered to get him a glass, and he declined.

"Rinse off that back seat, won't you Clyde?" Bonnie said without even a trace of worry about being recognized.

With that, Clyde hopped out, holding the bucket by the handle now, and quickly poured the water over the back seat. They all watched as it seeped out the doors, crimson as it flowed out onto the red dirt. After a second pour, dust and more congealed blood came out the side.

"Sir, we thank you and your boys." Clyde said and offered Grandpa a handshake as he jumped back into the car.

And as quick as that, Bonnie and Clyde disappeared down the red dirt road, leaving a cloud of dust floating down over everything as they headed out towards Shady Grove.

My grandmother, Laura Elizabeth, watched everything unfold from the kitchen window the entire time. She knew Clyde's family was from the Swift community, and his parents were married there, with many laid to rest in local cemeteries. Clyde knew the red dirt roads like the back of his own hand. He'd even ran around with some of the local boys before the family headed off to North Texas for good.

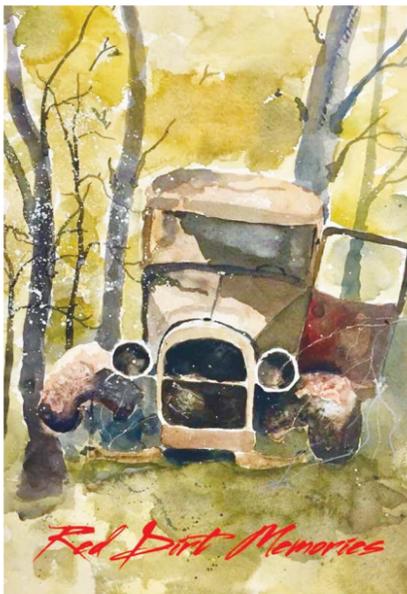
Relieved, Pa escorted his sons up onto the porch, following them into the farmhouse kitchen.

As the car bounced out of sight over the next dusty hill, Ma Permenter asked her husband, "What did they want, TC?"

"Water for blood, Elisabeth, just water for blood."



Jerry Permenter was born in East Texas and grew up in Nacogdoches County. He is transitioning to creative writing, with a memoir, "Red Dirt Boy" to be released in 2018. You can follow Jerry on FaceBook at Red Dirtboy or on instagram as @thereddirtboy.



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Not So Master Gardener

by Brad Maule

Springtime in Nacogdoches came early this year and awoke some kind of dormant farmer gene in me. I was in the garden section of an unnamed store here in town using their normally easy checkout line, when the shopper in front of me whipped out a scrapbook full of coupons. Stopped in my checkout tracks, I looked around for distractions because I knew I was in for a long wait that day at the cash register.



Brad Maule is a two-time Emmy-nominated actor now living in beautiful Nacogdoches where he teaches film-making for the School of Art and acting for the School of Theatre at Stephen F. Austin State University.

I saw bags of charcoal, barbecues, Tiki torches, fire-ant poison, candy bars, sodas, all easy impulse buys, but nothing really caught my eye until I saw a spinning rack of vegetable seeds. As it slowly turned, pictures of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, purple onions, and giant stalks of sunflowers began to take me back to the farm. My eye-lids grew heavy, I began to feel sleepy, and in a trance, I left my stalled basket and walked to the turning metal holder of vegetable possibilities.

There was a kid spinning the rack for no good reason. He may have even belonged to the coupon keeper. Maybe he was bored himself. I didn't care. I shooed him away with a stern grownup look and began to spin the rack myself. I knew about jalapeno and bell peppers, but serrano, habanero, ghost, chocolate? It was like a cooking show come to life. Eggplant in Nacogdoches? I felt crazy. The next thing I knew, I was back in line at my basket, but now the front part was filled with packs of seeds. The checkout line hadn't moved, but I didn't care anymore. I got a few disgruntled stares from the people in line behind me for "shopping while waiting." I pretended not to notice. I muttered at an imaginary list, "...and pumpkins for the Fall."

Out in the bright sunlight, paid in full, I grabbed a bag of prepaid planter's mix and headed home. It wasn't till I saw the un-tilled patch of hard dirt and roots beneath the hackberry tree in my yard that I came to my senses. "What did you do?" I yelled at myself. "You spent nineteen dollars on seeds?" "Do you even have a hoe?" This conversation was going nowhere. I went up-stairs and fell into a deep late afternoon nap.

The next day, refreshed, but somehow chastened by the experience, I went back to the unnamed store and spent seventy dollars more on a shovel, a rake, some Miracle Grow, and yes, even a pick axe for the hackberry roots. I looked for the poor kid that I had mentally yelled at, but he and his coupon-bearing mother had disappeared in the direction of Central Heights...or so the checker said.

I began to dig at what can only be described as the hard, moon-like red rock surface of Nacogdoches County. I thought of the famous Stone Fort on the SFA campus and wondered if they quarried those walls from my garden. My shovel made a metallic ting in the ground. After what seemed like an hour, my friend Tony, who had been sitting in a kitchen chair in the shade nearby, said, "Here, I'll do it." He made three big swings with the pick-axe and broke through all the rock and roots to renew my agrarian spirit.

So, here now in July, I stand proudly over my twelve by twelve foot, shoulder high garden of goodness. Random, ragged, rows of tomatoes, cucumbers, a sort of United Nations of peppers, squash, corn, purple onions, pumpkins, gourds, melons, sunflowers (both yellow and orange, giant and dwarf), wild flowers, zinnias, other stuff I forgot the names of, and yes...eggplant shrub/vines all bearing the fruit of my new life in Nacogdoches. My farmer genes muddied at the imaginary knees of my DNA. (I know that last sentence doesn't make sense, but I really like it.)

Tony, who actually did the work and taught me to "deep water" the plants, sits in the shade smiling at me like a manly Mona Lisa in overalls. And me, I've started a scrapbook of coupons for my Fall garden.








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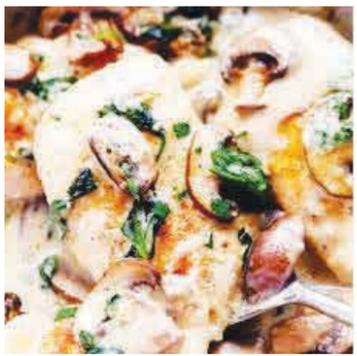
Angela's
Monthly Recipe

Parmesan Garlic Mushroom Chicken

Angela Bradford is the owner/operator of Appleby Sand Mercantile Café in Nacogdoches.

Ingredients:
 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, thinly sliced
 2 Tablespoons Olive oil
 Salt Pepper
 8 ounces sliced mushrooms

Creamy Parmesan Garlic Sauce:
 ¼ cup butter
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 1 tablespoon flour
 ½ cup chicken broth
 1 cup heavy cream or half and half
 ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 cup spinach, chopped



Instructions:
 1. In large skillet add olive oil and cook the chicken on medium high heat for 3-5 minutes on each side or until brown on each side and cooked until no longer pink in center. Remove chicken and set aside on a plate. Add the sliced mushrooms and cook for a few minutes until tender. Remove and set aside.
 2. To make the sauce add the butter and melt. Add garlic and cook until tender. Whisk in the flour until it thickens. Whisk in chicken broth, heavy cream, parmesan cheese, garlic powder, pepper and salt. Add the spinach and let simmer until it starts to thicken and spinach wilts. Add the chicken and mushrooms back to the sauce and serve



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Shop Nac First

by Jessi Pinkert, City of Nac Content Coordinator

“If you have a fire, you need help and you need it quickly. Every time you shop in Nacogdoches a portion of every dollar goes to keep our city running—including our Fire Department. When you spend your dollars elsewhere, your money goes to equip somebody else’s Fire Department.”

The City of Nacogdoches and the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce—in conjunction with other constituents in the community—has launched a reboot of our citywide campaign, Shop Nac First! This campaign was created many years ago to raise awareness of the importance of buying local within our community. This campaign promotes local businesses and urges our residents and visitors to do their shopping and dining within Nacogdoches County. By shopping, dining, drinking, playing, and utilizing local services within our community, we can help Nacogdoches’ local businesses to remain unique, successful, and vibrant!

So, what counts as a local business? For Nacogdoches, we feel it is best to describe a local business as any business within Nacogdoches County who employs a majority of Nacogdoches county residents.

The Shop Nac First campaign strives to entice residents to frequent all Nacogdoches businesses first for their shopping needs. But why is it important to shop local before looking for products outside of our county? Check out the list below for details on how shopping local impacts YOUR community!

1. Significantly more money re-circulates in Nacogdoches when purchases are made here. More money is kept in the community because businesses purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Purchasing local helps grow other businesses as well as the city tax base. Approximately 1 dollar for every 100 spent in Nacogdoches goes back to the City.
2. New jobs are provided by Nacogdoches businesses. Small businesses are the largest employer nationally. Small businesses make up 99.7 percent of U.S. employer firms according to www.sba.gov!
3. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of our distinctive character. The unique character of Nacogdoches is what brought us here and will keep us here. Our tourism businesses also benefit— “When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not just anyplace.”- Richard Moe, President, National Historic Preservation Trust
4. Local businesses invest in community. Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to relocate, and are more invested in the community’s future. Nacogdoches is the community that our local business owners want to support!
5. The customer service is better. Local businesses often hire people with more specific product expertise for better customer service. Many businesses in Nacogdoches partner with Stephen F. Austin State University to give students a first glance at working in the field that they are pursuing, resulting in passionate, hospitable employees!
6. Competition and diversity leads to more choices. A marketplace of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term. A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.
7. Reduced environmental impact. Locally owned businesses can make more local purchases requiring less transportation and generally set up shop in town as opposed to developing on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.
8. Public benefits far outweigh public costs. Local businesses require comparatively little infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community.
9. Non-profits receive greater support. Non-profit organizations receive an average 350% greater support from local business owners than they do from non-locally owned businesses.
10. Buying local helps preserve the character and prosperity of the city we all love. Nacogdoches is as unique as it sounds, and is unlike any other city in the world. By choosing to support locally owned businesses, we help maintain the diversity and distinctive flair of Nacogdoches.

MONUMENT CORNER

This month MONUMENT CORNER looks at the monument located in the front of the present CBH Insurance Company. This monument is on Hospital Street, just a few feet east of North Street and marks the location of the one time home of James Dill. The monument reads as follows:

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