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Movie Star Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches

by Brad Maule

I went walking through the Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches today. It was an early Fall Sunday afternoon here in East Texas which means it was humid and 86 degrees as I started my journey through the old grave stones.

I was looking for the marble stone marking the grave of **Dietrich Anton Wilhelm Rulfs** (March 6, 1848 – February 14, 1926). Mr Rulfs was a German-American architect famous for his work in the city between 1879 and 1926. I was looking for his grave, but I wasn't looking for him. I was looking for Helen Rulfs Hardenbrook, also known as Helen Vinson, movie star.

Helen Vinson was born Helen Rulfs in Jefferson County, Texas in 1905. According to Bob Hufford (who has written the most about her), Rulfs was raised in a wealthy family of oil money, she loved horses, studied at the University of Texas, eloped at eighteen with the first of her three husbands, made her stage debut in the Houston Little Theatre, moved to New York City where she quickly became a leading actress on Broadway, and then made the leap to Hollywood where she spent a great part of her life starring in over forty different films. Somewhere in all that Rulfs changed her name to Helen Vinson. She was known in the movies for being the "bad girl," the "loose



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

woman," but also apparently was a sympathetic figure to the female movie-going audience.

Helen suddenly left Hollywood in the mid 1930s to marry (briefly) a professional British table tennis player. When that marriage went south, she came back to Los Angeles, picked back up her career with a role as "the treacherous friend" of Carole Lombard and Cary Grant in the 1939 "In Name Only." When her career began to fade in 1944, Rulfs married for the third-time, socialite Donald Hardenbrook in New Jersey. Helen Rulfs Hardenbrook died October 7, 1999 and was buried in Nacogdoches, Texas literally in the shadow of Dietrich Anton Wilhelm Rulfs' grave.

There is so much more to Helen Vinson and her mysterious grave. On **Saturday November 3**, come to the **Oak Grove Cemetery** and take "**The Friends of Historic Nacogdoches**" tour of notable graves. The movie star, Helen Vinson, will come back to life for a few moments to tell you what really happened in her very interesting 94 years on this earth. **Guided tours start at ten am and continue every fifteen minutes. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes. The last tour starts at 12:45 pm. The cost is \$10 per person... under 10 years of age is free when accompanied by an adult.**



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Bring In the Fall At the Fredonia

by Fredonia Marketing

As crisp weather and golden leaves surround Nacogdoches, the Fredonia Hotel opens its doors to provide a warm and cozy experience. In the hopes of kicking off everyone's holiday season right we hope to offer the perfect mix of fall events, food and drinks.



On Thursday November 22, the Fredonia will host their Thanksgiving buffet with a selection of classic Thanksgiving dishes and a variety of other delicious options. The buffet will be at the hotel from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with seating every 30 minutes and the last seating at 1:30 p.m. The prices are: 55 and up- \$32.99, adults- \$39.99, kids 5-12 - \$10.99 and kids 4 and under are free. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (936) 564-1234.

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Ma's Jewelry - An Amazing History

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

For **Tom and Len Ma**, life has given them more facets than the most beautiful diamond and their love story spans several decades. It began in the early 1970's when they settled down in Saigon, where their son, David, was born. Unfortunately for them, the war was raging between South and North Vietnam which caused the first major detour in their life journey. Len and David went to live with Len's parents while Tom stayed in Saigon. It was a detour that would keep them apart for almost thirty years. When Saigon fell Tom was sent to a refugee camp in Malaysia. When he got out and went looking for his wife and son, he was told that thousands had been massacred by the Khmer Rouge where they resided and there was little chance that they could have survived. In 1989 he gave up looking for them and made his way to the United States. He moved to **Nacogdoches** to take over a jewelry store that had been run by his brother.



Many years passed, he had married again, had two more sons and then one day he received a very surprising message from his first son, David, notifying him that both he and his mother were alive. Tom and David reconnected via many phone calls and Tom, who was now divorced, returned to Vietnam to attend David's wedding and saw Len for the first time in twenty-seven years. He heard from his son that she had never even dated. It was no secret to their families that Tom was the only man she would ever love and now he knew it too. In 2007, more than thirty years after their first marriage, Len was able to come to America and they were remarried by a Justice of the Peace in the perfect place, their family business, **Ma's Jewelry**. They have been partners in their every day lives ever since.



From now until Christmas they have several special items on sale. They have a variety of **Seiko watches** and some of the enchanting "**Melodies in Motion**" clocks. Some of them are **50% off** and some are reduced even more. In case you aren't familiar with these beautiful clocks, they are wall clocks that play a variety of popular, classical or holiday melodies on the hour. Some play up to 34 high-fidelity renditions of time-

less tunes, are decorated with **genuine Swarovski crystals** and have a sensor that disables the lights, music, and animation when it's dark.

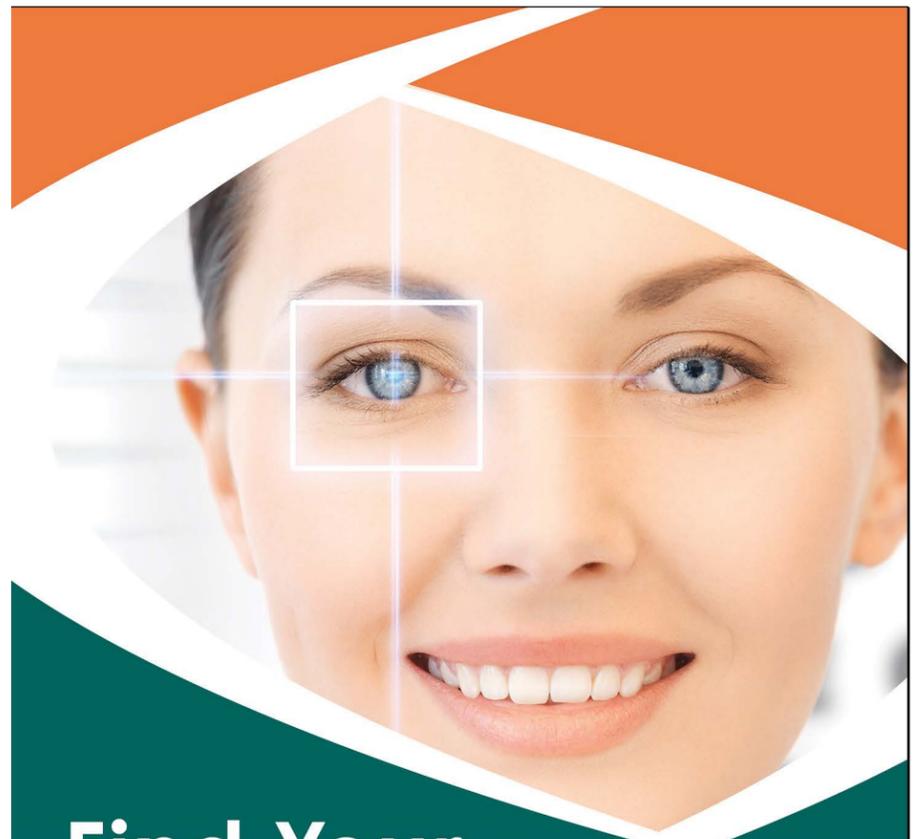
Regardless of what type of jewelry you are looking for, you will find it at Ma's Jewelry and if they don't have it in stock, they will help you get it, or create it since they do special orders and custom designs. They have wedding, anniversary, engagement, and promise rings, eternity bands, necklaces, pendants, earrings, beads, charms, pins, bracelets, watches, just about any kind of jewelry you can think of, and plenty of those beautiful Swarovski crystals. Tom will also meet any/all U.S.-based internet site prices and he encourages you to shop locally. Stop by and say hello. Tell them David sent you.

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Nacogdoches County Co-Op On A Mission

by NCSSA Staff

The staff at the Nacogdoches County Co-Op has a mission: To provide the best possible education to the 400 children who receive special education services in Nacogdoches County schools.

The Co-Op is jointly funded by Cushing, Central Heights, Douglass, Etoile, Chireno, Martinsville, Excelsior and Garrison ISDs. Services include evaluations, counseling, speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility services, transition services and academic support.

Co-Op Director Deborah Jones described the team as "superb." "This is a well-educated, experienced group," she said. "We work together to bounce ideas, confide and even cry together when it comes to our kids."

Many families served by the Co-Op cannot afford specialized services for their children outside of school, but the services rendered are necessary to educate the whole child, Mrs. Jones said. "Their well-being as a student doesn't end with what we can provide them academically," she said. "Their education also consists of their mental health, their physical health and their ability to communicate effectively."

As Special Education Coordinator for the Co-Op, Lacy Cain oversees life skills classrooms, supervises staff and works to develop relationships with campus staff. She also assists Mrs. Jones and said the most rewarding part of her job is helping students succeed and meet their goals.

The Co-Op's six educational diagnosticians provide IQ and achievement testing for students to determine whether they have intellectual or learning disabilities. Once a student is admitted into special education programming, meetings are held each year to work on individual education plans for them. "People would be surprised how much time goes into it," Lead Diagnostician Jana Burrows said. "It's not an 8 to 4 job, and it requires a lot of work outside of the school day."

Mrs. Burrows said the most rewarding part of her job is advocating for students, and she enjoys helping students determine their track of coursework in high school and their post-graduation plans.

Lisa Presley is the district's transition coordinator, who assists students 14 and older as they prepare for life after graduation. She works closely with the Texas Workforce Commission in helping students find employment.

Shannon Whitehead, lead speech pathologist at the Co-Op, said the most rewarding part of her job is that 'ah-ha moment' when a child learns to say a sound after working really hard.

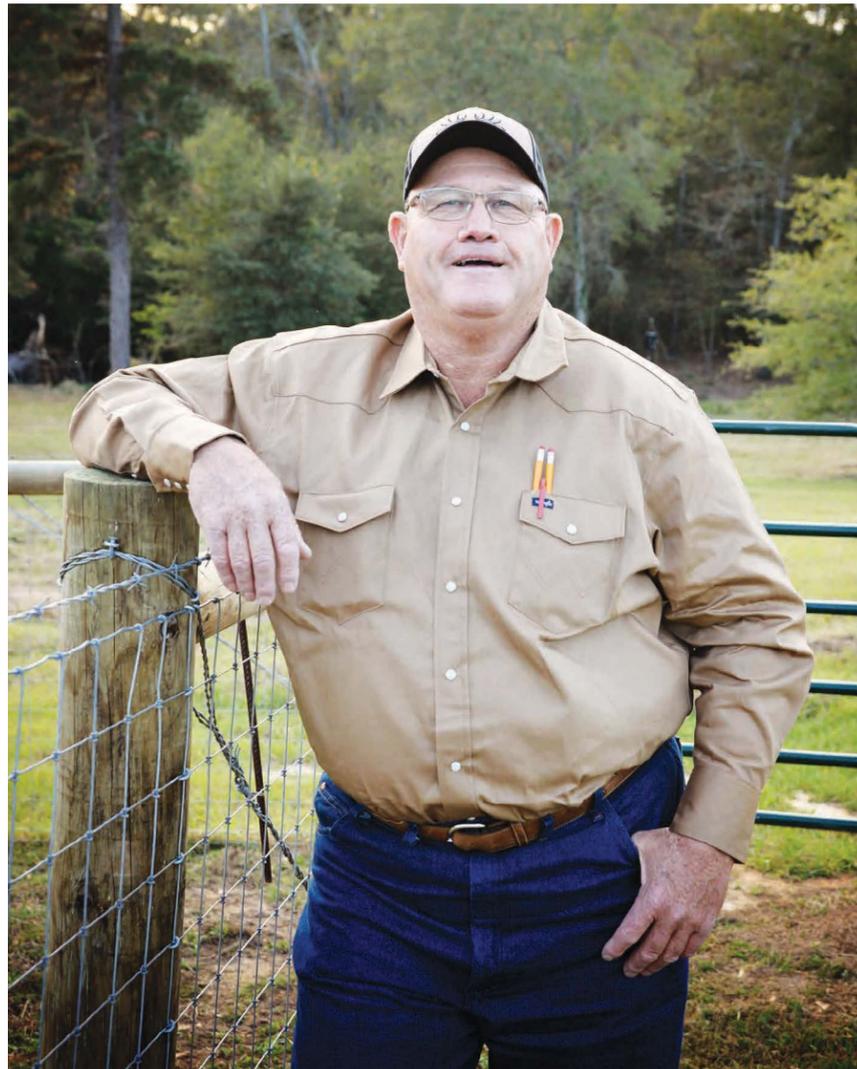
The Co-Op employs four people for speech-related services.

One occupational therapist, Whitney Havins, works with students on skills needed for daily life, and contractors provide services for physical therapy and orientation and mobility.

Two Licensed Professional Counselors help students improve functioning in the classroom by teaching them coping skills, problem-solving, conflict resolution and social skills.

LPC Tonya Hilton said, "All progress is thrilling."

The Co-Op also employs three people who provide administrative support.



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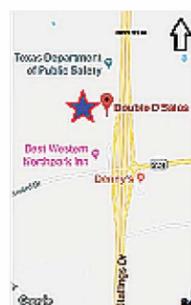
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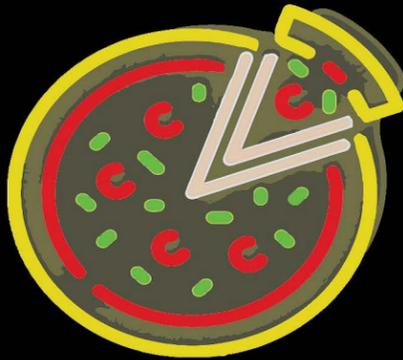
Seated, left to right: Kent Johnson, Carla Redfield, Katarina Ireland, and Lisa Lalumandier. Standing: Kevin Helmer, Ken Untiedt, Scott Parrish, and Kasey Jobe play leading roles in Ken Untiedt's new play, *Yes, We Deliver*. They are part of a cast of 21 Lamp-Lite actors. The premier production runs for two weekends only at Lamp-Lite Theatre. Curtain goes up Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and at 2:00 Sunday afternoon.

Yes, We Deliver by Lamp-Lite actor and SFA professor, Ken Untiedt, tells the story of a young man who sets out to find his true path in life. Now a college graduate in his late twenties, he is determined NOT to follow in his father's footsteps. His dad has gotten rich practicing law for shady clients. The son is now working as a delivery boy for a pizza parlor with a diverse and mysterious group of people. The customers he delivers pizza to are even stranger. Each scene contains a new surprise as the plot unfolds.

Playing leads in the show are Kevin Helmer, Katarina Ireland, Carla Redfield, Kent Johnson, Kasey Jobe, Lisa Lalumandier, Joe Ballenger, David McClary Norton, Lisa Norman, Scott Parrish, Ric Jones, and Josh Hall. The cast also includes: Jody Ryan, Kailey Higgins, Janae Huber, Sally Ellsworth, Nicholaas Van Kley, Hollis Thompson, Nicole Hamilton, and Gerry Peacock.

Tickets are available at Glass Castles, Kline's/Wrap-It-Up, and the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tickets will also be on sale at the Theatre Box Office 45 minutes before each show. Reservations are not needed. Lamp-Lite Theatre is located at the intersection of Loop 224 and Old Tyler Road serving the East Texas area for 48 years.

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This came in as a hot call to the dispatcher with the victim saying she had been handcuffed, beaten, and bound by her husband. She also stated that the suspect was attempting to barricade himself in the house. As Bill Ball arrived, he found the victim coming out of the house and she advised she had freed herself from the cuffs. Asking where her husband was, Ball was told that he was on the side of the house. At this time Ball saw the suspect and that he was wearing a pistol in a western style holster. On seeing Ball, the suspect immediately drew and fired four fast rounds in Balls direction. Bill had immediately drawn his weapon and, from the protection of cover, ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. The suspect complied. Ball kept the suspect at gunpoint as he tried to calm him down.

Bill, knowing that help was miles away, was negotiating with the suspect for the safe removal of his wife. Bill's only cover during this time was a small 5 inch diameter tree. The suspect had been ranting and shouting during the contact. After being told he could take the wife, Ball and the wife quickly prepared to leave. As they entered the patrol car, the suspect lunged for his weapon and quickly fired another round at the patrol car. With his tires spinning to get traction, they were finally able to pull away on the muddy road. As the car lunged forward, Ball called for assistance..... A few minutes after 4 pm Sheriff Evans called me at my office at the UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT where I was the CID SERGEANT. He asked if I was listening to the radio and I said I was. Joe added, " I have sent everyone I have down there and I am going to need your help!" I replied, " I am going out the door!" I turned to my CHIEF, William Hill (Tony) and he was nodding and saying, "GO!" The list of responding officers included; SO CHIEF DEPUTY, BUDDY STANALAND, DEPUTY LONNIE BURNS, TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, TOM MADDUX, and TEXAS RANGER, BILL WALK.

On top of the hill up from the trailer containing the suspect, a makeshift Command Post was set up. The first order of business was to send officers down

to do surveillance on the area. Deputy Lonnie Burns and Highway Patrolman Tom Maddox quickly sprang into action. They slipped down the hill and actually crawled up near the trailer. From their positions, they could keep an eye on the suspect. They maintained their positions in very wet conditions until the matter was resolved. On top of the hill, TEXAS RANGER, BILL WALK and the CHIEF DEPUTY, BUDDY STANALAND, were making plans to go several miles back down the road to the nearest telephone.

Finally, from their negotiations, they received word from the suspect that he would give himself up. He did and the matter was successfully resolved. This was another true incident from TALES OF NACOGDOCHES COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, and again, I was there!

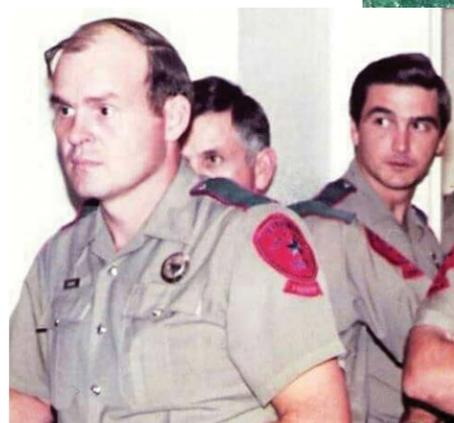
Footnote: Oil Springs in Nacogdoches County is the site of the first oil well drilled in TEXAS. Recorded history details how Indians were collecting oil seepage as early as 1790. It was on the ground as well as in Moss Creek. In 1859, Mr. Lyne Tol Barrett put an oil lease together on these lands. Drilling was interrupted by the Civil War. However, in 1865, Mr. Barrett established the "MELROSE PETROLEUM OIL COMPANY" and he received new mineral leases for the area. In 1866, a successful well was drilled to the depth of 106 feet. Flow was 10 barrels per day. Barrett had to abandon his leases due to the lack of investors. By 1889, a new group had 40 Wells in the area. In 1967, this area was recognized as several firsts: 1) the first producing well; 2) the first commercial oil field; 3) first steel tanks; 4) first pipeline.

Please note: While a park was developed there in the 1960's with visitors welcome, the land has changed ownership and is now privately owned and is posted. Joe Evans, Lonnie Burns, Tom Maddox.

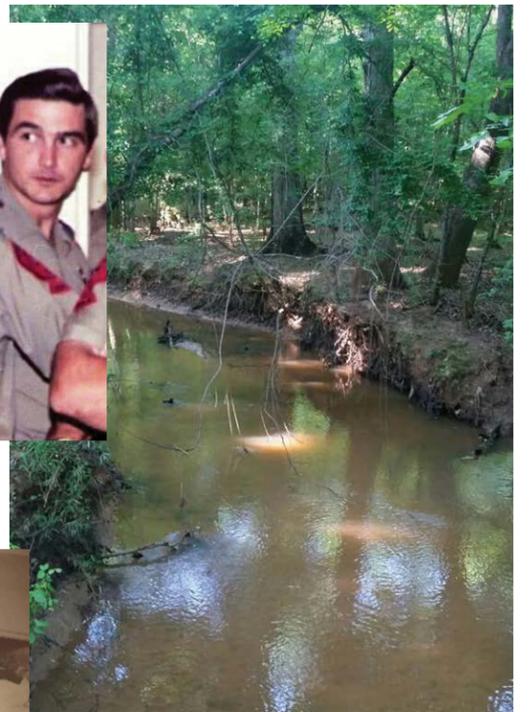
Among the oldest steel tanks in Texas.



Below: Texas Highway Patrolman Tom Mattox, left, and his Nacogdoches County partner David Wisener, far right.

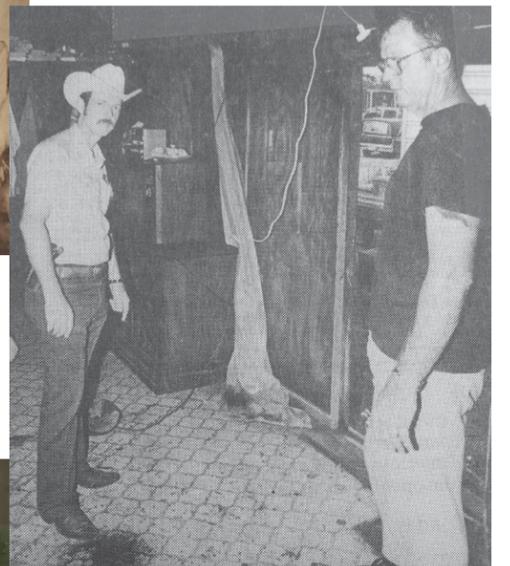


Right: Moss Creek



Above: Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Buddy Stanaland with Deputy Lonnie Burns, standing.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Joe Evans.



Above: Nacogdoches County Deputies Bill Ball, left, and Lonnie Burns during a homicide investigation. (Note: Photo from scrapbooks compiled by Lonnie's wife, the late Lyn Burns.



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Nacogdoches Main Street Holiday Events

by Jessi Pinkert, City of Nac Content Coordinator

Get up, get out and cheer because it's the most wonderful time of the year! We are ready to celebrate the holiday season in Nacogdoches, Texas. Here is a list of the exciting holiday events that are happening soon.

Join us on the brick streets for our annual Wassail Fest event from 11 am to 3 pm Saturday, November 24! Downtown merchants will once again be competing for bragging rights for the best holiday brew! Wassail will be served at various locations inside the Nacogdoches Historic Downtown District. Once you try all the wassail you can handle, make sure to drop your vote in the ballot box of your favorite brew!

November 24 also kicks off the city-wide Elf Scavenger Hunt. Grab a scavenger hunt card from the Nacogdoches Visitors Center, or any other participating location, and be sure to fill it out when you go out to shop, eat and scout for the magical elves that will be watching over Nacogdoches this Christmas. After finding all of your elves, take your scavenger hunt card to Party N' Things to enter for a chance to win gift certificates for their amazing toys! This event will take place from November 24 to December 31.

This year, our annual Jingle and Mingle event will be held from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, November 30. We have revamped the previous years events to make this the biggest downtown shopping event of the season by adding food trucks, live entertainment, and more! Participating stores will be open late so you can mark plenty of people off your Christmas list.

What better way to start off your holiday season than running through the Oldest Town in Texas! Join us for the 22nd Annual Jingle Bell run in historic Downtown Nacogdoches, Texas on Saturday, December 1. This chip-timed 5k will take you through all the beautiful sites Nacogdoches has to offer. Registration comes with a one of a kind Jingle Bell Run t-shirt that is a perfect addition to your holiday wardrobe.

We will continue the holiday festivities throughout the day downtown with the Christmas Festival, ending with the Nine Flags Lighted Christmas Parade and Fireworks! The Nine Flags Festival will begin at 1 pm and will feature live entertainment, food trucks, and unique vendors to shop with this season! End the day of festivities with our firework show and a cup of hot chocolate.

As of June 1, 2018
Notice to my friends and customers in Nacogdoches and surrounding counties. Bowers Overhead Door Company and E-Tex Blind Company are under new ownership. I would like to thank all my customers and friends for doing business with me for 41 years (1977-2018).
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NOVEMBER 8, 2018 – DEEP EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE JOB FAIR

The Red, White, and You Job fair hosted by the Nacogdoches Workforce Center will be Thursday, November 8th, from 10 am – 2 pm. Veterans, spouses, families and the public will have the opportunity to apply for jobs from a wide range of potential employers. Arrive on time and dressed for success! Be prepared to complete job applications and interviews. Have your updated resume and employment history ready!

NOVEMBER 10, 2018- NACOGDOCHES COUNTY AREA GO-TEXANS 2ND ANNUAL \$5000 STEAK DINNER

Come join the Go-Texan Committee for a fun filled evening while supporting the youth of Nacogdoches County. There will be unique items auctioned and a gun raffle. Sponsorship tables are available. Doors open at 6PM. Dinner at 6:30PM Reserve drawing starts at 7:15PM. Only 150 tickets will be sold at \$100 each (for 2 dinners) to give the lucky winner \$5,000. For more information, contact Mr. Heath Peterson at 936-615-9936.

NOVEMBER 9 -11, 2018 – REGION V HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Free Admission / Free Parking. Concessions available.
Saturday: Starting at 10:00 AM, Sunday: Starting at 9:00 AM. Watch these young athletes compete in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Goat Tying.

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2018 – REGION V JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Free Admission / Free Parking. Concessions available.
Saturday: Starting at Noon, Sunday: Starting at 11:00 AM. Watch these young athletes compete in Bareback (on a steer), Saddle Bronc (on a steer), Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Goat Tying, and Ribbon Roping.

NOVEMBER 24-25, 2018 – G & S GUN SHOW; SATURDAY 10 AM – 5 PM, SUNDAY 10 AM – 4 PM

G & S Gun Shows are not just for Gun & Ammo enthusiasts. Although you will find a huge selection of vintage and cutting edge firearms and accessories, that's not all there is! Vendors also have customized embroidery, caps, apparel, t-shirts, flags, concealed carry purses, wallets and more. Admission is \$8.00 per person (includes both days) and children 12 and under are free.

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VFW Post 3893 in Nacogdoches is conducting a raffle for a Henry "God Bless America Edition Big Boy" .44 Magnum Rifle. This Collectors' Edition firearm features beautiful engraving with the words "God Bless America" and an outline of the 48 contiguous states on a 24K gold plate. The barrel is octagon blued steel and the stock is American Walnut. The magazine capacity is 10 rounds.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used for parking lot improvements and granting life memberships and legacy life memberships to long-time members.

Only 1000 tickets are available. The drawing will be held on August 1, 2019, or when all tickets are sold.

Tickets are priced at \$10 each and are available from Post Commander Don Kirkley at 936.554.6437, Senior Vice Commander Gailon Fletcher at 936.637.9347 or leave message at the VFW Post phone 936.569.9670.

Pictured are Post Commander Kirkley (R) and Senior Vice Commander Fletcher.



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Tooting Our Own Horn

Did you ever tackle a job just to be met with adversity and challenges? We do here at TxDOT often. Most times we depend on professional contractors, inspectors, engineers and the public for input as to how to work through those challenges.

I want to toot our own horn a little and tell you some little known facts about two very challenging projects that were recently recognized by the Associated General Contractors of Texas (AGC) with a 2017 Project Award. The projects, US 84 in Shelby County and SH 7 in Houston County, each presented unique problems that required some bright minds and lots of cooperation between everyone involved.

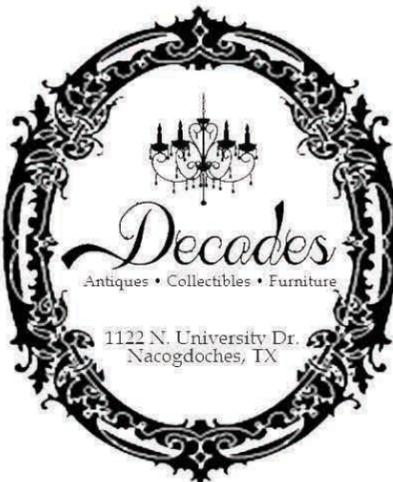
The US 84 Sabine River Bridge in Shelby County was a doozy! State and local officials had worked since the 1980's to bring the \$20.4 million project to reality and once work began, it would take more than three years to complete. The work included the demolition of a two-lane bridge built in 1936, including the implosion of underwater pillars. It was replaced by two, two-lane eastbound and westbound bridges connecting Texas and Louisiana at Joaquin and Logansport.

The necessity to cross a river, utility issues, and debris removal by barge made the project complex. The public was concerned about preserving historical buildings and as pillars were imploded, environmentalists and game wardens were on hand to count and remove marine life that was impacted. The discovery and preservation of two sunken steam ships also required planning and cooperation. I hope you plan to see these beautiful bridges. A little local fishing and touring nearby historical sites makes a perfect day.

The SH 7 West construction project in Houston County was also challenging. We heard from many of you during the more than two years of construction wondering if it would ever be completed. At times, we wondered too.

SH 7 runs from Interstate 35 to the Louisiana border. At the center was a seven mile stretch of heavily traveled, two-lane road in the heart of the Davy Crockett National Forest. The \$10.3 million project included widening the road, adding 10-foot shoulders and passing lanes. That was the easy part. Poor drainage and subgrade required a solid roadbed to be built through what is known as sugar sand. Newly discovered percolating spring water was continually revealed that had to be redirected once excavation began. A drive through this beautiful national forest today reveals a safety-enhanced roadway that accommodates heavy truck traffic traveling to and from energy sectors, but from the beauty of nearby picnic areas, you hardly know it.

The Lufkin District is appreciative of the recognition by the AGC of Texas. We are proud of our contractors, engineers and inspectors who were recognized. We appreciate your patience as we build roads for coming generations, and for allowing us to toot our own horn, because we know that without you there wouldn't even be a horn to toot.



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Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail: Growing, Zoning and Welcoming Admirers



Stephanie Fontenot
CVB Marketing Director

It's an exciting time for the Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail – Nacogdoches county's own collection of Americana-inspired artwork proudly displayed on homes, barns, fences and even mailboxes. Still in its first year of existence, the trail already has more than 120 registered quilts! That's 120 one-of-a-kind works of art created by the hands of local citizens that, together, create a scenic driving tour that's beautifully unique to our area.

Due to the increasing number of registered quilts, the Visit Nacogdoches staff has created three zones that will allow trail-goers to better navigate the trail, including one that highlights quilts located inside loop 224 and quilts located both east and west of US 59. Each zone will have corresponding printed

maps that will be available at the Charles Bright Visitor Center. All locations also will remain accessible through the primary trail map online, which provides directions to each location through Google Maps.

Interest in the trail is undoubtedly growing. Just last month, we welcomed a couple who traveled to Nacogdoches specifically to see the trail. They viewed more than 30 quilt locations during their stay, and even met residents at one location who excitedly greeted them and shared their personal barn quilt testimonies. The couple was so impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the residents that they inquired about handwriting them a personal thank you. That's not just an experience – that's a lifelong impression.

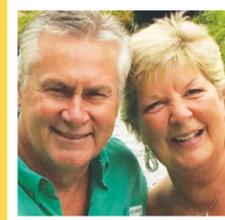
Additionally, we recently learned the trail will be highlighted in an upcoming segment produced by CBS 19 as part of a special travel series. News about the growing trail is spreading far and wide.

If you'd like to learn more about the Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail as either a traveler or participant, go to VisitNac.com/barnquilt or stop by the visitor center to pick up a new rack card highlighting all the details and requirements.

This evolving attraction is just one more example of what makes Nacogdoches truly unique. Enriching experiences created by involved community members who truly love their home? We certainly have a Nac for that. How lucky we are to live in such a wonderful place.



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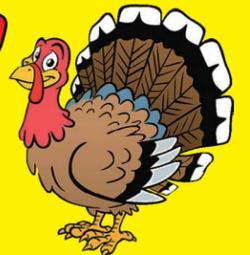
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Chamber Connection
 by Kelly Daniel
 Executive Vice President,
 Nacogdoches County Chamber
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Check Out the Chamber in November

Nacogdoches Sheet Metal & Plumbing honoring Veterans at Alive After Five
 Business owner Jason Bradford will host his second Alive After Five on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the 3804 NW Stallings Dr. location. Jason and his team invite all Veterans, Chamber members and the community to attend the business-after-hours event, enjoy good food and enter to win nice door prizes. The reception is come-as-you-are, and gives guests the chance to meet and greet others in business.

More networking opportunities at Ribbon Cutting celebrations:
Commercial Bank of Texas, 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1 on 7th St. in Cushing. Celebrating new branch opening!
Martin Kennel, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 512 CR 217. Celebrating grand re-opening!
Tall Timber Outdoors, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 2221 Stallings Dr. Celebrating new business opening!
Rally Point Construction, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Chamber, 2516 North St. Celebrating Chamber membership!
Barkeeps Eatery & Taps, 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15 at 3308 North St. Celebrating new restaurant opening!
NMC Laird Cancer Center, 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29 at Nacogdoches Medical Center.

Member Success Orientation
 The Chamber board of directors extends an invitation to all interested in discovering the best ways to utilize the Chamber of Commerce tools and opportunities for business. The orientation is Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Chamber. Chamber members as well as those considering joining the membership may attend.

Small Business Saturday
 The Chamber has celebrated Small Business Saturday for several years and will continue to encourage all to "do business with your neighbors." Small Business Saturday is Nov. 24 and many of our local businesses will have special promotions to entice consumers to stick around the area. If you have a special feature for Small Business Saturday, please email the description, an image or logo and contact information to business@nactx.com. The Chamber would love to share!

Find more information about the events noted above and a lot more at the Chamber's website, www.nacogdoches.org. An online community event calendar is updated regularly and look for the "Submit New Event" link that allows all to post public events for the world to see.

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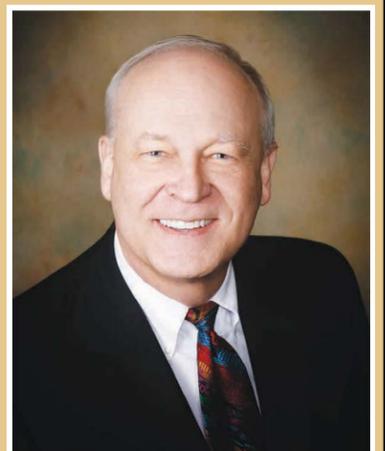
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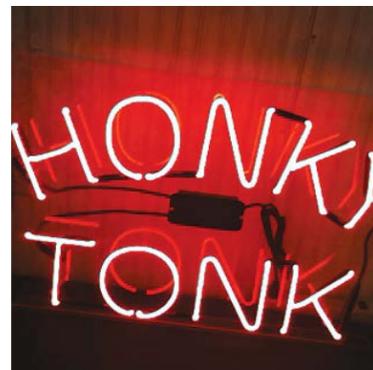
Jerry D. Permenter (aka Red Dirt Boy) can be found on Facebook, and his FB page, Red Dirt Memories, is currently nearing 10,000 followers. Join him and others for more stories there. He is also on Instagram @thereddirtmemories.



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 @thereddirtbody.

On a Saturday night in East Texas, the pine trees would be swaying in the breeze, while Daddy loaded up his new RCA record player with some of the greatest music of the time.

I knew Johnny Horton, Jim Reeves, Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash the first note in and fell in love with them as much as my Old Man. Mama and Daddy loved to visit with my Granny and Grandpa in Kirbyville, and as the night air cooled they'd listen to the Grand Ole Opry, coming from what seemed like the other side of the moon. My folks would stay home most Saturdays and Ma kept a tight rein on Daddy, lest he commence to "Honky Tonkin" which, to me conjured up a world of cigarettes, whiskey and fishnet hosiery. I'd seen something about it in my brother Joe's Hot Rod magazines. Long legged women were stepping out of nice cars, with sweet talking men on their arms, sunglasses in place long after the sun was down, neon illuminating their faces.



Occasionally, Daddy would hit the bottle, and he'd sing along with Jim Reeves or Johnny Cash, the Orange Blossom Special rattling the windows of our old pine shack. He'd scoot across the floor, his moves and unfiltered camel dangling loosely, instantly making him cool to us, and we got a hint of the world he may have left behind. But now Mama was downright cold, and eventually won the battle with the bottle for good.

As we grew up, we all knew there were places "across the river" that were labeled "Honky Tonks" by the town folk. And if a car was known to be at a river joint and a church parking lot within a given week, it became a sin and a scandal. Prayers were offered and an intervention was scheduled as needed.

But to many a God-fearing country boy, a trip across the river was a ritual of growing up before he righted his ways, and of course, some never did. And others I knew spent half their lives going in both directions before "mending their ways or bustin' hell wide open" as the local preacher would say.

Mostly I loved the music, and left the judgement to others. And when we passed over the Angelina river bridge riding to the paper mill in Lufkin, I'd lean out the pulpwood truck window, smelling of saw gas, pine resin and moon pies, trying vainly to peer inside just one real honky tonk before I died.

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Angela's Monthly Recipe

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



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup of superfine blanched almond flour
- 1/4 cup of grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 of oil for frying, olive oil works great
- 1 large egg, whisked
- 4 chicken breasts (6ish ounces each), pounded to 1/2 inch thickness
- 1-1/2 cups of marinara sauce
- 4 ounces of whole-milk mozzarella cheese, sliced thin
- fresh basil or parsley for garnish, chopped

Instructions:

Pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a plate with paper towels to place the fried chicken on.

Make your breading in a shallow dish by whisking together the almond flour, parmesan, salt, dried parsley, garlic powder, paprika, and black pepper.

In a large saute pan, heat the oil over medium high heat until hot.

In a shallow dish beat the egg.

Dip each piece of chicken in the egg so that it is full covered and then dip it in the breading so that it is fully covered on all sides in the breading.

Fry the chicken in the hot oil for 3 minutes on each side or until a nice golden brown. No need to fully cook the chicken as it will finish cooking in the oven. Once done, place the chicken on the paper towel lined plate.

Spread 1/2 cup of the marinara sauce on the bottom of a casserole dish or oven proof skillet. Place the chicken in the dish and then spread the remaining marinara sauce evenly on top of the chicken. Place the sliced mozzarella on top of the chicken and bake for 20 minutes until it's a nice golden brown.

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The name of the Trace with one "l" reflects the spelling most often used on maps of the General Land Office.



Snapshot from Around the Town

Thursdays are steak nights at Larry Nabours' Lugnutz Sports Bar & Grill in Nacogdoches. Pictured enjoying 16 ounce ribeyes with all the trimmings are L-R: Treasa Sitton, Tiffany Layton, Brenda Mathews, Bill Church, Mary Lyles and Dee Christopher.



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John Fleming
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Paige Pattillo-Brown has worked in the County Attorney's Office for 10 years. She has been a licensed attorney since 2005. Mrs. Brown is the primary prosecutor for protective orders - she works hard to help keep victims of domestic violence safe. Victims of domestic violence may apply for protective orders through our office and it doesn't cost the victim any money. Mrs. Brown also works in the Misdemeanor Mental Health Court. She helps evaluate potential candidates for this specialty court. Her primary responsibility, however, is prosecuting misdemeanor criminal cases. In addition, she is the primary prosecutor in all of the Justice of the Peace Courts.

Stephanie Stephens has worked in the County Attorney's Office for 6 years. She has been a licensed attorney since 1990. She has been a prosecutor for 24 years. Ms. Stephens has tried over 250 jury trials over her career ranging from traffic tickets to capital murder cases. She has tried cases against some of the very best criminal defense attorneys in the State. Her primary responsibility in the County Attorney's Office is representing Child Protective Services. She is passionate about this part of her legal practice. There are currently 150 children in CPS care as of this writing. Her current CPS docket averages 60 cases per year. Among many other duties, Ms. Stephens prosecutes misdemeanor criminal cases.

Keith Bradford has worked in the County Attorney's Office for 8 years. He has been a licensed attorney's since 2004. Mr. Bradford has many responsibilities in the County Attorney's Office. He works very closely with the County Commissioner's Court, providing it with legal advice and guidance. Mr. Bradford runs the bond forfeiture program which has collected over \$300,000.00 since 2011. He also handles mental health commitments and scores of open record requests each year. He is considered an expert in many of these areas and a go to person for county employees on a variety of issues.

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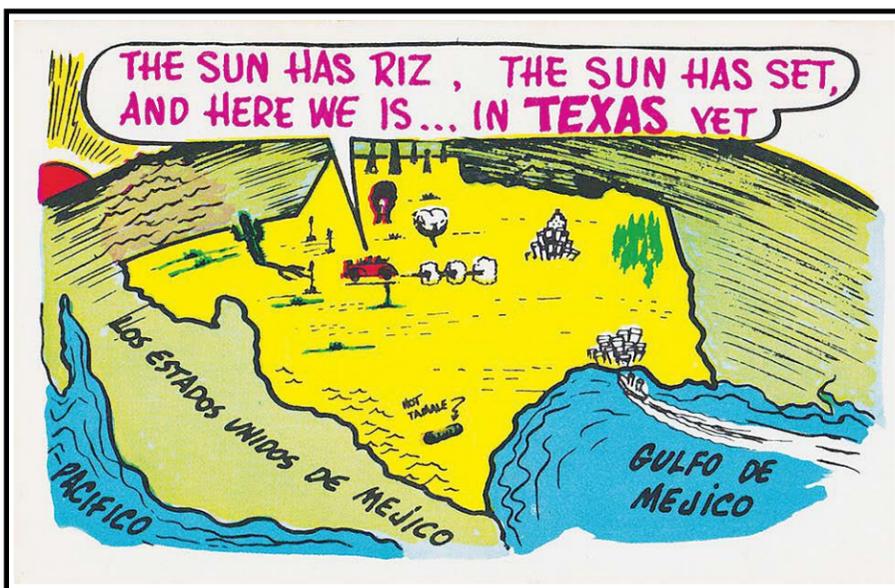


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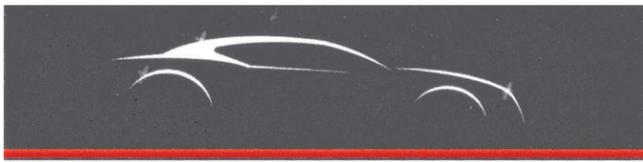
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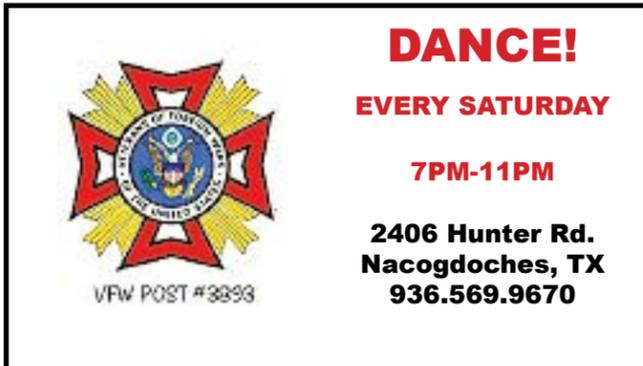
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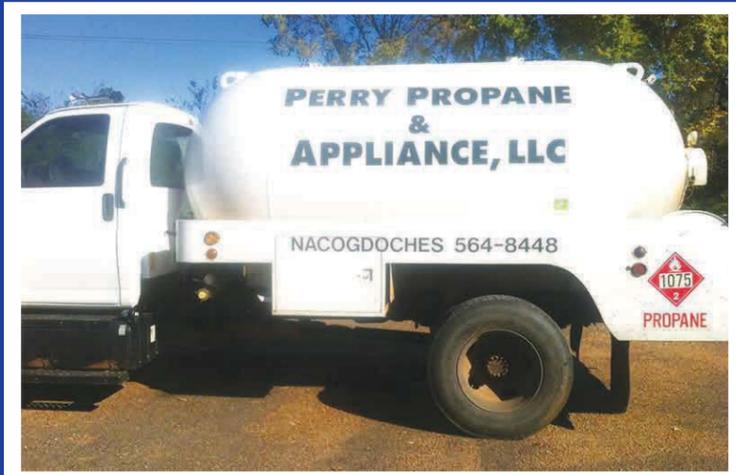
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I love the new Around the Town publication! The first week the July issue came out with an article featuring my business, “Heart of Texas.” I received more response than any advertisement I have tried in the 22 years I’ve been in business. We have needed a quality paper guide for tourists and visitors to Nacogdoches and having them placed around town, but specifically in the hotels and motels, really gets the word out.

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For more design inspiration and to view on-trend lighting collections, visit progresslighting.com.

In a few easy steps, you can light up your home for a warm and welcoming holiday season.



BIG THANKS to David Stallings and James Aston from all of us at Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' for the new paper they've put together. All week we have had NEW customers...Locals who didn't know about us and travelers who picked up the paper in gas stations and hotels. As a business owner, I love to hear how the dollars spent advertising WORKED!!!

Thank you, David and James! If you are looking for a way to advertise that really works, give David a call at 936.554.5822. This has been the best results from an ad I've ever had!

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SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

Stained Glass and Salvation

by Neal Murphy

Neal Murphy grew up in the small town of San Augustine, Texas. He and wife Clara have two grown children. Moving back after retiring, now with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, he began, as a hobby, writing short stories of humorous things that he observed over the years. He was an ambulance driver in college, worked for two funeral homes, then spent over forty years in the insurance business. He also writes stories of his forty-four years as a state certified police officer working for seven different departments. After living in five different states, he is now retired back in San Augustine and has his stories printed in seven different newspapers, and published five books. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, and the Insurance Institute of America. He is a Deacon in a Baptist Church and former Sunday School Teacher for many years, as well as Choir Director at several churches. He is also the docent in the 1919 Jail Museum in San Augustine and works three days a week. He was the director of the restoration of the old county records dating back to the 1800s.



Nestled among tall pine trees and spreading oaks sits one of the best kept secrets in East Texas. It is located approximately fifteen miles east of San Augustine off state highway 21, then south a couple of miles on Spur 35. Here sits a small brick church, McMahan Chapel, which happens to be the oldest Protestant Church in Texas in continuous operation.

This small church contains some of the most beautiful and ornate stained glass windows in East Texas. Since the church is always open, one can go inside and examine the interior without interruption.

Samuel D. McMahan moved his family from Tennessee and settled in the municipality of San Augustine in 1831. He ultimately affixed the family name to the first organized Protestant and Methodist congregation in Texas.

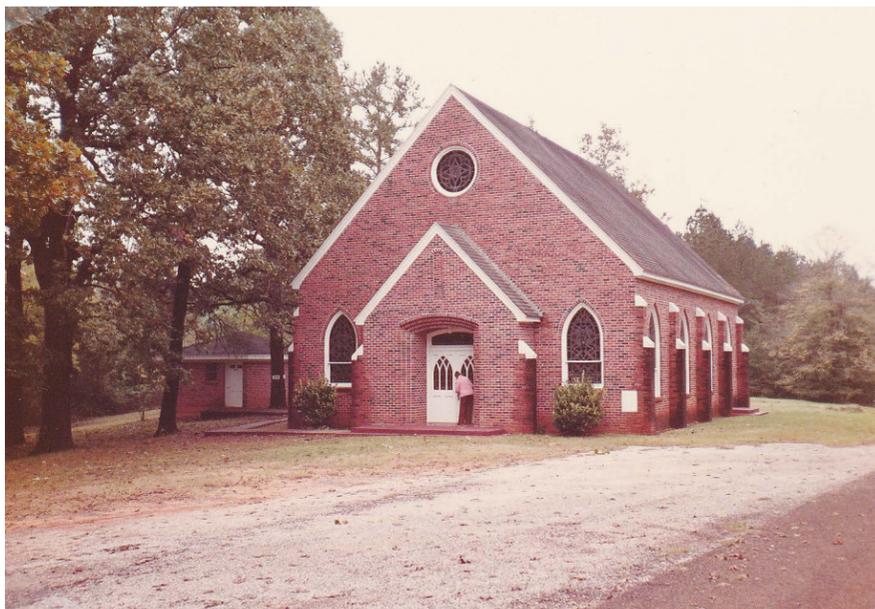
Protestant religious activity increased in Texas after the successful Texas Revolution. In 1838 the Mississippi Conference created the Texas Mission District and assigned the Rev. Littleton Fowler to lead it. Fowler lived near McMahan Chapel, and took special interest in the church. In 1839 he helped build a log structure for the church, which was the first of three wooden predecessors of the small brick chapel erected in 1949.

The first pastor, Rev. Littleton Fowler, at his own request, was buried under the pulpit, and has remained there despite the construction of the several buildings that have replaced the original. In 1970, the General Conference of the Methodist Church named McMahan Chapel as one of three official United Methodist historical landmarks.

This building serves as a house of worship, and has continuously since 1833. Many beautiful weddings have taken place in this backdrop of stained glass windows. Since there is a large cemetery across the road, numerous funerals are held there as well. Today a care-taker lives behind the church, giving it the love and protection that it deserves.

On your next trip to Texas, you need to stop by this building of Stained Glass and Salvation, and check it out. I guarantee you will be impressed.

The church members celebrated the 185th anniversary of this church on October 13th, 2018.



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SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY 2018 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

by Art Bedford, American Legion Post 387 Commander

San Augustine County will present this year's annual Veterans Day Celebration in San Augustine's historic Museum Theater in downtown San Augustine. Mark your calendars for 2 pm on Sunday, November 11 and be there to celebrate with us. Our county's American Legion Post 387 and VFW Post 9313 will present a program to honor, remember, and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars and conflicts. This celebration will be both meaningful and educational. This year, the "Forgotten War—Korea" will be highlighted and Korean War veterans will especially be honored.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially our veterans. It will be a memorable program, complete with an honor guard, heart felt presentations and a few significantly emotional videos.

Hope to see you there as we pause to honor those who served so that we remain free.

Snapshot from *Around the Town*

Hunter Perry of Mike Perry Chevrolet, and Vaughn Turner, of Lufkin Armature Works, enjoying lunch at **Mary Kay's Country Diner** in San Augustine.



San Augustine Pharmacy and Gift Store

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

The **San Augustine Pharmacy and Gift Store** opened in 1904 as a small family-owned business and it has been family-owned ever since, just not by the same family. **Mike and Debbie Jackson** are the current owners of what Debbie describes as, "a small town pharmacy with a large gift shop and an old-fashioned soda fountain, best known for its **Grapefruit Highball**, which was invented in 1928 by a local pharmacist." I couldn't get the secret ingredient for the Grapefruit Highball but I did find out they also sell ice cream and other soda drinks like the old-fashioned soda fountains used to have. They even have a couple of small tables and chairs.



Mike and Debbie Jackson, Owners of San Augustine Pharmacy and Gift Store.

In spite of being a small business, they offer a lot of shopping options. They have a nice selection of clothing items, including blouses, sweaters, and scarves. They carry purses, toys, candles, greeting cards, and so much more. They also have a bridal registry, a baby registry, and a nice selection of holiday items. Just about everything you need or want, and then some. All of that and there are still more isles of skin care, hair care, medications, lotions, and vitamins, which explains why they received five out of five stars on every review on their Facebook page.

After reading through all their five-star reviews, this one pretty much summed it all up, "Awesome little home-town drugstore, has a cool little soda shop inside it. I felt like I was transported back in time to a better, simpler time. We were just driving through town and decided to stop in. Great place to stop and get one of their famous high-balls or an ice cream float! We'll be back again."

When I asked what message they would like to send to the community, Debbie's immediate response was, "We are just a hometown pharmacy and customer service always comes first. If you have a question, call us and a live person will answer." I could hear the smile in her voice as she said, "That's the advantage of a small business, you won't ever have to talk to a machine."

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Brandi Emanis
Executive Director

Hello again from San Augustine County.

There is so much going on here in our county the next couple months. November is so nice with the weather getting cooler and leaves falling from the trees.

Coming up in November we have our annual Christmas Parade hosted by Main Street. The Homecoming and Sugar Plums Parade will be on November 30th at 5:30. The theme for the Homecoming and Sugar Plums Parade is Winter Wonderland. The parade will start at Boliver Street and continue on to Columbia and go straight down taking a left onto Montgomery Street. We encourage everyone to come out and watch our wonderful parade! The week of the Homecoming and Sugar Plums Parade the shops in and around San Augustine will be having great

sales. Please be sure to stop by and buy local.

Just before the parade The Chamber of Commerce will be getting geared up for our annual Miss Merry Christmas Pageant. Starting last year we added younger girls division and we really had a great time, we cannot wait for this year's pageant. These young ladies have such a great time and a wonderful learning experience. The 2018 Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday, December 1st. Please be sure to come out and support these young ladies.

If you are in the area, be sure to visit the Mission Deloris state historic site; it is a very interesting historic museum. There you will learn all about the Spanish experience with East Texas Native Americans. Also coming up on November 3rd they will have Spanish Hot Chocolate. Learn how to make Spanish Hot Chocolate based on a 1650 recipe! Fun for the whole family. All of the attendees will get to sample the beverage. Yum!

Also coming up on November 3rd at the Historic Downtown Museum Theater will be Bobby Moore Live!!! Nobody sang it like Elvis and Nobody sings it "now" like Bobby! Big, Big, Big one hour show with Door Prizes! Admission will be \$15 per person. Please join us at 113 East Columbia, San Augustine Tx.

If you need to know anything about San Augustine County, just like us on Facebook or call the Chamber at 936-275-3610.

"I've been advertising in *Around the Town* from the very start two years ago and it's the best money I've ever spent. Several times each month, we hear from someone who's seen our ad in the paper. I highly recommend *Around the Town*!"



Hunter Perry
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Farm kids on the square in San Augustine - 1939. Courtesy of "Traces of Texas."



Good News *Only* Featured in *Around The Town*

Snapshot from *Around the Town*

Sharing coffee and laughs at the **San Augustine Pharmacy and Gift Store** are L-R: Randy Isenblitter, Joe Davis, Yanira Larraga, Casey Bryan and Mike Jackson.



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HOPE Community Medicine

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

The HOPE Clinic opened fourteen years ago in Tenaha with Jean Diebolt, Nurse Practitioner and retired Air Force Colonel at the helm. When she retired she recruited her good friend Dr. Mike Belgard, a retired Army veteran, to take over. He had been working at the clinic for about twenty years as a Physician's Assistant and he is also a Pastor at the Chireno Baptist Church. He says he saw so many underprivileged patients who needed medical attention but had no way of getting it. As a PA this was what motivated him to accept her offer to take over the clinic. As a Pastor, he also saw this as his mission. He says he felt God was leading him to do this.

His involvement with The Hope Clinic began less than four years ago, after the hospital in Center had closed. When he took over, The HOPE Clinic was the only clinic but since he became the CEO, the HOPE Clinic is now HOPE Community Medicine and they serve Shelby County, Panola County, and San Augustine County.

Under the HOPE Community Medicine umbrella are three Medical Clinics, one Dental Clinic, and one Behavioral Health Clinic. The Medical clinics are in San Augustine, Tenaha, and Center. The Dental Clinic is in Tenaha and the Behavioral Health Clinic is in Center.

They have also established the Women's Health Clinic which is located within the Center Medical Clinic and they partner with a group called Nacogdoches Women's Services. They do prenatal and postnatal care and they have a gynecologist who comes once a month and a nurse/midwife who is there every week. She sees patients a couple of days a week but when they are ready to give birth they go to Nacogdoches since there isn't a hospital in Center.

The Behavioral Health Clinic is also in Center. The teachers and school principals felt there was a definite need for it. Although they have school counselors, they didn't have any place off campus where students could go if they needed to talk with someone and the nearest psychiatrist was simply too far away. But because they are a federally qualified health center, the federal government gave them a grant for access to mental health services for rural areas and they reached out to the Episcopal Church too. Through the Episcopal Health Foundation, they received a second grant. These grants allowed them to set up the Behavioral Health Clinic. They now have three on-site counselors and a "telemedicine" Psychiatrist.

HOPE Community Medicine serves everyone and honors all insurances. All of their patients are billed on a sliding monetary scale according to their income and health insurance coverage. They have a pharmacy program that helps people by prescribing affordable prescriptions for those who meet the criteria. People who have no insurance or are underinsured can still get quality health care without breaking the bank. They accept Medicare, Medicaid, and all other third-party insurances. Dr. Belgard says, "We exist to make a difference in the lives of our patients and the communities we serve through attentive medical, dental and mental health services."

If you wonder what motivates Dr. Belgard and why, even though he is the CEO he still works as a Physicians Assistant; it's gratitude. He grew up in a very poor home, he was one of five boys, and his father died when he was only eight. He says their life was a real struggle. He feels God richly blessed him when he joined the military. He was able to get a college education, all paid for by the Army. When he became a civilian he says, "I made a promise to the Lord that I would do everything in my power to make sure people who are underinsured or have no insurance, would have a place to see a good medical provider."

Dr. Belgard has been joined by a staff of like-minded, compassionate, kind, caring, and competent physicians. "Our vision is to give hope to those who seek a better life. HOPE Community Medicine strives to carry on Christ's healing mission through caring for the body, mind, and soul of the financially and/or spiritually poor, the sick, the lonely, the elderly, and those who feel powerless."



Dr. Mike Belgard, CEO



Saturday, December 1, 2018 — 6:00 p.m.

**Historic Downtown Center Square
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The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Santa's Christmas Parade Committee announces the 2018 parade will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme for the parade this year is *A Mardi Gras Christmas* and is presented by Shelby Savings Bank.

Categories for the 2018 themed parade will include Individuals, Schools, Businesses, Churches and Civic Organizations. Judges will award cash prizes to the top three places in each category, First \$100, Second \$50 and Third \$25 and the Overall Best in Show Float will receive \$250 cash prize.

Parade float entry registration is free and completed applications must be returned to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce office by the entry deadline on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Parade Float applications with entry rules are now available at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce office located at 100 Courthouse Square, A-101 on the historic downtown Center square or online at www.shelby-countychamber.com.

In keeping with the established holiday tradition, this year's parade guarantees a time of grand celebration with fun and excitement for everyone. The parade will feature a special Grand Marshal, holiday floats, marching bands, and of course, Santa Claus.

Contributing sponsors include Float Competition Sponsor, City of Center and Silver Sponsors are Specter, Inc., Tyson Foods and Farmers State Bank.

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote and advance economic enrichment and development, tourism, and the social and civic interest of Shelby County and adjoining areas. For additional information, please call 936.598.3682, email info@shelbycountychamber.com

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Miller's Country Market

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Kim Nix and **Danielle Thompson** spend every Tuesday and Wednesday baking a variety of breads, pies (regular and southern fried), pastries, and at this time of year they have added fruitcakes, all from scratch. The fruitcakes will be available only until February. Once all the baking is done they prep whatever else needs to be prepped before they are **open for business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday**. From the moment you enter the store, you will probably

set off your appetite alarm, however, you may be able to quiet it with a drink of cold Pennsylvania Dutch Birch Beer or Sarsaparilla, while you browse. Once you have carefully perused the counters, aisles, and aromas of this uniquely palatable market you will find yourself smiling and not just because of all the delicious items you are seeing and smelling, after all, there are a lot of rows beyond the bakery. But then again, fresh baked jalapeno cheese bread, cinnamon rolls, southern fried pies, 100% whole wheat bread made with fresh ground wheat berries (they actually grind their own wheat), olive oil, sea salt, local honey (some of the hives are within **Timpson** city limits) well, any or possibly all of these things may cause a rush of serene nostalgia.

They have so many tasty choices that it could get a little difficult. For example let's say you are thinking about something as simple as making a sandwich, first you have to select the bread. Okay, that wasn't too hard because you have been craving their whole wheat bread, so you pick up a loaf of it. Next on your shopping list is meat and you decide on turkey. Well now, will that be cajun, tavern smoked, honey roasted, or pastrami turkey? And once you decide which turkey meat you want, for your cheese you choose cheddar. So, will that be regular, horseradish, smoked, or sharp cheddar? See what I mean? Who knew there were so many delicious options for a simple sandwich!?!



Danielle Thompson (L) and Kim Nix (R).

Some of their pickles, jams, and jellies are made locally, but the bulk of their items come from other communities. They have original paintings and woodwork items from an Amish family in Ohio, they carry Rada Cutlery, 100% American Made in Iowa since 1948, and Troyer, which has been located in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country since 1959, provides them with a full line of premium deli cheese and meats, Amish Wedding Foods, and just about anything else you can think of. Because Timpson is such a small town there are not many shopping options so they try to stock a variety of items for their customers. You will find several herbal remedies and a variety of homemade salves, lotions, soaps, and liniments. They have an impressive selection of special gifts, framed motivational sayings, an assortment of greeting cards, including the very popular "Leanin' Tree" brand. They also stock a yummy collection of those "hard to find, old style" candies, in addition to a wide variety of chips, popcorn kernels, pretzels, well, you get the idea, if it is edible, satisfying, gratifying, or unique, they most likely have it and if they don't, I'm sure you will have no problem finding something just as good on the next isle.



Like the sign above their door says, all these yummy delights are "Just like Grandma used to make" and fortunately for you, **Miller's Country Market** still does.

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