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Welcome Shelby County to *Around the Town*

In addition to Nacogdoches and San Augustine Counties, *Around the Town* will be distributed throughout Shelby County each month beginning with this issue. "We are pleased to announce distribution in Shelby County and are excited about featuring stories of its people, events, businesses and places. I have many friends in the county and I love the beauty and the history of the community. We're looking forward to meeting and getting to know many new friends in Shelby County." David Stallings - *Around the Town* Publisher.

Come and Enjoy the East Texas Poultry Festival

The 42nd Annual Poultry Festival, sponsored by Farmers State Bank, is just days away. The Festival will be held October 4, 5th and 6th on the downtown square in Center, Texas.



The first East Texas Poultry Festival was held on Saturday, July 23, 1976. The festival began as a way to celebrate the broiler industry in the East Texas area. Now, celebrating over 40 years, the East Texas Poultry Festival has grown into a fun three-day event featuring food booths from local volunteer and church organizations, arts and crafts booths, a quilt show, photography show, creative arts show, live entertainment and a carnival. New this year is the Car Show and a Petting Zoo. There will be a 5K run the morning of October 6th starting at 7:30 on the downtown square. Proceeds will go towards

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My Audition for General Hospital

On a Saturday night, I had stepped in at the last moment to replace Andy Gibb on the "American Movie Awards" television special. Word around Hollywood of my success travelled quickly, and early the following Monday morning, I got a call from the casting department at ABC Television's soap opera, "General Hospital." I was told to come in for an audition.



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.

Gloria Monty, the famed producer of the "General Hospital," was looking for the role of "Frisco," a young rebel with a great voice. Gloria wanted to replicate the success she had created for Rick Springfield of "Jesse's Girl" fame.

First, I had to be vetted by the casting director. I was nervous, but, "Hey, they called me, right?"

The casting director was eating a tuna sandwich and watching "General Hospital" on a television mounted high on the wall of his office. His skinny, frustrated, assistant ushered me in and told me to sit in a chair in front of the casting director.

I sat down and waited. The casting director continued to chew his sandwich and watch the show. I finally cleared my throat, and he looked over his half rim glasses at me. With a food-coated voice he said, "Ah, there you are. You're too old."



"Excuse me?" I said. "You're too old. We want someone young and cool."

I sighed, and said, "Okay" and got up to go.

"Wait a minute! I'll let you read anyway. How about that?"

My tender actor feelings were hurt by this time, but I also wanted to work. Where else can you be twenty-nine and too old for a job? I waited for the audition to begin. The casting guy continued to watch television and eat his lunch.

Finally, he looked at me and said, "You gonna read or what?"

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House of Photography

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

When I first spoke with Greg and Cindy Patterson, owners of the **House of Photography**, they were expanding their photography business to include an educational and learning experience for their clients. They have taught several photography camps for kids and now they added a photo camp for adults. Their current focus is to feature **Nacogdoches** and the **Stephen F. Austin University**, which they are certain has influenced countless lives in a very positive way since it was founded in 1921, including the lives of both Cindy and Greg, who graduated from **SFA** in 1986. Cindy says, "Like so many others, the town that was home to the university, to which we came as freshmen, eventually became **OUR town**. As the saying goes, 'I wasn't born in Nacogdoches, but I came as soon as I could,' and I'm so grateful for the steps that brought me here and for the life for which God has privileged me. It doesn't take long to grow roots in a town such as Nac and after you spend enough time here, you can't imagine living anywhere else."

Like everyone I've interview-ed, they love their city and are so proud of its history. They are pleased to be able to say that **House of Photography** is actually located inside a beautiful and historic, Victorian home built in 1898 for **Albert A. Nelson**. It was designed by the world-famous **Dietrich Anton Wilhelm Rulfs**, who immigrated to Nacogdoches in 1880 from Germany. Over fifty of his Nacogdoches architectural creations, designed between 1880 and the 1920s, are still standing and he is often credited as the builder who transformed the historic frontier town into a modern city.



They also love their alma mater and Greg has now retired after thirty years as an SFA Photography Professor so this is a new chapter in their lives. For more than twenty years they have been a photography studio and now, although they will still take photos when asked, they would like to focus on teaching you, not only how to be an excellent photographer, but how to create special keepsakes from the photos you take yourself. At the forefront of their most recent expansion is a **new gift shop**, dedicated to photography, and stocked with a lot of unique, photo-related, inspirational, gift items, many of them inspired by SFA and Nacogdoches. You will find special jewelry, t-shirts, home decor, children's

toys, patches, buttons, stickers, custom coffee mugs, a wide variety of historical postcards, and a good selection of very unique greeting cards too. This is not your average gift shop and it is spread out over three rooms.



As a bonus, their studio boasts the largest portrait garden in all of East Texas. With greenery and colorful blooms year round, a

garden that includes a beautiful country gazebo, a quaint pond complete with waterfall, rock flower beds, arbors, pergola, rock and stone paths. Greg and Cindy are looking forward to passing their passion on to the community through **workshops, photo walks, and talks**, some which will originate in the garden area.

The reason for their success becomes obvious when you read their own words about the photos they take, "We are truly blessed to work within an industry we genuinely love and to create something meaningful our clients will cherish for a lifetime. We make the extra effort to not only capture the way your family and children look at a certain point in time, but how they looked at each other, how they interacted with each other... their characteristic expressions, grins, and smirks. In a word, we capture relationships." And now they have added a whole new dimension and energy to their studio by showcasing the historical and unique city they love so much and the university, where they first experienced that "lumberjack spirit".

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Our Pledge . . .

Around the Town and its publishers seek to provide the people of this area with news and information about the current events and happenings in the categories of dining, entertainment, sports and the arts, while providing a venue for retail and commercial establishments, as well as local artisans and non-profit and service organizations to present themselves to the public. We also strive to feature some of the rich history and culture this area is particularly known for.

HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Their “Staff Page” reveals even more about them. From their “pet names” for each other to their job titles and descriptions. For example, Cindy AKA “String Bean”, who has now been married to “Greg-O” for more than thirty years, has been given the title of “Studio Manager Extraordinaire”. Her description, in part, reads, “She is the joy in joyful, the laugh in laughter...” and there is “Hales” Compton, their “Social Media Guru” who has an art degree and “awesome red hair,” well, you get the idea. They have figured out how to have a successful business while having fun and this is what guarantees their clients will also. Greg says, “Rather than simply take the photos, we are expanding to become more of an educational and learning experience, we want to teach others how to, not only take pictures but create keepsakes made from the pictures they were able to take themselves.”

When all is said and done, Greg and Cindy remain humble and are quick to credit any and all success to the Lord. Greg says, “I do want to give glory and honor to God for He has brought us to where we are and we do feel we are doing what He has called us to do. Being able to capture a special moment in time with a photo is a true blessing for both the person being photographed and the photographer.”

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**Go Green Initiative
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by Fredonia Marketing

The Fredonia Hotel strives to excel in not only luxury, but also in its pursuit to “Go Green” by making conscious minded decisions to reduce, reuse, and recycle. This was a deliberate effort made by the owners, Richie and Barbara DeWitt, to help leave a smaller footprint on the environment. We live in the “Piney Woods” of East Texas, so preservation of our forests and wildlife is important since much of our community’s livelihood depends on the agriculture and forestry divisions. By focusing on our efforts to “Go Green” in the different departments of The Fredonia Hotel, we found that helping the environment was improved the quality of The Fredonia Hotel and our stakeholders for years to come.



Here are a few ways we tried to “Go Green”: We use standard industry low flow faucets and shower heads to help with water conservation. When our bedding does not reach hotel standard, we clean and matriculate those sheets and donate those sheets to women’s shelters or to animal rescue. Hotel amenities from Guild + Pepper were chosen not only for their sophisticated, warm scent and moisturizing ingredients but also because they are a member of Green Dot, an organization that promotes recycling in North America. In addition to using the Guild + Pepper products, we recycle gently used hand soap to be melted, sanitized, and molded into new soap that is given to children in unsanitary living conditions.

Our green initiative does not stop within the rooms of the hotel. Our in-house dining areas focus on quality by using local products in Texas. The Republic Steakhouse uses steak from 44 Farms Angus Beef in Cameron, Texas and Heartbrand Beef in Flatonia, Texas. The 1st City Cafe works with a local coffee roaster that packages our special Fredonia Republic blend coffee right in Nacogdoches and uses grains from a granary in Waco that stone grinds their grain instead of using a machine-based process. Our honey is locally sourced at Fredonia Farms. We strive to serve local, seasonal vegetables and fruits. We use local products from Fredonia Farms and use food scraps as compost. We can’t do this without you! Help us achieve not only being the best hotel in East Texas, but also the greenest! By visiting the hotel and choosing locally sourced products and services or by eating our delicious, healthy meals, because we care more at the Fredonia Hotel.

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Sharon Pinkston-Roberts Joins *Around the Town* Staff

Around the Town Publisher, David Stallings, recently announced that Ms. Sharon Pinkston-Roberts, has been named Sales Manager for the paper.



Sharon started her journalism career early in life at the offices of *The Champion*, her family's newspaper located in Center, Texas, when she was just a child. A third-generation newspaperwoman, Sharon started her journey in journalism by learning all facets of circulation and then moving on to more creative aspects of the newspaper business including darkroom photography, photo shoots, typesetting, and graphic design. A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with two degrees — Art/Advertising design and Communications/Advertising — she worked with an East Texas area printing company and advertising agency after college and then accepted a position with the SFA Alumni Association where she worked for 13-years. Her free-lance position at their publication *The Sawdust*, included tabloids, brochures and other magazines in the area. With a combined experience of more than 22-years in the commercial printing industry she decided to change career paths, owning two Curves Fitness franchises for 18-years in Center and Nacogdoches. Sharon now enters back into the field of advertising as Sales Manager for *Around The Town*. She wants to provide her clients with the best service possible and always give "Service with a Purpose." Sharon is a lifelong believer in excellence and the power of our community to make your business more effective with advertising. Please give her a call for your advertising needs at 936.552.6758.

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The Opening Ceremonies will be held on October 4th at 10:00 a.m. under the main tent. The 2018 Poultry Festival Queen will be crowned on September 29th. The Queen and her Court will cut the feathers at the Opening Ceremonies and officially kick off the festival. Local elementary school groups provide fun entertainment for the rest of morning.

The Fajita Lunch and Doo Dah Parade will be held on Wednesday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m.

The East Texas Poultry Festival is a fun family outing. *See you there!*

For more information contact the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce at 936-598-3682 or at info@shelbycountychamber.com.

Deborah Chadwick - Director
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

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"Oh, sorry, I didn't realize we'd started," I said.

"We hadn't, he sprayed tuna as he talked. "You have the first line and then I'll read the next. Have you never auditioned before, my not-so-young friend?"

The casting guy continued to chew his lunch and watch the television.

I said my first line. The casting guy looked down at the script and mumbled his line of dialogue, while continuing to eat and look up at the television.

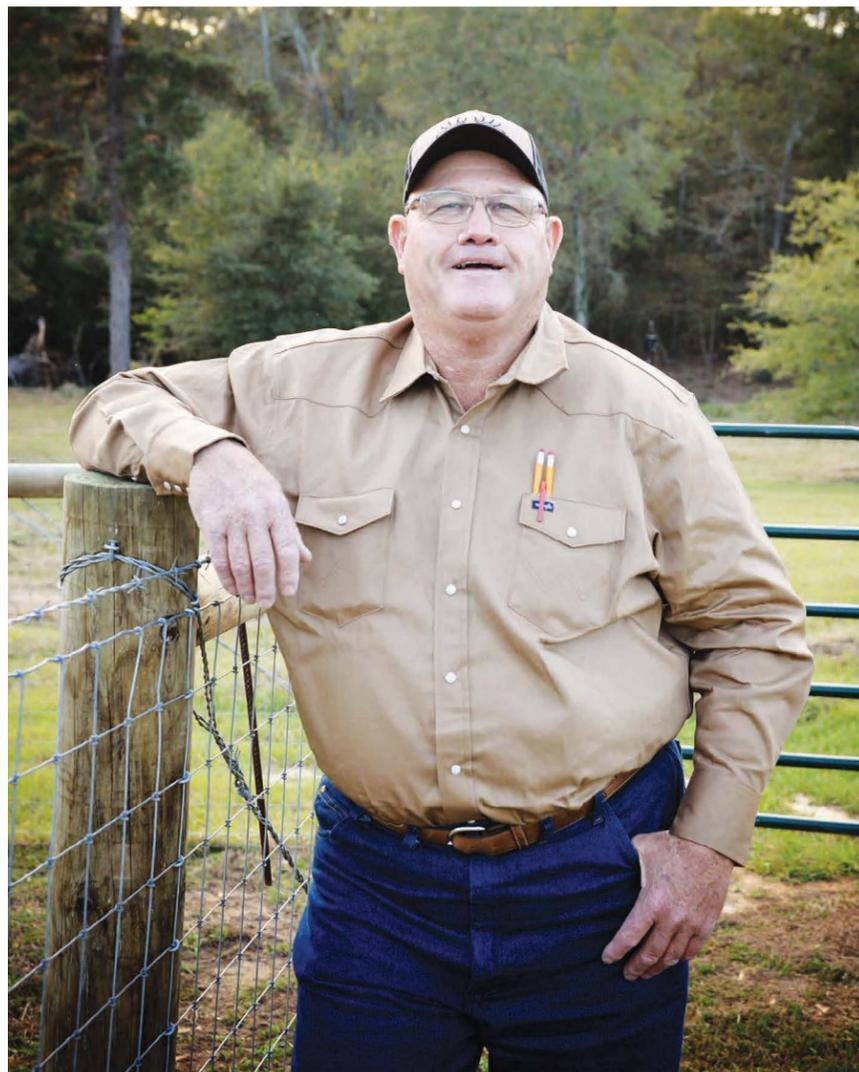
I answered his uninteresting line.

He swallowed, watched television, and then said, "Oh" and read his next line.

This went on until the scene was over. For the next few minutes I watched "General Hospital" with him till a commercial came on the screen.

He looked down at me and said, "Not bad. Thank you for coming in. It's not going to work out, you're too old, but, hey, at least you tried."

When I got home, there was a message on my answering machine telling me Gloria Monty had created the role of Frisco's older brother, Tony, for me. The casting director and I became great friends in the years after I was cast. Welcome to show business.



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by Cheryl Harvey Hill

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Pictured at left is Carl Singleton, owner of Discount Roofers, LLC, with J.R. Gore, Area Sales Manager for Owens Corning.

With more than twenty-five years of experience, Carl has the utmost confidence in the products he uses and in his amazing crew. When they say they can make your house look NEW again, they aren't kidding, they mean it. They also say "no job is too big or too small" and ALL bids are FREE. Discount Roofers can put a roof on any residential property whether it is the main house or the dog house. When it comes to commercial properties, they have covered restaurants, apartments, offices, schools, well, you get the idea. If it has a good-looking, solid roof, Carl and his crew probably had something to do with it, and they are now offering a fifty-year FREE replacement warranty. Satisfaction is always guaranteed whether it is flat roofing, metal or shingles. And yes, you read that right, a fifty-year warranty.

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After you talk with Carl Singleton for a while it becomes pretty obvious that he has been fascinated by going higher for most of his life and not just up on rooftops. For fifteen years he was the full-time Pastor for the Church of the Nazarene and he is very proud of the fact that eleven years ago he became the Bi-vocational Pastor at Church Triumphant, which is a bi-lingual Hispanic Church he started. So as our interview ended, the one thing it was easy to see is that this is a man who follows his heart, and whether it's up on the roof or with his feet planted firmly on the ground, he is going to give it his all. Being the recipient of a special award from Owens Corning is an honor that he and his crew truly appreciate but it is the gratitude from their every-day customers that keeps them motivated to always do their best.

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Local Special Education Specialist Comes Home to Nacogdoches

by NCSSA Staff

In August 2017 Hurricane Harvey made history as one of the worst hurricanes in the history of the United States. A lot of lives were changed that day, and one of the victims was a Nacogdoches native, Deborah Bowers Jones.

After her house literally fell down around her near Rockport, Deborah and her husband Wayne rode out the storm in her automobile in the garage, the only structure undamaged on their farm.

Like thousands of others, all that she had was lost. Her husband's family farm, their home, and her mother-in-law's home were all destroyed. Decisions had to be made. Mrs. Jones and her husband decided to sell their property on the coast. It was time to go home to East Texas.

A lot of Deborah's family live in Nacogdoches, including her parents, sisters, nephews, nieces and aunt as well as many of her former students and classmates. The director's position was posted at the Nacogdoches County Schools Shared Services Arrangement – more commonly known as "The Co-Op," and the job seemed to be a perfect fit for Deborah. With a double masters degree in counseling and special education as well as decades of experience at both state and local level this was an excellent opportunity for both the Co-Op schools and Mrs. Jones.

The Nacogdoches County Co-Op, which is jointly funded by Cushing, Central Heights, Douglass, Etoile, Chireno, Martinsville, Excelsior and Garrison Independent School Districts, serves roughly 400 students who receive special education services. These services include evaluations, counseling, speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility services, transition services and academic support.

Mrs. Jones has most recently worked as Director of Special Education in Ingleside ISD before being hired as director of the NCSSA for the 2018-19 school year. She hit the ground running, starting her job in Nacogdoches the very next day after her last day at Ingleside.

Mrs. Jones is no stranger to hard work, having served in every facet of education, including cafeteria worker, bus driver, custodian, teacher's aide, teacher, coach and administrator. She earned two master's degrees while raising three children as a single mother. She knows the value of perseverance and team work, so she immediately started building her team at the Co-Op.

One of her first goals was to educate the public about the mission of Nacogdoches County Co-Op. "My heart has always been in small schools," she said. "Most small schools don't have the resources, on their own, to provide the services that we can provide as a Co-Op."

Mrs. Jones said the experience, skills and training of the Co-Op staff are the organization's greatest strengths, along with the camaraderie the

staff shares. "Our staff has such a passion for children," she said. "All children."

Special education is a highly specialized field that can be fraught with liability. To stay on top of the legal aspects of the job, Mrs. Jones constantly reads, researches and attends meetings at the Regional Service Center. As the team builds a relationship with each of the school districts in the area, there will be more and more services available to the children who need them.

"I also have a direct line to legal counsel, and a legal framework to follow," she said. "Any time a question comes up I can pick up the phone." Mrs. Jones' first experience in special education was over 20 years ago in Arizona. She was working as a coach when her principal at the time, Steve Hite, identified her as someone who would be good at teaching special education. She agreed to do it for one year and one year only if he would pay for her certification exam. He paid for the test; she passed it, and she has been working in special education ever since.

That first year she taught 23 emotionally disturbed elementary students and discovered a true passion that has only grown stronger with time. She taught her students to quilt that year, and she still has the quilt they made together while she read aloud to them, "Where the Red Fern Grows."

Positive parent communication is something Mrs. Jones deeply values,



and the most rewarding aspect of her job is reviewing the progress students make at the end of the year.

"I love to see the individual gains," she said. "There's nothing better than having one of your students cross the stage at graduation, come up into the stands and give you a hug."

Behavioral issues are of special interest to Mrs. Jones, and she wrote a thesis on the implementation of behavior units in schools and co-designed a behavior program for middle school students. As Mrs. Jones applies her past knowledge and experience to her new position in Nacogdoches County, she has only one agenda: To serve.

"I came in following a good director," she said. "I want people to know we are here to help. My vision is that we will build relationships with each district and enhance the education of each of the children we serve."

Looking back, Mrs. Jones said many great teachers influenced her career path, but perhaps no one influenced her more than her fifth-grade teacher at Woden, Carolyn Gartman. "I wanted to be like her," she said. "She was so consistent."

It is that type of consistency and excellence that Mrs. Jones said she and the staff strive to bring to the campuses and students served by the Nacogdoches County Co-Op.

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NEA Big Read Event

by Jessi Pinkert, City of Nac Content Coordinator

The Nacogdoches Public Library was one of 79 organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Big Read Grant.

The Nacogdoches Public Library is a recipient of a grant of \$13,000 to host the NEA Big Read in our community! The NEA Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. This program broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

The NEA Big Read in Nacogdoches will focus on *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award and finalist for the National Book Award and PEN/Faulkner Award. Free copies of the book are currently available at the library and a wide variety of activities will take place in October.

“Survival is insufficient” is a central theme of the novel, in which survivors of a deadly pandemic form a traveling symphony and theatrical group in an attempt to preserve and disseminate art and culture in otherwise dire circumstances. The characters cling to their memories of both high and popular culture as cornerstones of their lost society and selves, while endeavoring to forge new stories in a tender new civilization. *Station Eleven* is both timely and original, examining what remains of humanity when we are tested to the most extreme lengths. Mandel offers a fresh take on a familiar genre, and the story follows disparate characters as they struggle to find meaning and purpose.

Last year the library kicked off a community-wide reading program – “One Book, One City” – that strongly resembled this program. In fact, our library staff researched programs around the country and modeled our inaugural year on NEA’s Big Read in the hopes that someday we would be able to join those ranks! In 2017, we read *True Grit* and explored and celebrated the themes and issues in the novel with community partners across the city. The success of that initiative encouraged us to swing for the fences and expand the program this year with the help of the NEA and Arts Midwest. The library plans to continue the annual program as a means of connecting our community through reading.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the NEA Big Read, please contact hicksc@ci.nacogdoches.tx.us or call 936-559-2970. Stop by and pick up your copy today!

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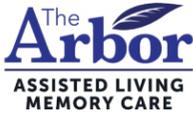
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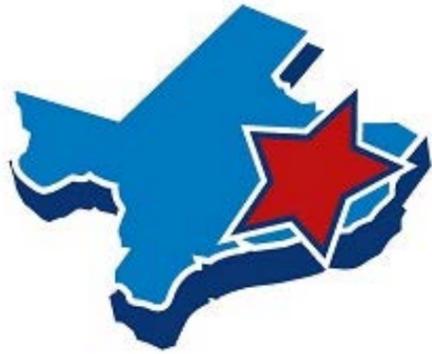
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Wednesday, October 10th is KTRE Ride-A-Mania Night. Armbands for unlimited rides will be sold from 5PM-9PM for \$20. You can get \$5 off with the donation of 3 canned goods. The Midway will be open from 4PM-11PM, vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3PM-9PM.

Thursday, October 11th is KETK Buddy Night. Two can ride for the price of one! The Midway will be open from 4PM-11PM. Vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3PM-9PM.

Friday, October 12th is Coca-Cola Midnight Madness. From 10PM-2AM armbands for unlimited rides are \$20, or \$15 if you bring any empty coke product. The Midway will be open from 4PM-2AM. Vendors in the Civic Center will be open from 3PM-10PM.

Saturday, October 13 there are no ticket or armband specials. The Ag Mechanics sale will begin at 3pm in Barn 1. The Junior Tractor Pull registration begins at 3PM in the Civic Center. The midway will be open from 11AM-11PM. Vendors in the civic center will be open 11AM-10PM.

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October 26-28, 2018 – Vintage Market Days Country Living

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Look for special discounts on tickets at vintagemarketdays.com. If you are staying overnight you can find special hotel rates for the event at visitnacogdoches.org.

October 30, 2018 – Daily Sentinel Senior Expo

The Senior Lifestyle Expo sponsored by the Daily Sentinel will be from 9AM-2PM Tuesday, October 30th. There is no charge for admission or parking. Sponsorship's are limited; the deadline for booth reservations is Friday, October 12th. For information on sponsorship availability or to reserve booth spaces contact the Daily Sentinel at 936-564-8361.



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A Seat at the Table

We never ate supper at my house until my Dad arrived home from work. Didn't matter what time it was, Mom had it ready and waiting when he walked through the door and that is when we sat down at the table together as a family. I learned a lot around that table.

I have many memories of sharing a meal that included conversations about school, work, and grades – whatever it was that happened that day that involved our family of four. Sometimes I understood the conversations and sometimes I didn't. As I grew older, sometimes I liked the opinions expressed and sometimes I didn't. But I always knew my parents would listen to what I had to say. From pre-school through high school and even into adulthood, I always knew I had a seat at that table.

We have a table just like that at TxDOT where there is always an open seat for you. The discussions that take place are so important there is an entire department named for it – Public Involvement. Many of you might not understand what it is or what it's for, but it is extremely important.

Hearing your opinions and thoughts early in the planning stages is a big part of a project's success. There are public meetings and open houses going on throughout the state every week. You can always see those locations on our website at <https://www.txdot.gov/>.

As our engineers design major projects, we need your opinions and ideas and are eager to have a conversation with you. At a public meeting the engineers answer questions one-on-one and we gather around a table to view designs, hear ideas and then we take your thoughts back to the drawing board for discussion and consideration.

Public meetings are much like those nightly suppers around my family table. The comments, opinions, and at times constructive criticism helped my sister and I grow to become better. TxDOT has purposefully committed to involving the public in the planning of construction projects. We provide continuous and transparent access to the decision-making processes. Your comments and ideas can help make roadways better for all of us.

I hope you will help us plan the future. We are currently in the planning phases of mega-million dollar projects that will change the landscape of East Texas. Have a say in how you think the future should look. Come take a seat at our table and let's talk about it.



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Every person a visitor comes into contact with during their stay has the ability to positively or negatively affect their overall experience. From the first smile a visitor receives when checking into their accommodations to the words from a server they're greeted by during a stop at a local restaurant or eatery – these are the kinds of interactions that truly craft a

visitor's overall experience.

We invite you to join us in making every effort possible to provide our valued visitors with the best "Nacogdoches" experiences possible. How can you help? There are so many ways.

One thing you can easily do is simply be ready. Think about how you can best respond the next time someone from out of town asks you, "What is there to do in Nacogdoches?" The truth is there is always something to do. In fact, we have a rack card in our visitor center titled just that, "There's always something to do in Nacogdoches." If you'd like a handy quick-reference tool that highlights popular attractions and historical sites, feel free to drop by and pick one up.

Another thing you can do is educate yourself on all the things our city has to offer. From public parks to a variety of pet-friendly locations, we have so many amenities.

Lastly, be kind and wear a smile. As the late Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Join us in helping our visitors feel the true spirit of Nacogdoches – the unmatched friendliness that convinced many of us to not only visit, but to plant our roots and make this place our home.

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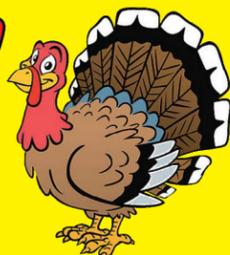
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Chamber Connection
 by Kelly Daniel
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October Includes Texas Chamber of Commerce Week

Get to know your Chamber of Commerce!

Texas Chamber of Commerce Week (October 15 – 19, 2018) is a celebration of the contributions and dedication of chambers of commerce and the professional staff that serve them. Take a moment to stop by your local office or if you happen to see your chamber staff around town, please thank them for their work and commitment to the community. Even better learn a little more about the areas of focus of your local chamber and consider where you might fit as a member and volunteer.

Below are opportunities to spend time with The Chamber:

Member Mixer hosted by State Farm Insurance - Agent Ted Smith

State Farm Insurance Agent Ted Smith invites all to the Chamber's Member Mixer, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9 at his office, 210 North St. Guests will enjoy delicious food and refreshing beverages and browse the line up of East Texas Jeep Club vehicles. All will have the opportunity to catch up with friends and make new contacts at this social come-and-go gathering.

Ribbon Cutting Celebrations

All in the community are invited to join the following ribbon cutting ceremonies.

House of Photography (formerly G Patterson Studio). All invited to the Open House from 3 to 5 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11 at 122 N. Mound St.

CBH Insurance, Inc., 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25 at 108 E. Hospital St. Enjoy the come-and-go reception after the ceremony!

Business after hours at FROGS!

See you at Alive After Five hosted by FROGS Sports Bar & Grill located at 1507 North St. The event is 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. The community is invited to attend and enjoy this networking come-and-go reception with refreshments by FROGS. Bring business cards and guests!

Fourth Friday Luncheon presented by The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center.

The Chamber's monthly membership meeting, Fourth Friday Luncheon, is noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 28 at The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center, 200 N. Fredonia St. with guest speaker Colette Vallot, Director of Strategic Programming, Texas Association of Business. Vallot will bring news of TAB's #TxVotes and Texas Open for Business initiatives. Event reservations are requested by 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, and lunch is \$20 for Chamber members and \$24 for nonmembers.

For more information about all Chamber programs, please go to Nacogdoches.org or call 936-560--5533. *We look forward to seeing you soon!*

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Looking dazed and sunburned, U. S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad walked onto Smathers Beach in Key West shore, Monday, September 2, 2013, becoming the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage. It was Nyad's fifth attempt to complete the approximately 110-mile swim. Nyad faced many difficulties on her incredible

"REED ALL ABOUT IT!"
by Dr. Allen Reed

journey that included shark-infested waters, the salt water itself, jelly fish, and physical exhaustion.

The 64-year-old swimmer was surrounded by her supporters who chanted "Nyad, Nyad, Nyad" as she stepped out of the ocean into the history books. She spoke to the crowd as she posed for pictures. "I have three messages," said the breathless Nyad. "One is we should never ever give up. Two is you are never too old to chase your dreams. And three is it looks like a solitary sport but it takes a team."

In closing his letter, James made reference to the perseverance of Job (Cf. James 5:11). Why does he mention Job? Well, think about what Job faced. First of all, he faced destitution. He lost everything that he owned. Then he faced death. His children and grandchildren were wiped out. Then he faced disease. He was covered with terrible sores and boils. Finally, he faced desertion. Even his own wife basically turned her back on him. Just like Job, every one of us is going to face demanding problems. We need to understand that problems are not meant to defeat us, nor are they meant to depress us, nor are they meant to discourage us. They are meant to develop us. Problems are not tools to tear us down, but are tests to build us up.

When asked what she thought about what she had accomplished, Nyad replied, "The journey was thrilling."

Jesus is our model when it comes to perseverance. It takes courage to follow His example, and it's not easy. But He has not left us to live in our own strength. We have a team who supports us too: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are available to help us (John 14:16; Philippians 4:13; Jude 24).

The Christian's journey, in spite of the many obstacles encountered along the way, is thrilling. It's always too soon to quite. We should never ever quite.

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My Old Man

by Jerry Permenter

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.

Folks, my daddy worked so hard all his life. And taking breaks in the woods where he cut and loaded pulpwood each day gave him the ability to sleep anywhere. Many times as a young boy I'd come upon him just like this, napping against a pine trunk before heading back to start his chainsaw once again. Sometimes he'd have just cheese and crackers warming in the sun beside him, for his day's meal.

The "Old Man" as we called him, didn't complain about much. He worked from dawn to dusk many days, and asked very little for himself. He took his respite in hunting coons and squirrels with his sons, leaving many memories we all cherish even today. His only goal was to provide a better life for the next generation of his family, to see his children exceed his own 9th grade education. He succeeded in that well beyond even his own expectations. He was a blessing to his family, and was well cared for as the years of hard labor took their toll.

Daddy continued to nap anywhere he felt like until he died, and I took this while he was "watching" grandkids play in the backyard. It is one of my last photos before he left us.



If God is God, He is just. And somewhere I like to envision my Old Man resting, just like this against an ancient pine tree, sharing his stories with all those he loved into eternity.

"Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work." ~ Booker T. Washington

NOTE: Red Dirt Memories by Jerry Permenter is due for release in late October, 2018. For a signed first edition hardback copy, please email reddirtmemories@gmail.com to hold your copy. You'll be invoiced for 19.95 plus shipping prior to delivery. Thank you for supporting local artists and keeping our stories alive for future generations. Jerry has been a regular contributor to "Around the Town" and we hope you'll show your appreciation!

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Southern Candied Yams

Angela Bradford is the owner/
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Ingredients:

- 5 medium sized yams
- 8 tbsp salted butter
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground clove
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp pure vanilla extract, not imitation

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Wash the yams.
3. Peel, then chop the yams (make sure that they are about 1/2 inch thick).
4. Place the yams into a 9x13 bake dish.
5. Place the butter into a medium sized pot, then melt it over medium heat.
6. Once the butter is melted, sprinkle in the white & brown sugar, ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg, ground ginger, and ground clove.
7. Turn the stove off, mix the ingredients, then add in the vanilla extract.
8. Pour the candied mixture over the yams, and try to coat all the yams with the candied mixture.
9. Next, cover the bake dish with foil, then bake the yams in the oven for 30 minutes.
10. Remove the yams from the oven, and baste them with the candied mixture.
11. Cover the yams, and bake them for another 15-20 minutes.
12. Remove the yams from the oven, and let them sit for about 10 minutes before serving.
13. Enjoy!

Fall is here! The first recipe that comes to my mind as the leaves begin to change is my Granny's Candied Yams.



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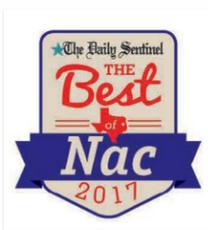
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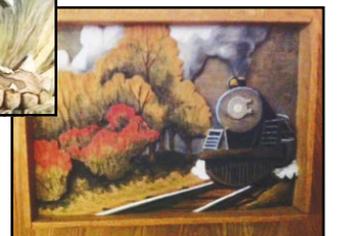
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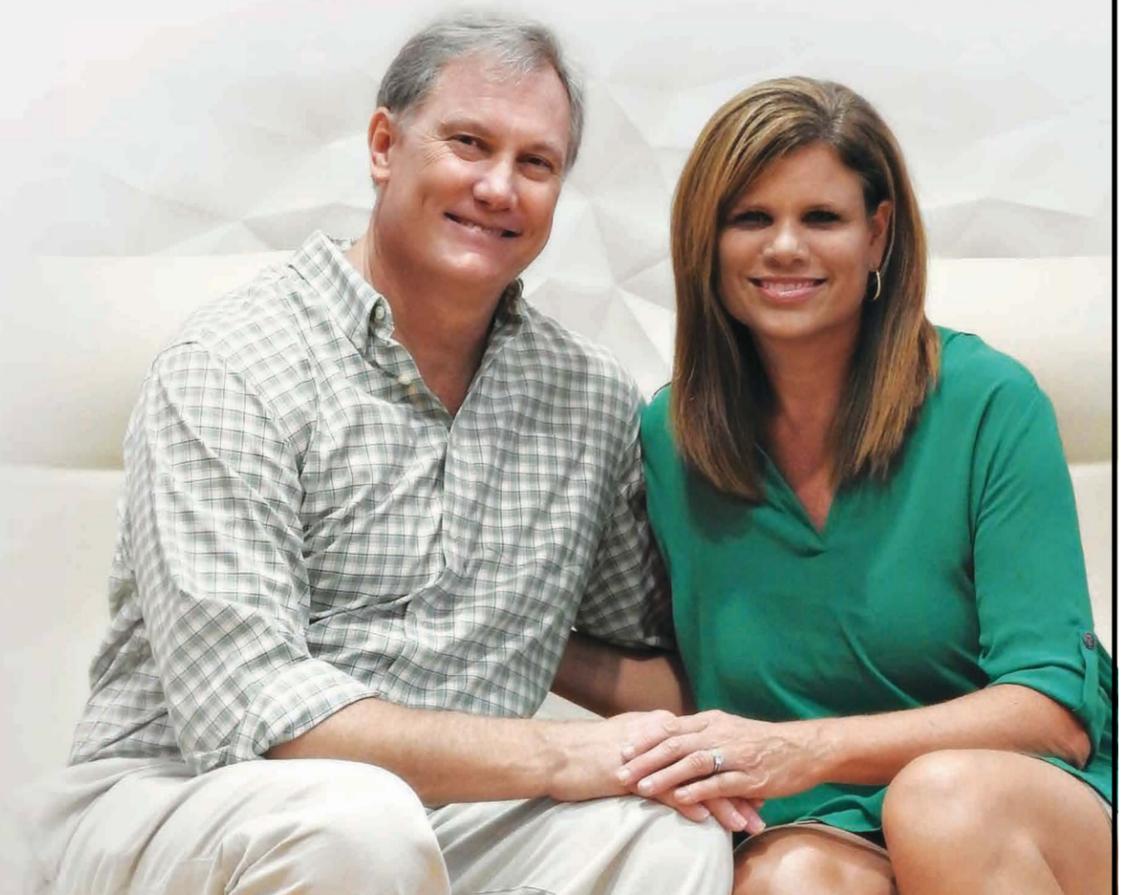
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We can only imagine what KK and her family are going through. Kaedyn is currently in the 4th grade and attends Woden ISD. Like you, I hate to see any child suffer and I am asking for our community to come together to help support this wonderful family, and most of all lets help and support Kaedyn.

We will be hosting a fundraising lunch that will take place on Friday, October, 12, 2018 from 11am to 2 pm at the Nacogdoches County Sheriff Office front lawn. We will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, beans, potato salad and dessert. We will have a tent set up; you can dine in, or simply drive thru.

Each plate will cost \$10 a piece. Our goal is to sell 500 plates. Please help us reach our goal. You can purchase tickets thru NCSO, simply stop by our office anytime from Monday thru Friday or give us a call. We also encourage people to drop off cards of support to Kaedyn as well. We will make sure she gets them.

As you know traveling back and forth to Houston will be expensive. Our goal is to lift one less burden from this family while they continue to win this battle they are facing. We ask for your continued prayers and support for Kaedyn Nelson and her family.

Our goal is to sell as many pre-tickets as possible for this event, but you can still purchase a plate the day of the fundraiser. Lowes has also donated a barbecue pit for the fundraiser. This barbecue pit will be on display at the fair at our booth, and we will hold a silent auction for it. I would also like to recognize Smokehouse restaurant. Heath Clement the owner has already graciously donated 100 pounds of meat for the event.

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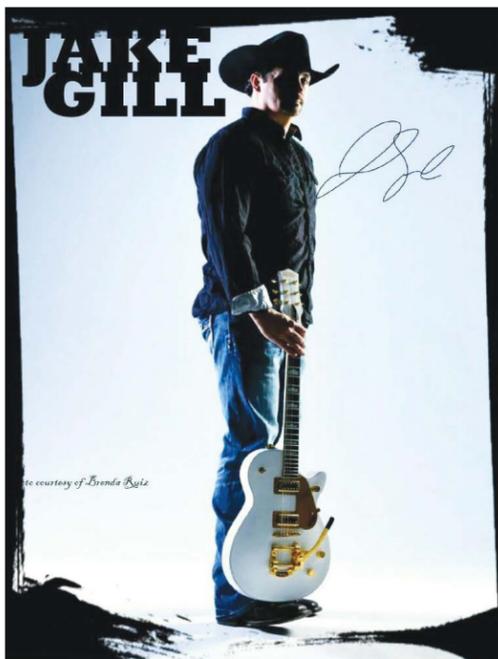
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Jake Gill Performs Saturday, October 13th at Lugnutz

Throughout the last two and half years, Jake Gill has raised tens of thousands of dollars for non-profit organizations around the world. Jake is excited to be teaming up with Reins of Hope, a non-profit 501c3 organization, whose mission is to provide therapeutic horseback programs to children and adults with a variety of physical, mental and emotional challenges. "I am excited to help get the Hope for Heroes program the credit it deserves." Recent research has demonstrated incredible results in treating veterans with PTSD. "I can't think of a greater honor than to serve a generation who gave so much to this country."

After a whirlwind tour across the US this summer, JAKE GILL has much to celebrate as his much anticipated fifth studio album MAVERICK IN ME has landed his 6th song on the Music Row Breakout Country Singles chart. BABY I'M ON IT continues to be a crowd favorite. The project features 10 news songs and will feature up to 4 radio releases. The Sylvia, KS native showed no signs of slowing down with the first of 12 shows in his new venue home in Nashville, TN, the famed Hard Rock Cafe. His tour this season has taken the singer to over 37 states and 180 shows and allowed the artist and his band to meet 100,000's of people and sample some of the country's best food. "The fresh seafood in the Gulf Coast has made the South a very popular stop for us. You just can't beat fresh crab legs and lobster," said Gill.



During his last show of the week on the MAVERICK IN ME TOUR in New York last week, Gill was fired up as the entire crowd learned the lyrics to his energy packed single "Half Way Though a Six Pack" which resulted in a large chorus of cheers. Dean McNeal with Dean Connections in Seatac, WA, said the show was a great success. Gill will continue the momentum on the MAVERICK IN ME TOUR in Nacogdoches at Lugnutz Bar on Oct 13th starting at 9 pm.

For more information on Jake Gill and Reins of Hope please visit JakeGill.net

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Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors will host a fundraising gala and an open house event in celebration of 125 years of service to the community the weekend of Oct. 19-20. The gala will take place at 6 p.m. October 19 and will benefit the Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, which supports the historic resources of the city. The open house will take place at 2 p.m. October 20. Both events will be held at Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors, 5400 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX, 75965.

Kent Crank will serve as the gala's auctioneer and the event will feature door prizes and giveaways. Four-seat sponsor tables are available for \$100 and individual seats are available for \$25 per person. Each ticket includes a pasta dinner, dessert and participation in the auction, and tickets are available at the Nacogdoches Visitors Bureau. All ticket sales and proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Historic Nacogdoches.

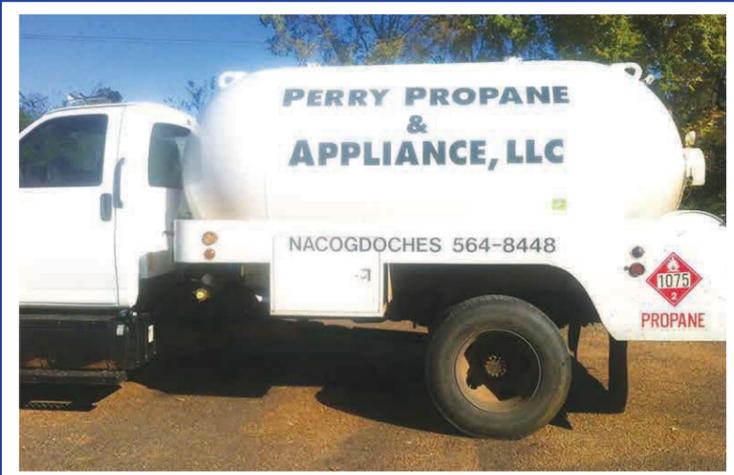
Saturday's anniversary celebration is open to the public and will feature Dr. Perky Beisel of Stephen F. Austin State University as a keynote speaker. Refreshments will be served and the Mix'n Matches trio will provide live music. Attendees will also enjoy display exhibits from the National Museum of Funeral History.

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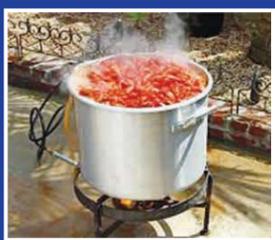
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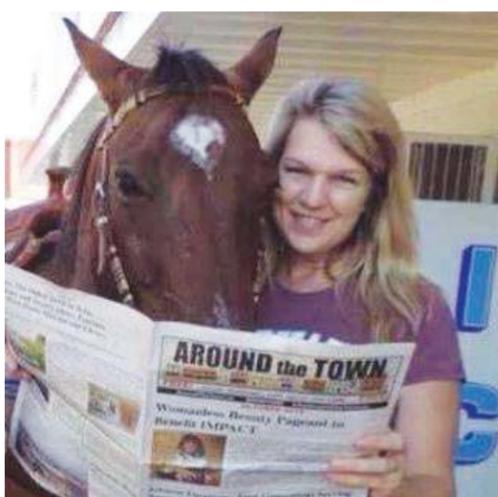
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55. Waikiki garland
57. *Letterman's successor
61. Do like in "A River Runs Through It"
65. To a bartender: "The ____"
66. Argonaut's propeller
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10. H.S. math class
11. Write on tombstone, e.g.
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15. Population count
20. Gold unit
22. Omega of electrical resistance

24. Perform a surgery
25. *Talker and Oscar, Grammy and Emmy host
26. Muralist Rivera
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How to Get the Most Out of Your Credit Card

(StatePoint) When it comes to purchases, Americans overwhelmingly prefer credit cards to cash or debit cards, yet few review the rewards and benefits that come with their card. This means millions of Americans may be missing out on experiences, cash back or other benefits that credit cards offer.

If you are one of the 77 percent of Americans that prefer to use credit cards, here are a few tips to make sure you are getting the most when it comes to a rewards card.

- **Do your research.** “The credit card rewards program you choose should fully align with your spending habits, interests and goals,” says Russ MacKaron, general manager of Card Experiences at USAA Bank. “A one-size-fits-all card doesn’t exist, so do research upfront.”

For example, if you travel often, a card that offers airline or hotel rewards may be the best fit.

The key is to avoid a rewards program that you’re not likely to use or that requires you to meet a certain spending requirement within a set period. Instead, choose a rewards card that allows you to earn points for everyday purchases, such as dining, gas and groceries. For example, the USAA Rewards Credit Cards offer extra points on all these items with no limit on how many you can earn.



- **Redeem rewards often.** According to MarketWatch, over \$16 billion worth of credit card rewards go unclaimed each year. One reason for this is the process for redeeming rewards can be confusing. What’s more, many credit cards have rewards that expire within a set timeframe. Read the fine print and redeem rewards multiple times per year to make sure you don’t lose out. There are several cards on the market that offer the option to earn unlimited points that never expire, such as the USAA Rewards Visa Signature Card.

Another simple way to guarantee you’re redeeming rewards regularly is to have your points automatically credited to your account each time you hit a set number. For example, changing your settings to redeem your rewards points each time you hit the 1,000-point mark will help you take full advantage of your rewards program, even if you forget an expiration date.

- **Note interest rates and other fees.** “Earning credit card rewards can be completely counterproductive if you end up paying hidden fees that outweigh the benefits,” warns MacKaron.

If you’re paying an annual fee that adds up to more than the rewards you redeem, you’re likely not making the most of your credit card rewards program. A card with a low interest rate may seem like the most attractive option at first glance. However, according to TheBalance.com, there are three other key fees in addition to the annual membership fee you should look out for: teaser rates, balance transfer fees and late fees.

To learn more about reward credit cards options, visit usaa.com/creditcards.

Finding the right credit card can take time and energy, but earning and redeeming rewards will make the effort worthwhile.

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The Way Things Were



Old Stone Fort as it appeared in the late 1800s. This photo is circa 1885.

Snapshot from Around the Town

The office of Nacogdoches County Clerk, June Clifton, is staffed by a friendly and helpful group of ladies.

We’re happy to feature these lovely ladies in this month’s edition. L-R: Geovanna Reyes, Dona Bass, June Clifton, Sylvia Burrqueta, Becky Crawford, Jennifer Allen and Sandra Ferretiz.



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Kilroy Was Here

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.



If you were born prior to WWII you probably knew Kilroy. You might have had a yellow or orange lapel pin with his nose hanging over the label, and the top of his hands hanging over the label, too. I really never knew why Kilroy was so popular, or who he was, but I joined in the fun of “Kilroy Was Here,” but who the heck was Kilroy? Where did he come from and how did he get so world famous?

The search for Kilroy officially began in 1946 when the radio program “Speak To America” sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

It seems that the “Kilroy Was Here” began quite by accident. Mr. James Kilroy worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets that had been produced. Riveters were on a piece-work and got paid by each rivet produced.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets would not be counted twice. However, when Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase his mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

His boss called Kilroy on the carpet about all the extra wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. After checking he realized what had been going on behind his back. Rejecting paint, Kilroy opted to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added “Kilroy Was Here” in large letters next to the check mark. He eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence. This all became a part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.



Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered with paint. However, with the war on ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there was not time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy’s inspection “trademark” was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troop ships the yard had produced. This message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war’s end, “Kilroy” had been there, here, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the outbound troops in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had “been there first.” As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops and left the logo. In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide, “Who is Kilroy?”

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He proved his case and won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift. It was set up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

Now you know who and what Kilroy was. I can remember owning one of the lapel pins which I put in my top coat pocket on occasion. You might still find one at a garage sale somewhere if you look carefully.

Yes, “Kilroy Was Here” truly was an American phenomenon which helped our country through the war quite by accident. And now you know.

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San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce hosts "SASSAFRAS FESTIVAL"

Come join us at the 28th annual Sassafras Festival in Downtown Historic San Augustine Texas!

There will be good ole' fashion fun for all ages. The festivities start off Friday evening with "Burgers and Bingo" beginning at 6:00. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 the day of bingo.

The festival will start off at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning and will go all day. We will have: Live Music - Arts and Crafts Vendors - Food Vendors - a Petting Zoo - Pet Show - Classic Car "Shine & Show" - Halloween Costume Contest - "Rae Estes" BBQ Cook- Off.

There will also be a Walk to End Alzheimer's that will start here at the Chamber of Commerce at 6:00 a.m.

Also that day San Augustine High School Grand Reunion, everyone who went to San Augustine School please come and catch up with old friends.

We are having several contests: Old Fashion Fudge Contest - Art Show- Photography Contest and *New* this year Show Your Talent!

If you would like to sign up for any of these contests or participate in the BBQ Cook Off, or if you would like to reserve a vendor space today, please call the San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce at 936-275-3610 or email us at saccc611@gmail.com to receive your application or simply ask a question.

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Wyman Roberts Funeral Home, A Part of the History of San Augustine

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Mr. Roberts operated the Wyman Roberts Funeral Home until his death in 1950. Mr. Roberts's widow, Marie Sparks Roberts and second husband Charley Lawrence continued operation until 1983 at which time the business was sold to Al and Johnnie Godsey.

The Godsey's operated the business from 1983 until 1994 when the Godsey's sold the business to a corporation based in Lufkin, Texas called ECI. ECI sold out to SCI in 2000. SCI was a Houston based corporation.

SCI sold the business to new owners Mike and Debbie Jackson and Charles and Lisa Sharp of Heritage Family Services, Inc in 2007. They owned the company until 2012 at which time they sold it to present day owners CMG Funeral Partners, LLC, a Nacogdoches based company. David Hargrove is the manager.



Charles Sharp - President Emeritus.



Vicky McElhaney - Office Manager.



Doyle Birdwell - Ambassador.



Jaki and David Hargrove - Manager.



L-R: Leon Rudd, Marie Roberts, Wyman Roberts and Charlie Lawrence - 1946.



The historic San Augustine County Courthouse was erected in 1927. Designed by Lufkin architect Shirley Simons in the Classical Revival style.



SHELBY COUNTY

Children's Advocacy Center Expands

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

The Mission of the **Children's Advocacy Center**, formally called the **Shelby County CAC**, which now serves **Shelby and San Augustine Counties**, is to promote emotional and physical healing of child abuse victims by uniting the efforts of public agencies and enlisting community support to optimize the prevention, detection, assessment, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse cases.

Signs of child abuse can be subtle, and in many cases, nonexistent. Changes in your child's routine or new unexplained behaviors are worth a second look. Unexplained injuries, changes in emotional behavior, fear of going home, changes in eating, changes in sleep, changes in school performance or attendance, lack of personal care in hygiene, risk-taking behaviors, and inappropriate sexual behaviors. Sadly, the statistics show that one in ten children will be molested before their eighteenth birthday.

The CAC works together with a multi-disciplinary team that consists of law enforcement, a family advocate, a forensic interviewer who will interview the children, child protection services, and they employ mental health providers to complete their staff. They meet with their multi-disciplinary team on a regular basis.

They provide free counseling for victims and their non-offending care-givers. They also provide training for local schools for both students and teachers. They are taught about prevention and how to recognize and report abuse if it happens. This is a free service they offer to any community organizations, social clubs, or churches.

This is a non-profit organization so they rely on the community to help fund them. They are supported by a grant but they need financial support from the community too since the grant only matches the donations. Funding also comes from various fund raising efforts, and donations by individuals, businesses, and area churches.

The **Children's Advocacy Center** is one of seventy-one other members of **CACTX**. The Center serves children in **Shelby and San Augustine Counties** that are victims of crimes and/or neglect. For more information about how to **donate** or **volunteer** call: **936-590-9864**.

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