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Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Salon & Boutique

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Vidalia Dee Bishop says she is in the business of helping people discover the beauty in themselves. Like her namesake, the sweet vidalia onion, she has many layers; hers are comprised of learned skills and many natural talents. This lovely, soft-spoken woman, who was born in Louisiana, but is now proud to claim Nacogdoches as her home, is the owner/manager of the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and she is quick to point out that they do way more than simply sell make-up. Ms. Bishop is a licensed cosmetologist and aesthetician, so they do ear piercing, facials, face and eyebrow waxing, microdermabrasion, rejuvalight, and included in the salon is an inviting boutique that encourages browsing. They have a wide selection of colorful jewelry, clothing, purses and so much more. Like she said, they offer much, much more than simply cosmetics.



Dee says, "We don't sell cosmetics to just cover up your skin flaws. We have a line of products that will definitely heal any skin flaws and improve your overall complexion. By using Merle Norman Cosmetics I see good skin look better and

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They love when someone comes in and requests a make-over for a very special event, like their wedding or high school prom, but they also welcome someone who simply solicits help from them in how they should apply their own makeup. Ms. Bishop firmly believes that God guided her and her husband, Emerson, to Texas. She says they have bonded with so many of their customers over the past twenty years, "In fact," she tells me, "on February 23rd we will be here for twenty-one years." They have made some very special friends over that time and consider themselves to be very blessed to live in Nacogdoches. "My dear sweet husband, who was retired until he started working for me, helps out as a clerk, does all the ordering," then she laughingly adds, "and he is also our janitor. But all kidding aside, he loves it here as much as I do."

From powder to polish, mascara to moisturizer, Merle Norman continues to create technologically advanced skin care and color cosmetics that meet the ongoing needs of their diverse customers. Their staff is carefully trained and dedicated

to helping you select the products that are right for you. Their long-term commitment to personalized service and a unique philosophy of "try before you buy," which was instituted back in 1931 when the Merle Norman brand was created and is still honored today, guarantees your assurance of satisfaction. But with business owners like Dee and Emerson, there really isn't any need for all the guarantees. Quality is a given. Friendship is a perk.

The current promo is "Vow to wow. We'll show you how" and I'm sure they will.

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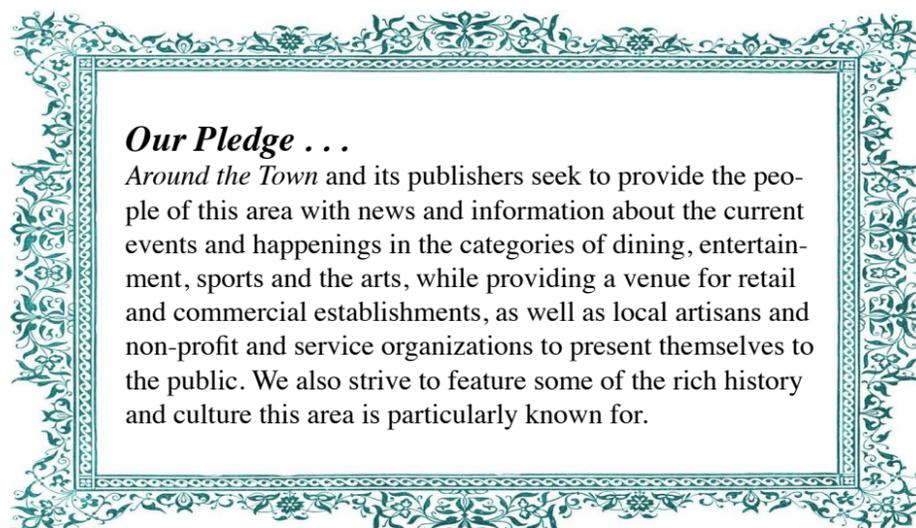
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Reynaldo P. Morin, Attorney at Law

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Being charged with a crime can have a drastic impact on your life and future, it is important to have an experienced criminal defense lawyer on your side to protect your rights and interests. The Law Office of Reynaldo P. Morin, PLLC, can defend you against even the most severe criminal charges.

He has successfully represented East Texas clients against a broad range of felony and misdemeanor charges, both in state and federal courts. He is a former State and Federal Prosecutor who has been practicing since 1994. He began his career as an Assistant District Attorney for the 81st Judicial District Attorney's Office. In 2000, he accepted a position as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) with the Eastern District of Texas.

Both the lawyer and the defendant must be on the same page for the judicial process to function properly. Unfortunately, many Texans facing prosecution don't get the opportunity to speak directly to their representation in court since they may have to use an interpreter while seeking legal counsel. Spanish speakers in Nacogdoches County, however, finally have a defense attorney who can get the whole story from his clients without the details becoming lost in translation.

Everyone facing criminal charges deserves a solid criminal defense strategy as well as an attorney who will devote time and attention to his or her case. As your lawyer, Mr. Morin will take the time to learn about your situation, address your concerns, evaluate your circumstances, and recommend a defense option that will minimize penalties and obtain the best possible outcome. He has a straightforward approach that is appreciated by clients, judges and legal colleagues.



As the only Spanish-speaking attorney in Nacogdoches and the surrounding area, he offers a unique opportunity to defendants who need direct conversation. He says, "These people need to talk in confidence; they're not going to open up to an interpreter and often times, scheduling is difficult between the attorney, defendant, and interpreter."

He feels that his background in prosecution makes him a better defense attorney. "I know both sides of each case," Morin says. "I know what's legal evidence and what isn't. I've got a great foundation, and got all the training I needed while working with the Justice Department."

As an experienced criminal defense attorney, he has the skills and knowledge required to obtain the best possible outcome for your federal charges. He has an insider understanding of the federal indictment process as well as the policies prosecutors are required to follow in criminal cases. He uses this knowledge to confront clients' charges head-on, working vigorously to achieve favorable results.

Morin is the son of migrant farm workers. He was born and raised in San Antonio, and his parents spoke no English while he was growing up. "I remember watching novellas with my mother," Morin said. "I had ten brothers and sisters."

He has worked long and hard to get where he is and he is finally at a place where he can take some time to enjoy life. He is fond of fishing and hunting, most often with his two sons, but the whole family loves camping and his wife and daughter are happy to join them, "as long as we take the RV" he says.

He also says he has enjoyed the transition from prosecution to defense. "The transition hasn't been difficult, I love what I'm doing. I have a love for the law, for the decorum of the courtroom."

For a free initial consultation with an experienced Nacogdoches federal criminal defense attorney, call 936-205-1993 or send an email using the online form. Evening, weekend and off-site appointments are available upon request.

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Cathy J. Marberry – Interior Designer, Johnson Furniture

There are certain name brands in Furniture that you just immediately recognize, and Bassett is one of them! A trusted name of good quality and fashionable upholstery, dining room and bedroom furniture as well as occasional and accent pieces. With a huge selection of fabrics and optional choices in selection as well as custom ability, Bassett's upholstery line is one of my

"go to" choices when clients ask what brand sofa or chair they should buy. While Johnson's carries many great choices, Massoud, King Hickory, Lazyboy, Mayo, Craftmaster, England and Flexsteel, Bassett gives customers a wide in price point. From their starter upholstery in their Performance Upholstery Product category, to the Club Level Upholstery Motion furniture options, to the CU.2 custom, which has some limited custom options all the way to their Full Custom line, you can get a Name Brand sofa in the starter collection or get a great quality Custom sofa in a mid-range price! There are even some selections that are recognized just by their style name.

The Performance Upholstery has 9 different stationary collections offering sofa, love, chair/ottomans. While this collection has limited base fabric choices, it lets you choose from the Revolution Fabric handle which is a stain resistant fabric for the ultimate in kid protection! (great for grownups that tend to be messy, as well!) Then you can choose from a selection of pillow fabrics to help customize just for your home. You also have the choice of getting nail heads if you prefer. The limitations just help keep the price down.

The Club Level upholstery is Bassett's Motion furniture in a leather/vinyl match. Leather is everywhere that touches you, and vinyl match on the sides and back that basically never gets any wear and tear! This collection offers each style in 2 top grain leather stock colors, as well as 18 other great top grain colors to choose from. Don't want motion in leather? Well they have lots of other selections in Motion fabrics as well! Just go to another category!

The CU.2 is Bassett's starter Custom category. It gives you choices of a 3 cushion sofa with a Loose boxed back or a 2 cushion sofa option with a Semi-attached back. Then select from 4 arm styles, pick your base fabric and pillow fabric and you're ready to order! This category also gives you sectional choices as well as sleepers!

The Custom category is the ULTIMATE in Bassett. Still get it to your home in around a 4 week turnaround and you get to build it exactly like you want it! From fringe or cording options, nail heads or not, selecting your cushion choice, arm style, back style and leg/skirt options, as well as 2 cushion sofas, or 3 cushion sofas, to chairs, chair and a half to sectionals....you can easily find what you are looking for in this category!

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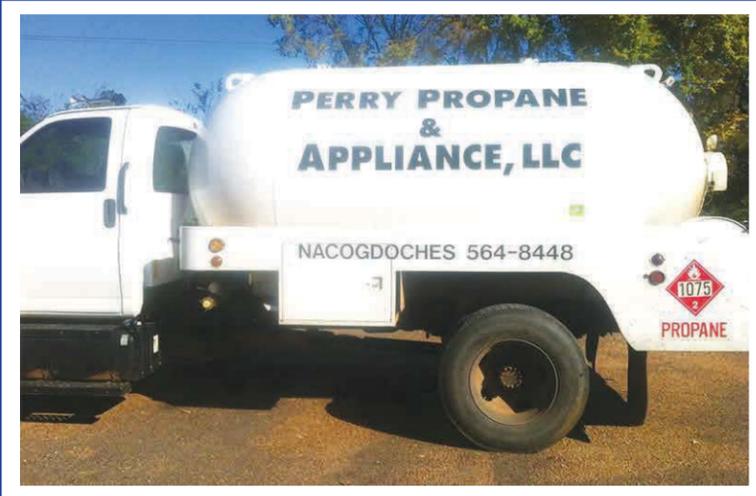
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Keeping Our School Kids Safe

All you need to get your day going and your blood pumping is a bomb threat on a school campus and sitting in the middle of the traffic jam that results from it. Just ask the officials at Hudson ISD or the hundreds of parents and grandparents who received that dreaded message from the school on January 31.

I have never been in a location where there was a bomb threat until I received a call from my granddaughter at Hudson Middle School. Unable to reach her parents, her voice sounded a little frightened. I told her I was on my way.

It was close to noon when the school sent out the automated calls and announcements to pick up students. Maybe you have received a similar message. This is not the first bomb threat at East Texas schools recently. It's not a message you ever want to receive and I am sure it is not one a school official ever wants to send.

For whatever reason in today's world, there are those who enjoy terrorizing others. This could have been no more than a student just playing a harmless prank and wanting to get out of school early, but school officials and law enforcement took it very seriously.

I watched as school officials, Angelina County Sheriff's deputies, Department of Public Safety troopers, Texas Rangers, volunteer firemen, Texas game wardens and Hudson Police officers directed the sudden influx of vehicles while still working to keep east and westbound traffic moving.

I think those of us who live our lives in East Texas are fortunate to be blessed with good schools filled with good students. Terror is the last thing on our minds when we drop off our kids at school each day because we trust our school officials to keep our children safe. They do their jobs well.

You never know how you will react when it's your own child in the slightest way of danger. Parents will do almost anything to protect their children, and a grandparent-well, don't even go there. When I spotted by granddaughters, I am sure the smile on my face was bigger than theirs. Since they missed lunch, we made a run through Whataburger. It made their day – that and the memory of a bomb threat in middle school, a memory that I hope is never repeated.

I don't know of a single vehicle accident that day and all of the students made it home safely. Oh, and a big thanks to the bomb-sniffing canine officer whose nose didn't find a thing. He also deserves a treat at Whataburger.

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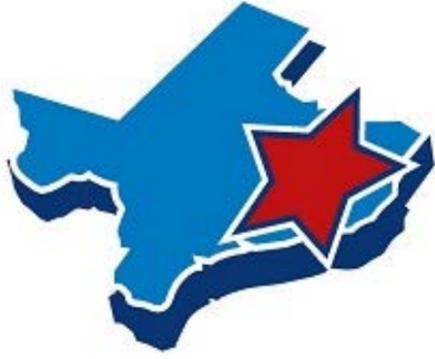
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If you joined us for the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo & Steer Show last year you got to see the outstanding performance by the Roselake Equestrian Drill Team at the opening of the show each night. This event will be the first Drill Competition of the season for our area this year.

Ribbons will be awarded for every placing in each division. Special prizes are planned for each rider on the 1st place team in all divisions!

Stalls and RV Hook-Ups are available and concessions will be open on Saturday.

For more information, hotel links, and restaurant recommendations check out the Drill in the Pines Facebook page or call Miriam Mumm at (936) 559-8222!

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MARCH 22-24, 2018 – THE NACOGDOCHES PRO RODEO & STEER SHOW!

The Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo & Steer Show benefiting the Nacogdoches Jaycees will begin Thursday, March 22nd and continue through Saturday, March 24th. The gates will open at 6:30 nightly followed by Mutton Bustin' at 7:00 with the Pro Rodeo action beginning at 7:45PM with a performance by the Roselake Ranch Equestrian Drill Team. If you are interested in being a vendor at the rodeo, please call out office at 936-564-0849!

Presale Tickets are available at Boot Barn or Boles Feed in Nacogdoches. Presale ticket prices are \$5 for Children (4&UP); \$7 for Adults; \$15 for the 2 Day Armband. Gate Ticket Prices will be \$7 for Children (4&Up) and \$10 for Adults. Free Kid Tickets will be distributed at all Nacogdoches County Elementary School for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade, so check those backpacks!

The Thursday Night Admission Special, sponsored by SOUTHERN POWER, is only \$2 per person benefiting the Cushing ISD Angel Tree.

If you'd like to register your child for Mutton Bustin', sponsored by DEEP EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC CO-OP & KICKS 105, you can do so at Boot Barn in Nacogdoches. The registration deadline is Friday, March 16th. Ten participants will be chosen at random for each night. Children must be between the ages of 3-7 years of age, weigh less than 60 pounds, and have no major health problems. A release of liability waiver must be signed by the child's parent or guardian in order to participate. If chosen for Mutton Bustin', the child and their parent or guardian must sign in at the Civic Center by 6:30PM. Because the children must be given safety instructions and equipment prior to participating, they must be present at the North Arena Chutes no later than 6:45.

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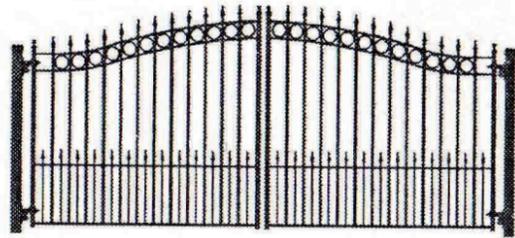


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MARCH 24, 2018 – SHAWNEE HILL TRAIL RIDE

The Shawnee Hill Trail Ride will roll through historic Nacogdoches once again. You can find the map on our website at nacexpo.net or on our Facebook page. If you'd like to register call Pam Hamby at 936-564-1119.

April events include the American Cancer Relay for Life and Survivors Dinner, Region V High School Rodeo, Nacogdoches Rotary Club's Old Stone Fort Bike Ride, Nacogdoches Jaycees Red Dirt Mud Run, Vintage Market Days, and the return of the Do Dat BBQ! For information on all our events check out our Facebook page at nacexpo.net

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Azaleas, Spring Weekend Attractions to Bloom in March



Stephanie Fontenot
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If you were to ask Visitor Services Coordinator Mike Bay, also known as "Mr. Nacogdoches," about one of the most frequently asked questions received by the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau staff this time of year, he'd almost certainly reply, "When is the best time to come and see the azaleas?"

Our phone lines are currently alive with azalea inquiries and that reinforces something known to all Nacogdoches residents - spring in Texas' oldest town is like no other. We're excited to share that many local garden experts expect to see vibrant blooms near mid-March and possibly even early April. That's all subject to change, of course, but peak azalea season is certainly near. If you or someone you know will be traveling to Nacogdoches to witness these gorgeous

pink, purple and white blooms, have them reach out to the Visit Nacogdoches staff. We're more than happy to facilitate various tours and make sure they truly experience this one-of-a-kind season in the Garden Capital of Texas. We especially invite visitors to spend a night and also take advantage of the many wonderful garden events taking place this time of year. We've developed overnight itineraries specifically for that purpose. For bloom updates and more information, go to NacogdochesAzaleas.com.

Another highly anticipated March event is the Nacogdoches Pro Rodeo and Steer Show, which will take place Thursday, March 22 through Saturday, March 24, at the Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center. Attendees will be entertained by professional bull and saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, youth mutton bustin' competitions and more. For more information about the rodeo including tickets, go to www.NacExpo.net.

The Nacogdoches Farmer's Market Spring Fling and Main Street's Shop and Stroll also will take place that same Saturday, so go ahead and book your stay to enjoy a full weekend of oldest town events.

Lastly, join us as we end the month on a high note with another praise for spring and warm weather opportunities. The Hog Wild Wine, Whiskey and Brew Tour, sponsored by Lumberjack Harley-Davidson, will take place Friday, March 30. We'll guide you on a bus tour that visits three Nacogdoches libation locations: The Fredonia Brewery, Naca Valley Vineyard and the Front Porch Distillery. Our last tour sold out quickly, so be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Find more information and a link to purchase tickets at www.VisitNacogdoches.org/wwb.



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It is after midnight and we are in the UPSHAW COMMUNITY OF WESTERN NACOGDOCHES COUNTY. Texas Highway Patrolman, DAVID FISCHER, is lying down in the floor board of his patrol car and calling Lufkin DPS on his radio. “2442 to Lufkin State, notify Nacogdoches Sheriffs Office and advise them the suspect has shot at us..... get some help headed our way!” Lufkin DPS responded, “10-4 2442, I will advise.... KKH 775!” **BACKGROUND:** It is Thursday night, May 16, 1972, and I was riding with veteran Texas Highway Patrolman, DAVID FISCHER. With us was JERRY WEEMS, a seasoned officer and the new resident



Texas Highway Patrolman David Fischer.

deputy of Chireno. Deputy Weems had called Fischer and asked to ride. We picked him up in Chireno and spent three or four hours together. It was a very routine night and a little before midnight Jerry wanted to return to Chireno. We were headed that way and were within two miles of Chireno when the dispatcher called and reported a major problem in the Upshaw Community. The dispatcher, MACK CRANFORD, reported that a suspect had assaulted his elderly parents, set fire to their barn, and then ran off with a gun. Fischer advised that we were “10-4 and 10-76!” We arrived at Upshaw about 12:30 and immediately found that the grocery store was open and full of people. Just east of the store we could see the burning barn. Going inside the store we found ourselves in the middle of a community meeting. The topic: what are we going to do about our neighbor and his emotional problems? They also pointed out the suspect’s parents home near the burning barn. At the parent’s we found two young men outside armed with a 12 gauge shotgun. They were protecting the property and were afraid the man would come back and cause more damage. We were advised that he had fled carrying a .410 shotgun and had run towards the Church. **THE INCIDENT:** As we were getting out of the car, Fischer called LUFKIN DPS and stated we would be out in the Upshaw Community searching for a armed mental suspect. The Upshaw Community has been in existence since the 1850s and is located south of Lilbert and approximately one and one-half miles east of the Angelina River. In the heart of the Community there was a grocery store on the right (north), the Church some 70 yards on the left (south), and another row of buildings straight to the west. With information that the suspect had run to the Church, Fischer pulled into the “court yard” with his headlights shining on the Church. Directly behind us was the grocery store where the Community leaders were gathered. Fischer and Weems began slipping up to the Church to check it. Etched into my brain is the image I saw as I watched Jerry slip quietly to the northeast corner of the church. He pulled his hat off and eased it around the corner two or three times very quickly. He was fully expecting it to be shot out of his hand! Finding nothing, they began slowly slipping back to the HIGHWAY PATROL UNIT. As they neared the patrol car, I hear a loud bump and as I am staring into complete darkness, the muzzle blast erupts from it as the suspect shot at us with a .22 rifle, not the .410 shotgun. David and Jerry immediately dove to the front of the patrol car and were on the ground on each side of the license plate. I am kneeling at the driver’s door. **THE STORY CONTINUES:**



Center standing, veteran East Texas Peace Officer Jerry Weems; standing right is former Police Sergeant and Mayor Richard Johnson; and kneeling is long time Nacogdoches Police Chief M.C. Roebuck.

David and Jerry, within seconds, moved to the side of the left front tire. David has pulled his COLT REVOLVER and while peering over the hood, said to me, not seeing that I have his DPS REMINGTON 870 pump in my hands, “Roger, the shotgun is in its case.” I said, “No, it’s not.” He then says, “There is not a round in the chamber!” I said, “YES, THERE IS !!” David knew we had to immediately change our location. With Jerry at the front left tire, I was at the left rear tire, and David was lying down in the seat and floorboard so he could back the car up to a safer location. As he backed up he turned the car so the headlights would sweep the buildings and towards the spot the shot had come from. I remember thinking as David is backing the car up, “Doing the duck walk is easy with the motivation we have!” As I stated in the beginning, David has called LUFKIN DPS to get us help after the shot is fired. The first officer got to us within twenty minutes and that was TEXAS DPS LICENSE AND WEIGHT TROOPER, DON BAILEY. Some twenty minutes after that, TEXAS GAME WARDEN, WAYNE COFFMAN, and NACOGDOCHES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPUTY CALVIN BYARS both drove up. Then it was NACOGDOCHES COUNTY SHERIFF, JOHN LIGHTFOOT, and his dog handler, JAMES BREWER. Arriving in short order were TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMEN, JOE EVANS and PETE BAGGETT. Other officers also responded to offer their assistance. With everyone meeting with the Sheriff, I quickly learned valuable law enforcement decision making from JOHN LIGHT-



Sheriff John Lightfoot. Nacogdoches County Sheriff Jan. 1, 1961-Dec. 31, 1984.

FOOT. The Sheriff quickly announced that he would not turn the dogs loose until daylight for the following reasons. #1 “We know who he is.” #2 “Nobody got hurt.” #3 “I am not going to get someone hurt here in the dark.” **MORE INFORMATION:** To pass the time until daylight, Sheriff Lightfoot stayed in the store with the Community Elders, where they could be heard discussing the immediate problem, as well finer points of the Bible. A little before 3 am the Sheriff announced that he wanted STATE GAME WARDEN, TOM SMITH, called. When Tom Smith was heard on the radio saying, “3206 10-8. Enroute to the Upshaw community.” Tom got a call from the Sheriff requesting that you “stop at JOHN’S RESTAURANT and pickup 24 hamburgers

for my Men out here.” We did not need drinks because, remember, the store was open! ABOUT 3 AM, Joe Evans and I were again walking back and forth between the store and the home near the burned down barn when we met a elderly lady identified as the suspect ‘s aunt coming out of the house. She said, “You men might as well go home. He is gone.” We both knew immediately that she had just spoken to him. **DAYLIGHT: THE DOGS WERE TAKEN TO WHERE THE SHOT WAS FIRED FROM** and turned loose. They trailed behind all the buildings and back to the home of the suspect ‘s parents. The suspect was not there. They then took the dogs and began a circle out from the house where they, with old MAJOR in the lead, struck a trail taking them deeper into the woods. Following this trail they soon came to the house belonging to the Aunt that Evans and I had spoken with at 3 am!! Officers circled the house where the Aunt came out and denied anyone was there. At this point her husband calmly said, “MA, they know he is here.... see all these guns sticking in all the windows. Tell him to come on out.” And he did ...peacefully. **CONCLUSION:** The person arrested was known through out the Lilbert and Douglass Communities as a hard working and decent human being that was experiencing tough times. SHERIFF JOHN LIGHTFOOT, with compassion and understanding helped this individual resolve his problems. I never heard of him ever causing anymore problems. **THE FINAL CONCLUSION:** TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN DAVID FISCHER and I got back to the Court House at 8:15 am on that Friday morning. We had departed from there the previous afternoon at 5 pm. As I am getting out of the car, David said, “I come back on duty at 5pm this afternoon; Do you want to ride?” I answered, “Sure do, I will see you.” At 5:15pm that afternoon, David was stopping his first violator and I heard him calmly saying, “I am DAVID FISCHER with the TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL, I stopped you in reference to your speed. Do you have a emergency reason to be speeding?” I am standing there thinking, “Whoa, you are too calm to have been shot at only 16 hours ago!” Thus ends another incident with my friends of THE TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL and NACOGDOCHES COUNTY.



Texas Highway Patrolmen from left to right: Pete Baggett, David Fischer, Joe Evans and Paul Hopson.



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Chamber Connection
 by Kelly Daniel
 Executive Vice President,
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Big Gatherings Happening in March

The Chamber is ready to partner with the City of Nacogdoches in March with a celebration for the 20th anniversary of the City's Main Street program. On March 2, the Chamber will hold its first Member Mixer event and the host is Main Street! The Member Mixer is from 5 to 8 p.m. Along with all Chamber members, the entire community is invited to the celebration, and Main Street Director Amy Mehaffey is planning an evening of enjoyment with a "Roaring 20s" theme and includes Main Street merchants. Chamber members and guests will meet at the Plaza Principal Stage (attached to the south side of the Charles Bright Visitors Center) around 5:30 p.m. for brief announcements. Our new Chamber members have been asked to display their products and services, so all can get to know them better. After quick comments from Main Street, the City and Chamber leaders, guests may browse the new member product displays and then stroll our beautiful historic downtown and its businesses that are staying open late for this occasion. If you can't make the Member Mixer on Friday, March 2, then please remember to wish all the downtown merchants a "happy 20th birthday" whenever you might be visiting their businesses.

Also in March, The Chamber will team up with R&K Distributors for Alive After Five on Wednesday, March 21. I think it is safe to say that R&K Distributors, Inc. has hosted the March Alive After Five for decades, but there is no doubt that this is one of the largest attended Alive After Five events that so many look forward to each year. Scott Goodrich at R&K has promised another business-after-hours event that won't disappoint with food from Classic Fare Catering, live music and great door prizes from R&K and Townsquare Media. He is ready to introduce some innovative new beers, so plan to try some good, new tastings! The Alive After Five will be held on the ground floor of the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center, so there's room for everyone!

Other Chamber events happening in March are: Member Success Orientation, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 20 at the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce. Open to all Chamber members and designed to explain all the benefits the Chamber offers, so that members may choose the Chamber tools and opportunities that fit their businesses the best.

Ribbon Cutting celebrating the new food pantry at Nacogdoches HOPE, 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 28 at 2100 E. Main St. Contact Executive Director Denise Lee at 936-559-1801 for more information.

I encourage all to take a look at The Chamber's online event calendar to keep up with the exciting things going on in the City, County and beyond. Find the "Calendar" link at www.Nacogdoches.org. You are invited to post your events, too!

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ACROSS

1. Can't stomach
6. Styling goo
9. Hightailed it
13. Ten million, in India
14. "____ takers?"
15. Like a girl
16. Spanish small plates
17. School of thought suffix
18. Pay hike
19. *Oscar nominated meet-the-parents thriller
21. *He played Getty
23. Right-angle building extension
24. Splints site
25. Mammoth site, e.g.
28. Write on a tombstone
30. Self-centeredness
35. Land measure
37. Crucifix
39. "Sesame Street" regular
40. *In 1992 De Niro was nominated for "Cape _____"
41. *Best category
43. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex"
44. Desert mirage
46. S-shaped molding
47. Dionysus' party
48. "____ the unexpected"
50. Celestial bear
52. Rolodex abbr.
53. Purple precipitation
55. Before, old English
57. *Evacuation location
61. *Olympic hopeful's story
64. Deprive of weapons
65. *Sarandon was nominated for "Lorenzo's _____" in 1993
67. Unfit
69. Like anchor aweigh
70. Zilch
71. *Cathy Bates' or Louise Fletcher's role
72. Google _____
73. Bro's sibling
74. Had supper

DOWN

1. Steffi of tennis
2. "Me and _____ and the Dying Girl"
3. Cocoyam
4. Native of American Great Plains
5. Very much
6. 0.001 inches, pl.
7. Mozart's "L' _____ del Cairo"
8. Hajj destination
9. Head-hiding place
10. Bad to the bone
11. Post-it slip
12. Like some martinis
15. Broad-brimmed beachwear
20. Watts events, 1965
22. Make a scene
24. Hard to pin down
25. *Avian symbol of love, pl.
26. "Umble" Heep
27. Crafter's wood
29. Impulse
31. Iranian coin
32. Cockatoo's cousin
33. Rome's Colosseum
34. *Paper greetings
36. Suggestive look
38. *Valentine's Day Get-together
42. Medicinal worm
45. Up in the air
49. Tsetse, e.g.
51. Traveling entertainer's helper
54. Opposite of rural
56. Aung San Suu Kyi's home
57. Vicki Lawrence's Thelma Harper
58. Echoed by the flock
59. Source of zest
60. Those in a play
61. Uber competitors
62. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword
63. Bolsheviks
64. Like sashimi
66. Schiller's " _____ to Joy"

Puzzle answers on page 23.

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The Greek word translated “humility” is a combination of two words which mean “to be low in your thinking.” It is translated in the Bible as “lowliness” and “lowly minded.” The Victorian pulpit giant Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892) once said: “Humility is to make a right assessment of one’s own self. Do not be proud of race, face, or grace.”

One of my favorite illustrations about humility is titled “Acting Medium” and comes from the writings of Charles Swindoll. He tells of some children who had worked long and hard on their own little cardboard shack. It was to be a special spot – a clubhouse – where they could meet in solemn assembly or just laugh, play games, and fool around. As they thought long and hard about their rules, they came up with three rather perceptive ones:

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2. Nobody act small.
3. Everybody act medium.

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Cotton Dresses

by Jerry Permenter

They wore cotton dresses, almost always, inexpensive ones they'd made from a pattern, or had a neighboring seamstress sew for them in exchange for baking bread, churning butter or milking a cow down by the barn. They had a good dress for Sundays and trips to town, but mostly they wore those simple cotton dresses, with a pocketed apron, to hold everything from clothes pins to milk money.

In Nacogdoches County, the women who raised me lived down every country road I knew, and could be seen outdoors on many a winter morning, hanging their wash out, hoping it would dry before the next freeze, so their husband would have a clean shirt for his next day's work. Their days often began sooner than anyone's, as they were building a fire, getting kids ready for the school bus, cooking breakfast or ironing their clothes.

Work wasn't done then, either, as they'd tend the fire or begin the shopping list for the next week, maybe putting on a pot of soup while they planned a holiday meal. Their hands always showed the amount of work, and no lotion or creams could take away the damage inflicted by the hard sun under which they labored. Those hands picked many a garden row as well, shelling butterbeans or snapped peas into the late evening light, sometimes the only sound coming from a front porch was of their labor, peas ringing against the side of an enormous porcelain pan. Some of my earliest memories were of catching lightning bugs while hearing the murmur of ladies talking as they shelled peas into an East Texas evening.

I remember how fine my mother could cut up onions, peppers and pecans for a holiday stuffing. The bright colors so symmetrical in their bowls was an art to behold. Even when her hands became twisted with arthritis and age, she knew how to hold the knife to cut and peel as precisely as ever.

When they weren't doing, they were teaching their children how to do for themselves. A community of East Texas women taught me how to plant potatoes and tomatoes, sow corn seed and even drive a tractor. One neighbor would always invite me into her house for dinner after I mowed her lawn, and she taught me to set a proper table before we ate, something I remembered from boyhood until now.

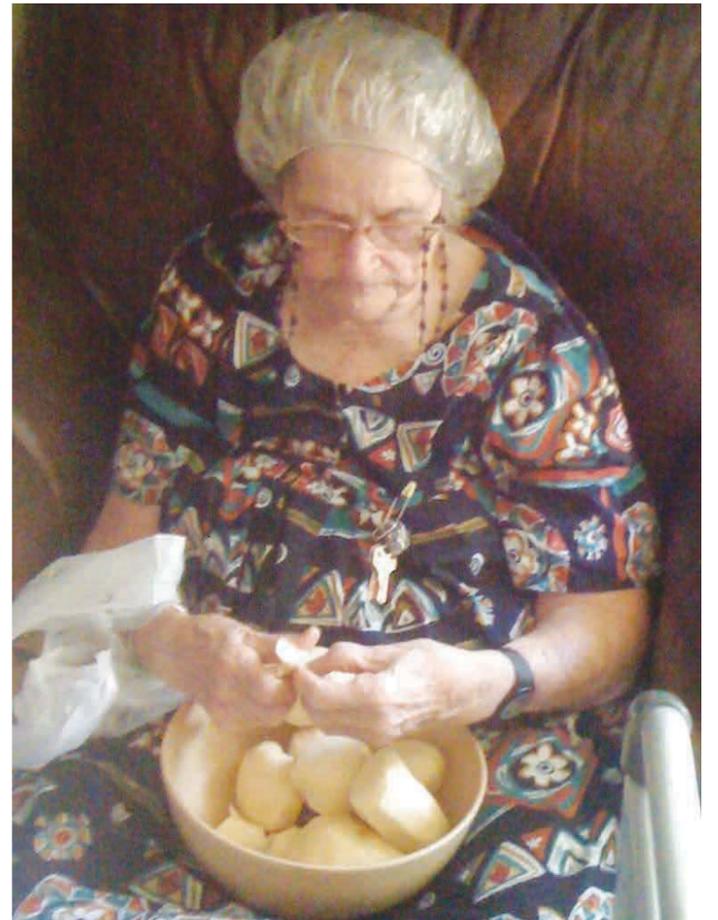
The good country women who populated our lives growing up made sacrifices daily so we'd have a better chance to succeed. They did without more often than any of us ever knew. My own mom had a wringer washer until I was 13, and when I was old enough to work, I bought her the first automatic washer and dryer she ever owned, after starting a job catching chickens on a local farm.

I walked into the Sears Roebuck in Nacogdoches, Texas and showing the man sitting at a clerk's desk my first pay stub, signed the necessary paperwork, and he set me up on a payment plan. I recall my mama's tears when they delivered the new appliances to her house on her birthday, how proud she was to no longer have to do her laundry on the porch or brave the cold winter winds to hang up our clothes. My memory is of going to bed that night, and for the first time in my life, shedding tears from the sheer joy of giving.

Even then, I recognized many women lived a life of sacrifice for those they loved and it was a debt a little boy like me could never repay. But to this very day, I honor all the women in my life, and respect them more than they could ever know.



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



With Love From Nacogdoches

by Sherry Lynn Daniel

For the past few years, I've spent time "Behind the Piney Veil" of Deep East Texas which includes Nacogdoches. These dense and ever-present forests are home to deer, wild pigs and critters of all shapes and sizes. At night, they are the stuff of nightmares and tales of Big Foot sightings.

I can see that Texas tries to tell her story with relics and old churches out in fields-long ago abandoned. Some are brought back to life with funeral rites, family reunions and homecomings. These old wooden churches probably painted white again and again during active years.

Regional antiques point to a harder time, when the soil was tilled and town was for supplies. Wash boards and hand-held plows stand as relics of the movement of pioneers across the newly forming United States.

One of the best gifts we can do for the next generations is leave them a sense of the history and the struggles that were championed and overcome by ancestors. Bringing anything back to life is a labor of love-a car, an old house, a marriage.

One odd info bit that came up was that pieces of the Space Shuttle Challenger landed all over Nacogdoches County when it blew up in the '80s. NASA and Houston are just a few hours away. I was also told that arrow heads are found throughout the fields when local farmers plow.

Local artisans paint mostly. I've found a few sculpture artists, quilt makers, wood carvers and artists that create wearable pieces. Area antique outlets and estate sales would make collectors drool.

Painters are the major focus of the local art world. Sculpture art comes out of the SFA pool of student art projects. A few galleries in the well-kept downtown have occasional shows. One woman makes chakra necklaces at the Farmer's Market and hand made 'hippie' wearables showed up at the local 'Trade Days' outdoor market.

Situated about three hours from a major airport puts Deep East Texas in a pocket that isn't disturbed by the growth that areas like Dallas and Houston have experienced. People are more influenced by what others are doing, saying and wearing than what is broadcast through media.

More than a few menus in town offer chicken fried steak, grits and sweet tea. Home made pies, cakes, breads, jams and honey show up at area Farmers' Market. A number of area residents sell at the outdoor market in town which is open Wednesday afternoon and until noon on Saturday.

At the Piney Woods Fair, there were beautifully groomed animals, an impressive local painting and photo contest and a well-attended cheerleader competition. Teens from local high schools built trailers, deer blinds and wood creations for show and competition.

Some of the local accents are so strong that it almost takes a code talker to understand them. The lingo and colloquialisms are charming. The oldest town in Texas, Nacogdoches teems with trucks, farmer's tans and western hats.

Texas has produced many originals. Rodeo sprang from the town of Pecos many years ago. The sport is now international and the NFR is well attended and widely broadcast. Someone was checking out the movie '8 Seconds' last time I was at the video store.

At its own pace and compared to none, Texas is a place where the wild west, cowboys and good manners thrive. In California, I was deemed 'too friendly' but back home in Texas, I blend in due to the shared layers of rules one absorbs through the years.

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- 2 tablespoons canola oil and 1 tablespoon of butter, for frying
- 4 catfish fillets
- 1 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- Cajun Remoulade, recipe follows

Cajun Remoulade:

- 2 tablespoons chopped Dill pickle
- 2 teaspoons capers
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- Dash hot sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise



Directions:

Preheat a cast iron skillet to medium high with canola oil and butter. Mix dry ingredients together. Cover both sides of catfish with the seasoning mix and place in skillet. Cook on one side for 4 minutes and turn when cooked halfway through. Cook for another 4 minutes on the other side. Remove from pan and serve with Cajun remoulade.

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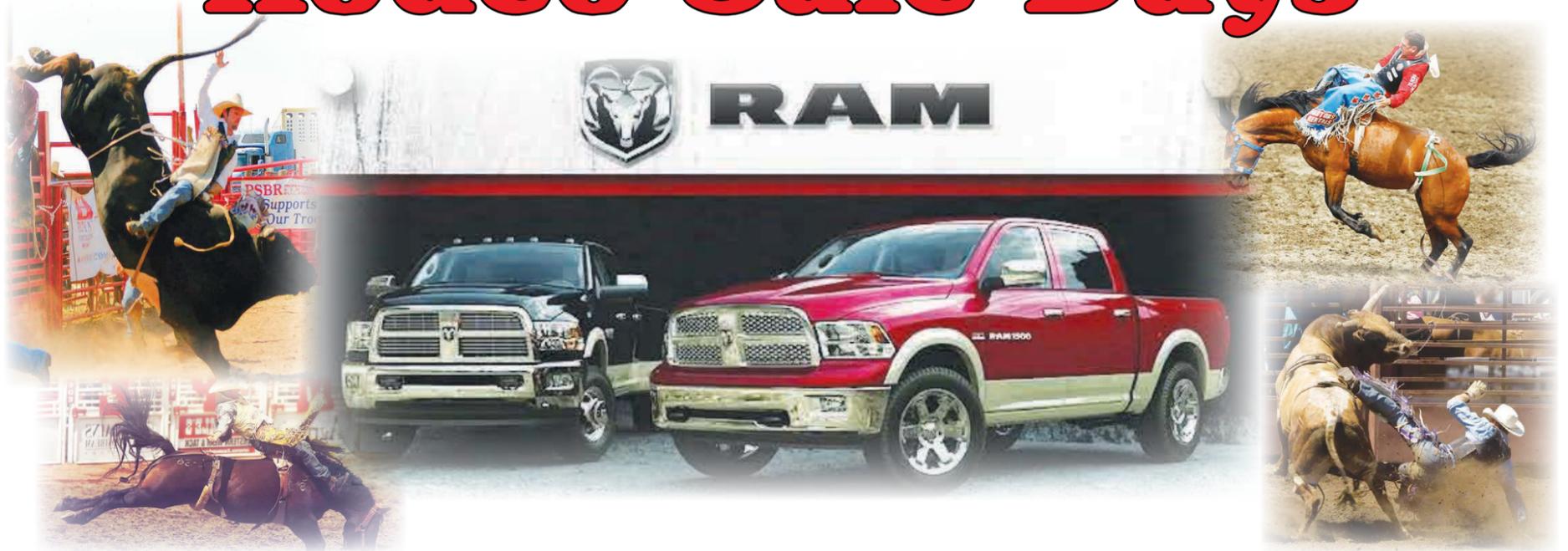
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