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### Freedom Fest Highlights July in Nac



Kelly Daniel

Freedom Fest will be held in Festival park, located just south of the downtown square on July 4, 2016 from 5:00pm-9:pm. There will be bounce houses, and relay races for the children, lots of good food, and live entertainment. Fun for the whole family! The evening will culminate in a fireworks display to cel-

ebrate our nations independence! Come early to get yourself a good spot on the lawn and enjoy the holiday with your family!

This summer, everyone needs to go to camp – and it doesn't matter how old you are!

Think about it. At summer camp, you show off the talents you know you have, and you try some new things, too. You spend some time with people that might bring new and lasting friendships. Camp can be an adventure. So who wouldn't like to give it a whirl this summer?

Good news is Nacogdoches offers a load of summer activities with camp-like qualities. So no need to pack the bug spray.

Glass Castles Stained Glass Studio and Gifts in historic downtown is offering classes for adults and children at the beginner level throughout the summer months. Students choose from an approved selection of projects (providing the no fail factor), learn from FREEDOM FEST - Page 2



photo by Bruce Partain

### Thrall's - Synonymous With Service

by B. J. Thrall - Manager

Thrall's Café, also known as Thrall's Grocery & Deli started "by accident" almost 11 years ago. The owner, Jay Thrall had decided he wanted to pursue something new and leave the car sales business behind.

When the location was purchased, the original intention was to treat it as an investment opportunity however; he and his daughter Lindsay saw not only potential but a need for the area.

Located a short 3 miles from Nacogdoches,

Thrall's is a thriving convenience store as well as a country style café. While there are several convenience stores in and around the Nacogdoches area, there aren't many that take as much pride in serving their customers as Thrall's. Whether it be ordering special requested items for their customers, greeting customers by name or helping them to their car with items, there's no doubt you will feel the family atmosphere when you leave.



# **Heart of Texas Gift Gallery Serving Up Texas Charm**

by Gerrie Larabee

Opened in October of 1994 in downtown Nacogdoches by Gerry and Taylor (Tinker) Larabee, Heart of Texas Gift Gallery is more than just a few shelves of Texas items. It is 2000-square feet of Texas products ranging from home décor to gourmet Texas food, to Texas souvenirs that will make the most jaded Yankee smile and fill the hearts of misplaced Texans.

As one of the oldest gift shops in Nacogdoches, customers number into the thousands. Items have been purchased for; Willie Nelson, George W.



Bush, and for use in the movie "Charlie Wilson's War." Rod Stewart's ex-wife and Nacogdoches county native, Alana Stewart, shops when she is in town. Customers have been from Australia, Sweden, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, China, Brazil, England, South Africa, Canada, Mexico, and almost every state in the Union. Children that first came in the store 22-years ago with their parents are now customers bringing in their own children.

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#### FREEDOM FEST

the masters Teresa and David and take home a forever keepsake that is a personal, one-of-a-kind creation. With classes offered at different times of day and days of the week, this camp fits in to any schedule.

The Judy B. McDonald Public Library staff has put together a most impressive summer schedule. Adults can explore topics such as Tech Talk and Clean Eating and attend the Murder Mystery Dinner Party while the kids are spending A Day at the Worm Races and playing International Games. Everyone gets together for some fun with classes like Making Ice Cream & Milkshakes.

Of course, the library's counterpart, C.L. Simon Recreation Center, couldn't be overshadowed. The Rec Center has numerous children's summer day camps with enticing themes. What kid wouldn't want to attend camps labeled "Into the Woods," "Where the Wild Things Are" and "Movin' and Groovin?""

It's a fact - outdoor recreation is a must for summer-

Spend a day at Lake Nacogdoches or Lake Naconiche's parks. Both have nice fishing piers and swimming holes, and they are open seven days a week.

Stroll the Lanana Creek and Banita Creek Trails, just as the Caddo Indians did.

Pack a picnic and play disc golf at City parks.

Visit the SFA gardens that provide year-round beauty and information kiosks for topics like "growing an herb garden" and "bee farming." The displays share useful tips and are much more enjoyable than scrolling through internet searches.

To round out the summer camp experience, find culture on the stage. Lamp-Lite Theatre will perform "Willie Wonka" with a large, community-built cast and crew. SFA College of Fine Arts and School of Theatre are bringing back the popular Summer Stage Festival with budget-friendly ticket pricing. See "A Year with Frog and Toad," a popular children's musical based on Arnold Lobel's best-selling books. Mature audiences will enjoy "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" by comedian Steve Martin. Both performances have multiple dates, and attending more than once is accepted. With live theatre, every performance is different!

Choosing and doing any of these will beef up anyone's summer. An added bonus is stockpiling plenty of "conversation ammunition" that can be used to maneuver through the homecomings and family reunions that will be popping up in the fall.

Find more details on these and other community events and activities on the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce online community event calendar at www. Nacogdoches.org.

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In addition to the amenities available in the store, there's a full service sit down café. Thrall's café specializes in down-home country cooking. Whether you're in the mood for pit smoked barbeque, hand prepared chicken fried steak or their amazing fried catfish, there's no doubt they will leave you feeling more than satisfied with your experience!



Thrall's also offers an extensive catering service and they're available for your next wedding, graduation, reunion or other social event. So next time you're hungry we hope you will come visit Thrall's Grocery & Deli - 7144 E. State Hwy. 21 - Nacogdoches, TX 75961 - Phone (936) 564-2131.





#### **HEART OF TEXAS**

The Larabees own the historic 126-year-old building located in at 110 S. Pecan and are proud to be part of downtown Nacogdoches. Gerry has been heavily involved in the redevelopment of downtown by helping pursue and establish the Nacogdoches Main Street Program and serving on the Advisory board. She has also served as an officer of the Nacogdoches Downtown Business Association, the Convention &



Visitor's Bureau board, Millard's Crossing board and is a long-time member of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce. Gerry and the store have been recipients of Finalist for Best Rehabilitation of a building interior by The Texas Downtown Association, Daily Sentinel's Best Downtown Business Award, Main Street Hero Award, Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year award and last, but not least, 5-time winner of the People's Choice for Wassail Fest.

Every day is a joy, not knowing who will enter the store at any given moment. Old friends and new ones are always welcome. Gerry loves the comments customers make, from their exclamations of what a pretty store it is, to their delight in finding just the right gift for someone. The store greeter is Gracie, Gerry's beautiful Golden Retriever. She loves everyone, especially children and babies in strollers but also the many college students that sit on the floor and love on her.

As a Texas store, Texas' own Blue Bell ice cream is served at the beautiful 9-foot-long cedar bar. The Larabees try to buy from small, Texas-owned vendors and make a real effort to stock Made In America products. This is not always possible, especially with souvenir lines, but there is a good mix and something for everyone. The store schedule is Monday through Saturday 10-5 and Sunday Noon- 4. Open late for special events and the Christmas season. Come see for yourself, you won't be disappointed.



#### 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.



# **Lugnutz Features Anthony Riley July 9th**

The Anthony Riley Band will perform at Lugnutz in Nacogdoches on July 9th from 10pm until 1am. Described as "A traditional country band with flair," they hold on to their Keith Whitley and Merle Haggard roots, as well as their Elvis to Nickleback groove. Anthony has been singing for many years and the band has been together for 12 years. Based in Longview, the band consists of: Tom Reber on lead guitar, and Les Paul Clanton on rhythm/lead guitar and backing vocals. Les has toured with Red Dirt legend, Mike McClure. Bubba Dunn is the Bassist and he has toured with artist Jamie Richards. James McGilvary is the drummer. The band plays throughout East Texas and Northwest Louisiana.

Anthony's recent album is titled Fool's Progress. The CD leans toward the traditional country sound. It was recorded in Longview and Nashville. Produced by Daryl Preston, guitarist for Neal McCoy, Tracy Lawrence and David Kersch, who added his touch to the CD. The album is available on iTunes, Spotify, or at the band's personal appearance dates. You may also Follow Anthony on Facebook and ReverbNation.

Lugnutz is located at 5287 S US Highway 59 Nacogdoches, Texas. Phone (936) 564-6889 for information.



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### Oldest Town in Texas Roadshow Rocks Nac on July 4th

The Oldest Town in Texas Road Show returns to The Old Tobacco Warehouse in Nacogdoches at 6:30 p.m. on July 4th. Ticket will include hot dogs, lemonade and watermelon after the show, which will conclude in time for the downtown fireworks display. The Branson-style variety show is hosted by Brad Maule, who starred as 'Dr. Tony Jones' on TV's General Hospital for 22 years. Also appearing will be "The Politically Correct Willie P. Richardson," a nationally-known comedian based in Nacogdoches who has sold more than 1.25 million albums and who is heard on thousands of radio stations throughout the world, including SiriusXM. Road Show regular cast members, Kim Crisp aka "Camo Elvis," Stephen and Jan Pate aka RockingP Band, Jason Kelley and Sara Griffin Humphries will perform. Special guests Courtney Burch, Joel Harrell, Jesse Wilburn and Katie Kovar will also be featured. Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at Spring and Prince Boutique, 111 N. Pecan in Nacogdoches and at Nacogdoches Lighting and Flooring, 732 North University Drive. Order online at ITickets.com or phone 800.965.9324. The Old Tobacco Warehouse is located on the 2nd floor at 111 N. Pecan in Nacogdoches. Elevator is available.

### A few words from a happy advertiser!

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

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

Angela Bradford Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe' 6530 FM 2609 (Appleby Sand Road) Nacogdoches, TX 75965 936.559.5151





**Anita Scott** 

# Nac County Exposition and Civic Center Calendar from Anita Scott

#### **July Calendar:**

**6th-9th:** *Timeless Twirler Jacks Camp*. Contact Person for more event info: Candiace Curbow 936-556-5036

**21st:** *Badges*, *Bags and Bingo* benefiting Harold House. 7pm-10pm Tickets are \$35 per person or a table (for 8) is \$350. Tickets Include: Admission and 45 Game Cards (3 cards per game). Beverages and light snacks available. Cash Bar. For Details and Tickets: *2016badgesbagsand-bingo.eventbrite.com* 

**23rd:** *Make It Last Forever - Adult Prom.* Contact Person for more event info: Dee Henry at 936-715-8581



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### IMPACT, Serving the Needs of the Neediest

In the summer of 2010, two CASA volunteers met while in training, and immediately saw the need for the children in foster care and children being raised by grandparents. After visiting the children in their cases with CASA, Julia Jones started collecting left over garage sale items in her garage, and giving them to the other volunteers to deliver to the children. Within a few months, the generous donations from Nacogdoches filled a garage and a bedroom in Julia's home. Sales of her own generated much needed funds to buy new shoes, underwear, pajamas and other basic needs for the children. At Christmas time, the manager of Cotton Patch Cafe agreed to putting up a Christmas tree with the wish lists of over 100 children in foster care, and there was a party to distribute the gifts to the children.

As the volunteers were working on this distribution list, Julia Jones said words that would change many things. "If everyone does a little, it becomes a lot". Within hours, the name I M P A C T was born "Imagine Many People All Coming Together". Over the following year, donations and the needs of the children merged, but the space to store the donations was limited. After someone mentioned IMPACT to the Daily Sentinel and an article appeared, Joey Ross Towing donated a truck, and Crisp Electric and Nacogdoches Lighting offered a building for a retail location.

With a thrift store at 801 E. Main near University, staffed completely by volunteers, IMPACT now serves over 200 local children in foster care, being raised by family members, homeless or children in need. With information from counselors, teachers, Child Protective Services, juvenile probation and other sources IMPACT provides coats, shoes, clothing, school uniforms and supplies, Christmas gifts and other basic necessities. Donated items are sold at very affordable prices to raise the funds to purchase new items for the children in need. A free coat giveaway coordinated with Pineywoods Computers allowed over 150 coats to be distributed to the needy, both children and adults

Donations are always needed, both monetary and goods to be given to the children and families or to be sold in the thrift store. IMPACT is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible. Julia Jones, founder, can be reached at (936) 645 8066 or on the Facebook page, Impact Nacogdoches. Store hours at 801 E. Main are 8-4 Monday through Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. The store is closed on Sunday.

Julia Jones (936) 205 4405

### **Everything for Your Flooring Needs at USA Floors 'n More**

Kevin and Charlyn Horchem have been part of the East Texas community for most of their adult lives. After many years in the furniture business, Kevin and Charlyn opened USA Floors 'n More in Nacogdoches. "We saw a need for a floor covering company that would bring new styles and products to the area" comments Kevin, "and we wanted to help make this community stronger through our business."

Quality flooring products from name brand manufacturers was an easy objective for USA Floors 'n More. "Working closely with suppliers of carpet, tile, laminate, vinyl plank and even windows and doors has allowed us to be very competitive in this market," adds Kevin. "Plus, when you get a free price estimate from us, it's a no-hidden-cost, bottom line price. We've heard stories from folks who thought they were getting a great deal from a big box store only to end up paying a lot more than they expected."

Having in-house professional installers at USA Floors 'n More was another goal for this company. "If the installers do not work directly for you, you never know what to expect from a jobber or temporary service employee. Really nice flooring can be ruined or look really cheap from a bad installation" states Kevin. "We have in-



stallers here who have been with us for over 12 years, and customers have asked for them by name because of their past work."

"USA Floors 'n More has a price match guarantee," says Kevin. "Bring us an estimate for comparable products and comparable installation and we will meet or beat the price. It's the way we have done business since we opened our doors."

See for yourself how your neighbors at USA Floors 'n More will save you time and money on new flooring, whether it's for a new home or office or if you're redecorating your current home or office. USA Floors 'n More is located at 3500 North Street, Suite 1 in Nacogdoches. They can be reached by phone at 936-715-9284.



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#### **COMING TO LUGZ IN JULY!**

July 2nd
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July 9th
Anthony Riley
July 16th
Texas Legacy
July 23rd
Casey Martin
July 30th
Anson Carter



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#### Angela's Monthly Recipe Broccoli Salad

2 lb chopped broccoli (fresh)
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup grated cheese
Dressing

1/2 cup mayo 1/4 cup of half and half 1/4 cup Italian dressing mix 3 tbsp. sugar

Mix together all ingredients and toss over salad.

Appleby Sand Mercantile Cafe'
Real Southern Cooking!
6530 FM 2609 (Appleby Sand Road)
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936.559.5151

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. M-F

4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday Catfish Buffet

Appleby Sand Self-Storage Nacogdoches-Timpson-Mt. Enterprise 936.615.2880

### Shirley Creek Marina Campgrounds & RV Park

23177 FM 226 - Etoile, TX 75944 - 936.854.2233 - Sam Rayburn Lake



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Swimming Area!

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## Nacogdoches Floral Company's Rich History

Nacogdoches Floral Company was started in 1925 by the Benson Brothers on Church street downtown where they received their flowers by train. In 1945 Sam and Nadine Heberlin bought the shop and moved it to Mound Street. Sam actually grew the Gladiolas they used in bouquets. Back then, people would keep time from the Neon clock above the door. In 1970 Robert and Linda Grogan bought the shop and remodeled it keeping the same great name and service Nacogdoches Floral has always



been known for. In 1998 James and Karen Ballow bought the shop, after almost 10 years they moved the shop to its current location on North Street and expanding the gift shop. Robert remembers the time the



Hell's Angels Motorcycle gang stopped in to order flowers and all the motorcycles parked in the lot. James and Karen have received orders from many famous people including Reba McEntire and Tim McGraw. James and Karen grew up in Nacogdoches and say they feel blessed to be a part of the history of Nacogdoches Floral Company. If you haven't stopped by and visited the shop, be sure to do so and you might be surprised at the gift shop and the items they have that can be hand delivered to your family same day such as Fresh Flower Bouquets, Angels, Crosses, Jewelry, Gourmet Baskets, Godiva Chocolates,

and so much more. Pictures shown are from the 40's the 70's and from the current location.









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David Luquette, D.C. www.GreatChiropractor.com

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# Windhill Apartments - Best of Nac Four Consecutive Years

"After 33 years in the apartment industry, Windhill is by far the best place I've been," says Carrie Adams, manager at Windhill Apartments in Nacogdoches. Carrie was recruited in 2007 by the previous manager to join the community.

Windhill was built in 1984 as an investment by professional quarterback Warren Moon. His vision for Windhill was to offer a peaceful home nestled in the Piney Woods of East Texas. Thirty-two years later, we've surpassed his dream and have been voted one of the Best of Nac for four consecutive years.

"Our goal is simple: to provide residents with superior, pet-friendly apartment living," says Aurora Strickland, Windhill Leasing Agent. "We accomplish this by focusing on the resident with quick and efficient maintenance, regular updates regarding improvements on the property and providing Windhill community "get-togethers" that encourage and foster a community experience. Dogs are welcome to accompany their resident owners in our office and dog treats are kept on hand for our four-legged friends."

"When I first moved into Windhill three years ago, I wasn't looking for something brand new and I wasn't interested in a "party place". I chose Windhill because it was homey and quiet," says Chris M, a current Windhill resident. Windhill provides a family atmosphere where the staff knows the majority of residents... and even their pets... by their first name.

"I definitely recommend Windhill apartments! The employees at Windhill have always been helpful to me. Maintenance requests are handled quickly (usually the next day), and I have received several follow up communications to ensure everything works great," says Andrew T, who has lived at Windhill since 2014.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike explains his dedication to the residents at Windhill: "All most people want is to be treated right, and that's what I'm here to do. We're committed to responding to each situation the way we would want to be treated that's one of the things that sets Windhill apart from other places I've worked."

Windhill Apartments is located at 1324 Pruitt Hill Drive; 1.2 miles from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Office hours are 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Give us a call at 936.560.1771 - we'd be happy to visit with you!



The staff pictured are (listed left to right) Aurora Strickland, Michael Love, Carrie Adams, and William Berry (not pictured).



#### Lamp-Lite News

LAMP-LITE'S SUM-MER MUSICAL, "WILLY WONKA", features Keith Aiavolasiti in the starring role. The hit musical comedy, returns to the stage here for a two-week run on July 8, 9,10 and 15, 16, 17. Curtain goes up Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and at 2:00 on Sunday afternoons. Advanced tickets will be on sale at Kline's / Wrap-It-Up, Glass Castles, and at the CVB. Tickets will also be on sale at the box office 45 minutes before every performance. All seats will be reserved. "Willy Wonka", the musical, was presented at Lamp-Lite



Keith Aiavolasiti as "Willy Wonka"

eight years ago and is back by popular demand. The show is known to many from the two popular films starring Gene Wilder and Johnny Depp. The production here will feature favorite Lamp-Lite performers and a large number of teens and young children. "Willy Wonka" is recommended for the entire family, according to Lamp-Lite Director, Sarah McMullan. Lamp-Lite is a non-profit community theatre celebrating 45 years serving the East Texas area. For more information call 936-564-8300 or Email address: lamplite@hughes.net.

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