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Nacogdoches CVB Summer Crawl Showcases Local Bed & Breakfasts and Other Unique Lodging

The Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted its first Summer Crawl, a series of local tours of each of the thirteen Bed & Breakfasts and other unique lodging, to increase awareness of local accommodations between Bed & Breakfast proprietors.

"The Summer Crawl is a great way for the Bed & Breakfast owners to open their doors to guests and show off what they each have to offer. It's a great way to promote the uniqueness, amenities and recommendations for overnight stays," said Joanna Temple, sales director for the Nacogdoches CVB.

The Summer Crawl kicked off on June 15 with tours of Zip Inn, Hardeman House, and The Jones House. On July 7, guests toured Fair Breeze Cottage, Stag Leap Country Inn and Pine Creek Country Inn; and Eagle Nest Hidden Lake Resort and Pineywoods Hideaway were featured on the July 18 tour.

The oldest town in Texas offers a distinctive variety of getaways, from secluded cabins and cozy cottages to luxurious Victorian-style mansions.

The Brick House Inn, built in 1886 is the oldest existing brick home in Nacogdoches and features three beautifully decorated rooms and a gourmet breakfast for guests. The 19th century New Orleans

style Inn is a getaway to remember.

Eagle Nest Hidden Lake Resort offers a gated resort featuring beautiful rolling hills, outstanding landscaping, and a gazebo overlooking the 14-acre stocked lake. The resort has a plethora of amenities including cabins, fishing, canoeing, hiking and an activity building for guests' enjoyment.

The Estate House is an exquisite home located on 18-acres and boasts 8 bedrooms, a swimming pool, Texas sized porches, fishing pond, a basketball court and guests can enjoy a full country breakfast.

Fair Breeze Cottage overlooks 45 beautiful acres of meadow and forest and features a charming two-bedroom cottage complete with a screened in porch, Jacuzzi, hiking trails, fishing and wildlife.

The Hardeman House, built in 1892 is listed on the National Historic Register and features four beautifully decorated rooms, a wraparound porch, a specially prepared breakfast and is located within walking distance of downtown.

The Jones House offers a charming way to experience the grandeur of a bygone era. Built in 1897 by Diedrich Rulfs, the stately Victorian mansion features three guestrooms furnished with antiques and is within walking distance to historic downtown.



Llano Grande Plantation was the first bed and breakfast in Nacogdoches and is located on 600 peaceful acres in the piney woods. The plantation offers two historic Texas homes with period antiques and fireplaces.

Mockingbird Suites is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2016. Built in 1899 by architect Diedrich Rulfs, the Victorian home will feature 8 suites and is located within walking distance to downtown.

Pine Creek Country Inn is nestled on 25 wooded acres. CVB - Page 2

Barnhill's-Great Steaks and Innovative Dining



Some might say that it's quite a stretch to move from selling pharmaceuticals to veterinarians in Kansas and Missouri into a career operating a group of restaurants stretching from Texas to Florida, but that's exactly what Charles Barnhill did. After 5 years working during the cold winter months in the Midwest, Charles, his wife Hope, and their son Steve, moved to Nacogdoches.

Barnhill managed a veterinary supply warehouse for several years in the building which currently houses Banita Creek Hall. They moved back to their home area of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and opened a Western Sizzlin' franchise. They loved Nacogdoches and its people and decided to look for a location for a second Western Sizzlin' in November of 1980.

After finding a building, Mr. Barnhill needed start-up funds for equipment and other necessities. A. L. Mangham at Fredonia State Bank agreed to a loan of \$25,000 and the restaurant was soon operating.

"Shortly after we opened, the government began discouraging consumers from eating red meat," Barnhill said. "We decided to add an 8 foot buffet offering a bigger variety of food and vegetables. I noticed that it became very crowded around the buffet, similar to the lines that customers experience in cafeterias. We came up with the "scatter bar" concept which featured separate buffet tables spread around the restaurant with meats, vegetables, salads and desserts. This immediately became a 'hit' with customers because they

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acres and offers 17 guest rooms in six rustic buildings. Guests enjoy access to the swimming pool, hot tub and dining at Creekside Café.

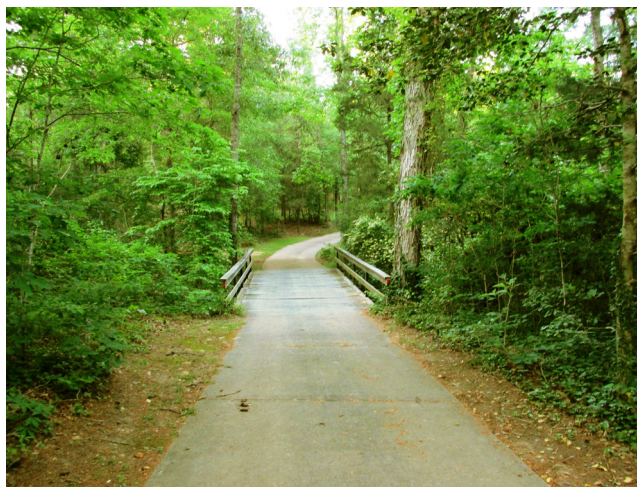
Stag Leap Country Inn offers 200-acres of woodland teeming with wildlife. Choose from seven cozy, secluded cottages featuring full kitchens, fireplaces, Jacuzzis and lovely décor. Guests are provided a golf cart to explore the property, which includes fun outdoor activities.



Summit Inn with its dramatic views and spectacular sunsets, resides at the top of the highest elevation in Nacogdoches County. Each beautifully decorated cottage features a private porch with one or two bedrooms.

Zip Inn is situated on 75-acres of East Texas pines and is complete with hiking trails and fishing. Gaze from the front porch as folks fly past on Zip Nac's zip-line. A country getaway with an adventure thrill.

The Summer Crawl will conclude on August 3 with a tour of the Estate House, Llano Grande Plantation and The Brick House Inn. Nacogdoches' newest bed and breakfast, Mockingbird Suites, will be revealed on August 17. For a complete list of accommodations along with information on things to do and see, contact the CVB at 564-7351 or visit www.VisitNacogdoches.com.



BARNHILL'S

didn't have to wait in lines. Our concept was even featured in several national trade magazines and has been adopted by many restaurants across the country."

At one point, Barnhill operated 11 restaurants located from Texas to Florida. He operated the Pensacola location until 2008 when Mrs. Barnhill became ill and they moved back to Nacogdoches. She passed away in 2012 and Charles only operates the local restaurant now.



Barnhill's Steaks and Buffet offers 20-30 hot vegetables and meats daily, as well as a salad bar with a large selection. Fresh in-house baked rolls are served daily. Soft serve ice cream is also featured. At 4pm daily, ribs are added to the buffet. The average cost for the buffet is \$10 per person and credit cards are accepted.

Catering is also offered. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Barnhill's is located at 3217 North Street in Nacogdoches. Phone 936.560.2440.





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I love the new Around the Town publication! The first week the July issue came out with an article featuring my business, "Heart of Texas", I received more response than any advertisement I have tried in the 22 years I've been in business. We have needed a quality paper guide for tourists and visitors to Nacogdoches and having them placed around town, but specifically in the hotels and motels, really gets the word out. I have already renewed my ad to run again! *Gerry Larabee, Heart of Texas Gift Gallery, 110 S. Pecan, downtown Nacogdoches.*

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David Joel Performs at Lugnutz August 13

David Joel will perform at Lugnutz in Nacogdoches on August 13th from 10pm until 1am.

David was raised in Beaumont, Texas and first picked up a guitar at the age of 9. With hard work, persistence, and a little divine intervention, David has launched his music career.

He has shared the stage with stars such as Gary Allan, Lee Brice, Mickey Gilley, Johnny Lee, Kix Brooks, Wayne Toups, Aaron Watson, Rick Trevino, Doug Stone, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Ashton Shepherd, Bart Crow, Shanendoah, and Stoney LaRue as he plays throughout Texas and into Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Florida. Having played fairs and festivals, clubs, bars, restaurants and casinos, David's musical talents, high energy and friendly outgoing personality keep his audiences entertained and kicking up their heels. The good looking country rocker will never fail to get the party started and keep it going all night long.

Bou Boy'z Entertainment has signed David Joel and has just released his first album, The Game. The first single and music video from the album is "Let's Roll".

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



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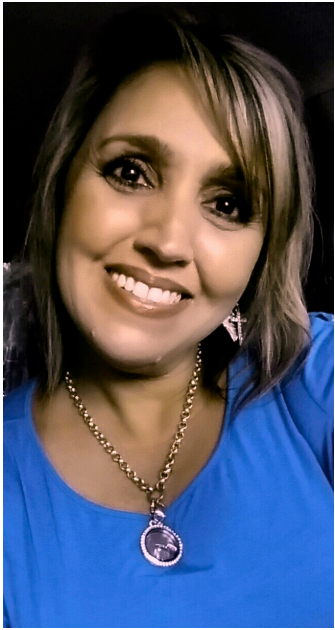
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Anita Scott



Nac County Exposition and Civic Center news from Anita Scott

Hello everyone,

Hope all is well and staying cool!

The staff at the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the awesome past events. We would also like to remind everyone, we are the perfect location for your next large or small function. Whether it is a concert for 5,000 or a small business meeting for 5, we have rental space with your name on it. For those of you who haven't heard yet...our main arena is open M-F from 8AM-4PM to individuals needing a place to exercise their horse/s. @ \$10 per horse.

Give us a call at 936-564-0849 to check our calendar for availability or schedule a visit to view the venue.

Below is a Schedule of Events for August 2016:

5th & 6th 13th Annual Great Texas Mud Race – Mud Pit

Gates open at 6PM. Show starts at 7PM.
 Admission Prices: Adult \$12/\$15 Kid's \$7/\$10;
 \$10 Cooler Charge NO GLASS BOTTLES, please.
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 Please visit www.nacexpo.net or www.teammotorjam.com for more information.

6th & 7th G & S Gun Show – Civic Center

\$8 Admission (good for both days) Age 12 and under-FREE
 Saturday 9AM-5PM / Sunday 9AM-4PM

13th Crossfit Nac – Civic Center

8AM-5PM Entree Fee \$85 Per Person (no refunds) Competition T-shirts included. Interested in a purchasing a booth spot at our competition? Please email Jaredluna3@gmail.com for more info. Registration closes Wednesday, August 10th.

13th East Texas Goat Raisers Association (Goat Show) – Barn 3

Registration and weigh-in begins at 8AM. Show begins at 11AM with Market Goats.
 Early Registration is \$15. Deadline to mail 8/9/16 or email form by 8/11/16.
 Entry Fee (day of show) -\$20 per goat. Multiple Goats \$15 per goat.
 For more information contact- Valre Leger at 409-273-4243 or Email: izzydum1@yahoo.com

31st The Sharon Shrine Circus – Expo Center

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For more information on future events, please visit our website at www.nacexpo.net and don't forget to "Like" the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center Facebook page.

Thank you,
 Anita Scott, Director
 Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center



Chamber Connection by Kelly Daniel Membership & Marketing Manager at the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce has a calendar full of cool activities, so don't let the hot temperatures keep you from having an active and productive month!

Local business owners and managers will be happy to know that the Chamber Business Development group is working hard to provide more trainings and workshops that are designed to improve employee soft skills. A Telephone &

Email Etiquette Workshop will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23. The location will be determined by the number of attendees. An RSVP is required, but there is no charge to attend thanks to the event sponsor Nacogdoches Economic Development Corp. The workshop will be led by Etech's David Carrizales, assistant vice president - East Texas Operations, and Matt Cole, director of training. Attendees can look forward to learning effective communication skills to improve customer satisfaction.

Chamber and community members are invited to the Fourth Friday Luncheon set for Aug. 26. The event serves as the Chamber's monthly membership meeting, but is open to the public. The presentations given at the meetings cover topics important to the area. This month, luncheon guests will hear a legislative update from State Representative Travis Clardy. With Nacogdoches celebrating its Tricentennial anniversary this year, Clardy has titled his presentation "The Next 300 Years in Nacogdoches:" Clardy has a knack of entertaining the crowd while giving useful information, so expect an enjoyable presentation. Registration is required by Aug. 24, and the cost for a tasty meal is \$16. Contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber at 936-560-5533 to RSVP. The Chamber thanks Gold sponsors J. Stanley Lenox, III, and Suddenlink Communications.

August also brings the formation of the Nacogdoches County Chamber's new Leadership Nacogdoches class. The LN program is a unique opportunity that is designed to introduce the responsibilities of the City's and County's leadership positions in an effort to develop new community leaders. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the community. The LN class will spend nine months exploring areas such as City, County and State governments, education including SFASU, healthcare and public services. The program is not a "classroom experience" at all. The group will attend hospital board and school board meetings, City Council and County Commissioner meetings, tour the jail, study the history of Nacogdoches and spend time on police patrol and at the fire and safety training facility. A huge hidden benefit is the strong relationships that are built within the class. Program co-chairs Charlotte Ashcraft and Paul Smith III have worked with recent LN graduates to ensure a good leadership program year ahead. All LN alumni are invited to meet the new class at the LN Alumni Reception & New Class Welcome that will happen on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at SFA's Touchdown Club at Homer Bryce Stadium.

Chamber members and volunteers work year-round to continue the organization's mission: Creating an environment where business can succeed. Better business in Nacogdoches means better quality of life for everyone. Please take the time to get to know your Chamber better. Find more information about the events noted above and a lot more at the Chamber's website, www.nacogdoches.org. An on-line community event calendar is updated regularly and look for the "Submit New Event" link that allows all to post public events for the world to see.



Attend the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce Fourth Friday Luncheon and hear State Rep. Travis Clardy present "The Next 300 Years in Nacogdoches." The event is Aug. 26 and registration is required. Contact the Chamber at 936-560-5533 for more information.

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Rhonda Oaks
Lufkin District Public Information Officer
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I must have been out of my mind in the summer of 1991. Struggling through college, working and taking care of two little boys was truly a life lesson. That summer, I decided we needed a break and I set out to plan a vacation for the three of us. I traded in the small economy and bought a Chevrolet Astro Van. I was certain since each child would have a bench seat of their own, it would be a fuss-free trip.

I was a history major before I was bitten by the journalism bug, so I loaded everything I could think of and took out on a journey that first took us to Vicksburg, Mississippi. I loved studying the Civil War and I didn't know of a better place to make our first stop.

From there, it was on to Pascagoula, where we passed a church named "The Seventh Day Baptist Assembly." As I drove past, I laughed and wondered about the confusing name, which had the connotation of three different religions.

The next day it was on to Daytona and the beach for a few days. What an overcrowded experience that was. I decided with cars speeding back and forth on the beach, it wasn't a good place for two boys who also went at breakneck speed. So we packed up and headed south to Disneyworld.

It was on that leg of the trip that I passed a construction sign that caught my eye. I immediately pulled over and wrote down the words written on it because I didn't want to ever forget them. As I began to write this column, I pulled out that old notepad piece of paper from a keepsake box, and scrawled in faded pencil are the words, "Detour – Progress Ahead."

I think that road sign could apply to many things, but at this point in time, it really applies to all of us in East Texas.

We have had two events occur in recent weeks that have signaled some exciting progress in East Texas in the way of Interstate 69. Approvals have been given for right-of-way acquisitions to begin along the expected path of I-69 through Nacogdoches County on US 59 and for the Diboll Relief Route around Diboll in Angelina County.

If you haven't heard about I-69 in recent years, you have been living too deep behind the pine curtain, with no access to technology, news or neighbors. I never dreamed growing up in these Pineywoods that anything wider than US 59 could possibly connect us to the big city of Houston.

Times have changed and progress is welcomed in East Texas. Any step toward the completion of the much talked about interstate is significant. I say 'completion' because I-69 is already built or under construction in several states. You can already find the red, white and blue I-69 signs in and around Houston. I know this because I drove I-10 for an hour recently searching for the familiar black and white US 59 North sign that would bring me back home. It finally registered with me that in Houston, I-69 is US 59.

I don't know how we stayed alive a few decades ago with only two-lane roadways. What seemed state-of-the-art then now seems antiquated. In today's world, a multi-lane divided interstate enhances a safe transportation system and creates an evacuation route northward that could help Gulf Coast residents stay safe in times of an approaching hurricane.



The Angelina River Bridge at the county line when it was still SH 35.

The local I-69 route will eventually cut a pathway through five counties within TxDOT's Lufkin District: Shelby, Nacogdoches, Angelina, Polk and San Jacinto before continuing into South Texas.

East Texans will likely see a series of small, local-level projects that will improve existing highway sections to interstate quality which will allow I-69 to be further developed. At some point, I-69 will have a complete footprint through East Texas. But for now, right-of-way acquisitions are underway and local landowners within the future I-69 path will begin receiving letters and phone calls from TxDOT right-of-way professionals.

As progress takes over, we could see fewer US 59 signs, just like generations before us saw fewer SH 35 signs, which became US 59. At some point, it will be second nature to look for that large red, white and blue interstate symbol.

I enjoyed recalling that vacation in 1991 as I wrote this column. My boys and I did have to detour a few times along the way, as well as in the years since. Not just on roadways, but in life. The same will be true for all of us as we see an interstate built through East Texas. Sometimes you have to detour to allow for progress. Time marches on.

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“Take the Time” – *“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”*
(Ecclesiastes 3:1, NKJV)

The Bible has a lot to say about time. The most important thing it says is something we know already – that our time is limited. Time can be used or wasted, it can be invested or squandered, but either way, once used, it can never be regained.

Time matters because it is the stuff of life, and when time is gone so is life. Therefore what I do with the time of have matters because for me and for you, there will be a time when time will be no more. So, let us use what time we have wisely. Here are a few suggestions on what to do with the time we have.

Take time to pray -- “Evening and morning and at noon I will pray.” (Psalm 55:17).

Take time to read the Bible – “Desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 2:2).

Take time to go to church – “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.” (Hebrews 10:25).

Take time to rest – “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” (Mark 6:31).

Take time to laugh -- “A merry heart does good, like medicine.” (Proverbs 17:22).

Take time to love – “Love one another . . . by this all will know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35).

Take time to think -- “Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy -- think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8).

How much time do we have left? No one knows for sure. Psalm 90:12 says, “So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Have you ever numbered your days literally? That’s hard to do because no one knows how many days they have left. But that’s precisely the point. Numbering our days keeps us from the ultimate folly – thinking we will live forever and therefore giving us excuses to put off doing what we know we ought to do. The apostle Paul admonishes us to redeem the time while we can (Ephesians 5:16). Time’s a wasting, so let’s get with it!

A LITTLE HUMOR: A man was losing his patience waiting on his wife to get ready to go to church. “For the umpteenth time – are you ready to go?” he asked. His wife yelled back at him, “Why don’t you keep quiet? For the last hour I’ve been telling you I’d be ready in a minute!”

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Texas Game Warden

by Randy Stovall

Greetings from the Piney woods of East Texas, My name is Randy Stovall and I am blessed to serve as your Texas State Game Warden. I was raised in Harrison County and my goal was to work as a Game Warden there, on beautiful Caddo Lake. However, my Colonel had a different plan for me. I was stationed in Nacogdoches County 7 years ago and my family and I have fallen in love with Nacogdoches County. My desire is to retire somewhere overlooking beautiful Sam Rayburn.

I'm often surprised when someone asks me, "What exactly does a Game Warden do?" Being from East Texas, I assumed everyone knew exactly what a Game Warden's job consisted of.

After graduating from the Game Warden Academy and receiving a commission as a State Peace Officer, Game Wardens enforce all provisions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and the Texas Penal code. We are sworn to protect the resources of the State of Texas, provide water safety on all area lakes and rivers, and enforce all state laws. We are currently working in conjunction with US Border Patrol and Texas DPS to help secure our borders. Our jurisdiction consists of the entire State of Texas but concentration is placed on the county that we are assigned. Game Wardens do not pick where they are stationed after completing the academy. After a year of work in their assigned county, Wardens have the option of transferring to any area that has an opening. Nacogdoches is a very big county. Fortunately, I have two partners to help cover the vast amount of deer camps, rivers, and lakes. Along with myself, Heath Bragg and Sean Reneau both serve as Nacogdoches County Game Wardens.

If you live in Nacogdoches County and haven't spent time outdoors lately, you don't know what you are missing. Our lakes and rivers are in better shape than they have been in years. Fishing has been spectacular and the lakes have been thriving with recreational activity. I have seen deer roaming the backroads and received numerous game pictures from landowners. We are predicting a great hunting season this year. I am amazed every year at the vast amount of people from across the state that trek to Nacogdoches County to hunt and fish. This is a special place and it is an honor to be stationed here.

I would like to thank the folks of Nacogdoches County for allowing me to serve as your Game Warden. The relationships my partners and I have maintained with landowners, fishermen, and hunters makes our job substantially easier. As mentioned, Nacogdoches County is very large and the folks of this great county are our eyes and ears. Please continue to help us preserve our resources for future generations. Take a kid fishing, explore our great outdoors. Until next time.... God Bless. LIFE IS BETTER OUTSIDE.

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Operations of the Nacogdoches County Jail

by Jason Bridges

The Sheriff is often referred to as the gate-keeper of the jail and he is responsible for the safety and security of all inmates that are housed at the Nacogdoches County Jail. The Nacogdoches County Jail is located at 2306 Douglass Highway and is named the John R. Lightfoot Law Enforcement Center. The jail was built at this location in 1989 with a 144 bed maximum

capacity. It was later determined that more additional beds were needed and the jail was enlarged in 1993. The current capacity of the jail is 292 beds. The jail is a small city within itself as there are numerous responsibilities to be carried out each day.

The jail is in operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is staffed by licensed jailers and medical personnel. There are a total of 40 full-time licensed jailers who are hired by the Sheriff and assigned to the jail to ensure the safety, and well being of inmates. The average number of inmates housed at the Nacogdoches County Jail in 2015 was 233. The average cost for housing an inmate per day is roughly \$34. This cost includes; medical, food, salaries of jailers and cost of maintenance to the jail.

Over the last four years we have seen an increase in inmates who suffer from mental health issues. Our overall population has risen from 20% to at least 40% percent of inmates who suffer from some type of mental health issue. Assault on jailers and suicide attempts have also risen in the jail due to those issues. Sheriffs across the State of Texas are also dealing with this same crisis. We have had talks with our legislators to help address these needs of the rising mental health problems in our county jails. This issue continues to be a huge concern, and we will continue to work to address needed change for people suffering with mental health issues, so they can get the help that is needed.

Other issues with our county jail are the age of the building and the problems that come with an aging building that is constantly in use. We continually strive to keep the jail in the best shape possible with the funding that is available. We continue to look at innovative ways to help reduce cost at the jail.

There are several programs at the jail which have been implemented to help our inmates gain work skills to re-enter our society when they are released. Inmates on average are in jail between 3 to 6 months. Inmates are either transported to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to complete their sentences for felony cases or complete their sentences on misdemeanors crimes at the County Jail. The jail is regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards which conducts an annual inspection on the jail. The jail has passed all if its inspections for the last three years.

I am very proud of our jail staff and what they have accomplished with the resources that are allotted to them. They have a difficult job that is often not recognized unless something goes wrong. They are dealing with people with different mindsets on a daily basis and in very tough conditions. They unfortunately have to deal with some very serious offenders every day and continue to conduct their jobs with integrity and professionalism.

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Nacogdoches, The Oldest Town in Texas . . . Rich in History and Texas Culture, Features *The Old University Building*

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Editor's Note: In this space each month we hope to provide our readers with information regarding many of the unique historical features that make up our wonderful city.

The Old University Building, often referred to as the "mother of education in Texas," is a Texas State Historical Landmark and one of the local structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is presently a museum run by the Nacogdoches Federation of Women's Clubs, and contains period furnishings and artifacts from its earlier days.

Come visit the Old University Building to see how it has shaped the past while still preserving education today.

The republic of Texas chartered Nacogdoches University in 1845 to fulfill east Texas settler's ideals for higher education. The university occupied various downtown buildings before this building was completed in time for classes in fall 1859. Local citizens underwrote the projects with donations of money, materials, land, labor and foodstuffs. During the civil war the structure served as a confederate hospital and functioned as a headquarters for a federal regiment during reconstruction. The building served the university until deeded to the Nacogdoches independent school district in 1904. It continued as an educational facility until the 1960's when its care and use became the charge of the Nacogdoches historical society and later the federation of women's clubs. After restoration, the structure became available for community functions as well as for a museum dedicated for a 19th century education, a Confederate Hospital, and community events.

This building has been in continuous use for school purposes, except for two years during and after the Civil War. When the war began in 1861, most male faculty and students joined the war effort while female students stayed to carry on the work on the home front.

The building was then used as a hospital and convalescent quarters for the confederate soldiers because of the hard times during the war. After the war and the reconstruction period, the building was again used as a school. Younger as well as older students were accepted as students. Management was by various groups including The Catholic Church, The Masons, and Kechie College. By the 1890's, local trustees again assumed control and gradually the education program melded into Nacogdoches High School.

The buildings, as well as Washington Square, were deeded to the Nacogdoches School District in 1904. This building, which is still standing, has been used for numerous community events since that time.

Nacogdoches University opened in September 1845. Its classes were held in a downtown building called the "Red House," so named because its base was plastered with local clay that had a strong red tint. The upper part was a frame structure. The building was located at the corner of Pilar and North Street.

The Red House became famous in local history because of its owners and its uses through the years. It was built in 1830 by Colonel Piedras, Commandant of the Mexican troops in Nacogdoches. After Colonel Piedras was expelled following the Battle of Nacogdoches in 1832, the property was seized and sold to the highest bidder. Thomas Rusk, the winning bidder, made it his family's home until 1843 when he sold it to Judge Bennett

Blake. In 1845, university trustees rented the house from Judge Blake; however, within a year they bought it for \$3,000. With careful modifications, the building was altered to provide living spaces for female students on the upper level and male students on the lower level. There were also classrooms and an apartment for President Montrose and his family.

After seven years in the Red House, the university moved to a building across the street. Still later, in 1855, it moved to the Temperance Hall on Hospital Street where classes were held until the University building was opened.

"What is the relationship between Nacogdoches University and Stephen F. Austin State University?"

The answer is that there has never been a formal relationship between the two because Nacogdoches University was closed several years before the idea for Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College was proposed.

Nevertheless, because the leaders for both endeavors were Nacogdoches people, there has always been an informal partnership between the two. For example, with the establishment of Nacogdoches High School, there was no longer a need for the type of higher education formerly provided in Nacogdoches University, so the university building became the center for the local high school. Yet, the people still wanted a college or university in their town.

Now, at that time, there was a state movement to establish normal schools (institutions for training teachers) around the state, and community leaders decided that such an institution could meet their needs for a local college. Therefore, they organized and marketed a proposal for a normal college in Nacogdoches.

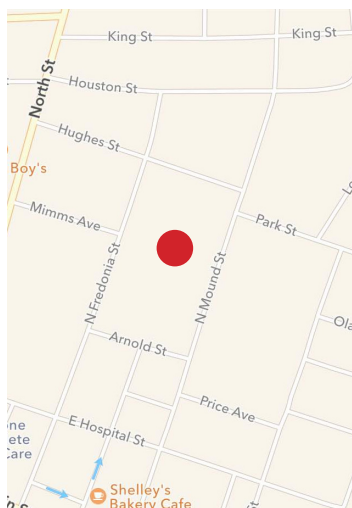
Their proposal was approved in 1917, and Dr. A. W. Birdwell, from Southwest Texas State Normal College, was chosen as president of the new institution. Alas, just as the development of the college was to begin, the United States entered World War I and plans for establishing the college were delayed for several years. Finally, Dr. Birdwell announced that classes at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College would begin in the fall of 1923 and that a fine new building being constructed on North Street would be the home of the institution.

Again, timing was a problem, for as the opening date approached, it became clear that the building was far from ready for classes. President Birdwell solved the problem of no classrooms or office spaces by negotiating with the school district to use its buildings on Washington Square. Among the various spaces that were used for the college classes was the Old University Building!

That partnership of SFASU and The OUB that began in 1923 has continued through the years. For example, recently SFASU transferred some of its original furniture to the OUB for use in the parlor, dining room, and museum. One item is a rare piece – an antique fireless cooker. Other pieces include the Victorian furniture that was the original living room furniture in SFASU's president's living room, as well as several of the 1923 classroom chairs. A further example of the partnership is the joint development of a video to show how Nacogdoches has historically placed great value on education. NISD, SFASU, and ONUB leaders are all involved in this endeavor. Through the years, SFASU faculty and student groups have been generous with their time and expertise as the programs for The Old Nacogdoches University Building have developed.

[Researched by Mrs. Garland Roark]

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Angela's Monthly Recipe
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- Course black pepper
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- Olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

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Sam Rayburn Lake Report

by David Chandler
Shirley Creek Marina Bait Shop - 936.404.3997

Guess what my fellow anglers? The weather is hot and so is the fishing on Lake Sam Rayburn. The water is still slightly murky up north, but down south toward the dam is getting clearer. The water temperature is increasing, but remains constant between 84-89 de-

grees and the lake level is reaching normal at approximately .47' high.

Black Bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and dark crank baits in 10-15' around the grass line and points. Different types of darker-colored plastics fished with Texas Rigs around brush early are bringing in limits. White Bass are good on minnows and small jig spinners on creek and river entrances. Crappie are hit and miss but are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles in 25'-30' of water when you find good structure. Some are still suspended in 15'-20'. Anchoring brush piles in around 15' will definitely bring in the perch. Also good stringers are coming in from under the Hwy 103 and 147 bridges along the creek and river channels. Bream are great on worms and crickets (crickets are hard to find, but will be available at Shirley Creek Bait Shop soon) around the trees in deeper water. Channel and Blue Catfish are doing great in 20'-30' on worms, shrimp and shad. Different punch baits are also bringing in limits. If you are an avid catfisher, baiting holes with soured grains like corn and milo with cattle range cubes will definitely increase your odds to get to that limit. Nice size Blues up to 50 lbs are coming in off noodles, jugs and trot lines baited with live perch, cut bait and shad.

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Pictured L-R: patron James Aston, Lugnutz owner Larry Nabours, and patron Benny Crisp.

Summer Crawl - Stag Leap Country Inn: Stag Leap Country Inn welcomed guests for the July 7 Summer Crawl. Guests toured the property on golf carts, provided by owners Wayne and Mattie Collins, and visited Antlers Log Cabin, pictured, and Bucks Head Cabin.



Summer Crawl - The Jones House: Cathy Sanders gave a tour of The Jones House to Bed and Breakfast proprietors who attended the June 15 Summer Crawl. Guests learned about the amenities the historic home has to offer and experienced the grandeur of this historic landmark.



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