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# Oldest Town in Texas Roadshow Returns October 1st to Downtown



*Nathan "Poogie" Alders joins the cast of The Oldest Town in Texas Road Show on October 1st at The Old Tobacco Warehouse.*

The Branson-style variety show produced by Kim Crisp and Stephen Pate 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.

Appearing for the first-time on the show will be Nathan "Poogie" Alders. "Poogie" is a lifetime Nacogdoches County resident, singer, musician and character. Road Show regular cast members will be on hand, including Kim Crisp aka "Camo Elvis," Stephen and Jan Pate aka Rocking P Band, Jason Kelley aka "The Atomic Clock" on drums, Bo 'Fist Bump' Miller on keyboard, mandolin and accordion and Buddy Harpham on bass. Special guest vocalists include Courtney Burch, Ally Fuller, Kate Kovar and 13-year-old Devin Horchem on Guitar. General Admission tickets are \$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. Reserved seat tables for 8 are available if purchased at Spring & Prince. Order online at ITickets.com or call 800.965.9324. The Old Tobacco Warehouse is located on the 2nd floor at 111 N. Pecan in Nacogdoches. Elevator is available.

## Dancin' to the Classics Coming to Appleby Sand Merchantile Cafe'

Appleby Sand Merchantile Cafe' will host 'Dancin' to the Classics' on October 8th. The event features DJ music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s from David Stallings' library of more than 30,000 songs. \$12 ticket includes full buffet dinner from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. and dancing from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale now at the cafe'. Admission is \$15 per person if purchased at the door. The event is sponsored by Bob and Janice McKnight of McKnight Financial and Insurance, Dr. Gene and Nancy Cagle (pictured), Randy Johnson at Johnson Furniture, Bob Odom and Peggy Muckleroy.

Appleby Sand Merchantile Cafe' is located at 6530 FM 2609, Nacogdoches, Texas (Appleby Sand Road). For information, please phone 936.554.5822 or 936.559.5151.



## CC's Smokehouse - A Fun Place to Dine and to Work in Nac!

After working in management positions at Aramark Food Services and Black Eyed Pea Restaurants for many years, Heath Clement saw the need for a locally-owned "Mom and Pop Shop" restaurant. He acquired the property located at 2709 Westward and Stallings Drive in 2008 and has created a unique dining experience for customers. His manager, John Penney, describes the CC's Smokehouse fare as "Down home cooking without going to a chain restaurant." The menu features a wide variety of items, including; Barbeque plates and sandwiches, catfish, chicken, barbeque stuffed potatoes, burgers, salads and their signature grilled steaks, the "Cowboy" and "Ranch Hand" Sirloins served with fries on butcher paper in a tray. Grilled 10 ounce, 14 ounce and 20 ounce ribeyes are also available. All side items are made fresh daily.

The restaurant's 20-25 employees include a number of SFA students who are all taught that "The owner signs the paycheck, but the customer pays it." Cus-



*L-R: Kenia Ferman, Allison Mc Daniel, Kaylee Hein, Alena Salinas, John Penney, Emily Webb and Lanna Johnson.*

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tomers are greeted with smiling faces and excellent service in the always-crowded "fun place to work."

Manager John Penney has more than 20-years experience in food service beginning with his days as a bus boy at Clear Springs while he was in high school, and as a waiter when attending SFA. After graduation, he moved to Dallas and became manager of a Pappadeaux Restaurant. He also has management experience from his days at Clear Springs in San Antonio, as well as 9-years at The Barbecue House in Nacogdoches.

"Heath is genuinely interested in Nacogdoches and is a strong supporter of community events, law enforcement, local schools and SFA. He's also open-minded to new ideas," Penney said. "We've tried some different meals for our weekly Rotary Club catering event, including: Crab stuffed flounder with a shrimp and pineapple salsa served with a cilantro lime rice...Not your usual food choice for club meeting. We've also served them barbecue, fajitas, ribeye steaks and grilled chicken breasts."

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America's Award Winning Musical opens the season at Lamp-Lite. Back by popular demand, the musical features our original stars: Tim King (Adams), Ric Berry (Franklin), Debbie Berry (Abigail Adams) along with Scott LaGraff, Tim Hogle, Keith Aiavolasiti, Kent Johnson, Garland Buffalo, and Michael Dean. Other actors include Justin Hughes, Jon Gauntt, Ken Wood, Steve Josephsen, David Norton, George Patterson, Lee Broadwater, Kasey Jobe, Trae Norman, Todd Phillips, Jacob Barnhill, Les Balty, Bill Small, Chris Englert, and Richard Malloy. SFA music students, Carly McClain, Robert Boren, and Michael Dixon join in to bring history to life in the stunningly original musical. The joy of the show comes in discovering that our founding fathers were men of flesh and blood, and not cardboard. This past summer marked the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. *Come celebrate with us!*

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# Nacogdoches CVB Announces “All Things Nacogdoches” Photo Contest

The Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting an “All Things Nacogdoches” photo contest that will kick off this month.

Entries will be accepted Sept. 7 through Nov. 7. A maximum of three photos, which must be taken in Nacogdoches County, may be submitted and fall into one of the seven designated categories:

Nature: Best photo of nature

Mobile: Best shot taken via phone or tablet

Young Photographer: Best captured photo taken by someone 21 and younger

Adventure: Best photo of an action/adventure moment

Food of Nac: Best photo of food at local restaurants

Culture: People/local events

Nacogdoches: Show us what represents Nacogdoches to you

Photos may be submitted online, via email and in person to the CVB. All photos submitted should be 300dpi, with the exception of the mobile category.

The photo contest is a juried competition. Photos chosen by the jurors will be displayed in an exhibition at the Cole Art Center Nov. 17 through Jan. 14. Three overall winners will be selected and will receive cash prizes along with an honorable mention for each category. Winners will be announced at the opening reception held from 6-8 p.m. at the Cole Art Center located at 329 E. Main Street. A People’s Choice award will be selected by participants attending the Nov. 17 reception.

“The photo contest is a great opportunity for the CVB to partner with the Cole Art Center, to feature local talent and to build upon the CVB’s library of images that will be used to showcase our destination as a film friendly city, and for other promotional purposes such as the CVB’s website and social media, just to name a few,” said Sherri Skeeters, marketing director for the Nacogdoches CVB.

To submit your entry or for more details about the photo contest, visit [www.VisitNacogdoches.com](http://www.VisitNacogdoches.com) or contact the CVB at 936-564-7351.



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## New Downtown Shop Focused on the Needle Arts

Yarnia is a new retail yarn, knitting, and crochet shop located in downtown Nacogdoches, ‘on the bricks’! Valerie Binning, proprietress, is starting a community of fellow crafters that share a love for the needle arts. The shop, which is located at 321 East Main St., is currently focused primarily on knitting and crocheting, but intends to bring in fabric and quilting supplies in the next year.

Valerie hopes to create an inviting shop atmosphere that lets everyone feel at home and not be intimidated by a high quality yarn shop. Yarnia will carry a varied selection of fabulous yarns like wool, cotton, silk, alpaca, linen, acrylic, plus many others AND varying prices to meet all budgets! Everyone will be able to find something to suit their specific project, need, and price range. The shop also carries a wide variety of knitting needles, crochet hooks, stitch markers, darning needles plus many other notions needed to practice and perfect the art. There are also kits available for several projects and more in the works.

Yarnia takes pride in carrying locally sourced products like Amanda Hope hand dyed yarn, which is exclusive to Yarnia in East Texas and only one other shop in all of Texas and The Muddy Knitter pottery yarn bowls, knitting mugs, soap, etc. We intend to showcase the talent right here in East Texas.

Free help sessions are scheduled periodically so artists can come in and get help with projects, identify and correct mistakes, and choose appropriate yarn/pattern combinations. However, if you need help when there isn’t an active help session, please call or come in. Valerie will be happy to provide individual assistance, schedule a help session or private lesson.

Yarnia currently hosts 3 knitting groups that meet regularly at the shop, some weekly and others monthly, helping to create the community and relationships that will encourage and drive participation in the needle arts. The NAC Knitters call the shop home and have volunteered to teach Beginner classes in both knitting and crochet to create more needle art enthusiasts. Once a person discovers a love for fiber, they are hooked for life!

Yarnia is working on launching a website, but in the meantime, please go like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Yarnia.tx](https://www.facebook.com/Yarnia.tx)! This will allow you to keep up with the classes, new products and other events happening at the shop. Ladies, bring your husbands because we love football and will have the games on in the back when possible, (if no classes are in progress).

*A little background: The Binning family, Todd, Valerie and Avery, purchased a poultry farm in Chireno TX in early 2015 and moved from Cumming GA in July. When scoping out Nacogdoches as their new home, there was the glaring omission of a nearby yarn shop. Although Valerie was still working for corporate America, the dream was born that a yarn shop would be a great addition to the Nacogdoches retail space.*

*In early May the call came that changed life forever, Valerie was released from her job of 31 years. It was very scary but was the push she needed to follow a dream. The whole journey has been awesome and inspiring. GOD has cleared every obstacle just as he did for the move cross country. Every time it seemed as if the path was blocked, there would be some unexplained happening that would allow them to move forward. She doesn’t know why they are here but feels like they are exactly where they are supposed to be. All the glory for any success goes to GOD! None of this would be possible without him!*

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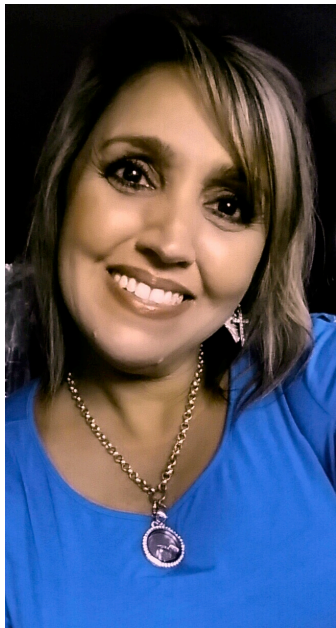
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Anita Scott



## Nac County Exposition and Civic Center News from Anita Scott

Looking for something to do in September? Our calendar is jam packed with events ranging from fun-filled family entertainment to employee training and even a non-profit fund-raiser. We have a little bit of everything happening this month. For more detailed information on these events, please "like" us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.nacexpo.net](http://www.nacexpo.net). We would also like to remind the public, our Main Arena is available during the week from 8AM-4PM for horse riders to come exercise their horse in the Main Arena, \$10 per horse. Please call our office at 936-564-0849 to let us know you plan to come.

### September Calendar of Events

- 3th & 4th- G & S Gunshow- Downstairs Exhibit
- 10th- Pineywoods Fair \$10,000 Steak Dinner- Downstairs Exhibit Room
- 10 & 11th- Region V Junior High Rodeo- Main Arena
- 15th- Nacogdoches County Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Banquet- Downstairs Exhibit Room
- 17th- Team Roping- promoted by Rick Atherton- Main Arena
- 22nd- BancorpSouth Insurance- Upstairs Exhibit Room
- 22nd- City of Nacogdoches Employee Training- Downstairs Exhibit Room
- 23rd & 24th- 2nd Annual East Texas Indrain Artifact & Ethnographic Show - Downstairs Exhibit Room
- 24th & 25th- Region V High School Rodeo- Main Arena
- 27th- Ag Day for Elementary- Main Arena
- 28th- FFA Greenhand Camp- Main Arena & Midway

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

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## Chamber Connection

by Kelly Daniel

Membership & Marketing  
Manager at the Nacogdoches  
County Chamber of Commerce

### Annual Meeting Honors Gary Justice Business Excellence Awards Recipi- ents and Citizens of the Year

The planning committee is preparing for the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce 95th Annual Meeting & Membership Banquet. The event is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the Grand Ballroom, SFASU Baker Pattillo Student Center.

The Chamber's 2016-2017 Board of Directors will be inducted at the meeting, and the recipients of the Gary Justice Business Excellence Awards and the Citizens of the Year will be honored.

- Nacogdoches County Peace Officers is Large Business of the Year - sponsored by R & K Distributors, Inc.,
- Banita Creek Hall is Medium Business of the Year - sponsored by Regions Bank,
- The Hospice of East Texas Shop is Small Business of the Year - sponsored by Heritage Land Bank.
- Charlotte and Gary Lee Ashcraft are Citizens of the Year - sponsored by Tipton Ford-Lincoln.

Tickets and table sponsorships are available. Registration by Sept. 13 is required. Find award recipient feature stories and more event information at [www.Nacogdoches.org](http://www.Nacogdoches.org), or contact the Nacogdoches County Chamber at 936-560-5533.



The Hospice of East Texas Shop volunteers and employees standing at the shop entrance, ready to welcome Shared Blessings participants on Aug. 17. Pictured from left to right are volunteers Robbie Johnson, Terry Courtney, Sara Pennington, Beth Warkentin, Susan Haney, Assistant Manager Cat Janson, Charlette Levy, Linda Stahl, General Manager Karmen Kopriva, Jessica Henderson, LBSW, Director of Operations Nacogdoches, Liz Hensarling and Virginia Cunningham. (Photo by Kelly Daniel)



Hospice shop volunteer Linda Stahl, left, and Director of Operations in Nacogdoches Jessica Henderson enjoy the daily activities at the shop. (Photo by Kelly Daniel)

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## Putting a Few Vowels in Your Marriage

*"You were united to your wife by the Lord. . . Keep faith with the wife of your youth."*  
(Malachi 2:15, LB)

If your marriage seems to be losing some of its snap and sizzle, it's time for a grammar lesson. Every word in the English language must have one thing in it for it to be a real word: a vowel – A, E, I, O, U (and sometimes Y). Maybe your marriage needs a few vowels.

A is for Arting your marriage; too many marriages are beauty-bankrupt; approach your marriage as a block of marble and create out of it an art form.

E is for Enjoying your marriage – too many marriages fail to "work out" because the couple hasn't learned to "play out."

I is for Intuiting each other's needs. Keep each other always in mind. Learn both mind reading and more importantly soul reading.

O is for Opening up and revealing to each other your most secret dreams and fears. Relationships must be based on truth, so tell the truth.

U is for Understanding, even when no one else does or even is interested in trying. Never forget the ABC=D Rule: Accusation + Badgering + Criticism = Defensiveness.

Y is for Yielding, as in cultivating a positive relationship as plants properly cultivated yield an abundant crop.

Maybe your marriage is suffering from a lack of vowels in its busy, cluttered consonantal arrangement. Try putting some of these vowels back into your marriage.

A LITTLE HUMOR: A husband who had been married to his wife for fifty years said to her, "Honey, did you ever imagine in your wildest dreams that you would be married to me for fifty years?" She replied, "Dear, you were never a part of my wildest dreams."

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## Texas Game Warden

by Randy Stovall

Greetings from the Piney woods of East Texas, Game Wardens from across the State of Texas are winding down from a very busy water safety season. Here in Nacogdoches County we have seen a record number of fishermen and folks enjoying recreational activities on our area lakes and rivers. The fishing has been incredible and water levels have been excellent for water sports. Thankfully we have had a summer without casualties or serious injuries

on the water. If you haven't heard, a lake record bass was caught on Lake Nacniche weighing 14.12 and measuring about 26 inches long. The fish was released back into the lake for the next lucky angler to catch. If that doesn't get you excited to go wet a line then I don't know what will.

Flood waters have kept Wardens extremely busy throughout the summer. We have been dispatched across the state and performed numerous water rescues and evacuations. Newton, Jasper, and Tyler County were hit extremely hard and many folks lost their homes. Several water rescues could have been avoided by simply not driving through rushing water. It has been a humbling experience seeing the good people of Texas reach out to these families that have lost their homes and all their possessions. Fortunately Nacogdoches County has been lucky, although we have endured moderate flooding. Currently we are on standby to assist with the relief efforts currently going on in Louisiana. Texas Game Warden Sean Reneau just returned from Baton Rouge on his day off helping pull sheet rock from flooded homes. It is these efforts that give people hope during times of disaster.

On a lighter note, hunting season is upon us and it's time for Wardens to switch gears. September 1st is the opening day of dove season and hopefully cooler weather is just around the corner. On August 15th the 2016-2017 new hunting fishing license went on sale. August 31st all current Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except year-to-date fishing licenses) expire. Every year Texas Parks and Wildlife issues more than 2.4 million hunting and fishing licenses. All revenue generated from hunting and fishing license fees pays for conservation efforts and recreational opportunities that help make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish. Beginning this year the Texas Legislature has made it easier for hunters and anglers to support two worthwhile causes when they buy their license. Now license buyers can make voluntary donations to help veterans or to support the Hunters for the Hungry program.

Game Wardens are known for checking fishermen, roaming through deer camps, catching road hunters, and taking bad guys to jail. However, one of the highlights of our job is introducing Texas youth to hunting and fishing. That hunting trip may be the highlight of a child's year and might just drive them to a deep love for the outdoors. Until next time.....God Bless.  
LIFE IS BETTER OUTSIDE.

Randy Stovall  
Texas Sate Game Warden  
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## Putting Our Children's Safety First

by Jason Bridges

School is back in, and the Nacogdoches Sheriff Office cautions our citizens to watch for children who are walking to and from school or waiting for buses.

Drivers should be especially alert and careful around school buses, which make frequent stops and always follow traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones.

Drivers need to do their part in keeping our children safe this school year by always obeying school zone speed limits and stopping for school buses. "Individuals who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped school buses not only face significant traffic fines, but they needlessly put children in harm's way – and we take these violations very seriously."

When students are entering or exiting a bus it can be one of the most dangerous times during a child's trip on a school bus.

We urge drivers to slow down and pay attention in school zones, since children may unexpectedly step into a roadway without checking for oncoming traffic.

State law requires when approaching school buses, drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal, either red flashing lights or a stop sign. Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed or the visual signal is no longer activated.

A driver does not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. However, if a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated and drivers must stop for school buses.

Drivers who illegally pass school buses face fines up to \$1,250 for a first offense. For individuals convicted of this offense more than once, the law allows the individual's driver license to be suspended for up to six months.

We also remind our citizens that cell phone usage is also prohibited in school zones. We need to stay focused and vigilant throughout the school year to protect our children. Area law enforcement will continue to monitor school zones throughout Nacogdoches County during the entire school year. Please do your part in helping us protect our precious children and let's have a great school year.

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## Stay Alert Because Time Could Change Something

I remember as a girl riding with my grandmother as she drove the streets of Nacogdoches on her shopping days. It was usually during the summer months when school was out and I had the pleasure of staying overnight.

A very proper woman, she was precise in her knowledge and history of the oldest town in Texas. Each time she drove that old four-door Buick into town from her home near the Angelina County line, she went into detail about the brick streets and how they came to be and the stories of years gone by.

From time to time, we would visit the Sterne-Hoya Museum and the Old Stone Fort. She had a lot of integrity and her actions all had reasons. The last time we took that trip, I was about 15 and she was beginning to show her years. She carefully maneuvered her car through downtown toward Stephen F. Austin State University. She turned into the big drive that led to the Administration Building; all while making small talk about my upcoming school year.



*Stephen F. Austin Administration Building in 1923 photo.*

She stopped the car and announced, "This is where I want you to go to college." She was adamant that I continue my education and that moment in time has been a significant memory that has impacted my choices in life. I went on to get an education in college and in life.

I remember how narrow and busy the streets were and today they are even busier. As students return to college and school buses hit the roads again, I want to urge drivers to stay alert. Pedestrian and bike traffic around SFA has increased significantly through the years, and to add to the congestion, young drivers are easily distracted due to cell phones, social media or Pokémon.

With more than 100,000 traffic crashes in Texas each year caused by distracted driving, TxDOT is reminding everyone that using a phone while driving is a risky habit.

Students are not alone in giving in to distractions behind the wheel. Adult drivers are just as guilty. In 2008, the engineer of a commuter train in Los Angeles was reportedly texting shortly before the train slammed into another freight train. Twenty-five people died. In December, 2014, a Tennessee school bus driver was texting when his bus crashed into another school bus, killing two students. The dangers of distracted driving are real for all of us.

Nacogdoches is growing and it seems to swell in population during regular school semesters. Please watch out for drivers and cyclists who are posting to social media, checking emails, watching a video and generally not paying attention to the roadway.

Time has changed many things in Nacogdoches since I was a little girl. In one way, the city is frozen in time, and in another, everything has changed. The fond memories of those shopping trips roll through my mind like a gentle breeze each time I am there.

My grandmother told me not long before she died that she always wanted to attend SFA, but never had the opportunity. She said she always wanted to be a teacher. I told her she already was.

*Have a safe school year.*



*Old Stone Fort, built in 1779 and rebuilt in 1902, is shown in 1923 photo. Note the car in front bearing the markings of "Texas Highway Dept."*

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*Ed and Denice Green with a great catch of Blue Cats caught on trot lines out of Shirley Creek Marina on perch and cut bait.*

## Sam Rayburn Lake Report

by David Chandler  
Shirley Creek Marina Bait Shop - 936.404.3997

Yes its that's time of year school, Football and the new Hunting and Fishing licenses are out. All of the 2015-2016 annual licenses expire on Aug 31st. They can be purchased at your local retailer, online at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/buy](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/buy) or by phone at 1-800-895-4248.

When you renew your new 2016-2017 license, pick up the new regulations pamphlet and please read and become familiar with all the rules from TPWD in the areas you hunt and fish. This year the Texas Legislature has made it easier for hunters and anglers to support two worthwhile causes when they buy their new licenses. Now you can make voluntary donations to help veterans or to support the Hunters for Hungry program.

The water on Sam Rayburn is clearing up but still murky down the lake. The water temperature is constant but with the recent rains have cooled things off and remains constant between 84-88 degrees and the lake level is decreasing and is about 1.5 low. Black Bass are fair on top water poppers, watermelon buzz baits and dark crank baits in 10-15' around the grass line and points. Different types of darker colored plastics fished Texas Rig around brush early are bringing in limits. Carolina rigs seem to be bringing in better catches. White Bass are fair on minnows, rat-l-traps and small jig spinners on creek and river and creek entrances. Crappie are still hit and miss, but are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs over brush piles in 25'-30' of water when you find good structure. Some are still suspended in 15'-20'. Anchored brush piles in around 15' are bringing in the best numbers crappie. Also good stringers are still coming in from under the Hwy 103 and 147 bridges along the creek and river channels. Bream are great on all kinds of worms and around the trees in deeper water. Channel catfish seem to be caught more frequently on worms, shrimp and shad. Good size blue cats up to 40 lbs. are coming in on live perch and cut bait. Different punch baits are also bringing in limits. 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 flathead cats up to 50 lbs. are coming in off noodles, jugs and trot lines baited with live perch, cut bait and shad on channel drop offs, but slow.

Remember to visit us at the Shirley Creek Marina Bait Shop. We have live Minnows, Goldfish, and now have live Perch. We are the only Bait shop that sells native live Perch. As my Poppy always said, "The worst day fishing is still better than the best day at work." God Bless and Good Fish'n.



### Angela's Monthly Recipe Black Eyed Pea Patties

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

Long before we ever heard of "vegan," my granny cooked these often. She usually served them with a side of tomato gravy. She said that when she was growing up there was not always meat, so "pea patties" were always a great substitute.

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups left-over cooked Black Eyed Peas (These are best cooked with ham hock for flavor)
- 1/2 cup bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1/3 cup roasted red peppers
- All-purpose flour, enough to bind patties
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

**Preparation:**

In a medium bowl, coarsely mash peas with a fork adding bacon and roasted peppers to mixture. Add just enough flour to mixture to help bind. Shape pea mixture into 4 patties. Melt butter and oil together in a large skillet over medium heat. Add patties and brown on both sides until crispy.



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## Lugnutz to Host Jerret Zoch and the OSR Band

Larry Nabours, owner of Lugnutz Bar & Grill in Nacogdoches, will present Jerret Zoch and the OSR Band on Saturday, September 24th. OSR is a Texas Country band based around Huntsville, Texas. Their style of music is greatly influenced from a variety of music genres, including; Texas Country, Red Dirt Country, Nashville Country, Blues and Rock. Jerret Zoch and the OSR Band was formed by Jerret Zoch and Daniel Huggins of Centerville and Berny Herrera of Jewett in May 2010. Since then, OSR has been performing at a variety of bars, clubs, public events and other venues with their blend of their original music and some of their favorite cover songs. Some original songs written by the band have quickly become fan favorites, including their new top-40 single, "I'm Done." Described as "Truly a group of talented musicians" by David Parker of Leon County Today. The original members of the band are still rocking with Jerret Zoch on acoustic guitar/vocals, Daniel Huggins on lead guitar/backup vocals and Berny Herrera on drums. With the addition of bass guitarist Logan Mehringer of Teague in the summer of 2011, OSR has become a four-man band. They love playing and performing music and it really shows! David Parker continued his article by saying "These young guys put on a great show and really pleased the crowd with their style. I enjoyed the smoothness of their playing, and vocals....I am sure we will be seeing and hearing a lot more of [OSR] in the near future."

Lugnutz Bar and Grill is located at 5287 South US Highway 59 in Nacogdoches. Open noon-1 a.m. on Saturdays. Band starts at 9 p.m. For info, please phone 936.564.6889.

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# My Trail

## by Brad Maule

I travel up and down Mound Street most every day. It is my trail, my well-beaten path of habit. I go on my trail to get food, to go to work, to see my friends, to breathe a bit of fresh air, and, not nearly enough, to worship my Creator...all sorts of things that make up a life. I have travelled this trail in celebration. I have gone down this trail in tears.

This past summer I went out to the Caddo Mounds State Park near Alto, Texas. I called before I

went and was lucky enough to speak to Rachel Galan, the Caddo State Park educator and interpreter. She invited me to a Teachers Conference at the park. I went on a hot, Saturday morning. It was a beautiful drive and when I pulled into the well-kept park, Chase Earles (CaddoPotty.com) was firing pottery using original Caddo traditions. Chase had built a small fire out of twigs and pine straw. He let the fire burn down almost to the coals while he put the clay pieces he had made earlier in the day around the edges of the heat and smoke. While he worked, Chase told his audience of teachers how he dug the clay from the banks of the Red River, and mixed it with local mussel shells that he heated, and crushed to make "grog" for his clay. Charles was stepping in and out of the embers as he moved the pots around to keep the heat regulated. He was covered in sweat from the summer heat and the fire.

As the pottery dried in the embers, smoke both cured and colored the light brown clay. I knew very little about the Caddo people when I arrived at the park that morning, but listening to Chase, I felt a connection that had not been there before. I had seen the Caddo Mounds before, I had wandered around the park a few times, and I had just seen the new Straw house built by volunteers to replicate the way the Caddo lived long ago, but till now, it was history...dry, dusty, text book, history. Somehow, the smoke, the small fire, the intricate dance of moving pots in and out of heat, and Chase's own story of rediscovering his heritage suddenly moved me. Here was this modern guy making pottery the same way his ancestors did hundreds, maybe thousands of years ago. I could feel my head and my heart slow like sevens lining up for a win on a slot machine as my thoughts came together.

"These people were real. Their basic needs and daily chores were not that different from mine. I bet they even had a trail they followed just like me."

I am notoriously naive about certain parts of life. Some call it dumb. It's like I have a chunk missing in my brain. I used to be ashamed to be so slow, but I've learned to be proud of my lack of quickness. When my thoughts do finally arrive, they ring deep, all the way down into my soul.

### "Mound Street."

After Chase's pots were fired, it was time for the teachers and I to try making our own Red River clay pots. I loved it. The clay was wet, messy, and stained my hands mud brown. The Caddo pottery I attempted was made of hand rolled ropes of clay coiled one strand on top of the other till a small low bowl was formed. I didn't have to try to make my bowl look primitive; I was a natural at it. I even took a small rolled piece and made my version of a snake sitting on the edge of my bowl. This was to honor my own West Texas heritage of rattlesnakes.

I didn't make it all the way through the conference due to other commitments, so I didn't get to fire my bowl that day. I put my wet clay bowl in a plastic grocery bag in the bed of my pickup. Strangely enough, the East Texas heat pretty much sucked all the moisture out of my bowl after a couple of days. I didn't officially "fire" my bowl, but then again, my pickup made a pretty good kiln of its own.

Going back home that afternoon, I went down Mound Street. I saw a whole different street.

If you get a chance, go out to Caddo Mounds State Park and say hello to Rachel and all the good people who work there. Maybe, just maybe, it will take you down a new trail.

Caddo Mound State Park: 1649 State Highway 21 Alto, Texas. Telephone: (936) 858-3218



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

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# Nacogdoches, The Oldest Town in Texas . . . Rich in History and Texas Culture, Features *The Old Stone Fort*

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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.*

La Casa Piedra (later known as the Old Stone Fort) was built by Antonio Gil Y'Barbo in 1779 as the first mercantile house in Nacogdoches. It remained the tallest structure in town for nearly a century, and often served as the seat of civil authority.

In 1805, he sold the building to Jose' Luis de la Baga, and in 1806, Bega sold it to William Barr. Along with fellow merchants Peter Samuel Davenport, Luther Smith and Edward Murphy, Barr operated the House of Barr and Davenport, an import-export business catering to the indigenous tribes of the area. Davenport established his headquarters as the Nacogdoches agent for the firm in the Old Stone Fort. Davenport outlived his partners—Smith died in 1807, Murphy in 1808 and Barr in 1810—leaving Davenport as the sole proprietor. During the next several years, the structure also served as various government facilities.

The building was the scene of many historic moments in early Texas. In a prelude to the Fredonian Rebellion, Benjamin Haden, brother to Empresario Haden Edwards, led several followers in seizing the building on December 16, 1826. Shortly thereafter, Col. Jose' de las Piedras used the structure as his headquarters.

In 1829, John Marie Durst purchased the Stone House from Juan Benigno Davenport, Peter Samuel Davenport's son and heir. Durst and his family lived there until 1834 when he sold it to Vicente Cordova. Córdoba and a partner used it as a courthouse until Córdoba was forced to flee following the failure of his 1838 rebellion. Cordova sold the structure that year to John S. Roberts, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Roberts, a former sheriff of Natchitoches, had participated in the battle of Nacogdoches in 1832 and the Siege of Bexar in 1835. He operated a variety of commercial ventures in the structure before selling it to William and Charles Perkins. They became the last owners of the original building.



Old Stone Fort, circa 1912. *Indian Wars of Texas*, by James DeShields, 1912, Tioga, Texas, page 83.



Old Stone Fort, circa 1885. Fannie Ratchford Collection, Prints and Photographs Collection, Texas State Library and Archives Commission. #1970/101-1008.

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The Perkins family dismantled the building in 1902, but some of its original stones were preserved by Cum Concillio, a civic organization in Nacogdoches. In 1907, the club used the stones for a small building in Washington Square.

Decades later, the New Deal economic program of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration provided funding for the construction of a replica of the old fort on the grounds of Stephen F. Austin State College. Dedication ceremonies were held October 16, 1936. The building became a museum, which is open to visitors and hosts historic exhibits.



Replica of the Old Stone Fort, built for the 1936 Texas Centennial., sits on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. The building was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1962. Photo by Ernest Mettendorf.

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