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to Debut May 7th with Guest, Governor Mike Huckabee

A new Nacogdoches-based internet radio station, TraditionalCountryRadio.us, will begin broadcasting worldwide on May 7, 2018. The station will feature music from legendary artists, including: Ray Price, Jim Reeves, Merle Haggard, Mel Tillis, George Jones, Faron Young, Willie Nelson, Patsy Cline, Bob Wills, Tammy Wynette and hundreds more. Also featured will be younger artists who are true to the traditional country music genre, as well as comedy and southern gospel music. Each week, conversations with people involved in the music business will be aired. The first guest will be Governor Mike Huckabee, who became a disc jockey at age-14 in his home town of Hope, Arkansas.

David Stallings, publisher of *Around the Town*, began work on the station in late-2017 and is excited about the new project. "I know that there are many music fans who miss hearing this music and this type of format on mainstream radio. In addition to listening on computers, through the relatively-new Bluetooth technology, listeners can get our free applications at the Apple and Google App Stores and listen on any mobile device, in vehicles or through Bluetooth speakers. In addition to featuring the legends, we want to give younger artists who can't get airplay because they're 'too country' for today's radio, a chance to be heard. The



Guest, Governor Mike Huckabee with TraditionalCountryRadio.us founder, David Stallings, of Nacogdoches, Texas.

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Nine Flags Coffee Roasters *Wood Fired and Hand Roasted*

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

David Hanson and David VanBuskirk merged their creative genius to become the brainchild behind Nine Flags Coffee Roasters. They had been friends for about ten years, and both are true coffee lovers. Hanson had taken a class about coffee roasting a couple of years ago, with his family during a visit in Florida, and enthusiastically shared his roasted coffee beans with VanBuskirk.

What they have learned since then inspired their new coffee shop and they are eager to share all they discovered about coffee. They even plan on teaching a class in the complexities and diversity of coffee. They hope to educate people about coffee and the variety of flavors available and they are absolutely certain they can make you a cup of black coffee you will utterly enjoy.

Whether you are a coffee connoisseur or merely an adventurous aficionado, you are certain to find at least one coffee that will please your palate in the new coffee house located near the heart of Nacogdoches on East Main Street. As the name implies, you will be encouraged to sample coffee from nine different countries or you can grab a cup of your favorite roast just the way you like it. They offer wood-oven roasted coffee beans for you to enjoy and the beans, which are roasted right here in Nacogdoches, come from Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico, New Guinea, Panama, Peru, and Sumatra.



David VanBuskirk of Nine Flags Coffee.

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station will take listeners back to the days of more relaxed, informal programming. We'll just have a lot of fun!"

Governor Mike Huckabee will be Stallings' first guest on the new station. "We became friends several years ago when he was a guest on our TV show, Nashville Country Cookin'. Mike's love for music began with his first paying job as a DJ in his hometown of Hope, Arkansas. He eventually learned to play bass guitar and was a member of several bands in his younger years. Mike's new show on TBN, Huckabee, always features music. We're honored to have him help kick off our new station," Stallings said. Future guests include: Country Music Hall of Famers, Bill Anderson, Jimmy Fortune (Statler Brothers), Jeff Cook (Alabama), George Foreman and many more.

For more information regarding programming, advertising and to obtain the free apps, visit www.TraditionalCountryRadio.us or phone Mr. Stallings at 936.554.5822.



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They are certainly encouraged by how the community has welcomed their new business. At the time of this interview, they had only been open six days and already had several people return every day, some of them more than once a day, so they are optimistic they will attract a regular clientele of true coffee drinkers. Van-Buskirk says with confidence, "you have never really tasted coffee until you've tasted our coffee."

As I read through the posts on their Facebook page it was clearly obvious that folks were happy about the new coffee shop for a variety of reasons, so I decided to share comments from actual consumers. After all, who better to tell you about a new business than their customers:

- As someone who NEVER drinks their coffee black, the owners of Nine Flags Coffee may have won me over to the dark side (pun intended). These gentlemen know their stuff, and they treat their coffee with the utmost care. Freshly roasted, incredibly smooth, and a wide variety of countries represented — this may be the best cup I've ever had.
- Fantastic little downtown joint to taste some great coffee blends. Friendly & knowledgeable staff, plus the atmosphere is perfect for a quick cup of java and conversation.
- Incredibly polite and friendly staff, great coffee presented in a unique and interesting manner or production, great surroundings, active involvement with the community and other local businesses ... did I mention great coffee?
- Possibly the best coffee I have ever had. Great service - so friendly and willing to talk about his coffee! Great atmosphere - comfy chairs and good spots.
- Fabulous coffee and wonderful owners! The Costa Rican and Kenyan were SO smooth — will definitely be back soon to try the others!
- I drove past you every day watching the building improvements. LOVE LOVE what you have done with what has always been a dull building. GREAT JOB! Not a coffee drinker but I might need to stop in anyways!



LOVE what you have done with what has always been a dull building. GREAT JOB! Not a coffee drinker but I might need to stop in anyways!

You can enjoy a cup of coffee at the coffee house or just purchase the coffee beans so you can brew your own coffee at home. You can also order the wood-roasted coffee beans online from their new website; however, their website is still under construction so they ask for your patience until it is finished.

They encourage you to check back often to keep up with the updates. One of the things they will be doing is posting when they are roasting the coffee and they will teach a "how to" class on how to roast the green beans correctly, for anyone interested in learning. Updates on the website will be posted on their Facebook page too and any comments or questions posted to Facebook will be acknowledged within 24 hours.



And what will they do to follow up the grand opening of their new business? Well, their new goal is to visit each country they get coffee from. I think I see the menu expanding.

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by Cheryl Harvey Hill

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Colors Trending This Spring

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The Sun is shining and it's time to do that ever so popular... "Spring Cleaning" but more specifically, spruce up our homes! The bad weather seems to keep us indoors more than we like during the winter and the feel of just wanting to do something to brighten up our homes seems to come over all of us! Often that means repainting and freshening up the overall look

of a room.

Trending is still the ever so popular greige tones which can either pull itself to the warmer beige side of a grey or more the greyer side of a beige. Such colors might be Sherwin Williams, Accessible Beige or Agreeable Grey. These 2 colors are often my GO TO colors when working with Clients on getting rid of the more warm gold tones or deeper beiges. But don't forget, you can still even work toward that look by doing your walls and trim all one color and not contrasting with an old color like Dover White! Dover White typically has a bit of yellow in it, but ONLY pulls if you contrast it with a brighter truer white. So even choosing another white and not contrasting gives a totally different look than when you contrast your trim color. Another thought to remember is you don't even have to paint to pull in that lighter feel. Just leave that warmer tone on the walls, but start lightening up your upholstery and your wood tones to give you the same overall feel and get away from such a heavy look.

Emerald Green is one of the newest color for Accents for the Spring! Bassett has just the color in a fabulous velvet to use for adding that currant color to your room. If you want to go bolder than that and paint the green on the wall, check out Sherwin Williams Garden Grove or Inland! Green is such a "neutral" color in it's own right. It really goes with anything! So you really aren't locking yourself into anything that you can't later work around in most cases. Other colors that are popping up in the Design/Furniture world are deep green blues such as Sherwin Williams's Oceanside; Hot pinks such as Exuberant Pink; deep yellows such as Honey Bees; Rich Navy such as In The Navy and soft blue/greens such as Adrift. (All Sherwin Williams colors). You'll find all these colors showing up in fabrics available for ordering furniture, in bedding options and accent pillows for POPS of color!

And although some of you may be afraid of going so bold with these colors on walls or in larger pieces of furniture, a little here and there in pillows, throws or some accent art on the wall are easy ways to stay with the trends and freshen up your home to give you that "Spring Cleaning" feel!

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Distracted driving has become the most dangerous situation on the road today. April is Distracted Driving month and TxDOT is campaigning for your safety. While this annual campaign is important, we know already that the only way it will be successful is for you to choose not to let anything distract you when you drive.

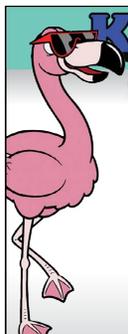
Taking your eyes off the road for five seconds while driving 55 mph, is the same as driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. That is scary. Even scarier than that is the thought that your son or daughter may be doing it every time they drive. One in five crashes in Texas involved distracted driving in 2017 – a ratio that has not changed in the past three years. An even bigger shocker is that 19 percent of all crashes on Texas roads can be blamed on distracted driving. Those crashes total a staggering 100,687 that resulted in 444 deaths and 2,889 serious injuries. In Lufkin, distracted driving crashes totaled 81, and in Nacogdoches that number was 55. There were many other crashes that were unexplainable, but could have likely been caused by distractions.

It is time to raise our heads – literally. Look up out the windshield and nowhere else when you are driving. The new “Heads Up, Texas” campaign is aimed at reminding drivers to do just that. TxDOT has teamed up with AT&T to stress that whatever takes your attention while driving can wait. That includes a phone call, a text, a crying baby, pets, and music, taking a selfie, reading an email or making a video.

Another distraction is talk-texting and we have convinced ourselves it is safer. It is not. You have to be a walking dictionary of acronyms to do this successfully, and even then, it is still very distracting. You have to know that LOL means laughing out loud, SMIM means send me an instant message or TMI stands for too much information. Your teens might be able to talk-text with ease using the foreign language of acronyms, but it is as much against the law as texting. Both cause you to look away from the road, which could cause a tragic crash.

I hope you take a few minutes to talk about this issue with your young driver. Not being distracted behind the wheel is the single most important conversation you can have about driving. Not doing it could save your life or the life of another person. Don't let your final words be LOL.

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MAY 19, 2018 - NAC BREW CLUB SPRING BREWFEST

Come join the 8th annual Nac Brew Club Spring Brewfest! We'll have a ton (literally) of great beer from skilled brewers from all over the Pineywoods. You must be a club member to attend. See a club member to buy a membership, or go to nacbrewclub.org.

News from the Nac Brew Club:

1) We're changing our judging up a little this year. Festival is open to the public at 2pm. If brewers show up about 12 it will give us all a little time to mingle before the madness!

2) Explain judging and categories? When do they need to have their beer to us?
We'll have five categories: light ales and lagers, dark ales and lagers, IPA/APA, Porters and stouts, meads and ciders.

We aren't judging before the festival this year. Instead, we are having a special Saison judging the Friday night before the event. If you'd like to enter a Saison into this we'll need a few bottles of your Saison by Sunday 5/6. Keep on a reading!

The other beers will be judged by popularity contest on the day of brewfest. Every non-brewing attendee will get 5 tickets, to vote as they see fit. Every brewer will receive those same five tickets, as well as five special tickets. The special tickets are for the brewer to vote for his or her favorite IPA, favorite light ale/lager, and so on. We will award 1st and 2nd place people's choice, and 1st and 2nd place people's choice for each category, and we will award overall people's choice and overall brewer's choice (based on straight ticket count).

3) The Saison thing?
This is the special Friday night judging (location TBD) that brewers can optionally enter. Beer will be judged using BJCP protocols, based on category 25B. Judges will be volunteers from NBC, and (hopefully) some other clubs too. IF YOU'RE AN INTERESTED BREWER PLEASE INBOX US! Our Club Prez (Jack) will store the beer as it is turned in, and will transport it to the judging place. For each entry, we need three 12oz bottles, no labels and plain caps. There will be a special award for the highest scoring beer, winner announced at brewfest (must be NBC member, either paid in full dues, or an out-of-town brewer whose membership has been comped) in order to enter.

4) Details about companion brewers:
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Dog Trot House

by Jerry Permenter

Our only neighbor for many miles owned a “dog trot” house, with a wide spacious breezeway down the middle. Their well was just off the back, and we’d stop there for cool water after a day of adventures on our hot summer walks back home. I remember the metal dipper, drawing the water and Mrs. Cureton, in her bonnet, sitting with us and talking to us about what we’d discovered. Sometimes, we’d run through the dog trot, waiting at the door for cookies she’d promised before our walk home. Half the house held the kitchen and dining room, while the other side hosted the sitting room and bedrooms. Their driveway was lined with huge, flowering bushes we called bridal wreaths, and one day, I swore I’d have a house just like theirs.



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

When her husband died after a well lived life, they brought him back to their parlor for two days of visitation. He had been a kind and gentle soul, reed thin and always keen to tell us a story. They each had gentle, welcoming spirits and left us children with nothing but memories of gracious hospitality.

I’ve always wanted to build a dogtrot house for myself in my later years, having it overrun with children and grandchildren, on land with many acres for them to discover, just as we had. And I would want all visitors to leave with good memories of my last years, remembering me and my home as a welcoming and peaceful place, always open to everyone.

My neighbors knew an ageless secret I’ve learned with advancing years. There is no better example than to live one’s life in service to love and kindness, to have a heart as open as a breezeway, to welcome others with hospitality and peace, as respite from an often weary world.



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Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail Introduced on May 8 at CVB



Stephanie Fontenot
CVB Marketing Director

May is certainly an exciting and important month for the tourism industry. Not only are summer breaks beginning and sunny days approaching, but it's also the month during which National Travel and Tourism Week occurs. This year, the informative and exciting week of events will take place Sunday, May 6, through Saturday, May 12.

The Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau has planned a special function to commemorate this year's event, and it is centered around the recently-formed Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail. The trail is our region's own piece of barn quilt Americana and includes more than 85 artistic pieces - either wooden or metal squares that have been adorned with colorful patterns - that are displayed throughout Nacogdoches

County for public viewing.

We invite the community to join us at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Charles Bright Visitor Center located at 200 E. Main St. in downtown Nacogdoches, for a ceremony that highlights the trail and unveils the first of many official Pineywoods Barn Quilt Challenges. Information will be provided about the trail's development and how it benefits the local community by existing as an ongoing tourist attraction. Additionally, the 15 locations included on the first barn quilt challenge itinerary will be unveiled. Those who complete the challenge and its requirements will receive a commemorative Pineywoods Barn Quilt T-shirt. For more information about the trail and the unveiling ceremony, go to VisitNacogdoches.org/barnquilt.

In other news, the Visit Nacogdoches staff is looking forward to welcoming two exciting groups to Texas' oldest town later this month. The Antique Automobile Club of America will host the 65th Annual Texas Tour May 17-19. The public is invited to view the cars and vote on a favorite while enjoying coffee and donuts from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, May 18, in front of host hotel, The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. The Texas Manx Club will arrive the following weekend, May 25-27, for the 2018 Buggy Blast. Be sure to keep an eye on the Visit Nacogdoches Facebook page for updates on both.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't look forward to June as one of our biggest and bluest annual events is on the horizon - the Texas Blueberry Festival. Join us June 8-10 for blueberry fun for the entire family. Find the full calendar of events, shopping opportunities and lodging specials at VisitNacogdoches.org/Texas-blueberry-festival.



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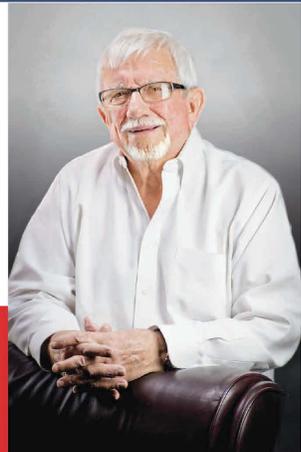
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The Chamber’s Alive After Five will be the second business after hours event in May and is hosted by M&S Pharmacy and Gift Shop. The event is 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at 917 E. Austin St. The Chamber will hold a cash prize drawing and M&S Pharmacy will have several really cool door prizes, but you must be present to win! All may enjoy delicious food, refreshing beverages, catch up with friends and make new contacts.

The Chamber is excited to give the latest update on the Pineywoods Barn Quilt Trail. It is established and available to view online! Go to www.VisitNacogdoches.org/BarnQuilt and find the online map with images of the barn quilt patterns and where to find them in the County. What a great way to explore our area during this pleasant weather time of year and view creative works of art displayed by Nacogdoches businesses and residents! All are invited to attend the trail unveiling celebration hosted by the Nacogdoches Convention and Bureau at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 8 at the Charles Bright Visitor Center, 200 E. Main St.

Please keep in mind that the Chamber is full of blueberry activity in May, getting ready for the 29th Annual Texas Blueberry Festival presented by Tipton Ford-Lincoln. If you, your business or organization would like to have vendor space at the tastiest festival in Texas, please go to www.TexasBlueberryFestival.com, download a vendor application, complete it and return to the Chamber. Vendor space is limited, so don’t delay in getting your application submitted. The festival promises a ton of fun in downtown Nacogdoches on Saturday, June 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tipton Ford-Lincoln is bringing the Ford Raptor Racing Simulator again for this year’s festival as well as the Hug a Hero booth. Find more about the festival event line up and a link to other activities going on in Nacogdoches during the festival weekend on the website.

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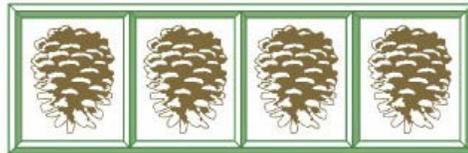
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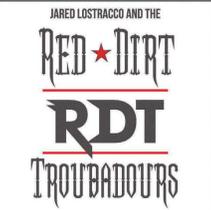


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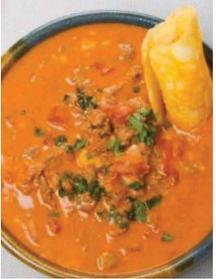
Angela Bradford is the owner/ operator of Appleby Sand Mercantile Café in Nacogdoches.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 small chopped onion
- 1tsp minced garlic
- 2 cans Rotel
- 1.5 cans beef broth
- 4 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Half a packet of taco seasoning

Instructions:

Combine beef and onion in a large pot with the garlic and seasoning. Cook until meat is brown and onions are cooked. Add the cream cheese and stir until melted. Add beef broth and Rotel. Stir and let simmer for about 5 mins. Add heavy whipping cream and let simmer for another 5 mins. Serve and top with lettuce, tomato, sour cream, cheese and olives! Or any other taco fixings you like! *Enjoy!*



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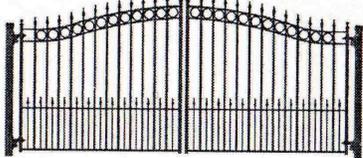
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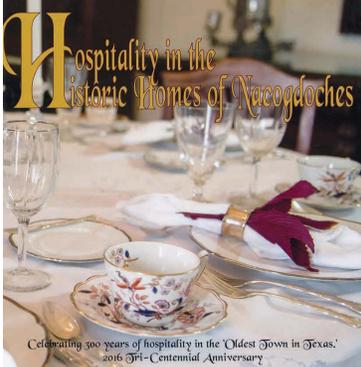
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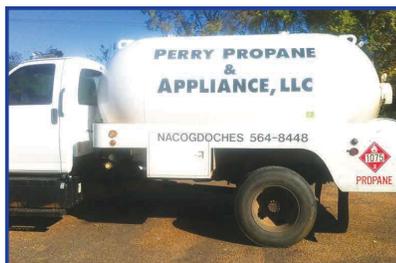
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"Access to the internet is key to almost everything we do today -- connecting us to education, healthcare, job opportunities, entertain-

ment and so much more," says FRS executive director, Jessica Golden.

But it's not just people who are dependent on online transactions, the national economy is too. Half of the U.S. GDP today comes from internet-driven transactions and that percentage is expected to rise over the next four years, according to the report. Valued at \$1.4 trillion and accounting for 7 percent of the U.S. nominal GDP, rural America accounts for a substantial portion of these transactions.

"These findings highlight the value of continued investment in rural broadband for the good of all Americans," says Golden.

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You can register online at <https://localraces.com/fredonia-5-10/fredonia-5-10-2018>.

The 10K starts at 8:00 a.m. and registration is \$35 per entry. The 5k will begin at 8:15 a.m. and entry is \$25. Medals will be given to top 3 overall mens and womens as well as top 2 in each age group. TTR will be timing event and please watch our facebook page for details. (<https://www.facebook.com/fredonia510/>)

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The Festival of Quilts is a judged show. Highlights include demonstrations of sewing and quilting techniques and tools, displays, a country store, a silent auction, and door prize gift baskets. A beautiful quilt will be raffled off to benefit local charities.

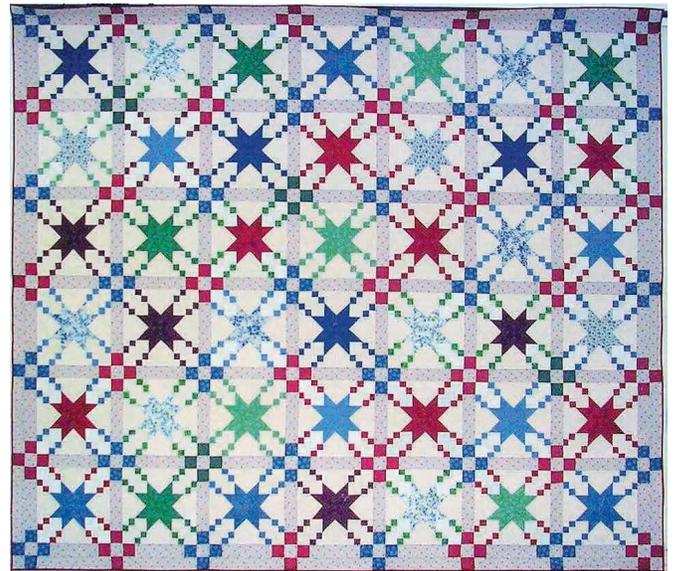
Vendors scheduled to be present include: Meant to be Stitchin' from Combine, Texas; A Cowgirl Quilt Shop from Jewett, Texas; Heavenly Threads from Trinity, Texas; NeedleWare Designs from Houston, Texas; Ross Fabric and Crafts from Zavalla, Texas; Cutting Table from Cypress, Texas; Story Time Quilts from Lufkin, Texas; Sewaspell from Spring, Texas; Country Living Quilts from Center, Texas; Quilters Gifts & Giggles from Rusk, Texas; Whims & Wishes from Rusk, Texas; Robin's Birdhouse of Quilts from Hockley, Texas; and The Scissors Guy and Scentsy Lady.

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Information will be available about joining the Nacogdoches Quilters Guild, an active talented group. Everyone with an interest in quilting is welcome, no experience required.

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Community Oriented Policing

by Jessi Pinkert, Content Coordinator

What comes to mind when you think about law enforcement? Do you envision speeding tickets, conflict, and high volumes of crime? With so many negative occurrences happening in the United States, it may be difficult for you to think about what the Police Department is doing in your city.

"Community-oriented policing is our philosophy. When our citizens trust their law enforcement," Police Chief Jim Sevey said. "We can create strong partnerships and lower the crime rate in our city."

The Nacogdoches Police Department works diligently to keep our community safe but also strives to deliver courteous, respectful service to community members and visitors alike.

Sevey explained this in the latest Nac101 course. "Our Police Department should be a part of the community. Our employees shop at the same stores, eat at the same restaurants, and raise their families in the same city as you, and we aim to protect the community as our own family." It is a top priority for our Police to defend our citizens and make them feel safe and comfortable within their city.

Our police are encouraged to interact with our citizens whenever possible in order to create relationships with the community. This is facilitated through ride-alongs with officers, visits to schools, and by stopping and talking to citizens when they see them!

"Many times, the community only sees the negative side of the Police Department." Stated officer Ashely Harris—who has been with the police department for almost two years. "Our job is more than giving out tickets. Sometimes I am a counselor, a mediator, or a tour guide. I am not just an officer; I am a member of the community."

Officer Harris even keeps a cooler of Gatorade and Kool-Aid to give to citizens that she sees during the day in our parks and walking on our sidewalks.

"We strive to connect policing with tourism," Chief Sevey explains. "If our officers meet visitors downtown, we like to show them around and tell them about the best places to see while they are in Nacogdoches!"

Retaining quality employees has lowered the number of complaints substantially over the last year. In December, the Nacogdoches Police Department was awarded the Certificate of Recognition from the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program.

Our police department had zero demerits this past year, meaning that no corrections were suggested for our city department.

"Our employee handbook follows the guidelines of the Recognition Program, so our officers are trained to follow the best practices without realizing that it is voluntary to follow these guidelines," stated Sevey.

In 2017, 98.74% of all calls made to our Police Department were answered in less than 10 seconds. This is one of the many standards that have been put in place to ensure that our community is receiving the best possible service from our officers.

As the United States sees the rate of crimes increasing, the opposite can be found in Nacogdoches. Robbery and general burglary, including burglary of a habitation and burglary of buildings, have decreased over the last year.

Many certificates have been awarded to our officers, including the Master Peace Officers Certificate, the Advanced Police Officer Certificate, the TCOLE Academic Recognition Award, and the Advanced Tele-communicator Award.

In 2017, our police chief also attended over 55 community focused meetings to become more informed on what is important to our citizens and how our law enforcement can better assist our community.

Our Police Department conducts surveys to see what is important to the community, and they align their goals with these values. Our law enforcement supervises multiple community services, including the Citizens Police Academy, Nacogdoches Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteer Services (CERT) who have all assisted in making Nacogdoches a safe community to live in.

The City of Nacogdoches is filled with firefighters, paramedics, and police officers who protect our community because they care about the citizens that reside here.

"Our officers see Nacogdoches as their backyard, and we work hard to keep it safe and protected as well as make it an enjoyable place to be," Sevey said.

As our community grows, the Nacogdoches Police Department plans to continue to implement a holistic approach to law enforcement. This means our police will use every resource possible to understand how they can continue safety and a higher quality of life for our citizens.

If you have questions or concerns about the Nacogdoches police, call Jim Sevey. "I have an open-door policy and love visiting with our citizens. If they are uncomfortable coming to the police department, I am more than happy to drink a glass of iced tea with them at a local restaurant."

For more information about the Nacogdoches Police Department, visit www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/760/Police.

MONUMENT CORNER

This month MONUMENT CORNER features the first of two monuments at the La Nana Creek bridge at Park Street. The monument commemorates an historic event that was purported to have taken place here in 1718. The monument reports on "Los Ojos de Padre Margil" ("The Eyes of Father Margil"). It reads as follows:

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