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Secrets of Soap Operas

by Brad Maule



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 Atate University.

I started my Soap Opera career in 1984 on ABC Television's "General Hospital." The first secret was that I had never really been a "watcher" of soaps. I came from a family of West Texas dryland farmers who didn't fish, didn't go to football games, didn't play dominoes, certainly didn't play golf, and never, ever, would take the time to watch an afternoon drama on television. It was not even a topic for discussion. What we did was work, outside, meatloaf sandwiches for dinner, under the shade of a cotton trailer, drinking well water from a burlap bag hung in front of the tractor radiator to keep it cool.

"Keep it cool." Of course, there was quite a long, winding road between me leaving our farm and land-

ing on the set of "General Hospital," but still that first day on the set I struggled to "keep it cool."

Soap Operas on television seem slow and repetitive, but behind the scenes it's like falling into a red ant bed. I pulled up to the guard gate and showed my identification to an oddly familiar face wearing a uniform and a badge. The security guard had once been one of the "Little Rascals." "OMG" I thought (OMG had not been invented yet)! Is that what happens when an actor gets older? The answer... "If you're lucky." He was a wonderful, friendly old man.

I found my way through a maze of giant, hanger-like buildings to the set of the soap. On the way, there strolling through the same maze, were doctors, cowboys, Indians, news anchors, and most amazing to me, grown men and women on bicycles pedaling fast from sound stage to sound stage. If there had been a turnip truck, I would have been falling off it at that moment.

Nobody welcomes you to the set of a Soap, you just ask different people where to go as they whiz past you. I finally found a bland dressing room with my name on it, inside was my costume for the day... doctor's coat, and then on to makeup. Like a factory of powder and colors, friendly, non-judgmental fac-



es stared intently at all the bad places on my face. Makeup people's job is to repair the bad parts of your DNA as quickly as possible. They then hand you over to the Hair Department where they comb, tease, and spray you into something you could never recreate on your own.

A loud speaker suddenly called my name. "Brad Maule to the stage!" "Did I remember to learn my lines?" I ran up the stairs and stumbled on to this cavern full of lights, and Luke and Laura's. The director looked me up and down like cattle at an auction, and said, "You...page ten, you enter, page twelve, you

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Chireno's Café – Worth the Drive to the Country!

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

Via a serene drive down the scenic Texas State Highway 21, originally El Camino Real, you arrive in the beautiful little city of Chireno, population 385, and home to the Chireno Café where, much like the popular TV series "Cheers", everybody knows your name.

Sixteen miles west of San Augustine and eighteen miles southeast of Nacogdoches in Nacogdoches County, in a historical building that is more than 100 years old, and has endured many interesting incarnations, the Anthony's and Ragland's joined forces to reinvent the local café. The restaurant is run by the whole family: parents, wives, daughters and some local friends who they also consider to be family. Many of their customers are people they've known for most of their lives.

They are proud to serve simple, down-home, good food in addition to some fast-food choices like hamburgers for their younger diners. They even have loaded french fries on the menu that are smothered in cheese, grilled chicken, bell peppers, onions, bacon and jalapeños. They also run specials for a variety of holidays. On Memorial Day, for example, their Dad (USAF MSGT John Ragland, Retired) joins them in the kitchen to prepare, what he calls, "great mess hall comfort food, S.O.S." His daughter Rhonda, who works in the restaurant every day, and is proud to be an Air Force "brat," said he usually made it for them when they were kids with a fried egg on top.

According to one of their regular customers from Nacogdoches, whose mother

grew up in this little community and graduated from high school there, "this is truly a family-operated business and they are hilarious characters who tease their regular customers relentlessly. But it's all in fun and they serve great food with their specialty being old-fashioned burgers. They even put the buns on the well seasoned old grill."

We also heard rave reviews of their pork chops, patty melts, and cinnamon rolls. It is well worth the twenty minute drive through some beautiful country to get there.



Left-to-right: Erin Anthony, Jessica Anthony, Rhonda Anthony

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examine your long, lost brother, page fourteen he knocks you to the floor, and cut!"
 "Okay everybody, let's rehearse!"

"Wait! What?"

The stage manager standing in the dark shadows of the sound stage yelled,
 "...and in five, four, three, two..."

I feel like I'm trying to cross the freeway in Houston on foot. It seems like hundreds of people are watching me, waiting for something to happen, something really bad. Cameras and microphones get too close to me...all up in my face. I begin to sweat. Not like its hot sweat, though it is under the lights, but "I'm about to die kind of sweat."

Somehow, someway, some predetermined destiny pulled my body and mouth around in enough right directions that I said my lines and moved all those places the director told me to go, and I was still alive. I heard the word, "Cut! Moving on!"

I had lived to see another day in L.A. My secret intact.

Stay tuned for more "Secrets of Soap Operas" next month.

Country Pine Trading Company

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

The name Country Pine may sound familiar to some residents in this area of Texas because Paul Carroll's parents owned a store by that name up in Garrison. They sold their business in 2004 but Paul wanted to bring the name back as a nod to his parents, hence the name of his new business, Country Pine Trading Company. He says they are basically an antique store but after spending only ten minutes on their Facebook page, I can tell you there is much more in their store than antiques. Paul acquires some of his inventory by "pickin'" through Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. In addition, he does advertise that he "buys, sells, and trades," so he gets a lot of calls from folks who see his ads. All of this adds up to a lot of inventory.

Along with the old things are many collectibles too, and there are also some very beautiful things that are entirely new. The wallets, the purses, all look handmade and some of the vintage toys look as though they never been played with. There are several interesting pieces of furniture, handmade from reclaimed wood, that were created at the original Country Pine store in Garrison, and if you don't see a table that you like, they will create a custom table and/or bench for you.



When I ask what prompted him to return to Nacogdoches now, he tells me, "After thirty-three years of living in a big city, and working in a small cubicle every day, I decided to enjoy life a bit more. My girlfriend, Amy Weatherly, is from here and has lived here her whole life. We've known each other since college. So I moved back home to open up this business and take care of my Mom. My oldest son and my daughter-in-law are in the process of moving to Nacogdoches and they are going to work with me. My son has already started selling a lot of my stuff online. Beginning next month they will be helping us run the store so Amy and I can have more time to go out pickin'." He says they are closed on Sunday and Monday so that makes it difficult to "pick" some of the best places on only those two days.

At the end of our interview, Paul confesses there is another reason he has decided to make his life less hectic. He tells me he has been racing bikes for about twenty-five years. He didn't have to tell me how much he loved it, I could tell that by the way he talked about it. Whenever he can, he competes in cyclocross racing. It's a physically demanding sport which forces riders to dismount and run while carrying their bikes. It's this combination of cycling, stunt riding, carrying, running and scrambling over obstacles that make cyclocross so exciting and, according to the riders, it's just plain fun! Well, I'm thinking if Paul thinks that's fun, owning his own business will seem like child's play, so I'm sure he will have much success in both endeavors.

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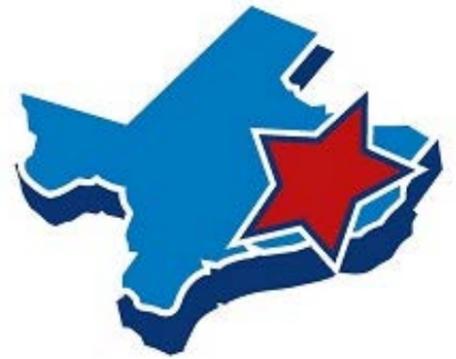
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For questions please email Camp Director, Candice Curbow at twirlojacks@gmail.com.

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For more information contact Debra Pitts at 936-715-5398. Pre-entries accepted, postmark deadline is June 23, 2017. The entry form and Draw will be posted on the Plan B Productions Facebook Event Page.

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We do our best to help promote all the events here at the Nacogdoches County Expo & Civic Center to benefit our local economy. We would like to thank the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for all they do to highlight all the wonderful events in our area that make Nacogdoches County the unique combination of Historical Interest and Innovative Creation.

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The Future East Texas Landscape

With vacation time upon us, no doubt, the last thing you want on your way to your summer paradise is to encounter backed up, slow or traffic at a standstill caused by a construction zone.

Nacogdoches has seen major changes to the landscape in the last year with the recently completed widening of US 59 at SL 224. After months of enduring long lines of traffic in the area, it is now much easier to travel in either direction or straight into the beautiful, historic town of Nacogdoches.

However, there is always another construction project being planned that will update and enhance the safety of our East Texas roadways. The LaNana Creek Bridge project is one of those. It is designed to enhance the safety of those driving, walking or cycling near Stephen F. Austin State University.

TxDOT is in the process of taking out the outdated bridge that was built in 1953. The road was widened in 1971, but the growth in and around Nacogdoches caused it to become insufficient and did not meet current safety standards. Its narrow shoulders and flat slab surface created an issue for pedestrians and cyclists who used the bridge.

Our contractors will begin construction of the new, wider bridge when demolition is complete. You can look forward to that new bridge that will not only beautify the area, but also enhance safety with features such as four 11-foot travel lanes, 5-foot shoulders wide enough to accommodate cyclists, 5-foot sidewalks on each side for pedestrians, and bridge rails that will separate vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Because of the street closure, the LaNana Creek Trail that passes beneath the bridge is currently rerouted, but the good news is that we hope to have the new bridge complete by early spring, 2018. The project is just one of many in the Lufkin District that will change the looks of East Texas through our nine-county district.

Another project is currently under development that will be of interest to both Lufkin and Nacogdoches and we are seeking your input. The project is just one on the drawing board that will upgrade US 59 to interstate standards and help pave the way for the proposed Interstate 69 through five of the nine counties that comprise the TxDOT Lufkin District.

The proposed project will be located on US 59 from SL 287 in Lufkin to Redland. It will involve upgrading the area with the addition of frontage roads. This project will provide a controlled access to freeway sections; enhance safety and mobility along US 59; provide for a more efficient hurricane route and provide connectivity to I-69, which is a 1,600 mile national highway connecting the states of Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

We want to hear your thoughts about this proposed project. So, we are planning an Open House for July 27 from 4-7 pm at the Lufkin District offices, 1805 North Timberland Drive/ BU 59 in Lufkin. The event gives us the opportunity to hear your comments and ideas, which could have a direct impact on how the project is designed.

The future will also be full of other construction projects in East Texas, already in the works, that will change our area landscape drastically in coming years. Projects such as the much talked about fly-overs, loops around Diboll and Corrigan, bridge upgrades, all built to accommodate an interstate through our area.

We will never again see the old two-lane wooden bridge that once crossed the Angelina River connecting Angelina and Nacogdoches counties, which is a good thing. We are fast approaching the future and we are planning roadways that will accommodate it.

Our children and grandchildren will someday see a huge span of interstate highway through these pineywoods, connecting them to places they want to go in a much more efficient way than what we have known in the past.

At the end of the day that is really what our work is all about – providing roadways on which you can travel safely, and which help get you where you want to go more efficiently. Enjoy your ride. Be safe and drive smart.



This undated photo depicts the dirt road approach of what is today US 59 onto the old wooden bridge that crossed the Angelina River between Lufkin and Nacogdoches counties. There appears to be a draw bridge where the river crossed to accommodate the transport of goods on the river, which was common a century ago.

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Meet Jerry Permenter a.k.a. Red DirtBoy

Jerry Permenter was born in east Texas and grew up in Nacogdoches county. As a country boy, he worked a variety of jobs growing up, including jobs in local hatcheries, retail businesses and even a brief stint as a welder's helper on the pipeline. In the late 80's, Permenter founded one of the first rural health organizations for people living with HIV, a clinic that continues operation in Nacogdoches today as Health Horizons of East Texas. In his 30 years as a technical writer, he has written and implemented social service programs across the U.S., and is transitioning from technical writing to creative writing, with a memoir, "Red Dirt Boy" to be released in 2018. Jerry's goal with his writings is to give back to a community he says, "raised him well" and to emphasize the good in all of us through his stories. His love for east Texas and his family are an integral part of all his personal portraits of home. You can follow Jerry on FaceBook at Red Dirtboy or on instagram as @thereddirtboy.



I grew up in an old rambling shack of a house in Nacogdoches county, tucked away down a red dirt road behind the dark green pines of east Texas. Those deep reds and greens of home still resonate through my childhood years more than any others.

We didn't have indoor plumbing until I was 9, and only a fireplace for heat until I was 10 or so. My mom would iron our school clothes by the fireside at night, and during the day would wring out clothes on her wringer washer to hang on the clothes line. We drew water from our well for bathing and laundry. I remember lying on the front porch one day while she did the wash, and the reflections of the water on the ceiling prompted me to ask her, "Is that God's shadow?" She laughed, and said, "If it is, I sure hope the Lord helps me get this laundry done!"

We didn't have much at all, and treasured each small gift we received. The monkey I'm holding as I ride atop my brother's shoulders came from McCrory's via Santa one Christmas because I had begged mom for it beginning in the fall. I had written a letter to "The North Pole" and even mailed it to be sure. In the second photo, I'm standing between my mom and dad in front of all we owned, in the years before I realized how little we really had. In later years, after entering school, I wouldn't invite classmates home, as I realized few of them lived as we did, and as a boy, I felt ashamed for our having so little.

What I would understand later was our house during those years had become imbued with a richness and love unlike any other, and our years of scarcity and sacri-



...fice would create a family of strong hearts and compassionate spirits equal to any.

Yet, I'd give everything I have for one more morning in that old house, as the man I am now, to tell each precious soul there how much I loved them, and how greatly their own lives shaped and created the man I am today.

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Nacogdoches CVB to Host Familiarization Tour for Travel Writers



Stephanie Fontenot
CVB Marketing Director

Contributing to this publication for the first time as the new marketing director with the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau, I must begin by stating how incredibly excited and happy I am to work on behalf of Texas' oldest town. It is an honor to help represent all the unique vendors, attractions and events our Piney Woods abode has to offer.

After hosting thousands of visitors on our downtown brick streets during a wonderfully successful Texas Blueberry Festival, we are now looking forward to additional summer events. One very important group of visitors we are excited to welcome comprises parents and students who are attending orientation sessions at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Orientation provides incoming students with college preparatory resources, and provides us with a wonderful chance to introduce ourselves to parents who will return to Nacogdoches time and time again during their student's collegiate career.

I invite you to join us in putting on your best smile, extending a warm welcome and inviting these individuals to stay a weekend in Nacogdoches to discover and explore their child's new home away from home.

The Nacogdoches Music Festival is another exciting event on the horizon, one that allows us to invite visitors to spend a summer weekend in our town. This year's festival will take place Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 3-5, with live music from more than 40 bands across all genres at multiple locations.

Some of the brightest stars in Texas music will perform on local legendary stages, including newly-added locations such as the Fredonia Brewery and Front Porch Distillery. The festival will be a music-lovers playground for all who attend.

Between sets, guests can enjoy Wine, Whiskey and Brew tours hosted by local artisans. Tastings will be offered at Naca Valley Vineyard, Front Porch Distillery and Fredonia Brewery. Tickets are \$35 each and include bus transportation. Both festival and tour tickets may be purchased at VisitNacogdoches.org/music.

There is no doubt — it's a very exciting time to visit, live, work and play in Nacogdoches. Historic sites are turning over new leaves and new attractions are finding their roots. Join us as we focus our efforts on showing the world why we're worthy of a weekend.



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AD Farms Bakery

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

“Welcome to AD Farms Bakery, where we love to knead and knead to love.” This is what it says on their Facebook page and this pretty much sums them up. The “A” is for Angela and the “D” is for Deborah and they really enjoy being farmers who own a bakery and/or bakers who own a farm. This was never the initial plan or even desire, of either of them when they first launched their careers.

Angela was raised in Texas and had moved away to take a job as a welder and that is where she met Deborah. Deborah is an “army brat” who did a stint in the Air Force and had been a critical care nurse for about nineteen years before fate intervened. When Angela’s mother passed away, even though their family farm was only 500 acres, a few chickens, cows and a couple of sheep, her step-father was no longer able to take care of it by himself so Angela and Deborah headed back to Texas. What seemed like a sacrifice at the time, they now see as nothing short of Divine Intervention. In fact, when asked by a client as to where she had gone to culinary school, Deborah’s response was, “The book of Ephesians. The Lord said, ‘I love you, so you can do it.’” And she did and did it well. She even surprised herself. She had no idea how creative she would become as a baker.



Angela and Deborah Maresca show off some of their fresh-baked pies at The Farmer’s Market.

They take a lot of pride in the fact they use only farm fresh eggs, no preservatives of any kind, and any ingredients they can obtain locally. Deborah says, “Angela is definitely the gardener because I can kill a plant simply by looking at it. Angela has planted tomatoes, a variety of peppers, spinach, a variety of greens, green beans and we have pears, figs, and blackberries. Peaches and other produce that we don’t grow ourselves, we make sure to purchase from another local farmer. We really enjoy going to the local farmer’s market.”

Deborah says, “What started with an eighty-eight cent pan and a lot of ambition” has now turned into the AD Farms Bakery. In addition to the quality of their products, they are also proud of their prices. It is important to them for their products to be affordable to everyone, not just a select few. They want to emphasize they are not greedy, obviously, they want to make a living, but their profit margin isn’t more important to them than their community. They even offer delivery to all of Nacogdoches County.

And last, but not least, they do take special requests. For example, they had one lady who was coming into town to get her hair done so she asked them to deliver her bread to the beauty shop, and they were happy to do so. Oh yes, and they love when someone offers to share a “special family recipe” with them. You can see their menu and many photos of their beautiful breads and pies on their Facebook page.

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recognize the service and contribution!

The Nacogdoches County Chamber is accepting nominations for the Gary Justice Business Excellence Awards and Citizen of the Year.

Contact the Chamber for a nomination form. Anyone may submit nominations before the July 21 deadline.

Businesses can connect with SFA students - learn how!

A common question the Chamber hears from the business community is "how do I connect with students at SFA?"

Nacogdoches businesses have opportunities for students that include part-time, full-time, internship and volunteer positions. For students, gaining experience that can be listed on a resume as well as growing a reference contact list is key in landing the right job after graduation.

The answer to finding the right student will be given at a workshop set for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19 at the Nacogdoches County Chamber.

Representatives from Stephen F. Austin State University's Center for Career and Professional Development will give step-by-step instructions for engaging and recruiting university students for jobs and internships, and there is no cost to attend.

If interested, call the Chamber at 936-560-5533. Bring a laptop or tablet to the event and get a walk through the university's new Jobs4Jacks system.

Business networking after 5

LoStracco Law Firm, Viper Security and Unity Staffing will host the Chamber's Alive After Five from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on July 13 at 305 E. Main St. in historic downtown. The come-and-go reception gives guests a chance to catch up with friends and make new business contacts.

Tanya Windham at Unity Staffing is planning a social mixer that all will enjoy with delicious refreshments and nice door prizes. Plan to attend, enjoy yourself and grow your business!

Join the celebrations!

Ribbon Cutting for Nacogdoches Memorial Health Surgery Center is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday July 6 at Nacogdoches Memorial Health, 1204 N. Mound St. Celebrate Dr. Larry Walker's retirement and the dedication as the Larry Walker Surgery Center. Enjoy a reception with refreshments after the ceremony until 7 p.m.

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Sam Rayburn Lake Report

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It's summer time now with temperatures going higher and the fishing getting hotter by the day. All species are into full summer mode. The water level is finally coming down from the recent spring storms. Black Bass are good up to 10 lbs. in 3' - 10' of water over and on the edge of grass beds. Medium lip crankbaits, spinnerbaits and soft plastics fished Carolina or Texas rigged are producing good numbers. The crappie have moved out of the shallows from around willows and buck brush and are now staged around and over structure in deeper water. The natural and artificial structure you put out last month will be producing fish now. They are suspended at 10' - 15' in 25' - 30' of water. Minnows are producing the best numbers, but blue and white tube jigs are also working good. I cannot emphasize enough, find the structure, and find the fish! It is still an ok time to set out natural and artificial structure. Blue Catfish and Opps up to 50 lbs. are great on trot, jug, and noodle lines. Live perch is still the best, but we sell Black Salties and Goldfish now at the bait shop. Live bait is the best but cut bait is working also. Good numbers of channel cats are being caught in holes baited with range cubes, soured grain, and punch cheese bait. Remember that this is the month we as Americans celebrate our independence as a country. Stand up as a proud American and take someone less fortunate fishing.



Charles and Larry Davis with nice catches. 15 - 40 lbs respectively.



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Do Dark Colors Close In Your Space?

Cathy J. Marberry – *Interior Designer, Johnson Furniture*

There is a general misconception with most people that dark colors close in your space. Many are afraid of painting their room a dark color paint for fear it will close their room in and make it appear smaller. Often, just the opposite will occur. Some darker colors actually will have more light reflective properties and give a more open appearance. Some light colors actually give a dull effect and may seem dim and dreary. Have you ever walked in someone's room and felt like you had to squint your eyes? Of course when using dark colors on the wall, it is best to paint the trim a good contrast color. A white or off-white for the trim are good choices, but depending on the depth of color on the wall, you may can go a bit darker on the trim. But, as I always suggest...**BE SURE** to **COMPARE** your paint samples with each other before you begin so that you get a true picture of what your paint will truly look like. Stain trim is okay to use with dark colors, but remember you will not have the dramatic contract with the stain. It may not give you the brightness you were expecting. Just be sure and look at your selections against each other.

Although wallpaper has been on the decline, it is somewhat coming back, and the same thing applies to it. People often perceive if they use large dark prints in a room, that it will be too much for a room if the room is small. Many times, the larger print will direct your eye out and give the appearance of a larger room. Smaller prints tend to shrink up a space. It draws your eye in, and often makes the room more busy and clutter looking. Some smaller prints can do a number on your eyes. Almost make you cross-eyed! Sometimes, too, small patterns can actually make you feel nervous, anxious, and not really give you the relaxed feel you may be trying to accomplish. Always be sure to set your sample up and back up and look at it at a distance. You will get a truer feel of your final project by doing this.

Don't be afraid to venture out! Go bold! Have fun with your space!



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“REED ALL ABOUT IT!” by Dr. Allen Reed

anyway and discovered that she was only one-half of a mile from shore. She said the cold water didn't stop her, the fatigue didn't stop her, but what did stop her was that she couldn't see land. The fog prevented her from seeing the goal, and she lost her focus. What is your focus? Do you see Christ in your life? Is He the Captain and is His Book your instrument panel? The answer to these questions may determine whether you sink or soar.

A LITTLE HUMOR: Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every six months about it.

Copies of Dr. Reed's devotional books, *Reed All About It! Daily News From the Good News*, are available from First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas or Amazon.com.

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Angela's Monthly Recipe

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*Angela Bradford is the owner/
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Ingredients:

Cake:
2 sticks butter
1 c. water
4 Tbsp. baking cocoa
2 c. sugar
2 c. flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 c. sour cream
1 tsp. baking soda

Frosting:
1 stick butter
4 Tbsp. baking cocoa
6 Tbsp. milk
1 lb. powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla



Ingredients Instructions:

Cake:
Heat butter, water, and cocoa in pan until butter is melted. Add sugar, flour, and salt and mix well. Beat in eggs, sour cream, and baking soda. Pour into a 12x18 cookie sheet pan sprayed with non-stick cooking spray and bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

Frosting:
Melt butter, cocoa, and milk in a sauce pan, then bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. Spread frosting on warm cake.



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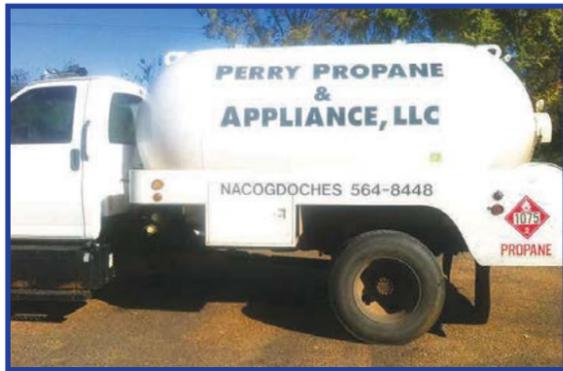
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Nacogdoches Aims to Achieve Cultural Designation

by Carlie Allen, Communications Assistant - City of Nacogdoches

Take a stroll in historic Downtown Nacogdoches on any given afternoon and you are bound to notice the local art galleries housing beautiful watercolors, oil paintings, drawings and other works by local and regional artists. Step into the Cole Art Center and you can experience exhibits by world renowned artists alongside works by Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU) students and faculty. A walk around the SFASU campus will also display the countless musical, theatrical and artistic offerings available from students who have the potential to change the faces of their fields.

Last month an application was submitted to the Texas Commission on the Arts to designate Nacogdoches and SFASU as an Arts and Cultural District. This potential designation can have many positive effects on our community, including increased tourism, job creation, reduced unemployment and crime and an overall boost in community pride and quality of life.

A Cultural District designation would largely promote entertainment both downtown and on the SFASU campus. An influx in people in this area will likely result in increased economic development that could encompass the expansion of both shopping and dining options.

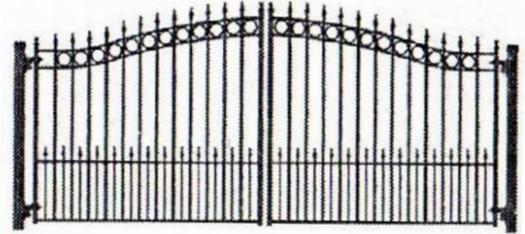
How incredible would it be to have a downtown district which featured the wonderfully eclectic local shops we know and love during the day and also boasted a bustling nightlife with a variety of dining and entertainment options?

This dream could certainly be within reach with the increased awareness, promotion and potential funding that can come with being a designated Arts and Cultural District. This increased awareness will undoubtedly showcase the wonderful art and culture based programs offered at SFASU as well, potentially resulting in increased enrollment and funding toward student programs. SFASU has already produced award-winning singers, songwriters and actors, and this growth could only lead to more notable alumni in the field.

Nacogdoches could potentially be on the brink of an incredible new era, one that could be new, beautiful and prosperous while still preserving the history and culture that has made it what we know and love today.



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