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Red House Winery Grand Opening April 28th

Join the Founder's Club to secure an invitation to the PRIVATE Grand Opening

by Cheryl Harvey Hill

The idea for this beautiful new business grew out of a simple "what if" conversation among the family and friends of Jacob and Rikki Leigh Willoughby. In case you don't already know them, Jacob owns Old Town Generator Service and is a distributor for Cummins and his lovely wife, Rikki Leigh, has been a Producer at CBH Insurance since 2010. They both are dedicated and dynamic workers and by merging their energy, creativity, talent, and personalities, they have taken a rustic, forgotten piece of Nacogdoches history and created the renovated, beautiful and unique Red House Winery.



Jacob and Rikki Leigh Willoughby – Winery owners

Rikki Leigh is an accomplished artist and her eye for beauty is reflected throughout the winery. In fact, it actual-

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RED HOUSE WINERY

ly begins the moment you pull up to park. You are welcomed by a beautiful new porch where the tables and chairs are as vibrant and as lovely as the colorful flowers that are hanging the full-length of the new porch thanks to Crown of Thorns Nursery. Jacob says they built the porch the way they did so they could play music out there. He says that music is such a big part of both of their lives. They hope to feature local artists or bands. They may even add a small stage and perhaps have a "locals" karaoke night once in a while. Starting with some original paintings by Rikki Leigh, they will be showcasing another kind of artist inside the winery too.



When I commented about how beautiful ev-

erything looks, Jacob immediately said he could not have done this project without the help of someone who has been his best friend since he was a child, Stephen Martin. He is a General Contractor and the owner of Martin Construction. Jacob says Stephen either did most of the major projects himself or when Jacob did something, Stephen was always nearby to tell him exactly how to do it or he would show him how before hand. He says Stephen is the reason the building came together as beautifully as it did.



The name for their winery came from a historical marker that is just across the street. It is the "Old Red House",

so-called because of the red mud that was used to build it. During the Battle of Nacogdoches on August 2, 1832. Colonel José de las Piedras commanded his Mexican garrison from the Old Red House situated on this site.



They are very proud of this new business. It has been a real labor of love for them and they are especially proud to be able to say that everything associated with their winery, including the vines that provide the grapes for their wine, is from Texas.

They have a lot more plans for the winery but, for now, they will just pour themselves a glass of 2016 Sangiovese, from their 2018 lineup, and enjoy some quiet time with their sweet, furry, four-legged children: Izzie, Avery, Birdy, and Deetz.

Founder's Club Private Opening is set for Saturday, April 28th, and the Grand Opening is set for Wednesday, May 2nd! - <https://redhousewinery.com/wine-clubs>

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- 2017 Roussanne
- 2016 Sangiovese
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- 2016 Sweet Azalea (blush)
- 2016 1779 (white blend)
- 2016 Rebellion Red (red blend)

Looking for Good Family Fun? Look at North Forest Putting Course

It was the summer of 1975. Nacogdoches was a wonderful place to raise a family, but something was missing. There were not many things for a family to do together for entertainment that were safe, affordable and convenient. With young children of his own, Charles Pool had an idea. The land behind his real estate office on North Street was vacant and a plan was born.

Charles contacted James Mauldin, now deceased, of Longview, who was well-known as a designer of miniature golf courses. Mr. Mauldin insisted on several things for a successful course. It must have wood backboards for the correct rebound of a golf ball. The greens must be long enough to simulate a putt on an actual golf green. The hazards must be safe and challenging. Smoking, drinking and profane language must not be allowed to encourage a family atmosphere.

Through the years, other things were added, including: a water feature, chain link fencing for safety, tables and chairs on the back porch of the real estate office to provide a cool place for parents to relax while watching their children and a covered picnic area with ceiling fans.

Organizations from SFA and from the community host tournaments often and it is a popular place for church youth groups. Summer child care businesses have found it a safe place for their summer campers and the covered picnic area is perfect for birthday parties.

Cost per game is \$5.00 per person with discounts available for groups of 10 or more. Hours are Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday 2-10 p.m. and Sunday 2-10 p.m. When school is out, hours will be 2-10 p.m. every day.

The course is located at 3507 North Street next door to Charles Pool Real Estate. Phone 936.564.6525 or 936.564.2622.



The Stone family from Woden enjoying a Sunday afternoon together at North Forest Miniature Golf in Nacogdoches: Joe (Dad), Macee (Mom), Jase and Brycen.



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Around the Town and its publishers seek to provide the people of this area with news and information about the current events and happenings in the categories of dining, entertainment, sports and the arts, while providing a venue for retail and commercial establishments, as well as local artisans and non-profit and service organizations to present themselves to the public. We also strive to feature some of the rich history and culture this area is particularly known for.

VINTAGE MARKET DAYS April 20-22

“Bringing the Vintage Experience to you”

Vintage Market Days is an upscale, open-air Vintage event which has operated several successful events in the surrounding states. Vintage Market Days® owners Kallie Williamson & Kim Scobee are pleased to announce the East Texas Vintage Market Days event “Time to Bloom” to be held at the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center. The 3 day event will take place April 20-22, 2018.

East Texas Vintage Market Days co-owner Kallie Williamson is excited to bring the Vintage experience to the Nacogdoches Community. This will be the 5th event in the East Texas area. “Vintage Market Days is more than a show” said Kallie “We love adding special touches to make it an Event.”

About East Texas Vintage Market Days: LOCATION

The Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center – 3805 NW Stallings Dr. Nacogdoches, TX 75964. It has incredible vintage potential to provide a charming get-a-way for customers, so they can come and leave stress behind and just enjoy being in a fun environment with some of the most creative people around. The atmosphere and charm really help to set the tone for what our event is about - a Vintage “experience”, not just a sale,” said Kim. “We want our customers to walk away feeling like they were a part of something really special.” We have been receiving great response from vendors and the community. The Vintage Market Days vendors are some of the best in the U.S.

About Vintage Market Days

Vintage Market Days is an upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home decor, outdoor furnishings, consumable yummys, seasonal plantings and a little more. Vintage Market Days gives back to the community by supporting a local non-profit. In our past events we have given back to Altrusa & The Nacogdoches Junior Forum.

In addition to the East Texas area, Vintage Market Days has events in 25 other states. As of early 2014, Vintage Market Days, LLC is a franchise and offers opportunities for entrepreneurs to “bring the Vintage experience” to their communities.

For more information, please visit [HYPERLINK “http://www.wichita.vintagemarketdays.com/”](http://www.wichita.vintagemarketdays.com/) www.vintagemarketdays.com or [HYPERLINK “http://www.vintagemarketdays.com/”](http://www.vintagemarketdays.com/)



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On Saturday April 14, 2018. **Chireno Historical Society** is hosting their annual fund raiser for the upkeep of the historic Halfway Inn (circa 1840) and the old Chireno Baptist Church (circa 1890). This year we are hosting a music festival with a different group each hour starting at 10 am and ending at 4 pm. Groups include: Raguet Strings at 10 am, Suzuki Violins at 11, The Bowers Family at noon, Old Town Gospel Project at 1, Pineywoods Pickers at 2 and Margaret Wright and friends at 3 and following that a jam session for any who want to hang around and jam awhile. Home-made cookies, cakes and bread will also be available to buy along with raffle items and other items. A barbeque or hot dog lunch will be available to buy. The event will be held at the Halfway Inn, 21457 State Highway 21 East near Chireno. For more information, please contact Joan Anderson at 936.462.3566.

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What's New For Appliances in 2018?

Cathy J. Marberry – Interior Designer, Johnson Furniture

Just like everything else in our world today, technology is stepping it up in the world of appliances. If you haven't shopped for appliances lately, you will most likely be completely blown away on what your options are.

Technology – Blue tooth equipped appliances such as the GE Monogram, for instance. You can now control your oven with your smart phone. Working late but still want to make that home cooked meal instead of picking up fast food on the way home? You can now start your oven with your smart phone so it's preheated and ready to pop in that casserole when you get there!

Touch and swipe controls are new for the year! Induction cooking is all the rage as we live in this instant gratification world today! Induction cooking allows you to cook your food in a much faster time, and with the help of the touch and swipe controls it's easier to control the cooking temperatures!

White appliances are back! Different from the past years with more sleek styling and high tech surfaces. A mix of white with stainless steel handles gives a new flair that brings the white appliances up a notch to say the least. Check out Whirlpool's new white glossy finish. Great for the transitional styling or even that still so popular Farm house look!

Steam ovens are making a big splash for this year especially with all the health conscious cooks out there! Steam ovens cook much faster than traditional conventional ovens and also help retain the nutrients and flavors of the food – Again technology plays a role as you can just set the oven for when you want the food to be ready and the oven will turn on allowing the right amount of time to have it ready when you want it! Check out such brands as Wolf for more details.

Have you ever heard of Sous Vide? It's a restaurant method of cooking which involves slow cooking via temperature controlled water bath – which results in a tender texture and intense more robust flavors. Now this accessory is offered in home induction cooling! GE, for instance, now offers this in residential appliances.

What's new in just appliance styling? Well Retro – Vintage Style – is trending – just as the 1950's mid-century modern influences are being seen in furniture today, so are the retro – vintage styles seen in appliances! Check it out for all the great colors now offered in the Retro styles! French oven doors are also a new look for 2018. Not only are they stylish, but they are great in small tight spaces when space to drop down an oven door just makes for a crowded kitchen!

Want to know more? Shop Johnson Appliance's New Showroom in Nacogdoches! If you haven't met Ashley Perry yet, and you need someone to guide you on what is the best choice on your appliance purchases...she's the lady to see!

MONUMENT CORNER

This month MONUMENT CORNER introduces us to the monument and historic complex near the intersection of North Street and Hospital Street. The monument commemorates the historic Durst-Taylor House. The monument reads as follows:

DURST-TAYLOR HOUSE

THE FAMILY OF ANDRES DE ACOSTA, WHO SETTLED IN NACOGDOCHES IN 1779, OWNED THIS PROPERTY AS EARLY AS 1809. ACOSTA SOLD THE PROPERTY, WHICH INCLUDED A HOUSE, TO JOSEPH DURST (1789-1843) IN 1827. DURST, WHO WAS ALCAIDE OF NACOGDOCHES WHEN HE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY, SOLD IT IN 1836 TO DAVID HOFFMAN, THEN ALCAIDE. IT INCLUDED A HOUSE.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THIS DWELLING IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A TRADITIONAL HOUSE FORM OF ANGLO SETTLERS IN EAST TEXAS. IT FEATURES GABLE END CHIMNEYS, SLIGHTLY TAPERED SQUARE COLUMNS AND BALUSTRADE, AND paneled shutters. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS RESTORED STRUCTURE DATES PRIOR TO 1827, BUT IT IS MORE PROBABLE, BECAUSE OF ITS ANGLO CHARACTERISTICS, TO HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED DURING DURST'S TENURE.

SUBSEQUENT OWNERS OF THE HOUSE INCLUDE ISSAC W. BURTON, VETERAN OF THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO; BENNETT BLAKE, DELEGATE TO THE 1875 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; THOMAS J. RUSK, SIGNER OF THE TEXAS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND ONE OF TEXAS' FIRST TWO UNITED STATES SENATORS; AND WILLIAM OCHILTREE, MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

LAWRENCE S. TAYLOR (1842-1925), CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND NACOGDOCHES COUNTY CLERK, ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY IN 1870. THE PROPERTY REMAINED IN THE TAYLOR FAMILY UNTIL 1989.

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Making New “Travel Friends”

I heard him when he came through the door at McDonald’s just across the state line near Beaumont. I was standing at the counter needing desperately to order a second cup of coffee (when we travel, my other half likes to leave at the crack of dawn).

“Burt, are you still alive,” the elderly, white-haired gentleman asked with a voice that boomed around the room. Another elderly man reached out and grabbed the old man’s hand and the two laughed as if they had been good friends somewhere in the past.

He walked straight up to the counter, cut in front of me and said, “Meghan, pull me an apple pie and don’t forget to put a little Coke in my coffee.” With only one cup down myself, I thought the old man was rude along with several other colorful metaphors that came to mind that early in the morning.

Then he looked over at me and apologized for cutting in line.

“I’ve been here every morning for the last five years, ever since I lost my wife. These girls know exactly what I want and I pay them a little extra for it. I’m nearly 90, so I probably don’t have as much time to stand in line as you do.”

I accepted his apology and he asked if I was from around there. I told him we were weekend travelers headed back to Texas. He looked outside the restaurant, pointed out at the road construction going on right in front of the restaurant and told me he hoped I had a safe trip.

He went on to tell me that he worked as an engineer on the roads “back in the day.” Then I had to smile. What weird fate had brought us together in McDonald’s that morning? I told him that I too worked in transportation in Texas as a public information officer.

He hollered with a loud laugh and told the “girls” in McDonald’s about my job. Then he began to tell me about his. Within just a couple of minutes (while we both waited on coffee) he told me that he helped design the very roads and bridges that I would travel on my way back to Texas. His eyes were bright as his memory clearly recalled the days of when Interstate 10 was under construction. It was easy to tell that he had loved his career and loved telling the stories of what travel was like before “modern roads” were built.

Our roads take years to plan. Years like that old man put into his job. We may not always get it perfect, but TxDOT is always here, working hard to make things better for future drivers who will never know the effort, time, blood, sweat or tears that go into planning and building a great road.

I walked away from McDonald’s that morning with a different perspective and attitude. Our jobs are seldom glamorous and it takes a big commitment. The public rarely says thank you but is quick to let you know when they are not happy. That’s ok, because it keeps us on our toes and develops an even greater commitment on our part - one like generations before us understood and one that old man is still proud of today.



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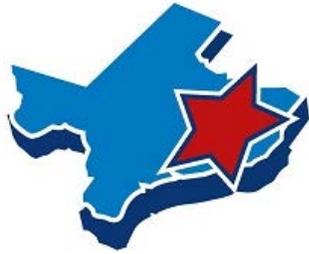
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What's Hot with Anita Scott

Spring is here people!! It's a wonderful time to get out and get involved in any number things going on in Nacogdoches County.

April 6, 2018 – American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

Join us at these events to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.

To get all the details and register for the event visit their website at <http://relay.acsevents.org>.

April 7-8, 2018 – Region V High School Rodeo

Free Admission and Free Parking. Concessions are available. Saturday: Starting at 10:00 AM, Sunday: Starting at 9:00 AM. Watch these young athletes compete in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Team Roping, Breakaway Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Goat Tying.

April 14, 2018 – Nacogdoches Rotary Club Old Stone Fort Bike Ride

This ride is hosted by the Nacogdoches Rotary Club to help fund various charities. This year it will take you off US Highway 59 to some wicked hills and elevations. You'll have your choice between a 10 miler, a 30 miler, and 63+ miler (~100km) in and near the oldest town in Texas. These routes also serve as a fantastic trainer event for the BP MS 150, Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas and the Galveston 70.3 Ironman. This course has an assortment of unique rest stops that will support and cheer you on all day. This ride is also fully supported with SAG vehicles (because safety is our #1 priority). Riders also receive a goodie/swag bag full of fun and awesome gear. Once you make it to the finish line you can kick your shoes off and enjoy local music, fajitas and brewskis. Keep watch out on the Old Stone Fort Bike Ride Facebook page for more details as the dates get closer.

To register for the event go to www.active.com and like and follow the Old Stone Fort Bike Ride Facebook page!

April 14, 2018 – Nacogdoches Jaycees Red Dirt Mud Run

Come try your skills at the Red Dirt Mud Run, brought to you by the Nacogdoches Jaycees. Prepare to get muddy! This course is a combination open pasture and Wooded Trails with tons of scenery. There will be over 25 obstacles to challenge you, including a Mud Bog that trucks have a tough time getting thru. The courses have modified the routes for every level (beginner, advanced and **HARDCORE**). The day-of entry fee is \$70, but you can get discounts for signing up early. We will see you out on the course! **REMEMBER ALL YOUTH (under 18) MUST RUN WITH AN ADULT.** All runners get a t-shirt and a medal.

Largest Team Competition (Registration Deadline to be counted is April 13th, 8pm) - The Jaycees will make an in-kind donation to a local charity/non-profit with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd largest teams. Team members must be signed up to run the 5K. First (\$500), Second (\$300), Third (\$200).

Get signed up early and save!! Also, there are **NO SURPRISE ACTIVE FEES** this year. Instead of giving a \$5 discount to runners that join a team, the Nacogdoches Jaycees have decided to cover the Active.com processing fee for ALL RUN-

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April 20-22, 2018 – Vintage Market Days of East Texas – Time to Bloom

Vintage Market Days is an upscale vintage-inspired market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home décor, outdoor furnishings, consumable yumminess, seasonal plantings and a little more. The Market is a three day event held several times a year in various communities. Each Vintage Market Days event is a unique opportunity for vendors to display their talents and passions in different venues.

Event Hours & Admissions: Early Buying Event (3-Day Pass) Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, admission is \$10. General Admission (Sat/Sun): Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, admission is \$5. Admission for children under 12 is free. Cash and credit card are accepted at the gate.

Once purchased, your ticket is good for re-entry into the event all weekend! For special discounts and a sneak peak at the vendors go to <https://vintagemarketsdays.com/market/east-texas/>. Be sure to like and follow their Facebook page for the latest information!

April 24, 2018 – Agriculture Appreciation & Awards Banquet

The 17th Annual Agriculture Appreciation & Awards Banquet is a program of the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce and its partners to recognize those individuals and organizations that promote agricultural awareness and education in our area.

Among the special awards to be given are: *Farm Family of the Year* - Gary Stanaland family; *Agricultural Pioneer* - Don Parmer; *Agribusiness of the Year* - Texas Farm Credit; *Ag Educator of the Year* - Dr. Craig Morton; and *Young Farmer of the Year* - Jason Brown. Also being presented will be the Gary & Sue Atkins Agricultural Scholarship Awards to Nacogdoches County students.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm for the Mix & Mingle. Dinner service begins at 6:30 with the dinner and program at 7:00 pm.

To reserve your tickets or make a contribution you can go to the Nacogdoches Chamber website. The deadline is April 17, 2018.

April 27-28, 2018 – Nacogdoches Area United Way Do Dat BBQ

For more than 20 years, the Do Dat Barbecue has taken place in Nacogdoches. We're excited to let you know it's returning to the Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center on April 28, 2018, presented by Pilgrim's Pride. The Nacogdoches Area United Way and a team of community leaders have worked hard to revamp this event, and it's certainly one you don't want to miss.

Vendor forms and Cook Team registration can be found on the Do Dat BBQ Facebook page and on the Nacogdoches Visitors and Convention Bureau website at visitnacogdoches.org.

Details are still being worked out, so like and follow them on Facebook for the latest news!

For information on all our upcoming events like and follow us on Facebook!

Since I have been advertising in *Around The Town* I have had several comments about my ad in the paper, especially since you so generously published the article about me. Except, David, no one calls me "soft spoken." Thank you, David.

**Dee Bishop - Merle Norman
Designing Women**

Homecoming

by Jerry Permenter

When friends or relatives gathered, we held great homecomings, with sawhorses placed on the local church grounds, and long planks hastily arranged on top to create tables to hold all the food. The church ladies called them “groaning boards” because the aged wooden tables would creak and groan from the weight of every new covered dish placed on them. Eating at one of these feasts, we all knew each garden the food came from and which animal gave us our meal. Barbeque was a staple, grilled for hours over a smoldering hickory fire, with butterbeans, field peas, turnip greens, cornbread heaped in stacks, and near the end would begin the rows of shortbread, cookies, banana pudding and pies with so much meringue at first glance, they appeared to be ladies hats, casually tossed aside for a party.



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.

The men would gather under one of the giant red oaks, posturing, adjusting themselves, leaning back, whittling and telling stories they could never back up, to complain about work or weather. Quietly, one might tell an off color joke to embarrass any younger boys around, while the women would talk about the trials of keeping house, their kids grades in school and what vegetable they’d each had a bumper crop growing in their kitchen gardens that summer. I can still hear Sister Mabel Chumley talking about her Big Boy tomatoes “getting bigger than a cat’s head” or having so many cucumbers she started using them for door stops one year. As kids, all of us grew up being spanked when we “got too big for our britches,” and were taught to say, “Yes sir” or “No, maam” to any adult and didn’t tell a lie once we were caught in our first one.

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Tips To Getting More Involved in Our City

by Jessi Pinkert, Content Coordinator

Do you know the name of the man who picks up your trash each week? How about the librarian who puts together entertaining programs for your children to attend? At the City of Nacogdoches, there are many wonderful people that work hard every day to make our community a great place to live. If you are looking for information about our city or ways to become a more involved citizen, the City of Nacogdoches offers many ways you can help!

When I first moved to Nacogdoches is 2015, I had no idea that our city had so many ways to become involved with the community, and I didn't know that you could make big changes as a regular citizen. Seeking out ways to become more involved has given me a passion for Nacogdoches that every citizen should have. Whether you are simply wanting to be more "in the know" about decisions being made, or you would like to help make those decisions and bring new ideas to the community, our city has many outlets to help you find your niche.

If you are interested in learning about your city government, start with NAC 101. This program teaches you about each department and what they do to benefit the community each and every day. NAC 101 is open to all residents of the City of Nacogdoches 18 years of age and older. Each class is limited to 20 participants and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. After 8 sessions you are given a certificate of completion. You will receive information about city budgets, upcoming projects, and insight on why our local government makes certain decisions. The City of Nacogdoches also hosts a podcast called NacChat to answer questions you may have, such as what new businesses are coming to town and how the streets are maintained. Videos about city departments and community activities can be found on local Channel 21, YouTube, and on The City of Nacogdoches-City Government Facebook Page.

If you are looking for ways to be more involved in your community, consider joining a board or committee that needs volunteers. The Public Library Boards, Parks Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors are just a few of the wonderful ways to make a difference and become more knowledgeable about the decisions being made throughout Nacogdoches. For information on which committees are looking for new members, check out the ci.nacogdoches.tx.us or call our City Secretary at (936) 559-2506. If you are not interested in serving on a committee but still want to understand the decision-making process, attend our City Council meetings! These meetings are conducted on the first and third Tuesdays of the month inside the Council Chambers at City Hall. Letting your voice be heard can make a huge impact on the decisions made for our community! Also, if you can't attend the meetings live, you may tune into Channel 21, or on the city's website and watch the live stream of the meeting each month.

There are truly countless ways to become informed. Whether you are passionate about one specific area or would just like a little more knowledge about Nacogdoches, everyone can benefit from being an active member of our community. Connecting with your neighbors and initiating positive change can increase your quality of life and make Nacogdoches an even greater place to live.

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NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, TEXAS, July 2, 1976, at McAllister Park on Sam Rayburn Lake. After having arrested two car burglars at McAllister Park, I called TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN DAVID FISCHER, on the radio, and told him, “ We caught them! We have two in custody and need your help in transporting them.” Fischer responds, “10-4, 352, I am leaving Nacogdoches and enroute to your 20.” With this brief conversation, three weeks of morning surveillance at SAM RAYBURN LAKE had come to a successful conclusion.

THE STORY : During the first week of June, 1976, three of us, all employees of the UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT at STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, had fished Sam Rayburn Lake at Townsend Park. This park is located in San Augustine County. As we returned to my Jeep pickup from the boat ramp, I discovered that I had been the victim of a burglary. Items taken included one Midland scanner, one CB radio, and one hat. The only people visible were fifteen or so young people that had volunteered to clean the parking lot and the adjoining camp sites. I approached the apparent supervisor and identified myself as a Sergeant with the University Police and the victim of a just occurred vehicle burglary. I asked if they had seen anything suspicious. The response was that they had seen no one. Going back to my truck, we were beginning to drive off when the gentleman yelled at me and indicated he wanted to speak with me in private. To get out of the rain, we stepped under a shed where the man shared with me the name of the leader of a ring of burglars but said he did not know who his partners in crime were. He added that this activity was common place in that county and no one had been able to catch them.

Arriving back in Nacogdoches, I made radio contact with Nacogdoches Deputy Sheriff, Anthony Chaviers, and advised him of the burglary and the information I had obtained. He advised that over forty vehicle burglaries had occurred at various boat ramp parking lots in Nacogdoches, San Augustine, and Angelina Counties. I then contacted Nacogdoches County Sheriff’s Deputy, Don Griffin, of Chireno, and also discussed with him the name of the suspect.

A PLAN IS FORMULATED : Between these two deputies, and my Chief and Assistant Chief at the University Police, Ben Wright and Tony Hill, a plan was developed to start regular morning surveillance at SAM RAYBURN LAKE. Wanting any arrest to take place in Nacogdoches County, we decided that the stake outs would take place at McAllister Park, located on Hwy 103 east of Etoile.

IMPLEMENTATION : We would arrive at McAllister Park each morning pulling an empty boat trailer. We arrived before 5 a.m. each morning. I would back the trailer into the water to get it wet and then park it at the most strategic location decided on. We picked a location where nearby woods would give us the best cover. We found that other fishermen would then park next to my truck and that my truck seldom had to sit by itself. We did not want any would be thief to “smell a rat” and just keep driving. We had a vantage point in the woods and could watch the boat ramp as well as the only road into the park.

We went daily and would stay until approximately 11 a.m. My partners included Deputy Chaviers, and from the UPD, SUPERVISORS; Tony Hill, O.D.Sterns, Billy Baird, and dispatcher Ralph Hendricks. David Fischer and Joe Evans with the HIGHWAY PATROL also assisted. We had an agreement with Deputy Griffen that when we were there, he would not drive through. We did not want to have a potential burglar spooked by a marked car. This surveillance continued into July.

On Thursday, July 1, Highway Patrolman David Fischer was in our group and we had another dry run. Fischer was planning on going back the next day as he said, “With July 4th, coming up on Sunday. they will be stealing to get spending money for the weekend. I think they will be back!” Thursday night about 10 pm Fischer called and said that his Sergeant had just called him and advised he would have to work the next day and he could not go, “But if you catch them, call me!” We did.....and called David.

WHAT PLAYED OUT: Ralph Hendricks (later to retire as Lieutenant after 30 years with HOUSTON PD) and I were the only two that could go that Friday morning. It was looking like another dry run and about 9:30 am Ralph said, “Man I hate to leave, but I had better not miss that test at noon.” With that we began packing our gear. Our activity was interrupted when an older Ford car slowly pulled

into the parking lot. The two males pulled up to the restroom and remained seated in their car. I whispered to Ralph, “These are our guys!” We watched as they carefully scanned their surroundings and slowly exited their vehicle.....and began walking straight to my pickup! My truck was parked facing west, with the water on the south side and the only road out to the north. The two males approached my truck with one on the driver’s side and the other on the passenger side.

THEIR WELL REHEARSED GAME PLAN: By approaching in this manner, they were simultaneously able to watch for approaching boats as well as approaching vehicles. At my truck, they paused and then began attacking my vent window. After popping it open, they quickly stood up, scanned their surroundings, and entered low into the cab. We watched as they began to gather up some items in the seat. I don’t know if they realized that they had done this same thing about three weeks earlier to the same truck!! As they both entered the cab, Ralph and I emerged from our vantage point and hit the parking lot running.

THE ARREST: We quickly surrounded them, ordered them to the ground, searched for weapons, and handcuffed the two of them. I then called Fischer and requested his help in transporting them to the Nacogdoches County Jail. David arrived, quickly searched their car, and found a small amount of marijuana. David said we will keep them separate and which one did I want to take. When I said it did not matter, he picked the one he wanted to ride with him. David was as skilled of an interviewer as the DPS ever had, and as we got back to the Etoile Post Office, he flashed his lights for me to stop. We met behind my truck and he said that his passenger admitted to stealing for the individual whose name had been passed to me weeks earlier.

THE CONCLUSION : Leaving the two at the jail, they were interviewed by Deputy Griffen and he obtained the warrant for the ring leader to be arrested in San Augustine County. While this was happening, a group of us went to the RED BARN and had lunch with TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL SERGEANT, D.K. JOHNSON. TEXAS RANGER MAURICE COOK, of San Augustine County became involved during the afternoon. These arrests cleared dozens and dozens of burglaries at SAM RAYBURN LAKE that had occurred in three counties. So many guns had been taken that “30 - 30’s were selling for twenty dollars each on the square in Center!” One two year old car had stalled on Hwy 103 one night and by the next morning the motor had been removed from it! I got my scanner back but not my hat and CB radio. This entire incident brought a great deal of satisfaction in having played a major role, with other good officers, in making Sam Rayburn Lake, a safer place in the summer of 1976!

AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY: A few times in my life I have had dreams and would see them unfold for real within a few hours or within a few days. The night before this fishing trip I was up until after midnight getting the boat ready for the 5 am departure that morning. In this short time span I dreamed that MY VEHICLE WAS BURGLARIZED WHILE FISHING!! As a result of “this burglary,” the dream continued with us having to do surveillance at SAM RAYBURN.we did and it was successful!



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Chamber Connection
 by Kelly Daniel
 Executive Vice President,
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 of Commerce

Two Big Events Highlight April Chamber Calendar

The Chamber is offering an exciting opportunity to everyone in the East Texas region. Connect with state legislature at the **Lone Star Legislative Summit** on April 12-13. The summit is presented by Texas Health Care Association and co-hosted by State Senator Robert Nichols and State Representative Travis Clardy.

The Chamber is taking reservations now for the Friday luncheon with keynote speaker Governor Greg Abbott and the Friday kick off breakfast with guest speaker Texas Association of Business CEO Jeff Moseley.

All events are open to the public. Friday's panel discussion sessions are free to attend and promise to be entertaining, thought provoking and informative with the following subjects addressed:

- **Healthcare:** What Condition Our Condition Is In. Developing trends affecting the future of healthcare in Texas.
- **Energy:** What the Frack is Going On? How Texas earned bragging rights as the energy leader of the world. Panel sponsor: Cheniere Energy.
- **Pay As You Go:** The Economics of Tourism. Travel tips to grow the second largest industry in Texas.
- **School of Hard Knocks:** Who Wants to be a Teacher? The challenge of recruiting and retaining the teachers of tomorrow.
- **Revisiting History:** They Did WHAT?! If past is a prologue, are we doomed to repeat it?

More than 25 Texas legislators are expected to attend along with many more decision makers and leaders from Nacogdoches County and beyond. Don't miss this chance to visit with and hear from so many who represent our interests.

County Agriculture Award Recipients Named

The Chamber's Agriculture Banquet planning committee have announced this year's agriculture award recipients. Those who received these honors are great contributors to our community. They are strong and solid individuals, families and businesses that make positive impacts in our local economy and to our quality of life.

For the first time, a "Young Farmer of the Year" award recipient will be honored at the 17th annual Nacogdoches County Agriculture Appreciation and Awareness Banquet presented by TFP Nutrition. The event is Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center.

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- Farm Family of the Year: Gary Stanaland Family (Sponsor: Tipton Ford Lincoln)
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Remember to go to the Chamber's online community event calendar at www.Nacogdoches.org. Check it often and submit your business and organization events too!

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Reaction to The Resurrection Of Christ

"He preached to them Jesus and the resurrection." (Acts 17:18b, NKJV)

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"Easter Sunday" is the day we Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In Paul's message de-

livered on Mars' Hill (Acts 17) we see four reactions to the message of Christ's resurrection.

SOME DID NOT BELIEVE (v. 5) – Although verse five is a reference to those in Thessalonica, they expressed the same attitude of unbelief as those in Athens. They not only refused to believe, they also tried to keep others from believing. These unbelievers followed Paul and Silas to Berea where they "stirred up" the people against the disciples. The words "stirred up" means to shake like an earthquake. They did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They did not believe that He had been raised from the dead.

SOME MOCKED (v. 32) – To "mock" means "to deride, jeer, or scoff." There were some who laughed at Paul and his message. They were amused by what he had to say concerning the resurrection. "He's a babbler," they said (v. 18). A babbler was an idea-scrounger; a peddler of second-handed ideas. The idea of the resurrection was foolishness to them.

SOME PROCRASTINATED (v. 32) – "We will hear you again on this matter." It is dangerous to postpone your decision concerning Christ. It is dangerous because of the uncertainty of life. You don't know when you will die. Furthermore, God's Spirit will not always strive with you and you can only accept Christ as your Saviour while you are under the convicting influence of the Holy Spirit. Don't put off your decision to accept Christ as your Saviour and Lord. Do it now!

SOME BELIEVED (v. 34) – This is the proper reaction to the news of Christ's resurrection. The word "believe" means more than an intellectual acceptance. It basically means commitment. When you accept Christ as your Saviour you are committing yourself to Him. You are saying that from this moment on Christ is your Saviour and you depend on no one else or anything else for salvation. We believe in Jesus in order that we might be saved (Romans 10:10). We believe in Jesus in order to have eternal life (John 3:16).

In Romans 10:10 the apostle Paul includes belief in the resurrection of Christ from the dead as part of what one must believe about Christ in order to be saved: "If you confess with your mouth and believed in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Have you committed yourself to Him? If not, why don't you make your decision for Him now?

A LITTLE HUMOR: It was Palm Sunday, and Mary's four-year-old son stayed home from church with his father, because he was sick. When his sister returned home carrying palm branches, the little boy asked what the branches were for. His mother explained, "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by." "I can't believe it," the boy said. "I miss one Sunday, and Jesus shows up!"

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup of dried cranberries
- 4 cups of chopped bite size fresh raw broccoli
- 1/2 cup candied pecans

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Italian dressing
- 1/4 cup of evaporated milk
- 1 package of sweet and low

Instructions:

Mix together dressing ingredients until well blended in a mixing bowl, then add in broccoli and pecans, stir until ingredients are well coated, then add cranberries.

Best made a day ahead and is good for up to 3 days, if well covered and refrigerated.

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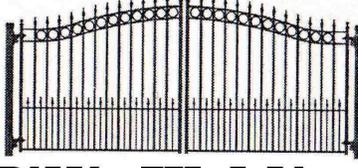


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WET is a group that has a passion for the art of watercolor. Many accomplished local and surrounding artists are a part of this group. Funds from this event are used to assist an art student enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University.

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- **WHEN:** Upcoming events are April 14 and May 12.

Free T-shirts will be given to the participants and will be available for purchase for non-participants for \$10.00. Lunch will be provided. We will have face painting, petting zoo, crafts, games and MORE!

- Preregistration is preferred but not required.

Horses help those who don't talk to people says the founder of Horses & Hearts Ministry, Marc Green. He knows this. He's a cowboy. But he's got the science to back him up. His wife Dr. Dawn Green is Licensed Specialist in School Psychology at Nacogdoches and at Center ISD. Both Mr. and Dr. Green are Deacons in the Impact Cowboy Church.

"The horse is a great equalizer because it doesn't matter if you aren't able to speak or if you have challenges socially," says Dr. Green.

KTRE, an ABC-affiliate out of Lufkin, observed during their visit that Horses & Hearts Ministry opened numerous lines of communication and placed extended families worries aside. Parents and their children connected and new found friends forgot their life challenges. But then, simply hanging out with a four legged friend can be conversation enough.

According to volunteer, Rayford Allen, you can actually see the children relaxing. For some he says you can see them relax right away while others might take twenty minutes before they finally get that inevitable, big smile on their face.

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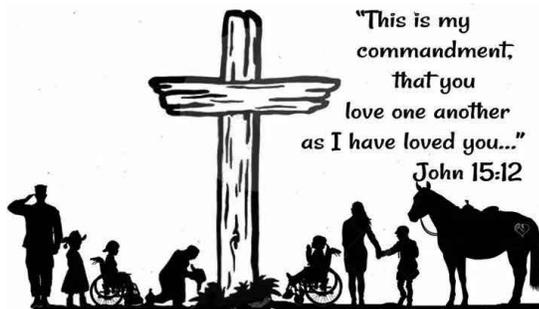
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For more information and registration contact horsesandheartsministry@gmail.com or the Facebook event page. Marc Green: 936-645-5122, Dawn Green: 936-645-5120 or Emily Perimon: 936-585-1020. Horses & Hearts is also taking their ministry on the road to summer camps.

Horses and Hearts Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/horsesandheartsministry/>

An interesting side note to this story was revealed when I talked with Mr. Allen. He is a Sunday school teacher and regular volunteer during the "Horses & Hearts" events. Allen is also a life-long friend of our multifaceted editor, David Stallings. Allen let it slip that he was a co-conspirator in the formative stage of David's alter-ego, Willie P. Apparently he and David began practicing phone pranking in their early teens.



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Tommy and Diane Stanley Fire Loss Benefit April 7th at Lugnutz

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