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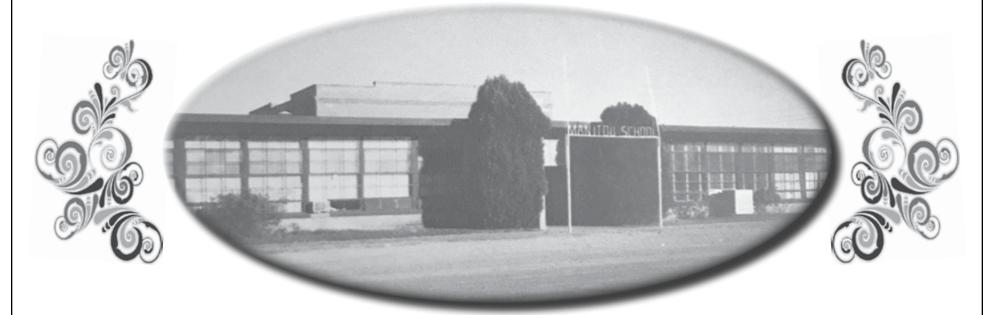
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## New vendor to attend Oyster Fry

### **BY KATHLEEN GUILL**

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Josie Bodtke, Owner of Styles by Josie, is scheduled to set up a booth at the Oyster Fry and Craft Show slated for March 9.

"For this event we will be bringing our Lilla Rose Hair Accessories," Bodtke said. "The latest in fashion and style! Haircessories for every hair length, thickness, for every occasion! Lilla Rose has affordable, beautiful, durable and easy to use haircessories that you are going to love! Never buy another hair tie or plastic claw again!"

Bodtke said this will be their first year having a booth at the Oyster Fry, but they primarily sell their products online and at festivals and vendor events like the Oyster Fry and Craft Show. They have been in business for nearly three years. Bodtke said her favorite thing about her product is the versatility.

"Depending on your hair, I can show you probably six different styles that can be done with one product," she said.

The hardest thing about selling or marketing her product is that it's unknown, Bodtke said.

"There are a lot of people who have not heard of Lilla Rose, so they don't understand how or why it works," she said. "Getting people to stop and let us demonstrate in their hair is challenging. Once

we can show someone how well the product works on them, they usually love it. We literally have a product that will work for every person."

"After I was introduced to this product, it was a no-brainer," Bodtke continued. "I absolutely love the product, the quality, and the selection so I felt the need to share it with others."

Bodtke said her favorite thing about owning her own business is helping others.

"Our product is easy to use, but helps women feel beautiful no matter the occasion."

Uncertainty is the hardest part of owning a business, according to Bodtke.

"As with any retail business, there are good months

and bad months," she said.
Three things Bodtke would

like you to know about her business are:

"Give us a chance. So many people tell us that they 'don't have enough hair' or 'it won't stay in my hair' but don't give us the opportunity to demonstrate," Bodtke said. "Give us five minutes and let us show you what Lilla Rose can do for you. Follow us on Facebook. This is our best tool to show off new releases, let you know about specials or promotions, and we do a "LIVE" sale every Wednesday night that gives people the opportunity to win free product. Spread the word. If you love your Lilla Rose hair accessory, tell people about it. Right now, there are

only about 10,000 Stylists in the US that sell Lilla Rose. Most of the country does not know about our product yet."

Bodtke said if she were presented with the opportunity to give advice to a new business owner it would be to believe in what you sell.

"It doesn't matter if it's a product or a service, you must believe in it," Bodtke said. "Don't do anything because you think it will make a lot of money. Do something that you love and you'll never work another day in your life.

"We look forward to our first event in Frederick! We hope that we are given the chance to show as many people as possible how great our product truly is!"



# Living Tree Studio to set up at Oyster Fry

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Ronald Kuykendall with Living Tree Studio is scheduled to set up a booth at the 2019 Oyster Fry and Craft Show. He is coming in from Petersburg, Texas and will be selling handmade wheel thrown stoneware pottery, cookware and deco, hand drawn mountain scenes and stamped flower de-

cione

Kuykendall is a retired art teacher and has been in business for many years. He primarily sells his work at arts and crafts shows like the oyster fry.

Kuykendall said his favorite thing about his work is that it's handwork because "no one else does what I do."

He said the hardest thing is selecting and getting into good shows. He also said people like what he has to offer.

Three things
Kuykendall would
like people to know is
that he stands behind
what he does, his sales
are to repeat customers and he enjoys the
people.

If he could give advice to someone looking to start their own business, it would be to start slowly.

"Do not go into too

much debt," he said. "Make customers happy and grow in a stable fashion and slowly."

Kuykendall comes to Frederick twice a year.

"I love the people of Frederick," he said. "I have made many friends and acquaintances. I come twice a year — Oyster Fest and Arts in Action."

The Oyster Fry and Craft Show is scheduled for March 9.



A Cajun style musical group called Casey and Mina came in to serenade Oyster Fry guests at last year's event. Pictured with the musicians are Chamber Director Felisha Crawford and her husband Ben Crawford.

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### Made with Love from Mimi's Home to set up booth at Oyster Fry

### BY KATHLEEN GUILL

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Karen DeBord, owner of Made with Love from Mimi's Home, is scheduled to set up a booth at this year's Oyster Fry and Craft Show March 9.

DeBord sells handcrafted good, including candy, keepsake books, soup bowls, Christmas tree skirts, and many other handmade items. One of the items she sells is the popular t-shirt quilt, a keepsake often made from a deceased loved one's items, or perhaps you have a high school senior about to take their first steps into adulthood

"My favorite thing to craft is my quilts. I feel so close to my customers when I take an old shirt their memories and transformit into a labor of love. This will be our first time [at the Oyster Fry]."

#### Karen DeBord

Owner of Made with Love from Mimi's Home

when they leave for college. A quilt made from their school shirts, for instance, all of their Bomber t-shirts from pre-k through 12th grade. DeBord would love to take an order at the Oyster Fry, as she says she does quilting for the public.

"My favorite thing to

craft is my quilts. I feel so close to my customers when I take an old shirt their memories and transformit into a labor of love. This will be our first time [at the Oyster Fry]," DeBord said. "We have a Facebook page, [sell at] craft shows, and we have a booth downtown

Vernon Main st. at Somethin' More."

DeBord said her favorite thing about her business is that it's done as a family.

"The time spent with my family keeps us close," she said.

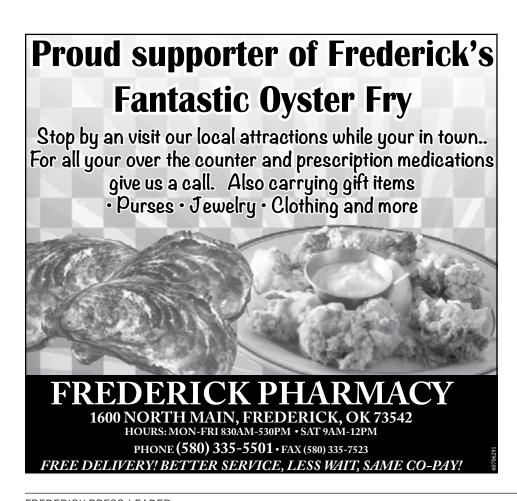
The hardest thing about selling or marketing her product is that generations are used to buying cheaply made items, according to DeBord.

"Our products are hand made and made to last," she said. "There is no limit on what we can make. We are willing to try any kind of crafting project."

DeBord and her family have been in business for abut five years. The idea came to DeBord because they have always done sewing and crochet for family and friends.

"When my father got sick I quit my full-time job to take care of him," DeBord said. "To keep him busy he started helping me do crafting projects and I found my true passion. I turned a third garage into my shop and made it my space. I can craft all day in my shop and still be able to take care of all my family's needs.

DeBord said if someone asked for advice on starting their own business she would say, "Go for it. It was the best decision I made."





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## Pearl vendor will return to oyster fry

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The Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show will have a returning pearl vendor this year.

Judy Goodrich and Cecilia Lane of Fox Lane Pearls are scheduled to set up at this year's event March 9.

"Fox Lane is a combination of our names," Goodrich said in a previous interview. "My maiden name and her married name. Our husbands Buz Goodrich and Rick Lane, are also our partners."

Fox Lane Pearls has been in business for almost two decades.

"We've been importing and selling pearls for nearly 20 years," Goodrich said. "We registered our business in Oklahoma on April 23, 1999."

Goodrich said that she and Lane have really like pearls for years, but realized how expensive they were when they saw what was available.

"We just fell in love with pearls a long time ago," Goodrich said. "We love the shiny luster, the smooth and silky surfaces, the veritable rainbow of natural colors, and the way pearls seem to glow from within. A pearl is sensuous and unique since it is a biological phenomenon, born of the water in an oyster in the sea or the lake.

"Other gemstones are geological phenomena,' she said. "They are of the earth, born of heat and pressure. The pearl is unique. We also knew that the pearl is the most ancient gem of all, and we knew that we both wanted pearl necklaces. So 18 years ago we shopped for freshwater pearl necklaces but went into sticker shock when we saw what was available."

"We managed to connect with a Chinese wholesale source, and our business was born

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Fox Lane Pearls set up at Oklahoma City's Mistletow Market.



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## Rowe, Scott paint barn quilts

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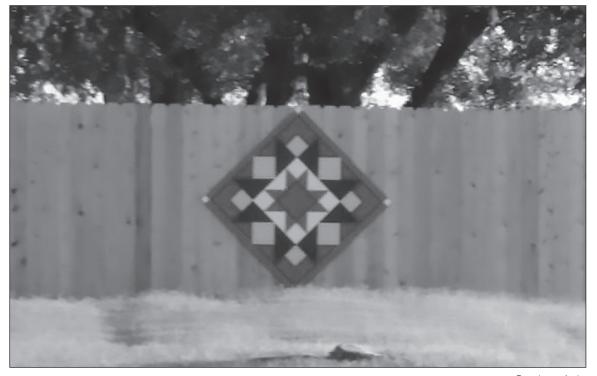
Annette Rowe and Jeanie Scott have started a business called Heritage Barn Quilts. They are scheduled to set up a booth at this year's Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show March 9.

The idea for their business came from a trip Scott took to Bonham, Texas.

"She [Scott] went to Bonham, Texas and discovered this wonderful barn quilt trail," Rowe said.

A barn quilt trail is a series of painted wood or metal, hung or free standing, quilt-like squares installed at various locations along a given route. There are quilt trails in about 43 of the United States as well as several in Canadian provinces. To find trails in individual states visit http://barnquiltinfo.com/map-US.html.

The closest barn quilt trail to Tillman County is in Stephens County so Rowe and Scott began one in Tillman County. They have been painting the squares



Courtesy photo

Annette Rowe and Jeanie Scott have started a business called Heritage Barn Quilts. This is one attached to a wooden privacy fence, but they can be attached to almost anything.

on wood and several of them are displayed around Frederick and Tillman County.

"The barn quilts are on the fence and the eaves of our house," Scott said. "They all have names too, which is what's really interesting about it."

Each design has a name just like quilt designs.

"They're actual quilt patterns," Rowe said. "Ours are painted on plywood and then mounted on barns, houses, fences, decks, patios, bird houses; you name it, they're everywhere."

They come in a variety if sizes.

"They can be one foot by one foot, two by two, three by three, four by four, and even up to sizes big enough for the side of a barn," Scott said. "They can just be huge. We're going to have this booth, but what the chamber and the arts council were thrilled about was having a Tillman County Barn Quilt Trail.

"What that means is that the chamber will give names to the patterns or some patterns already have names, but the chamber will have a map of where the barn quilts can be found and it's kind of like a scavenger hunt. We're hoping people in Tillman County will be interested in putting these up. It's really a tourist draw. Like the people who come for the Oyster Fry, this would be something new they could do while they're here."

Although Rowe and Scott are painting some existing patterns, they will take orders from people who want to customize their own pattern.

To see what the barn work quilts look like in person, visit the craft show March 9 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Frederick Middle School gym.



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when we began selling pearls off our necks," she said. "Over the years we've made many trips to China to the pearl markets in Beijing and Shanghai. We were even able to visit a pearl farm near Wen Ling and got to see exactly how pearls are cultured."

Lane and Goodrich sell their jewelry to shops, boutiques, department stores and jewelers primarily through exhibiting at AmericasMart wholesale market in Atlanta, Ga. They also sell their pearls at retail shows and fundraising events for various

charitable organizations. Goodrich said that had shows in many states over the years.

Goodrich said that their freshwater pearls come from China.

"About 90 percent of our collection are freshwater pearls, which are very reasonably priced," Goodrich said. "Our freshwater pearls come from China. We also have a small, high-end collection of saltwater and Tahitian pearls. Our saltwater pearls include Japanese Akoya as well as Chinese saltwater pearls, and our Tahitian pearls come from the South Seas and Eastern Australia.

"All the pearls we sell are real pearls made by real oysters," she said. "We have both classic pearl jewelry and fun fashion pieces featuring our own unique designs. Some combine gem stones with pearls, in a wide variety of colors and styles. Our pearls are of high quality and priced to suit any budget with prices ranging from \$7.50 for a simple pearl bracelet to \$10,000 for an opera length Tahitian pearl necklace."

"We learned about the Frederick event from a customer and decided that since our pearls come from oysters, they would be a natural at an oyster fry. Plus, we love oysters," Goodrich said.

Goodrich said they

also do custom work.

"We work with brides and other customers on unique designs and we make the jewelry to the customer's specifications," Goodrich said. "We restring pearls, and we love to help our customers reconfigure Grandma's pearls from yesteryear into a beautiful piece of jewelry that will be worn and cherished today and tomorrow.

"We include a fabric pouch with every item we sell," she said. "Pearls are more delicate than most other jewelry, so the pretty pouch has a practical application for safely keeping the pearl jewelry and all our customers love our packaging."



An example of a pearl bib necklace.



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Betty Kriz from the Center for Creative Living enjoys oysters in 2012 or 2013

Volunteers fry the oysters outside.

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The Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show is a local event that brings tourists through town in high volume. This year's oyster fry is scheduled for March 9. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

After spending 30 years in Manitou, the Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show moved to Frederick. The oyster fry first began in 1952 in Manitou. A man named Bramlett Johnson

brought oysters back from the Gulf Coast of Texas. After frying and serving them to the Manitou school board, it became an annual fundraiser. The oyster fry was held in Manitou for 30 years before the Frederick Chamber of Commerce picked it up.

The oyster fry took a brief hiatus after the Manitou school closed its doors. The Frederick Chamber of Commerce adopted the event and held Frederick's first oyster fry March 16, 1990. The tickets were \$7 and someone from the Chamber went to Texas and brought back 120 gallons of oysters.

The history of Frederick's Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show

The oyster fry has been held in Frederick for over 30 years. So, for more than six decades someone has driven to Texas and brought back fresh oysters. To ensure the oysters are safe, they are immediately packed in ice before they're transported to Frederick for breading and frying.

According to a press release sent from the Frederick Chamber of Commerce March 9, 1990, people could buy oysters for \$1 a plate at

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The Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show draws customers and vendors to the area from across the United States, including New Mexico, Georgia and Kansas.

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the March 16 oyster fry. The Parent-Teacher Association or PTA came out \$30 ahead and decided to make the oyster fry an annual event.

"In 1983, 724 people were served 120 gallons of fried oysters," the release reads. "By this time, the price of oysters had become so high that the people of Manitou decided to discontinue the event."

In 1991, The Frederick Oyster Fry was mentioned in USA Today in the "Across the USA = News From Every State" section.

"Frederick - Second Annual Oyster Fry Friday - revival of tradition that began 40 years ago in Manitou - is Friday, city Chamber of Commerce says."

Twyla Elsener has been involved with the oyster fry since its beginnings.

"Bramlett Johnson brought that first gallon back in 1952 just to feed the school board," Elsener said. "My grandfather was actually on the school board at that time. Then they thought, hey, we can do this as a fundraiser and so that's what they did."

In 1990, the Chamber board of directors included President John Hester, Leon



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was held for
the last time
in the Central
Elementary
Gymnasium in
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building was
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Allison, Ken Ames, Karen Caldwell, Art Cunningham, Elsener, Lois Kent, Cora Sue Kitchen, Kim Lamb, Brent Morey, Darrel Simpson, Gwen Smith, Kevin Sparks, Barbara Tucker, Clarice Ward, Rick Burton and Allen Smith.

"We [the board] went to Hester with the idea of taking over the oyster fry," Elsener said. "Now it's their biggest fundraiser every year."

The oysters had been served breaded for many years and about 10 years ago, they started serving them raw. They're served with a side of coleslaw that is the original recipe from when the event was held in Manitou.

The oysters are now served with a red sauce that, according to Elsener, is a Louis Box original recipe. The sauce and the coleslaw are both handmade in the Prather Brown Elementary School kitchen.

"I'll tell you a couple of fun facts from the first year,"

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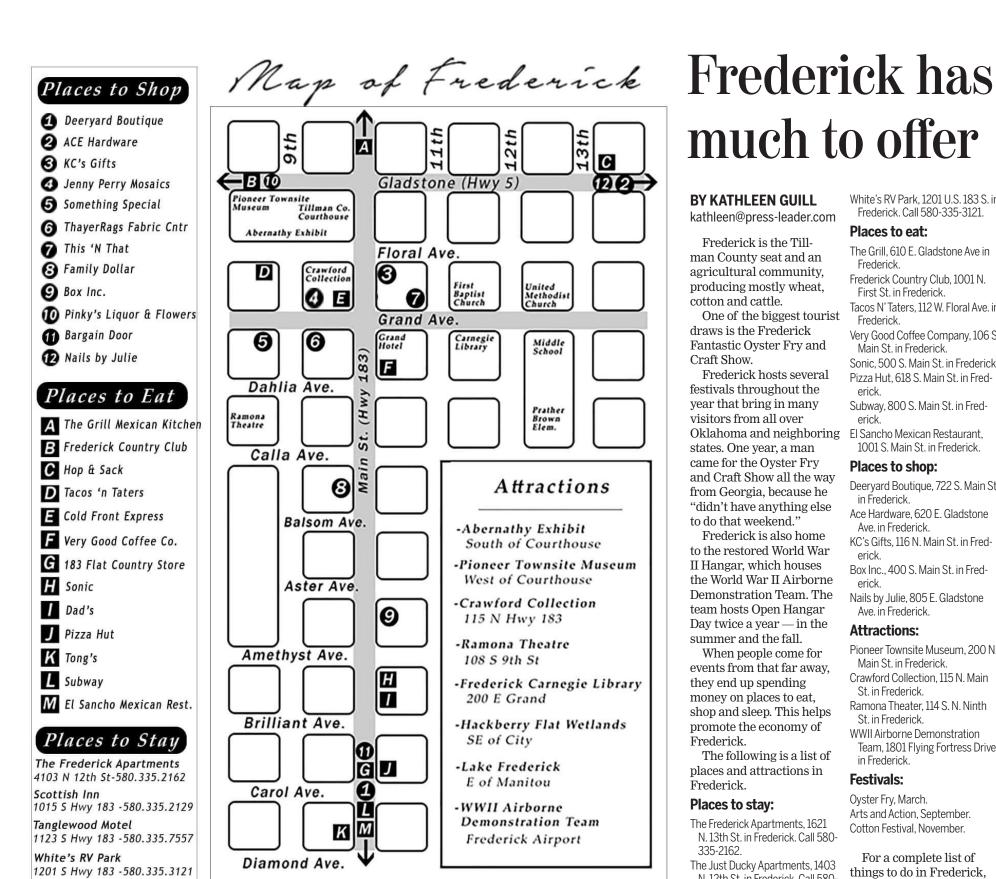


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## much to offer

### BY KATHLEEN GUILL

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Frederick is the Tillman County seat and an agricultural community, producing mostly wheat, cotton and cattle.

One of the biggest tourist draws is the Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show.

Frederick hosts several festivals throughout the year that bring in many visitors from all over Oklahoma and neighboring El Sancho Mexican Restaurant, states. One year, a man came for the Oyster Fry and Craft Show all the way from Georgia, because he "didn't have anything else to do that weekend."

Frederick is also home to the restored World War II Hangar, which houses the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team. The team hosts Open Hangar Day twice a year — in the summer and the fall.

When people come for events from that far away, they end up spending money on places to eat, shop and sleep. This helps promote the economy of Frederick

The following is a list of places and attractions in Frederick.

### Places to stay:

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The Just Ducky Apartments, 1403 N. 12th St. in Frederick. Call 580-335-2162.

Scottish Inn. 1015 U.S. 183 S. in Frederick, Call 580-335-2129. Tanglewood Motel, 1123 U.S. 183 S. in Frederick. Call 580-335-7557.

White's RV Park 1201 U.S. 183 S. in. Frederick. Call 580-335-3121.

### Places to eat:

The Grill, 610 E. Gladstone Ave in Frederick.

Frederick Country Club, 1001 N. First St. in Frederick

Tacos N' Taters, 112 W. Floral Ave. in Frederick

Very Good Coffee Company, 106 S. Main St. in Frederick.

Sonic, 500 S. Main St. in Frederick. Pizza Hut, 618 S. Main St. in Frederick.

Subway, 800 S. Main St. in Frederick.

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### Places to shop:

Deeryard Boutique, 722 S. Main St. in Frederick

Ace Hardware, 620 E. Gladstone Ave. in Frederick

KC's Gifts, 116 N. Main St. in Fred-

Box Inc., 400 S. Main St. in Frederick.

Nails by Julie, 805 E. Gladstone Ave. in Frederick.

#### Attractions:

Pioneer Townsite Museum, 200 N. Main St. in Frederick.

Crawford Collection, 115 N. Main St. in Frederick.

Ramona Theater, 114 S. N. Ninth St. in Frederick.

WWII Airborne Demonstration Team, 1801 Flying Fortress Drive in Frederick.

### Festivals:

Oyster Fry, March. Arts and Action, September. Cotton Festival, November.

For a complete list of things to do in Frederick, contact Chamber Director Felisha Crawford at 580-335-2126 or frederickcc@pldi. net or visit FrederickOK-Chamber.org.

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## Jewelry vendor to attend local craft show

### **BY KATHLEEN GUILL**

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Vinita Harris is scheduled to set up a booth at this year's Oyster Fry and Craft Show March 9.

Harris' business is called "Vinita's Classic Jewelry" and she is coming from Iowa Park, Texas. Harris sells classic costume jewelry, including sterling silver pieces.

"It is high quality at a very reasonable price," Harris said. "Most pieces come with a life time guarantee."

Harris primarily sells her product at local venues and this isn't her first time at the Oyster Fry. Her favorite thing about her product is that it's unlike jewelry found at other sales.

"It is very pretty and durable," she said. "Selling my jewelry is not hard to me, just a little work setting up my display. I have a nice variety and most women enjoy beautiful jewelry at reasonable prices."

Harris has been in business for 14 years.

"Jewelry is something

I have always enjoyed, so it was an easy decision," Harris said. "I can work the hours convenient to me. It is a lot of work to keep up with the documentation. My product's quality has proven itself. The jewelry has a base metal of brass and is hypoallergenic. It has no lead or nickel. The Sterling Silver I sell is .925

silver. I am local and easy to contact in case of any issue."

Harris said her advice to someone looking to start their own business would be to find something they like and work hard at it.

"I am a no pressure sales person," Harris said. "Lookers are always welcome."





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## Shelly's Jellys scheduled to set up at Oyster Fry

BY KATHLEEN GUILL

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Shelly Gorrell with All Things Handmade is scheduled to set up a booth at the Oyster Fry and Craft Show March 9.

Gorrell sells Shelly's Jellys, Old Bobs Peppers, Old Bobs Peppered Sea Salts and Rib Rubs. She has set up at the Oyster Fry in previous years and is always a hit. She has

been in business for seven years.

Gorrell said she primarily sells her products at events, festivals and craft shows and he favorite thing about her product is her family recipe.

"[It's a] family recipe, passed down from out sweet sister who has passed," Gorrell said. "[The hardest thing] is picking events that are well attended. The easiest

thing about selling is when people taste it they gotta have it."

Gorrell said she came up with the idea of starting a business came around when her husband was trying to make a pepper jelly and he did a great job.

"People started asking for other flavors and it grew from there," Gorrell said.

Gorrell also said she loves that people look her business up to find

more of a product they love and she would like people to know they're available in Oklahoma, they offer wholesale pricing and all of their illustrations are hand drawn.

If Gorrell could give advice to someone looking to start up their own business, she said it would be to take a class first at the capitol to learn about all of the tax ins and outs.



John Worthington spoons some freshly fried oysters during a previous Oyster Fry. Don't forget to get your tickets for this vear's event which will be held on March 9.

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### Husband and wife team to set up booth at Oyster Fry

### **BY KATHLEEN GUILL**

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Husband and wife team Hank Poppe and Martine Poppe are scheduled to set up a booth at this year's Oyster Fry and Craft Show March 9.

They don't have an official business. They sell their product primarily at craft and vendor shows.

"Martine makes and sells beadwork in various forms," Hank said. "She's been doing her work for close to 30 years and is considered by many to be a master beader. Her beadwork has received several awards from shows here in SW OK. Often shoppers have to come early to her booth. She's known in the area and is usually in high demand."

Hank produces and markets computer generated imagery.

"At last count there are only three CGI artists in the state," Hank said.

"I've been doing it professionally for 20 years, mostly for the US Army, and retired from active production in 2017. I usually attend several art shows a year in SW OK. My work is creating visual art uniquely done with a computer using the same software that's

used in Hollywood to produce movies.

"We don't get to share a booth very often," Hank continued. "We've participated in five — if memory serves us right previous Oyster Fry shows. Most of our sales come from Arts and Craft shows here in SW OK."

Martine said she's an admitted finger-holic, spending hours and days weaving beads together into beautiful patterns. Creating her beadwork is rewarding when the item is finished and she gets to see it being worn by one of her customers.

Hank said creating computer generated images is not only artistically challenging as all visual art is, but the technical challenges needed to get a computer to actually render an image, and to see that accomplished is very satisfying.

"Because we don't operate out of a store, probably the hardest thing is getting customers to where we are. The products pretty much speak for themselves when people see them. Both our products are unique, professional quality and competitively priced."



The Fantastic Frederick Oyster Fry will have a Mardi Gras flare this weekend. Look for beads and feathers as you roam around shopping and visiting local attractions. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

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Elsener said. "We ground all the crackers we used to bread the oysters in little food processors. We'd do them in little home food processors. We did that for probably five or six years until we had enough sense to use what the school had."

Today, the oyster fry serves thousands of people who come from across Oklahoma and Texas, and some even as far away as Georgia and New Mexico.

Greg Howard is in charge of the volunteers who spend hours breading and frying the mussels.

"The oyster fry has always brought the



Courtesy photo

Volunteers box up oyster dinners when the event was held in Manitou.

town together," Greg said. "It's one of our biggest events and certainly the most unique. Our community always shows up to support the Chamber. We have over 100 volunteers every year that donate their time for this event."

Greg's wife Wendy Howard is a teacher at Frederick High School.

"The oyster fry is a great chance for students to give back to the community that supports them in all of their endeavors, she said. "Many student groups donate their time. We have high school students who have helped every year since the age of four and some that even come home from college to help with the event. It's a fun day of small town community life."

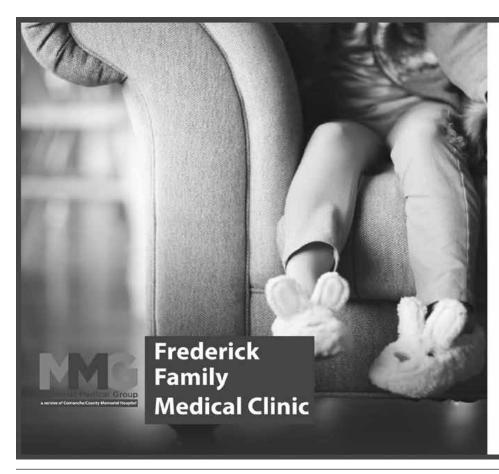
According to frederickokchamber.org, the oyster fry serves thousands of people each year. The recipe has not changed since the 1950s. A craft show is typically held next door to the event with an assortment of booths from vendors across the country who sell everything from homemade jams, to woodwork, to crocheted or knitted items.

It's a place where people can show off their art and hard work.

The Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show won't be the only draw to the town Saturday.

Tourists can visit the Pioneer Heritage Townsite Museum and Abernathy Boys Exhibit, the Hackberry Flat Center, take a tour of the historic Ramona Theatre, or visit several downtown shops, including one of the last Carnegie libraries still open to the public.

For details on this or other Chamber events, contact Felisha Crawford at 580-335-2126 or frederickcc@pldi.net or visit www.frederickok-chamber.org.



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