

Megan Bennett: “An Old Town with New Horizons”

I went to Naples, Texas this past June. I worked at city hall, observing what it took to run a small town. I meet and worked with the Mayor, Dennis Chartier and the new Police Chief, Tommy Hunt. My main job was to research grants and increase Naples social media presence. One of the grants I worked on was for Copsync, a new computer system for the Police department to make their job easier. I also worked for the police department, helping them with paperwork and inventory.



Before going to Naples, I knew nothing about small town living, having lived in large cities my entire life. I feel like I have gained an appreciation for rural life. I learned that it takes strong leadership to govern a success and growing town. I enjoyed the slow place that everyone in the town valued. I felt like a member of the community and encourage everyone to visit, especially during the Watermelon Festival.



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