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A Classic Nacogdoches Hotel Comes Back



FROM LEFT: WENDY FLOYD/COURTESY FREDONIA HOTEL; ALAMY STOCK IMAGES

At a time when most full-service hotels are run by large corporations, there's a place in Nacogdoches that's different. **The Fredonia Hotel** opened in 1955 as a community-owned inn. Builders sold stock to town residents, many at \$50 a share. It was a hit.

Named after the area's short-lived Fredonia Rebellion, the hotel attracted such famous guests as Elvis Presley, Farrah Fawcett, and Colonel Sanders. After years of neglect, it closed in 2013. But in July, the hotel celebrates the first anniversary of a comeback. A local family purchased the property and spent \$15 million restoring it to the *Mad Men* look of mid-century modern.

The hotel's **Nine Flags Bar and Grill** offers nine signature drinks, one for each flag that has flown over Nacogdoches. In honor of the all-green Gutiérrez-Magee flag of 1812–1813, try the Pepino, made with cucumber puree and gin. Rates start at \$99. (936) 564-1234; thefredonia.com. —Paul Zieke



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