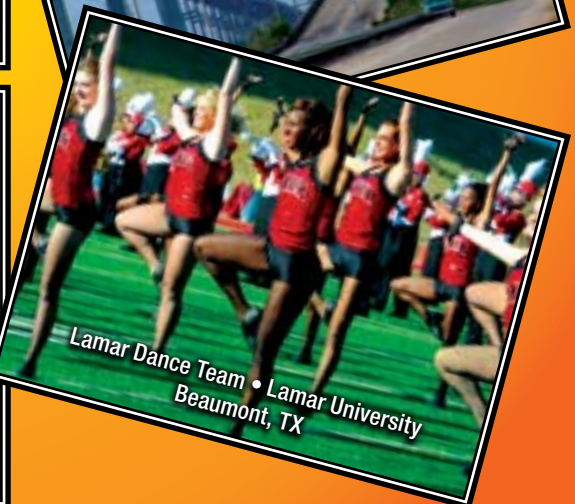


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Viva Southeast Texas will help you "Find Your Away Around" with colorful maps, a restaurant guide, useful lists of things to see and do, and ideas for where to shop. We will introduce you to some of the most interesting local people in our "Viva Spotlight" section, and take you back in time with folklore and history with "Tall Tales and Short Trips."

If it's entertainment and local night life you want, *Viva Southeast Texas* will supply you with all the latest information from Jim "King of the Road" and our calendar of events. You may even find someone you know in our photo gallery, "Scenes and Sights of Southeast Texas."

Viva Southeast Texas will help you discover the pleasures of Texas wines and wineries in our "Viva Vino" section. Each issue will offer recipes of Southeast Texas made with local ingredients!

In this edition, we'll introduce you to Marvin Atwood, the man behind Starvin Marvin's restaurant, in our "Viva Spotlight" section. Local radio and television personality Jim "King of the Road" will give us insight into Southeast Texas music and its personalities...plus you'll read about General Dick Dowling and his famous battle at Sabine Pass in "Tall Tales and Short Trips," and Shangri-La Gardens in Orange in the "Places of Interest" section.

Best of all, *Viva Southeast Texas* is free! We hope you will enjoy this issue and take us home with you to share with your family and friends. Thank you and we look forward to many more editions of *Viva Southeast Texas*!

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Our Origins and Roots

Beaumont

In 1824, Noah and Nancy Tevis settled on the west bank of the Neches River. As other settlers joined them, a community was established and called Tevis Bluff.¹ In 1835, the land owned by the Tevises was purchased by Henry Millard, Joseph Pulsifer and Thomas Huling, who began planning a town.² This town was named Beaumont after Henry Millard's brother in law, Jefferson Beaumont.

On December 16, 1838, Beaumont became a town, established on a fifty-acre site that Joseph Pulsifer's company donated.³ Beaumont's first mayor was Alexander Calder. Beaumont was also established as county seat of Jefferson County in 1838. John Jay French was an early pioneer, settling in Beaumont in 1845 after moving his family from Connecticut to start a new life in the new frontier. French established a trading post and tannery, which his family operated for more than 95 years. As Beaumont continued to grow and prosper, Beaumont became a regional shipping center with an active riverport and expanding rail service.

In 1892, the Beaumont Rice Mill was founded by Joseph Broussard. It became the first commercial rice mill in Texas.⁴ Oil was discovered in 1901 with the Lucas Gusher in nearby Spindletop. Spindletop became the

first major oil field and one of the largest in U.S. history. Three major oil companies—the Texas Company (later Texaco), Gulf Oil Corporation, and Humble (later Exxon)—were formed in Beaumont during the first year of the boom. The Magnolia Refinery (Mobil Oil Company) became the city's largest employer; by 1980 it was Mobil's largest manufacturing plant.

Captain William Tyrrell was a leading philanthropist during the 1920s. He is largely responsible for the opening of the commercial port, which today ranks as the fourth busiest port in the U.S. He also donated the First Baptist Church building to the city of Beaumont for use as a public library, which now houses the Tyrrell Historical Library.⁵ Beaumont became a major center for shipbuilding during World War II and is the busiest military port in the United States and second busiest in the world.⁶ The port of Beaumont is also home to the U.S. Army's 842nd Transportation Battalion.

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Nederland

Nederland, which is Dutch for "low land" and is also the Dutch name for the Netherlands, was settled in 1897 by Dutch immigrants. Arthur Stilwell, whose railroads were partially funded by Dutch investors, wanted a community in Southeast Texas for the Dutch immigrants. Nederland's economy grew around rice and dairy farming. However, overproduction and the depression of 1907 caused the rice industry to collapse.

As a result, many of the original Dutch settlers moved away. But oil also played a role in the Nederland area. After the Spindletop

oil gusher of 1901, Sun Oil established a terminal near the town. Residential communities sprang up as workers settled in Nederland. In 1940, Nederland became incorporated as a township. Because of the town's proximity to Port Arthur's refineries, many blue-collar laborers moved to Nederland. The area drew heavily from southern Louisiana and a strong Cajun influence is evident.

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Orange

Orange was originally settled as Green Bluff after Reason Green, a Sabine River boat captain who settled in 1830. In 1840 the community name was changed to Madison, in honor of President James Madison.¹ Due to confusion with another Texas town, Madisonville, the town was renamed Orange in 1858.

In 1877 Henry Jacob Lutchter and G. Bedell Moore arrived in Orange and established Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company. It is believed that Lutchter and Moore settled in Orange primarily due to the abundance of forest surrounding the Orange area and the proximity of the Sabine River, as a means to transport lumber to market. Lutchter amassed a fortune as a businessman and landowner. He purchased more than 500,000 acres of timber surrounding Orange and Calcasieu Parish, La., and later bought 50 square miles of virgin timber and swamp land in Mississippi.

Lutchter's legacy, and that of his two sons-in-law, includes the economic impact they provided in the establishment of Orange as a viable community. Dr. E.W. Brown joined the family lumber business and went on to become the mayor of Orange. William H. Stark became President of the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company and continued to provide leadership in the growth of the Orange area. Stark was responsible for the formation and operation of dozens of local businesses.

With the Lutchter, Stark and Brown leadership, Orange experienced rapid growth, having 17 sawmills located within the city limits during its heyday, making Orange the center of the Texas lumber industry.² The township of Orange continued to grow, becoming a viable port for cotton-carrying ships sailing down the Sabine River. The town also became a financial center and hub for numerous other businesses.

The harbor leading into the Port of Orange was dredged in 1914 to accommodate large ships. Shipbuilding was a major industry during World War I and World War II. After World War II, the population stabilized and new businesses, including the chemical industry, continued to prosper.

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Port Arthur

Port Arthur was founded by Arthur Stilwell in 1895, with the aid of Dutch investors. However, the town was conceived as early as 1837 as Aurora. In 1840, Almanzon Huston advertised town lots and although some lots were sold, the city project failed to materialize. Several other attempts to settle the area also failed. By 1895 Aurora was a ghost town but the abandoned community, located at the mouth of Taylor Bayou on Sabine Lake, became the site for Arthur Stilwell's new city Port Arthur.¹ Port Arthur was incorporated in 1898. By this time, Stilwell had established the Port Arthur Channel and Dock Company, which began cutting a canal along the western edge of the lake to deep water at Sabine Pass. The port was opened to seagoing shipping in 1899.

Early settlers, including more than 300 Dutch colonists, began pouring into the community, and Port Arthur grew with homes and business development. Arthur Stilwell built the Sabine Hotel and the Export Pier on Sabine Lake and brought rail service with his Kansas City Southern Railroad, making Port Arthur his southernmost terminal. In 1899, Stilwell invited his friend, John W. Gates, to visit Port Arthur. Gates quickly decided to join in the development. After being denied a seat on the board of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, Gates had Stilwell's interests declared bankrupt and named himself President of Kansas City Southern.

Thereafter Gates became the moving force in the development of Port Arthur. He built the Mary Gates Hospital in 1909 and founded

Port Arthur Business College (now Lamar-Port Arthur).² Long past its heyday in the early 1900s, successive waves of economic recession have delivered a nearly vacant, boarded up, and sometimes dangerous central business district. The Hotel Sabine, the tallest building in Port Arthur, was abandoned and purchased by the city. An attempt to sell the building failed in 2005, with no interested buyers. Hurricane Rita struck a direct hit on the Proctor Street Seawall, and damaged many downtown businesses and homes.³

Home to a large portion of United States refining capacity, Port Arthur is now seeing renewed investment in several key installations. Motiva Enterprises is undertaking a major addition to its western Port Arthur refinery, expanding capacity to 600,000 barrels per day. This \$10 billion project is the largest US refinery expansion to occur in 30 years. Premcor Refining (now Valero) recently completed a \$775 million expansion of its petrochemical plant, and BASF/Fina commenced operations of a new \$1.75 billion gasification and cogeneration unit on premises of its current installation, which had just completed its own \$1 billion upgrade.⁴

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Port Neches

Port Neches, like most of Southeast Texas, was once inhabited by the Karankawa and Atakapa Indians. Before 1780, Grigsby's Bluff had been an Indian settlement for more than 1500 years.¹ Smith's Bluff (future site of Sun Oil and Union Oil) and Grigsby's Bluff (now Port Neches) were the only two high bluffs on the Neches River, south of Beaumont, and were prime areas for settlement. Grigsby's Bluff was established as a township in 1837 by Joseph Grigsby, who built a plantation, boat landing, sawmill and trading post. Grigsby's Bluff became a United States post office in 1859.

In 1862, Fort Grigsby was built to stop a Union advance up the Neches River. However, Fort Grigsby was abandoned in 1863 and all guns, munitions and supplies were moved to Fort Griffin at Sabine Pass. George F. Block settled in Grigsby's Bluff in 1866 and built a shingle mill. The turn of the century brought sweeping changes to the lower Neches River area.²

In 1902 the Central Asphalt Company set up a plant near Grigsby's Bluff. A townsite on the new Kansas City railroad was drawn up the same year and called Port Neches. The Texas Company (later Texaco) purchased and remodeled the plant in 1906, bringing in the refineries and oil-related industries that would provide Port Neches with much of its lifeblood, although in 1915 the town, with a population of 600, was still mainly dependent on the cultivation of rice and oranges.

The community's voters, after defeating an incorporation measure in 1926, agreed by a 212–80 margin to incorporate their town in 1927.

The location of Port Neches on the heavily industrialized upper Texas Gulf Coast encouraged steady growth. The population grew rapidly during and after World War II, rising from 2,487 in the early 1940s to 8,696 by 1960. A 100,000-ton butadiene plant built by the federal government at Port Neches during World War II was sold to Goodrich-Gulf and Texas U.S. Chemical in 1955.

By 1988 more than 14,000 people lived at Port Neches. Despite a severe economic decline caused by lower oil prices, the city had 157 rated businesses. In 2000 the population was 13,601 with 327 businesses.³

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The land was conveyed to the Griffin brothers of Port Arthur in 1916 and Griffin Brothers Nursery was established. About three years later, Griffin Brothers Nursery employee Wiley Choate supervised the planting of 6000 pecan trees on a 385-acre² tract.

In 1921, the Port Arthur Land Development Company took control of the site and divided the land into a residential subdivision known as Pecan Grove. The name was later shortened to Groves, after development representative and pioneer Port Arthurian Asa Grove.³

A post office was established in 1927, and a school opened in 1929. A public library opened the following year. The community rapidly developed as a stop on the Kansas City Southern Railway,⁴ and the Atlantic Refinery began operating in 1936. Churches, schools, and civic clubs sprang up as the community grew.

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SHANGRI-LA

By Cindy Yohe Lindsey

"I'm working with nature, trying to paint this scene with the most beautiful colors nature will give me."

— H.J. Lutch Stark

When H.J. Lutch Stark opened Shangri-La in 1948, his vision of a masterpiece of natural wildlife and gardens was finally realized after nine years of planning and construction.

Raised as the only son of a lumber baron, early in life Lutch Stark appreciated his father's livelihood, not as a commodity, but as an opportunity to preserve and protect nature.

By the 1950s, tens of thousands of visitors had toured the gardens in the heart of Orange, Texas. Named after the utopian place of tranquility and peace described in the 1933 novel *Lost Horizon*, and later portrayed

in Frank Capra's 1937 film of the same name, Shangri-La flourished as a destination point for locals and vacationers from all over the world.

Young and old alike leisurely strolled the crushed oyster shelled paths, winding their way beneath thousands of oak and pine trees surrounded by beds of magnificent azaleas. Visitors were enchanted by Lutch Stark's man-made Ruby Lake and the statuesque, moss covered Water Cypress that rose from Adams Bayou.

Lutch Stark's dream had truly become a reality. But as everyone knows, nature travels on an uncertain path. After a hurricane in 1957 and an unparalleled ice storm devastated the gardens in 1958, Lutch Stark closed his beloved gardens to the public and Shangri-La lay dormant for 50 years. A rebirth took place in 2002, when dedicated members of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutch Stark Foundation Board of Directors recognized the unique ecosystem and rich educational opportunities of Shangri-La. Plans were developed to restore it to its original grandeur, and construction began in 2005.

But nature's unpredictable force returned, and just five months and seven days after Shangri-La was reopened as Shangri-La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, Hurricane Rita made land fall. Undaunted by the loss of more than 55,000 trees, work began almost immediately to restore the gardens. Keeping with Lutch Stark's vision to create a place where man could live in harmony with nature, Shangri La's reconstruction always adhered to the highest green building and performance measures. In fact, it was the first project in Texas to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's platinum certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction. As one of the most eco-friendly projects in the world, Shangri La offers a glimpse of how people can live in harmony with nature.

Following Hurricane Rita, most of the downed trees were removed and sent to paper mills. However, some of the trees were collected, milled onsite and used for construction. Many of the heavy furniture inside buildings at Shangri La and the glorious Cypress Gate at the Pond of the Blue Moon are made from reclaimed cypress from Hurricane Rita. Outdoor learning centers were also constructed from the felled trees, along with beautifully polished wooden sitting areas throughout the gardens.

Shangri La reopened to the public in 2009 and has become one of only a few gardens in the U.S. with a designated Botanical Gardens as well as a Nature Center. Shangri La prides itself on being both a tourist destination and a learning center for all ages. Michael Hoke, Director of Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, speaks eloquently on the Stark Foundation's vision for Shangri La.

"The Foundation's mission involving education is definitely a factor and a central focus at Shangri La. However, from the beginning we highlighted using good science and good sense to develop Shangri La to serve both education and ecotourism audiences."

He goes on to say, "We have the resources and know-how to ensure that both areas operate successfully without interfering with each other. One of the most rewarding things to many of our adult tour groups is to see a group of first graders exploring water samples or

discovering new plants to eat in the Children's Garden." Hoke adds that more than 30,000 children participate in activities within the Gardens and the Nature Center through their school systems each year.

Visitors to Shangri La will delight in the more than 300 species of plants in its nine formal gardens. The Nature Center includes a hands-on exhibit called the Nature Discovery Center, a laboratory, and three outdoor classrooms located deep in the Cypress/Tupelo swamp. The Orientation Center includes an exhibit hall, discovery theater, award-winning children's garden, exhibition greenhouse, café and garden store. Within the Botanical Gardens are nine "rooms" representing artistic concepts. The historic hanging gardens and 41 varieties of azaleas surrounding The Pond of the Blue Moon pay tribute to the original Shangri-La azaleas. As visitors follow the mile-long pathway that encircles the garden, they will experience the tranquility and calm associated with the mystical place of the gardens' namesake.

Families on an Outpost Tour along the waters of Adams Bayou have the opportunity to see wildlife in its natural habitat, and a visit to the Bird Blind overlooking the heronry on Ruby Lake allows visitors to see nesting birds up-close. It is this wonderment of nature that inspires all associated with Shangri La to continue its mission to "Mentor Children of All Ages to Be Kind to Their World." And this mission echoes the vision of H.J. Lutch Stark, the man who originally developed Shangri-La more than 60 years ago.

For more information, visit www.shangrilagardens.org. Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutch Stark Foundation. Other programs include the W.H. Stark House, Stark Museum of Art and the Frances Ann Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit www.starkfoundation.org.

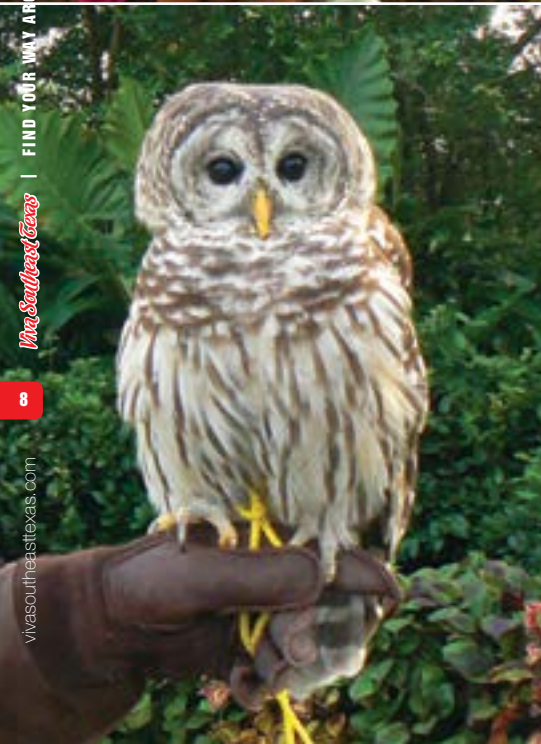
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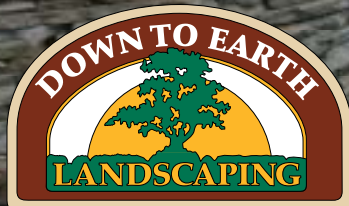
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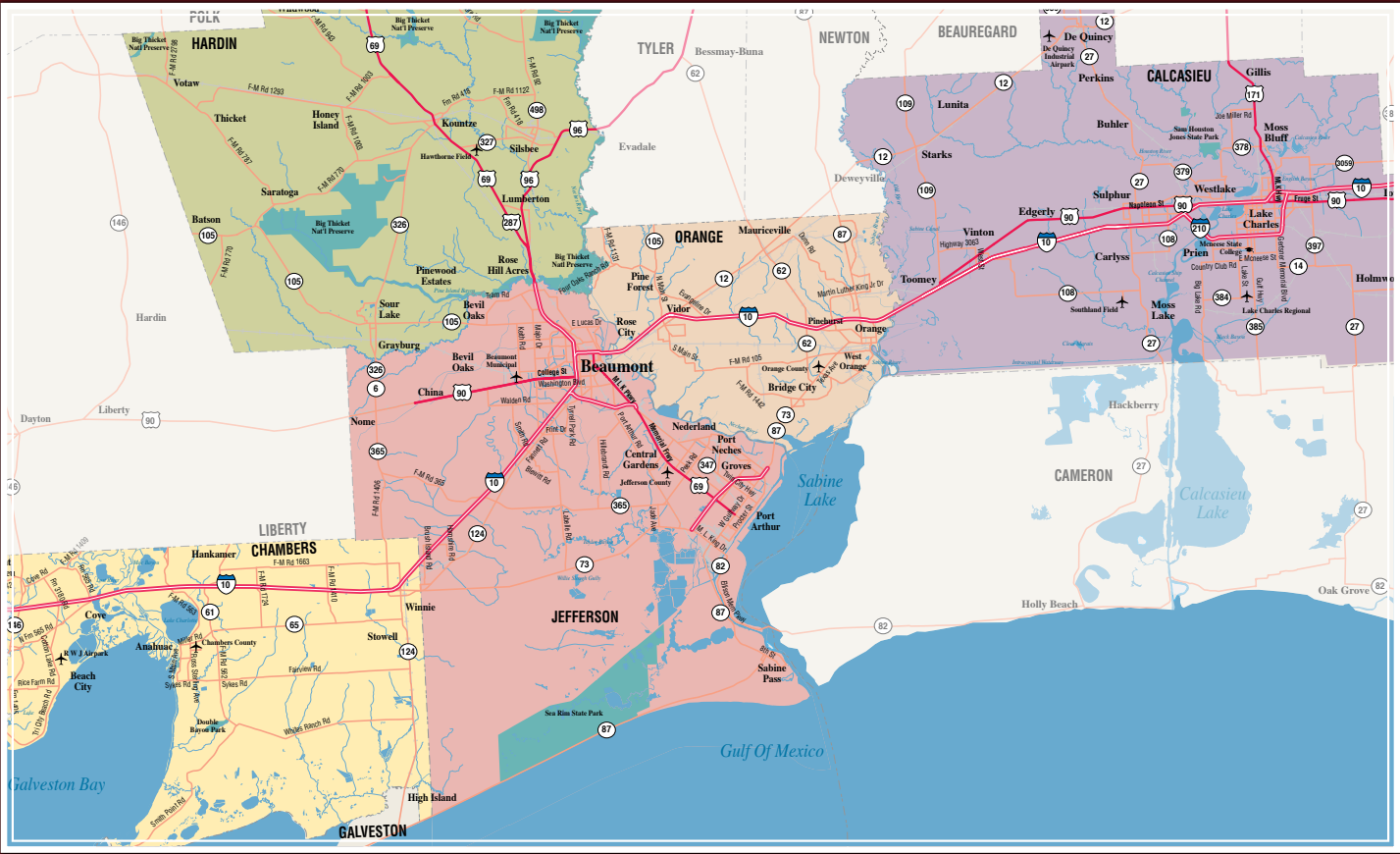
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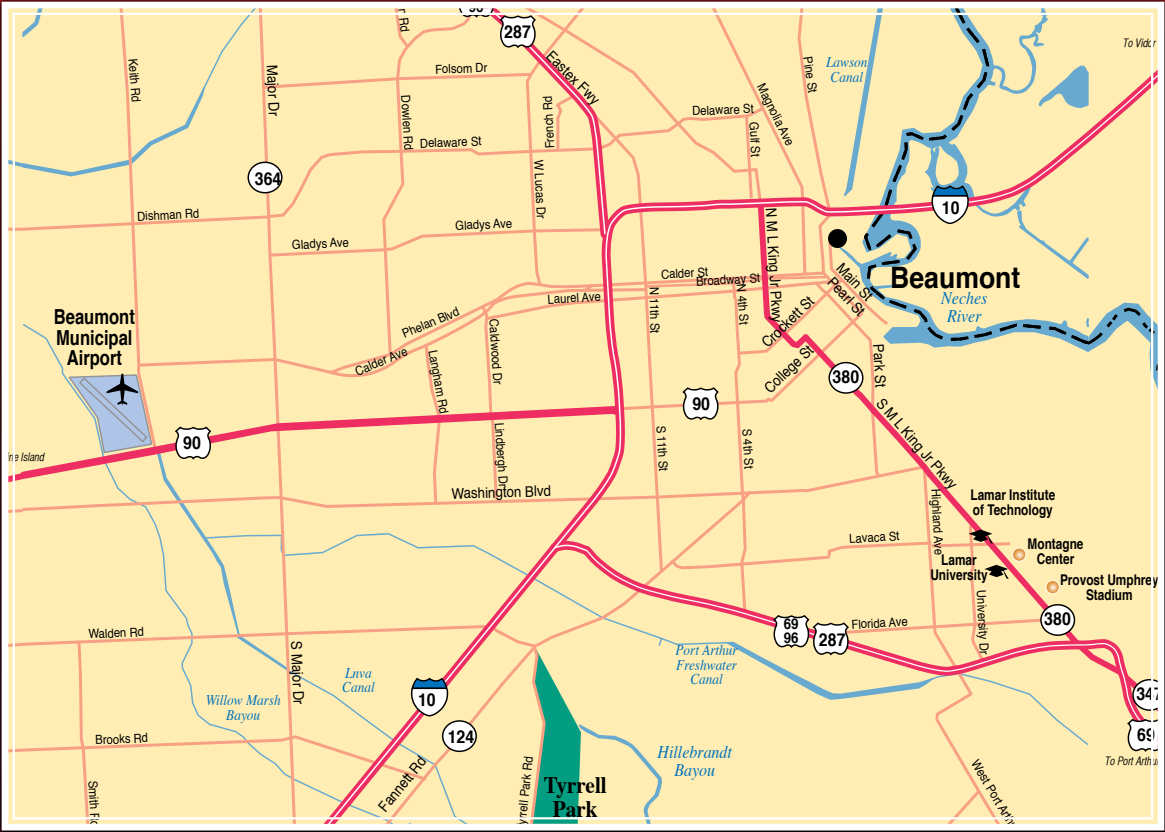
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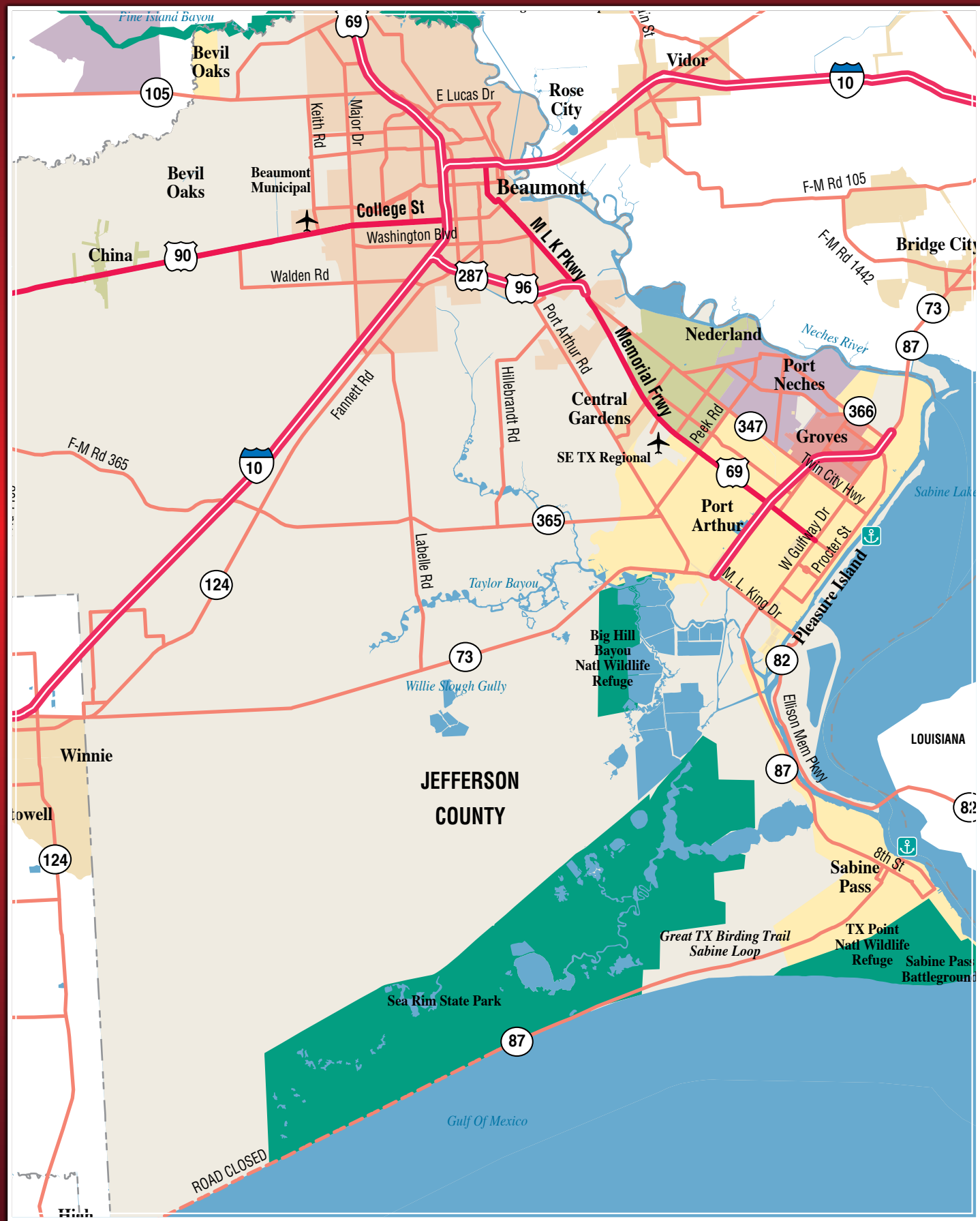
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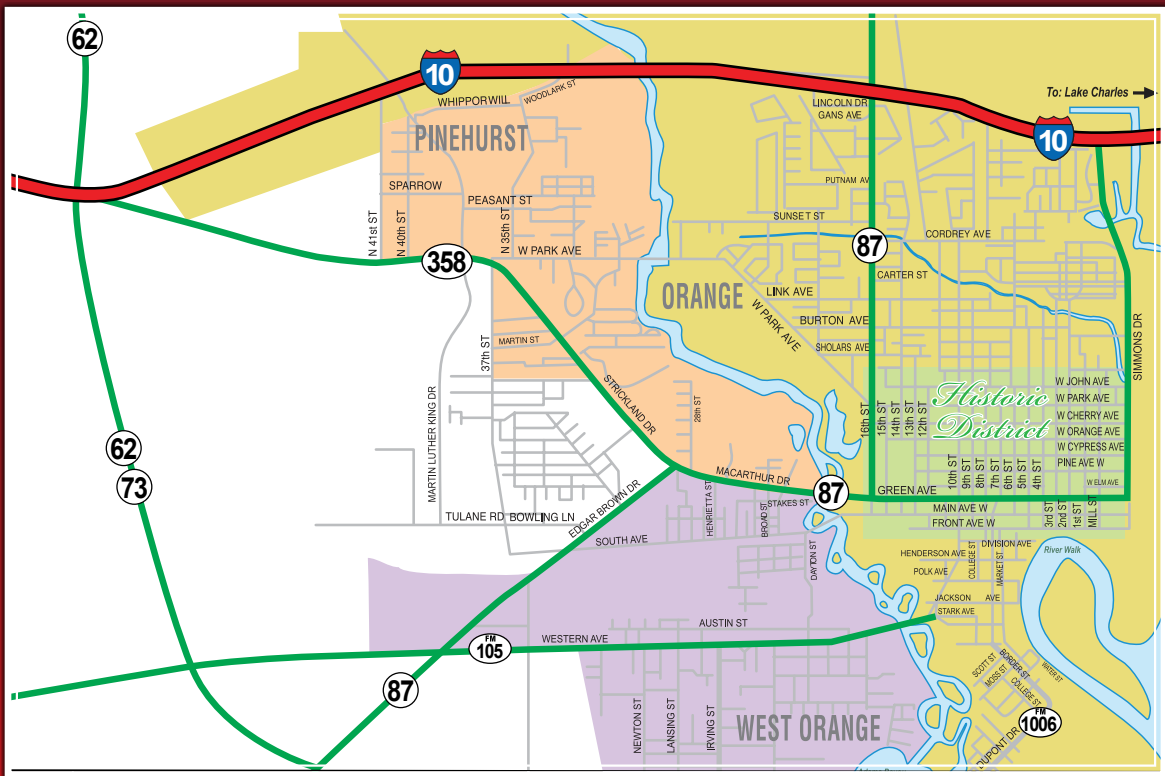
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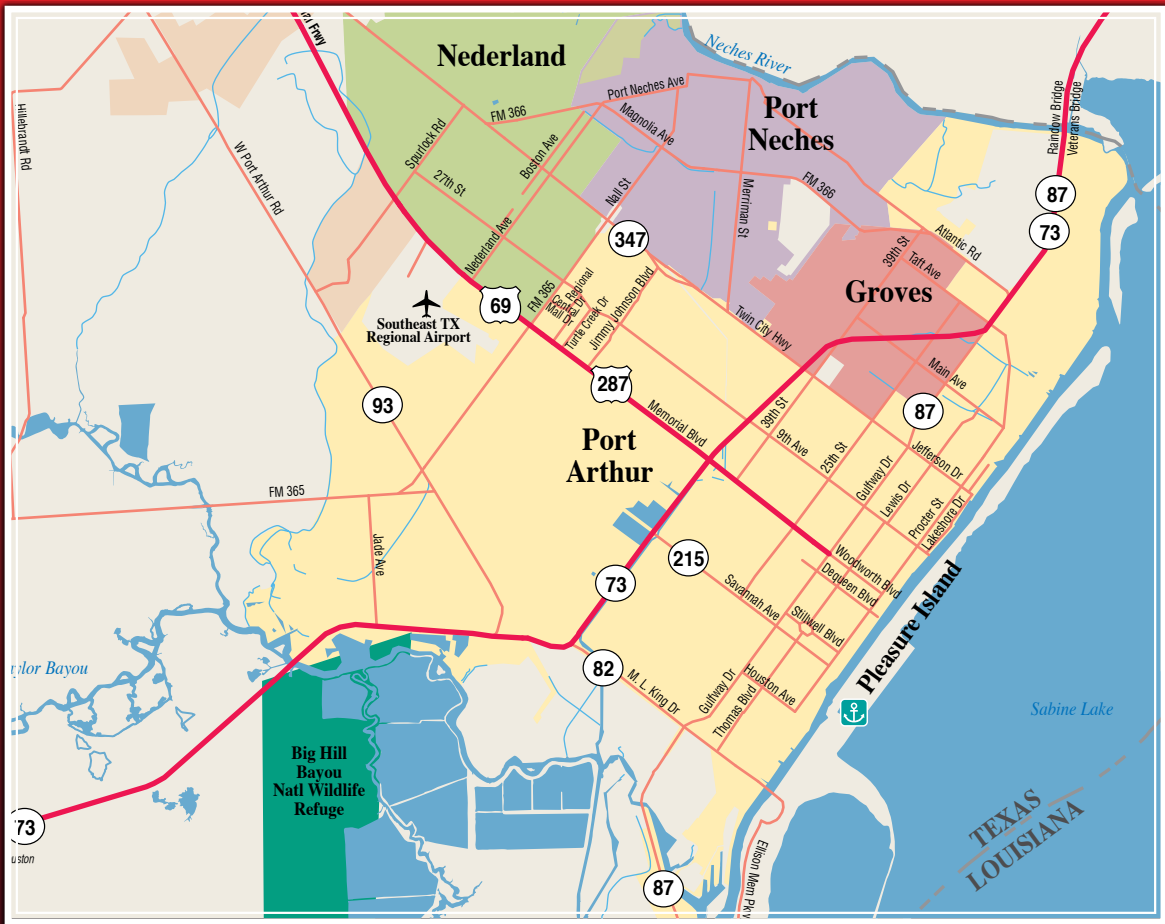
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Viva Spotlight

By Mike Simpson

Marvin Atwood is in the Viva Spotlight! A native of Beaumont, Marvin Atwood is a man who wears many hats. He has big dreams and old-fashioned values. He is an entrepreneur, business owner, restaurateur, husband, father, and thoroughbred racehorse owner. He is active in the fight against child abuse.

These are just a few ways the owner of Starvin Marvin's Bar and Grill can be described. Marvin is passionate about food; he loves to cook. Even as a Boy Scout, Marvin was the cook, and his nickname was Starvin Marvin.

Marvin created the menu at Starvin Marvin's to be unique to Beaumont. He likes to combine unusual ingredients that please the palate, such as his blackberry baby back ribs. Marvin believes that with his restaurant, he is creating culture for Southeast Texas, offering musicians a venue to showcase their talents. Live music is offered five nights a week at Starvin Marvin's, with no cover charge. On any given night a diverse crowd can be found at the restaurant, enjoying good food, live music and their favorite beverages. Marvin is proud that he has created more than 130 permanent jobs for the community.

Marvin believes in the principles America was founded on: hard work, that people are created equal, and the right to free expression. Marvin once had an inebriated customer tell him, "I don't like you." Marvin responded, "That's OK, you have the right to your opinion. Isn't America a great country?"

Marvin also believes in the American dream. He had two dreams that he has now fulfilled. The first was to own thoroughbred race horses. Marvin owns the Bar A Stables in Opelousas, La. The stables are home to 53 thoroughbreds with 24 brood mares. His horses run at Delta Downs in New Orleans Fairgrounds and among other tracks.

His second dream was to own a restaurant, and Starvin Marvin's is the fulfillment of that dream. The restaurant was founded on four basic principles: Offer the best food for the price; offer the best service; offer great music with no cover charge; and offer the best atmosphere. One of Marvin's greatest disappointments has been a noise restriction fight he has had to undergo with the Beaumont City Council. The case has gone all the way to the Texas Supreme Court. Starvin Marvin's location on 11th Street is zoned such that a restaurant, night club or amusement park may be operated there.

"Imagine the noise an amusement park would create," Marvin says. His complaint is that he purchased the property and went through all the necessary filings, hearings, permits and licenses that were required to operate a restaurant and serve alcohol. He then did extensive remodeling on the building that had been vacant for years, adding thousands of dollars to the tax rolls. He added jobs to the work force. Then the city fined him after complaints from neighbors.

Marvin is fighting to change the Texas penal code, as noise abatement is an issue in many Texas cities. At the city's public hearing in May, Marvin was "overwhelmed by the public support. There must have been 200 or 300 people, many with signs supporting Starvin Marvin's appeal."

One of Marvin's greatest passions is acting as an advocate for the victims of child abuse.

Marvin and his wife are active in raising funds and awareness for the victims and for the forensic nurses that are assigned to each victim. On the first Tuesday of each month, Bikers Against Child Abuse holds its meeting at Starvin Marvin's.

The Atwoods also host the annual benefit for the Child Abuse & Forensic Bayou Bash, which includes a golf tournament, concert, and restaurant proceeds for the day are donated to the fundraiser. This year's benefit is scheduled for October 4, and the musical headliner is Vince Vance and the Valiant.

Marvin says, "Over 2,500 cases of child abuse have been reported over the past few years but that is only the surface. Many children never speak out." He says that it is reported that child molesters cluster and the only way to prevent them from coming into the area is to "come down hard on these perverts."

"These people are destroying our future," Marvin says. Today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow and the children that are abused are scarred for life, Marvin says.

One of Marvin's favorite sayings is that life is a gamble . . . and most of Marvin's gambles have been successful. Starvin Marvin's revenue is up 27 percent year to date. One of his thoroughbreds took third at the Arkansas Derby, just one position from making it to the Kentucky Derby.



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So the question to answer is "Why not enjoy Texas wine?" Let's look at the Texas wine industry from an economical standpoint. In 2009, the Texas Wine and Grape Industry's economic impact to the State of Texas was \$1.7 billion. Included in that impact are jobs created, wages paid, taxes paid, wine produced and sold, and tourism money spent. That impact has helped many communities thrive in tough economic times.

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3100 Hwy 365 • 409.727.5377
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Cheddar's Casual Café
8005 Memorial Blvd
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8601 9th Ave • 409.722.1600
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7675 Memorial • 409-237-5305
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409.721.6310
Jason's Deli
170 Central Mall • 409.727.6420
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3005 7th St • 409.982.3522
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7700 9th Ave
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617 Procter
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409.724.0043
McAlister's Deli
8393 Memorial Blvd
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Sake Sushi Bar
8691 9th Ave • 409.722.7253

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409.721.9997

Sertino's
7675 Memorial Blvd
409.724.7012

Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant
4231 Gulfway Dr • 409.983.7545

Texas Roadhouse
8575 Memorial Blvd
409.722.2246

Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar
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409.984.5444

Tropical Grill
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Tuscany Italian Restaurant
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3520 Nederland Ave • 409.721.9420

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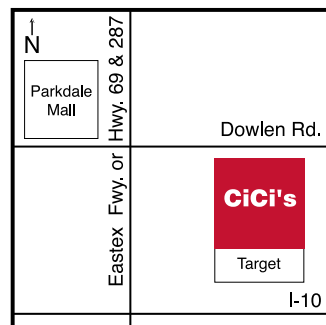
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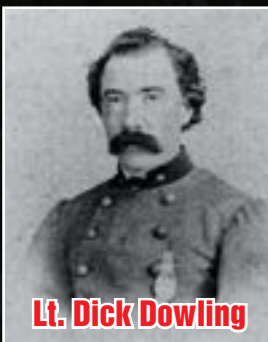
Tale Tales & Short Grips

The Alamo on the Gulf Coast

By Ms. Lynn

Growing up in Southeast Texas during the late 1950s and early 1960s was a time of enlightenment, discovery and great adventures for any teenager living in this rural area. It was a time of simple pleasures, hard work but less stress; a slower pace with fewer demands; an age of innocence coming to an end. It was the age of listening to your elders as they spoke of the "good old days," spinning yarns and mixing history with tall tales like the The Alamo of the Gulf Coast.

In early September of 1863, during the Civil War, four heavily armed gunboats and 18 transports carrying 5,000 Union soldiers left New Orleans heading to the Texas Gulf Coast. Their objective was to travel up the Neches River and invade Texas. The only thing that stood in their way was the uncompleted earthen artillery post, Fort Griffin at Sabine Pass, the entrance to the Neches River.



Lt. Dick Dowling

The U.S. Army had posted fewer than 50 men, under the command of a young Lt. Dick Dowling, at Fort Griffin. His command consisted of the 1st Texas Heavy Artillery Regiment known as the Davis Guard, Irishmen who had fought in the Battle of Galveston, turning back an earlier attempt of a Union invasion.

The Davis Guard, a company of Confederate volunteers, was made up of well-seasoned artillerymen and some of the best sharpshooters in Texas. The four Union gunboats approached the pass early in the morning of September 8. They opened fire on the fort with a barrage of shells. Dowling ordered his men not to return fire and to keep concealed. The trick worked and the Union commanders were deceived into thinking that the fort was deserted and the invasion of Texas began.

As the USS Sachem proceeded up the pass and was within full range of the fort's six guns, Dowling commanded the Davis Guard to commence firing, crippling the Sachem by exploding her boiler with one of the first shots. The ship soon surrendered. Now Dowling and his men turned their guns on the USS Clifton. She became stuck on the shallow, muddy river bottom making it easy for the Davis gunners. The Clifton's boiler was struck and it exploded. The ship surrendered.

The two disabled ships blocked the only entrance with deep enough water for the other ships to safely navigate past the fort. They and the Union transports tried to flee, but the tide was now low, stopping the escape for the heavy laden vessels. Equipment, livestock and provisions had to be thrown overboard to lighten the boats. The Union boats returned to New Orleans, defeated, and an invasion of Texas was never attempted again. The entire battle lasted less than an hour and not one man from Fort Griffin was wounded.

The members of the Davis Guard were awarded medals for heroism and Dick Dowling was promoted to major. Fort Griffin was nick-named The Alamo of the Gulf Coast.

Every September 8th, a re-enactment of the battle is conducted at the Sabine Pass Battleground during Dick Dowling Day and is open to the public. If you are a history buff or like Civil War history, you don't want to miss Dick Dowling Day. Everyone wears Civil War-era clothing, and there are many vendors with antiques and relics from the past, along with food and other activities besides the battle re-enactment.

The site is located 1.5 miles south of Sabine Pass on Dick Dowling Rd. and 15 miles south of Port Arthur via State Highway 87. State Highway 87 is closed between Sea Rim State Park and High Island. Address of the Sabine Pass Battleground is 6100 Dowling Rd. Port Arthur, Texas.



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It's no secret that our unique corner of the Gulf Coast is home to a lengthy list of talented honky-tonk heroes. In fact, while reminiscing my way through photos of the area entertainers that I've had the pleasure of meeting and covering over the years, I was once again blown away by the depth and diversity of our local musical talent pool.

You could easily fill a full issue of *Viva Southeast Texas* with their photos and facts, and that's why I hesitatingly included some of their snapshots in this issue.

Needless to say, many hardworking and gifted Southeast Texas troubadours were unintentionally excluded. The Golden Triangle boasts a long line of "undiscovered" singers, songwriters and musicians that don't get near the recognition that they deserve. Of course any aspiring area entertainer with his or her sights on the "big time" has some huge shoes to fill – just check out all of the Gulf Coast greats that are featured in the entertainment section of Port Arthur's Museum of the Gulf Coast.

The Gulf Coast's rich cultural climate has created a unique gumbo of music talent representing a wide array of genres, including rock, R&B, blues, soul, pop, swamp pop, Cajun, Zydeco, western swing, jazz and country.

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Mark Chestnutt

Visit the Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur soon. Tell 'em "King of the Road" sent you.

Noteworthy area restaurants, bars and nightclubs that frequently feature live entertainment include Starvin Marvin's Bar & Grill, McKenzie's Pub, the Logon Café, Finch Hutton Restaurant, and Café del Rio – to name a few.

I'm pleased to report that I recently caught up with my old friend and legendary country singer Mark Chesnutt. He still maintains a busy tour schedule – between "pit stops" at his Southeast Texas home and appearing in area car advertisements.

"We try to max out right at 90 shows a year... Any more than that you get burned out and any less than that you're broke," he said with a chuckle while backstage at the Hardin County Music Festival in Kountze, Texas.

"Things are a little different this year – it's an election year and the economy is real tight. It's really hard making a living doing anything...much less traveling the world singing country songs." Chesnutt is currently working on a new album.

"I'm working on some new stuff right now in Nashville studio with my old producer, Jimmy Richie... And co-writing songs with Roger Springer. I was up there just last week and we tracked three brand-new songs. Not remakes but brand-new songs.

Hopefully, we'll have ten or twelve songs in the can by the end of summer," Chesnutt said. Of course, Chesnutt is highly acclaimed for his traditional singing style.

If you're a fan of traditional or classic country, I highly recommend catching Britt Godwin and Bubba Moore (B.B. & Co.) on Thursday nights at MacKenzie's Pub in Beaumont. The dynamic duo was the driving force behind Tracy Byrd's band for the first 12 years of the country star's career.

"We don't miss the travel but we miss the show. We miss getting to do the (Grand Ole) Opry and other big concerts and festivals and fairs but we don't miss those 41 hour bus rides," Godwin said.

Whether on a short visit or here for an extended stay, try to take in some live music while you're in the area and you'll soon see why so many major talents have emerged from our neck of the woods.

Keep it between the ditches and cruise with me again in the next issue of *Viva Southeast Texas*.

Book of Days

Scott McGill

The Bryce Shaver Band



Calendar of Events

Aug. 10th 2012
Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain
8:00 pm • \$55 • Ford Arena • 5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX • 409.951.5400

Aug. 23rd 2012
Ralphie May: Too Big To Ignore
7:30 pm • \$32.50 • Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409.838.3435 ext. 1

Aug. 1st – Aug. 16th 2012
Art Quest Summer Camp
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday • 9:00 am
Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave
Orange, TX • 409.886.2787

Aug. 1st – Aug. 19th 2012
Artwork by Annie Orchard in Café Arts
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday, Noon - 5:00 pm.
Closed major holidays. Suggested Donation: \$2.00
Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Aug. 1st – Sept. 2nd 2012
Collection in Reflection:
10 Years of Acquisitions • Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, Noon - 5:00 pm • Closed major holidays.
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Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Aug. 1st – Aug. 9th 2012
Cooking With Kids Summer Camp • Tuesday - Thursday • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • One day, \$50. Three days, \$130.
Two Magnolias • 500 Main St (Inside AMSET)
Beaumont, TX • 409.833.5913

Aug. 1st – Oct. 13th 2012
Creating from Traditions:
Arts of the American Indians
Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Free admission • Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave
Orange, TX • 409.886.2787

Aug. 1st – Sept. 22nd 2012
Explore Art: Materials & Methods Revealed at the Stark Museum of Art
Recurring daily • info@starkmuseum.org
Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave
Orange, TX • 409.886.2787

Aug. 1st – Sept. 22nd 2012
Explore Art: Materials & Methods Revealed at the W.H. Stark House
Recurring daily • Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm • W.H. Stark House • 610 Main St
Orange, TX • 409.883.0871

Aug. 1st – Aug. 17th 2012
Taekwondo and Jiu-Jitsu Summer Lessons
Recurring daily • Admission: \$139 - \$199, varies by location • Beaumont, Orange & Vidor
Taekwondo & Jiu-Jitsu Academies
409.838.6667

Aug. 4th – Nov. 24th 2012
Beaumont Farmer's Market
Every Saturday • 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX

Aug. 4th – Nov. 17th 2012
Neches River Adventures
Every Saturday • 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Adults, \$15 • Seniors, \$10 • Children 12 & Under and Seniors (60+), \$10 • Children 3 & Under, Free.
• Riverfront Park • 800 Main
Beaumont, TX • 409.651.5326

Aug. 6th – Aug. 20th 2012
Sea Rim Striders Summer Run Series
Every Monday 7:00 pm • \$2 donation/individual or \$5 donation/family.

Aug. 10th – Aug. 11th 2012
Don Gay's Championship Bull Ride Recurring daily • Nutty Jerry's • 18291
Englin Road • Winnie, TX • 877.643.7508

Aug. 11th – Aug. 25th 2012
3D and Figure Exhibition
Recurring daily • Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. • Saturday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. • Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf St • Beaumont, TX • 409.833.4179

Aug. 11th 2012
Spindletop Roller Girls
Doors at 5:30pm • First Game 6:15pm • Second Game 7:45pm • Advance Tickets: \$15, front row or \$10, general admission • Kids (2-12): \$10, front row or \$5 general admission • Tickets go up \$3 the day off the event • Ford Exhibit Hall
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409.951.5400

Aug. 11th 2012
Don't Mess With Texas, Mess With Art: Family Arts Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Aug. 16th 2012
Free Movie Night: "Please Don't Eat the Daisies" • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Free admission • McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX
409.832.1906

Aug. 19th 2012
An Intimate Evening With Lindsey Buckingham
7:30 pm • \$30-60
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX • 409.886.5535

Aug. 23rd – Nov. 4th 2012
Artwork by Jane Peterman in Café Arts
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday, Noon - 5:00 pm.
Closed major holidays • Suggested Donation: \$2.00 • Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Aug. 11th 2012
Kid Fest 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Adults, \$5 • Kids (age 2-12), \$3.
Beaumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.896.5555

Aug. 16th 2012
Rick Danna • Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday • 6:00 pm • D'Vine Wine Winery
6755 Phelan Blvd, Suite10 • Beaumont, TX
409.861.0400

Aug. 17th – Aug.19th 2012
Southern Black Softball Association Black World Tournament • Beaumont Athletic Complex • 950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX
409.549.4254

Aug. 22nd – Aug. 25th 2012
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Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Sept. 1st – Sept. 4th 2012
Beaumont Labor Day Tennis Tournament
Recurring daily • Beaumont Country Club
5355 Pine St • Beaumont, TX • 409.899.0157

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Every Saturday • 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Adults, \$15 • Seniors, \$10 • Children 12 & Under and Seniors (60+), \$10 • Children 3 & Under, Free
Riverfront Park • 800 Main • Beaumont, TX
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Sept. 1st – Nov. 24th 2012
Beaumont Farmer's Market
Every Saturday • 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX

Sept. 3th 2012
Shirley Peel McCraw Oil Painting Class
Every Monday • 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf St
Beaumont, TX • 409.833.4179

Sept. 4th 2012
Karaoke Night
Every Tuesday • 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Logon Cafe • 3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX
409.832.1529

Sept. 5th 2012
Frank Gerriett's Painting Class
Every Wednesday • 9:00 am 12:00 noon
Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf Street
Beaumont, TX • 409.833.4179

Sept. 5th 2012
Open Mic Night
Every Wednesday • 8:00 pm • Signup: 7:30 pm
Logon Cafe • 3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX
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Sept. 6th 2012
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Sept. 7th 2012
Ward, Bowen, & Steinman
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8:30 pm • \$5 • Logon Cafe • 3805 Calder
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.1529

Sept. 7th 2012
25th Anniversary Gala 2012
6:30 pm • Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Sept. 8th 2012
Spindletop Roller Girls vs. HRD Knockouts
Doors at 5:30 pm • First Game 6:15pm • Second Game 7:45pm • Advance Tickets: \$15, front row or \$10, general admission • Kids (2-12): \$10, front row or \$5 general admission • Tickets go up \$3 the day off the event • Ford Exhibit Hall
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409.951.5400

Sept. 8th 2012
Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Prairie View • A&M • \$60 - \$400
Provost Umphrey Stadium • 4400 MLK Pkwy
Beaumont, TX • 409.880.1715

Sept. 8th 2012
Wildcatter Weekend:
Anthony Lucas Day
10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Gusher, 4:00 pm.
Children 4 and up, \$2. Adults free with paid children's admission • Spindletop Gladys City-Boomtown Museum • 5550 University Dr • Beaumont, TX • 409.835.0823

Sept. 9th – Sept. 14th 2012
Texas Extension Education Association: Annual State Conference
Recurring daily • Beaumont Civic Center Complex • 701 Main St • Beaumont, TX
409.794.9994

Sept. 12th 2012
Annual Date Auction
at Madison's on Dowlen, Beaumont

Sept. 16th 2012
The Big Event • 9:00 am - 5:00 am
Free admission • Parkdale Mall
6155 Eastex Frwy • Beaumont, TX

Sept. 20th 2012
Rick Danna • Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday • 6:00 pm • D'Vine Wine Winery
6755 Phelan Blvd, Suite10 • Beaumont, TX
409.861.0400

Sept. 20th 2012
America 40th Anniversary Tour
7:00 pm • \$25 - \$75 • Nutty Jerry's • 18291
Englin Road • Winnie, TX • 877.643.7508

Sept. 20th – Sept. 23rd 2012
Texas Pecan Festival • Recurring daily • Lion's Park • 6200 Jackson
Groves, TX • 409.962.3631

Sept. 21st 2012
Ron White: Moral Compass Tour
7:00 pm • \$44.75 - \$54.75 • Julie Rogers Theatre • 765 Pearl & Forsythe
Beaumont, TX • 409.838.3435 ext. 1

Sept. 22nd 2012
Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Langston
\$60 - \$400 • Provost Umphrey Stadium
4400 MLK Parkway • Beaumont, TX
409.880.1715

Sept. 22nd 2012 – Jan. 6th 2013
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Free admission • Suggestion donation, \$2.00.
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Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Sept. 27th 2012
Green Thumbs • 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Free admission • McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder at Third St. • Beaumont, TX
409.832.1906

Sept. 27th - Sept. 29th 2012
Don Gay's Championship Bull Ride • Recurring daily • Nutty Jerry's
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Sept. 29th 2012
Julie Richardson Procter 5K Ribbon Run/Walk
Registration, 7:00 am • Pink & Teal Plaza
Beaumont, TX • 409.833.3663

Sept. 29th 2012
Smithsonian Museum Day: Museum Day Live! at the Stark Museum of Art • Free admission. See details below.
Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave
Orange, TX • 409.886.2787

Sept. 29th 2012
Smithsonian Museum Day: Museum Day Live! at the W.H. Stark House
Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm • Free admission • W.H. Stark House • 610 Main St
Orange, TX • 409.883.0871

Sept. 29th 2012
Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Southeastern Louisiana • \$60 - \$400
Provost Umphrey Stadium • 4400 MLK Parkway • Beaumont, TX 409.880.1715

Sept. 29th – Sept. 30th 2012
Future Stars Over Texas: Fall Showcase • Recurring daily • Ford Fields
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409.753.3907

Sept. 29th – Sept. 30th 2012
Team Pink Cancer Series: War on Cancer Kick-Off Tournament
Recurring daily • Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX
409.794.9994

Sept. 30th – Oct. 1st 2012
The Man Who Planted Trees
Recurring daily • Sunday, 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday, 9:30 am & 11:30 am • \$15
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX • 409.886.5535



Calendar of Events

Oct. 1st 2012
Shirley Peel McCraw Oil Painting Class • Every Monday
9:30 am - 12:30 pm • Beaumont Art League
2675 Gulf St • Beaumont, TX • 409.833.4179

Oct. 1st 2012
The Man Who Planted Trees
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Monday, 9:30 am & 11:30 am. • \$15
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Oct. 1st – Oct. 13th 2012
Creating from Traditions:
Arts of the American Indians
Recurring daily • Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am
- 5:00 pm • Free admission • Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave • Orange, TX
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Oct. 1st – Nov. 4th 2012
Artwork by Jane Peterman in Café Arts
Recurring daily • Monday - Friday, 9:00 am
- 5:00 pm • Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Sunday, Noon - 5:00 pm • Closed major holidays.
Suggested Donation: \$2.00 • Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Oct. 1st 2012 – Jan. 6th 2013
Espoused • Recurring daily • Free admission • Suggestion donation, \$2.00 • Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432
409.296.4404

Oct. 2nd 2012
Karaoke Night • Every Tuesday
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm • Logon Cafe • 3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.1529

Oct. 3rd 2012
Frank Gerrietts Painting Class
Every Wednesday • 9:00 am 12:00 noon
Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf St
Beaumont, TX • 409.833.4179

Oct. 3rd 2012
Open Mic Night • Every Wednesday
8:00 pm • Signup: 7:30 pm • Logon Cafe
3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.5129

Oct. 3rd – Oct. 7th 2012
Texas Rice Festival
Recurring daily • Wednesday & Thursday, gates open at 5:00 pm • Friday & Saturday, gates open at 9:00 am • Adults: \$8 • Students: \$5
Children (5 & Under) • Seniors (65+) & Military (w/valid ID): Free • Winnie-Stowell Park
1410 Rice Festival Ave • Winnie, TX
409.296.4404

Oct. 4th 2012
Art of Beer • 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Oct. 4th 2012
First Thursdays on Calder Ave
Recurring monthly on the 1st Thursday
5:00 - 9:00 pm • Calder Avenue
Beaumont, TX

Oct. 5th 2012
Ward, Bowen, & Steinman
Recurring monthly on the 1st Friday • 8:30 pm
\$5 • Logon Cafe • 3805 Calder
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.1529

Oct. 6th – Oct. 7th 2012
Stars Over Texas:
Fall Showcase • Recurring daily • Ford Fields
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409.753.3907

Oct. 6th – Oct. 7th 2012
Team Pink Cancer Series:
Strike Out Cancer Tournament
Recurring daily • Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX
409.794.9994

Oct. 6th 2012
Fire Prevention and Family Safety Festival • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fire Museum of Texas • 400 Walnut
Beaumont, TX • 409.880.3927

Oct. 6th – Oct. 13th 2012
Orchid Festival • Recurring daily
Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm • Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center • 2111 W. Park Ave
Orange, TX • 409.670.9113

Oct. 6th – Nov. 17th 2012
Neches River Adventures
Every Saturday • 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Adults, \$15 • Seniors, \$10 • Children 12 & Under and Seniors (60+), \$10 • Children 3 & Under, Free • Riverfront Park • 800 Main
Beaumont, TX • 409.651.5326

Oct. 6th – Nov. 24th 2012
Beaumont Farmer's Market
Every Saturday • 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex • 950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX

Oct. 7th 2012
Cirque Chinois • 7:30 pm • \$20 - \$50
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Oct. 12th – Oct. 13th 2012
Don Gay's Championship Bull Ride • Recurring daily • Nutty Jerry's
18291 Englin Rd • Winnie, TX • 877.643.7508

Oct. 13th 2012
D0Gtober Fest • 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Free • Fire Museum of Texas • 400 Walnut
Beaumont, TX • 409.838.2202

Oct. 13th 2012
Lamar Football and Homecoming
Cardinals vs. McMurry • \$60 - \$400
Provost Humphrey Stadium • 4400 MLK Pkwy
Beaumont, TX • 409.880.1715

Oct. 13th 2012
Wildcatter Weekend:
Hamill Brothers Day
10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Gusher, 4:00 pm.
Children 4 and up, \$2 • Adults free with paid children's admission • Spindletop Gladys City-Boomtown Museum • 5550 University Drive
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Oct. 15th – Oct. 21st 2012
American Contract Bridge League: Regional Tournament
Recurring daily • Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
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Oct. 16th – Nov. 10th 2012
Scarecrow Festival and Autumn Fair • Recurring daily • Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center
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Oct. 18th 2012
Michael Grimm • 8:00 pm • \$25 - \$35
Julie Rogers Theatre • 765 Pearl & Forsythe
Beaumont, TX • 409.838.3435 ext. 1

Oct. 18th 2012
The Ugly Duckling and The Tortoise and the Hare
9:30 am & 11:30 am • \$4 • Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts • 707 W. Main • Orange, TX • 409.886.5535

Oct. 18th 2012
Rick Danna • Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday • 6:00 pm • D'Vine Wine Winery
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Oct. 19th – Oct. 21st 2012
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Oct. 22nd 2012
Touch A Truck Day • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$5 adults, \$3 children; \$25 family max
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Oct. 25th 2012
Free Movie Night: "The Birds"
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm • Free admission
McFaddin-Ward House • 1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX • 409.832.1906

Oct. 27th 2012
Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Sam Houston State • \$60 - \$400
Provost Humphrey Stadium • 4400 MLK Pkwy
Beaumont, TX • 409.880.1715

Oct. 27th 2012
4th Annual Open Car Show
W.H. Stark House • 610 Main St.
Orange, TX • 409.883.0871

Oct. 27th 2012
Dinosaur Day • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Free admission • Texas Energy Museum
600 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.833.5100

Oct. 27th 2012
Florence Chambers' 100th Birthday Celebration
The Chambers House • 2240 Calder Ave
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.4010

Oct. 27th 2012
"Eat a Bug!" Family Arts Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St
Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

Oct. 27th 2012 – Jan. 26th 2013
National Geographic Greatest Photos of the American West
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