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organizations and people who have given their time, money, talents or service for family, friends, community or country. We salute them all.

This is also the time of year to search for the perfect Christmas gift for each person on your list. In *Viva Southeast Texas*, you will find great gift ideas as well as some of the best places to shop in the area.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Viva Southeast Texas* and that it helps get you into the spirit of giving.

We leave you with this prayer by Samuel F. Pugh:

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer;  
And remembering,  
help me to remember to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.

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# Historical Homes of SOUTHEAST TEXAS & SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

## Part 1

By Claudia Newcom

### Aunt Ruby's

#### Aunt Ruby's Bed and Breakfast:

Over A Century of Hospitality

Conveniently located in Lake Charles' historic district, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, Aunt Ruby's Bed and Breakfast has been welcoming guests since 1911.

The lovely, century-old bed and breakfast boasts the claim of being the city's first boarding house, says owner and host Daniel Schaad. An experienced restaurateur — he also owns and manages the nearby PJ's Street Café — Schaad enjoys making gourmet breakfasts for his guests.

Popular with business travelers as well as tourists, Aunt Ruby's offers five luxurious rooms individually decorated with charming furnishings that capture the history and elegance of the area.

Exceptional attention to detail adds to the bed and breakfast's welcoming ambiance. At the time of its construction, houses avoided building closets because they were considered rooms and were therefore taxable. Antique wardrobes and bureaus amply make up for the lack of traditional closet space in the rooms.

Easily reached from Interstate 10 and just four blocks from the pleasant Lake Front boardwalk, Aunt Ruby's Bed and Breakfast prides itself on creating a place regular guests call their home away from home, a place where they can kick back, relax and enjoy a good, old-fashioned lemonade on the veranda and watch the world go by.

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## W.H. Stark House

# The W.H. Stark House: A Victorian Treasure

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, the W.H. Stark House is a 14,000 square foot Victorian landmark in downtown Orange that has been restored to its original splendor.

The house and its adjacent carriage house depict family life in the early 1900s and provide fascinating insight to Texas' social history. Built in 1894 in the Queen Anne architectural style by William and Miriam Stark, the house features a distinctive turret, stained glass windows and ornate woodwork in cypress and long leaf yellow pine.

The three-story structure stands much as it did at the turn of the 20th century. Its 15 rooms hold original family furnishings, personal effects, 18th- and 19th-century decorative arts, antique rugs, original textiles and silver. There is also an impressive collection of American Brilliant Period cut glass, pressed and pattern glass, and porcelains.

Prominent philanthropists, the Starks lived there until their deaths in 1936, after which the house was closed. Remarkably, it remained vacant until 1971, when a 10-year restoration process began.

In 1981, it opened to the public for guided tours as a historic house

museum. Each year it hosts a special holiday open house in which the home is resplendent with decorations, music and delicacies.

The W.H. Stark House operates as a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutchter Stark Foundation, established in 1961 by H.J. Lutchter Stark, the Stark's only surviving child, and his wife Nelda.



## A Day of Christmas in Orange, Texas

Visit Orange, Texas on Saturday, December 15, 2012, for family-friendly events.

- **Dreaming of a Green Christmas** at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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- **Holiday Open House** at The W.H. Stark House, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
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- **Holiday Exhibit Celebration** at Stark Museum of Art, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
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- **Lighted Evening Christmas Strolls** at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
*Admission is free of charge with the donation of a non-perishable food item.*
- **A Christmas with Shoji Tabuchi** at Lutchter Theater, 4:00 and 7:30 p.m.  
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For more information, visit [www.starkculturalvenues.org](http://www.starkculturalvenues.org).

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## Kirby-Hill House

### Kirby-Hill Bed & Breakfast: A Grand Old Home With A Little Mystery

**B**uilt in 1902, the Kirby-Hill House in Kountze blends history, tours and mystery to create a rare experience.

James L. Kirby, the older brother and business partner of the more famous John Henry Kirby, built this architectural beauty that captures the elegance of the era. The Kirby family established a lumber empire that dominated the economy of the Kountze region for almost 100 years.

The Kirby-Hill House Educational Foundation was established in 1992 and raised the money to buy the property because it recognized the need to preserve this part of the town's history.

The elegant and beautifully restored house features a wrap-around veranda with 48 columns, four fireplaces and eight rooms, all of which open onto the veranda. Architectural highlights include curved walls and an oval grand staircase. Guests staying at the historic bed and breakfast take a step back in time. Much of the antique furniture and décor are original to the house.

Docent-led tours showcase family pictures, papers and artifacts that date back to 1832. Each of the three guest rooms bears a name and is designed to a specific period. Lucy's suite upstairs is set in the 1940s; Stone's room in the period of the early 1800s; and Auntie's

Big Room is designed circa 1962.

And what is a bed and breakfast without a little mystery? As part of its ongoing fundraising and restoration effort, the foundation hosts Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters. Amidst an elegant formal dinner set with linen, china, silver and lace, the play is performed room by room so all can enjoy the performance.



## McFaddin-Ward House

### McFaddin-Ward House Museum: A Celebration of Heritage

**C**ompleted in 1906, the striking McFaddin-Ward House Museum is a distinctive blend of history and heritage that educates guests about the lifestyle of the prominent family that lived in the house for 75 years.

Made wealthy by agribusiness, real estate and oil, WPH and Ida Caldwell McFaddin moved into their Beaux-Arts Colonial style home in 1907, and raised three children, Mamie, Perry Jr., and Caldwell. The 12,800 square-foot home was a glittering backdrop for parties and entertaining throughout the early 20th century. In 1919, Mamie married Carroll Ward in the parlor, and the couple moved in with her parents. They spent their entire married life there.

In 1978, Mamie established the Mamie McFaddin Ward Heritage



Foundation to preserve the house and its contents as an educational and cultural resource. Today, the museum features volunteer docent-led tours of the home's three floors, year-round events and beautiful gardens. The holiday season is particularly spectacular, with the entire home decorated, inside and out. Volunteerism is an essential component of all these efforts, with opportunities for people of all ages to join in celebrating a part of Beaumont's rich cultural heritage.

The museum is unique in that its entire collection actually belonged to the families as opposed to being items acquired to represent what the families would have owned. Education is at the heart of the museum. The family documented everything and these diaries are used to tell the McFaddin story, create a wonderful historical context for visitors, and help bring history to life.

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## Pompeian Villa

### Pompeian Villa: Pink House On The Sea Wall

**P**ort Arthur boasts a little bit of ancient Italy among its historic buildings: the Pompeian Villa, an authentic replica of a 79 A.D. home in Pompeii, built by Isaac Ellwood (known as the "Barbed Wire King") in 1900.

The pink stucco villa went through several owners over the years. Ellwood lived in the home for only a year before selling it to a business colleague, James Hopkins, president of the Diamond Match Company in St. Louis, Mo.

He, in turn, rented the house to James Guffey, who built the first oil refinery in Port Arthur. By 1903, the villa had been traded to George Craig in exchange for \$10,000 worth of Texaco stock. The Craig family lived in the villa until 1946, keeping it true to its original design.

By 1965, the Pompeian Villa had been vacant for five years and was in danger of being torn down. The Port Arthur Historical Society stepped in and bought it for \$25,000. After years of meticulous restoration, the villa was opened as a public museum in the early 1970s. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

Docent-guided tours showcase the home-turned-museum in which each room is designed with a different theme. The museum periodically features special exhibits such as the Hundreds of Santas collection. Numerous pieces of furniture, art and other historic items have been donated over the years, enabling the historical society to showcase the rich history of the Port Arthur region.



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## GET BIG SAVINGS ON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT MAIN STREET MARKET

By Joy Wooley

This is the time of year for spending with the kids going back to school, football games and the holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those expenses can really hurt you in the pocketbook unless you plan ahead. You can find big savings on Christmas shopping and help support some important nonprofit agencies in Beaumont by shopping at the Main Street Market. Some of the beneficiaries of the market include the Beaumont Children's Museum,

CASA's annual Kids Carnival and Some Other Place's Soup Kitchen.

Main Street Market is an annual event sponsored by the Junior League of Beaumont. This year's event will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at the Beaumont Civic Center in downtown Beaumont. Thursday, Nov. 29 is Girls Night Out and starts at 5 p.m. The Civic Center's doors open for the event at

10 a.m. Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The market is a shopper's paradise with nearly 100 vendors from across the United States under one roof. Sellers offer the latest in fashion apparel, one-of-a-kind jewelry, Christmas decorations, and gifts, arts and crafts, and candies and other edible goodies for the holidays.

You can shop leisurely while searching for the perfect gift for each person on your list, including your favorite pet. If you purchase a raffle ticket, you even have a chance to win a Cowboy Harley-Davidson motorcycle. There will be a fashion show, and the children's workshop will keep the kids busy while you shop. Shopping is fun and the atmosphere is festive.

Tickets to the Main Street Market are \$5 per person and one ticket is good all weekend. There is parking on both sides of the Civic Center.

The Beaumont Junior League was founded more than 50 years ago and is made up of a diverse group of women who work together to benefit Beaumont. The organization offers its members fellowship, leadership development and volunteer opportunities.

The Junior League of Beaumont is governed by a 12-member board and is a nonprofit organization. Stephanie Vanskike is the 2012-2013 president. For more information about the Junior League of Beaumont go to [www.juniorleaguebeaumont.org](http://www.juniorleaguebeaumont.org).



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# Places of Interest

## Christmas in New York

### For Bargain Prices

By Debra Johnson

Traveling to the Big Apple for the holidays may seem daunting and expensive, but it doesn't have to be. Armed with the right information, you can plan a trip to New York City that won't break the bank, regardless of your budget.

Whichever airport you fly into, LaGuardia, Newark (New Jersey) or JFK, choosing a private car to pick you up may cost little more than a taxi and can relieve stress. A town car costs about \$60 for a trip into the city, while a taxi averages about \$55. One limo service that offers a Texas drawl in the reliable professional Miguel Hernandez. Book your car to and from the airport at 718-606-8094 or 914-886-2671.

As in real estate, for hotels in New York it's all about location. The price of a hotel can take a huge bite out of your travel budget. Booking at the Park Central Hotel can save a few dollars but still allow you to indulge in a luxurious experience.

This tony hotel, at 870 Seventh Ave., is walking distance to Times Square, Central Park, Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center and is across from Carnegie Hall. It offers many discounts and specials, and its spacious rooms and top-flight service make it a real deal. Visit [www.parkcentralny.com](http://www.parkcentralny.com) or call 212-247-8000.

Cheap eating doesn't mean you need to sacrifice going to New York's best food and restaurants. Two crowd-pleasing eateries are in walking distance of the Park Central Hotel.

Do you want to meet a celebrity and enjoy a hearty breakfast or delicious lunch for around \$10? Try Rupert Jee's Hello Deli, made famous by numerous appearances on the David Letterman Show. Rupert is a great sport and doesn't mind posing for a picture or signing an autograph. The deli is at 213 West 53rd St. For more about the deli, go to [Hello-Deli.com](http://Hello-Deli.com).

Havana Central provides all the excitement that eating out in New York can give, but without the extravagant prices. Seafood and chicken dinners are about \$15. The restaurant has live music, no cover charge and a happy hour. Visit them at 151 West 46th St or go to [havanacentral.com](http://havanacentral.com).

Have you ever wanted to see a live taping of a popular television show? You could find yourself in a studio audience getting up close and personal with David Letterman and his celebrity guests and musicians. Get free tickets at [www.cbs.com/shows/late\\_show/tickets](http://www.cbs.com/shows/late_show/tickets).

Two must-see attractions in New York are the 9/11 Memorial and the World Trade Center Visitor's Center. Both are free, but you must reserve your tickets to the memorial by visiting [www.911memorial.org/visitor-passes](http://www.911memorial.org/visitor-passes) or calling 212-266-5211. The Tribute World Trade Center Visitor Center can be visited at 120 Liberty St. or you can visit the website at [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org).

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## What the GOLFER Wants for Christmas!

By Joy Wooley

**S**anta is coming to town, so what are the Top 3 must have gift ideas for most golfers on Santa's list this year?

Since a trip to the North Pole is out of the question, the next best place to answer that question is at Games People Play.

They suggested:

**1** A GPS unit or a range finder such as the new SkyCaddie Breeze, which comes with 30,000 preloaded courses, can be upgraded, and has apps available for download. It costs around \$299. Or give a Garmin GPS watch with either a classic or sporty look.



**2** Peter Millar button-up shirts. These well-made shirts have a traditional look that can go to the office as well as for a few rounds on the course. Cost is about \$115.



**3** A golf bag. There are several types to choose from, but the best is a custom fit bag that meets the needs of the individual golfer. For those who want to give the golfer on their list an economical yet more personal gift, try personalized golf balls. Cost runs from \$30 to \$50 a dozen and in most cases the personalization is free. Of course, you can never go wrong with a gift card.



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[parkdalemalltx.com](http://parkdalemalltx.com)

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1144 Boston Ave • 409.729.2289

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1336 Boston Ave • 409.853.4387

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2260 MacArthur Drive • Orange

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MacArthur Drive • Orange • 409.886.2442

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126 Strickland Drive • Orange

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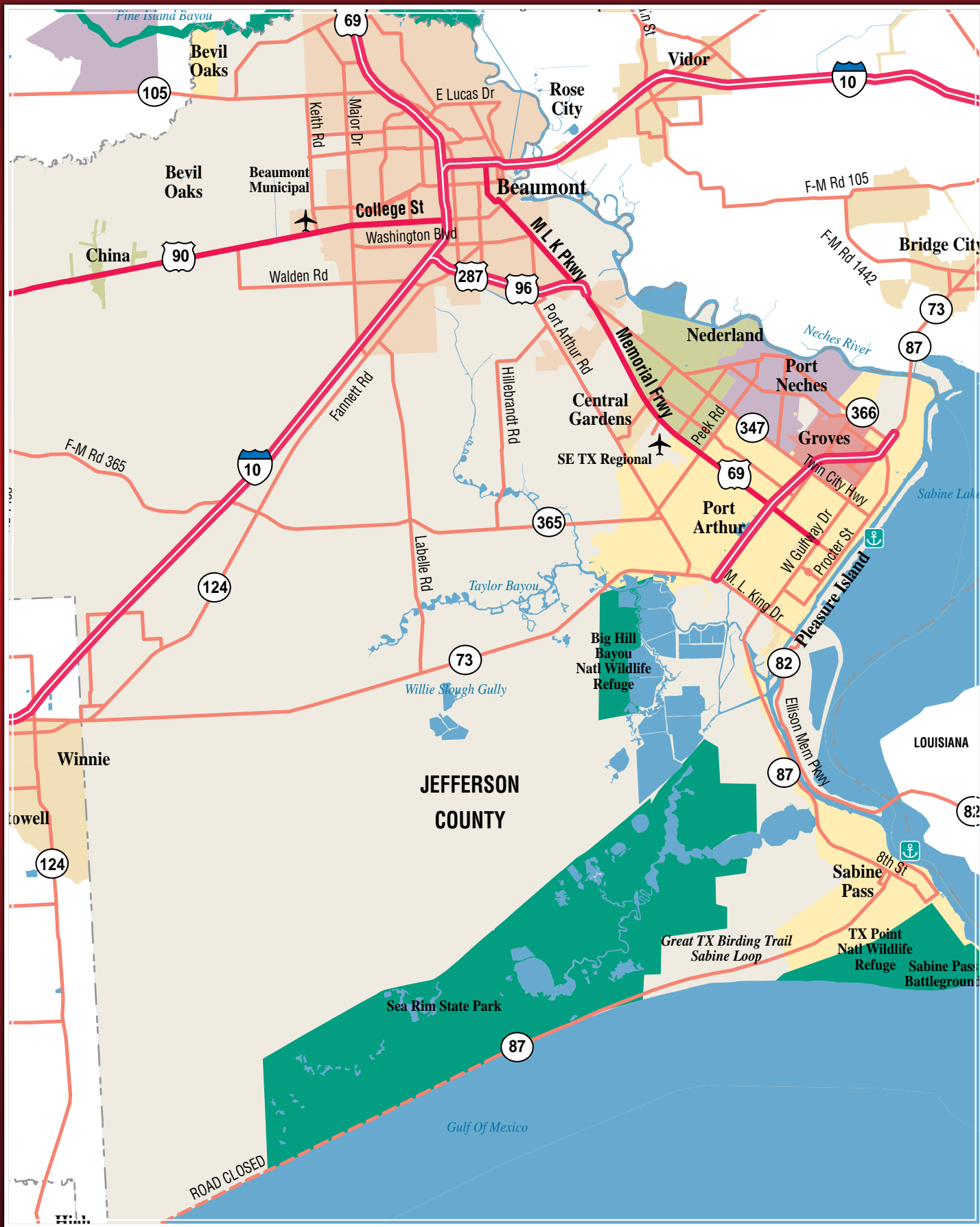
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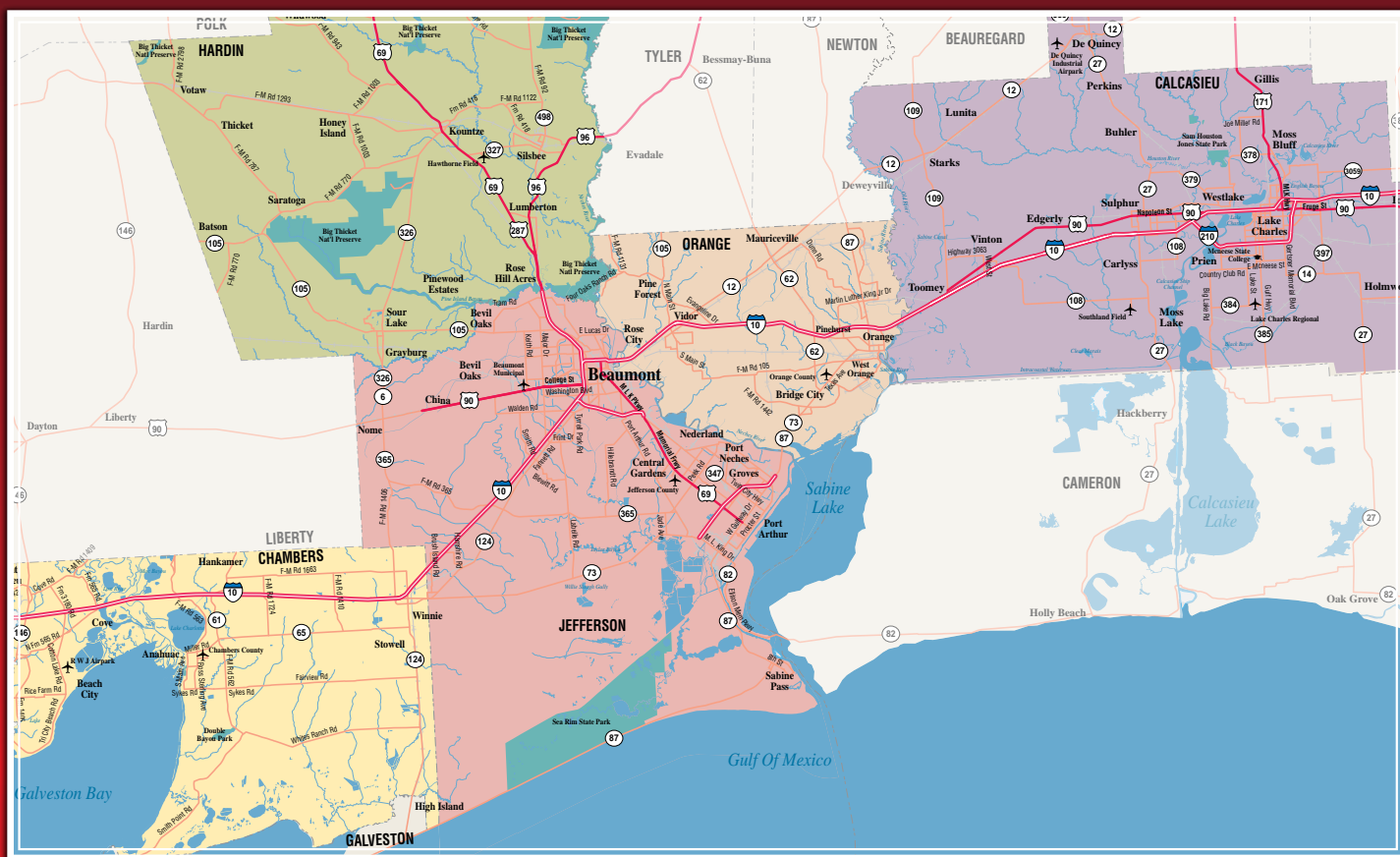


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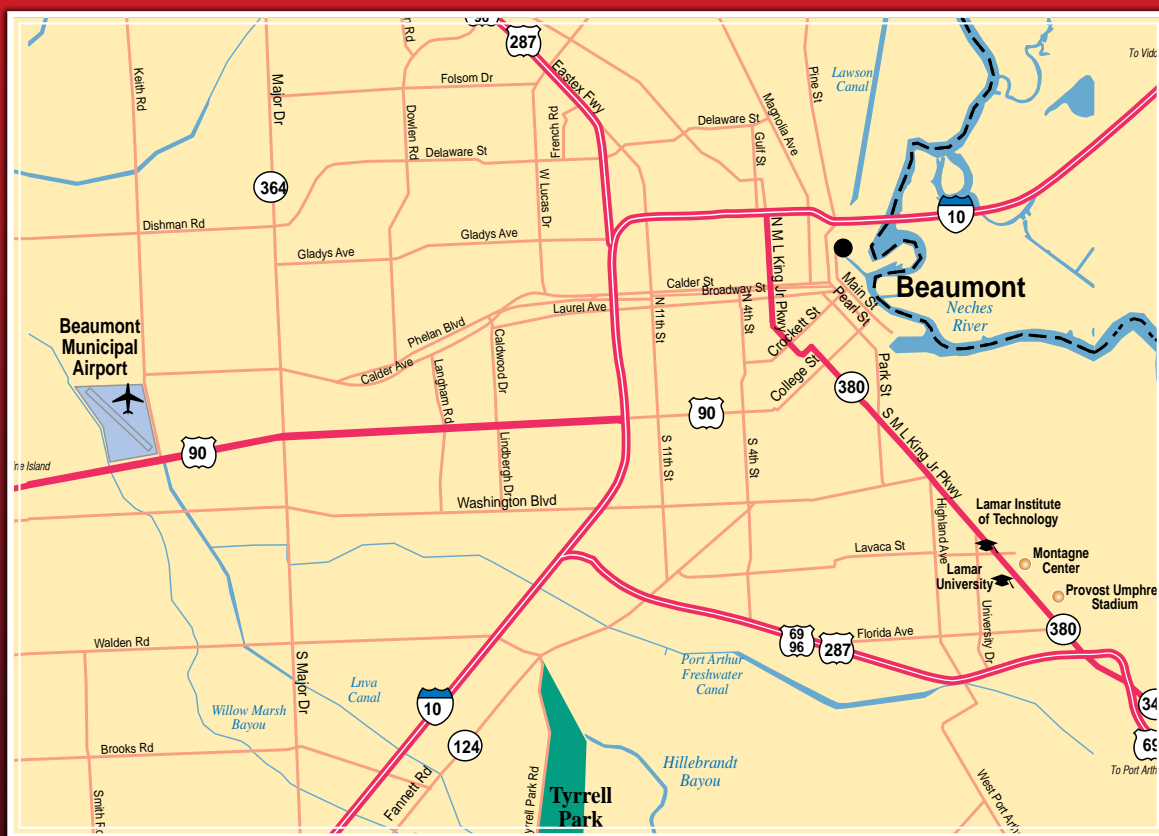




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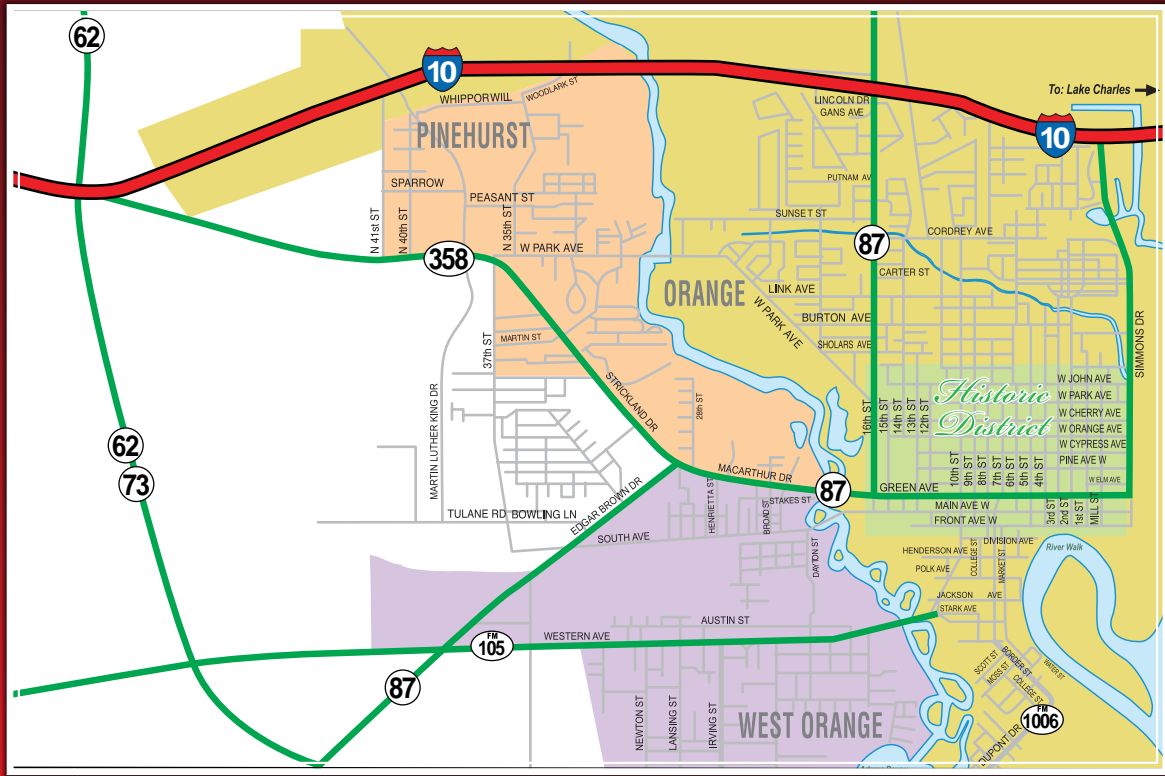


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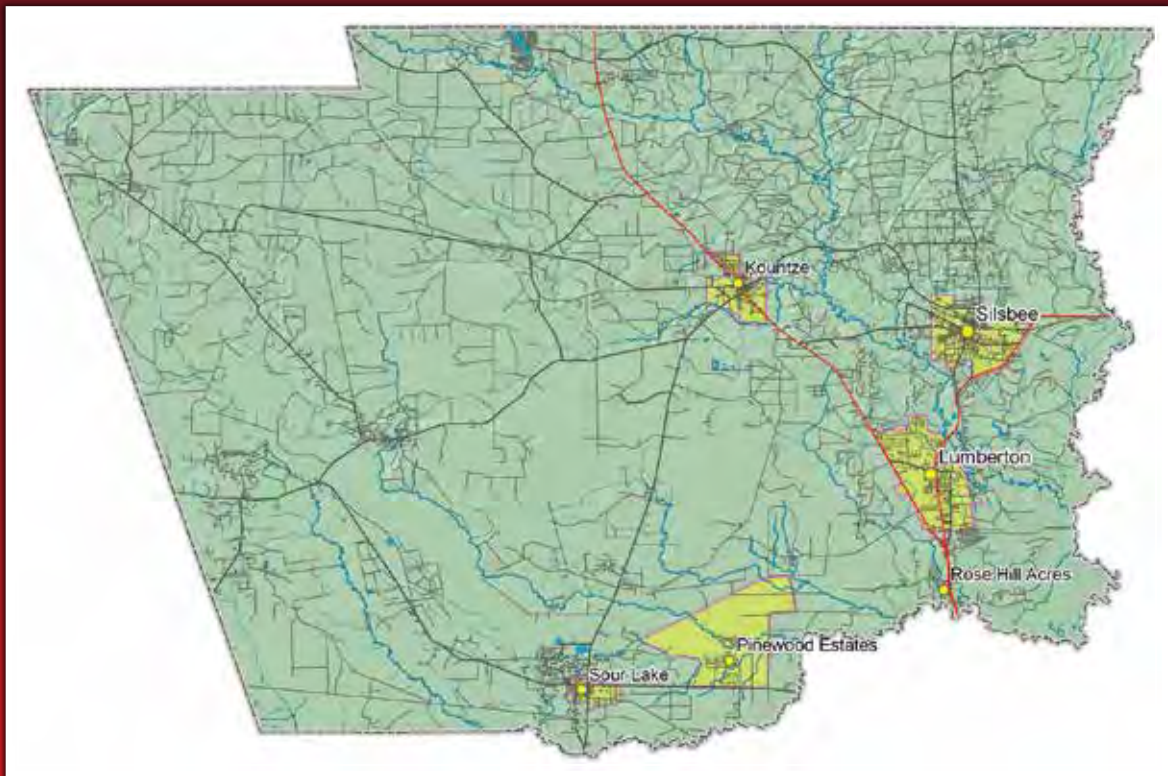


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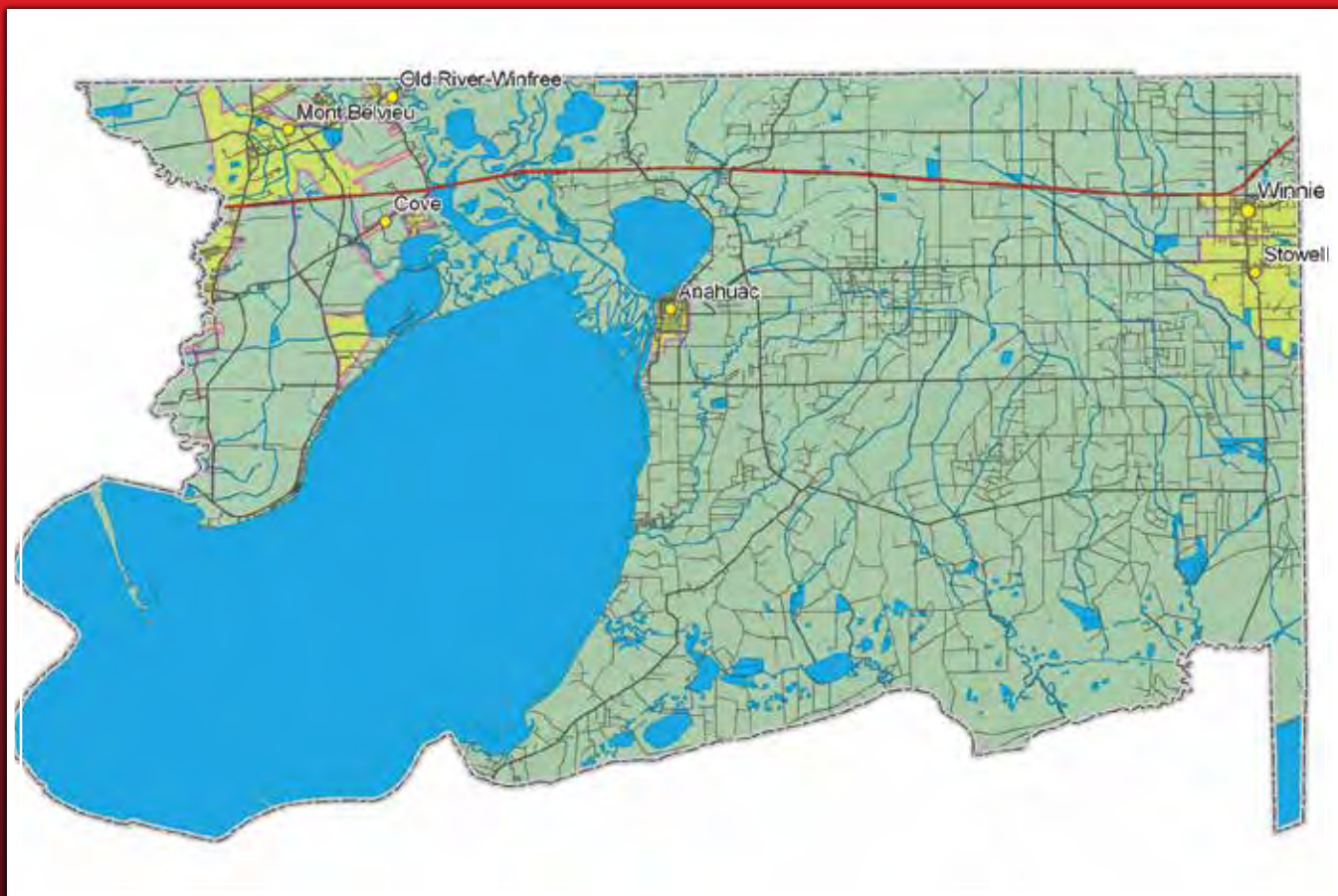




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# THE ART OF FALL FASHION

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

Fall is upon us and while it can be sad to bid farewell to beach days and make the transition from sandal to boot season, let's focus on the bright side: Fall Fashion!

So many options can come into play, including python prints and shearling-lined jackets and capes and faux collars. If your budget is tight or you just don't want to shop much, you can add just a few essentials and you'll effortlessly rock the hottest fall styles.



**METALLICS** - Gold and silver hues have been incorporated into skinny jeans, leggings, skirts, jackets, accessories and shirts.

TIP

If shine feels overwhelming, tone it down by adding one metallic piece to a neutral outfit.

**JEANS/LEGGINGS** - The staple of the season offers many colors and textures, from bold and neutral solids and prints to corduroy and leather.

**BOOTS** - The ankle boot makes a statement, but riding boots are still popular.

**PULL-OVER SWEATER** - Comfy, chunky cable knits are strong this season in any style.

TIP

Sweaters look great over collared, button-up shirts for a conservative look and layered over a T-shirt with jeans for a casual style.

**BELTS, BAGS AND BAUBLES** - The best way to add life to your wardrobe without breaking the bank is to add accessories, and don't play it safe here.

**LEATHER** - Leather jackets are timeless, but leather has made its way into dresses, skirts, tops and leggings, and in a variety of colors.

TIP

If you're hesitant to wear leather, play it safe by adding one leather piece to a conservative outfit.

**AWESOME HEELS** - The high-heeled pump is cute and looks great with dresses, skirts and jeans. Be sure to keep a cool pair of flats handy — we can't live in our heels.

**BAGS AND JEWELRY** - Make a statement with a colorful print clutch or oversize handbag. Follow the same rule with chunky jewelry.

**BELTS** - A really good belt is timeless. Wear a simple dress with a cardigan, add a belt to it and simple becomes chic.

**COLOR TRENDS** - include merlot, red and neutrals. The big color combination of the season is blue and black.

TIP

Add a colorful, inexpensive scarf to liven up your neutrals.

After all this fashion talk, what is the hottest accessory of the season?

*Your attitude, of course!*

You've heard the expression "true beauty comes from within." This is true on so many levels. When it comes to fashion, though, we can adorn ourselves in the latest styles, but if we don't feel good about ourselves, it doesn't matter what we are wearing.

Wear what makes you feel good about you. It's great to follow trends, but true fashion is about the expression of who each of us are — an expression of beautiful individuality. Fashion, like art, is ultimately based on personal taste. And like art, should be carefully purchased, comfortable and proudly displayed.





# Still Kicking, Just not HIGH

By Rodney Morgan

Oscar Blessing first came to this area as a technical sergeant during World War II. Blessing was initially sent to protect the Gulf Coast from invasion after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the U.S. Army's 149th Infantry 38th Division, also known as the "Avengers of Bataan."

His unit was responsible for liberating American captives that survived the Bataan Death March. In addition to their fighting in the Philippines, the unit also had a landing in New Guinea. Blessing is quick to tell you how lucky he was to make it through the war with no physical wounds.

During his time in the Army, he continued to play baseball, which he had played before the war in his native Kentucky. He played service ball against brothers Joe and Dom DiMaggio. Blessing has a tremendous respect for Joe DiMaggio.

"Joe was just one of the guys," said Blessing. He adds that DiMaggio was quick to enjoy a beer with the other ball players.

Blessing returned to Kentucky after the war. He worked for a railroad company, but strikes kept him from making a steady living. He returned to Texas and found work at what is now known as Exxon-Mobil. When he was stationed in this area early in the war, Blessing met his future wife. They have four children: one son, Dennis, and three daughters, Lee, Connie and Jan. The

girls live in Southeast Texas and Dennis is associate dean of the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio.

After Blessing retired from Exxon-Mobil, he continued working in other capacities. He worked security at Brystar Contracting and bar-backed David's Upstairs and MacKenzie's Pub.

To many of us Blessing is a hero in his deeds and actions. He is a humble man — well-known and well-respected. Most people know him as simply "Oscar." When you talk to someone about Oscar, they immediately know who you are talking about.

When you ask Blessing how he is doing, his reply will be, "still kicking, just not high."





# BARK FOR LIFE

By Joy Wooley

The American Cancer Society of Beaumont will be holding their annual "Bark For Life", the canine event to help fight Cancer on November 10, 2012 at Tyrell Park in Beaumont, Texas. The day's event starts at 9:00am with a walk around the park, then continues with contests, games and demonstrations. This noncompetitive walk for dogs and their owners helps raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against Cancer. Family fun for a great cause!



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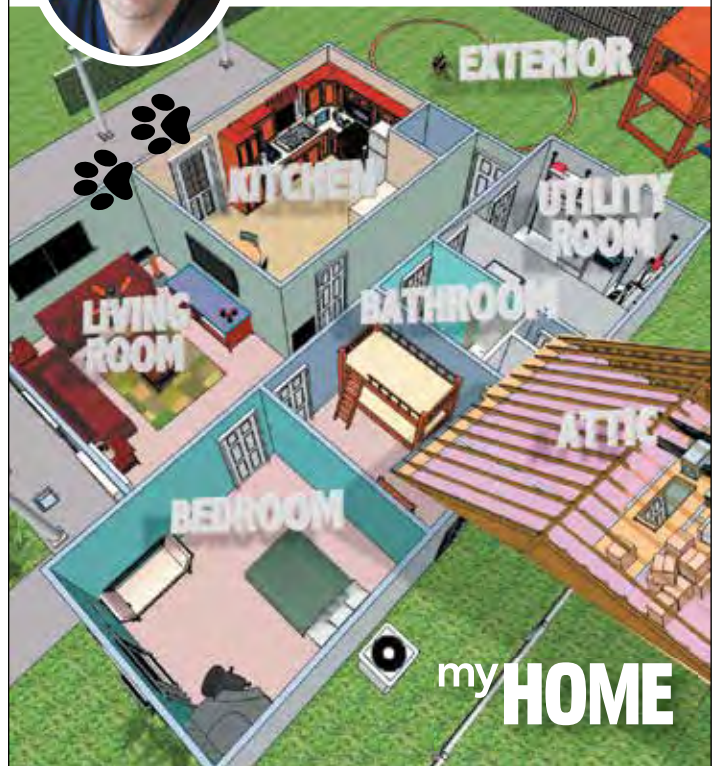
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# Julie Rogers

## "GIFT OF LIFE"

By Patrice Hein

Eighteen years ago, when Beaumont attorney and philanthropist Regina Rogers celebrated her mother's recovery from breast cancer by providing free mammograms for women who couldn't afford them, she started a chain reaction of generosity and love that would grow into a powerful force to save lives throughout Southeast Texas. Deeply moved by the great need for women to receive cancer screenings, Rogers formed a nonprofit organization to continue the effort, which had been named the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life," by advertising maverick Ann Lee, as a tribute to her mother.

Nell Morris, "Gift of Life" Board President for more than a dozen years, said, "I have known Regina and her family long before this program was conceived, and I am truly honored to have served in a leadership position for such a long period of time. Having personally endured the loss of numerous family members and a multitude of friends to this insidious disease, I am blessed to be part of an endeavor that is helping save lives."

"She was so touched by their appreciation that she couldn't let it go," said Marty Craig, a breast cancer survivor and officer on the "Gift of Life" Board of Directors.



Over the ensuing 18 years, more than 21,000 free mammograms have been provided to medically underserved women.

The program has grown to include prostate screenings for men and a smoking prevention program for children and adults. The organization serves seven counties in Southeast Texas: Chambers, Jasper, Jefferson, Hardin, Newton, Orange and Tyler.

The "Gift of Life" Program offers educational outreach focusing on breast, prostate, testicular, ovarian and other gynecological cancers; free mammograms and prostate cancer screenings; as well as access to follow-up treatment for medically underserved people in its service area. The nonprofit organization partners with hospitals, physicians, cancer institutes and clinics in Southeast Texas to provide screenings and treatments.

"It is a huge effort now," said Craig.



Regina Rogers,  
Founder and Chair of  
"Gift of Life"

"We couldn't do it without all our volunteers. I've never walked in our office that there aren't volunteers answering the phone, stuffing envelopes, whatever has to be done. More than 400 volunteers donate more than 5,000 hours of service annually, assisting with educational outreach efforts, setting up displays, registering clients – giving an hour or many hours, whatever fits the volunteer's schedule and interests.

Pat McKee is one such volunteer. "About four or five years ago, a woman walked into my gift shop with information about a fundraiser and asked if we would sell Pink Shopping Cards," she said. "It was a volunteer from the 'Gift of Life.'"



And after hearing about what the organization did and how she could help, McKee said, "I was hooked, I guess."





Marty Craig, Breast Cancer Survivor



Pat McKee, Breast Cancer Survivor



She has assisted with securing merchants to participate in the Pink Shopping Card project every year since. "The more I was involved and saw how they were saving lives, I just couldn't help enough," she said. As a 17-year survivor of breast cancer, McKee was happy to help other people fight or prevent the disease. "There's been so much cancer in my family. I feel very strongly that this is what God meant for me to do."

The "Gift of Life" Program also sponsors a breast cancer support group, Pink Power Network. McKee said, I was a bit hesitant about going to the meetings at first. I didn't know what to expect, but after meeting other survivors, volunteers and the staff and seeing that everyone is treated with respect, I am grateful I decided to participate.

awareness for cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Activities range from "Champagne and Ribs," to the 5K Ribbon Run/Walk, to BraMANia, in which men strut their stuff, show their support by wearing decorated bras that were designed by breast cancer survivors and valued community partners for the BRA-vo! Applause for the Cause art project.

The Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" Program takes a holistic approach to preventing and fighting cancer, integrating awareness, education, screening, and treatment. It has grown to be one of the largest and most respected cancer prevention initiatives in the state of Texas. In recognition of its accomplishments, the "Gift of Life" was presented with the 2011 John P. McGovern Champion of Health Award by the Texas Medical Association Foundation and named the number one public health organization addressing critical needs in the state.

Regina Rogers' gift in honor of her mother has turned out to be a gift to so many mothers and daughters, and fathers and sons. "My mother would be deeply humbled and very grateful for the gift that saves lives in her name," Rogers said. "It is she who inspired me with her concern for women who could not afford screenings after she learned from a mammogram that she had breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy, which

extended her life. 'There but by the grace of God go I,' was her oft-quoted statement that reflected her desire to help others less fortunate and of limited financial means."

Rogers' philanthropic efforts reach far and wide, encompassing more than just cancer prevention and treatment. Besides serving on many boards, she has founded or co-founded organizations to provide mentoring and guidance of young people – including those in the juvenile justice system (IEA-Inspire, Encourage, Achieve); to provide scholarships to academically talented students who cannot afford to attend college (I Have A Dream Program); and a relief fund to assist those affected by hurricanes along the Texas Gulf Coast (Southeast Texas Emergency Relief Fund).

*You can help give to the "Gift of Life" by volunteering your time and talent:*

- Go to the website: [www.giftoflifebmt.org](http://www.giftoflifebmt.org) and click on "Volunteer" at the bottom of the page. There, you'll find upcoming events and the jobs for which volunteers are needed.
- Call Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" 409-833-3663 or 877-720-4438 (toll-free) for details.
- Attend fundraising events – good food, good fun and a good cause.

McKee pointed out that it's not just the survivors, volunteers and staff who join in the fight against cancer, the "Gift of Life" draws in firefighters, school kids, business owners, just about anyone who wants to be a part of making life better for those in their communities. She said, "And a lot of guys wear pink around here."

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2 tsp. olive oil  
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1 Lb. Zummo's Party Links Sausage cut into coin sizes  
1 diced onion  
1 diced green bell pepper  
½ C. diced celery  
2 Tsb. chopped garlic  
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

¼ tsp. black pepper  
½ tsp. salt or salt to taste  
2 C. uncooked Doguet's Rice  
4 C. chicken stock  
3 bay leaves  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1 tsp. Louisiana Hot Sauce

#### Instructions:

Heat oil in a large stock pot over medium heat. Sauté chicken and Zummo's Sausage until lightly browned, about 5 min. Stir in onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic. Season with cayenne, salt and black pepper, cook 5 min. or until onion is tender and translucent. Add rice, then stir in chicken stock and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer 20 min. or until rice is tender. Stir in Worcestershire sauce and Hot Sauce.  
*Serves 8*

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2 Lbs. stick oleo  
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- 1 Tbsp. TexJoy ground Cinnamon
- 50 Ladyfingers
- 3 ¾ C. Mascarpone cheese
- 2 ½ C. heavy cream
- 1 C. sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder



### Directions

Combine Kahlua, coffee and cinnamon in a large bowl. Dip ladyfingers in coffee mixture and use them to line the bottom and sides of a spring-form pan, arranging them in an organized design. You will use about 1/3 of the ladyfingers. Using a food processor, combine mascarpone, cream and sugar until it begins to thicken.

Spread 1/3 of the cheese mixture over the ladyfingers in the spring-form pan. Layer again with coffee soaked ladyfingers and again with cheese mixture. Layer with the last of soaked ladyfingers and the last of the cheese mixture. Dust top with cocoa, cover and chill overnight. To serve, remove sides from pan and cut into wedges.



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By Debbie Reynolds

The Texas fall brings cooler weather and football games with people enjoying their favorite beverages served in red Solo cups. Thanks to country singer Toby Keith we know the importance of the bond people have with their red Solo cups!

Fall in Texas for grape growers signals the end of harvest and 2012 will go into the record books as the largest and best quality grape harvest in the history of grape growing. Our thoughts now turn to those wonderful Texas wines and selecting the best pairing for the wines and food we will serve for the upcoming holidays.

Wine and food are meant to be enjoyed together since they enhance each other. Wine and food pairings are not rocket science. The key is to pair wine and food to complement not to overpower and to ensure the host feels comfortable about the pairings they have selected.

First, let's talk turkey, the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. In Texas we could roast, bake, fry, blacken, smoke, grill, or Cajun our turkey. We can get very creative with our turkeys.

The basic rule to remember: understand the components of the wine (alcohol, sweetness, acidity, and tannin) to complement or contrast the taste of the food (sweet, sour, bitter, and salty).

If you are preparing a traditional turkey, roasted, baked or broiled, with giblet gravy and cornbread stuffing, select a nice Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, or a sparkling wine. Dry white wines are a great selection for the traditional turkey dinner. When adding a spicy component to the turkey, such as jalapeno cornbread dressing or blackened turkey, selecting a semi-dry white wine like a Chenin Blanc, Blanc du Bois, Riesling, or Gewurztraminer is a better choice. And if you decide a mushroom sauce would work really well with smoked turkey and a wild rice with mushrooms and bacon side dish, then dry red wines would be the best selection. You can never go wrong with a nice Pinot Noir or Syrah.

What about dessert? Wine that pairs well with the meal may not be the best for your dessert. The same rules apply for desserts, cheeses and fruits, typical after dinner selections.

- For milk chocolate foods – choose lighter, sweeter wines like a Riesling, Muscat Canelli or Chenin Blanc.
- For dark chocolate foods – choose a Port, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot or Malbec.
- With pumpkin and pecan pie – Cream Sherry, Tawny Port or Late Harvest Riesling.
- With apple pie – Late Harvest Riesling or Muscat.
- With cheeses like brie (young), mozzarella or swiss – dry white wine.
- With cheeses like aged provolone, ripe brie, smoked Gouda, Romano or gorgonzola – dry red wine.
- With cheeses like blue, Roquefort or stilton – dessert wines.

All the advice in the world and the perfect pairings still come down to what do you and your guests enjoy drinking. So while you may have all the rules to follow, everyone has their wine they love and they will usually bring a bottle along as a gift (suggestion to please serve this wine). Honestly, food and wine complement each other and enjoying both with family and friends can be the best time ever.

Out of the 250 plus wineries in Texas, visit your local winery and ask the wine maker what they suggest. Yes, all the varietals mentioned are produced in Texas along with so many more that can enhance any great meal – Viognier, Roussanne, Tempranillo... So much great wine...so little time! Enjoy the holidays!



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## Bragg Light of Ghost Road

By Ms. Lynn

**G**rowing up in Southeast Texas during the late '50s and early '60s 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 yet less stress; a slower pace with fewer demands; it was 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 "Bragg Light of Ghost Road."

reported and the stories and rumors increased. The most popular story about the Bragg light is that of a railroad worker who was accidentally killed when he was decapitated. Legend has it that the man roamed up and down the old railroad bed at night holding a lantern and looking for his lost head; and it is for this very reason that the locals named the road Ghost Road.



Ghost Road became a popular place for daring young teenagers during the '50s and '60s looking for a thrill while trying to show off their bravery. In those days, there was barely room for two cars to pass each other and there was no place to turn around; once you entered Ghost Road, you had no choice but to travel the full eight miles until you came to the end on the other side. When and if the orbs did appear, all acts of bravery disappeared. These thrill seekers helped to spread the urban legend and soon brought national attention to the Bragg Light of Ghost Road.

In 1904, the Santa Fe railroad used a stretch of land between Saratoga and Bragg, Texas, as part of a branch running through Hardin County. Stories about mysterious lights appearing from thin air and then disappearing began to spread among the railroad workers and the local communities. The Santa Fe railroad continued to use the branch until 1933 even though the eight mile stretch was considered haunted. They then removed the railroad tracks and left a straight dirt road behind.

Hundreds of people in Southeast Texas have seen the lights or orbs. Some of them have even been successful in photographing the orbs. Many scientists have studied pass lights yet no one can explain their origin. They all agree that they do exist and now call the Bragg Light a phenomena.

The community of Bragg no longer exists but Saratoga does. Travel east on State Hwy. 105 past Sour Lake till you reach FM 770 and turn right to Saratoga. Be on the lookout for FM 787 road marking the entrance to Ghost Road. The phenomena is open to the public and information boards along the road that discuss the road's history, ecology and folklore stories. It is still a dusty dirt road so take plenty of water and drive slow. Watch out for all the little critters that call Ghost Road their home and be sure to have your camera ready. (Hint) First travel the road in broad daylight so that you will be familiar with it.

Then if you are brave enough come back at dusk so you can find the entrance and travel the road at night. Who knows- you... too may be visited by the ghostly lights of Ghost Road.

The locals began to use the road as a short cut between the two communities. As more people traveled the road, more sightings of the ghostly lights were





# GIVING WITH FUN!

By Joy Wooley

**S**outheast Texans love to "give" so why not have fun, too. Two great organizations that offer family fun are the Wesley United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch and Dogtoberfest.

## PUMPKIN PATCH

For over 15 years, Wesley United Methodist Church has held its annual Pumpkin Patch from September 30 to October 31. The Pumpkin Patch has hundreds of pumpkins for sell in every size imaginable Monday thru Saturday 9:00am to 8:00pm and on Sundays, Noon to 8:00pm during this time of year. Bring the entire family, pick out the perfect pumpkin and help the youth of Wesley United Methodist Church raise money for youth mission trips. Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 3810 North Major Drive, Beaumont, Texas. For more information, call 409-892-7733.

## DOGTOBER FEST

Strut-Your-Mutt! Dogtober Fest is loads of family fun for everyone including your dog. This year's fest will be held on October 13 from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Fire Museum downtown Beaumont; just look for the giant fire-hydrant. Proceeds benefit the continued revitalization of Beaumont's Central Business District through the efforts of Beaumont Main Street.






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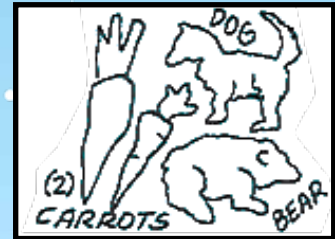
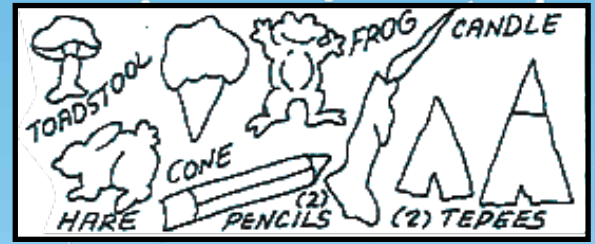



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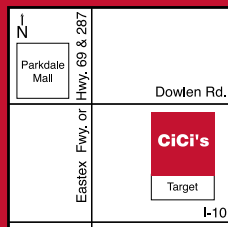
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**Q:** What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

**A:** Snowflakes!

### Joke 3:

**Knock-knock**  
**Q:** Who's there?

**A:** Police

**Q:** Police Who?

**A:** Police let us in,  
it's cold out here!





# Calendar of Events

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Artwork by Jane Peterman in Café Arts**

Recurring daily • Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm • Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday, Noon - 5:00pm • Closed major holidays • Suggested Donation: \$2.00 • Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Neches River Adventures**

Every Saturday • 10:00am - 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

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Beaumont Farmer's Market**

Every Saturday • 8:00am - 10:00am Beaumont Athletic Complex 950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Port Arthur, TX Lights! Camera! Action!**

Film series, exhibit celebrating Southeast Texas Ties to Film Museum of the Gulf Coast • www.museumofthegulfcoast.com • 409.982-7000

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Sam Houston State** • \$60 - \$400 Provost Umphrey Stadium • 4400 MLK Pkwy Beaumont, TX • 409.880.1715

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**4th Annual Open Car Show**

W.H. Stark House • 610 Main St Orange, TX • 409.883.0871

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Dinosaur Day** • 9:00am - 1:00pm Free admission • Texas Energy Museum 600 Main St • Beaumont, TX • 409.833.5100

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Florence Chambers' 100th Birthday Celebration**

The Chambers House • 2240 Calder Ave Beaumont, TX • 409.832.4010

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**"Eat a Bug!" Family Arts Day**

10:00am - 2:00pm • Free admission Art Museum of Southeast Texas • 500 Main St Beaumont, TX • 409.832.3432

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Saturday Night Fever featuring The Pointer Sisters!**

7:30pm • Beaumont Civic Center Downtown Beaumont • Diner & Disco benefiting the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" • Call for tickets: 409.833.3663

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**

**The Bludd Vessel aboard the USS Orleck!**

Halloween Haunted Ship • 6:00pm 604 N Enterprise Blvd • Lake Charles, LA 337.214.7447 or email info@orleck.org

**October 26, 2012 –**

**November 03, 2012**

**Dead Man's Cell Phone**

Every Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30pm. Matinee, 2:00pm. Beaumont Community Playhouse 5515 Phelps Rd • Beaumont, TX 77705 409.833.4664

**October 26, 2012 –**

**November 10, 2012**

**Scarecrow Festival and Autumn Fair**

Recurring daily Shangri-La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 2111 W Park Ave • Orange, TX 77631 409.670.9113

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 –**

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2013**

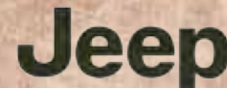
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# Calendar of Events

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## **Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society Annual Concert**

First United Methodist Church - Sanctuary  
700 Calder Ave • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.898.1634 • Recurring on the 1st weekday  
of November 3:00pm - 4:00pm • Free

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Artwork by Jane Peterman in Café Arts**

Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.3432 • www.amset.org  
Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm • Sunday,  
Noon - 5:00pm • Closed major holidays  
Suggested Donation: \$2.00

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Scarecrow Festival and Autumn Fair**

Shangri-La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center  
Recurring daily • 2111 W Park Ave • Orange,  
TX 77631 • 409.670.9113  
www.shangrilagardens.org

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**

## **Spoused**

Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.3432 • Recurring daily • Free  
admission Suggestion donation, \$2.00.

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

## **Dead Man's Cell Phone**

Every Friday, Saturday  
Evenings • 7:30pm. Matinee, 2:00pm.  
Beaumont Community Playhouse  
5515 Phelps Rd • Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.833.4664

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

## **Art Show & American Patriotism**

Art Contest at Kirby-Hill House  
210 West Main St • Kountze, TX • 1pm-4pm  
409.246.8000 or www.kirbyhillhouse.com

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

## **Catch Me If You Can**

7:30pm • \$40 - \$65  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630  
409-886-5535 • www.lutcher.org

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

## **Port Arthur Becky Barksdale in Concert**

Museum of the Gulf Coast presents at  
Performing Arts Center, Lamar State  
College-Port Arthur, TX • 8 pm • www.  
museumofthegulfcoast.org • 409.982-7000

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Pleasure Island Bridge Half Marathon**

10K and 2 Miller • 7:30am • Half Marathon:  
\$75 (by 10/1/12), \$90 • 10K: \$40 (by 10/1/12),  
\$50. 2 Mile: \$20 (by 10/1/12), \$25.  
Logan Park • Pleasure Island, TX  
www.facebook.com/IslandBridgeHalfMarathon

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Lamarissimo! Jazz Bands**

7:30pm • Season Tickets: \$45, adults or \$20,  
students • Julie Rogers Theatre  
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.880.8144

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Nicholls**

\$60 - \$400 • Provost Umphrey Stadium  
4400 MLK Parkway • Beaumont, TX 77706  
409.880.1715

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Wildcatter Weekend: Yount-Lee Day**

10:00am - 5:00pm. Gusher, 4:00pm.  
Children 4 and up, \$2. Adults free with paid  
children's admission • Spindletop Gladys City-  
Boomtown Museum • 5550 University Drive  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 409.835.0823  
www.gladyscity.weebly.com

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Bark for Life! A Canine Event to Fight Cancer**

Sponsored by the Beaumont American Cancer  
Society • 9:00am- 12:00pm at Tyrrell Park  
5595 Tyrrell Park Rd • Beaumont, TX  
409.835.2138

**Nov. 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Mistletoe & Moss...Christmas shopping under one roof**

Lake Charles Civic Center  
For info call 337.436.4025

**Nov. 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **A Simple Place and Time in the Big Thicket**

Christmas Photography Experience at Kirby-  
Hill House • 210 West Main St • Kountze,  
TX • Contact Facets Photography to make  
appointments • 409.385.6711 or  
facets@hal-pc.org

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Jamie Bergeron and The Kickin' Cajuns**

Whiskey River, Beaumont, TX  
3871 Stagg Drive • Beaumont, TX •  
409.832.2999 or www.whiskeyrivertexas.com

**Nov. 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Sulphur Highschool Rodeo!**

West Cal Arena • 2900 Ruth Street  
Sulphur, LA



**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Art Behind Bars Exhibit!**

DeQuincy Town Hall Museum  
218 East 4th St • DeQuincy, LA

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Coushatta Dancers & Musicians!**

Children's Museum • Lake Charles  
327 Board St • 337.430.9420

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

## **Turkey Trot**

8:00am • Registration: \$10 - \$25  
The Event Centre  
700 Crockett Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
www.searimstriders.org/home.php

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **A Chorus Line**

3:00pm • \$40 - \$65  
Lutcher Theater for the  
Performing Arts  
707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535 • www.lutcher.org

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 –**

**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **The Midtown Men**

7:30pm • \$40 - \$70 • Lutcher Theater for the  
Performing Arts  
707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630 409.886.5535  
• www.lutcher.org

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

## **Main Street Market**

Thursday: 4:00pm - 9:00pm / Friday: 10:00am  
- 9:00pm  
Saturday: 11:00am - 6:00pm • Adults: \$5.00.  
Children 12 and Under: Free.  
Beaumont Civic Center Complex  
701 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.0873  
www.juniorleaguebeaumont.org



**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 –**

## **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 White Christmas**

Beaumont Community Playhouse  
5515 Phelps Rd • Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.833.4664  
www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com  
Every Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30pm  
Matinee, 2:00pm





# Calendar of Events

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## The Chambers House Christmas Open House

1:00pm - 4:00pm • Free admission.  
The Chambers House  
2240 Calder Ave • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.4010 • [www.chambershouse.org](http://www.chambershouse.org)

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

Main Street Market • Recurring daily  
Thursday: 4:00pm - 9:00pm • Friday: 10:00am - 9:00pm Saturday: 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Adults: \$5.00 • Children 12 and Under: Free  
Beaumont Civic Center Complex  
701 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.0873 • [juniorleaguebeaumont.org](http://juniorleaguebeaumont.org)

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## Morrissey & Kristeen Young

8:00pm • \$42.50 - \$55.00  
Jefferson Theatre • 345 Fannin  
Beaumont, TX 77701 • 409.838.3435 ext. 1

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## Light Up the Lake Christmas Celebration!

Downtown Lake Charles/Lake Charles Civic Center • Family fun starting with a parade at 2:00pm and ending with a big fireworks display at 7:00pm • 337.491.9147

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## Starks Christmas Parade

Starks VFW 4759 • Parade begins at 2:00pm, followed by Christmas Gumbo hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary at 3:30pm • 337.743.6409

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## White Christmas

Every Friday, Saturday  
Evenings, 7:30pm • Matinee, 2:00pm.  
Beaumont Community Playhouse  
5515 Phelps Rd • Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.833.4664

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Christmas at the McFaddin-Ward House

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:30pm and 2:30pm • Sunday (first floor only): 1:00pm - 3:00pm • Tuesday-Saturday, \$3 per person • Sunday, free admission (first floor only) • McFaddin-Ward House • 1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.2134 • [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org)

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## J&R Carriages Christmas Light Rides

6:00pm-Midnight • Shell Beach Dr.  
Contact J&R Carriage • 337.842.0778

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 - Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2013**

## Espoused

Recurring daily • Free admission  
Suggestion donation, \$2.00.  
Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.3432 • [www.amset.org](http://www.amset.org)  
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**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 - Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2013**

## American West

Recurring daily Stark Museum of Art  
712 Green Ave • Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.2787 • [www.starkmuseum.org](http://www.starkmuseum.org)

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## Alzheimer's Association Walk

Seawall, Lakeshore Drive in Port Arthur, TX • 8 am-noon • 409.543-1992

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

## John Jay French Christmas

## Candlelight Tour

1:00pm - 4:00pm • Free admission  
John Jay French Museum  
3025 French Rd • Beaumont, TX 77706  
409.898.0348 • [www.jjfrench.com](http://www.jjfrench.com)

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

## Lamarissimo! University Choirs

3:00pm • Season Tickets: \$45, adults or \$20, students • Julie Rogers Theatre  
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.880.8144

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

## Shirley Peel McGraw

Oil Painting Class  
Every Monday • 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf St  
Beaumont, TX 77703 • 409.833.4179

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Karaoke Night

Every Tuesday • 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
Logan Cafe • 3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX 77706 • 409.832.1529

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## CVB Holiday Open House

3:30pm - 5:30pm • Free  
Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau  
505 Willlow St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.880.3749

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Frank Gerriets Painting Class

Every Wednesday • 9:00am 12:00 noon  
Beaumont Art League • 2675 Gulf St  
Beaumont, TX 77703 • 409.833.4179

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Open Mic Night

Every Wednesday • 8:00pm • Signup: 7:30pm  
Logan Cafe • 3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX 77706 • 409.832.5129

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## First Thursdays on Calder Ave

Recurring monthly on the 1st Thursday  
5:00 - 9:00pm • Calder Avenue  
Beaumont, TX 77701

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Celebrating Christmas in the Neighborhood

3:45 pm - 5:00pm • Free admission,  
registration required • McFaddin-Ward House  
1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.1906 • [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org)

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Guess How Much I Love You

and I Love My Little Storybook  
9:30am & 11:30am • \$4 • Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts • 707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630 • 409.886.5535

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting

3:30pm - 6:00pm • Free parking & admission.  
Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.3432 • [www.amset.org](http://www.amset.org)

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Christmas in Louisiana: Once Upon a Time!

Lake Charles Civic Center • Rosa Hart Theatre Ballet • School group performances  
9:00am - 10:30am • 337.802.5779 • Public performance Dec. 8 only • 11:00am & 6:00pm  
337.474.0311

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Ward, Bowen, & Steinman

Recurring monthly on the 1st Friday  
8:30pm • \$5 • Logan Cafe • 3805 Calder  
Beaumont, TX 77706 • 409.832.5129

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Wildcatter Weekend:

## Patillo Higgins Day

10:00am - 5:00pm • Gusher, 4:00pm.  
Children 4 and up, \$2 • Adults free with paid children's admission • Spindletop Gladys City/ Boomtown Museum • 5550 University Dr  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 409.835.0823

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Port Arthur Cultural

## Lighted Holiday Parade

Downtown Port Arthur • 6 pm • 409.983.8115

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Free Movie Night: "It Happened on 5th Avenue"

6:30pm - 8:30pm • Free admission  
McFaddin-Ward House • 1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX 77701 • 409.832.1906

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Christmas With Shoji Tabuchi

7:30pm • \$20 - \$50  
Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535 • [www.lutch.org](http://www.lutch.org)

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## McFaddin-Ward Christmas Open House

2:00pm - 5:00pm • Free admission  
McFaddin-Ward House • 1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX 77701 • 409.832.2134  
[www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org)

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Symphony of Southeast Texas: Master Series 2 Concert

## "Home for the Holidays"

3:00pm • Adults, \$20, Seniors & Students, \$10 • Julie Rogers Theatre  
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.892.2257 • [www.sost.org](http://www.sost.org)

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Eggnog Thursday

5:00pm - 7:00pm • Free admission.  
McFaddin-Ward House • 1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.1906 • [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org)

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Kevin Fowler

Whiskey River, Beaumont, TX  
3871 Stag Drive • Beaumont, TX •  
409.832.2999 or [www.whiskeyrivertexas.com](http://www.whiskeyrivertexas.com)

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## Rick Danna

Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday  
6:00pm • D'Vine Wine Winery  
6755 Phelan Blvd, Ste 10  
Beaumont, TX 77706 • 409.861.0400

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**

## 38th Annual Christmas Party

With DJ Mark Fiorenza  
260 Crockett Street • Beaumont, TX •  
409.833.1881

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

## Don Gay's Championship

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At Louis Hall in Vidor



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# PORT ARTHUR'S WATERS

## a setting for action and serenity

By Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau

**A** big fish catch, jazz, and Mardi Gras shouts can get visitors to make some noise in Port Arthur. But another tonic Port Arthur offers is quiet time on the water.

A smile lights up the face of Port Arthur Mayor Deloris "Bobbie" Prince at the thought of a drive along Pleasure Island. It's one of her favorite stops and she hopes visitors cross the bridge for a bit of her waterside heaven.

"I think it's just serene. It's a wonderful place to be," said Prince.

Boaters, fishermen and birdwatchers each enjoy Pleasure Island Marina and shores in their own way, but Prince just likes to walk by the water and enjoy the gazebo or port traffic. The city's guest list swells during Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas, set for Feb. 7-13, 2013, but Prince wants travelers to know there's always something good to experience in her town.

"I want them to see Port Arthur," she said, citing the Museum of the Gulf Coast, the seawall, the Pompeian Villa and the Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus as assets.

Built on oil and maritime economies, Port Arthur offers a number of festivals highlighting myriad cultures. In addition to a Cajun take on Mardi Gras, visitors can get a taste of the area at the Zachary Breaux Jazz Festival, Mexican Heritage Fiesta, Juneteenth, Dick Dowling Days and CavOILcade.

Attractions include Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Queen of Peace Shrine and Gardens, historical homes such as Rose Hill and Museum of the Gulf Coast, offering a Jurassic to Joplin experience.

Janis Joplin, Jimmy Johnson, the Big Bopper, Robert Rauschenberg

and musicians Johnny and Edgar Winter and professional football players Jamaal Charles, Jonathan and Jordan Babineaux and Danny Gorrer are among those who have called Port Arthur home.

Prince believes that visitors will get a genuine welcome as they experience the city. "I would like for them to look at the hearts of the people of Port Arthur. We're very diverse. People need to know about that kind of stuff," said Prince. "The people of Port Arthur are good people."

Floyd Johnson, Port Arthur's new city manager, calls his new home "an absolute diamond in the rough, from a number of perspectives."

"This town has 'destination' written all over it," Johnson said. "We do have things natural and manmade that folks can enjoy with their families."

Texas Artists Museum and Museum of the Gulf Coast are among those that have caught his eye, as well as the city's ample waterways such as Lake Sabine. "There's tremendous fishing and crabbing," he said. For those who catch their seafood at restaurants, Port Arthur's eateries offer the cuisines of many cultures.

Sabine Pass combines water with history as Sabine Pass Battleground, a state historic site that the setting for Dick Dowling Day. Sea Rim State Park offers miles of natural beach, marsh, camping and a boardwalk for viewing wildlife, which might include an alligator.

Port Arthur is part of the Great Texas Birding Trail and home to salt- and fresh-water fishing. Check out improvements made at Pleasure Island Marina on a natural Port Arthur adventure. Visit [www.visitportarthurtx.com](http://www.visitportarthurtx.com) for more fun ways to enjoy Port Arthur's seaside attitude.



# CONTINUITY and INNOVATION

By Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau

Although these words seem to contrast, they go hand in hand to show how we are able to achieve our many successes here at the Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau. We have enjoyed having the same productive staff members for a number of years, which leads to a continuity with our clients, the media, our vendors and stakeholders, and our industry peers. This familiarity and excellent relationships drive business our way because of our outstanding lines of communication and loyalty. We have established go-to partners in all market segments of the tourism industry and our plan is to continuously strengthen and build upon these resources.

The CVB business has changed drastically in the past five years; primarily in the ways in which we are in contact with our clients and stakeholders.

Pretty soon faxes will become a thing of the past but we will never

be able to replace the value of face-to-face meetings, or a meaningful conversation by telephone. Today, innovation has kicked in, and most communication is by e-mail, text, Facebook, or other social media. Our new normal requires us to be accessible to clients any way they wish to communicate. And that, sometimes, can be 24/7.

Even the role of a CVB, or a DMO (Destination Marketing Organization), has evolved. It was always, "Heads in Beds." While this will always be our first priority, we are now more heavily involved in product development, festivals, creating special districts, improving better way-finding signage, and nature tourism initiatives.

Our scope of work has truly broadened and we owe many of our successes to our stakeholders who provide valuable support to ensure our forward momentum. This

network includes our elected officials, not only locally, but also statewide and nationally. We also receive tremendous support from numerous city departments, the media, attractions, the restaurant association, and our entire hotel community. Our CVB advisory board is always there when we need direction and our many volunteers generously offer us their time and service.

For fiscal year 2013, the Beaumont CVB Team is ready and looks forward to more opportunities, market advances and continued industry growth. So hop on board, or get out of the way!



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