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Our second resolution is to produce a better product. To that end, we have added three new sections to *Viva Southeast Texas*: To Your Health, House to House and a church directory. In this issue, you will find ways to get fit in 2013 in the To Your Health section. We have 10 great tips to help you get rid of clutter in the House to House section. The new church directory will help you locate a place of worship for you and your family.

Our third resolution is to listen to our readers. We at *Viva Southeast Texas* love to hear from you. Your critiques help us improve and your praise motivates us. You can contact us at Cassie@vivasoutheasttexas.com or call our office at 409-866-8570 and leave a message. We really do want to hear from you. Below are a few comments from some of our readers.

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# MORE Historic Homes of SOUTHEAST TEXAS

By Joy Wooley

## The Chambers House

### A step back in time

In 1901, the Spindletop oil well ushered a new era of wealth and a booming economy into Southeast Texas. Along with the growing economy came a boom in housing construction in Beaumont. Grand houses popped up all over what is now called the Old Town District as bankers, oil tycoons, land barons and cattlemen flocked to the Beaumont area. One of these houses was a four-column, two-story, white Colonial, which was built in 1906 on Calder Avenue.

The house was purchased in 1914 by C. Homer Chambers, co-owner of the Chambers Hardware Store, for his wife, Edith Fuller Chambers, and their two daughters, Ruth and Florence. Edith Chambers made the grand house into a splendid home. The three ladies helped bring the arts to Southeast Texas and collected works of art created by local artists to decorate their home.

Neither Ruth nor Florence ever married and they continued to live in the house after their parents passed away. After Florence's death in 2004, the Beaumont Heritage Society became trustees of what is now referred to as the Chambers House. It was at this time that the society got its first look at the interior of the home. The furniture, artifacts, rugs and personal items were in excellent condition. One felt as they had stepped back in time by a hundred years.



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## —MARDI GRAS— in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana

By Joy Wooley

“Mardi Gras,” “Mardi Gras season” and “Carnival season” in English refer to events of the Carnival celebrations, which begin on or after Epiphany and culminate on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi gras is French for Fat Tuesday, which refers to the practice of indulging in fatty, rich foods on the last night before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday.

The largest Carnival celebration in the United States is in New Orleans and the second largest is held in Galveston. However, one doesn't have to travel that far to get a taste of Mardi Gras. Southeast Texas is also known for its Mardi Gras celebrations.

The first Southeast Texas Mardi Gras was held in 1993

in downtown Port Arthur by a group of 18 nonprofit organizations. Its purpose was to benefit the organizations while providing and promoting family fun for the residents of Southeast Texas.

The old J.C. Penney building was purchased to use as Carnival event headquarters and was renamed the Aurora Building. The name commemorate the first settlement of Port Arthur in 1837. You can see many displays and learn more about Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas when you visit the Aurora Building.

Today, the Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas is the largest Mardi Gras celebration in this area of Texas. It is a family friendly event with parades, live music, food and fun for the entire family.

*This year's celebration is scheduled for Feb. 7-10.*







## Mardi Gras of Orange, Texas

Come join us on Feb. 2 for our 10th anniversary Mardi Gras Krewe of Krewes' Grande Parade. Ours is a traditional parade with a king and queen of Mardi Gras, illuminated floats, decorated trailers and krewe members tossing beads, cups and trinkets to enthusiastic spectators. The Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce invites you to stay in our hotels and enjoy historic Downtown Orange and the spirit of Mardi Gras.

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## Lake Charles Mardi Gras

The second-largest Mardi Gras festival in Louisiana is held each year in Lake Charles. This Mardi Gras goes back as far as 1882. More than 50 krewes are involved in this festival. The Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Cacsieu contains the largest collection of Mardi Gras costumes in the world and is a must see. It is open to the public during the Royal Gala, the Monday before Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras Southwest Louisiana will have seven parades, several balls and is family oriented fun. For more information visit: [www.swlamardigras.com](http://www.swlamardigras.com).

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### Tyrrell Historical Library

695 Pearl St • Beaumont • 409.833.2759  
[beaumontlibrary.org/tyrrell\\_library](http://beaumontlibrary.org/tyrrell_library)

### Village Creek State Park

8854 Park Road 74 (off Alma) • Lumberton 409.755.7322

## Shop Southeast Texas

### ANTIQUES & VINTAGE

#### 11th Street Market

2470 N 11th St • 409.898.2600

#### Act II Consignment Boutique

6342 Phelan • 409.866.3144  
• 409.860.4617

#### Art, Antiques and Stuff Gallery

3145 Calver Ave • 409.838.2271

#### Antique Mall of Beaumont

7880 College St • 409.866.1985

#### Antique Mall of Lumberton

1181 South Main Hwy 96 • 409.755.3388

## Burns Antik Haus

2195 Calver Ave • 409.835.3080

## Finder's Fayre Quality Antiques

1485 Calder Ave • 409.833.7000

## Jan's Antiques

103 S 11th St • 409.813.3320

## The Tattered Suitcase

2590 Calder Ave • 409.832.4500

## BOUTIQUES & UNIQUES

### Ashton House

6250 Phelan Blvd • 409.860.7233

### Bando's Gift Shop

215 N 11th St • 409.212.8445

### Bella Bella

5925 Phelan • 409.860.1924

### Cantu Fine Jewelry

5905 Phelan • 409.866.5859

### Cavender's Boot City

6185 Eastex Frwy • 409.347.1770

### Chico's

3195 Dowlen Rd • 409.860.9763

### Ellis Pottery

3737 Calder Ave • 409.839.8473

### Gaudie & Co.

6025 Phelan • 409.860.4433

### Jackie's

6755 Phelan • 409.861.5762

### James Avery

3050 Dowlen Rd • 409.860.4827

### The Joy Shop

4391 Calder Ave • 409.899.2293

### Kitchen Concepts

4338 Dowlen Rd • 409.899.8668

### Flagship Mail Room

148 S Dowlen Rd • 409.866.4643  
409.866.6800

### La Tee Da Boutique

4004 Dowlen Rd • 409.835.0202

### McManus Company

820 N 11th St • 409.833.4393

### Nickolina's

1257 West Lucas • 409.896.2543

### Norman's

4132 Dowlen Rd • 409.898.1340  
409.898.0919

### Pappagallo

3350 Dowlen Rd • 409.866.1917

### Parkdale Mall

6155 Eastex Frwy • 409.898.2222  
[parkdalemalltx.com](http://parkdalemalltx.com)

### Posh Baby

5955 Phelan • 409.860.3331

### Puppy Love

3939 Dowlen Rd • 409.892.9663

### Purse Strings

6385 Calder Ave • 409.866.9742

### Sam's Western Shoes

5090 College St • 409.842.2625

### Tuesday Morning

6410 Phelan • 409.866.4885

### Ya Ya Club Clothing Co

414 Dowlen Rd • 409.861.3341

## GROVES SHOPPING

### Lincoln Avenue Shops

#### The Collection

4300 Lincoln Ave • 409.963.0626

#### The Courtyard Cafe & Gift Mall

4321 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.2850

#### Created Designs

4343 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.5925

#### Eclectic Treasures

4300 Lincoln Ave • 409.963.1313

#### Hannah Bay's

4343 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.3400



## Herbal Insanity

4343 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.3400

## The Painted Porch

4311 Lincoln Ave • 409.960.7998

## Resale Boutique

4233 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.1030

## Snooper's Paradise

5509 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.8427

## HARDIN COUNTY SHOPPING

### Island Tans

105 Hwy 96 S, Silsbee, TX • 409-385-0793

### Two Chix Boutique

74 N LHS Drive, Lumberton, TX

## NEDERLAND SHOPPING

### Bab's Gift Express

2119 Nederland Ave • 409.727.0090

### Belly Button - A Kids World

2115 Nederland Ave • 409.727.6918

### Burkett's Emporium

1517 S Hwy 69 • 409.722.5111

### The Candle Cottage

1234 Boston Ave • 409.721.5018

### The Classy Peacock

1100 A Boston Ave • 409.729.3567

### Dana's Custom Jewelry

135 Boston Ave • 409.722.0661

### Elliot's

1211 Boston Ave • 409.727.7702

### Fred Miller Company

2808 Nederland Ave • 409.724.1208

### Gaudie & Co.

1143 Boston Ave • 409.729.2700

### Gaudie Couture

1140 Boston Ave • 409.729.2790

### Holland House Antique & Gift Mall

1205 Boston Ave • 409.721.9900

### The Kids Klostet

1144 Boston Ave • 409.729.2289

### Let's Party

1027 Nederland Ave • 409.727.6047

### Molly's Home Decor & Fine Gifts

3316 Hwy 365 • 409.853.4542

### Nederland Jewelers

3308 Hwy 365 • 409.724.2045

### Occasions

1229 Boston Ave • 409.729.8555

### The Old Mercantile Antique & Co-Op

1166 Boston Ave • 409.724.1886

### The Patio

1223 Boston Ave • 409.729.3407

### The Rustic Door

1344 Boston Ave • 409.722.6255

## Sew Much More

1336 Boston Ave • 409.853.4387

## Simply Chic

2907 Nederland Ave • 409.722.2442

## ORANGE SHOPPING

### A Little Bit Gaudy

2495 MLK JR Drive • Orange • 409.988.0030

### Big Lots!

2260 MacArthur Drive • Orange

### Fleat De Chic

MacArthur Drive • Orange • 409.886.2442

## Mathews Jewelers

126 Strickland Drive • Orange  
• 409.886.7233

## Trendz

5572 FM 408 • Orange • 409.697.1218

## PORT ARTHUR SHOPPING

### Central Mall

Hwy 69 at Hwy 365 • 409.727.2109  
[centralmallportarthur.com](http://centralmallportarthur.com)

### Flagship Mailroom & Emporium

4700 Hwy 365 • 409.724.0474

### Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas Store

3830 Hwy 365 • 409.721.8717

### Naomi's Fashions

3433 Twin City Hwy • 409.963.3839

### Tiffany's Fashion & Gifts

1600 9th Ave • 409.985.8886

### Two & Co. Boutique

8720 Central Mall Dr • 409.721.5040

## PORT NECHES SHOPPING

### Port Neches Avenue Shops

Port Neches Super Saturdays

Held every third weekend of the month

### The Cherry Tree Florist

1208 Port Neches Ave • 409.722.4848

### Dressin' Up

1115 Port Neches Ave • 409.729.7806

### Joy's Lagniappe

1303 Port Neches Ave • 409.365.2651

### Naanee's Baubles & Bling

1311 Port Neches Ave • 409.365.2651

### Old Towne Flea Market

1216 Port Neches Ave • 409.721.9690

### The Yellow Rose

1303 Port Neches Ave • 409.722.2265



## A day at the fair

By Ms. Lynn



Growing up in Southeast Texas during the '50s and early '60s was a time of enlightenment, discovery and great adventure for teenagers living in this rural area. It was a time of simple pleasures, hard work but 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," of spinning yarns and mixing history with tall tales.

The biggest event in Southeast Texas since 1921 has been the South Texas State Fair. In those days the fair was held in September at the old Beaumont Fairgrounds off Gulf Street. The days were moderately warm and the nights cool . . . jacket weather, perfect weather for the fair.

My first memory of the South Texas State Fair is the evening my parents and grandparents took me in 1958 — I was just 5 years old. I remember walking through the big iron gates that marked the main entrance of the fairgrounds and being greeted by a couple of Beaumont Shriners. Their brightly colored vests and strange looking hats (purple fezzes with gold tassels) made them look like men from the Arabian Knights. I was told the Shriners helped out at the fair to raise money for the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, so I would see plenty of Shriners during our visit to the fair.

From the entrance, we walked to the Exhibit Hall where the women's clubs and 4-H exhibits were located. The many displays of bug collections, rock collections, stamp, coin and even matchbook collections were fascinating. There was a collection entry for just about anything you could think of. While we were looking at the collections I was well behaved, but as soon as we walked into the area for canning, baked goods, sewing and quilting, I became bored and restless.

My daddy and grandfather offered to take me to look at the animals at the livestock show next door so my mother and grandmother could continue in the women's exhibits in peace. We were to meet up an hour later at the corner concession stand that my father said had the best hamburgers at the fair or anywhere. Once we arrived at the livestock show, I was a completely

different child. I loved animals and wanted to hug every calf, lamb, goat and pig I saw. When we came to the rabbit entries, I wanted to hold all the rabbits. When it was time to move on to the next group of animals I didn't want to leave the rabbits and pitched a fit. My grandfather quickly came up with the idea of taking me to see the ponies at the pony rides over in the carnival midway. I calmed down and my tears dried up. Daddy elected to go on to the corner concession stand and wait for the ladies.

My grandfather could never say no to me, so when I wanted to ride the ponies, he caved in. It was my second time on the ponies when the others came looking for us. I cried so hard when my daddy said that two rides were enough, that my grandparents pleaded with him on my behalf to let me ride just one more time. After all, they said, it was my first fair. I rode the ponies eight more times before it was time to go home. I didn't want to leave but my parents told me that the ponies had to go to bed and I could always come back . . . next year.

Today, the South Texas State Fair is held during March at the Ford Park in I-10. This year, the 69th annual Young Men's Business League South Texas State Fair will be March 21-31. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.ymbi.org](http://www.ymbi.org).

**The first fair in Beaumont was held in 1907 and called the Beaumont Fair. Later it became the Southeast Texas State Fair.**

**In 2004, the fair was moved from the Beaumont Fairgrounds off Gulf Street to Ford Park on I-10. In its history, the South Texas State Fair has been closed only twice — once in 2005 due to Hurricane Rita and again in 2008 due to Hurricane Ike.**





# A NEW you resolution

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

The holidays are over. The New Year has just begun and perhaps you have made a few resolutions. And you've probably focused on everything and everyone but yourself. Am I right?

If so, begin this year with a resolution to take time for YOU.

You have multiple priorities in your life, so it's easy to think you don't have time for yourself. Certainly, you should take care of your responsibilities and do what you need to for those who rely on you — but don't forget that you are important, too. Carving time out for yourself is critical because taking care of yourself means that you will be able to better care for everyone and everything else around you.

If life feels so hectic that you're convinced you can't manage a few minutes or a few hours for yourself, then it's crucial you do just that.

"Me time" is different for everyone. Ask yourself what brings relaxation and a sense of well-being to your life. If you need a little inspiration, you'll find a few simple suggestions below.



**BEGIN A JOURNAL** - Jotting down your thoughts and feelings is often therapeutic and relaxing, as it allows contemplation of the past, present and future.

**EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY** - Getting lost in an enjoyable, creative project or hobby is a great de-stressor, as all of your energy is focused on the task at hand — not work or things on your to-do list.

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW** - Take a class or research a topic on which you would like to expand your knowledge.

**TAKE A BATH** - It sounds simple, but a bath with a few aromatherapy candles and your favorite music provides the perfect ambiance for relaxation and meditation.

**CURL UP WITH A BOOK** - Reading allows you to redirect your focus and leave the day's worries behind.

**REST** - When you plan to rest, really rest and make a conscious effort to push all thoughts out of your mind — and just sleep.

**ESTABLISH A BEAUTY ROUTINE** - Looking better helps you feel better. Whether you create your own routine or go to a salon, your stress level will decrease and your self-confidence will receive a boost.

**SCHEDULE A MASSAGE** - Just a little bit of pampering does a world of good for your physical and mental well being.

**EXERCISE** - If it's yoga, weight training, walking or aerobics, exercise is proven to rejuvenate the body and mind by reducing daily stresses and increasing your energy level.

**SPEND TIME WITH A FRIEND** - Meet a good friend for coffee or lunch. This will provide a nice break from your daily routine.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Make a New Year's resolutions to take time for yourself. Relax and rejuvenate so your mind and body will function at their optimal levels. Even if you just start with a few minutes each day or an hour every weekend, the benefits will be amazing.

And you might end this year feeling like a new you.



## Beaumont

### AFRICAN METHODIST

#### EPISCOPAL (AME)

**Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle**  
1006 Magnolia Ave • 409-835-5465

#### BAPTIST

**Amelia Baptist Church**  
8055 Brighton Dr • 409.866.4168

**Antioch Baptist Church**  
3350 Washington Blvd • 409.842.8115

**Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**  
3099 Brenham St • 409.835.6228

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
3650 Dowlen Rd • 409.898.7074

**East Mt Olive Baptist Church**  
1197 Corley St • 409.832.7582

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
PO Box 2374 • 409.835.7592

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
2570 W Lucas Dr • 409.899.3594

**First Baptist Church**  
900 Calder • 409.833.1426

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
6750 Highway 105 • 409.898.0249

**North End Baptist Church**  
5115 Eastex Fwy • 409.899.1906

**Paradise Baptist Church**  
3077 Terrell St • 409.833.5081

**Scott Olive Baptist Church**  
1050 Ewing St • 409.832.0687

**South Park Baptist Church**  
795 Woodrow St • 409.832.7796

**Sunlight Baptist Church**  
1283 Cedar St • 409.833.1381

**West Beulah Baptist Church**  
6525 Bigner Rd • 409.892.0765

**West Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
3605 Waco • 409.842.3360

**Westgate Memorial Baptist Chr**  
6220 Westgate Dr • 409.866.3417

**Woodland Baptist Church**  
1860 W Lucas Dr • 409.892.0574

#### BAPTIST - INDEPENDENT

**Beaumont Baptist Temple**  
5535 Calder • 409.769.7966

**Creekwood Baptist Church**  
7650 Park North Dr • 409.924.9590

#### BAPTIST - MISSIONARY

**Greater Good Hope Baptist Church**  
2725 W Virginia • 409.842.9043

**Harmony Missionary Baptist Church**  
3040 Magnolia St • 409.833.9333

**Johnson Memorial Missionary Baptist Church**  
3520 Pine St • 409.838.3228

#### BAPTIST - SOUTHERN

**Voth Baptist Church**  
11245 Church Rd • 409-892-2180

#### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Assumption Church**  
4445 Avenue A • 409.835.5343

**Blessed Sacrament**  
780 Porter St • 409.833.6089

**Cristo Rey**  
767 Avenue A • 409.835.7788

**Lamar University Catholic Student Center**  
1010 E Virginia • 409.835.3972

**Our Lady of the Assumption**  
4445 Avenue A • 409.835.5343

**Our Mother of Mercy**  
3390 Sarah St • 409.842.5533

**St Anne**  
2715 Calder • 409.832.9963

**St Anthonys Cathedral**  
700 Jefferson St • 409.833.6433

**St Joseph's Church**  
1115 Orange St • 409.835.5662

**St Jude Thaddeus Catholic Chr**  
6825 Gladys Ave • 409.866.5088

**St Mary's Church**  
9894 Gilbert Rd • 409.794.2548

**St Pius X Catholic Church**  
5075 Bigner Rd • 409.892.3316

#### CHARISMATIC

**Golden Triangle Church On The Rock**  
6955 Hwy 69 S • 409-722-1962

#### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**First Christian Church**  
5290 N Caldwell Dr • 409.892.3212

**Temple Of Praise Christian Church**  
723 Coley St • 409.833.0496

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST

**Ridgewood Church of Christ**  
2455 Commerce St • 409.892.7063

**Westgate Church of Christ**  
6390 Westgate Dr • 409.866.1451

#### EPISCOPAL

**St Mark's Episcopal Church**  
680 Calder St • 409.832.3405

**St Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
4090 Delaware St • 409.892.4227

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#### EVANGELICAL FREE

**Christ Community Church**  
415 South 11th St • 409.832.9498

#### LUTHERAN

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
777 N 4th St • 409.832.1108

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
4330 Crow Rd • 409.892.3286

**St John Lutheran Church**  
2955 S Major Dr • 409.840.9915

#### METHODIST-UNITED

**First United Methodist Church**  
701 Calder St • 409.832.0295

**St James United Methodist Church**  
2485 Blanchette St • 409.833.4867

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
3430 Harrison Ave • 409.892.0255

#### NONDENOMINATIONAL OR

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL

**Cathedral in the Pines Church**  
2350 Eastex Fwy • 409.892.1503

**Christian Fellowship Worship Center**  
3950 Pointe Pkwy • 409.898.0412

**Dowlen Road Church of Christ**  
3060 Dowlen Rd • 409.866.1996

**Goodwill Missionary Christian**  
190 N 10th St • 409.832.0418

**My Father's House**  
4397 Calder • 409.892.3456

**New Hope Deliverance International Ministries**  
890 Grant St • 409.832.5010

**Newsong Covenant Church**  
3175 S Major Drive (temporary Worship Site) • 409.866.7972

**North Church**  
8060 Eastex Fwy • 409.896.5055

**Northwest Church of Christ**  
7750 Highway 105 • 409.898.4034

**The Vein Of God Internation Covenant Ministries**  
3190 Washington Blvd • 409.466.9100

**To God Be The Glory Ministries**  
Beaumont Civic Center Main St • 409.838.3435

**Trinity Church**  
10 Interstate 10 N • 409.838.2545

**Triumph Church**  
10255 Eastex Fwy • 409.924.9930

**Vision Alive Christian**  
4230 Highland Ave • 409.835.2556

#### OTHER

**First Christian Church**  
5290 N Caldwell Dr • 409.892.3212

**Temple Of Praise Christian Church**  
723 Coley St • 409.833.0496

#### PENTECOSTAL

**Apostolic Church**  
3333 Eastex Fwy • 409.898.3060

**New Hope Deliverance Church**  
890 Grant St • 409.832.5010

**New Life Tabernacle**  
6655 Hwy 105 • 409.899.1190

#### PRESBYTERIAN

**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
1350 N 23rd St • 409.892.8611

## Groves

#### BAPTIST

**First Baptist Church**  
4000 Grant Ave • 409.962.4461

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
3417 Berry Ave • 409.962.1584

#### BAPTIST - INDEPENDENT

**Val Verde Baptist Church**  
3900 Cleveland Ave • 409.962.8463

#### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Immaculate Conception**  
6248 Washington St • 409.962.0255

**St. Peter the Apostle**  
2049 Taft Ave • 409.962.8365

#### LUTHERAN

**St Paul Lutheran Church**  
5801 W Jefferson St • 409.962.1133

#### METHODIST-UNITED

**First United Methodist Church**  
6501 Washington St • 409.962.1076

**NONDENOMINATIONAL OR**

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL

**Morning Star Church**  
3515 Main Ave • 409.963.2301

#### PENTECOSTAL

**Groves United Pentecostal**  
6225 Terrell St • 409.962.1056

## Kountze

#### BAPTIST

**First Baptist Church**  
100 Monroe St • 409.246.3850

**Mid-way Baptist Church**  
4512 Ellis Dr • 409.246.2709

#### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**  
470 Monroe • 409.246.4457

## Lumberton

#### BAPTIST

**Crestwood Baptist Church**  
1150 U.S. 69 • 409.246.2750

**First Baptist Church of Loeb**  
3082 Highway 69 S • 409.755.4595

#### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Infant Jesus**  
243 L.H.S. Dr • 409.755.1734

#### METHODIST-UNITED

**Woodcrest United Methodist Church**  
1684 Highway 96 S • 409.755.4403

## Nederland

#### BAPTIST

**Central Gardens Baptist Church**  
114 4th Ave • 409.729.2475

#### First Baptist Church

1911 Nederland Ave • 409.722.0263

#### Hillcrest Baptist Church

3324 Park Dr • 409.722.3489

**Seventh Street Baptist Church**  
200 N 7th St • 409.722.7620

**Triangle Baptist Church**  
3605 Hwy 69 N • 409.727.7000

#### BAPTIST - INDEPENDENT

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1315 S 27th St • 409.722.4356

#### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St Charles Catholic Church**  
211 Hardy Avenue • 409.722.3413

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST

**Nederland Avenue Church-Christ**  
2310 Nederland Ave • 409.722.8536

**Stonegate Church of Christ**  
3948 Highway 365 • Port Arthur • 409.727.1568

#### LUTHERAN

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
2711 Helena Ave • 409.722.2177

#### METHODIST-UNITED

**First United Methodist Church**  
104 N 13th St • 409.722.4379

**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
3515 Helena Ave • 409.722.7065

#### NONDENOMINATIONAL OR

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL

**R U 100 Percent Sure**  
2005 N Peterson St

**The Upper Room Ministries Church**  
1816 Nederland Ave • 409.722.2600

#### PENTECOSTAL

**Triumph Church**  
1407 S Highway 69 • 409.724.6606

## Orange

#### BAPTIST

**Bethel Baptist Church**  
2906 Western Ave • 409.883.4822

**Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
2537 Fm 1078 • 409.883.8835

**Cove Baptist Church**  
1005 Dupont Dr • 409.883.4155

**El Bethel Baptist Church**  
704 12th St • 409.883.8996

**First Baptist Church of Orange**  
602 Green Ave • 409.886.7461

**First Baptist Church- West Orange**  
608 Dayton St • 409.886.4167

**Hartburg Baptist Church**  
2316 County Rd 4181 • 409.746.2841

**Little Cypress Baptist Church**  
3274 Little Cypress Dr • 409.883.8905

**Macarthur Heights Baptist Church**  
3502 Nightingale St • 409.883.4834

**McDonald Memorial Baptist Church**  
2015 Sims St • 409.883.3974

**Mt Calvary Baptist Church**  
612 N 3rd St • 409.670.9220

**Mt Sinai Baptist Church**  
1109 2nd St • 409.886.2089

**North Orange Baptist Church**  
4775 16th St • 409.883.5678

**Old First Orange Baptist Church**  
7925 Interstate 10 E • 409.745.1901

**Winfree Baptist Church**  
19525 Highway 62 S • 409.735.7181

#### BAPTIST - INDEPENDENT

**Colony Baptist Church**  
13353 Fm-1130 • 409.745.1671

**Triangle Baptist Church**  
Fm-408 • 409.735.2661



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### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**St Francis-Assisi Catholic Church**  
4300 Meeks Dr • 409.883.8232

**St Helen Catholic Church**  
8105 FM 1442 • 409.735.2200

**St Mary's Catholic Church**  
912 W Cherry Ave • 409.883.2883

**St. Therese**  
1409 North Sixth St • 409.883.3783

### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**First Christian Church**  
611 9th St • 409.883.4483

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
3810 Martin Luther King Jr  
Dr • 409.883.4674

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST

**Ninth & Elm Church of Christ**  
501 9th St • 409.883.4805

### EPISCOPAL

**St Paul's Episcopal Church**  
1401 W Park Ave • 409.883.2969

### LUTHERAN

**Grace Lutheran-Missouri Synod**  
2300 Eddleman Rd • 409.833.5145

### METHODIST-UNITED

**First United Methodist Church**  
502 6th St • 409.886.7466

**St John's United Methodist**  
2906 Western Ave • 409.886.1291

### PENTECOSTAL

### Community Church

3400 Martin Luther King Jr  
Dr • 409.883.4498

**First United Pentecostal Church**  
3406 Edgar Brown Dr • 409.883.3813

**Starlight Church of God**  
2800 Bob Hall Rd • 409.886.4366

### Port Arthur

### BAPTIST

**Christian Faith Baptist**  
1919 Jefferson Dr • 409.962.9792

**First Baptist Church**  
5000 Gulfway Dr • 409.982.6493

**Lamplighter Baptist Church**  
5959 9th Ave • 409.983.1661

**Memorial Baptist Church**  
4011 Memorial Blvd • 409.983.5654

**Mount Sinai Baptist Church**  
501 West Thomas Blvd • 409.982.6464

**North End Baptist Church**  
4349 Lewis Dr • 409.982.6668

**Procter Baptist Church**  
4401 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • 409.722.8097

**Ridgewood Baptist Church**  
6920 Memorial Blvd • 409.722.6153

**Rock Island Baptist Church**  
549 W 11th St • 409.985.2531

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
4301 32nd St • 409.293.3111

### BAPTIST - MISSIONARY

**Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church**  
501 W Thomas Blvd • 409.982.5028

### CATHOLIC - ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
3648 S Sgt Lucien Adams Dr • 409.962.6777

### Queen of Vietnam

801 9th Ave • 409.983.7676

### Sacred Heart

920 Booker Washington Ave • 409.985.5104

**St James Catholic Church**  
3617 Gulfway Dr • 409.985.8865

**St Joseph Catholic Church**  
4602 Procter St • 409.982.6409

**St Mary's Catholic Church**  
545 Savannah Ave • 409.883.2883

**St Catherine of Siena**  
3706 Woodrow Drive • 409.962.5715

**St James**  
3503 Gulfway Dr • 409.985.8865

**St John**  
620 53rd St • 409.985.8010

**St Joseph**  
4600 Procter St • 409.982.6409

**St Mary**  
548 Augusta Ave • 409.985.9661

**St Therese, Little Flower of Jesus**  
6412 Garnet Avenue • 409.736.1536

### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**First Christian Church**  
5856 9th Ave • 409.548.0305

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Grace Church of the Nazarene**  
4601 Rice Farm Rd • 409.727.7790

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**  
2948 Thomas Blvd • 409.982.6467

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# Getting *fit* in 2013

By D. E. Meek

Every year millions of people make New Year's resolutions and by the end of January they have given up on them. Many experts agree that the No. 1 reason for failure is that many people set themselves up for failure by being too vague with their resolutions and setting goals that are too hard to achieve.

The following tips can help you succeed:

**1 Choose a realistic goal:** In other words, no matter how hard you try, you won't look like Brad Pitt in 30 days and you can't lose 100 pounds overnight. Try something like losing 20 pounds, or being able to walk one mile in 25 minutes.

**2 Make your goals specific:** You want to climb the stairs in your office without being out of breath, or replacing one unhealthy food for one healthy food, such as replacing potato chips with carrot sticks.

**3 Set a date for achieving your goal:** It takes 21 days to replace a bad habit with a good one. If you are trying to lose weight, a safe weight loss is one to two pounds a week, so if you want to lost 10 pounds, allow at least five weeks.

**4 Write your goals down:** If you put it in writing and can see your goal every day, you are more likely to stick with it.

**5 Enlist the help of others:** Have someone in your corner to encourage you to reach your goal.



**6 The more the merrier:** Form a club or a group and have someone be your accountability partner.



**7 Make it fun:** Have a contest. Reward winners with ribbons . . . not food.

**8 Help others reach their goal:** Helping others will motivate you to achieve yours.







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# Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

## Mackenzie's Style

By Joy Wooley

St. Patrick's Day is more than a thousand years old. It is celebrated on March 17, the anniversary of St. Patrick's death. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Legend says that St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, but he did bring Catholicism to the country.

In the United States, celebration of St. Patrick's Day began before the American Revolution, and it is now widely recognized as a day of feasting, drinking and parades. New York City boasts one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades. So what does one do to celebrate this Irish holiday in Southeast Texas? One goes to Mackenzie's Pub on the west end of Beaumont.

Chuck MacKenzie is as Irish as they come when it comes to celebrating St. Patrick's Day. He believes in doing a true Irish St. Paddy's Day feast, complete with Chuck's famous corned beef and cabbage. You can go to the Mackenzie's Pub website for the recipe. Of course, an Irish party at Mackenzie's would not be complete with bagpipe players, dancing and cold beer. Note: Chuck does not serve green beer.



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# Tri-City Corvette Club

By Joy Wooley

*"I stopped off at the Quick-sack for some beer and cigarettes  
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He said, 'I had one just like her son, in 1963  
Till the man down at the bank took her from me ...'"*

Everyone who has ever had a Corvette can relate to the words of this song, sung by famous local boy George Jones. The song is titled **"The One I Loved Back Then"** but is commonly called **"The Corvette Song."**

Corvettes have come a long way since 1963, but the basic concept and appeal remain. Since the first small-block V8 Corvettes rolled off the assembly line in the '50s, more than 1.5 million Corvettes have been made and sold. Members of the Tri-City Corvette Club own some 60 of these cars.

Founded in 1975, the Tri-City Corvette Club began with 20 members who would, on occasion, volunteer to drive their Corvettes in local parades. Some 37 years later, the club has grown to 60 active members who now ride in more than 20 parades throughout Southeast Texas every year.

Today, the club is involved in several fundraising efforts, including the Southeast Texas Food Bank, the Humane Society, Buckner's Children's Christmas Party, Wounded Warriors and Christmas Toys for the Salvation Army. Club members also use their cars to escort students to the Foster Kids Graduation Dance. For the past 19 years, the Tri-City Corvette Club has offered two scholarships to Lamar State College for students who need financial help.

For more information about the Tri-City Corvette Club, a schedule of events or how to become a member, visit the club's website at [www.tricitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.tricitycorvetteclub.com).





# DECLUTTERING

## your house in 2013!

By D. E. Meek

**D**o you need a map to navigate from room to room in your house? Haven't seen your cat in a week? Still can't locate that offensive odor? If your answer to any or all of these questions is yes, then you may have a clutter problem.

Clutter can lower productivity, cause stress and, in some cases, even depression. But don't despair, we have 10 great tips that can help you declutter your home and get a handle on the problem.

**1** Declutter for 15 minutes every day, starting with one corner in one room. Working for small amounts of time every day will ensure that you don't tire out or get overwhelmed before the whole room is done. As soon as you finish one room, move on to the next. You will be surprised at how much you can accomplish in a short time, and before you know it, you will have the whole house decluttered.



**2** Use the one-year rule: If you haven't worn it or used it in the past year, then you really don't need it . . . so donate it.



**3** Make four piles: a keep pile, donate pile, toss pile and not sure pile. Sort everything into one of the four piles. Apply the one-year rule to anything in the not sure pile.

**4** Have a designated spot for all incoming paper and place an inbox at that spot. Set aside one day a week to go through the inbox, sorting mail and tossing out all unimportant papers. Keep a file cabinet for manuals and important papers. Be sure to label each file accordingly. Keep magazines and catalogs for only a month. Toss out old catalogs and take the magazines to a nursing home, convalescent home or senior center.

**5** Colored basket, boxes or bins make good storage containers for toys, bath items, CDs, magazines, jewelry, office supplies, beauty products, etc. These containers can be displayed on a shelf. Label the containers so you know what's in them.



# House to House

**6.** For sentimental items, take photos of the items and make a digital scrapbook. Photo albums can be converted to digital albums as well.

**7.** Favorite T-shirts, jeans, etc., can be made into works of art, pillows, purses or quilts.

**8.** Buy furniture that has built-in storage and make it do extra duty.

**9.** Have a garage sale and donate whatever is left over to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

**10.** Once a year, make it a family annual event to throw out all unfinished bottles of lotion, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, supplements, spices, shampoos, makeup, bug sprays and cleaning products. These items have expiration dates and are usually effective for about a year after being opened.



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## Michelle Webb: Wildlife is My Life

By Carla Everett

**M**ichelle Webb of Jasper is a grit and steel sportswoman whose passion for hunting and art is overshadowed only by her devotion to her beliefs, her family and the children she teaches. This young woman has changed careers, opened her business and, in six years, has left her mark on Southeast Texas.

A native of Clifton, Michelle grew up in a close-knit family with deep faith and a love of hunting. From her father, Gerald Blakely, Michelle learned archery skills that would not only serve her, but her community. Michelle served as secretary for Clifton Archery Club, and she and her dad participated together in many of the club's 3-D animal-target shoots.

After graduating from high school in Cranfills Gap, she studied commercial art and advertising at Texas State Technical College in Waco. She also worked at an arena and was a cutting and sorting judge.

Michelle also was a good judge of character. When Tom Webb, who worked at Lake Whitney Dam, in nearby Clifton, called her out of the blue, they talked for more than three hours before meeting in person. Tom and Michelle had many mutual friends who played matchmaker, and the rest is history.

A little more than six years ago, the couple and sons Colt, 12, and Wyatt, 10, relocated from Central Texas to Jasper, Tom's lively hometown in the southeastern corner of the state. Tom works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the hydro-electric power plant superintendent at Lake Sam Rayburn and Dam "B" (Steinhegen). Michelle was a medical transcriptionist who worked from home.

Although Community 4-H already was in place in Jasper, the group

had no archery projects. Michelle earned her certification as an archery instructor and initiated a donation drive for bows, targets and arrows, so all area children could participate, regardless of their ability to buy equipment. The Clifton Archery Club sent \$500, and the Clifton 4-H sent three targets and supplies.

"On our first night of 4-H archery in Jasper, 24 kids showed up. The next year, 47 children participated, and last year, we grew to 80 members. Initially, we were a 4-H project, but we've grown so much, we are now the Jasper 4-H Gun & Bow Club," said Michelle, who recently became the club leader. "We're the only shooting club in Jasper County, so we draw kids from as far away as Newton and Buna. Kids learn archery skills and shotgun and rifle safety and shooting."

"Four of our nine 4-Hers placed in a 3-D archery tournament last year, and four recently placed in a local '100 birds' sporting clays event," she said.

Local businesses, such as Tractor Supply Company and Baskin's allow the group to use their parking lots and/or store fronts for various fundraisers. As community service the 4-H club works the banquet for the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, for which the federation donated \$1,250 to support the club's activities. The 4-H group also helps with the local FNRA (Friends of the National Rifle Association) events, and two years ago, they joined forces with the Texas Deer Association and the TDA's Beaumont banquet.

Michelle juggles 4-H and community service with "Obsessed with Nature Taxidermy Studio," a business she has run for more than two years and a passion that replaced her medical transcription career.



Michelle learned the art form by watching videos, reading, searching the internet and 'hands-on' practice. Her first project was a wild hog. A neighbor gave her a bobcat for her second project. While she uses carpentry, woodworking, tanning, molding and casting skills to reproduce a realistic form, her work also requires a knowledge of anatomy and talent in sculpture, painting and drawing to crystalize a moment in the life of the animal.

Michelle's hunting skills also come in handy, whether it's caping and fleshing the animal, or turning flesh to avoid shrinkage or bug infestation later. "Thick-skinned animals must go to a tanner, but I tan the thin-skinned animals, like bobcats, foxes and snakes," she explained. She is planning to enter others she has tanned and mounted in next year's taxidermy shows.

"I took up taxidermy, because it makes me feel like the season has been extended," she explained. "I can't make the animal look like God did, but if I can get close, it's a compliment."

"My animals are more than a head stuck on the wall, and their environment needs to look 'right,'" she said. "Foxes, for instance, can climb trees, but coyotes don't. Javelina must be mounted in their natural habitat, and all animals need to be posed appropriately."

Michelle's dedication has gained her acclaim. She first showed at the Texas Taxidermy Association in 2009, placing second in the amateur level with a bobcat and rattlesnake encounter. In 2011, she showed in the professional class in Texas and placed second for a pair of bobcats. This year, she won first in the professional class in Louisiana with another bobcat, and in Texas, she placed second with yet another bobcat.

"More women are entering the taxidermy field, but traditionally, it was a male-dominated career," admitted Michelle. "It's definitely an art." Michelle's business has thrived with only referrals from friends and clients. She works in her workshop behind her house, where hides are stored in freezers, and forms, antlers and habitat décor hang from rafters, or at a girlfriend's local taxidermy shop.

Michelle's largest project was a longhorn, and she has mounted nilgai, elk and aoudad, in addition to deer, birds, alligators and fish. Michelle also crafts picture frames from snake and alligator hides, makes necklaces from alligator claws and fashions jewelry hangars from antlers.

"Nothing is wasted," said Michelle with pride. "I do a lot of repairs, too. Horns and antlers can break, if the mounts aren't cared for or stored properly, and I fix and repaint fish that have lost scales and colors." Michelle recently provided a free shoulder mount for the largest buck shot at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Taxidermy is suspended when the hunting season begins, and she and Tom share these experiences with Wyatt and Colt. Wyatt bagged his first doe last year with Michelle, and Colt shot his first spike with Tom. "The boys help with processing the deer under our supervision," she said. "They like to know which deer we're having and relive the hunting experience at dinner. We eat live off our meat — about six deer a year. Once in a while, we purchase chicken, but no other meat."

"My father always taught us to be humane and never to waste meat," she explained. "Mindless killing was always taboo, and he never let an animal suffer. Nothing goes to waste. For us, wildlife are essential to our field to table lifestyle."





## How to Have a 'Super' Super Bowl Party

By Joy Wooley

**W**hen it comes to Super Bowl parties, the best tip is to keep it simple and plan ahead. You can go all out and decorate in your favorite team's colors or stay neutral and go with a basic football theme. Whether you decide to decorate or not, the three must-haves for a Super Bowl party are a TV, food and something to drink. These items need not break the bank or increase your stress if you follow our handy tips below and have fun.

**\*HINT:** Men like finger foods with meat: hot dogs, hot wings, boudin balls, ham roll-ups, beef sliders, and chicken nuggets to name just a few. Chips, dips, nuts, cheese cubes, brownies and cookies are popular also. If you decide to try a crock pot dish, make it chili or gumbo.

Be sure to check out our "Take the Taste of Southeast Texas Home" page for three great party recipes.

1. Plan your menu\* and make it finger foods. Make as much of the food as possible in advance and freeze it, thawing just before the party.
2. Buy paper plates and plastic cups.
3. Hire a baby sitter to entertain the kids in another part of the house and provide treats, games, a TV and DVD player
4. Remove breakable items from the main game site. Some of your guests may get overly enthusiastic when their team scores.
5. Have plenty of seating available for your guests. Rent extra chairs if needed.
6. Set up the dining table as your main food station. Set up chips and dip at various spots around the TV room. Use side tables, TV tables or the coffee table. This way, your guests can munch without having to get up as often or be in the way of viewing.
7. Have a large garbage can in a corner of the TV room as well as the kitchen.
8. Ice down beer and drinks in a large cooler. Keep it in the kitchen and restock during halftime. Make sure you have plenty of drinks to restock the cooler.
9. Have plenty of toilet paper in the bathrooms.
10. If you are serving alcoholic beverages, be sure to offer a designated driver. You want your guests to get home safely.



# SUPER BOWL



# TAKE THE TASTE

## Of Southeast Texas Home!

### BOUDIN BALLS

#### Ingredients

12 oz. Boudin  
 ½ C. Flour  
 ½ C. Seasoned Bread crumbs  
 2 Eggs, well beaten

#### Instructions:

Heat oil in a deep fryer to about 360 to 370 degrees. Remove Boudin from casings and crumble. Shape into 1 ½- inch balls. Put flour in a small bowl.



Put beaten egg into another small bowl and put the seasoned bread crumbs into yet another small bowl. Coat each ball with flour, then coat with beaten egg, then gently roll into the bread crumbs to coat thoroughly. Fry balls, 2 at a time in the hot oil until golden brown. Drain and serve with Remoulade sauce. Makes 6 boudin balls. Hint: You can also make up these balls and after frying let completely cool. Freeze in zip-lock bag several days before you need them. Thaw out in micro wave and pre-heat oven to 350 degrees and spread Boudin balls on a pam sprayed cookie sheet for 15 mins. until crisp. Serve with Remoulade sauce.

### HOT SPINACH, ARTICHOKE AND CHILI DIP



#### Ingredients

2-8 oz Cream Cheese  
 ½ C. Mayo  
 1 (4.5oz) Can Chopped Green Chilies, Drained  
 1 C. Grated Parmesan Cheese  
 1 (12 oz) Jar Marinated Artichoke Hearts

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350F. Mix together cream cheese and mayo until smooth. Stir in all the other ingredients and spoon mixture into a baking dish. Bake about 30 minutes. Serve while warm with your favorite chips or crackers.



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## NUTTY CHOCOLATE DREAM BARS

### Ingredients

1 pkg. Chocolate or Fudge Cake Mix  
1 Egg  
½ C. Vegetable Oil  
½ C. Chopped Nuts (Your Favorite)  
1 (14 oz) Can Sweetened Condensed Milk  
1 C. (6-oz) Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
¼ tsp. Salt



slowly to a simmer. Turn off heat and immediately stir in chocolate chips, vanilla extract, and salt. Stir until chocolate is melted and all is combined. Pour chocolate mixture evenly over crumb layer in the pan. Sprinkle with remaining half of nuts. Tamp pan on counter to sink in the nuts. Sprinkle the remaining crumb/nut mixture evenly over the fudge layer. Bake about 30 minutes until the edges are firm. Place on a rack and let cool completely before adding the frosting.

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line a 9 x 13 inch baking pan with non-stick foil.  
Empty cake mix into a very large bowl and make a well in the center. Pour the egg and oil into the well. Using a mixer on medium speed, blend until the mixture is combined to a crumbly texture. Remove 1 cup of the mixture and mix in half of the nuts to the 1 cup and set aside for later use.  
Pour the remaining crumb mixture into the bottom of the foil lined baking pan. Press firmly into one even layer.  
In a small sauce pan, bring the sweetened condensed milk

### Frosting Ingredients

2/3 C. confectioners powdered sugar  
1 Tb. cream cheese at room temperature  
Milk

### Frosting Directions

Whisk together powdered sugar, cream cheese and enough milk to make a drizzling consistency. It should be thick, but still thin enough to extrude. Pour into a zip-top plastic bag, press out all the air and seal. Snip a very tiny bit off the corner of the bottom of the bag. Use as a pastry bag to drizzle frosting in a decorative pattern over the top of the brownie dream bars. Let brownies sit at room temperature for about an hour before cutting to let the frosting firms up.



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1865 College St • 409.832.1203

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### Guadalajara

4414 Dowlen Rd • 409.924.7718

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4185 N Dowlen Rd • 409.347.2977

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2060 I-10 S • 409.842.6699

#### Saltgrass Steak House

325 I-10 N • 409.813.8138

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2930 S 11th St • 409.842.1221

#### Patillo's Bar-B-Q

610 N 11th St

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3375 Calder Ave • 409.838.2162  
5860 Eastex Frwy • 409.892.3100

### CAFETERIAS

#### Luby's Cafeteria

2695 I-10 E • 409.838.5566

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3199 Dowlen Rd • 409.860.5800

#### Bryan's 797

797 North 5th St • 409.832.3900

#### Goodfella's

3350 Dowlen Rd • 409.861.2500

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6680 Calder Ave • 409.866.0039

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1495 Calder Ave • 409.833.9919

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461 Bowie St • 409.813.1808

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#### Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill

3330 Hwy 365 • 409.729.1021

#### Beau Reve

4400 Atlantic Rd • 409.962.2422

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8845 Memorial Blvd

409.724.0046

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6801 9th Ave • 409.727.3184

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409.727.0404

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409.729.5800

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409.727.3675

#### Dylan's Restaurant and Grill

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409.721.9997

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409.724.7012

## Tequila's Mexican Restaurant

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## Texas Roadhouse

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409.722.2246

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3300 Central Mall Dr • 409.729.0641

## Tony's BBQ

2749 Memorial Blvd  
409.984.5444

## Tropical Grill

4300 Hwy 365 • 409.724.1002

## Tuscany Italian Restaurant

3600 Hwy 365 • 409.724.1881

## Waffle House

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4505 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.7522

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4830 Twin City Hwy • 409.960.6052

### Big Daddy's Grill

3848 Main Ave • 409.548.4856

### China Inn

4848 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.2431

### Colichia's Italian Village

5601 E Parkway St • 409.962.7711

### The Courtyard Café & Gift Mall

4321 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.2850

### Famous Buffet

5080 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.1888

### Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant

3701 Pure Atlantic Rd  
409.962.3381

### Tony's BBQ & Steaks

4700 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.7427

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2750 Nederland Ave • 409.722.0561

### Butcher's Korner

1155 Boston Ave • 409.722.4831

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1203 S Hwy 69 • 409.729.0760

### Champagne's Specialty Cakes

812 S Twin City Hwy • 409.729.2288

### Davis Donuts and Deli

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### Eaton Meats

2505 Nederland Ave • 409.722.3200

### Finch Hutton

1147 Boston Ave • 409.722.3100

### Golden Croissant

2904 Hwy 365 • 409.727.5399

### Grand Buffet

2250 Hwy 365 • 409.722.6668

### John's Grill

112 N 11th St • 409.727.1393

### La Suprema Mexican Restaurant

3105 Hwy 365 • 409.722.2880

### Mazzio's Pizza

3028 Hwy 365 • 409.724.0500

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3016 Hwy 365 • 409.724.7553

### Rao's Bakery & Deli

3504 Hwy 365 • 409.729.7267

### Sanderson's Bar & Grill

2095 Hwy 69

### Sartin's Seafood

3520 Nederland Ave • 409.721.9420

## The Schooner Restaurant

1507 Hwy 69 • 409.722.2323

## Taco Rey Mexican Restaurant

1505 Nederland Ave • 409.721.5100

## The Tamale King

2495 N Twin City Hwy • 409.724.6666

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2029 Magnolia Ave • 409.727.1482

### Carla's Cupboard

2117 Magnolia Ave

### Celeste's Tamales

3102 Saba Ln • 409.722.1172

### Joe's Pizza and Pasta

2839 Nall • 409.727.3961

### La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

2337 Nederland Ave • 409.729.2500

### The Neches Café

2401 Port Neches Ave • 409.729.3849

### Sea Ranch Cafe

1305 Magnolia • 409.722.6057

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109 5th St • Orange • 409.330.4065

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### Munchies Ole'

1198 N 5th St • Silsbee, TX • 409.385.5003

## Napoli's Italian Restaurant

835 S Main St • Lumberton, TX  
409.227.4611

## Old Orange Cafe

914 W Division • Orange, TX • 409.883.2233

## Peggy's On The Bayou

2682 E Round Bunch • Bridge  
City, TX • 409.886.1115

## Pickett House Restaurant

Hwy 190 W • Woodville, TX • 409.283.3371

## Pine Tree Lodge

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73 & 365 • LaBelle, TX • 409.796.1600

## Seven Clans Buffet at

### Coushatta Casino Resort

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## Steamboat Bill's

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337-494-1070 • [www.steamboatbills.com](http://www.steamboatbills.com)

## Tequila's Mexican Restaurant

1085 Texas Ave • Bridge City, TX • 409.738.3510

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# WUNNERFUL, WUNNERFUL...TURN ON THE BUBBLE MACHINE

On New Year's Eve people all over the world celebrate by popping the cork on a bottle of "bubbly" to say goodbye to the past year and hello to the new year. These oftentimes loud and boisterous celebrations continue far into the next few weeks blending New Year with Carnival, Mardi Gras, Super Bowl, and even Valentine's Day. In fact, many celebrations throughout the year find Champagne at the center of the occasion.

Historically Champagne has been associated with royalty and aristocracy – served at parties in the royal courts. Today, any celebratory occasion – wedding, birth, baptism – as well as christening a ship, winning a race or game, or wooing the love of your life demands that we bring out the festive wine. On some occasions the sparkling bubbles are never consumed by humans but rather shaken, exploded, smashed or doused according to the event being celebrated.

There is a reason why all Champagne is not called by its name. We may say "Bring out the Champagne" but we will merely be holding a bottle of sparkling wine. And why is that? The term Champagne is exclusively reserved for sparkling wines produced in the Champagne Region of France. Rules and regulations apply to everything from the way the grape is pruned to the method of turning the bottle during the aging process. Therefore regions outside of the "approved area" use the term Champagne more as a generic label for their sparkling wine.

As consumers, we love Champagne. We are attracted to the bubbles because they resemble tiny flickers of light in our glass. We love the way Champagne will tickle our nose and give us an memorable sensation as it goes down. Plus, whether we admit it or not, we feel royal, maybe a bit kingly, as we hold the tall-fluted glass.

## Fun Facts About Champagne

1. There are approximately 49 million bubbles in a bottle of Champagne. The bubbles are formed during the second fermentation in the bottle that you will eventually bring home to open and enjoy.
2. The pressure inside a bottle of Champagne is about 90 pounds per square inch or three times the pressure inside a car tire (whichever is easiest to understand).
3. A Champagne cork leaves the bottle at a velocity of approximately 40 miles per hour but can pop out as fast as 100 miles per hour.
4. The longest Champagne cork flight was 177 feet, 9 inches set in New York in 1988.
5. The type of glass used to serve Champagne has a huge impact on the bubbles. Chilled glasses will weaken the bubbles making them go away faster. Tall, tulip-shaped glasses, like the ones we typically use, will trap the aromas at the top of the glass and protect the bubbles for a longer period of time.
6. Unlike wine, Champagne should not be swirled before enjoying. Swirling Champagne makes the bubbles disappear.
7. Bubbles form in the glass because of small flecks of dust particles from the drying cloth or small impurities in the glass. Some manufacturers of Champagne glasses will etch scratches inside the glass to help produce more bubbles.
8. Brut is the driest of all Champagnes. Extra Dry usually means extra sweet. Demi-sec means the Champagne is medium-sweet. And if all this is not confusing enough, Sec in French means lacking sugar, but if a Champagne label says "Sec," it is sweet.
9. James Bond may like his martinis shaken, not stirred, but he also loves a good glass of Champagne, which has appeared in his films over 35 times.

10. For a really fun bar trick, a raisin dropped in a glass of Champagne will continually circulate from the bottom of the glass to the top and back again.

I probably got my love of Champagne after all the years of watching The Lawrence Welk Show with my parents. His "Champagne Music" and the bubble machine seemed to create a sense of elegance and richness to the drinking of Champagne. Texas wineries realize the importance Champagne plays in events they host at their facilities. Many make great Texas Sparkling Wine that can be enjoyed at any occasion. I subscribe to the Mark Twain philosophy as it relates to enjoying Champagne. He said, "Too much of anything is bad, but too much Champagne is just right."

Debbie Reynolds  
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# CATALYST FOR CHANGE

By Dave Turner

In 1996, Brenda Garison realized that patients who had been sexually assaulted needed specialized care and prompt forensic medical examinations in a non-threatening environment that local emergency rooms could not provide.



Garison set out to establish the first non-hospital facility exclusively dedicated to performing those exams. Her dream became a reality when Child Abuse & Forensic Services, a nonprofit organization was founded. Baptist Hospital donated private office space to provide CAFS with a first-class care facility. CAFS became the first private provider in Texas to perform exams for victims of sexual assault. The CAFS nursing staff is certified by the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

CAFS provides patients access to a certified nurse examiner. The CAFS team documents the event history and conducts a comprehensive head-to-toe exam with forensic evidence collection — at no cost to the patient.

“And thanks to our innovative, multidisciplinary program, more sexual assault examinations are being performed and more importantly, more cases are being prosecuted,” says Garison.

Part of the mission of CAFS is to “lessen the trauma to these individuals through education, prevention and advocacy. We are a unifying force bringing parties involved in and affected by sexual assault as a catalyst for change,” she adds.

Garison has testified in criminal, civil and federal courts as an expert witness in sexual assault cases. CAFS has administered more than 3,100 exams, many of them on children.

Garison has also worked with state Rep. Joe Deshotel to write Texas HB 131, a measure to reimburse law enforcement for the cost of forensic medical examinations on sexual assault patients. Since the passage of the bill in 2001, Jefferson County has received more than 1 million dollars in reimbursement for forensic medical examinations.

Garison encourages focus on facts vs. myths about sexual assault: “Adult retrospective studies show that one in four women and one in six men were sexually abused before the age of 18 (CDC and Prevention, 2006). Nearly 70 percent of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) occur to children ages 17 and under (Snyder, 2000).”

Another myth is that an offender acts just once, “yet in one study of convicted offenders, rapists committed between 11 and 22 assaults before conviction,” says Garison.

One of the frequent issues that the local courts face is that there is no DNA lab and it may take a year or more to get DNA results from the state DPS lab. In many rape or sexual abuse cases, the accused is out of jail on bond and is back on the streets. It is difficult on the victim to have to wait on DNA results while waiting for a trial to start. In some cases, an innocent person may be sitting in jail, at a cost of more than \$27,000 a year, waiting on DNA results. A local DNA lab is severely needed.

Garison is raising awareness of the need for a local DNA lab in Southeast Texas. For more information, contact Brenda Garison, Child Abuse & Forensic Services, at 409-832-0421 or email, [Brenda@cafstx.com](mailto:Brenda@cafstx.com). Visit the CAFS website at [cafstx.org](http://cafstx.org).



## Joke 1:

**Q:** What do you get if you cross fireworks with a duck?

**A:** A firequacker!

## Joke 2:

**Q:** What do you get if you cross a rabbit with an insect??

**A:** Bugs Bunny

## Joke 3:

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

**A:** Ashe

**Q:** Ashe Who?

**A:** Bless You.

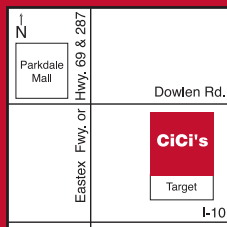


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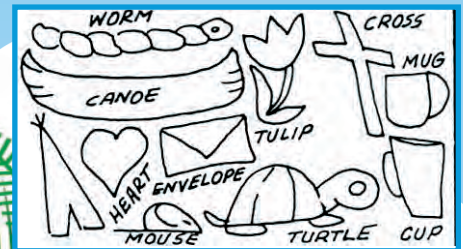
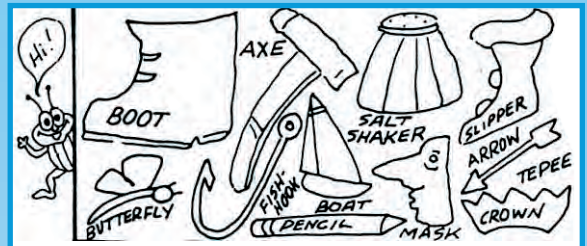
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## Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Esposued

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

## Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2013

### AmSET Café Arts presents

#### Antelope Light: Photographs

by Lisa F. Richardson

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.  
Free admission. Suggestion donation, \$2.  
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500 Main St • Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.3432

## Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

### National Geographic Greatest Photos of the American West

Stark Museum of Art • 712 Green Ave  
Orange, TX 77630 • 409.886.2787

## Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Texas Strikers vs Rio Grande Valley Flash

\$9, \$15, \$18, \$25 • Ford Arena  
5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 800.745.3000

## Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Spring Signups for Baseball and Softball

9 a.m.-3 p.m. At the OYBS Fieldhouse

## Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Bridal Show

1 - 4 p.m. Admission: \$5  
Lake Charles Civic Center  
900 Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
337.224.0700

## Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Bennett Sewell Exhibit

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
1911 Historic City Hall, Lake Charles  
1001 Ryan St, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
337.491.9159

## Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Shatner's World

\$40 - \$75 • 7:30 p.m. • Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts • 707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630 • 409.886.5535

## Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Texas Strikers vs Chicago Mustangs

\$9, \$15, \$18, \$25 • Ford Arena  
5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 800.745.3000

## Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Miro, Matisse, & Picasso from the New Orleans Museum of Art

Imperial Calcasieu Museum  
204 West Sallier Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601  
337.439.3797

## Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Tuesdays with Morrie

Performances Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30 p.m. - Sundays @ 3 p.m.  
Admission: Varies depending on show:  
Musicals: Adults - \$25, Students - \$15; Non-musicals: Adults - \$20, Students - \$10  
ACTS Theatre  
1 Reid St., Lake Charles, LA 70601

## Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Home Show 2013

Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Lake Charles Civic Center  
900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
337.478.7893

## Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Spindletop Anniversary Celebration

\$5 for Adults, \$3 for Seniors, and \$2 for Children ages 5-12 • Spindletop Gladys City/Boomtown Museum Hwy 69 at University Dr  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 409.880.1750

## Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Hay Fever

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

## Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Engelbert Humperdinck

8:30 p.m. Admission: Starting Price is \$50  
L'Auberge Event Center  
777 Ave L'Auberge, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
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## Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Symphony of Southeast Texas:

Pops Concert "A Gospel Celebration"  
\$15 - \$36 • Julie Rogers Theatre  
765 Pearl & Forsythe Beaumont, TX 77701  
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## Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

### Harlem Globetrotters

Starting at \$21 • Ford Arena • 5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX 77705  
800.745.3000

## Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### STOMP

7:30 p.m. • Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts • 707 W Main • Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Hot Hearts 2013

\$35 • Ford Arena • 5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705 • 800.745.3000

## Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2013

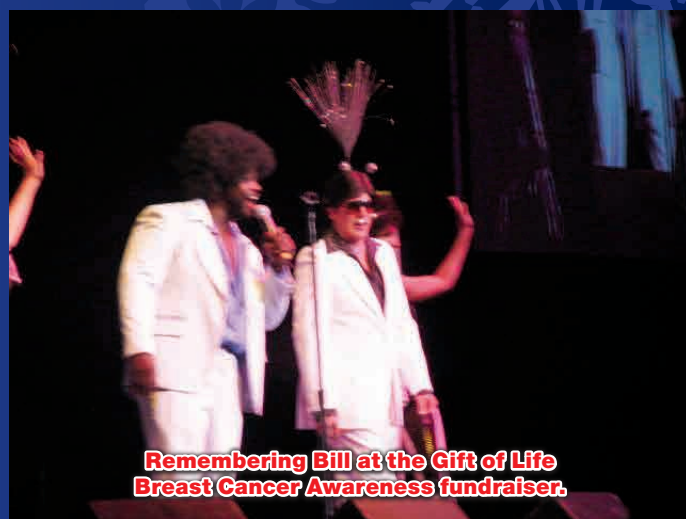
### Kountze Trade Days

7:00 a.m.  
Hwy 69 N • Kountze, TX • 409-246-3413

## Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Anayat House Gumbo Fest

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Admission: \$10 Adults \$5 Children  
Beaumont KC Hall  
9505 College Street  
Beaumont, TX • 409-833-0649



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Bill Leger  
Viva Southeast Texas



# Calendar of Events

## Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

### Ward, Bowen, & Steinman

Recurring monthly on the 1st Friday  
8:30 p.m. \$5  
Logon Cafe 3805 Calder  
Beaumont, TX 77706  
409.832.1529

## Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013

### Free Tours of the McFaddin-Ward House

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Free admission.  
McFaddin-Ward House  
1906 Calder at Third Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.832.2134

## Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013

### Mardi Gras Parade- Orange, TX

5:00 p.m.  
Free admission  
Orange, TX  
[www.orangetexaschamber.org](http://www.orangetexaschamber.org)

## Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis

7:30 p.m. \$40 - \$70  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Kid Rock with Buckcherry and Hellbound Glory

Admission: \$40.50-\$86.00  
Ford Arena  
5115 I-10 South  
Beaumont, TX  
409-951-5400

## Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Southeast Texas Mardi Gras in Port Arthur

Parades, concerts, carnival, arts & crafts, food  
vendors and street entertainment  
[www.mardigras.portarthur.com](http://www.mardigras.portarthur.com)  
409-721-8717

## Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Taste of the Triangle

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$20/person. Free parking.  
Ford Exhibit Hall  
5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.951.5400

## Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Winter Love Tour

8:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$32.50-\$50.50  
Julie Rogers Theatre  
795 Pearl & Forsythe  
Beaumont, TX  
409-838-3435 ext. 1

## Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

### The Black Watch

7:30 p.m.  
\$20 - \$50  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 2013

### Local Celebrity Roast of Chester "Sonny" Sherman

6:30 p.m.  
Admission: \$50.00/person. or \$350/Table [8]  
MCM Elegante' Hotel  
2355 I-10 South  
Beaumont, TX  
409-554-6455

## Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

### Kountze Trade Days

Hwy 69 North  
Kountze, TX  
409-246-3413

## Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### Boomtown Film and Music Festival

Friday: 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m.  
Admission: \$15.00/person.  
Downtown Beaumont  
Beaumont, Texas 77701  
409.422.9030

## Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Monster Nation: Jurassic Bash

Fri-Sat 8:00pm Sun 3:00pm  
Admission: Adults \$23 Children (2-12) \$11  
Ford Arena  
5115 I-10 South  
Beaumont, TX  
409-951-5400

## Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 09, 2013

### The Importance of Being Earnest

Every Friday, Saturday  
Evenings, 7:30 p.m. Matinee, 2:00 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Playhouse  
5515 Phelps Road  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.833.4664

## Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### Symphony of Southeast Texas: Master Series 3 Concert "Three Scores and More!"

7:30 p.m.  
Julie Rogers Theatre  
765 Pearl & Forsythe  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.892.2257

## Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### World Record Sundown Bounce

7:00 p.m. \$35+  
Orange City Boat Ramp Recreational Area  
Simmons Drive Orange, TX 77630  
409.988.2546

## Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Disney's Sleeping Beauty

Admission: 12 & under \$13; 13 & older \$15  
Central School of Arts & Humanities Center  
809 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
337.433.7323

## Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### Lamar University Theatre Presents: "Macbeth"

Lamar University Theatre  
Beaumont, TX





# Calendar of Events

## Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

### Biloxi Blues

7:30 p.m. \$20 - \$40  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main  
Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013

### Lamar University Theatre Presents: "Macbeth"

Lamar University Theatre  
Beaumont, TX

## Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 2013

### The Importance of Being Earnest

Every Friday, Saturday  
Evenings, 7:30 p.m. Matinee, 2:00 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Playhouse  
5515 Phelps Road  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.833.4664

## Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Golden Triangle Days in Austin

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Austin, TX  
409.963.1107

## Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Lamarissimo! University Bands

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

## Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

### ImaginOcean

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. \$4  
Lutcher Theater  
707 Main Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Sesame Street Live: Can't Stop Singing

Friday, 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Tickets, \$11 - \$32. Parking, \$5.  
Ford Arena  
5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.951.5400

## Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 2013

### The Gusher Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K

Marathon & Half-Marathon, 7:30 a.m. 5K, 8:00 a.m. Marathon: \$80 (by 1/13/13), \$95. Half Marathon: \$70 (by 1/13/13), \$85. 5K: \$25 (by 1/13/13), \$35.  
Start: Lamar University Montagne Center  
4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy  
Beaumont, Texas 77701  
409.781.2932

## Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Nederland Heritage Festival

Art Show, Carnival, Chili Cook Off, Music, Parade, Pageants, Food & Family Fun  
Boston Ave  
Nederland, TX  
409-724-2269

## Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Bassmaster Elite Series, Tournament No. 1: Sabine River Challenge

Orange Boat Ramp  
Orange, TX 77630  
409.883.3536

## Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Orange County Riverfront

In conjunction with Bassmaster Elite Series  
Sponsored by Stark Cultural Venues  
Thursday 2 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Big Thicket Bike Tour

8:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Big Thicket National Preserve  
6044 FM 420  
Kountze, TX  
409-781-5872

## Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

### One Night of Queen

7:30 p.m. \$40 - \$60  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main  
Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> 2013

### Texas Energy Museum Blowout 2013

6:30 p.m. Table contribution levels: \$1,000; \$2,500; \$5,000, and \$10,000. Individual seats: \$100.  
Beaumont Civic Center Complex  
701 Main Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
409.833.5100

## Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 2013

### South Texas State Fair

Opening Day (3/21) - Gates open at 5:30 p.m.  
Ford Midway  
5115 Interstate 10 South  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.832.9991

## Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 2013

### Kountze Trade Days

Hwy 69 North  
Kountze, TX  
409-246-3413

## Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Last Days of Christ Outdoor Passion Drama

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Free admission  
Legacy Christian Academy  
8200 Highway 105 - West of Major Dr  
Beaumont, Texas  
409.466.2614

## Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Rabbit Hole

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

## Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Gator Egg Hunt

2:00 p.m. Adults, \$10. Children, \$8.  
Gator Country Adventure Park  
21559 FM 365  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409.794.9453 (WILD)

## Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Dream Girls

7:30 p.m. \$40 - \$65  
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts  
707 W Main  
Orange, TX 77630  
409.886.5535

## SPECIAL UP-COMING EVENT DON'T MISS IT!

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# Viva Snapshots



**Chamber Rise and Shine Expo**



**At the Rise and Shine Expo**



**Viva Southeast Texas at the Chamber Rise and Shine**



**Say Cheese...Marks' Annual Downtown Christmas Party**



**Having a Very Merry Christmas at the Marks' Annual Christmas Party**



**Marks' Annual Christmas Party at Tequila Rock at Crockett St.**



**Mayor and Mom at the Bud Barn Annual Christmas Party**



**Playing the fiddle at the Bud Barn Annual Christmas Party**



**Celebrating a Birthday at MacKenzie's**



**BB & Company at the Bud Barn Annual Christmas Party**



# Viva Snapshots



BFFs in Vegas



Acting out in Vegas



At the airport on the way to Vegas



Beaumont Chambers Vegas Trip



A Las Vegas Santa



Big Group for the Chamber Vegas TRC



Chamber Vegas Group



Getting wild and crazy in Vegas



# Viva Snapshots



**Archbishop Florenza visits family for Christmas**



**Archbishop Florenza with nieces**



**Archbishop with family at Christmas**



**At the La Tee Da Holiday Party**



**La Tee Da's Holiday Party**



**Host at La Tee Da Holiday Party**



**Keeping rhythm with Mid-Life Crisis**



**Dancing to Mid-Life Crisis at MacKenzie's**



**Having fun at MacKenzie's**



**Listening to Mid-Life Crisis at MacKenzie's**



**Line dancing at MacKenzie's**



**Mid-Life Crisis, Judge Sheffield, getting down!**



# Music Review

By Josh Courts

The Rick Show comprises local Beaumont musicians Kenny Wiebush, lead guitar; Josh Courts, drums; Bobby Summers, bass; Rick Danna, vocals and guitar; and Rick Busby, vocals and guitar. The group, under Rick Busby's leadership, has recorded a new CD, "Strawberry Moon."



1. **A Chance In Heaven** – written by Rick Busby. A country-rock tune with infectious beat and great lead guitar.
2. **Lilla** – written by Rick Busby. A slow rock tune with killer lyrics.
3. **Never Be The One** – written by Stephen Doster. A slow ballad with a samba-type beat. Beautiful, haunting song.
4. **Detroit Rain** – written by Rick Busby. Texas roots rock at its best. Catchy tune and catchier lyrics.
5. **Home Back to You** – written by Rick Busby. A country-gospel tune.
6. **Strawberry Moon** – written by Rick Busby and Lenny Cochrun. A personal song about Busby's deceased father; a bittersweet and real life story.
7. **Carefree Highway** – written by Gordon Lightfoot. Busby's voice is perfectly suited for singing Gordon Lightfoot songs.
8. **Old Soul** – written by Bob Cheevers. A wild song, kind of rockin' with a slow groove.
9. **Like A Dove** – written by Rick Busby. Busby's favorite word is "peace" and he must have been contemplating on that word when he wrote this song. It gives you a peaceful feeling.
10. **I've Been Lifted Up** – written by Rick Danna. Great song!

You can purchase Rick Busby's "Strawberry Moon" CD at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and on iTunes.

You can also see the Rick Show at the Logon Café in Beaumont, Texas, on the third Friday of every month.

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## Nightlife

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**Star Bar**  
 296 Crockett St • Beaumont • 409.813.2299  
**The Gig**  
 240 Crockett St • Beaumont • 409.839.8300  
**Tequila Rok, Patio & Bar**  
 260 Crockett St • Beaumont • 409.833.3090  
**D'Vine Wine Winery**  
 6755 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.861.0400  
**Dylan's Restaurant and Grill**  
 8601 9th Ave • Port Arthur • 409.722.1600  
**Fast Eddie's Pool Hall & Bar**  
 6410 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.866.2212  
**Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant**  
 3701 Hwy 366 • Groves • 409.962.3381  
**Logon Café**  
 3805 Calder • Beaumont • 409.832.1529  
**Madison's**  
 4020 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.924.9777  
**MacKenzie's Pub**  
 229 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.866.2288  
**Major League Grill**  
 4430 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.898.7500  
**The Pacesetter Lounge**  
 6358 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.866.2100  
**Starvin Marvin's Bar & Grill**  
 2310 No. 11th Street • Beaumont  
 • 409.813.1808  
**Thirsty's**  
 229 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.866.6066  
**The West Bar and Grill**  
 6445 Calder Ave • Beaumont • 409.866.4733  
**Whiskey River**  
 3871 Stagg Dr • Beaumont • 409.832.2999  
**WineStyles**  
 4008 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.347.1340

## Live Theatre

**Beaumont Community Players**  
 4155 Laurel • Beaumont • 409.833.4664  
**Jefferson Theatre**  
 345 Fannin • Beaumont • 409.835.5483  
**Julie Rogers Theatre**  
 765 Pearl • Beaumont • 409.838.3507  
**Lutcher Theatre**  
 707 Main Ave • Orange • 409.745.5535  
**Port Arthur Little Theatre**  
 4701 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • Port Arthur  
 409.722.7732

## Southeast Texas

### Golf Courses

#### PUBLIC & SEMI - PUBLIC

**Brentwood Country Club**  
 4201 S Major Dr • Beaumont • 409.840.9440

### Babe Zaharias

3500 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • Port Arthur  
 409.722.8286  
**Bayou Din Golf Club**  
 8537 Labelle Rd • Beaumont • 409.796.1327  
**Belle Oaks Golf Club**  
 15075 Country Club Rd • Beaumont  
 409.796.1311  
**Iron Oaks at Brooks Road**  
 Brooks Rd • Beaumont • 409.866.7545  
**Moody Gardens**  
 1700 Sydnor • Galveston • 409.741.4626  
**Rayburn Country**  
 2376 Wingate Blvd • Brookeland  
 409.698.1017  
**Idylwild Golf Club**  
 1100 Pine Shadows Dr • Sour Lake  
 409.753.2521  
**Wildwood**  
 2201 Button Willow Drive • Village Mills  
 409.834.2940

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**Games People Play**  
 5945 College St • Beaumont • 409.866.3883  
**Texas Driving Range**  
 8310 Eastex Freeway Bmt • 409.892.4653  
**The Players Club**  
 2654 Texas 87 Orange • 409.670.8489

### SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

**Gray Plantation**  
 6150 Graywood Pkwy • Lake Charles, LA  
 337.562.1663  
**Lake Charles Country Club**  
 3350 Country Club Rd • Lake Charles, LA  
 337.477.0047  
**Mallard Cove Golf**  
 4300 Mallard Cove Dr • Lake Charles, LA  
 337.491.1204  
**The National Golf Club**  
 1400 National Dr • Westlake, LA  
 337.433.2255  
**Kosati Pines at Coushatta**  
 777 Coushatta Dr • Kinder, LA  
 800.584.7263  
**Bayou Oaks Country Club**  
 2300 Bonvie Dr • Sulphur, LA • 337.583.7129  
**Frasch Park Golf Course**  
 400 Picard Rd. • Sulphur, LA • 337.527.2515  
**Contraband Bayou Golf Club**  
**L'Auberge Casino**  
 777 Ave L'Auberge • Lake Charles, LA  
 337.395.7777

## Area Information

**Beaumont Civic Center Complex**  
 701 Main St • 409.838.3435  
**Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
 Dean Conwell, Executive Director  
 505 Willow St • Beaumont • 800.392.4401  
**Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitors Center**  
 5055 IH-10 S • 409.842.0500

From west, Exit 847, Major Dr, Brooks Rd  
 From east, Exit 845, Major Dr  
**Bridge City Chamber of Commerce**  
 150 W Roundbunch • Bridge City  
 409.735-5671  
**Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce**  
 1110 Park • Jim Rich -  
 409.838.6581  
**Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce**  
 1012 Green Ave • Orange • Ida Schossow - 409.883.3536  
**Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce**  
 4749 Twin City Hwy, Ste 300  
 Port Arthur • Bill McCoy - 409.963.1107  
**Groves Chamber Of Commerce & Tourist Center**  
 Ronnie Boneau, Executive Director  
 4399 Main Ave • Groves • 409.962.3631  
[grovescofc.com](http://grovescofc.com)  
**Nederland Chamber Of Commerce & Tourist Bureau**  
 Stephanie Shimek, Administrative Assistant  
 1515 Boston Ave • Nederland • 409.722.0279  
[nederlandtx.com](http://nederlandtx.com)  
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 Darlene Zavada, Director  
 803 Green Avenue • Orange • 409.883.1011  
**Port Arthur Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
 Tammy Kotzur, Executive Director  
 3401 Cultural Center Dr • Port Arthur  
 800.235.7822 • [visitportarthurtx.com](http://visitportarthurtx.com)  
[beaumontcvb.com](http://beaumontcvb.com) • [beaumontcvb.mobi](http://beaumontcvb.mobi)  
**Port Neches Chamber Of Commerce**  
 Debbie Plaia, Executive Director  
 1110 Port Neches Ave • Port Neches  
 409.722.9154 • [portnecheschamber.com](http://portnecheschamber.com)  
**Texas Travel Information Center**  
 1708 E IH-10 • Orange • 409.883.9416  
 or 800.452.9292  
**Vidor Chamber of Commerce**  
 945 N Main • Vidor • 409-769-6339

## For Your Information

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**Airport Limousine**  
 Airport Rd • 409.722.8313  
**Daranda Taxi** - Port Arthur • 409.504.1118  
 Beaumont • 409.527.0134  
**Golden Triangle Hot Shot Groves**  
 409.962.7514  
**La Uno** - Port Arthur • 409.460.0835  
 Beaumont • 409.433.1177

### AIRPORT

**Southeast Texas Regional Airport**  
 4875 Parker Dr, Beaumont • 409.719.4950  
**American Airlines • AA.com**

### SHUTTLE

**Airport Shuttle from Bush & Hobby to Beaumont** • 409.951.9636  
[groundshuttle.com](http://groundshuttle.com)  
**Sun Travel Limo** • 409.840.4600

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 409.899.2878  
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 409.898.8300  
 2615 W Cardinal Dr • Beaumont  
 409.840.4289  
 710 MLK Pkwy • Beaumont  
 409.835.0623  
 1206 Nederland Ave • Nederland

409.721.6667  
 3349 W Parkway St • Groves  
 409.962.3234  
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 650 Magnolia • Beaumont • 409.832.2550  
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**Ambulance, Fire, Police, Sheriff** • 911  
**Beaumont City Hotline** • 311  
**Southeast Texas Animal Emergency Clinic**  
 3420 West Cardinal Dr • Beaumont  
 409.842.3239  
**Spurlock Rd. Veterinary Clinic**  
 2400 Memorial Blvd • Port Arthur  
 409.727.0287  
**TXDOT Emergency Roadside Assistance**  
 800.452.9292

## Frequently Requested

### Information

**Beaumont City Hall**  
**Administration Offices**  
 801 Main St • 409.880.3716  
**City of Port Arthur**  
 444 Fourth St • Port Arthur • 409.983.8115  
**Post Office**  
 5815 Waden Rd • Beaumont • 409.981.8609  
**Port Arthur Sub-Courthouse**  
 525 Lakeshore Dr • Port Arthur  
 409.983.8300  
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 1149 Pearl St • Beaumont • 409.835.8604  
**Humane Society of Southeast Texas**  
 2050 Spindletop Rd • Beaumont  
 409.722.0605  
**Better Business Bureau**  
 550 Fannin • Beaumont • 409.835.5348  
**Lamar University**  
 4400 MLK Pkwy • Beaumont 409.880.7011  
**Montagne Center at Lamar University**  
 4400 MLK Pkwy • 409.880.1715  
**Lamar Institute of Technology**  
 855 E Lavaca • Beaumont  
 800.950.6989 • 409.880.8321  
**Lamar State College Port Arthur**  
 1500 Procter St • Port Arthur  
 800.477.5872 • 409.983.4921  
**Ford Park Event Center**  
 5115 I-10 S • 409.951.5400

### SHERIFF

**Chambers County** • 409.267.8318  
**Hardin County** • 409.246.3441  
**Jasper County** • 409.384.5417  
**Jefferson County • Beaumont**  
 409.835.8411  
**Jefferson County • Mid-County**  
 409.726.2500  
**Orange County** • 409.883.2612  
**Vidor Substation** • 409.769.6391

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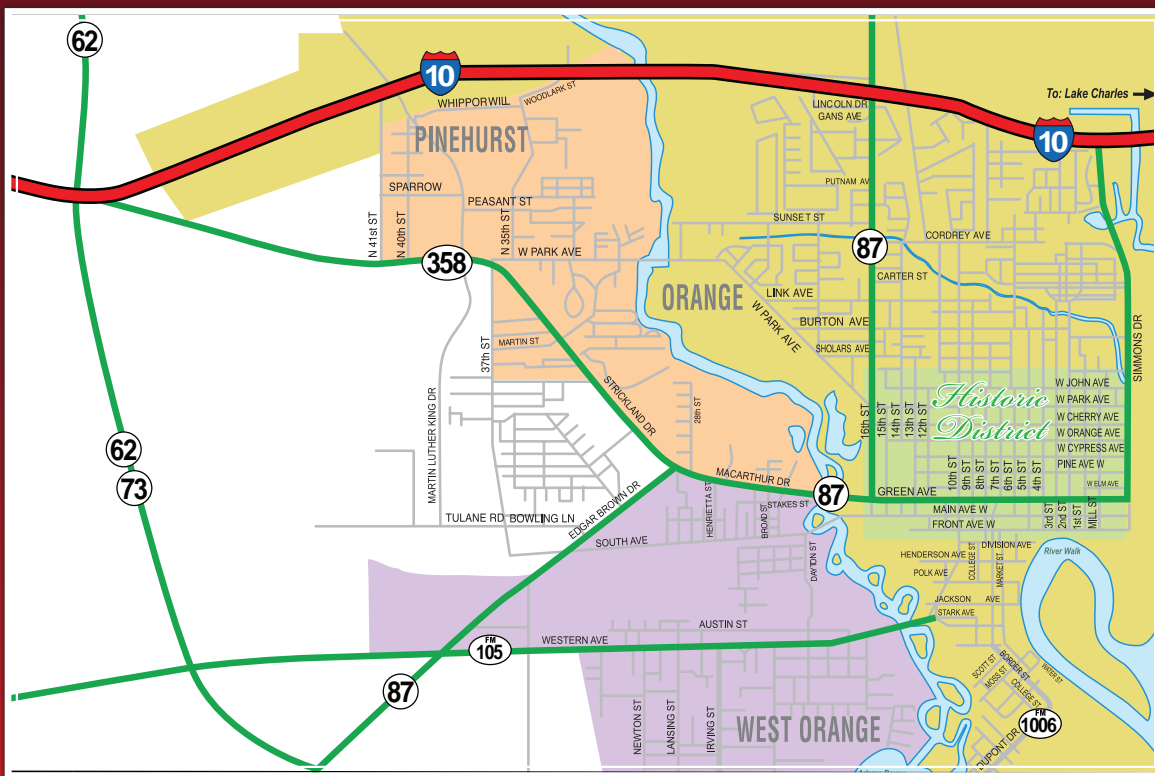
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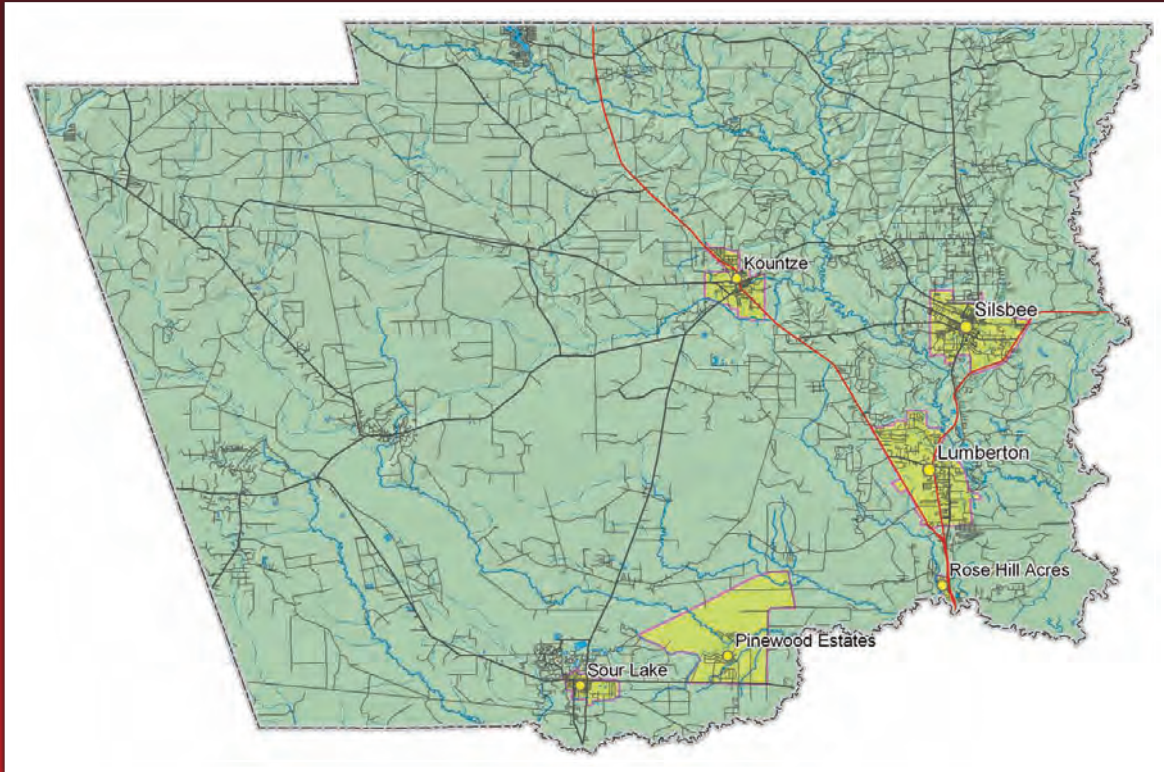


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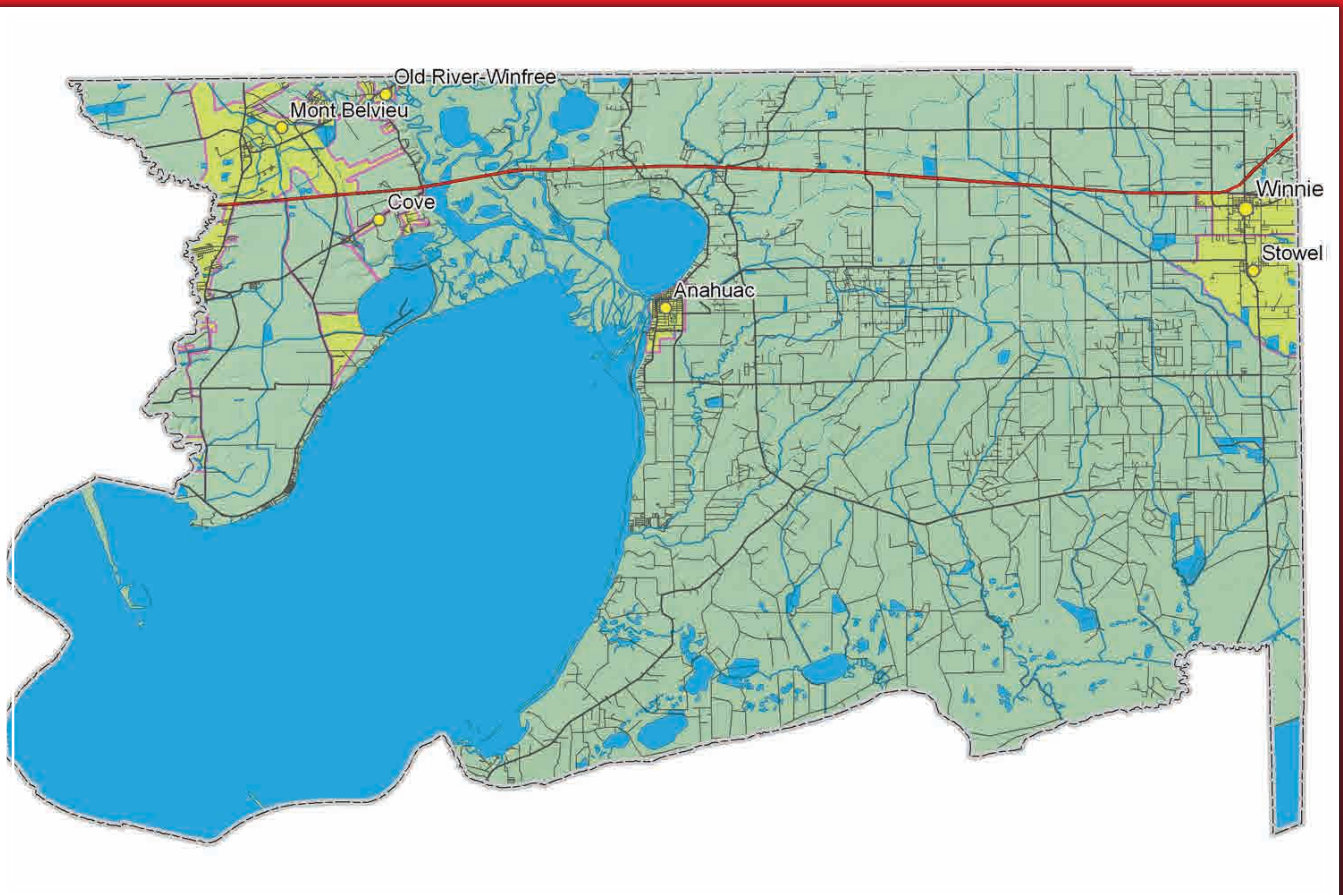




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# Mardi Gras

## Event Hours

<b>2/7/13</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5 P.M.</b>	<b>10 P.M.</b>
<b>2/8/13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>6 P.M.</b>	<b>Midnight</b>
<b>2/9/13</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Midnight</b>
<b>2/10/13</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>8 P.M.</b>

## Parade & Main Stage Concert Schedule

**Thursday, Feb 7 :: 4:45 P.M. - Courir du Mardi Gras Parade**

Starts at Rosehill, travels down Lakeshore Drive ending at festival grounds



**6 P.M.**  
**Phillip Glyn Band**

**Friday, Feb 8 :: 7:00 P.M. - Golf Cart and ATV Parade**

Starts at Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

**7:00 P.M. - Valero Krewe of Krewes Parade**

Starts at Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

Registration required, call 721-8717 or mardigras.portarthur.com. Must be 18 years or older.



**8 P.M.**  
**Sabine River Band**

**Saturday, Feb 9 :: 1 P.M. - Krewes Royalty March** (inside festival grounds)

Starts on Atlanta Ave, travels down Procter Street ending at Austin Ave

**5:30 P.M. - Motorcycles Showcase Parade**

Starts on Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

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**3 P.M.**  
**Pookie Marceaux Band**

**6 P.M. - Total Krewe of Aurora Grand Parade**

Starts at Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

**Sunday, Feb 10 :: 2 P.M. - Munchkin Parade** (inside festival grounds)

Starts on Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

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**4 P.M. - Richard Industrial Group Motor Parade**

Starts on Rosehill/Seawall, travels down Procter Street ending at Houston Ave

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**5:30 P.M.**  
**Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band**

**8:30 P.M.**  
**Whiskey Myers**

**10 P.M.**  
**Chris Cagle**

**3 P.M.**  
**Gregg Martinez & the Delta Kings**

**6:30 P.M.**  
**CJ Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band**

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