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We are also about bringing our readers the very best information about what makes living in Southeast Texas the greatest. As a community, we are a diverse group of ethnic backgrounds, beliefs and cultures, but with one vision, we are Southeast Texans...true and proud and we want everyone to know about what we have to offer and share with the rest of the World.

We are proud of our history and our roots. We are proud of our contribution to the World. (Check out the story on the Spindletop Gusher in our History section.) We are proud of our music, and *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine* is proud to bring to you, the reader, the story about Texas music at the Liberty Opry in Liberty, Texas along with our Music Review.

As Southeast Texans, we have a certain way of doing things, and that is best reflected in our clothing, our food and our ideas of fun. Nothing beats a good old crawfish boil and a bucking bronco rodeo unless it is fast cars, Texas BBQ and Zydeco music. One thing for sure, we all love family fun and Spring is when we move the fun outdoors!



**Mike and Cassie
Fiorenza Simpson**

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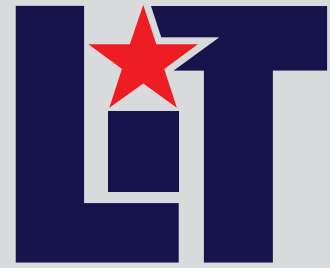
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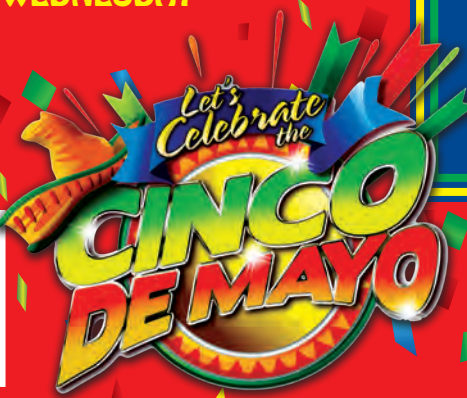
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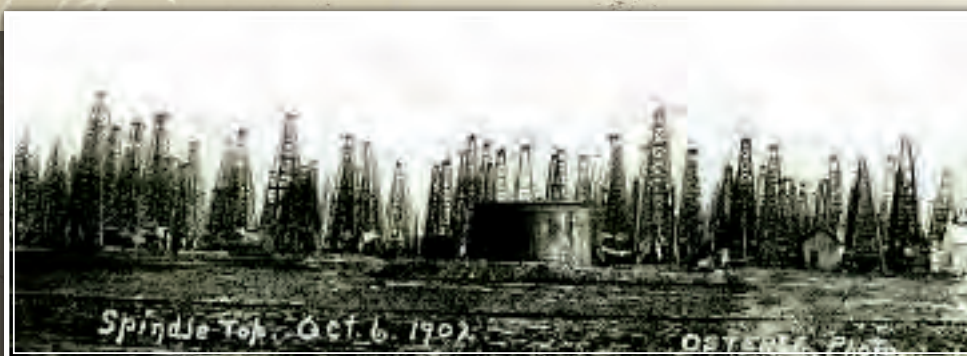
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By Joy Wooley

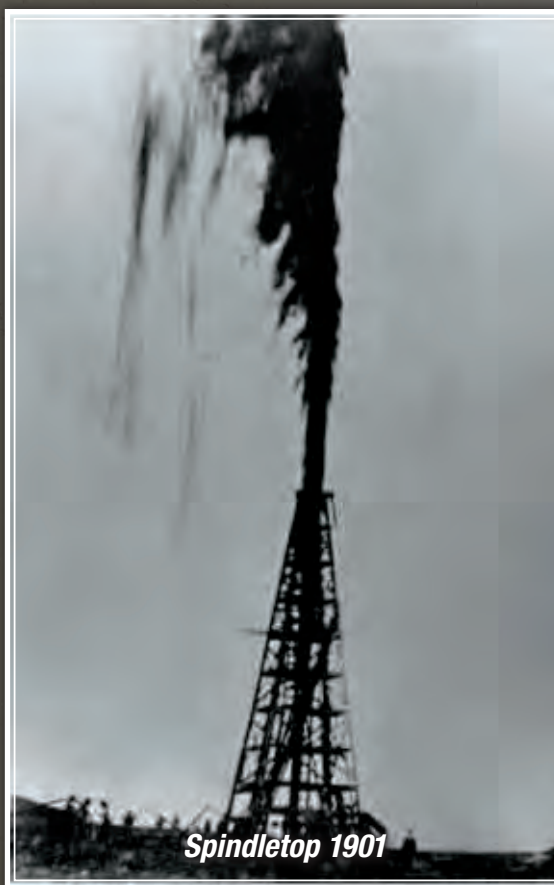
Located in the Southern portion of Beaumont, Texas on the Lamar University is the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum dedicated to the history of the Spindletop oil gusher era. The museum features reconstructed buildings of Gladys City with the interiors furnished with real artifacts and antiques from the boomtown period. It also includes a wooden oil derrick which gushes water during special appointed times during the year to represent the original gusher.

It all started in 1892 when a group of men formed the Gladys City Oil, Gas and Manufacturing Company. Their purpose was to do exploratory drilling on top of a salt dome known as Spindletop located just a little south of Beaumont, Texas. The company drilled many dry holes and soon lost their investors.

One of the men, Pattillo Higgins left the company and joined forces with Captain Anthony F. Lucas. Lucas had previously been successful in drilling on salt domes. He and his men began drilling in 1899 and continued drilling till Christmas time



Captain Anthony F. Lucas



of 1900. All during that time, he and his crew faced one problem after another and the well soon became known as the “Lucas Folly”. With an exhausted crew and the lack of funds, Lucas shut down drilling for the Christmas holidays while he pleaded with investors for more money.

Lucas was successful and with a well-rested and reenergized crew, drilling began again on New Year’s Day of 1901. In the next ten days his crew drilled more feet than the entire year before.

On January 10, 1901 while checking out some of the drilling equipment, mud started bubbling up through the hole. A couple of seconds later, pipe shot



out of the ground and then all grew silent. Lucas and his men waited, hoping for the gas and oil to come gushing out but nothing happened.

After some time the crew began cleaning up the mess when the ground shook beneath them, then a loud noise came from the hole and men scattered everywhere. Mud came shooting out of the well followed by gas and finally oil. The oil 'gusher' shot over the derrick, 150 feet into the air.



The Lucas well produced nearly 100,000 barrels a day and at its time was more oil ever seen in the entire world. The population of Beaumont tripled in size within a few months and during 1901, over 200 other wells were drilled on the Spindletop salt dome. The Spindletop gusher was responsible for creating several oil companies that would become major companies in the industry, including Gulf Oil, Amoco, Humble Oil Company which would later become EXXON, and Texaco which is now part of Chevron Corporation.

The use of oil drastically changed on that January day in 1901 from lamp fuel to fueling automobiles, trains and ships. The modern era of the petroleum age began, forever changing the face of industry and the world.



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Liberty Opry

THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN EAST TEXAS

By Carolyn Glein

When was the last time you enjoyed some great music at an old time Texas Opry? The Liberty Opry, in downtown Liberty, Texas serves up good times and great music for the entire family every Saturday.

Broadcaster George D. Hay coined the word "Opry" in 1928 to demonstrate the realism of folk and country music, and Saturday night Opry is a Texas tradition. No one does it better than the Liberty Opry. Walking through the doors of the old Park Theatre you feel the history envelope you along with the past and you feel the future as it is happening.

The Park Theatre was originally built in 1938, by Ray Milentz, long-time resident of Liberty, and remained in his family until the mid 1980's. As a movie theatre, it served many generations with wholesome, family entertainment. Eventually it was sold to the Cox family in June of 1993, when it became "Liberty Opry on the Square", providing musical entertainment similar to Branson-style, only done best in Texas-style.

Today you can take your entire family and be assured it will be a show that all will enjoy. Jim Cox, lead guitarist and vocalist is the remaining member of the Cox family you will

find on stage each week. The Liberty Opry Band is one of the most professional Opry bands you'll find in Texas. Most of the members played professionally on the traveling circuit with well know stars over the years to finally settle down in nearby areas to raise their families. You'll find: John Ray Baxter, Bass Guitar & Vocals; Rick Burton, Drums; Rodgers Cochran, Fiddle & Vocals; Calvin Gainey, Keyboards & Vocals; Andy Ligenfelter, Trumpet; Mike Loftin, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone; Aaron Marshall, Steel Guitar; Ray Sowell, Guitar & Vocals; and then we have Jerry Locke, Emcee & Vocals; and Larry "Booger Lee" Etheridge, Comedian.



Places of Interest

Jay and Nina Cantu purchased the business, now known as "Liberty Opry", in 2010. Building renovations along with new lights and sound equipment has brought excitement and new life into a solid family business of excellent weekly shows. They open each show welcoming all, some from great distances who enjoy the entertainment which could be country western, gospel, or good ol' rock 'n roll. Regardless of the genre be assured it will be a delightful powerhouse musical experience.

Before each show they find it important to acknowledge the veterans in the audience, followed by inviting all to join in with a prayer. Jay tells them, "If you'd prefer not to participate, that's your right, you may go to the snack bar and have a coffee, or soda pop on the house at this time."

At the Liberty Opry you become part of the family...the most important part. It is a wonderful family friendly place where the brightest stars of Texas are found, "Liberty Opry"! Make it a Saturday afternoon or evening of fun...come...enjoy!

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The Right Formal for Every Body

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong



The excitement gains momentum with each passing day when presented with the opportunity to play a modern-day Cinderella by wearing a truly stunning, head-turning dress! Whether it is for a ball, prom, gala or charity event, you'll want to select the perfect dress - "perfect" meaning stylish, flattering and reflective of your personality. Thus begins the sometimes daunting, but ultimately satisfying, task of exploring the vast array of options.

When shopping for the right formal, consider the following:

THE RIGHT STYLE

Want to feel sophisticated and glamorous? Choose a dress with all-over sequins, a beaded bodice or lace, which is huge for 2013. Feeling bold? Go for prints, patterns or bright colors – all on trend for this season. Prefer to make a statement? A style with cut-outs, an open back or high-low length is certain to garner attention!

THE RIGHT FIT

Formal dresses, just like us, come in all shapes and sizes. The right dress will enhance your assets and minimize imperfections.

Pear Shape - An A-line dress emphasizes the waist and hides the hips. V-neck or one-shoulder dresses divert interest to the upper body and away from the lower.

Petite - Short dresses, dresses with empire



waists and long solid-color dresses all help petites appear taller. Slender - Form-fitting styles, including mermaid, really compliment this silhouette.



Busty - A halter or V-neck dress will enhance your bust. To downplay your bust, select a dress with more coverage on top and one that draws attention to your arms or legs.

Hourglass - A dress with a well-defined waistline accentuates an hour-glass figure, while a V-neck, monotone dress will elongate your body, minimizing the curves.

Full Figure - The A-line dress is an excellent style for full figures! The A-line's form-fitting top and the slightly higher waistline allow the dress to flow freely from the waist downward, hiding problematic areas. An empire dress is also flattering, as well as darker colors, which are slimming.



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Rayburn Country was acquired in 2011 by a group of Southeast Texas investors, who have purchased the majority of available lots. They renovated the Donald Ross designed 27-hole golf course and built a new clubhouse featuring Timbers on the Green, a casual, elegant restaurant. The 50 room lodge has also been renovated! Rayburn Country has started an exciting and beautifully designed residential development!

Rayburn Country has over 1500 home sites available, some as low as \$6195 with in-house financing available! Most lots have water, sewer and electricity available and are ready to be built upon! The interior lots provide that secluded peaceful feel with near-by lake



access. While golf course lots offer that country club way of life.

Rayburn Country now offers several floor plans in their Cottage/Cabin series. If you are looking for a weekend get-away or a second home by the lake that is affordable



and well-built, then look no further than Rayburn Country! Currently there are several model cabins to tour : Fox Squirrel is an 800 square feet shell cabin for only \$39,900, which also includes the lot! This is a perfect plan if you wish to build-out your cabin yourself, at your leisure, budget and pace. Grey Wolf is a 1491 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, while Big Horn is a 1822 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 ½ baths. Almost all

completed cottages/homes include the following features: custom cabinets, granite countertops, wood engineered flooring, stainless steel appliances, oversized front and back porches.



Rayburn Country has several new home floor plan options to choose from. The architecture of these homes is



a hybrid of contemporary urban and traditional country. With great use of space these homes will fit your needs and come at an affordable price. All homes are standard with wood floors, tile, upgraded carpet, custom cabinets and granite countertops. The Mockingbird, an 1812 square foot model features many of these same options and is currently being offered for \$179,900. It is available for tours or purchase. Custom plans are also available. Their on-site builder is Peter Stoeckel, with Texas Design Build.

Rayburn Country Golf Course is a 27 Hole Championship course lying among the hills of Lake Sam Rayburn. Russell Design Group gave 18 holes new life with many on-course upgrades, including new greens, tees, bunkers and manicured fairways. The golf course also features more than 150 feet of elevation! Tall stately East Texas pines abound throughout the lay-out! Rayburn Country is designed for golfers of all levels. The cost to play Rayburn Country is surprisingly affordable plus Stay & Play packages are available at very reasonable rates! Rayburn Country's renovation was awarded 2nd place for Renovation of the Year-Public Courses in 2012 by Golf Inc. Magazine.

The Lodge Hotel is surrounded by the Angelina National forest and tucked into the hills of Rayburn Country. The newly renovated 50 room hotel offers double and king beds and each room is furnished with flat screen TV's with cable, wireless internet, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, spacious vanities and many other features! Also there are two suites available which are fully equipped with kitchen and living area.

Lake Sam Rayburn is a huge lake with over 750 miles of shoreline, 114,806 water acres and a maximum depth of 80 feet! There are 34 recreational areas, 27 picnic sites, 737 camping sites, 5 playgrounds, 4 swimming areas, 3 fishing docks, 36 boat ramps and 5 Marinas, with over 300 fishing tournaments annually! The Beaumont Enterprise (Jan. 9, 2013) ranked Lake Sam Rayburn for the following categories of Top Ten Texas Lakes: #1 for small bass 8"-13" long; Tied for 1st Overall Reservoir with Walter E. Long; #3 for Keeper Bass 14"-17" long; and before #6 for Quality Bass 18" and up.

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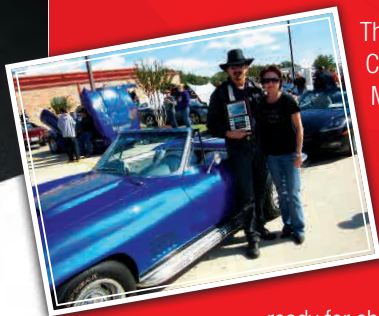
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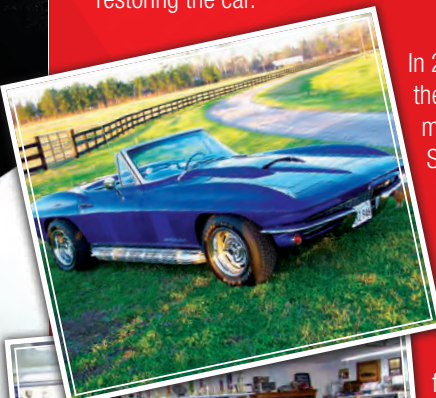
Southeast Texas has a lot of car enthusiasts and one of them is Mike White. Mike was born in Orange, went to Little Cypress and now lives in Beaumont with wife, Willa. They are members of the Tri-City Corvette Club and both have their own vettes. Both love to show their cars but Mike has always loved to fix up his own cars.



This is where the 1967 Corvette Stingray Convertible, a true survivor comes in. Mike and his wife, Willa responded to an ad in the Houston paper of a 1967 Stingray for sale that had not run since 1987 due to a hole in the gas tank. Besides the gas tank problem, the car needed serious bodywork. Nine months later the car was

ready for shows with Corvette club, and just like his three previous corvettes; he painted it Candy Flag Blue.

While Mike and Willa took a vacation in Florida, the young man that had been helping Mike on the car decided to take it out for a ride. The young man didn't know how to handle that much horsepower and promptly wrecked it in a 8 foot deep ditch, where the car hit a concrete culvert, tearing off the front end. Mike found himself back to square one, restoring the car.



In 2001 Mike repainted the car with the House of Kolors Candy Blue, and made some major changes to the Stingray. 125 trophies later, Mike is still improving on the Stingray, getting it ready for the big 2014 National Corvette Museum Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY. Mike and his vette at the Gulf Credit Union Relay for Life 2013 Cars for the Cure, April 6 at the Gulf Credit Union, Hwy 73 and 39th Groves, and on May 18 at The 19th Annual Tri-City Corvette Show at Gander Mountain in Beaumont.



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LA • 337.491.9147

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500 Main St • Beaumont • 409.832.3432
amset.org



Babe Didrikson Zaharias Memorial Museum

1750 IH-10 E • Beaumont • 409.833.4622
babedidriksonzaharias.org

Beaumont Botanical Gardens

6088 Babe Zaharias Dr • Beaumont
409.842.3135
• beaumontbotanicalgardens.org

Brimstone Museum

900 S Huttington St • Sulphur, LA
337-527-0357 • www.brimstonemuseum.org

First Presbyterian Church

902 Green Ave • Orange, TX • 409.883.2097

Henning Cultural Center

923 S Ruth • Sulphur, LA • 337-527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org/about-us/henning-cultural-center

Heritage House of Orange

905 West Division Ave •
Orange, TX • 409.883.5385

DeQuincy Railroad Museum & City Park

400 Lake Charles Ave • DeQuincy, LA
337-786-2823
• dequincyrailroadmuseum.com

Dishman Art Museum Lamar University

Beaumont • 409.880.8959
dept.lamar.edu/cofac/deptart/dishman.asp

Edison Museum

350 Pine St at Edison Plaza • Beaumont
409.981.3089 • edisonmuseum.org

Fire Museum Of Texas

400 Walnut St • Beaumont • 409.880.3927
firemuseumoftexas.org

Heritage Village Museum

157 Private Rd 6000 • Woodville
800.323.0389 • www.heritage-village.org

Ice House Museum

818 Earnest Ave • Silsbee • 409-385-2444
www.icehousemuseum.org

John Jay French House & Museum

3025 French Rd • Beaumont • 409.898.0348
jjfrench.com

Kirby-Hill House

210 W Main • Kountze • 409-246-8000
www.kirbyhillhouse.com

La Maison Beausoleil Museum

637 Grigsby Ave inside Port
Neches City Park • 409-722-9154

Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby • Lake Charles,
LA • 337-430-0043
www.swlamardigras.com/year-round/mardi-gras-museum.cfm

McFaddin-Ward House Museum

1906 Calder Ave • Beaumont • 409.832.2134
mcfaddin-ward.org

Spindletop-Gladys City

Boomtown Museum

5550 University Dr • (Hwy 69 at University
Dr on the campus of Lamar University)
Beaumont • 409.880.1750 • spindletop.org

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700 Jefferson St • Beaumont
• 409.833.6433

stanthonycathedral.org

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712 Green Ave • Orange • 409-886-2787
www.starkmuseum.org

Texas Energy Museum

600 Main St • Beaumont • 409.833.5100
texasenergymuseum.org

The Chambers House Museum

2240 Calder Ave • Beaumont • 409.832.4010
chambershouse.org

The W.H. Stark House

610 Main Ave • Orange • 409-883-0871
www.whstarkhouse.org

Fun Things To Do

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Acadiana Trail

Hwy 191 • DeQuincy, LA

Adventure Cove Park

3200 Power Centre Parkway
• Lake Charles, LA

Adventure Kingdom

2952 US 69 • Lumberton, TX • 409.751.5464

Airboat Rides & Alligators

1151 Oak Grove Hwy • Grand
Chenier, LA • 337.274.2395

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

226 Spur 5 • Winnie, TX

Beaumont Botanical Gardens and

Warren Loose Conservatory

6088 Babe Zaharias Dr • Beaumont
409.842.3135

Big Thicket National Preserve

6102 FM 420 • Kountze • 409.951.6700

Buu Mon Buddhist Temple

2701 Procter St • Port Arthur • 409.982.9319

Charpentier Historic District

1205 N Lakeshore Dr • Lake Charles, LA
337.436.9588

Coastal Paddler (kayak rentals only)

9405 College Street #A • Beaumont, TX
409.899.4397 • coastalpaddler.com

Coushatta Casino/ Resort

Kinder, LA • 800.584.7263
www.coushattacasinoresort.com

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino Hotel

2717 Delta Downs Dr • Vinton, LA
337.589.7441 • www.deltadowns.com

Eastex Canoe Trails

1698 US Hwy 96 Business at Turtlecreek Dr
Silsbee • 409.385.4700 • eastexcanoes.com

Gator Country

21159 FM 365 • Beaumont • 409.794.9453
www.gatorrescue.com

Isle of Capri Casino

100 Westlake Ave • Westlake,
LA • 1-800-THE-ISLE

J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area

10 Parks & Wildlife Dr • Port Arthur
409.736.2551

L'Auberge Casino

777 Avenue L'Auberge • Lake Charles, LA
866-580-7444 • www.lbatonrouge.com

McFaddin and Texas Point

National Wildlife Refuges
7950 S Gulfway Dr • Sabine Pass
409.971.2909

Beaumont Newcomers



& Neighbors Club

**Relocating to a new community can be traumatic.
We know...Been there...done that.
Learn about your new "home town."**

Get Involved

**Meet new people
Sample the local cuisine
Take up a hobby
Continue an old hobby
Share your interests
Learn about Beaumont and the
Golden Triangle.**

WHAT WE DO:

**Provide information about the
local area.**

**Monthly luncheons with
local speakers during the
school year.**

**Organized activity groups where
you can make new friends.**

**Night time socials with family
& friends.**

**Serve the Beaumont community
through support of local
charities.**

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

**Book Club
Evening Dine-Out
Cards
Mahjong
Bunko
Special Tours**

GENERAL MEETINGS:

**2nd Tuesday, Sept-May
10:30am at local restaurants
with local speakers.
Registration at 10:20 am**

CONTACT:

**Camille F.
409-791-5504**

Beaumontnewcomersandneighbors@gmail.com

Neches River Adventures

Riverfront Park

701R Main St Beaumont or Collier Ferry
Recreation Area • 5390 Pine St • Beaumont
409.880.8907 • nechesriveradventure.org

Out & About Birding

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

4318 FM 1985 • Anahuac • 409.267.3377
www.fws.gov/refuge/Anahuac

The Pine Tree Lodge

3396 Pine Tree Rd • Beaumont 409.796.1600

Piney Woods Outfitters

921 S Main • Lumberton • 409.751.0911

Piney Woods Winery

3408 Willow Street • Orange, TX
409.883.5408

Port Neches RiverFront Park

600 Grigsby Dr • 409.727.2182

Sea Rim State Park

Hwy 87 • Sabine Pass • 409.971.2559

Shangri-La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center

2111 FM 365 • Orange • 409.670.9113
www.shangriagardens.org

Sunset Grove Country Club Golf

2900 West Sunset • Orange,
TX • 409.883.9454

Tyrrell Historical Library

695 Pearl St • Beaumont • 409.833.2759
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

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6250 Phelan Blvd • 409.860.7233

Bando's Gift Shop

215 N 11th St • 409.212.8445

Bella Bella

5925 Phelan • 409.860.1924

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6185 Eastex Frwy • 409.347.1770

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3737 Calder Ave • 409.839.8473

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6755 Phelan • 409.861.5762

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4391 Calder Ave • 409.899.2293

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148 S Dowlen Rd • 409.866.4643
409.866.6800

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5955 Phelan Blvd • Beaumont
409.860.4030

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

Posh Baby

5955 Phelan • 409.860.3331

Puppy Love

3939 Dowlen Rd • 409.892.9663

The Purple Door

6474 Phelan • Beaumont
409.832.9200

Purse Strings

6385 Calder Ave • 409.866.9742

Sam's Western Store

5090 College St • 409.842.2625

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6410 Phelan • 409.866.4885

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414 Dowlen Rd • 409.861.3341

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1144 Boston Ave • 409.729.2289

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Nederland Jewelers

3308 Hwy 365 • 409.724.2045

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MacArthur Drive • Orange • 409.886.2442

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409.886.7233

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centralmallportarthur.com

Flagship Mailroom & Emporium

4700 Hwy 365 • 409.724.0474

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3830 Hwy 365 • 409.721.8717

Naomi's Fashions

3433 Twin City Hwy • 409.963.3839

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6220 Westgate Dr • 409.866.3417

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9894 Gilbert Rd • 409.794.2548

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Westgate Church of Christ
6390 Westgate Dr • 409.866.1451

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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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415 South 11th St • 409.832.9498

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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

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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

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3060 Dowlen Rd • 409.866.1996

Goodwill Missionary Christian
190 N 10th St • 409.832.0418

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4397 Calder • 409.892.3456

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890 Grant St • 409.832.5010

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3175 S Major Drive (temporary Worship Site) • 409.866.7972

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Beaumont Civic Center Main St • 409.838.3435

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10 Interstate 10 N • 409.838.2545

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10255 Eastex Frwy • 409.924.9930

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4230 Highland Ave • 409.835.2556

OTHER

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First United Methodist Church
6501 W Washington St • 409.962.1076

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6225 Terrell St • 409.962.1056

Kountze

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
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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

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243 L.H.S. Dr • 409.755.1734

METHODIST-UNITED

Woodcrest United Methodist Church
1684 Highway 96 S • 409.755.4403

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114 4th Ave • 409.729.2475

First Baptist Church
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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

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Fellowship Baptist Church
1315 S 27th St • 409.722.4356

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St Charles Catholic Church
211 Hardy Avenue • 409.722.3413

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Nederland Avenue Church-Christ
2310 Nederland Ave • 409.722.8536

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

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First United Methodist Church
104 N 13th St • 409.722.4379

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1816 Nederland Ave • 409.722.2600

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Orange

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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

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608 Dayton St • 409.886.4167

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McDonald Memorial Baptist Church
2015 Sims St • 409.883.3974

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612 N 3rd St • 409.670.9220

Mt Sinai Baptist Church
1109 2nd St • 409.886.2089

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4775 16th St • 409.883.5678

Old First Orange Baptist Church

7925 Interstate 10 E • 409.745.1901

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Colony Baptist Church

13353 Fm-1130 • 409.745.1671

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Fm-408 • 409.735.2661

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4300 Meeks Dr • 409.883.8232

St Helen Catholic Church

8105 FM 1442 • 409.735.2200

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912 W Cherry Ave • 409.883.2883

St. Therese

1409 North Sixth St • 409.883.3783

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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

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First United Methodist Church

502 6th St • 409.886.7466

St John's United Methodist

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3400 Martin Luther King Jr Dr • 409.883.4498

First United Pentecostal Church

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2800 Bob Hall Rd • 409.886.4366

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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

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549 W 11th St • 409.985.2531

Trinity Baptist Church

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Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

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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

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First Christian Church

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4601 Rice Farm Rd • 409.727.7790

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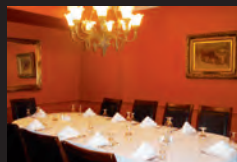
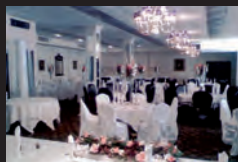
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Jacki Burleson

"We Bleed Purple"

By Joy Wooley

After fourteen years of working for the American Cancer Society, Jacki Burleson has decided to retire and pass the reigns of leadership to someone else. As a Mother, Grandmother and Breast cancer survivor, Jacki has much to reflect back on during the past fourteen years.



Before Jacki started working with the American Cancer Society, she benefitted from the many programs that they offered while she fought her own battle with Breast Cancer. She received a wig, attended their "Look Good, Feel Better Program", benefitted from help and support services, and the Tamoxin drug that was discovered by one of the ACS Researchers. Jacki is now an eighteen year Survivor, and the personal experiences that she went through has helped her to relate to the countless others that she has met while working for the American Cancer Society.

She began this fourteen year journey as a Field Rep in the Cluster 89 (Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, & Chambers Counties). Her very first week had her traveling on six different planes to trainings and meetings, and she hasn't slowed down since. As Community Manager/Income Development, she has had fully functioning Boards, fund-raising goals and program responsibilities. Twice, Jacki has visited the National Call Information Center in Austin, Texas, and in 2002 and 2006, she attended the Celebration On The Hill in Washington DC. Relay For Life, where she was able to meet with our Congressman and Senator, asking for funds for Cancer patients and research.

Jacki's favorite quote: **"Pain is inevitable but Misery is Optional. So Stick A Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy."**
— By Barbara Johnson. The Geranium must be purple!



Jacki tributes her success to the wonderful volunteers that helped shape and sculpt her work against all the odds.

"It has been my pleasure and honor to work and be a part of the American Cancer Society family for the last fourteen years.

I will miss all of them. And most amazing of all, they will remain good friends. Thank YOU!"

"God bless each of you and the

work you do, you really do 'make a difference' in the lives of those you touch each day, and you have made a difference in MINE!"

And what is Jacki's advice to her children and grandchildren? "Count your Blessings Each Day. There is only 365 days in a year, only three days matter. And two of those days we can do nothing about—yesterday and tomorrow. Yesterday is a canceled check, and tomorrow is a promissory note. But today is cash ready for us to spend."



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SELLERS WHO DELAY MAY MISS OUT

Some would-be move-up home sellers are eyeing home prices carefully. They're waiting to see how much home prices appreciate before they consider selling their home. But they may be missing their perfect opportunity, some housing experts say.

The best time to move may depend on when the home owner purchased their current residence, says Daren Blomquist, vice president of RealtyTrac. Blomquist says that home owners who purchased their home during the sluggish market the last two to three years may find moving up in 2013 may be their prime opportunity.



"Because they bought near the bottom, these home owners should have built up some good equity that can go toward the purchase of a new home, and waiting longer to build more equity likely won't provide much advantage given that other homes that they might want to move up to will also be appreciating at roughly the same pace," Home owners who wait much longer to sell their home may miss out.



"If you're selling one house just to move up to another, it does you no good to wait for prices to rise — the price of the move-up home will increase faster than the price of the place you're leaving behind," says Redfin CEO Glenn Kelman.

Plus, mortgage rates are expected to come off the 3.5 percent range and reach 4.4 percent in the next year, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. That will increase the costs of financing your next home.

Source: "The Time to Sell Is a Waiting Game for Some," HousingWire (March 21, 2013)




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By Scott Gittinger

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Scott Gittinger is a Residential Mortgage Loan Originator (NMLS#296851) and Regional Manager with Mortgage Group.

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Redecorating

By D.E. Meek

ON A BUDGET!

It's Spring, time to clean-up, spruce-up and decorate. Maybe it's time to relocate. Whatever the reason, you will want the most bang for your buck. The following tips will help you stretch your budget.

1. **Focus on high-traffic rooms.** Don't try to redecorate the entire house, this could add up to lots of dollars. Instead, just concentrate on the living room, guest bathroom, family room or kitchen.
2. **Paint.** The cheapest way to change the look of any room is to paint it a different color. You can even paint the entire room or just one wall. Experiment with color. If you don't like it, just repaint over it.
3. **Accessories:** Add inexpensive home accessories like throw pillows, mirrors, lamps or art prints.

4. **Update little details.** Replace or paint your picture frames. Replace your light switches and plug-in covers. Rearrange the furniture. Invest in storage containers and remove clutter.

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2. Yard maintenance. Invest in good garden tools and keep your lawn neat and trimmed. Trim low hanging branches from trees and hedge your bushes.

3. Consult with a professional Landscaper. Before you spend time and money into redoing your entire front yard to create Curb Appeal, consult with a Landscaper like Down to Earth (see ad), they can save you a lot of time and money.



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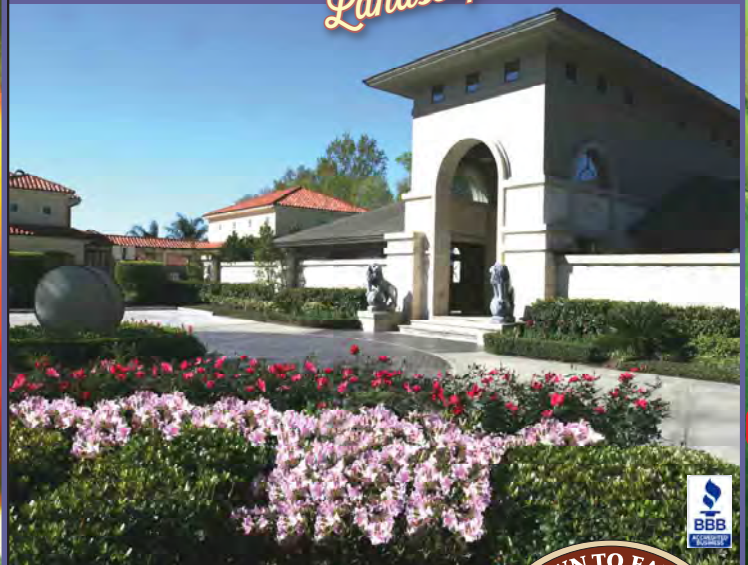
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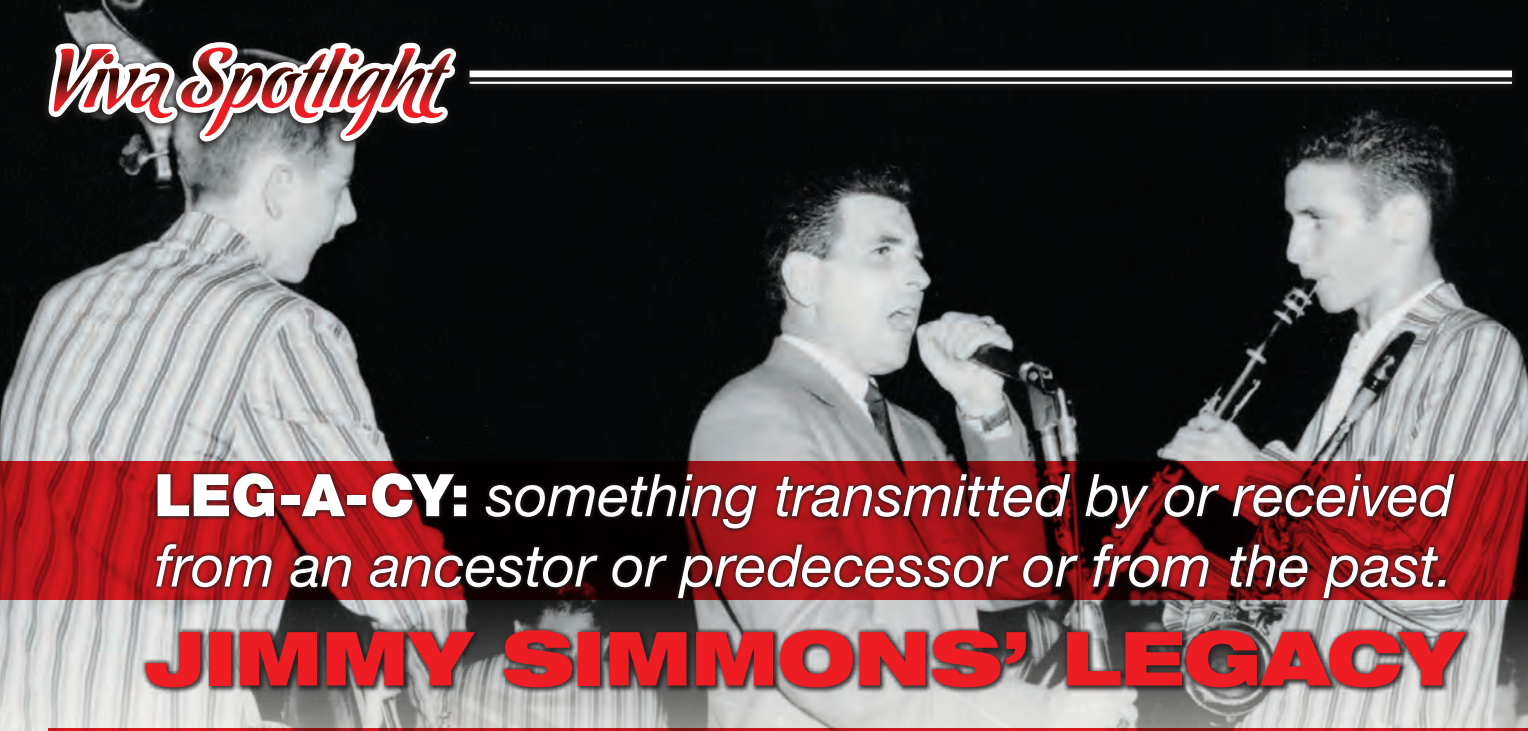


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JIMMY SIMMONS' LEGACY

James M. Simmons, commonly known as Jimmy Simmons, graduated from Beaumont High School, in 1960. During high school he was a member of the band and played clarinet and saxophone with his group, *Jimmy Simmons and the Corvettes*.

His love for music prompted Simmons to attend Memphis State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in music. He added playing the keyboard to his skills and went on to earn a Master's degree from the University of Houston. Simmons received his doctorate from McNeese State University.



Simmons came back to Beaumont and joined Lamar faculty in 1970 as an instructor and director of the marching band. He moved up the ranks in the music department, serving as director of bands as well as department chair before he was appointed as Dean. On September 1, 1999, Simmons became Lamar University's 14th president. Jimmy will step down as president July 1. Jimmy Simmons will be passing the torch to Kenneth Evans. Simmons and his wife, Susan, have raised one daughter, twin sons and nine grandchildren. Susan Simmons is a former educator, active community leader and a successful Realtor.



Viva Southeast Texas Magazine met with Simmons at his office for a short one-on-one interview.

Q. What would you consider to be your No. 1 major accomplishment during your presidency?

A. Bringing back football to Lamar for the marching band.

Q. What would you consider your second major accomplishment during your presidency?

A. I would say, doubling the number of students that attend Lamar University. When I took over in 1999 there were only 7,300 students enrolled at Lamar; now there are nearly 15,000.

Q. Now that you are retired, what do you plan to do?

A. I'm stepping down from the office and responsibility of being the president of Lamar University, but I'm not retiring from Lamar. My plans are to spend some time with my family and especially with my grandchildren and then I will return in the Spring of 2014 as a Professor of music.

Q. How many grandchildren do you and your wife Susan have now?

A. Nine, three who were recently born. (big smile) We have another set of twins in the family now.

Q. What about your ensemble? Are you going to give up performing?

A. Oh no! I hope we get to perform even more now that I will have more time.

Q. What do you consider your legacy?

A. My legacy? (pause) I would say my legacy is all the students that I taught and have come in contact with.



It would take several pages of this magazine to list all the awards, achievements and honors that Simmons has been given over the past 14 years and always with his wife Susan at his side.

Humbly and graciously, he has accepted them while giving credit to Susan for his successes. Never was this more evident than at the recent "Standing Ovation for Jimmy and Susan Simmons" event held at the Montagne Center, on March 2 where Simmons and First Lady Susan, were showered with honors and well wishes by the students and faculty of Lamar University.

A fitting end to a man who believes that his legacy is after all, the students.



You Don't Have to Cater to Have a Gourmet Dinner

By Glenda Nelson

Spring has sprung, Azaleas are in bloom and our calendars are filling fast with festivals, proms, graduations and confirmations. Nothing brings people together like food. It's undeniable that food and its preparation is still trending, so why not seize this opportunity to host and cater your own culinary spread to mark one of your upcoming Spring events?

Entertaining at home has almost become a lost art form. With a little planning, you can impress your friends, family and maybe even your in-laws by being the host with the most. If you're the nurturing type, or if your level of confidence has been elevated by a celebrity chef show, or if a caterer is not within your budget, a little planning and a little cooking can result in a rewarding experience for you and your guests.

Time is your friend. It is crucial that you plan ahead. Begin with your menu and keep it simple. Depending on your culinary skill set, it may be best to use a familiar recipe, perhaps a family favorite. Consider the preparation time involved. Think of the many delicious recipes that taste better the day after they're prepared. The more prep you can do a day or two ahead, the more time you will have to focus on garnishing the plates and setting your table.

We eat with our eyes first. Plating is extremely important. It is your canvas, your presentation. It's Spring time, and color is elementary to the season. Do not rely on table arrangements and linens for color.



Ironically nutritional experts tell us we should eat a rainbow of fruits and vegetables every day. Let us assume you serve a chicken casserole and fresh green beans. The casserole is flavorful and nutritional but it makes for a rather anemic presentation. The addition of red bell peppers sautéed into the beans or stuffed cherry tomatoes would provide balance and vibrancy to the plate. The color concept applies to every course. Salads are easiest because of the presence of greens. A dessert incorporating fresh fruits fills the bill easily. You may even consider adding strawberries and fresh melon chunks to iced tea with mint sprig garnish.

Buy a "back-up baguette". On more than one occasion I have burned the bread or dinner rolls just prior to plating. Now I've told you too much about myself!



I sincerely hope this article inspires you to host a tea, luncheon or dinner party soon. Southeast Texas is beautiful in Spring and shall provide many opportunities to entertain. Your event can be as easy or a difficult as you make it. Keep it manageable, make it colorful and don't burn the bread. When you sit among your guests I know they will be well nourished, grateful and truly impressed.

GLEND A NELSON – *Glenda is a Beaumont native and studied Savory Cuisine at LeCordon Bleu Academie, Paris, France where she received her diploma, Savory Cuisine. Glenda is a Lamar graduate, a retired financial consultant for Smith Barney and is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker.*

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2 cans Campbells Golden
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1 Tbs. minced garlic
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
Cooked Rice for 6

Instructions:

In a 4 qt. pot, melt butter. Add onion, bell pepper and celery. Saute till tender. Add cans of soup, crawfish with juices, seasonings and garlic. Stir very carefully as not to break crawfish tails. Bring to a simmer, cover, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Add a little water if needed. Simmer for 15 to 20 mins. Serve hot over cooked rice.



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Icing Instructions:

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Instructions:

Preheat oven for 375 degrees. Spray 11 x 16 baking pan with non-sticking backing spray. In a large mixing bowl, add cake mix and cinnamon. Blend well and set aside. In another mixing bowl, add milk, eggs, whiskey and cooking oil. Mix well and add to the dry ingredients bowl, stirring until well blended. Stir in mini chocolate chips. Pour into prepared baking pan. Tamp pan and place in oven for 20 mins. Stick a toothpick in middle. If toothpick comes out clean, remove cake. If toothpick comes out with cake mix stuck to it, continue baking cake for 5 more mins. When cake is baked, place on cooling rack.



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Trails can lead us to new destinations, new adventures. And even though sometimes saying goodbye can be sad, trails can provide exciting experiences and the opportunity to return again and again.

Texas boasts of 11 wine trails scattered all across the state. These trails draw thousands of visitors each year to Texas wineries to sample Texas wines and food. The trail members host festivals and special events while creating multiple-location routes for every visitor. Most wine trails offer a one price package which includes discounts, special amenities, and even limousine service. Let's look at a few of the trails.

The Dallas Town and Country Wine Trail is one of the largest wine trails in North Texas.

The Cross Timbers Wine Trail is about 26,000 square miles of North and Central Texas.

The Dallas Wine Trail includes four wineries inside of the Dallas city limits.

Fredericksburg, TX offers visitors a chance to enjoy 12 wineries on the Wine Road 290 Wine Trail.

The Texas Hill Country Wine Trail has the largest membership; thirty-two wineries located west of Austin and all along roads going toward Fredericksburg.

The San Gabriel Wine Trail hosts two-day trails at the six wineries who are members.

The Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail is located between Interstate 45 and Highway 290 and offer visitors wine, food, grape stomping, mystery dinners, and vineyard tours.

The Piney Woods Wine Trail has 17 member wineries that are scattered all around East and Southeast Texas.

As Spring approaches, exploring the State of Texas and enjoying the fruits of Texas grape growers' labor will definitely bring any visitor good times and happy trails. Spring approaches, exploring the State of Texas and enjoying the fruits of Texas grape growers' labor will definitely bring any visitor good times and happy trails.



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The first time I saw a Roman chariot race was at the Pines Theatre in Silsbee, Texas in 1961 when the movie "Ben Hur" came to town. Like most kids, I was more enthralled with the scenes of the chariot races then I was with the rest of the movie. I loved horses and anything that had to do with horses got my full attention. I cried when the horses got 'hurt', booed the bad guy and cheered Ben Hur to victory. With the exception of later drawing a life like Roman soldier for my Father, I soon forgot all about the movie and chariot races, after all that was during the winter and spring brought new adventures.

Spring in Southeast Texas meant Rodeo season and the first week of May meant The Jasper Lion's Club Rodeo. (It still does but more about that later.) More horses as far as I was concerned, but to my parents, it was a little more than just that. My family had a small cattle ranch and rodeos were a time for trail rides, parades and socializing with other small ranchers in our area.

The next year, my family went to the Jasper Lion's Club Rodeo because Michael Landon, Little Joe from the TV hit

show "Bonanza" was the entertainer along with something new that the promoters promised to be thrilling. As rodeos go this one was full of excitement and drama as one would expect. Finally, it was time for the intermission while they set up for the live entertainment.

Then the lights in the arena went dim and the announcer spoke over the broadcast system, "Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, hold on to your seats and get ready for the thrill of a life time". Suddenly, two Roman Chariots rumbled across the arena floor. A Roman Chariot Race! The race was between two professional stunt men that were in the chariot races in the movie, "Ben Hur" and the horses that they used were also from the movie. All the thrills, fears, excitement that I experienced the year earlier, I felt again, only this time it was real, not Hollywood and it was up close. You could smell the horse sweat and feel the dust as it fell on your hair, clothes and skin. The crowd stood on its feet the whole time and was in unison with ohs and ahs. I stood there in the stands holding my breath until the race was over and a winner was announced. The cheering was so loud that it was deafening. That rodeo was one I would never forget.

Since then, I have attended many rodeos from all over



Tall Tales & Short Trips By Ms. Lynn

the state of Texas as well as Louisiana, but none can compare to the Jasper Lion's Club Rodeo of 1962. I have also seen the movie "Ben Hur" several times and even though I really get the meaning of the whole movie, I still like the Chariot Races the best.

The Jasper Lions Rodeo was founded in 1947 and is considered to be the oldest rodeo in this part of Texas. The rodeo is a PRCA rodeo consisting of four days of competition and attracting the top cowboys and bull riders. It has also brought top entertainment to the area including Eddie Arnold to Kenny Chesney, and it is the largest fund raiser for Jasper, Texas.

This is a community affair with the help of local businesses and citizens, including trail rides, a downtown parade, and a Queens contest. The funds raised will be given back to the community to help the people in need. Jasper, Texas is referred to as "the Jewel of the Forest" and is located about 50 miles north of Silsbee, Texas, on highway 96. This years' rodeo will be May 8 thru May 11, 2013 and the main entertainer will be Dustin Lynch. For more information on the Jasper Rodeo check out their web site jasperlionsrodeo.com



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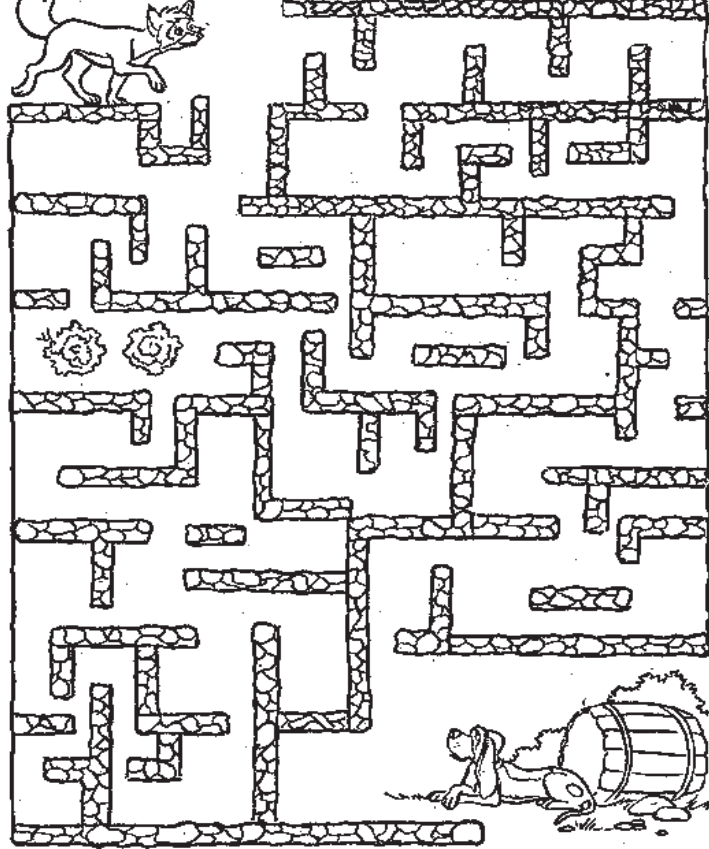
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Joke 3:

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

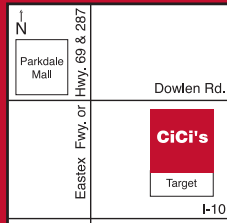
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The non-profit organization is involved with Heartbeats of Hope which helps local children with cancer, the Carol Shelly Foundation, Wounded Warriors, Toys for Tots, and the Southeast Texas Humane Society. They are also the hosts for the 1st MCA National of 2013 car show, Ponies in the Park that will be held at Ford Park Event Center, Beaumont, Texas, South I-10, on April 19 thru April 21.

2014 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang and you can bet that the members of the Wild Horse Mustang Club will be very involved in the celebration. If you are interested in learning more about this car club and what events they will be in, please go to their web site wildhorsemustangclub.com



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Health and Wellness

By Bodo Brauer, M.D., D.A., Folsum Medical Group

These two terms are closely connected. We can be very healthy but still do not feel well. On the other hand, we can have significant health issues, yet feel fairly well. How do we look at this the correct way?

By combining physical and mental health, we are entities of body and soul in need of proper balance. Only a holistic approach makes us balanced to the point



that we feel physically and mentally well and grounded. The physical part includes a healthy lifestyle, including the proper diet, ideal or next to ideal weight and regular exercise. Mentally we have to be well balanced and in tune with ourselves and the people close to us. Any major friction in our private or professional life will affect us physically and psychologically in a detrimental way. The Chinese have described this thousands of years ago as the "Yin-Yang" principle.



Unfortunately, our modern times have moved us away from the correct way to balance body and soul. Looking around us, we see medical and psychological problems that are affecting us in a negative way. We have lost the ability to achieve a healthy balance and need to rediscover how to become more rounded and grounded.

In future articles I will attempt to provide the tools to become physically and mentally as healthy as possible.



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By Ann Kulze MD

Boost your energy level and fight fatigue! Are you wondering where all of your precious energy has gone? You are not alone. Fatigue and lack of energy are amongst the most common complaints I hear from the patients in my wellness practice. Chances are there are some simple, dietary changes you could make that will help refuel and restore waning energy levels. Here are my top dietary strategies for just saying whoa! to fatigue:

- **Be sure to have some high quality protein at each feeding/meal.** The digestion of protein gives rise to a prolonged and sustained blood glucose level which translates to a steady and robust energy level. My top picks for energizing proteins are omega 3 fortified eggs, beans, fish, poultry, nuts, low-fat dairy products, and whole soy foods.
- **Indulge in a prudent portion (1/2 to 1 ounce) of high quality dark chocolate.** This delectable treat provides just the right amount of sugar and caffeine to jump-start dwindling energy levels and is loaded with

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Apr. 19th – Apr. 22nd 2013

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May 4th 2013

Fiesta Family Day
9am-3pm Free admission
Stark Museum of Art
712 Green Ave.,
Orange, TX 77630
409-886-2787

May 8th – May 11th 2013

Jasper Lions Benefit Rodeo
7:30pm, Jasper Lions Rodeo Arena
Jasper, TX, 409-384-2676

May 9th 2013

**Christus LiveWell Women's
Conference: Keynote
speaker Jewel**
Ford Park Event Center
5115 IH-10 South
Beaumont, TX

May 10th - May 25th 2013

Camelot
Every Fri. & Sat.,
Matinee 2pm Evenings 7:30pm
Beaumont Community Playhouse
5515 Phelps Road
Beaumont, TX 77706
409-833-4664

May 11th 2013

**Boys Haven Crawfish
Food & Music Festival**
11am-7pm,
Crawfish \$10/box
Parkdale Mall
6155 Eastex Frwy
Beaumont, TX 77706
409-866-2400

May 17th 2013

**A Round to Remember 2013
Texas Golf Classic**
Tee Time 1pm, Iron Oaks Golf Club
8500 Brooks Rd, Beaumont, TX
832-276-9045

May 17th – May 19th 2013

**Southeast Texas All American
Soap Box Derby**
Pit opens Fri. 5:00pm, Opening ceremony
Sat. 8:30am, Maury Meyers Bridge
Laurel Ave. & 18th St., Beaumont, TX

May 18th 2013

**Sat. Adventure Series:
Flying Dinosaurs**
9:30am-10:30am
Free w/paid Shangri La admission
Reservations required
Shangri La Botanical Gardens
2111 W Park Ave., Orange, TX 77651
409-670-9799

May 24th & 25th 2013

**Honor and Remember of Texas
Memorial Day Weekend**
Fri. 9:00am-8:00pm, Sat. 7:00am-4:00pm
Contact: Roy James 409-698-4089
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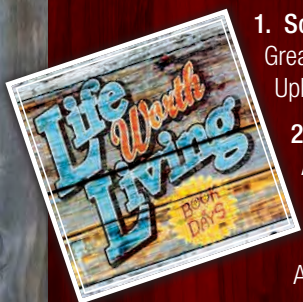
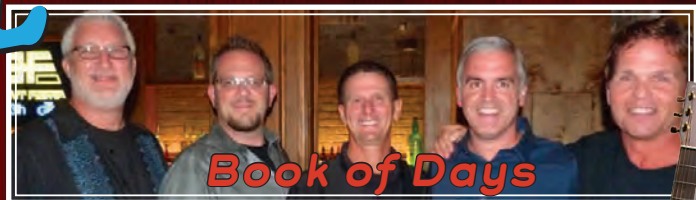
Music Review

Book of Days

"Life Worth Living"

CD Review By Josh Phillips

“Life Worth Living” by Book of Days is a feel good country-rock album featuring Russ Waddill’s vocal and guitar work, Bill Brooks lead guitar styling’s and vocals, Will Leonard on rhythm/lead guitar and vocals and the driving beats of Justus Swantner on drums. Also featured on this upbeat album is Stephen “doc” Watson carrying the bass work and Kay Miller putting in time on the organ. Here’s the track breakdown...



1. Somewhere West of Here

Great song for “hitting the road”!
Upbeat tune about getting away.

2. Time For Movin’ On

A catchy song with good vocal work, asks you to keep in mind when it’s time to act on its title.

3. Easy To Love

A bluesy rock tune.

4. Eye To Eye

Great song, has a “Spanish” feel with maracas and finger style acoustic guitar.

5. Helbig Road

This Rock n Roll “story teller” features awesome electric guitar harmonies and pounding drums

6. Life Worth Living

A simple song about being grateful for what you have and making the most out of life.

7. Better Part of Me

A piano based song; vocally impressive with intricate harmonies.

8. Holiday

A fun track with multiple electric guitars describing the “Holiday” that is when a certain person is around.

9. Alone Again

This ballad seems to be the down beat tune of the album, but in turn delivers a message worth paying attention to.

10. 14th Floor

Awesome closing track that sums up the entire album nicely.



Calendar of Events

Jun 1st 2013

6th Annual Gator Rescue Tournament

Gator Country Adventure Park
12559 FM 365, Beaumont, TX 77705
409-794-9453

Jun 1st & Jun 2nd 2013

Lotus Garden & Bamboo Festival

9:30am - 5pm, Buu Mon Buddhist Temple
2701 Proctor St., Port Arthur, TX 77640
409-982-9319

Jun 5th - Aug 7th

Wild Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 9:30am

Shangri La Botanical Gardens
2111 W. Park Ave., Orange, TX
409-670-9113

Jun 8th 2013

Spindletop Roller Girls

Door 6:30pm Bout 7pm
Adults \$10 (advance) or \$15 at door
Kids (2-12) \$5, Ford Exhibit Hall
5115 I-10 South, Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

Jun 8th 2013

SETX Mid-Summer Classic Wakeboarding Tournament

8am-till FREE to spectators
SETX Wakeboard Lake
Rose City TX, 409-781-4786

Jun 14th- Jun 16th 2013

Bill Pickett Trail Riders, Zydeco Festival & Rodeo

Ford Arena, 5115 I-10 South,
Beaumont, TX, 832-398-1425

Jun 17th- July 19th 2013

Art Ventures Creative Kids Summer Camp

Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St., Beaumont, TX 77701
409-832-3432

Jun 19th 2013

Juneteenth Celebration

Downtown Port Arthur, Port Arthur,
TX 77642, 409-332-9105

Jun 19th & Jun 20th 2013

The Addams Family

7:30pm \$40-\$65, Lutch Theater
707 W. Main, Orange, TX 77630
409-886-5535

Jun 20th 2013

Tim McGraw & Brantley Gilbert

\$28-\$67.75, Ford Pavilion
5115 I-10 South Beaumont TX
409-951-5400

Jun 26th 2013

Hebert High School

Mass Reunion

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza
3950 Walden Rd, Beaumont, TX
409-880-5379

Jun 28th-30th

Roddick Series Beaumont Jr. & Adult Open

Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd., Beaumont, TX
409-866-2633

July 4th 2013

City of Beaumont

Fourth of July Celebration

Gates Open 5pm, Admission Free
The Event Center, 700 Crocket St.,
Beaumont, TX, 409-838-3435

July 6th 2013

Kids Gator Rescue Tournament

Gator Country Adventure Park
21559 FM 365, Beaumont, TX
409-7945-9453

July 12th 2013

Texas Energy Museum Presents: Bubble Day

10:30am - 12:30pm, Free Admission
Rogers Park Community Ctr.
Gladys Ave. @ Dowlen Rd.
Beaumont, TX, 409-833-5100

July 19th - July 21st 2013

His & Hers Weekend SETX Great Outdoors Expo & the Peddler Show

Fri. 3-8, Sat. 9-8, Sun. 11-4, Adults \$6
Seniors (65+) \$5, Children 5 and under
Free, Ford Park Event Center
5115 I-10 S, Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

July 26th 2013

Bill Gaither

Ford Arena
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Regina Rogers at the Gift of Life Appreciation Dinner



Jimmy Simmons receiving special honors at the Gift of Life Appreciation Dinner



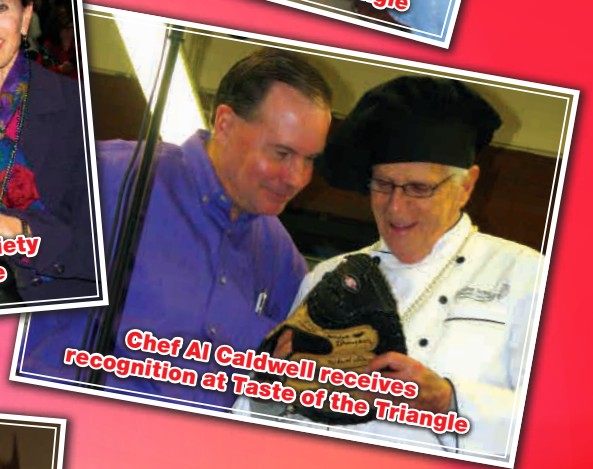
Taking Time to Dance at the Taste of the Triangle



Market Basket Booth at the Taste of the Triangle



Three ladies from Cancer Society at the Taste of the Triangle



Chef Al Caldwell receives recognition at Taste of the Triangle



The Juggs Entertain at the Sonny Sherman Roast



Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Sherman at the Sonny Sherman Roast



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Roasting Sonny Sherman



Sonny Sherman Roast... He Did It His Way

Viva Snapshots



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Shopping Day at Gaudie and Company



A day at Jackie's Boutique



Waiting for the first American Airlines plane to land at the Airport



Americans Airlines landing at Jack Brooks Airport



Grand Opening of Jack Brooks Regional Airport



Getting Ready for American Airlines



Bishop Guillory and family



Media Party for YMBL State Fair

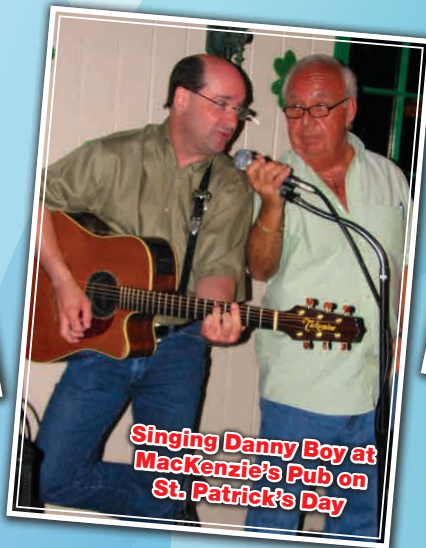


Mayor Becky Ames and Bishop Guillory

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Valentine's Day at MacKenzie's



Singing Danny Boy at MacKenzie's Pub on St. Patrick's Day



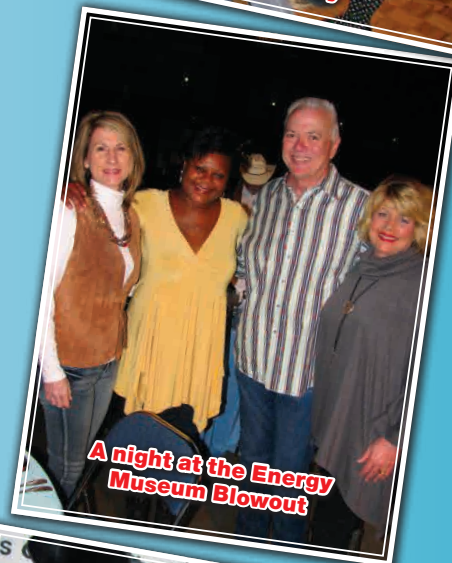
Chuck and staff of MacKenzie's Pub on St. Patrick's Day



Valentines Day at MacKenzie's



Jeb Bush speaking at the Energy Museum Blowout



A night at the Energy Museum Blowout



Energy Museum Blowout



Father Jerry helping out at St. Joseph's Alter



St Joseph's Alter



Jacki and granddaughters with Bella



Happy Birthday Earl

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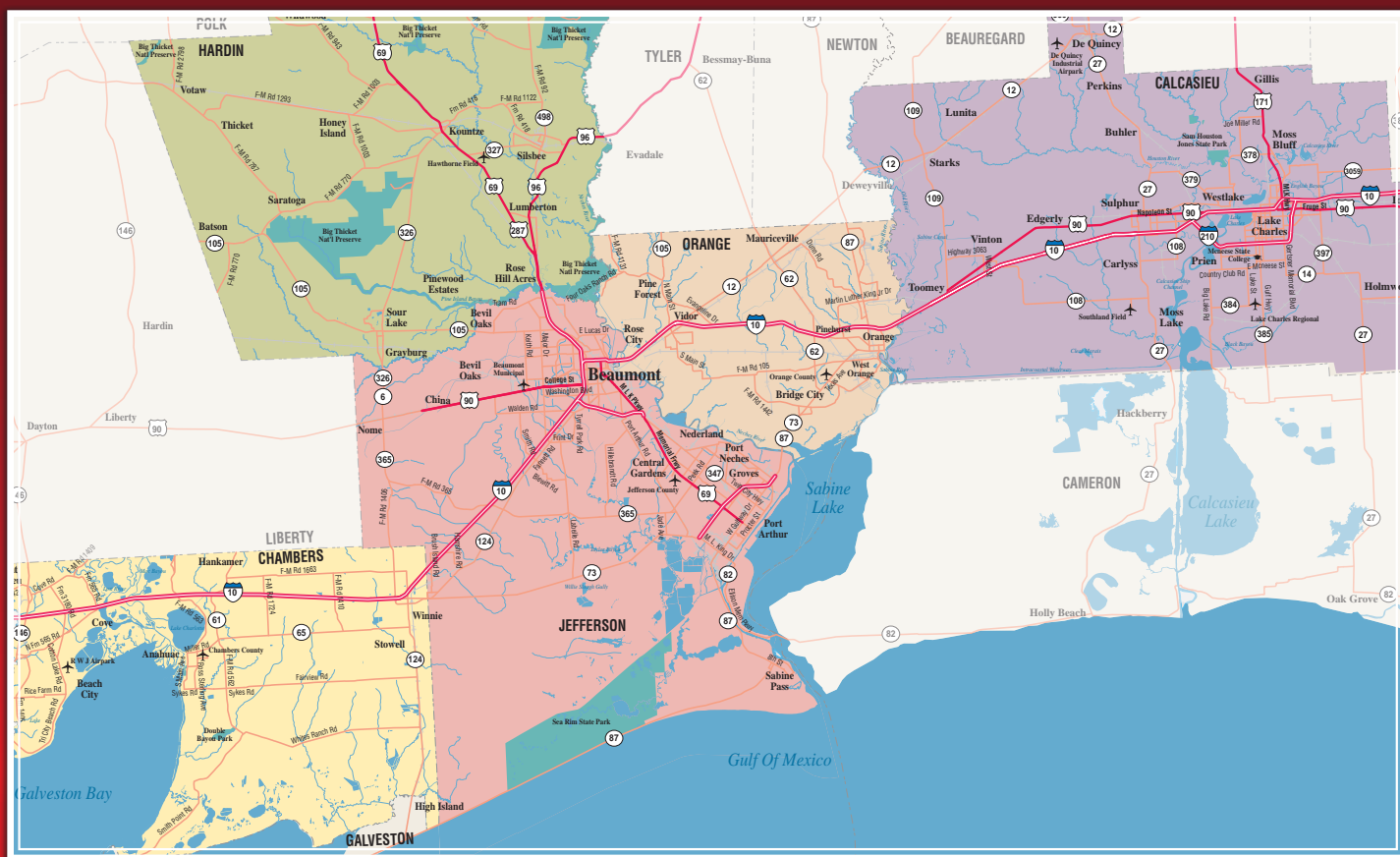
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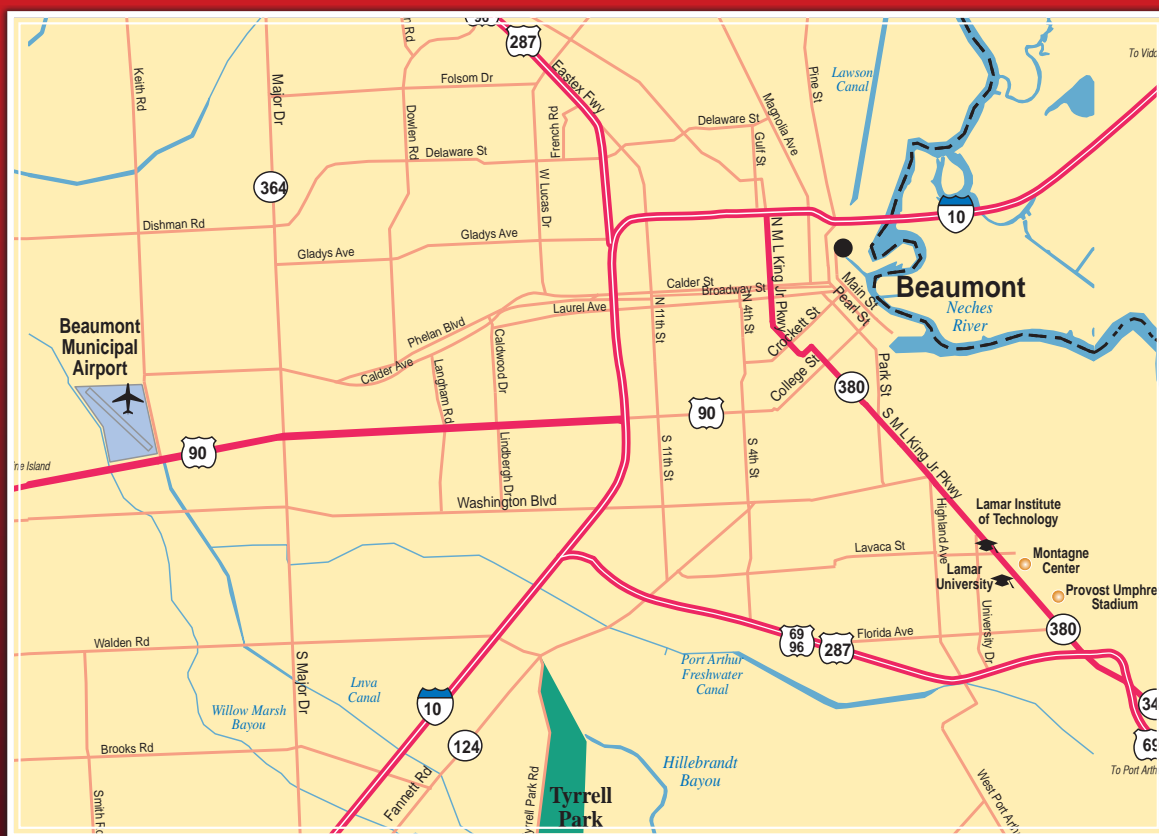
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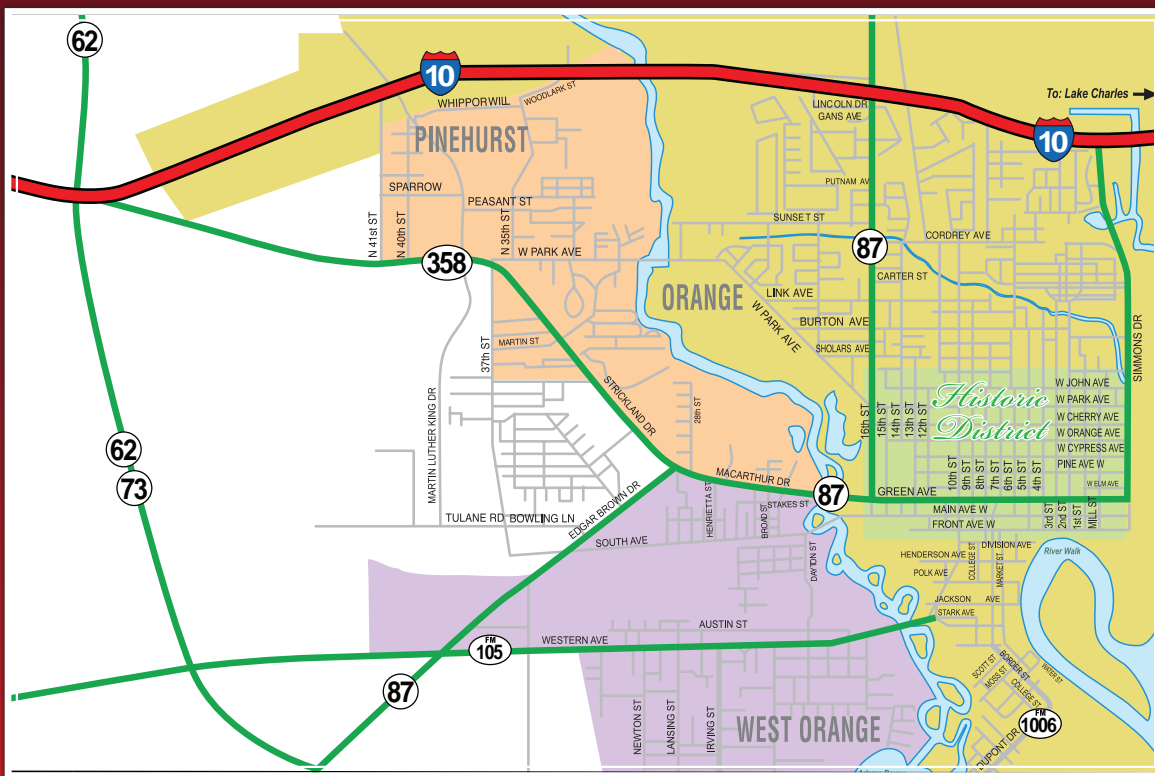
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SALUTE TO MEMORIAL DAY

By D.E. Meek

Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The history of Memorial Day goes back to the Civil War and was first called Decoration Day because family members of fallen soldiers would decorate the graves. Over the years it has become part of a three-day weekend holiday set for the last weekend in May, and is generally associated with the start of the summer season.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day includes the American flag flying at half-staff position until noon, then raised to full-staff for the rest of the day. Some cities and towns celebrate Memorial Day with special services and parades. The custom to decorate the grave sites still remains today. One of the most known observances is the President of the United States laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Today, many families and friends will gather at parks, picnic grounds, and backyards to bar-b-que. Swimming pools will mark Memorial Day as their first day to open for summer fun, and people all over the United States will pop fireworks. One thing for sure, the American flag will be flying and everywhere one goes, they are sure to see Red, White and Blue.

Please remember our own fallen. Below is a list of names of our brave soldiers killed during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

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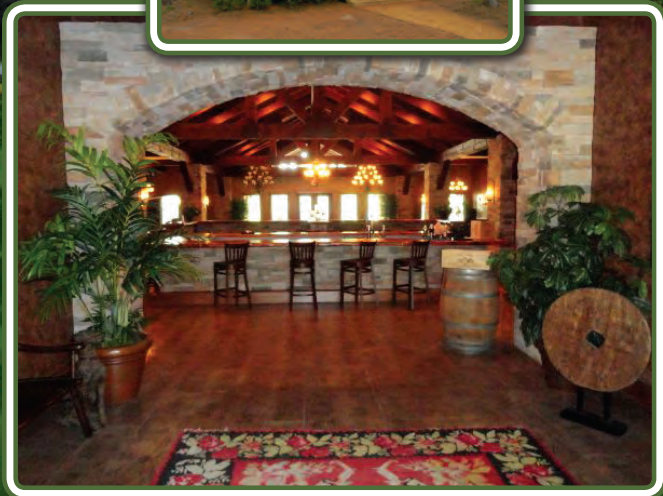


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