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We have added a new section to *Viva Southeast Texas*, called *News from the BBB* by John Paschall, President/CEO of the Better Business Bureau® Serving Southeast Texas. John will have great advice for consumers and businesses in our area.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine* which celebrates the season of new beginnings. Whether or not you are searching for a new look, a new home or something different to do, *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine* has helpful insights in this issue to get you started.

And now, a few comments from our readers:

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"I think the magazine is awesome. I love the pics and color scheme in the magazine. It's always catchy and the articles are interesting. Cassie is just wonderful herself as well. She does a great job with the magazine."
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"Great looking magazine! I was really surprised to find so much information and well written, interesting articles. I really love your concept and can hardly wait for the next issue." — R. M.



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Five centuries ago, a musical instrument of cast bronze bells was created and became known as the CARILLON. It is played from a modified keyboard with the fists and feet. Located in lofty bell towers throughout the world, the instrument and its player were hidden from sight, making the carillon one of the world's best kept secrets.

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The carillon is played by a silent and masked "spirit of the bells" that appears only to breathe life into the instrument for the performance. The "spirit" and creator of "Cast in Bronze", Frank Della Penna, began his studies in Valley Forge, PA, and is a graduate of the French Carillon School in Tourcoing, France.

"Cast in Bronze" has been invited to perform for both Pope John Paul II and the Presidential Inauguration, and has performed at Walt Disney World's Epcot in Orlando, Florida 1998 – 2002 for the Christmas season. The music of "Cast in Bronze" has also been heard on radio, at music and Renaissance Festivals, on television including a special Christmas Eve performance on the NBC "Today" Show, and at Alice Cooper's 2004 "Christmas Pudding" benefit concert.

This year "Cast in Bronze" will be presented to the public as a special attraction at the **Southeast Texas Mardi Gras of Port Arthur.** Be sure and catch this remarkable and historical concert on Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2014.



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TIMBER, RICE AND CRAWFISH

The Timber industry had been a very important resource to the early growth of Southeast Texas. The woodlands of this region continue to play an important role today, both economically and environmentally.

The most dense forest lands of Texas lie in the Big Thicket region, just north of Beaumont. The Big Thicket was mostly uninhabited until heavy settlement from the U.S. began in the mid-19th century. It was often used as a refuge by outlaws and runaway slaves. This forest was home to a variety of hardwoods, an abundance of tall pine trees, to native Indians and to the American Black Bear.

One of the first steam operated sawmills in Texas was planned in 1829 in what is now modern

Houston. After the Texas Revolution in 1836, lumber production increased steadily that by 1860 there were over 200 saw mills in the state and mostly in this region. The construction of railroads throughout the eastern and southeastern part of the state led to a boom in lumber production starting in the 1880s. The following 50-year period in which the Texas timber industry flourished came to be known as the "bonanza era" and Southeast Texas led the way.

By the start of the 20th century timber was one of the leading economic engines. Lumber barons, such as John Henry Kirby, were among the wealthiest people in the state. By 1907 Texas was the third largest lumber producer in the United States. The clearing of fields for oil exploration and the related demand for lumber through the first half of the 20th century destroyed much of the remaining forest lands in the state.



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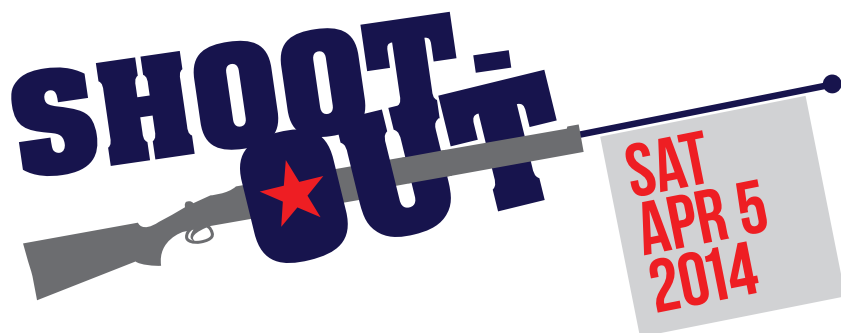
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By the 1920s lumber production was in decline. In recent times preservation efforts have helped to stabilize parts of the Texas woodlands. Today, Texas still ranks in the top ten states of lumber production. The creation of the Texas Big Thicket National Preserve in 1974 was one of preservation efforts. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Big Thicket National Preserve.

Joseph Broussard, pioneer rice grower and miller, was born in 1866, in the home of his maternal grandparents on Hillebrandt Bayou in the site that is now Beaumont, Texas. Broussard was reared on the family ranch near the site of present Hamshire, Texas where he worked cattle and delivered mail on horseback in the lower Taylor's Bayou area of Jefferson County.

When a post office was established in 1885, he became its first postmaster and named it La Belle for his fiancée, Mary Belle Bordages. They were married in 1889 and moved to Beaumont, where Broussard bought one-third interest in a gristmill. In 1892 he converted the gristmill to a rice mill and founded Beaumont Rice Mills.



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It became the first commercially successful rice mill in Texas. The mill continued in operation till the late 1980s under the founder's grandson.

From 1907 to 1918 Broussard was president of the Rice Millers' and Dealers' Association, the forerunner of the present Rice Millers' Association of America. In 1909, when the industry faced a financial crisis, Broussard was a member of a two-man team that successfully marketed American rice in Europe.

Less than 1,500 acres was planted with rice in Texas in 1892. To help increase rice production, in 1898 Broussard co-founded the Beaumont Irrigation Company, whose initial canal led to the formation of the Lower Neches Valley Authority. The system is now capable of irrigating 50,000 acres of rice while supplying the area's industrial requirements for water. At the time of Broussard's death, acres planted with rice in Texas annually reached well over 400,000, and production had spread to twenty-three counties.

Rice production has steadily increased in Southeast Texas over the last thirty years. One of the largest millers of rice in our area today is Doguet's Rice Milling Company. The company was established in 1979.

Where there are rice fields, there are crawfish. This freshwater crustacean resembles a small lobster, to which they are related, and are often referred to as crawdads or mudbugs. They breathe through feather-like gills and are found in bodies of water that do not freeze to the bottom. They are mostly found in brooks and streams where there is fresh running water and have shelter against predators. Most crawfish cannot tolerate polluted water.

Since the rice farmers use freshwater to irrigate their rice fields, these man-made ponds have become the perfect breeding grounds for the two local species of crawfish in this area, *Procambarus clarkii* (red swamp crawfish) and *Procambarus zonangulus* (white river crawfish). Both species are native to the Gulf coast region and have adapted to coping with the wet-dry climate cycles found throughout this area.

Crawfish have often been used for bait as well as for a source of food, but it wasn't until the 1960s that crawfish became a popular cash crop. Today, South Louisiana and Southeast Texas produce over 95% of the crawfish produced for eating in the U. S.

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The 2014 South Texas State Fair is the 71st such event sponsored by the Young Men's Business League (YMBL), but the story of the Fair in Beaumont goes back many years before this. The Fair actually is more than 100 years old. The first event was called simply the Beaumont Fair. Families came with picnic lunches and some even camped overnight on the grounds. Later the fair became known as the Southeast Texas State Fair, but in 1921 the "east" was dropped and the present name adopted.

A Fair Association was formed to promote the exposition and did quite well through 1941 until the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December brought the United States into World War II. Fairs all across the nation ceased to function because of the war, but at an invitation from the city and the military (due to soldiers being stationed near Beaumont, and in need of entertainment and diversion from army life), the YMBL assumed operation of the Fair in 1942.

During the war, the Fair was known at first as the "YMBL Victory Fair" and was primarily an agricultural exposition and livestock show featuring a carnival midway. The Fair was strictly a volunteer effort with YMBL members selling tickets, manning the gates, parking cars and providing expertise in the agriculture and livestock shows. Thousands of soldiers came from Camp Polk in Louisiana and Fort Hood in Killeen to spend a weekend in Beaumont and to attend the Fair.

The South Texas State Fair drew more than 250,000 in 1957, and since that time estimated attendance has grown to more than half a million drawn from ten counties in South East Texas and three South West Louisiana parishes. Although a "nonprofit" committee of the YMBL, the Fair supports the sponsoring organization with more than 90% of its total revenue which the YMBL shares with the community in direct gifts to local and area charitable organizations, youth projects, civic programs and other efforts to aid the elderly and those in need.

The South Texas State Fair runs from March 27 through April 6. The YMBL/PRCA Rodeo will be held March 27 & 28 at the Ford Park Arena. More scheduling details are available at www.ymb.org

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

South Texas State Fair March 27th – April 6th

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 - WRIST BAND NIGHT

Official Fair Opening Ceremonies –
Main Gate: 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 – FUN FRIDAY / RODEO NIGHT

YMBL PRCA Rodeo – Ford Arena: 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - KIDS DAY / RODEO MATINEE

YMBL PRCA Rodeo – Ford Arena: 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 – ADVANTAGE PLUS HOMECARE SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 – CONN'S LADIES NIGHT

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By Joy Wooley

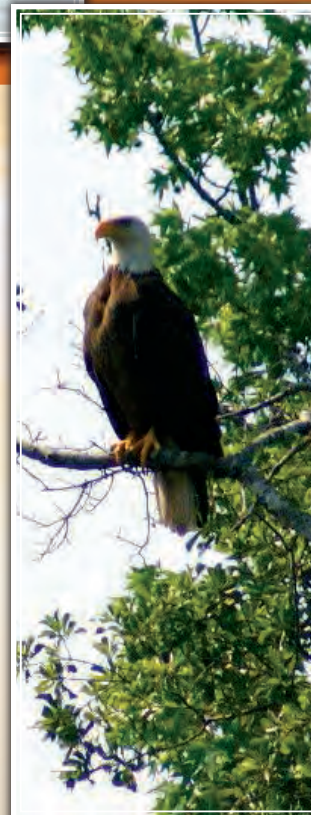
Spring is the best time of year to discover new things! Some people like flowers or baby animals, while others are into birding. Birding has become one of the top favorite past times World Wide. This global past time is a hobby for many and serious business for some. Birding doesn't cost a lot of money, nor does it require a lot of equipment. All you need are a good pair of hiking boots, binoculars, paper and pencil, and a map. Of course, if you are new to birding you might want to go with a group led by a guide. The Golden Triangle Audubon Club has scheduled birding excursions all year long or you can talk to the Bird Man at Tyrrell Park. He would love to show you around Cattail Marsh and tell you all about the many birds you can discover in the area.

Cattail Marsh includes 900-acres of wetlands along the banks of Hildebrandt Bayou and Willow Marsh Bayou. It is a wildlife refuge for a variety of aquatic mammals and more than 350 species of birds annually, including: pelicans, egrets, roseate spoonbills, ducks, ibis, doves and red-winged blackbirds. Originally constructed in 1993 by the Beaumont Public Utilities Department as the final phase of Beaumont's wastewater treatment system, this natural and innovative process of cleaning wastewater has attracted the interest of environmentalists from across the state. Tyrrell Park and Cattail Marsh both offer a variety of recreational activities with more than eight miles of gravel levee roads for jogging, hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, wildlife photography and picnicking. Cattail Marsh is part of the Big Thicket National Preserve and also part of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail in the section known as the Upper Coastal Trail. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Big Thicket



National Preserve which was established in 1974 with the intent of preserving the unique woodlands of the Big Thicket. Your first stop at Big Thicket National Preserve should be the visitor center located 7 miles north of Kountze, Texas, on U.S. Highway 69. Here, staff will assist you with orientation to the many units of the Preserve and the surrounding region. The facility is located seven miles north of Kountze, Texas, on U.S. Highway 69 at the junction of FM 420. and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The visitor center provides many opportunities to discover the rich diversity of resources found in the Preserve.

The Big Thicket Association was formed to help develop public awareness of both the Big Thicket National Preserve and the Neches River. In addition to speaking to various groups and organizations, they raise money through the Neches River Adventures boat rides.



Places of Interest



Enjoy a leisurely trip on the Neches River. This ecologically diverse river has been called "The Last Wild River" in east Texas. The Neches is home to more than 200 tree species, 47 mammals, 300 birds and many reptiles and amphibians, including alligators.



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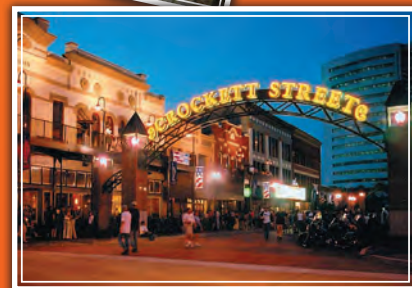
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Spring TRANSFORMATION

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

Welcome to Spring! What better time to begin spring cleaning – especially in your closet – so you can create space for the fresh looks of this season!

This spring is all about transformative clothes. It's about using the runway looks as your inspiration to select a few key styles to personalize, which will instantly update your wardrobe and your look.

All of us have traditional styles in our wardrobe (you know...the pieces you always choose because they are "safe"). These "go to" outfits are great, but a little change is necessary to keep things fresh. The results are revitalizing, as are the latest trends...

FLOWER POWER – Florals are a mainstay for spring, but 2014 inspires new growth by bringing us the sportiest and most wearable translation of florals we've enjoyed in a long time (which means even the tomboys will be adorned in daisies).

METAL MANIA - The high shine of the metallic hue is hot in every shade (especially gray)!

IN THE FOLD – Pleats are adorning everything. Want to really stand out? Add a piece with asymmetrical pleats!
SHAPE UP – The unconventional, angular and exaggerated shapes are defining the spring season.

ART IS FASHION - Whether it's a garment or an accessory, pop art prints in bright, bold colors and patterns, add an infusion of life into your spring wardrobe.



WHITE COLLAR – Retrieve the button-down from the back of your closet and resurrect it for spring. Collared shirts have inspired a plethora of dresses and shirts with innovative designs.

GAME DAY – The sporty, athletic look is influencing everything from pants to sophisticated silhouettes.

ALSO TRENDING is nautical chic, sheer fabrics (remember to wear the proper undergarments), print skinny jeans (including midrise for anyone tired of low rise), 90's inspired slogan tees, fringe accents and lace-adorned pieces in all colors.

Speaking of **COLOR**, this spring's expanded palette takes on a modern twist by pairing soft pastels with vivid bright hues. Gray is everywhere (it just might be the new black)!

Speaking of **black**, it is still wildly popular especially paired with white, which makes a strong graphic statement. Orange, red, bright blue, violet, green and icy pastels – especially pink – are also prevalent for this season.

This versatility of colors allows for experimentation with new looks and color combinations, which can really help add new life into an uninspiring wardrobe.



Transforming your spring wardrobe doesn't mean wearing styles in which you do not feel comfortable. It means stepping out of your comfort zone, just a little, to try something new. Even if it's adding a brighter blouse than you usually wear or a metallic tank under a neutral suit, this wardrobe infusion will go far, along with that excited feeling and brighter smile that we all seem to wear when sporting something new.

When selecting pieces for your wardrobe, the most important thing is that they always reflect your individuality and enhance your confidence. And this season, we are yet again blessed that there are trends for every personality, size and shape so we can choose the styles that best represent who we are.

So spring into action and begin shopping!



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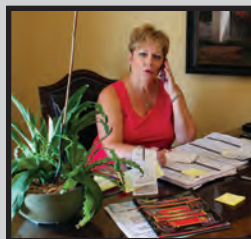
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THE NEW Spring Looks

By Melinda Royer

What are the new looks of spring? As the seasons change, people (especially the ladies) like to change their hair, too. Cinnamon and copper were the look for this past fall, however, this spring you will see a slow change to a lighter shade of brown or a darker blonde to prepare for summer blondes.



It is always best to gradually change the color of your hair to preserve the integrity of the hair. If you were a cinnamon brown then add some Irish cream hi-lites or if you were a darker brown add some ginger hi-lites. This will give you the lighter spring color without a drastic change. Remember weekly deep conditioning is a must for color treated or extremely long hair.

As the weather warms up many women always consider cutting their hair off. Have you considered cutting your hair? Be sure you have really thought this through before you have 4 to 6 inches of beautiful hair chopped off. This spring you see

that long hair will still be popular even though many of the stars like Christina Aguilera and Rihanna have cut their long locks. Try experimenting with sleek ponytails or soft waves with braids (a cross between the 1970's and vintage look) before you cut your long hair.



If you are looking for a new look or not sure what can be done to change your present look, spend a little extra time with your hair stylist and discuss the options. A good hair stylist will help you achieve a new spring look that is just right for you.



For more information on this article, contact Melinda Royer, Stylist in Port Neches at 409-718-2900.

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WESBROOKS ELECTED TO TEXAS TENNIS COACHES HALL OF FAME

Former coach has been involved with Lamar since 1969

By Clay Trainum



NEW BRAUNFELS – Ron Wesbrooks' Lamar coaching career may have ended in 1987, but his legacy has stood the test of time. He has now been inducted into the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

Wesbrooks, who first set foot on campus as a graduate student in 1969, took over the head coaching role for the university Tennis Team in the fall of 1970 and led the Cardinals to their second Southland Conference title in 1973. He'd go on to record 198 career victories over

16 years, both marks ranking the most in Lamar school history.

"I came here as a graduate student, and I was fortunate enough to stick around," Wesbrooks said. "Lewis Hilley really put Lamar men's tennis on the map with the national titles in the NAIA, and I happened to be in the right place at the right time as we moved into Division I. It was a good team when I got here, and I still remember the 1973 team, which had several international players but also three players from Beaumont. It was a really special group."

Wesbrooks is the first Lamar coach to be inducted into the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame, and he joins Cathy Beene as the second person with LU ties to be inducted into a hall of fame this year. A plaque bearing Wesbrooks' name will be on permanent display at Newcombe's Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels as well as at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco.

"It's really a nice honor, and since I've been out of coaching for so long, I was kind of surprised to get the phone call," Wesbrooks said. "The TTCA is made up of a variety of coaches from both the high school and college levels, and they are very active in trying to educate and promote the value of tennis. It's a beautiful game that can teach you a lot about life, and this organization shares that belief."

Since stepping down as LU's coach in 1987, Wesbrooks has continued to teach at the university, introducing more than 5,000 students to the game over his tenure. He's also remained very involved with the Beaumont Labor Day Tennis Tournament since 1973 and helped start the Southeast Texas Tennis Association Zone Advancement Tournament, both of which are sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association.

Wesbrooks has remained one of LU's biggest tennis fan, and he's a regular at Thompson Family Tennis Center on campus. Earlier this past fall, the name of the annual Lamar men's tennis tournament was changed to the Ron Wesbrooks Invitational in his honor.

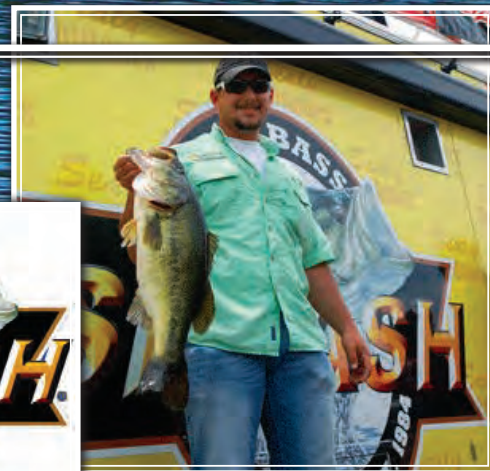


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SUN.	MAR. 9	VS. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA*	1:00 PM
WED.	MAR. 12	VS. INCARNATE WORD	3:00 PM
		VS. INCARNATE WORD	5:00 PM
SAT.	MAR. 22	VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	1:00 PM
		VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	3:00 PM
SUN.	MAR. 23	VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	1:00 PM
SAT.	APR. 5	VS. HOUSTON BAPTIST*	3:00 PM
		VS. HOUSTON BAPTIST*	5:00 PM
SUN.	APR. 6	VS. HOUSTON BAPTIST*	2:00 PM
WED.	APR. 9	VS. ALCORN STATE	3:00 PM
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WED.	APR. 16	VS. HOUSTON	3:00 PM
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SAT.	APR. 19	VS. TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI*	2:00 PM
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division. Brandon wanted to win the 4-wheeler offered only in the Adult division. Special permission was granted and Brandon caught an 11.57 pound bass in the Adult division and won the tournament. Not only did he get the 4-wheeler, but as winner, he received a \$50,000 21-foot Titan boat, a check for \$30,000, and a H2 Hummer.



The 2014 Big Bass Splash event is April 23-27. Amateur fishermen from over 42 states and 6 foreign countries will gather at Lake Sam Rayburn for their chance to win cash and prizes. There are numerous ways to win. Twelve places will be paid in cash for the heaviest bass weighed in each hour of each tournament day with \$3000 to the heavies. If an angler weighs in a 3.00/4.00/5.00 exact weight bass, they will be awarded \$10,000. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$250,000 Sportsman Package which includes a 2014 Coachman Motor Home, a Ram pickup truck, a fully equipped Triton 21TrX boat, with Mercury engine and \$40,000 in cash.

This year The Big Bass Splash is bringing families together with Lake Jam 2014. This 5 day event, from Wednesday, April 23 to Sunday, April 27 is open to the

public and includes an Outdoor Expo featuring a boat and tackle show, vendor booths displaying the latest in technologies, fishing and boating gear, apparel, arts and crafts and specialty items. There will be food booths and a "Beer Garden" hosted by Rayburn Country

Resort. Live music will be presented daily featuring Josh Turner on Friday, April 25 and Chris Young, Sunday, April 27.

The Big Bass Splash has given over 10 million dollars to The Ronald McDonald House, plus countless funds to March of Dimes, Boys Haven, McDonald's Select Children's Charities and Make a Wish Foundation.

Bob Sealy has been selected to become a member of the Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee. Bob's commitment to fishing and the outdoors has earned him this honor.

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Tri-City Corvette Club: Corvettes and Proms!

By Joy Wooley

For the past several years a number of high school-aged foster kids have been treated to a day and night of pampering and fun thanks to the Tri-City Corvette Club of Southeast Texas. They are helped by other businesses in Southeast Texas. The community donates dresses, shoes, jewelry and other prom-like items. Many businesses offer services like haircuts, styling and manicures free of charge.

After all that pampering, the young ladies get dressed up, the young men are ready to pick out a Corvette, and then they drive to a very special prom night just for them. Not every foster teen attends their high school prom, so the special prom night provides them with prom-like memories.

The Tri-City Corvette Club gets their cars ready for the guys to choose from. After each one has chosen his car they are escorted by local police in a convoy to where the gals are, now all dressed up in their prom gowns. The Corvette Club then drives the teens to the prom dinner and dance provided by the Corvette Club. Arriving at the special prom dinner in a Corvette makes Prom Night that more memorable for these foster teens. For some, it is the highlight of the evening.

It takes a lot of volunteers and local businesses to put this program on.

The Tri-City Corvette Club of Southeast Texas is honored to be a part of it.

This year will mark the 9th year for the Foster Teens Prom Night. If you want to be a part of this wonderful program, contact Shari Pulliam of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.



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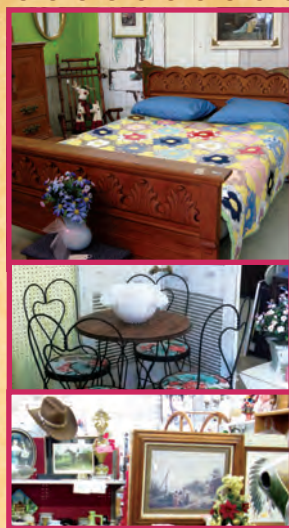
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6. *A mortgage* - In today's tight credit environment, getting a mortgage can be a challenge. Buyers should be willing to consider homes below what they may qualify for in order to bump up the loan to value ratio.
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By D. E. Meek

It's 'Spring Time!' New beginnings time of the year and everyone is 'going green'. The idea behind the green movement is to save our planet. It just so happens that 'going green' can save you money and who wouldn't want that with today's economy. One of the best ways to save money and help our planet at the same time is to plant a garden.

During World War II anyone with a patch of ground planted 'Victory Gardens' as a show of supporting the war effort. Trucks and gasoline were scarce and greatly needed for the troops overseas. This made shipping groceries difficult and oftentimes grocery stores had to do without certain items. Fresh farm produce was affected the most. To fill in the gap and to insure fresh produce for those living in the States, our government came up with the idea of the 'Victory Garden'.

The government would encourage people to plant small garden plots of fresh vegetables in their backyards, flowerbeds or patio containers. These small gardens were easy to maintain and did not require the use of tractors or other garden machinery, therefore saving on the gasoline.

Today, we can take these small convenient size gardens to the next level and plant small garden plots in raised beds made from recycled materials. We can even go organic, saving planet Earth from harsh chemicals going into the watershed or pesticides that are harmful to birds and small animals.

Fresh home grown vegetables taste the best and you get more of the necessary vitamins with each bite. Depending on your personal likes or dislikes will determine what vegetables you would want to grow. Here in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, we have two full growing seasons, spring/early summer and late summer/fall. Well drained soil, fortified with natural compost can grow just about any vegetable you would ever want.

You can start your vegetables from seeds or from starter plants. Your local nursery can help you find the best seeds and/or plants for you garden. They can also supply you with good information on up keep, soil treatment, and alternatives to pesticides.

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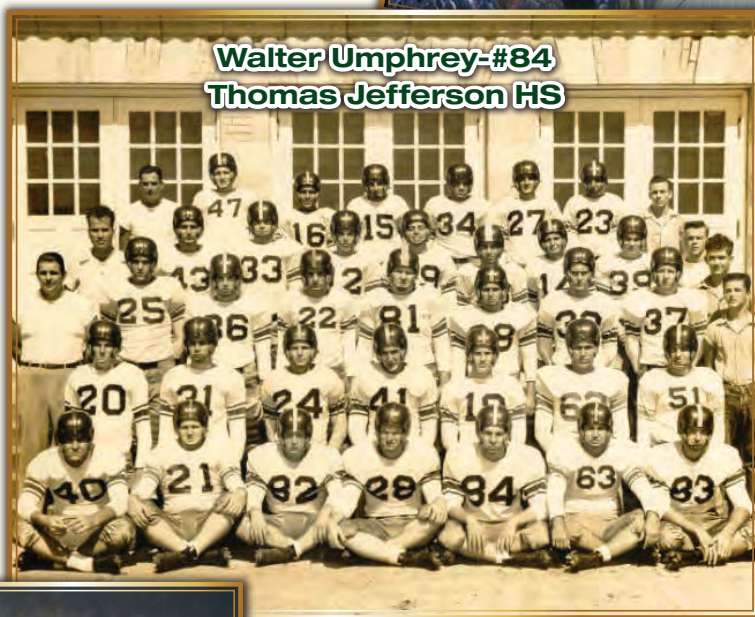
A Successful Team!

At the heart of every successful team is a tenacious leader with a competitive drive to win and an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence. When it comes to a winning legal team, the Provost-Umphrey Law Firm exemplifies that definition, and the leader is Walter Umphey, senior managing partner, who at the age of 77 still arrives at the law offices at 6:30 a.m. each morning, not because he has to, but because he wants to!

Thomas Walter Umphey was born in 1936 in Port Arthur, Texas where he was reared in the home of Justice of the Peace Fulton Lee, mother Grace, and older sister, Carolyn. He undoubtedly first learned to respect not only the law, but also the rights of individuals as he often accompanied his father to the Port Arthur Court House. Walter attended Thomas Jefferson High School and was an outstanding guard on the Yellow Jacket football team, and twice earned all-state honors. It was there, that Walter's competitive nature and leadership qualities flourished and where he honed his team-building skills.

It was Walter's pursuit of excellence and drive to win that earned him a scholarship to play football at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and then to finish a Business Degree in 1959 at Baylor University. In 1963 he made the decision to return to Baylor and become a lawyer.

"Walter as the lawyer was one that took place rather quickly. Walter came home one day and said, "I keep making money for



all these lawyers. I think I want to be a lawyer. What do you think?" Since we didn't have any children, I said let's go!", Sheila relates. It is said that behind every successful man is a good woman, and truer words were never spoken about Sheila Umphey. "We packed our things, threw them in a car I had borrowed from my brother and off we went." She said, "he studied law at Baylor and I worked in a bank making \$250 a month. That was probably 1963. It was an adventure and an investment that has paid large dividends for countless people, for numerous causes over the last 40 plus years."

Walter earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1965. He returned to Southeast Texas, where he began work as a prosecuting attorney in the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and earned the position of Chief Felony Prosecutor.

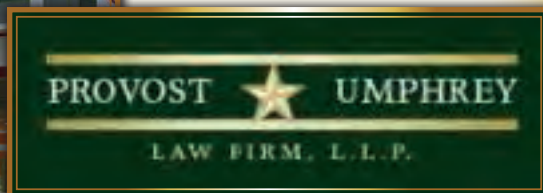
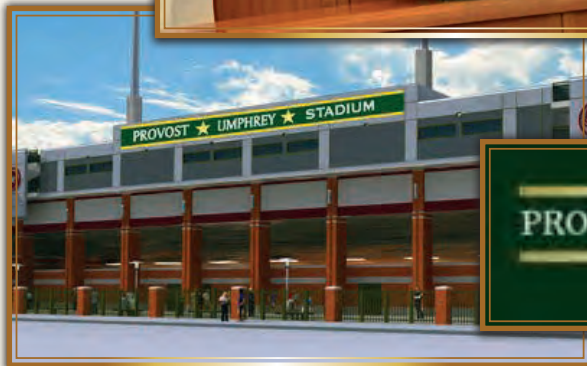
In 1969, Walter decided to move to the other side of the courtroom as a plaintiff attorney. He with his partner, the late David Provost, started their firm in Port Arthur with two additional lawyers and

a staff of five. To say the Provost-Umphrey Law Firm has experienced near incredulous growth is not an exaggeration.

They have offices in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Houston and Austin, as well as in Washington D.C. and Nashville, Tennessee, with 54 lawyers and a support staff of 225. What is even more astonishing is Walter Uumphrey has never sent a bill to a single client! "A poor person ought to be able to hire a good lawyer. My clientele can't afford to give money. They're working people, middle-class or poor," states Uumphrey. "If a case is not worth taking on a contingent basis, then it's not worth taking!" Walter is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" and was recently selected as one of the top 100 lawyers of the 20th century. He is included in the "Legal Legends: A Century of Texas Law and Lawyering" and was selected by fellow Texas attorneys as a Texas Super Lawyer, an honor held by only the top 5 percent of the Texas Bar.

Walter Uumphrey, who first came to prominence in the 1970's as a pioneer in the asbestos litigation, is undoubtedly best known as the lead attorney for the "Dream Team", a consortium of 5 Texas law firms that represented the State of Texas in the tobacco litigation, which led to a 17.3 billion-dollar recovery at a time when the tobacco industry had never paid anyone. "I knew it was going to be a tough long fight and was going to take three or four years of my career, and it did," said Uumphrey. "They had never paid anybody and my theory was that if history was going to be made, I wanted to be a part of it." In addition to investing the time to make history and benefit the State of Texas, he and four other firms put up about \$9 million dollars each when they signed on to take on Phillip Morris.

In addition to the time he spends in the defense of people and causes, Walter makes time to support civic and community causes. He served as Director of the National Wildlife Association, Director of the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and Past Director of Texas Regional Bancshares, Inc., Texas State Bank and as Vice-Chairman of the Texas State Parks and Wildlife Commission (1991-1997). Walter donated land on Pleasure Island in Port Arthur for a state park. The newest cancer center in Southeast Texas was named the Walter Uumphrey Cancer Center, and he and Sheila donated \$10 million dollars to Baylor Law School. The Uumphrey's have been major supporters of Lamar University and its' athletic department. Walter and Sheila Uumphrey are the proud parents of Bart



Uumphrey and Paige Uumphrey Logsdon, both of Beaumont, and the loving grandparents to seven grandchildren. As part of their extended family, Walter counts Abby, Callie and Katy, his Labrador retrievers, whom he dearly loves.

Walter Uumphrey is still an active vital part of the Provost-Uumphrey Law Firm. "I pick two or three cases a year and beat my chest so I don't get too rusty," he says. "I never will retire. I enjoy coming down here and seeing what I put together perpetuate itself."

SOUTHEAST TEXAS CARDIOLOGY...

Keeping Your Heart Healthy!

Southeast Texas Cardiology Associates was established November of 1982 by Rudy Sotolongo, MD. Along with his partner Paris Bransford, MD., Dr. Sotolongo's goal is to bring state-of-the-art and compassionate cardiovascular care to Southeast Texas.

Southeast Texas Cardiology Associates offers the full spectrum of noninvasive and invasive cardiovascular medicine, as well as diagnostic and interventional electrophysiology. This includes echocardiography, evaluation of the carotid arteries, peripheral arteries and veins. They also do diagnostic coronary arteriography as well as coronary interventions with balloons and stents. Southeast Texas Cardiology also specializes in interventions treating peripheral arterial disease, which includes blockages affecting blood flow to the extremities, kidneys, and brain. They are the only practice in Southeast Texas that specializes in the treatment of a multitude of electrical disorders of the heart including atrial fibrillation with catheter based ablations.

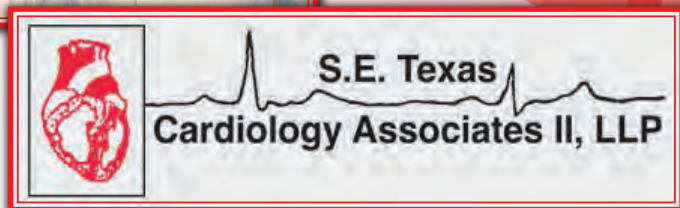
Over the past three years, they have developed a comprehensive venous clinic, Southeast Texas Vein Clinic. Here, they diagnose and provide treatment for all venous disorders, including laser treatment of venous reflux and removal of varicose veins. They also treat reticular and spider veins. These venous disorders left untreated can lead to serious cardiovascular problems.

When asked, "What are the most important things one can do to keep a healthy heart?" Dr. Sotolongo and Dr. Bransford listed the following 5 things:

1. Reach and maintain ideal body weight
2. Avoid eating excessive saturated fats and eat primarily monosaturated oils such as olive oil or canola oil
3. Maintain normal blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol/Triglycerides levels
4. Regular exercise...walking, walking and more walking!
5. Lastly, avoidance of cigarette smoking is of paramount importance.



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Go Your Health

AFFORDABLE WAYS TO BE ACTIVE!

By Jacqueline Meade

If you are not mentally or financially prepared to sign a contract for a gym membership, don't rule yourself out of the "fit family". There are affordable ways to stick to your New Years' resolution without draining your bank account. Here are 5 easy ways for you to jumpstart your active lifestyle.

- **Rodgers Park:** Play basketball or tennis...the courts are lighted, so you can even get in a few games after you get off from work.
- **Hike and bike trails:** Riding a bike is one of the best forms of exercise and you can include the entire family. There are several hiking and biking trails throughout the area. Check with your local City Hall to get the complete information on locations, hours and rules.
- **Park farther away from destination:** Whether you work or shop, park as far as you can from the front door. Get in some extra steps and build up your stamina.
- **Stretch daily:** Firm up and help get your body toned while watching your favorite TV show or waiting for copies at the office copy machine. Stretch your legs, back or arms. It only takes a few seconds several times a day to achieve your goal.
- **Local high school:** most high schools in the Golden Triangle allow access to the football stadium or track field. Check with your local high school for public access.

Side note: Seeking out a "buddy system" could help keep you on the right track whether it is your spouse, child, friend or co-worker.

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APPLES AND BERRIES SHINE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

By Ann Kulze M.D.



The disease-busting credentials of apples and berries just received a nice boost thanks to some nifty new science. In the apple study – investigators found that healthy adults who consumed a single large apple a day for four weeks lowered their levels of “oxidized LDL” (the toxic form of bad cholesterol that initiates artery-clogging) by 40 percent, relative to a control group who did not consume an apple each day. Apples are uniquely high in a class of powerful antioxidants called flavanoids thought to be the “active ingredient” behind the study findings. (1)

In another study, investigators measured the level of intake of anthocyanins in over 1,800 women and compared their anthocyanin consumption to their blood pressure and the stiffness of their arteries. Anthocyanins are special plant compounds known for their robust antioxidant and anti-

inflammatory prowess, and berries provide more than any other food. Women consuming the most anthocyanins, equivalent to 1-2 portions of berries daily, had significantly lower systolic blood pressure and less stiff arteries. The magnitude of the beneficial effect in the women consuming the most anthocyanins vs. those consuming the least was on par with countering 10 years of artery aging! (2)

Although I strive to include a broad variety of brightly colored fruits in my diet regularly – the two I include most frequently are berries and apples. www.DrAnnWellness.com

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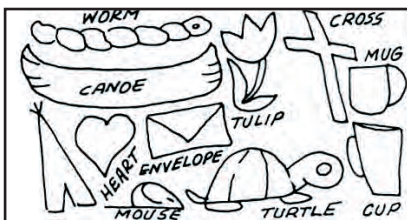
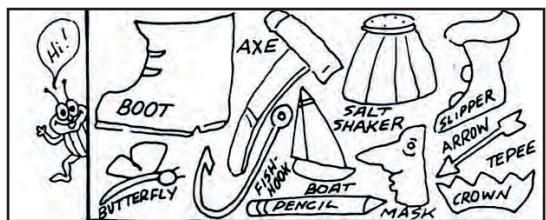
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Q: How many months have 28 days?

A: All of them!

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

A: Nacho Cheese!

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HEART HEALTHY

By Glenda Nelson

What can I say that has not already been said? Simply stated, heart disease is best prevented with the combination of a healthy diet and regular exercise. As Southeast Texans, we are accustomed to our delicious local cuisine that I dearly love. Unfortunately, it is too often too fatty and too salty for everyday consumption.

I like food and I love rich and flavorful food. Tofu shall never cross my lips again. There are too many good foods that I love so I refuse to compromise with eerie textures and fake substitutes. I disagree with the statement that we should have to have a prescription to purchase and eat cheese. I love sugary cereals but I believe that most cereals are a good thing to occupy my mouth while my bacon is cooking.

Good health is not the responsibility of our physicians or our favorite drug store on the corner, or our other favorite drug store on the opposite corner. Your own good health is a reflection of you and the choices you make on a daily basis. It can begin with little changes. A good example is storing canned soup in your refrigerator. When you open the can, any fat would have coagulated on the top and can be removed before consumption.

In terms of meat cookery, there are 3 methods. Heat is the most obvious. Snapper Vera Cruz or snapper cooked in lime juice is an example of cooking with acid. Lastly there is "curing", or cooking with salt. If your sodium intake is consistently high in sodium, you run the risk of literally "cooking" your arteries and it is for this reason, we should limit our salt intake.

Controlling sodium begins at the grocery not at the table. Try to limit your grocery purchases to raw meat and fresh produce. These items take a little longer to prepare in the kitchen but you're rewarded with better flavor.

Don't forget to balance your efforts in the kitchen with exercise. We are so fortunate to have The Big Thicket's hiking trails and miles of beach along the Gulf that can make for a great long hike and an extended weekend exercise outing to compliment what you do during the week.

Life is important and living a healthy life is probably the best blessing bestowed upon a human being next to the privilege of sharing a healthy life with the ones your love. Your friends, your loved ones and especially the children in your life deserve the very best version of you. If you are not motivated to do it for yourself, please do it for them. Get up, eat well, get moving and shine on!



TAKE THE TASTE Of Southeast Texas Home!

SOUTHEAST TEXAS SEAFOOD STEW

Ingredients:

1 ½ lb. unpeeled, medium-size raw shrimp
 2 celery ribs with ends
 1 large yellow onion with skin still on
 2 qt. reduced-sodium fat-free chicken broth
 12 oz. smoked sausage cut in ½ inch coins
 1 green bell pepper, chopped
 1 Tbsp. cooking oil
 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 1 lb. small red potatoes, halved
 1 (12 oz.) bottle beer
 1 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves, chopped
 2 bay leaves
 2 tsp. Creole seasoning
 ¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
 1 ½ lb. cubed fresh catfish fillets
 1 lb. pre-boiled whole crayfish
 Salt & black pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Peel shrimp, place shells in a large saucepan. (Refrigerate peeled shrimp until ready to use.) Chop off the celery ends and peel the onion, place the ends and peeling in saucepot. Add broth; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer 30 minutes. Chop the rest of the celery and onion and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, cook sausage in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat, stirring often for 7 to 8 minutes or until browned. Remove sausage; pat dry. Wipe Dutch oven clean. Heat cooking oil in Dutch oven and saute' chopped celery, onion and bell pepper for 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic, and saute' for additional 1 minute. Stir in potatoes, next 5 ingredients, and sausage.
3. Pour broth mixture through a fine wire-mesh strainer into Dutch oven and discard solids. Increase heat to high; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cook, stirring occasionally for 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.
4. Add fish; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until just opaque. Add shrimp, and cook 2 to 3 minutes or till shrimp curl and turn pink. Add crayfish and cook for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Add salt and black pepper to taste.
5. Spoon seafood into warmed soup bowls; add enough broth to cover and serve with French bread or hushpuppies

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Ingredients:

Double-crust pie dough,
4 ounces (1 stick) butter
1/2 cup flour
1 cup diced onions
1/2 cup diced green pepper
1/2 cup diced celery
1 pound peeled crawfish tails
1/4 cup chopped green onion
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 tablespoons Creole spice

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

1. Roll out half of pie dough and fit into a 9-inch pie plate; chill.
2. In a skillet melt butter, add flour and whisk into a paste.
Cook roux for 5 minutes or until it begins to turn lightly golden.
3. Add onions, pepper and celery.
Cook, stirring, 4 minutes, until vegetables are tender.
4. Add crawfish, green onions, parsley and seasoning.
Cook just until heated through, about 1 minute more. Let cool slightly.
5. Roll out remaining pie dough
1/8-inch thick. Pour filling into
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6. Bake for 40 minutes, until crust is
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1865 College St • 409.832.1203

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La Cantina
4555 Dowlen Rd • 409.899.9393
2050 I-10 S • 409.840.9840

Lupe Tortilla
2050 IH South • 409.347.8908

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1090 S 11th St • 409.832.0310
3015 N Dowlen Rd • 409.861.4905

ASIAN

Chaba Thai Cuisine
4340 E Lucas • 409.899.4500
6434 Phelan Blvd • 409.866.3388

China Garden
3871 Stagg Dr • 409.838.6686

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3675 College St • 409.832.3663

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260 Dowlen Rd • 409.866.6588

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6420 Eastex Frwy • 409.924.7331

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3135 Calder Ave • 409.833.0537

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4328 Dowlen Rd • 409.898.3338

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3050 Dowlen Rd • 409.866.0620

Pho Four Seasons
3690 College St • 409.212.9755
4374 Dowlen Rd • 409.896.2898

Taste of China
955 I-10 S • 409.838.1688

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4438 Dowlen Rd • 409.896.2400
1970 I-10 S • 409.840.4255

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2290 I-10 S • 409.842.0686

Joe's Crab Shack
3825 I-10 S • 409.842.4433

JuJu's Cajun Crawfish Shak
18277 FM 365 • 409.794.2020

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen
4040 I-10 S • 409.842.1339

Red Lobster
2820 I-10 E • 409.892.7821

Sartin's West
1990 I-10 S • 409.861.3474

Taste of Orleans at Gator Country
6320 Wayside St • 409.794.3663

Vautrot's Cajun Cuisine
13350 Hwy 105 • 409.753.2015

Zydeco Louisiana Diner
270 Crockett St • 409.835.4455

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Brazos Cattle Company
5055 Eastex Frwy • 409.895.0099

Logan's Roadhouse
4185 N Dowlen Rd • 409.347.2977

Outback Steak House
2060 I-10 S • 409.842.6699

Saltgrass Steak House
325 I-10 N • 409.813.8138

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Boomtown BBQ
6385 Calder Ave. • 409.554.8432

Broussard's Links Plus Ribs
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

CONTINENTAL

Bistro LeMondé
3199 Dowlen Rd
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Bryan's 797
797 North 5th St
409.832.3900

The Grill by Arfeen, Smith & Payne
6680 Calder Ave
409.866.0039

Katharine & Company
1495 Calder Ave
409.833.9919

Suga's Deep South Cuisine & Jazz Bar
461 Bowie St • 409.813.1808

PORT ARTHUR

Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
3330 Hwy 365 • 409.729.1021

Beau Reve
4400 Atlantic Rd
409.962.2422

Buffalo Wild Wings
8845 Memorial Blvd
409.724.0046

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6801 9th Ave • 409.727.3184

La Cantina Mexican Grill
7960 Memorial Blvd
409.727.0404

Casa Olé Restaurant & Cantina
3100 Hwy 365 • 409.727.5377
4801 N Twin City Hwy • 409.963.0185

Cheddar's Casual Café
8005 Memorial Blvd
409.729.5800

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8665 Memorial Blvd
409.727.3675



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7675 Memorial • 409-237-5305

IHOP
8685 Memorial Blvd
409.721.6310

Jason's Deli
170 Central Mall • 409.727.6420

Judice's French Market
3005 7th St • 409.982.3522

King Buffet
7675 Memorial Blvd
409.721.6868

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
7700 9th Ave

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4840 Hwy 73 • 409.962.0261
8680 Memorial Blvd
409.724.0043

McAlister's Deli
8393 Memorial Blvd
409.729.3354

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8691 9th Ave • 409.722.7253

Schlitzsky's Deli
8745 Memorial Blvd
409.721.9997

Sertino's
7675 Memorial Blvd
409.724.7012

Tequila's Mexican Restaurant
4231 Gulfway Dr • 409.983.7545

Texas Roadhouse
8575 Memorial Blvd
409.722.2246

Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar
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
2940 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • 409.724.2141
4505 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.7522

GROVES

Baytown Seafood Restaurant
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

Restaurant Guide

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

NEDERLAND

Bobby's Homestyle Cooking
2750 Nederland Ave • 409.722.0561

Butcher's Korner
1155 Boston Ave • 409.722.4831

Carmela's Mexican Restaurant
1203 S Hwy 69 • 409.729.0760

Champagne's Specialty Cakes
812 S Twin City Hwy • 409.729.2288

Davis Donuts and Deli
1706 Hwy 365 • 409.729.5100

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

Novrozsky's Hamburgers, Etc.
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

PORT NECHES

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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

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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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Barking Dog Coffee Lounge
109 5th St • Orange • 409.330.4065

Casa Ole
1717 N 16th St • Orange • 409.886.0642

Denny's inside Flying J Truck Stop
7112 I-10 W • Orange • 409.883.4720

Gary's Coffee Shop
2650 I-10 • Orange • 409.886.9019

Guadalajara
137 MacArthur Dr • Orange • 409.883.4214

J. B.'s BBQ
5750 Hwy 90 • Orange • 409.886.9823

Lucy's Café & Bakery
2488 MLK Dr • Orange • 409.883.332

Old Orange Café
914 Division • Orange • 409.883.2233

Robert's Restaurant & Steakhouse
3720 N Park Ave • Orange • 409.883.0979

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1207 N 16th St • Orange • 409.883.9142

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2308 Litcher Dr • Orange • 409.883.2443

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7174 N Hwy 87 • Orange • 409.883.5858

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Cinnamon Patch
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www.thewildtruffle.com

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1709 Ruth • Sulphur, LA • 337.527.0061

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1202 N Main St • Vidor, TX • 409.769.7403

James Brown's Gumbo House and Grill
975 N Main St • Vidor, TX • 409.769.1206

Mama Jack's
215 N Pine St • Kountze, TX • 409.246.3450

Mi Pueblo
980 Hwy 327 E • Silsbee, TX • 409.385.5288

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
3296 Pinetree Rd off LaBelle Rd between
Hwy 73 & 365 • LaBelle, TX • 409.796.1600

Seven Clans Buffet at Couthatta Casino Resort

777 Couthatta Dr
Kinder, LA • 800-584-7263

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605 W Round Bunch Rd
Bridge City, TX • 409.313.6140

Steamboat Bill's
1004 Lakeshore Dr • Lake Charles, LA
337-494-1070 • www.steamboatbills.com

Tequila's Mexican Restaurant
1085 Texas Ave • Bridge City, TX • 409.738.3510

The Cottage
5125 Old Evadale • Silsbee, TX
409.385.9057

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3078 US Hwy 96 • Silsbee, TX
409.385.0957

Lagniappe Film and Music Festival, May 8-10 Of 2014

By Thomas Hall

The Lagniappe Film and Music Festival (LFMF) is the premiere yearly entertainment event in Southeast Texas. They provide more bands, film and way more lagniappe (lan yap) than you have ever experienced. LFMF is dedicated to the discovery and advancement of the very best independent films and musicians from around the world.

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 1st - Feb. 22nd 2014

**Baumont Art League
Group Exhibition**
Wednesday - Saturday, 11am - 3pm
Baumont Art League
2675 Gulf Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4179

Feb. 4th 2014

**Harlem Globetrotters
"Fans Rule" World Tour**
7:00 pm Starting at \$16
Ford Arena
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
800-745-3000

Feb. 5th - Feb. 22nd 2014

**Rabbit Rabbit Rabbit:
Recent work by
Elizabeth Fontenot**
Tuesday - Saturday, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
The Art Studio, Inc.
720 Franklin • Beaumont, TX
409-838-5393

Feb. 6th 2014

1st Thursday Downtown
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
A monthly event! Food, drinks,
live music and shopping!

Feb. 7th - Feb. 8th 2014

Golden Triangle Quilt Guild Show
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Baumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Feb. 8th 2014

Free Family Fun Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission.
Museum of the Gulf Coast
700 Procter • Port Arthur, TX
409-982-7000

Feb. 8th 2014

Hearts of the Arts
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm \$35
Broussard's Centre
Meetings & Special Events
1775 Calder • Beaumont, TX
409-835-2787

Feb. 8th - Feb. 9th 2014

Southeast Texas Home Show
10:00 am Admission, \$2. Parking, Free.
Ford Park
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

Feb. 8th - July 12th 2014

**Navajo Weaving:
Tradition & Trade**
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Stark Museum of Art
712 Green Ave • Orange, TX
409-883-3513

Feb. 8th - Mar. 16th 2014

**Step Right Up!
Behind the Scenes
of the Circus Big Top, 1890-1965**
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Adults, \$4.
Seniors (62+) & Students (w/valid ID), \$3.
Children (4-18), \$2.
Museum of the Gulf Coast
700 Procter • Port Arthur, TX
409-982-7000

Feb. 9th 2014

Foreigner
7:30 pm \$35, \$45, \$55
Ford Arena
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
800-745-3000

Feb. 14th 2014

**Chris Cagle with
Tim Nichols and American Sons**
Doors, 7:00 pm. \$25 - \$35
Nuttty Jerry's Entertainment
18291 Englin Road • Winnie, TX
877-643-7508

Feb. 14th 2014

Million Dollar Quartet
Friday, 7:30 pm.
Saturday, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm.
\$35 - \$65
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Feb. 14th 2014

Blue Man Group
8:00 pm
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
800-745-3000

Feb. 15th - Feb. 16th 2014

**US Specialty Sports Association
February Frost Tournament**
Ford Fields
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-828-2704

Feb. 17th 2014

Jason Bergman Trumpet Recital
7:30 pm Adults, \$18.
Students (K-12), \$12.
LU Students, free with valid ID.
Rothwell Recital Hall at Lamar University
4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Feb. 20th 2014

**BBB Lunch & Learn
No Bad Days....
Attitude Determines Altitude**
11am-1pm \$40. Advance rsvp
Better Business Bureau
MCM Elegante
IH-10 West at Washington exit
Beaumont, TX
RSVP 409-835-5951 x 117

Feb. 20th 2014

**Spindletop Rotary Annual
Celebrity Roast Honoring
Walter Umphrey**
6pm-10pm \$100 RSVP Required
MCM Elegante' Ballroom
Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-554-6455
Rsvp.rotary.event@gmail.com

Feb. 21st - Feb. 22nd 2014

**Boomtown Film and
Music Festival**
\$15 All-Access Weekend Pass
Downtown Beaumont • Beaumont, TX
972-740-0829

Feb. 21st 2014

A Vintage Affair Wine Tasting
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm \$35
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St. • Beaumont, TX

Feb. 21st - Feb. 23rd 2014

Monster Nation
Friday & Saturday: 8:00 pm.
Sunday, 3:00 pm. Adults: \$23 - \$25.
Children (2-12): \$11 - \$15.
Ford Arena
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

Feb. 21st 2014 - Mar. 8th 2014

A Soldier's Play
Every Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30 pm.
Matinee, 2:30 pm. \$12 - \$25
Beaumont Community Players
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

Feb. 22nd 2014

Girls Haven Gumbo Festival
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Free Admission & Parking!
Gumbo \$7 (1 large or 4 small bowls)
Parkdale Mall
6155 Eastex Frwy
Beaumont, TX
409-832-6223 x 102

Feb. 22nd 2014

**Bass Champs Tournament
East Region**
Sam Rayburn Lake
Go to basschamps.com for details

February 22nd 2014

**BPD Cops & Kids Bicycle
Safety Class**
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon Free admission.
Registration required.
Dishman Elementary School
3475 Champions Dr • Beaumont, TX
409-880-1092

Feb. 22nd 2014

**Wildcatter's Cat Club:
Championship Cat Show**
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Baumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-962-3886

Feb. 23rd 2014

Boys Haven Fish Fry
10:00 am - 2:00 pm • \$8/plate
Knights of Columbus Hall
9505 College • Beaumont, TX
409-866-2400

Feb. 27th - Mar. 2nd 2014

Uncle Vanya
Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 pm.
Sunday, 2:00 pm.
General Admission, \$15.
Seniors, Students & LU Staff, \$10.
LU Students, \$7.
Lamar University Studio Theatre
4400 ML King Jr Parkway • Beaumont, TX
409-880-2250

Feb. 27th - Mar. 2nd 2014

Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas
Thursday, 5 pm - 10 pm.
Friday, 6 pm - 12 am.
Saturday, 12 pm - 12 am.
Sunday, 12 pm - 8 pm.
Downtown Port Arthur
Procter Street • Port Arthur, TX
409-721-8717

Feb. 28th - Mar. 2nd 2014

**Sesame Street Live!
Make a New Friend**
Friday, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm.
Saturday, 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm.
Sunday, 2:00 pm.
Ford Park Event Center
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

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Calendar of Events

Mar. 1st - 2nd 2014

Legally Blonde, the Musical
Evenings, 7:30 pm. Matinee, 2:30 pm.
General Admission, \$12.
Seniors (65+), \$10, Students, \$6.
Port Arthur Little Theatre
4701 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.
Port Arthur, TX • 409-727-7258

Mar. 1st 2014

**Symphony of Southeast Texas,
Master Series Concert:**

To Jupiter...and Beyond
7:30 pm \$15 - \$36
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe
Beaumont, TX • 409-892-2257

March 1st, 7th-8th, 14th-15th 2014

**The Kirby-Hill House Players
Murder Mystery Dinner Drama:
"Murder Is In The Air"**

7pm Tickets \$64 per person
At the Kirby-Hill House Mansion
Kountze, TX • 409-246-8000

Mar. 3rd 2014

I Am Jack
9:30 am and 11:30 am \$4
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX

Mar. 4th 2014

Taste of the Triangle
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
\$20/person. Free parking.
Beaumont Civic Center
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

Mar 4th - 23rd 2014

**Houston Rodeo &
Livestock Show**
at Reliant Park, Houston, TX
For tickets & concerts go to:
www.rodeohouston.com

Mar. 5th 2014

Beaumont Destination Training
8:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission.
Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitor Center
5055 IH-10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-880-3749

Mar. 5th - Mar. 9th 2014

**Cirque du Soleil
Presents: Varekai**
Wednesday - Friday, 7:30 pm.
Saturday, 4:00 pm & 7:30 pm.
Sunday, 1:30 pm & 5:00 pm.
Adults, \$35 - \$100.
Children (12 & Under), \$28 - \$81.
Military, Seniors & Students,
\$31.50 - \$85.50.
Ford Arena
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
1-800-745-3000

Mar. 6th 2014

**19th Annual Go for the Gold
Party and Reverse Drawing**
6:30 pm \$100
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-3432

Mar. 6th 2014

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

Mar. 7th - Mar 8th 2014

**Beaumont Ballet Theatre
Presents: Cinderella**
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Mar. 7th 2014

The Miracle Worker
7:30 pm \$35 - \$65
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Mar. 8th 2014

**Exygon & Baptist Hospitals
Gusher Marathon**
SETMA Half Marathon and Kinsel Ford 5K
Marathon & Half-Marathon, 7:30 am.
5K, 8:00 am. Call for prices
Montagne Center at Lamar University
4400 MLK Pkwy • Beaumont, TX
409-781-2932

Mar. 12th 2014

Elton John
Tickets on sale now!
Ford Park Event Center
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
800-745-3000

Mar 13th - May 22nd 2014

Bridal Boot Camp
Get Fit & Win Super Prizes
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SETX Bridal Boot Camp

Mar. 15th 2014

Art in the Park
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Free admission.
Stark Park
711 Green Ave • Orange, TX

Mar. 15th 2014

Big Thicket Bike Tour
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Advance (by 3/13/14), \$35.
Day of, \$40.
Big Thicket Baptist Church
6123 FM 420 • Kountze, TX
409-656-3372

Mar. 22nd 2014

Le Grand Bal
7:00 pm - 12:00 Midnight
Individual, \$150. Couple, \$300.
Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. LeVaca • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8137

Mar. 24th 2014

**Industrial Carillon
Concert with Chen Yi**
7:30 pm Free admission.
Mobil Oil Federal Credit Union
1810 N Major Drive • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Mar. 25th - Apr. 13th 2014

**Glory Days: The Art
and Visual Culture
of the Second Spindletop
1929-1934**

Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm
Free admission and parking.
Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. LeVaca • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8959

Mar. 26th 2014

**Hello Dolly Starring
Sally Struthers**
7:30 pm \$35 - \$65
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Mar. 27th 2014

Texas Energy Museum Blowout
featuring Robert Mueller
6:30 pm Individual, \$100.
Tables, \$1,000 - \$10,000.
Beaumont Civic Center
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-5100

Mar. 27th - Apr. 6th 2014

South Texas State Fair
Opening Day, gates open at 5:30 pm.
Ford Midway
5115 Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-832-9991

Mar 27th 2014

FREE Legal Line
Answers to Your Legal Questions
5pm - 7pm
409-719-5999

Mar. 29th 2014

Marsh Madness
10am - 2pm Free admission.
McFaddin and Texas Point National
Wildlife Refuges
7590 South Gulfway Drive
Sabine Pass, TX

Mar. 29th 2014

Moonlight Masquerade Ball
6:30 pm
The Chambers House
2240 Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
409-832-4010

Mar. 31st 2014

**Fore the Children
Golf Tournament**
8:00 am - 1:00 pm \$300 per team
Brentwood Country Club
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Apr. 1st 2014

The Snail and the Whale
9:30 am and 11:30 am \$4
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Apr. 3rd 2014

First Thursdays on Calder Ave
Recurring monthly on the 1st Thursday
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Calder Ave • Beaumont, TX

Apr. 3rd 2014

Micro Wrestling Federation
7:00 pm \$12 - \$22 • Nutty Jerry's
18291 Englin Rd • Winnie, TX
877-643-7508

Apr. 4th - Apr. 12th 2014

A Streetcar Named Desire
Every Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30 pm.
Matinee, 2:30 pm. \$12 - \$25
Beaumont Community Players
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

Apr. 5th - Nov. 22nd 2014

Beaumont Farmer's Market
Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-363-0495

Apr. 5th 2014

Michael W. Smith
7:00 pm \$40 - \$75 • Nutty Jerry's
18291 Englin Rd • Winnie, TX
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Apr. 5th 2014

**Symphony of Southeast Texas,
Master Series Concert:
The SOST Goes to the Opera**
7:30 pm \$15 - \$36 • Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
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Apr. 6th 2014

Ford Mega Bass Tournament
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Apr. 8th 2014

**Lamar University Faculty Recital:
Brass Quintet**
7:30 pm Adults, \$18. Kids (K-12), \$12.
LU Students, free with valid ID.
Rothwell Recital Hall at Lamar University
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Apr. 11th - Apr. 12th 2014

West Side Story
Fri. 7:30 pm • Sat. 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm.
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Apr. 12th 2014

**Bill Bellamy Comedy
Show with Ali Siddiq**
8:00 pm \$34.99 - \$59.99
Jefferson Theatre
345 Fannin • Beaumont, TX
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Apr. 15th 2014

Lamar Civic Orchestra
7:30 pm Free admission.
Lamar State College Port Arthur
1500 Procter St • Port Arthur, TX
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Apr. 15th - Apr. 16th 2014

**Magnolia Garden Club
Bi-Annual Show**
Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. Levaca • Beaumont, TX
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Apr. 15th - Apr. 19th 2014

**Shangri La Earth
Week & Eco Fest**
Shangri La Botanical Gardens &
Nature Center
2111 W. Park Ave • Orange, TX
409-670-9113

Apr. 17th 2014

Jeanne Robertson
7:30 pm \$15 - \$35
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
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Apr. 17th - Apr. 20th 2014

**Last Days of Christ Outdoor
Passion Drama**
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Free admission.
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Apr. 17th - May 18th

**Louis Comfort Tiffany
Stained Glass Exhibit**
SETEX Art Museum
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Apr. 19th 2014

Trade Days on the Avenue
Recurring monthly on the 3rd Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Port Neches Avenue • Port Neches, TX
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Apr. 19th 2014

Gator Egg Hunt
2:00 pm Adults, \$10. Children, \$8.
Gator Country Adventure Park
21559 FM 365 • Beaumont, TX
409-794-9453 (WILD)

Apr. 25th - Apr. 26th 2014

**Lamar University Spring
Dance Concert**
Friday, 7:30 pm. Saturday, 2:00 pm.
General Admission, \$15.
Seniors, Students & LU Staff, \$10.
LU Students, \$7.
Lamar University Theatre
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Apr. 25th - Apr. 26th 2014

**American Cancer Society
Relay For Life of South/
Mid Jefferson Co.**
6pm - 6am • Bulldog Stadium
Nederland, TX • 409-835-2139

Apr. 25th - May 11th 2014

Murder on the Nile
Every Sun, Fri, Sat Evenings, 7:30 pm.
Matinee, 2:30 pm.
General Admission, \$12.
Seniors (65+), \$10. Students, \$6.
Port Arthur Little Theatre
4701 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.
Port Arthur, TX • 409-727-7258

Apr. 25th 2014

**American Cancer Society
Relay For Life of Hardin/
South Jasper Co.**
6pm - 6am
Kountze High School Stadium
Kountze, TX • 409-835-2139

Apr. 26th 2014

Great Balls of Fire Family Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission.
Fire Museum of Texas
400 Walnut • Beaumont, TX
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Apr. 27th 2014

Beaumont Children's Museum
Mini Masters Tournament
2:00 pm • Colorado Canyon
6110 Folsom Rd • Beaumont, TX
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Apr. 28th 2014

**LobsterFest 2014
Golf Tournament**
Bayou Din Golf Club.
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May 1st 2014

Amizetta Winery Lecture
6:30 pm Free admission.
McFaddin-Ward House
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May 2nd 2014

LobsterFest 2014 Dinner
6pm Beaumont Civic Center
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May 7th 2014

Beaumont Destination Training
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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May 9th - May 24th 2014

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May 9th 2014

Loretta Lynn
7:00 pm \$35 - \$50
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May 10th 2014

**Boys Haven Crawfish,
Food & Music Festival**
11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Crawfish: \$10/box
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May 10th 2014

**St. Michael Mediterranean
Festival**
11:00 am - 9:00 pm Free admission.
St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church
690 North 15th St • Beaumont, TX
409-838-4951

May 15th 2014

Do. Dream. Discover. Gala
6:30 pm General admission, \$75.
Reserved tables & sponsorship
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The Event Centre
700 Crockett Street • Beaumont, TX

May 16th - May 18th 2014

**The Southeast Texas
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- If you're planting a vineyard, use this formula: one acre of grapevines equals about 800 gallons of wine.
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How to TICKLE A CATFISH!

As a 'daddy's girl', I loved tagging along with my father. I always went with him to gas up his truck or get gas for his outboard motor before he would leave for work as a part-time Game Warden patrolling the Neches River. I recall one Saturday morning traveling to the old Sinclair station on FM 105 because it was the only gas station in our area that still had old clear-top gas pumps where I could watch the air bubbles go up and down as one pumped gasoline.

The air was cool and Daddy was wearing a light jacket over his kaki shirt. He placed his badge and ticket book in the glove compartment. Daddy went to pre-pay for the gas and I moved closer to the gas pumps to get a better look. There were a couple of other vehicles pumping gas and I was so engrossed with watching the bubbles go up and down, I didn't even notice my father was talking to a man in an old blue pick-up.

Finally, Daddy called me over. The owner of the truck asked me if I had ever tickled a catfish's belly! My eyes must have gotten as big as saucers, as my mouth flew wide open! I had always been told to be careful around catfish because of their sharp barbs. I shook my head no. Daddy was grinning from ear to ear and so was the man. "Well, you just put your thumb in its mouth with your right hand, then you reach under the catfish's underside with your left hand, and you just tickle that belly. That old catfish will just roll right over on its back." I looked up at Daddy and asked if it was true. He answered with a grin and a shrug of his shoulders.

The man lowered his tailgate and revealed a number 3 washtub full of live catfish in fresh water. "Well, it looks like I'll just have to show you". He reached into the tub, grabbed a very lively catfish with his right hand while reaching under the fish with his left. The catfish flipped over on its back. I was delighted with the trick and watched as he did it again. I was so excited, and could hardly wait for my turn. However, just as I started to put my hand into the tub, Daddy grabbed it and shook his head no. Disappointed and pouting, I watched the catfish as the two men talked.

"That's a lot of catfish, you mind telling me what kind of bait you used?" Daddy asked. The man grinned and scratched his head. "Well, I didn't use any bait, no sir, you can just say, I called them up, if you get my drift." This turn of the conversation caught my attention as I watched my father rub his chin. "Nope" he said, "I don't think I understand."



Call Tales & Short Trips By Ms. Lynn

The man laughed while he removed a tarp from the backend of his pick-up, revealing a contraption, but in reality it was a telephone. "See, I just 'call' them up." Telephoning was a very illegal way to catch fish and still is. You placed the long rods into the water, turned the crank to make electric currents thus shocking the fish. The shocked fish float to the top and you can just scoop them up with a net. The fish will regain normalcy after a while. Daddy nodded his head in understanding and said it was time to get our gas. I watched him go back to our truck and reach into the glove compartment.

Daddy came back. This time, he had taken off his jacket, placed his badge on his shirt and had his ticket book in his hand. He started writing a ticket and asked the man, "Now how did you get those catfish? And oh, do you want to show my daughter how you really tickled that catfish?"

You really can't tickle a catfish, but you can enjoy a family day of sightseeing the Neches River on the Big Thicket Association

boat, the Cardinal. After that, enjoy a mess of fresh catfish

fried to perfection from any of the local Southeast Texas restaurants that specialize in catfish. Check the Viva Restaurant Guide for a place near you.

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BENOIT'S LOUIS HALL... A SON'S DREAM

Joseph Louis Benoit, Jr had 10 kids, nine girls and one boy. Joseph loved music. He played guitar and sang Cajun and Country songs. The whole family would join in with Joseph including his son, Joe who was learning to play guitar.

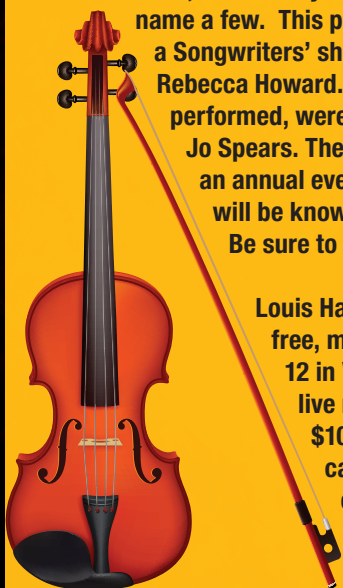
As a young man Joe didn't really appreciate the music heritage he was exposed to. After losing his father, Joe built a successful construction business. One day he started thinking about his Dad and his Dad's love of music. He realized that he too had a deep connection to Country and Cajun music. Joe started looking for a place where he could play "live" music but found limited options. This did not deter him, instead, Joe converted a warehouse he had built and named it Benoit's Louis Hall in honor of his Dad!

As a live music venue, Louis Hall has hosted: B.B. & Company, Twangster's Union, Jaime Bergeron, Wayne Dylan & Hillbilly DeVille, Steve Foley and Mamou, and Crossroads just to name a few. This past September Louis Hall presented a Songwriters' showcase featuring Skip Ewing and Rebecca Howard. Other guest songwriters, who performed, were Jason Green, Brit Godwin and Billie Jo Spears. The Songwriters' Showcase will now be an annual event for Louis Hall in September and will be known as 'Just Outside the Spotlight.' Be sure to mark this down in your calendars!

Louis Hall is an all-purpose b.y.o.b., smoke free, music venue located at 3088 Highway 12 in Vidor. It is best known for hosting live music every Friday night. For just a \$10 cover charge on Friday nights you can bring your own food, alcohol and enjoy "live" music by Joe Benoit and Jerry Nichols with Texas Thunder.

Louis Hall is much more than a music venue. Louis Hall can host private parties up to 180 people, including wedding receptions, graduation parties, family reunions and more! Louis Hall offers tables, chairs, a dance floor, a "plug-in-play" sound system, kitchen facilities, ice machine, margarita machine and ample parking. Louis Hall is also a great facility for corporate outings! To book a party, please call Joe at 409-651-5018 or Stacie at 409-790-7268.

Every Friday night, Joe gets to live his dream and share the rich heritage of Cajun and Country music that he grew up with at Benoit's Louis Hall. And the best part is, he shares it with us!





Shon Richard & Pam Gage



Beth Yoes with daughter Mattie at the Ya Ya Club



Michel Dowe, Paula Winzer & Patricia McKinley



Cassie Fiorenza Simpson, Jacki Burleson, Trudy Grinnell & Paula Winzer at "Beans & Jeans"



Janet Wehner



Dana Melancon, James Ware & Angle San Juan Mardi Gras "Beans & Jeans"



Rod Carroll & Pat Anderson At Gordy Bunch Campaign Kick Off



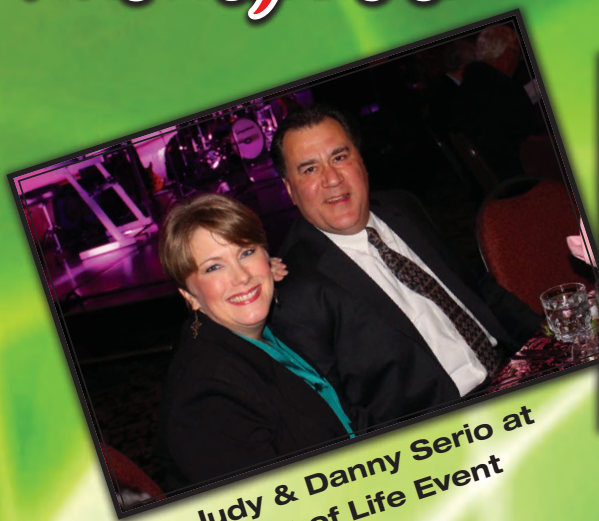
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Judy & Danny Serio at Gift of Life Event



Dora Nisby Receives Visionary Award at Gift of Life Evening of Gratitude



Beaumont Community Players perform at Gift of Life Evening of Gratitude



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Sandy & Joseph Fertitta & Executive Chef Ricardo Saldana at Le Grand Bal Tasting



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**Jerryatricks at
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**Stephanie Abrego &
Sue Grott at Stephanie's
Birthday Party at Tokyo's**



**Eddie & Lauren Chance
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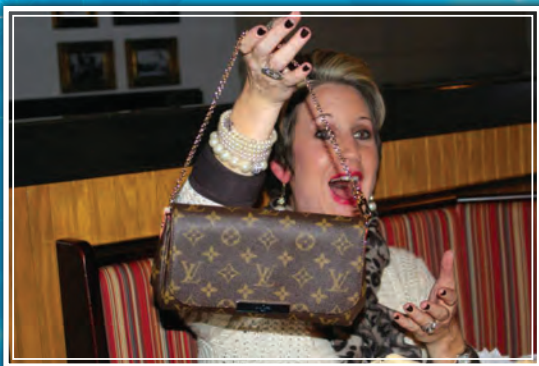


**Nederland Mayor Nugent
Declares February 3rd
"Tim Foust" Day**



**Home Free Vocal Band At
Nederland High School**

**Trudy Grinnell Celebrates Her Birthday
with Husband Kevin, and Friends**



**Stone Cold with Billy Brooks
at MacKenzie's Pub**



**Trudy Grinnell with her
parents at MacKenzie's Pub**



**Sharissa LaHaye
& Jody George**

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Michael Lindsay & Cindy Yohe Lindsay, Lauren Lewis, Mrs. Toben & Dean Bradley Toben of BLS



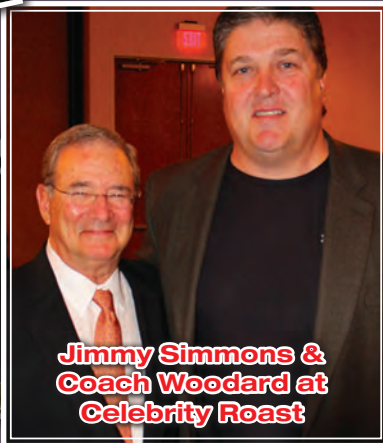
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Walter Umphrey & Father David Edwards at Spindletop Celebrity Roast Honoring Mr. Umphrey



Kristina & Dana Melancon at Roast



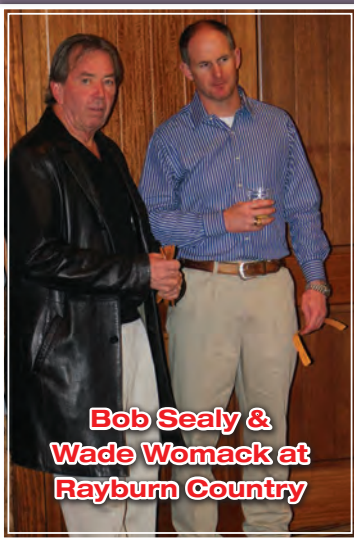
Jimmy Simmons & Coach Woodard at Celebrity Roast



Rachel Honza Sings at the Spindletop Celebrity Roast



Trudy Grinnell, Jacki Burleson, Martha Morian & Shana Peterson at Rayburn Country



Bob Sealy & Wade Womack at Rayburn Country



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Jacki Burleson Celebrates Birthday with Rhonda Brown at Wine Styles



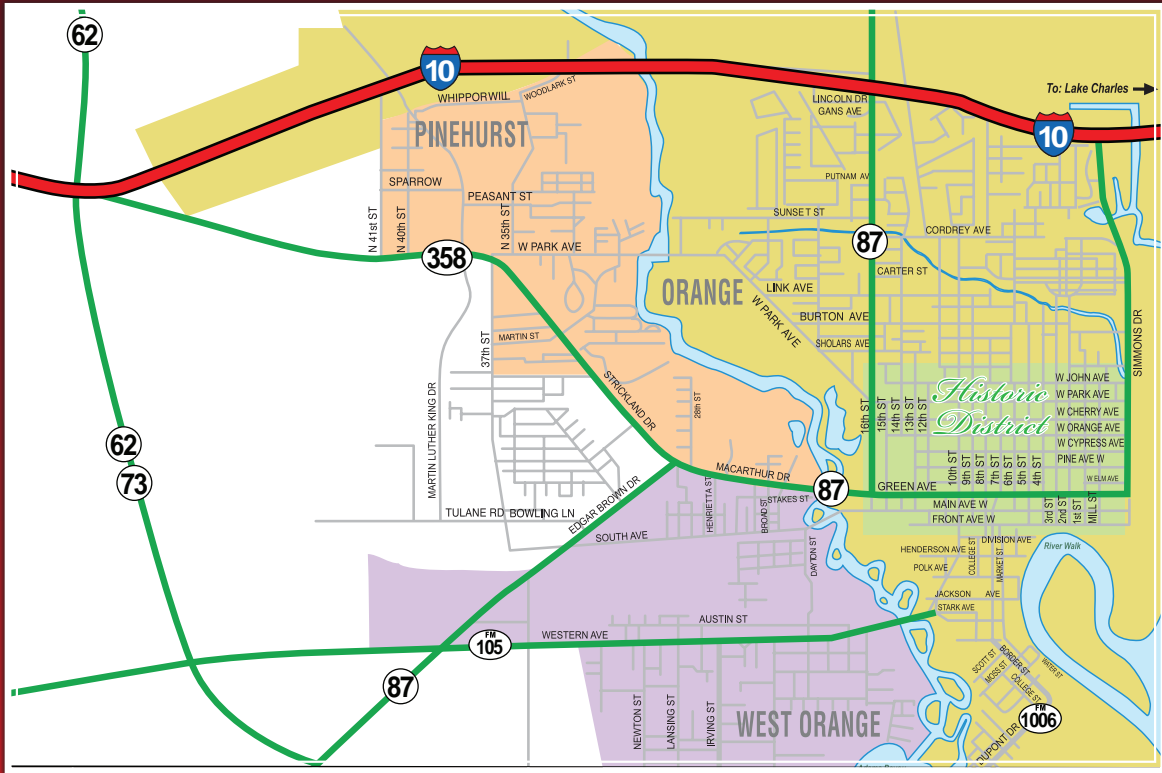
Gay-Lynne Jones & Sharon Greene Celebrating Jacki's Birthday at Wine Styles



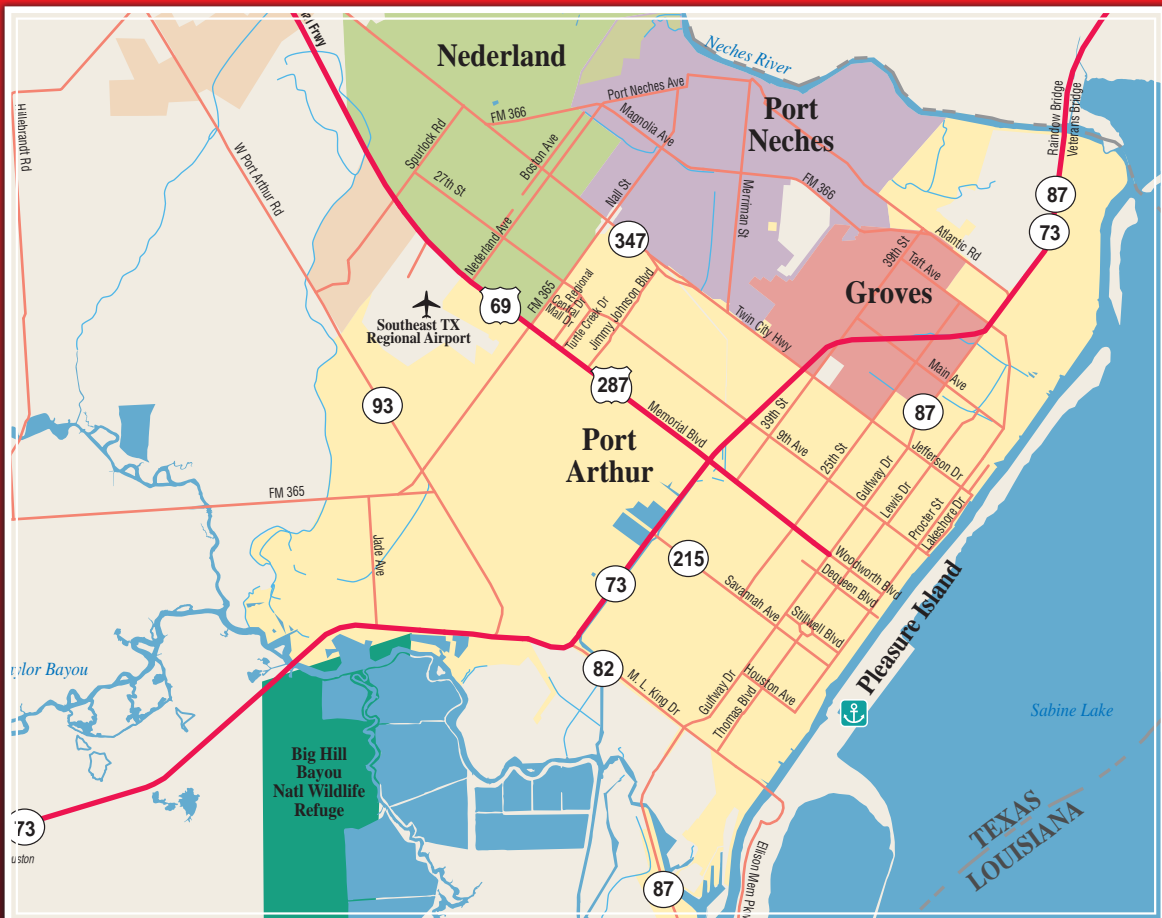
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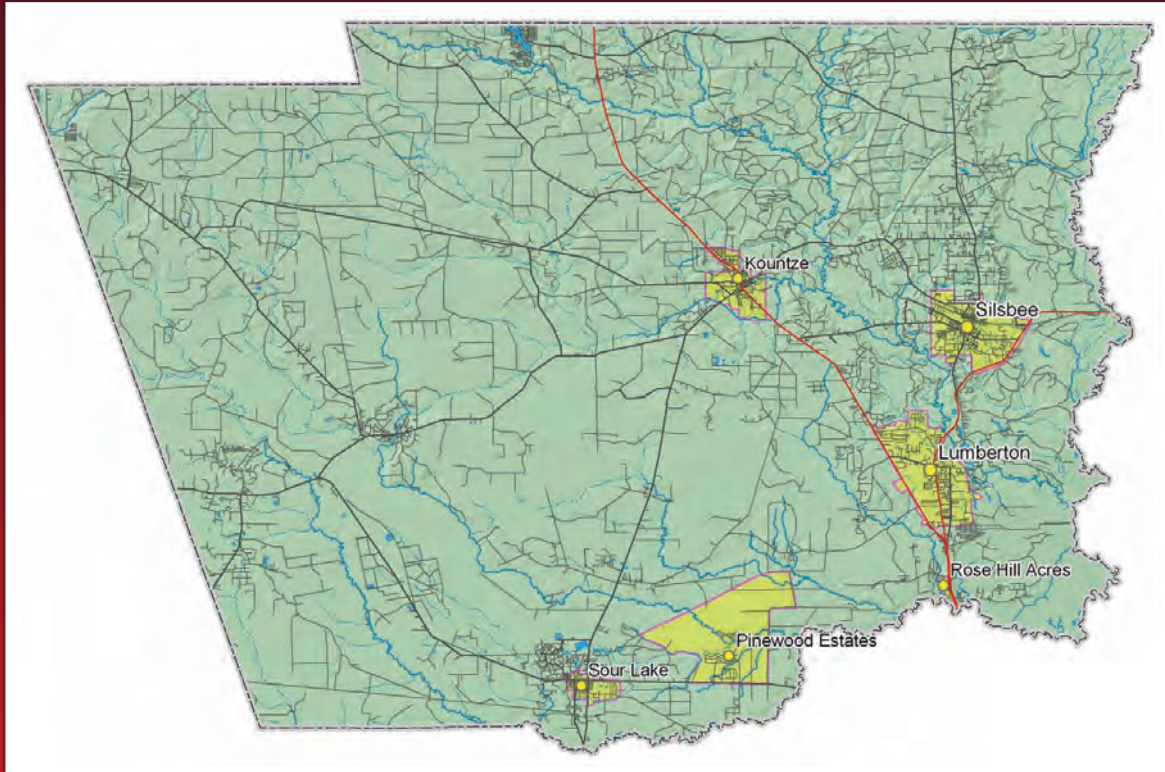
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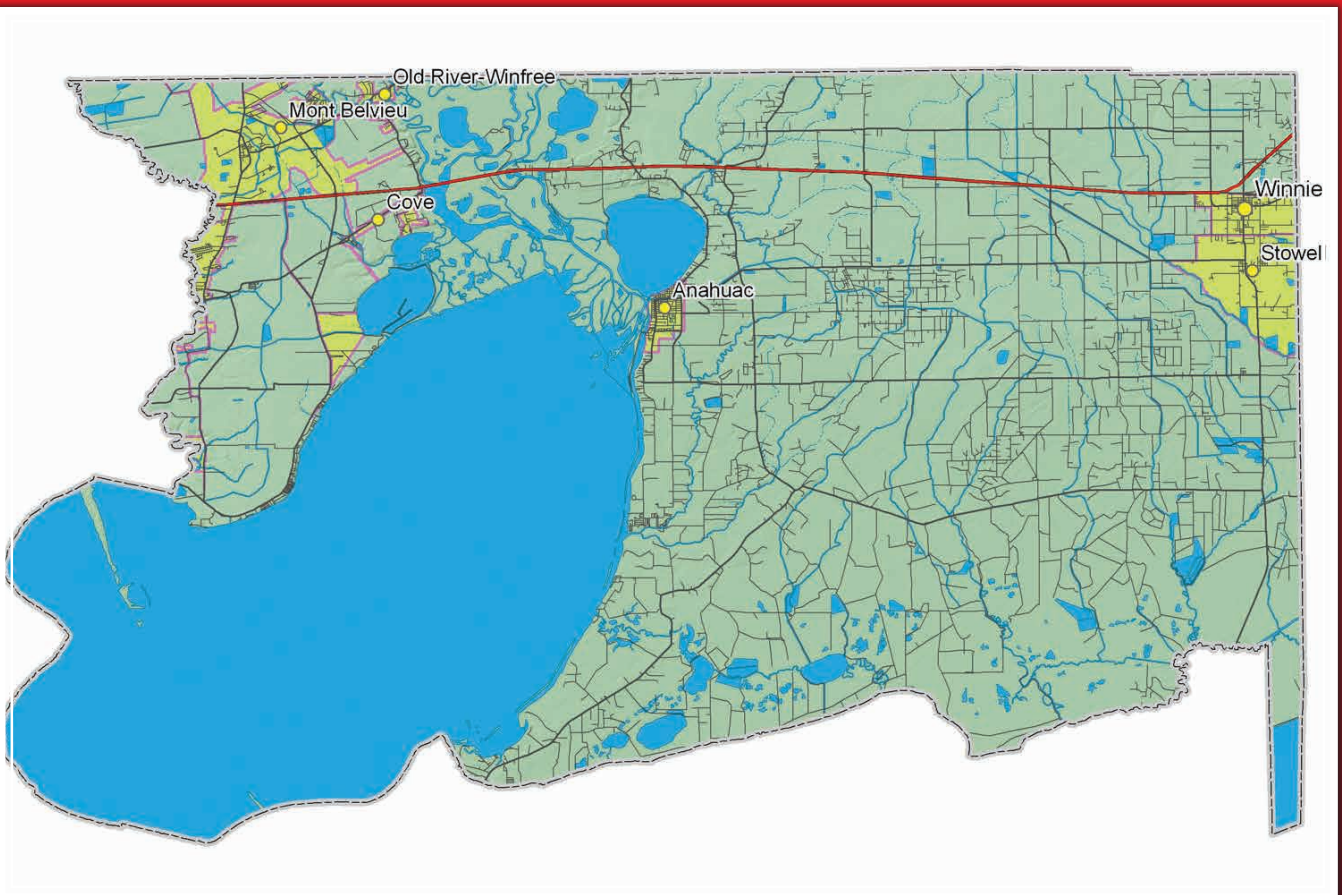
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The Krewes of Southeast Texas Mardi Gras!

There are 25 krewes that make-up the Southeast Texas Mardi Gras, but what is a krewe? A krewe (pronounced in the same way as "crew") is an organization that puts on a parade and/or a ball for the Carnival season of Mardi Gras.

Southeast Texas Mardi Gras was founded in 1992 and its first krewe was the **Majestic Krewe of Aurora** named after the Goddess of Dawn and the first Port Arthur Settlement. The next year, the **Royal Krewe of Neptune** joined; it's krewe is named after the Roman God of Waters.

In 1994, the **Krewe of Service** was created and the Southeast Texas Mardi Gras flourished, becoming the local favorite Mardi Gras carnival for the entire family to enjoy. The **Krewe Mon Ami** or "my friend" in French also was established in 1994.

The **Royal and Majestic Krewe of Artemis** is a krewe from Beaumont and are well known for its elaborate parade floats. They were established in 1998.

The Krewe of Gates was established in 2000 from Lamar State College Port Arthur. They are responsible for providing a celebrity parade grand Marshall each year. Below is a complete list of all the Krewes. To learn more about the Krewes and how to contact them, go to www.mardigrasstx.com

Majestic Krewe of Aurora
Royal Krewe of Neptune
Krewe Mon Ami
Krewe of Tankee
Krewe Royale Le Bon Temps
Krewe of Gates
Royal & Majestic Krewe
of Artemis
Krewe of Krazies
Krewe of Amigo
Krewe Content Monde
Krewe of Service
Krewe Bon Fete

Krewe de Karnaval
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Krewe of Kartz
Krewe of Outcast
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Parade Schedule

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Thursday, February 27th

4:45 PM - Courir du Mardi Gras Parade

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

Friday February 28th

7:00 PM - Golf Cart and ATV Parade

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

7:00 PM - Valero Krewe of Krewes Parade

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1:00 PM - Krewes Royalty March (inside festival grounds)

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