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Discover why Louisiana's Lake Calcasieu is called the "Fisherman's Paradise." Find out which boats are best for waterways in our area as well as the latest trend in swimsuits and summertime hair. Meet the guys that created Bayou Rum. Then go back in time to Sour Lake, Texas, and find out what put this small Southeast Texas town on the map. Meet some of the interesting people in our Special Tributes and Salutes, as well as the Spotlight feature on Chief Pete Shelton. Try out our summertime recipes for your next cookout or family reunion.

Viva Southeast Texas Magazine has interesting articles to read, lists of events, recipes and plenty of photos for you to see who you may know or maybe even of you!

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We Would Like to Welcome Our New Chamber President

REGINA LINDSEY



Regina Lindsey returns to Southeast Texas as the next CEO/President of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. After serving Silsbee as both its mayor and lead economic development professional, Lindsey spent six years in north Houston where she led the infrastructure improvements, public policy initiatives, and economic development efforts. Highlights of her Houston career include securing \$55M in

appropriations for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood mitigation project along Greens Bayou and attracting \$1.3B investment from both domestic and international firms. Lindsey currently serves as the vice-chair for International Economic Development Council's Public Policy Advisory Council. Before her roles in Silsbee, she was the executive director of the Southeast Texas Arts Council in Beaumont, TX.

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CAPTAIN MARK D. TAYLOR TO BE HONORED

By Mike Simpson

The Seafarers' Center of Beaumont is proud to announce the Tom Jackson Sabine Neches Waterway Outstanding Service Award for 2015. This award was created to honor a person that realizes the importance of the Sabine Neches waterway system, and has acted to improve the waterway's potential, with sustained and measurable results. This year's honoree is Captain Mark D. Taylor, of the Sabine Pilots.

Captain Taylor has been an outstanding advocate for the continued success of Southeast Texas' major economic asset, "The Sabine Neches Waterway," and has been very instrumental in representing our waterway for the deepening and widening project at our State Capitol. Captain Taylor personifies the meaning behind the award. He is a thirty-three year veteran of the marine transportation industry, and a



second generation mariner and has been married to his wife Katy for 26 years. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Captain Taylor began marine work on a tug boat as an ordinary seaman in 1982. He obtained his 1000-ton Mate of Freight and Towing license in 1986, and in 1990, he received his Captain's license and began sailing

as an offshore Captain. He was selected in 1997 to enter the Sabine Pilots training program and was state commissioned in 1999, where he continues to safely pilot ships today.

Captain Mark Taylor will be honored on Thursday, August 27th at the MCM Elegante. For sponsorships or ticket information, call Scott Floyd (409-466-4272) or Ivan Mobley (409-554-1176).

For more information on the Seafarers' Center, turn to page 49.

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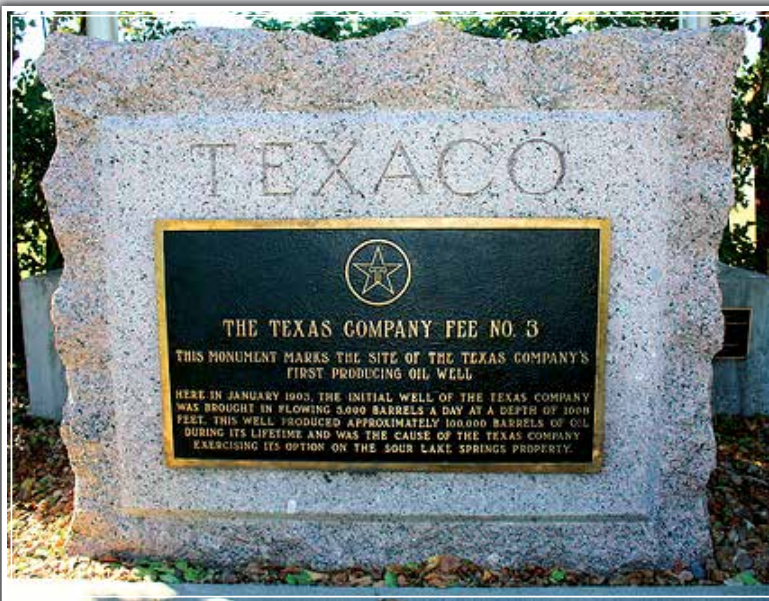
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From a Bath House to the Birthplace of TEXACO

By Viva Southeast Texas Magazine

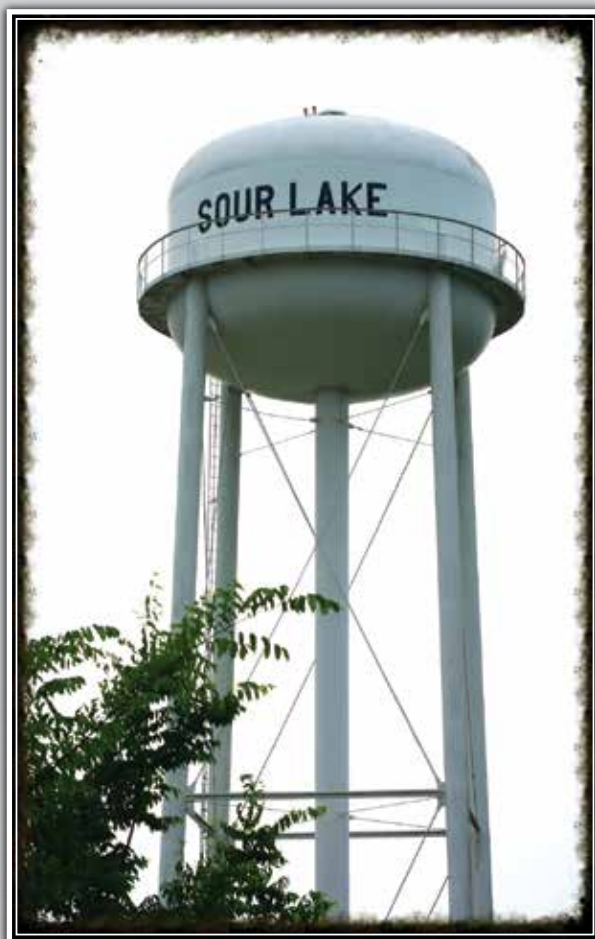
Sour Lake, Texas is the oldest surviving town in Hardin County. Sour Lake was first settled around 1835 when the Mexican State of Coahuilla y Tejas granted Stephen Jackson one league of land in a land grant covering four thousand, four hundred and twenty-eight acres of land. It was originally named Sour Lake Springs, after the sulphurous spring water that flowed into the nearby lake. Today it is called by some the "Gateway to the Big Thicket." The city is part of the Beaumont-Port Arthur Metropolitan Statistical Area as well as home to one of the biggest sinkholes in Texas.

Sour Lake is located on State Highways 105 and 326, and the Missouri Pacific line, fifteen miles southwest of Hardin in south central Hardin County. Long before the white settlers built the town, Indians had made use of the mineral waters and of the pitch found around the nearby lakeshores. By 1850 these resources had made Sour Lake a health resort with good accommodations for health seekers. Early entrepreneurs bottled the water and sold it as a cure-all for all manner of ailments. The most famous was "Dr. Mud" who was best known for his mud treatments. Sam Houston (who led Texas in the victory over Mexico, helped with the founding of the Republic of Texas, and led Texas into the United States) visited Sour Lake in the early 1860s while serving as Governor of Texas.



Houston believed, like many during this time, bathing in the mineral waters would help restore health and vitality. Unfortunately, he passed away three years later.

The population of Sour Lake began to decline after the Civil War. There was very little business left from the health resort and little else in the area for jobs. The town in 1885 had a population of one-hundred-fifty, two general stores, two hotels, a post office, a school and the Catholic Mission. By 1896 the population had declined to fifty, with only a single hotel remaining and twenty-eight pupils in the local school.



But all that began to change in 1902. Sour Lake became a boomtown when oil was discovered in March 1903. Over one-hundred-fifty wells were drilled over the next sixty-five years, increasing the population, at times, to ten thousand residents. Today the Sour Lake oilfield is the oldest continuously-producing oil field in the world.

The Texas Fuel Company was organized in Beaumont, Texas, in March 1901 by J. S. Cullinan and Arnold Schlaet, upon the discovery of oil at Spindletop. By November, the new company made appropriations for the first units of the Port Arthur, Texas Refinery, as well as twenty storage tanks, its first marine vessel, and equipment for an oil terminal to serve sugar plantations along the Mississippi River. With sufficient capital to purchase large quantities of crude oil from the Spindletop field, they developed a storage and transportation network and sold crude



oil at a profit to northern United States refineries.

A year later, the Texas Fuel Company gambled its future and bought the drilling rights at Sour Lake. Despite all the odds against them, they struck oil in March 1903. The discovery, during a heavy downpour near Sour Lake's mineral springs, turned the company into a major oil producer overnight, validating the

risk-taking insight of company co-founder, J.S. Cullinan, and the ability of driller, Walter Sharp.

The Texas Fuel Company registered its first trademark, the original red star with a green capital letter "T" superimposed on it, in 1909. Despite subtle design changes, the Texaco star remained an essential component of the company logo for decades. Eventually

the company changed its name to Texaco and started selling gasoline at company-owned service stations throughout the United States and in Canada. The Texaco brand name became the most recognized name in service stations. History was made in 2001 when Texaco and Chevron merged their two companies, making the company ChevronTexaco, the second-largest, energy-producing company in the United States.



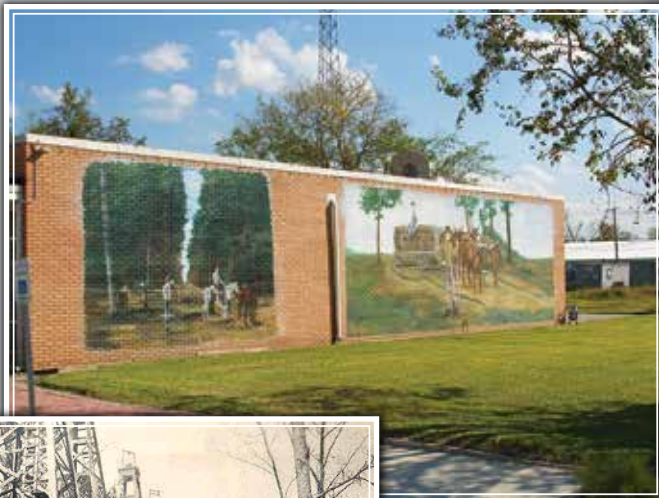
Sour Lake of today is a thriving Southeast Texas town of about sixteen hundred people. Oil production is still a vital part of the town's economy, along with aquaculture and tourism. Giant painted murals depicting the history of Sour Lake are displayed on several downtown buildings. The town of Atcheson, in Bruce McCandless's 2012 novel *Sour Lake*, appears to be based at least loosely on the real Sour Lake. Atcheson, like the real-life Sour Lake, is situated in the Big Thicket and experienced a short-lived oil boom in early years of the 20th Century. The history of real-life Sour Lake contributed greatly to the success of the novel, as well as to the growth of Southeast Texas.

Credits:

Diana J. Kleiner; "Sour Lake, TX," *Handbook of Texas Online*

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Yvette Benavides, book review of *Sour Lake* by Bruce McCandless





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Vacation Water Spots and Resorts Throughout Southeast Texas & Southwest Louisiana

By Joy Wooley

Why spend long hours in line at airports or big bucks for a family vacation, when some of the best vacation spots and resorts are just a short drive away? There are so many to choose among in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. Below are just a few of these great fun spots.

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Lumberton, Texas

Book Nook Inn, Bed and Breakfast is located just outside the Beaumont, Texas city limits on the edge of the Scenic Big Thicket in Lumberton, Texas. The setting is relaxing and offers visitors many amenities such as private bathrooms, free Wi-Fi, a theater room, a hot tub, swimming pool and a well-stocked fishing pond. Enjoy a full breakfast in the dining room or in the privacy of your own rooms.



Silsbee, Texas

The Paradise Water Park and RV Camp Site is located north of Lumberton on Hwy. 96. Come experience the fun waiting for you and your family at Paradise Water Park! Waterslides, an interactive Kiddie Park, Lazy River, concession stand, RV parking with bathrooms.



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Kinder, Louisiana

Coushatta Casino Resort is located in Kinder, LA, off US Route 165. This casino resort is adjacent to the Koasati Pines Golf Club and offers lodging in a modern hotel, a relaxed inn or an RV park with 1 or 2-bedroom cottages.

Get ready for summertime at the Dream Pool of Coushatta. Relax with your family or friends as you let your cares drift away in your complimentary inner tube on the Coushatta lazy river. The pool has two forty-foot-tall slides that provide



Places of Interest

non-stop thrills for everyone. For the little ones, there is a splash pad area with two mushroom waterfalls, built-in spray cannons, and crisscrossing arcs of spraying water. The splash pad is covered with a safety surface that is soft and cool underfoot. Access to the Dream Pool is available for overnight hotel, RV, and chalet guests. All rooms, chalets, and RV spots include up to four daily passes per room. Make your Coushatta getaway plans today and come enjoy your fun in the sun!



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What Are Your Excuses...For Not Investing?

By Kevin E. Bohm

We all make excuses. Most of the time, they're pretty harmless. But you could be hurting yourself if you make excuses for not taking action in some areas – and one of those areas is investing.

Not investing, or not investing enough, can have serious consequences. In fact, a lot of people are poorly prepared financially for retirement. Consider these figures from the Federal Reserve: The median retirement account value for individuals between 35 and 44 is just \$42,700; for people 55 to 64, the corresponding figure is \$103,000. These figures are frighteningly low, especially when retirement can easily last two or three decades.

In short, you need to invest. So, what's stopping you? Here are some common excuses:

"I'll do it later." The longer you wait before you start investing, the less time you have to accumulate money, and the less likely you'll achieve your goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle. If you haven't begun investing, **DO IT TODAY!**

"I don't have enough money to invest." The cost of living is unquestionably high, and you may feel that you have just enough money to pay your bills before your next paycheck. But if you look for ways to economize, you may well be able to free up even a little money to invest each month. Then, when your salary goes up, you can increase the amount you invest.

"I'll have Social Security." Social Security benefits generally account for only about 40% of an individual's pre-retirement income, according to the Social Security Administration. Unless you want to greatly scale back your lifestyle during your retirement years, you'll need to supplement Social Security with your employer-backed retirement account, such as a 401k, plus your own investments, such as an IRA or ROTH IRA accounts.



"Can I really invest enough money for my retirement?" Consider this: If in 1990 you had invested \$10,000 in the stocks that make up the S&P 500, and simply held on to these stocks, you would have amassed more than \$76,000 after taxes by the end



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"I don't know where to begin." If you work for a company that provides a retirement plan such as a 401k or something similar, you've already got a great place to begin. You only need to sign up for the plan and start deferring a part of your salary, and you're an investor. It's also quite easy to open an IRA, another popular retirement savings account. In any case, if you have doubts about how to get started investing, you will find it valuable to meet with a qualified investment professional. Don't let excuses get in the way of developing good investment habits. With time, determination, and effort, you can overcome many of the obstacles you thought prevented you from becoming a full-fledged investor.



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Over 100 business leaders networked and heard a wonderfully entertaining presentation on Culture Change within an Organization at our Quarterly Lunch and Learn in May with Chris Partin, Team Building Coach at CEPMax. We invite you to join us at our next Lunch and Learn event in August with the exciting return of Bruce Hamilton – Mr. No Bad Days himself – to the BBB stage!

Our 18th annual Torch Awards for Marketplace Trust Banquet was a fantastic evening, highlighted by our special guest – 4-time Olympian Ruben Gonzalez. Torch Awards were presented to 4 outstanding organizations, with the proceeds from the evening going to fund our endowed scholarships at our 4 area higher education institutions. We were also pleased to hear from one of our scholarship recipients from Lamar University, Jonathan Gay and from one of the top winners in our Laws of Life Essay contest, Abby Goff, from Legacy Christian Academy.

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Beaumont & Port Arthur, Texas Area Leads the Nation in Top Ten Cities Where You Can Earn a Living Wage

By Joy Wooley and Matt Egan

Over the course of years, Texas has led the nation from economics to job opportunities. It is no stranger to Top Ten lists. The latest Top Ten list was reported by CNN Money reporter, Matt Egan, placing Beaumont-Port Arthur metro area as Number One of US cities "where you can earn a living wage!"

Egan wrote: Since 2010, there are twenty-eight U.S. metropolitan areas where at least half of the new jobs created, pay a living wage according to analysis from CareerBuilder and Economic Modeling Specialists. But certain parts of the country are doing a lot better. For instance, 66% of the new jobs created in Beaumont-Port Arthur, a Texas metro area, pay above the region's \$16.46-an-hour cost of living. High-growth occupations in this port and energy hub include petroleum pump and refinery operators.

This is good news! Continued growth in the petroleum industry will help Southeast Texas to stay at the top.



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MAKE A SPLASH!

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

Considering a new swimsuit this summer? If so, you'll find a refreshing array of new styles and flattering designs for every age, lifestyle and shape! I've compiled a list of some of the hottest swimwear trends for 2015, as well as a few style tips!

Sporty Chic - Streamlined athletic swimsuits are uber popular, especially with vibrant color-blocking and neoprene fabric!

Fluttering Bikini Tops - These tops are packed with cuteness! They are light, airy - and not only look but also feel comfortable.

Prints Galore - Bold, vibrant prints are one of the best ways to stand out on the beach, regardless of the style of swimwear! From 3D images, tribal prints, florals, abstract and animal motifs to geometrics, tie-dyeing, stripes and gingham patterns, summer 2015 swimwear pieces come decked out with attention-grabbing designs for everyone!

The Bandeau - They never lose their cool, especially with this season's innovative designs, from knotted and twisted to one-shoulder!

Retro Vibes! - Inspired by 60's swimwear, the new high-waist bikini bottoms are stylish alternatives for anyone looking for better coverage and a smoothed-out look.

Cut-Away - Creative slits and cut-outs boost the drama on both one-pieces and bikini sets. Bikini bottoms with extra straps provide an ultra-modern, sexy look.

The One-Piece - Forget the notion that one-piece bathing suits are dull and worn only by your matronly aunt! The one-piece is making major fashion waves this summer and many women, -even the famous and fabulous - are on the beach sporting a one piece. They aren't revealing it ALL, but just enough to add interest (remember that skimpier doesn't always equal sexier). With straps galore, mesh panels, contemporary cutouts and flattering cuts, you can find a one-piece that provides more coverage but that doesn't sacrifice style at all.

Trinkinis - These are one-pieces that look like a one-piece with cut-outs from the front, but resemble a two-piece from the back. Using bold colors and patterns, trinkinis promise to turn heads on the beach!

Classic Monochrome - Minimalist, monochrome swimwear was a hit on the runway this year! Whether in black and white, neutral or neon, it is the timeless "less is more" look.

Triangle Top Bikinis - A timeless style, triangle tops are among every season's swimwear trends. This summer is no exception!

AND... let's not forget the new longline tops, high neck crops, long sleeve "rashguard" tops, tankinis, monokinis - or COVER-UPS! No beach outing is complete without this indispensable and versatile piece!



Viva Fashion & Beauty

Available in all shapes and styles, choose one that compliments your swimwear.

Now that we know what's trending, let's look at which suits will celebrate your best features and conceal the others! Remember: always aim for a balanced silhouette!

Slim the Hips – Create the illusion of longer, leaner legs. Skip the wild prints on the bottom. Bring the focus up with a top in a lighter color, fun details – or wild prints!

Boost the Bust – Padding and structured cups are still the best ways to add volume. Selecting a top with ruffles, pleating or the new flutter tops, which add a cup size without padding!

Elongate the Legs – Wear styles that are cut high on the hip. It's that simple!



Support the Girls – Make friends with an underwire or hidden bra (if you aren't wearing a halter, which also works great). Coverage on the sides also helps as well as padding on the underside of the cups to provide lift. Steer clear of ruffle tops and triangle tops if you are bigger than a D-cup (triangles offer no support). Skip high necklines, which cause a uni-boob look.

Tummy Tuck – Suits with draping and ruching help disguise this area. Look for suits with full-body control lining or wear a high-cut leg to draw the eyes up and away from the middle. Skip tankinis and also shiny fabrics (they highlight everything).

Choosing a flattering swimsuit means getting the fit, size, color and cut. From the plethora of designs available this summer, you are sure to find a style that best matches your shape and personality. You can follow the trends, but remember to always make personal style your priority. As long as you feel comfortable in the swimsuit you choose and it fits you well, you should rock it with pride!

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Summertime Care for Your Skin and Hair!

By Melinda Royer

Summer is here and around this time of year everyone likes to look beach ready. What they are unable to tone up, they tan, and they want their hair to look sun-kissed. What they don't realize is the long term damage to both their hair and skin that can happen without proper care. now, without taking the right precautions, can cause sun spots and unwanted freckles later. As one gets older, their skin becomes dryer and dry skin causes wrinkles. The more one is in the sun, the dryer their skin becomes. No one wants wrinkles or sun spots. They want to have a healthy glow to look and feel radiant. This can be achieved with the right products and a little time.



Try using one of the facial spin brushes that are on the market today. This helps generate the production of collagen which helps the skin look younger and fresher. Hair also needs SPF or UV protection. Hydrate hair with a good shampoo and conditioner such as moroccan oil shampoo and conditioner. Allow the conditioner time to penetrate. Also use products that have UVA/UVB protection, like Paul Mitchell sun care line. They are good for before and after sun exposure. Recently they have invented products that rebond the hair to make it stronger after it has been damaged. Kim Kardashian uses Olaplex. Or try b3 Brazilian Bond Builder, distributed by Princess.



Everyone has been told they should wear sunscreen during the summer, or all year long if they are outdoors exposed to the sun the rest of the year. Sunscreen is a must to prevent sunburns and skin cancer. However, it also makes a very good cosmetic foundation. A good oil-free SPF 15 or higher is recommended. Just be sure to choose one with the fewest ingredients and oil-free or dry touch like Neutrogena. It is light and fresh and will last all day. Be sure to exfoliate dry skin daily.

Remember to protect your hair and skin from the outside and nourish it from the inside. A healthy life style with good food choices, plenty of water, and multivitamins will have your hair and body looking their best all summer long.



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LOUISIANA, THE FISHERMAN'S PARADISE: REDFISH, SPECKLED TROUT, LING AND FLOUNDER

By Viva Southeast Texas

Louisiana has more fish per acre than any other State. That's why they call it "The Fisherman's Paradise." One of the best places to fish in Southwest Louisiana is Calcasieu Lake. The Calcasieu Estuary, including the Calcasieu River and Ship Channel from Lake Charles to the Gulf of Mexico, offers an unforgettable fishing experience.

The Calcasieu Estuary offers great fishing for the most sought after inshore game fish on the Gulf Coast. Speckled trout, redfish and flounder are the most common inshore species targeted, but plenty of other fish species are abundant as well. Black drum, white trout, tripletail (ling), cobia, Spanish and king mackerel, snapper, pompano and sharks can be found along the Southwest Louisiana coastline and near shore oil platforms. In the fall months, one of the greatest flounder runs in the world takes place in and around Calcasieu Lake. From mid to late summer, the offshore speckle trout fishing heats up with the chance of catching the ever elusive triple tail or ling.

Lake Calcasieu is saltwater magic. It is a brackish lake located in Southwest Louisiana and located mostly within Cameron Parish. The lake is paralleled on its west shore by Louisiana Highway 27 and is located about seventeen miles south of Lake Charles, Louisiana. For decades, anglers from Texas as well as other Gulf Coast states have flocked to Lake Calcasieu to sample its legendary fishing.

Lake Calcasieu also known as Big Lake, is close enough to be convenient, yet far enough to be 'exotic' for fishermen from the Lone Star State. Most often, Texas fishermen take their initial trip to Big Lake to "do something different." But, after that first



time, they are hooked and become regular Lake Calcasieu fishermen. Much of Big Lake's reputation has been built on producing big speckled trout, no other single bay system spits out as many over-two-foot fish as Lake Calcasieu. Though there are areas that may be more appealing to record-seekers willing to catch just one or two giants, no place on the Gulf Coast gives anglers a better opportunity to catch fish in the five to eight-pound class, and catch them in volume. Catching multiple fish in this size range is not uncommon on Lake Calcasieu. For most fishermen, being in steady action with very large speckled trout beats spending several days on the water in search of one bite from a record-size fish.

Although trout grab most of the headlines in Lake Calcasieu, there are plenty of redfish around both in the lake and the jetties. During summer and fall, big bull redfish will be found along the jetties and beachfront.

A "bonus" option for Lake Calcasieu fishermen is the series of gas and oil rigs found just offshore. These rigs offer great fishing opportunities for species such as tripletail, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, shark and redfish. The most reliable short rig action occurs in August, although fishing around the short rigs can be good anytime between July and September. With the right conditions, light winds and calm surface waters, anglers can safely make the run to the short rigs in a bay boat, opening up an entirely different world of fishing possibilities.



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Regardless of the time of year or target species, a trip to Lake Calcasieu is bound to create new angling memories. And, with it closer for many Texas fishermen than many bays in the Lone Star State, it's a convenient change of pace.

In any event, a fishing trip on Lake Calcasieu is well worth the drive as you discover why Southwest Louisiana is called "the Fisherman's Paradise."

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WHICH BOAT IS BEST FOR THE WATERS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS & SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA?

By Viva Southeast Texas Magazine

Boating is a great way to fish or to relax and have fun with family or friends. Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana have numerous rivers and lakes, as well as the Gulf Coast ideal for boating, but each of these water areas have different requirements for boats.



Boats come in many different sizes and styles. The most popular boat is the runabout/sportboat category. These boats are good for rivers and lakes. They are stern-driven bowriders that are good for fishing, swimming or skiing.

The party boat on the river or lake is the pontoon. The pontoon's hallmark feature is comfort on the water with ample sitting and plenty of room for coolers. They make great swimming platforms and can be equipped with higher horsepower for speed, skiing and tubing.



Walkaround saltwater boats may be the ultimate of family fishers and are most popular in coastal waters and large bays. They allow anglers the ability to walk around the boat deck when fishing. Most walkarounds feature stowaway family seating and a small cabin (with plumbing for a toilet and sink) that makes them a winner for saltwater and freshwater fishing, cruising, swimming, tubing or skiing.

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Tri-City Corvette Club

Corvettes & Car Shows!

By Ron Johnston and Mike White

The Tri-City Corvette Club is comprised of Corvette owners throughout Southeast Texas who like to help the area with fundraising events like festivals, parades, transportation for homecoming dignitaries at area high schools, mall car shows, car rallies, and other special occasions. The Club donates time and club money to local charities like Buckner Children's Village, Southeast Texas Food Bank, the Jefferson County Foster Children's Program, and The Humane Society of Southeast Texas. They also sponsor a scholarship for a deserving Lamar University upperclassman.

In May, the club hosts Southeast Texas' largest, All Corvette Car Show. This year, they held their 21st Annual Corvette Car Show at Parkdale Mall to help raise money for Buckner Children's Village. They had 110 shiny Corvettes attend and show their support. Their next big car show was "Cruisin' Galveston" on Galveston Island. There were over 600 Corvettes present this year and the Tri-City Corvette Club brought home several awards. Member Kathy Richardson was one of those winners.

The Club will be participating in several Open Car Shows throughout Southeast Texas the rest of the year including Big Boyz Toyz in Port Arthur and "Cruisin' Silsbee," on October 9th and 10th. For more information go to www.tricitycorvetteclub.com



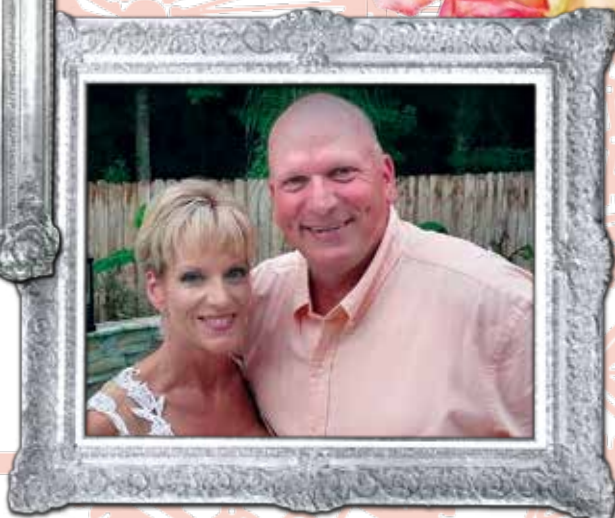
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LOCAL LEGEND, CHIEF PETE SHELTON, STILL GOING STRONG

By Kathie Platt

With 65 years of public service to his credit, Chief "Pete" Shelton is still going strong. These days Shelton supervises the Port of Beaumont with the same resourcefulness and finesse that served him so well during 46 years of fire service. Born Chester A. Shelton in 1932, "Pete" grew up next to Fire Station #7, corner of McFaddin and First, and accompanied his fire-fighting father to every blaze in the city. "We were a Fire Department family and I knew from Day One I wanted to make fire service my career," Shelton explains.

After graduating from St. Anthony High School in 1950, Shelton joined the Beaumont Fire Department and served from 1950 to 1996, rising through the ranks as engineer, captain, district chief, deputy chief, and assistant chief, before appointed as Chief in 1976, a position he held for twenty years. He concurrently served as Emergency Management Coordinator from 1983 to 1996, and as Interim City Manager between 1985 and 1986, to help the city recover from a devastating 20 million dollar investment loss. Although Shelton officially retired from the FD in 1996, he was called back as Interim Fire Chief from January 2007 to January 2008.

"Fire service has not always been a smooth ride, but it's something I have always enjoyed," Shelton attests. "The most rewarding thing about being a fireman is that I was always trying to improve the department as I rose through the ranks."

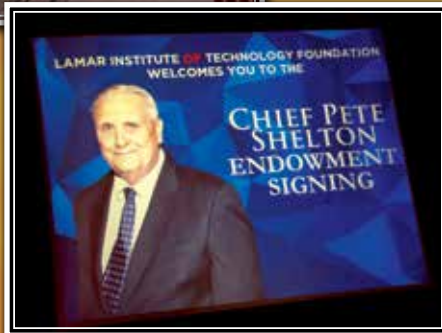
Among his proudest achievements, Shelton established the Beaumont Fire Department Historical Museum, which in 1986 became the State Fire Museum of Texas, a state-designated historical landmark. He relocated three fire



stations to improve overall FD response times. "And, together with the Beaumont Fire Fighters, the city of Beaumont, local industry and Lamar University, we developed and expanded the Beaumont Fire Training Center (originally known as the Beaumont Emergency Services Training Complex or BEST)," Shelton adds.



From 1970 to 1996 Shelton also served as the Chairman of the Lamar University Fire Training School and on the Advisory Board of Lamar's Fire Technology Degree program. Today the training center is "One of the most progressive municipal fire training centers in the United States," Shelton stressed. Shelton also helped establish the Beaumont Fire Department Maintenance Shop, which reconditioned the Sabine Neches Chief's Association Fire Boat, the area's first fire boat. Originally formed after the Texas City explosion in 1947, the SNCA is a mutual aid group devoted to improvements in industry standards, fire and safety. In 1970 Shelton became a distinguished recipient of the SNCA's Outstanding Fire Chief's Award.



Throughout his fire service career, Shelton found many other outlets for his relentless drive and leadership: as President of the Texas Fire Chief's Association (1981-1982); as President of the East Texas Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association (1983-1984); and on the International

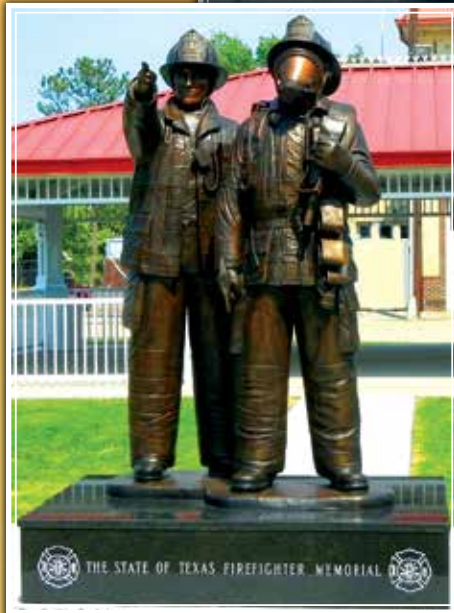
Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Board of Directors (1983-1995), Southwest Region, an organization on the cutting edge of new innovations in the fire protection industry.

In September 2012 Shelton was honored at the LIT Foundation's Salute to Real American Heroes, a fundraiser he is credited with

creating shortly after September 11, 2001, in recognition of local fire, police, emergency medical technology, criminal justice, and homeland security services and to assist students attending these educational programs at LIT. Last July 2014, C.A. "Pete" Shelton was honored by a surprise Endowment in his name at Lamar Institute of Technology, (the Chief Pete Shelton Firefighter Endowment Fund for Future Firefighters), created to provide scholarships for fire, police and emergency medical technology (EMT) students.

"I've been in fire service and law enforcement my whole life and I've held every rank in the department," Shelton recalls. "It's a wonderful, but dangerous life. Every time my phone would ring, I knew it was something serious. It took a long time, after I retired from the Beaumont FD in 1996, to get it out of my system."

Shelton also has enjoyed a long connection with the Port of Beaumont, serving as Vice-President from 1985-2001, as President from 2001 to the present, and then appointed Port Commissioner in 1989, a position he has now held by election for three consecutive terms. As the largest military port in the country, the Port works directly with Homeland Security and the Coast Guard. As Commissioner, Shelton's highest priority is governance, working directly with Executive Director, Chris Fisher, setting procedures, hiring staff, and improving Port efficiency and services.



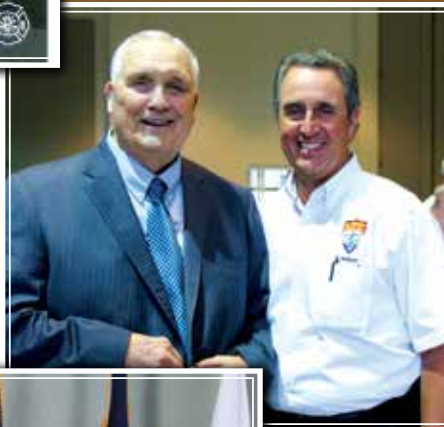
Earlier this year the Board of Commissioners approved a 500 million dollar plan for short and long term capital improvements, including expansion of Orange County's port facilities, rehabilitation of the grain elevator, reconstruction of older docks, and the addition of new rail and dock facilities. A new dock alone will cost 43 million. Turned 83 in June, with three years left in his term, Shelton is enjoying his work too much to think of retirement.

"You have to enjoy what you're doing and I've enjoyed my work my whole life. My job is my hobby!" Shelton exclaims.

"I love Beaumont. It's a great place to live and raise a family. My hope for the future: I want to see continued economic progress for our Port and our city: new enticements to keep people here, especially our kids, and ways to attract new business."

This past May, Shelton was an honoree at the

4th Annual Nutrition and Services for Seniors, Deliver the Difference Luncheon "Celebrating Our Community Treasures." Certainly a man who has lived up to his reputation as a living local legend, Viva Southeast Texas Magazine salutes Chief "Pete" Shelton for his lifetime of professional accomplishment and passionate service to the people of Southeast Texas.



COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

By Jes Prince

One year ago I began a new career in commercial real estate brokerage with Coldwell Banker Commercial Arnold and Associates in Beaumont, TX. As a life, long resident I felt fairly confident in my knowledge of the commercial properties existing in our area. Today, I see my hometown from a different perspective.

In our market the sales and leasing of retail, office, multi-family, hotels and vacant land are all impacted by the industrial happenings. If you attended the latest Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce luncheon, you were undoubtedly interested in Guest Speaker Pat Avery's speech about Natgasoline. Natgasoline LLC will be the Nation's largest Greenfield World Scale Methanol Plant and is currently being constructed on five hundred-fourteen acres of land in Beaumont Texas. Production is estimated to begin in 2017. I am curious to observe how quickly our economy will be



positively impacted and where the inevitable commercial growth will be generated next.

The rapid development of retail and medical businesses at the intersection of Highways 69/96/287 and FM 365, indicate our market's appeal to local and international tenants, investment groups and developers. The Urban Land Institute states that in 2015, industrial properties will enter a period when projected construction is accelerating but demand is anticipated to decelerate. That may not be the case here. Hopefully we will continue to see an acceleration of industrial space constructed, because for us the results are an overall increase in demand for commercial real estate. The vacant land listings decrease and the ground leases begin!



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A Vacation Retreat in Your Own Backyard

By D.E. Meek

Forgo that summer vacation in favor of a retreat you can use right in your own backyard. Decks, patios, landscaping, gardens, swimming pools and hot tubs can provide the perfect vacation retreat, as well as a daily relaxing escape from your everyday routines, for years to come.

1. Decks and patios have become extremely popular, low-cost ways to add living space to a home. They not only make it convenient to enjoy sitting outside day or night, they also open up the home and facilitate entertaining and outdoor dining. Homeowners are remodeling their decks and patios into small and full-scale outdoor kitchens, dining and entertaining areas. Even with a small budget you can create an enjoyable outdoor room for dining and entertaining. There are some basics to any outdoor room: grilling area and dining area. The dining area will need some form of shade: a tabletop umbrella, a pergola, or even large trees will do the trick.

2. Landscaping and gardens add another dimension to your backyard. Plants and shrubs should be carefully chosen to include variations of height, scent and eye appeal. Take into consideration trees and shrubs that shed all their leaves, versus evergreens, especially if you intend to add a pool to your backyard. Most homeowners prefer to have low-maintenance landscaping. However backyards make the

ideal place for small, raised vegetable beds. Container gardens are easy to plant, easy to care for, and offer a wide variety of materials and shapes.

3. A swimming pool or hot tub can provide hours of relaxation and fun for the entire family. Swimming pools come in a variety of different materials, some requiring more maintenance than others. Talk to an expert to help you to determine which type fits your liking and budget. Hot tubs also serve as the ultimate personal retreat. The tub's therapeutic waters are ideal for stress relief and relaxation, alleviating the aches and pains of everyday demands, in the privacy of your own home. Hot tubs are direct paths to relaxing evenings by yourself, with family or with friends.

The best part about outdoor retreats in your backyard is that you don't have far to go, you don't have to stand in long lines, and you can vacation all year long.



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Decorating With Vacation Souvenirs

By D.E. Meek

When you go on a vacation you want to bring that memory back home with you. You take photos, collect tickets stubs, menus and everything you can possibly find that is free and easy to pack in your luggage. Usually when you go on a trip you don't have a lot of extra money to spend on souvenirs, but you still want a memento or two from your vacation. Most of the things you bring home are usually free and those are the things that mean the most to you and have the most memories attached to them. As a result, do you come home from trips with an arm full of things? Do they get put behind closed doors in a closet or tucked away in the bottom of a drawer? So how do you display these treasures from a memorable trip an use as part of your home decor?



Wall Art can be made in many different ways.

- Start with three picture frames of same size and color. Dismantle and use the paper insert as a template to measure and cut a piece of foam board or cardboard for the base of your art. Make copies of your photos and use the "effects" portion on your pc or camera to get an old tin-type photo. Print on matte photo paper. Arrange several photos and use double stick tap to place on the base. HINT: you can cover the bases with matching cloth, wall paper or contact paper that matches your décor. Place in the frames.
- If your vacation was at the beach, hot glue the sea shells to the frames. Use the glass as a template for mirrors. Place the mirrors in the frames and hang.
- If you went to a city, make a decoupage of photos, ticket stubs and menus and place in the frames.



Pillows can be another form of display.

- Stuff your souvenir tee-shirt with an old throw pillow. Use the arms to tie the whole thing together or use Velcro sticky back for a smoother look.

Table displays are the easiest and fastest way to display your free collectibles like, beach sand, sea shells, rocks, pebbles, cones, etc. All you need are clear jars or crystal bowls to hold your things.

Display your souvenirs, de-clutter your home, and above all, share your memories with others.



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WHAT YOU SHOULD PACK IN YOUR SUMMERTIME FIRST AID KIT?

By Dr. Ann Kultze

Unfortunately, the warm weather of summer also brings along health and safety risks. Whether it's a minor discomfort or something that requires a trip to the ER, being as prepared as possible is the best way to handle an emergency situation. Going on a family vacation is no exception. So, take some time to dust off your old first aid kit and update it with things you'll need specifically for summer injuries that may occur. Keep one at home and then make sure you bring it along on your next vacation.

In addition to the First Aid Kit, you will need several small doses of over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Pepto-Bismol tablets, Dramamine, and Benadryl for allergic reactions. Include children's versions of the above, if applicable - such as baby and children's pain relievers, prescribed medications, Benadryl spray, a syringe or medicine cup for administering medications, and baby wipes.

Store your summer first aid kit where it can be easily reached in an emergency, but not so accessible that a child can get into it. You also want to keep it out of the direct sunlight to avoid overheating the medications inside. Check the contents of your summer first aid kit periodically, and replace all medications that are out of date.

Viva Southeast Texas Magazine has taken the time to make a list of everything you'll need for a summer safety kit as recommended by Dr. Kultze.

- A waterproof case (moisture can damage many of your supplies)
- Sanitizing wipes to clean your hands before attending to the person in need
- Latex gloves to prevent the spread of infection
- Antiseptic towelettes to clean out scrapes and cuts
- Neosporin or other cream to prevent infection
- Bandages of all sizes including Band-aids, gauze, and adhesive tape for cuts and blisters
- Tweezers and a sterile needle for splinters
- Instant ice packs for inflammation
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Vaseline
- Saline solution to clean out eyes
- Thermometer
- Disposable mask
- Bug spray to prevent bites
- Sunscreen to prevent burns
- Hydrocortisone cream for rashes and bug bites
- Tea tree oil to treat poison ivy
- Aloe vera gel to help soothe a sunburn

- Ear drops such as Aqua Ear or Swim Ear, sold without a prescription, can help prevent the infection swimmer's ear (but talk to your doctor first, especially if you're prone to the problem).
- Other Personal items that your family is bound to need. Examples include: baby products, allergy and asthma medications, motion sickness medication, and an Epi-Pen. Consider adding an easy-to-comprehend first aid manual.




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SPINDLETOP CENTER

By Tammie Johnson

Tammie Johnson is an Orange native who has battled with an ongoing mental health diagnosis of depression and bipolar disorder. She struggled for many years to find the best path for her road to recovery as she found herself in and out of many different programs and hospitals. Then Johnson discovered the Spindletop Center (formerly MHMR) in her hometown and began utilizing its services in 2002. She credits the Center's unique line of services and hands-on approach with much of her success during her recovery. By using the services available to her at Spindletop, Johnson has been able to turn her life completely around, and now serves as a Peer Training Coordinator



for the Center helping other people who are still struggling with their recovery.

Spindletop Center is both a community mental health center, and an intellectual and developmental disabilities center, located in southeast Texas. It serves more than 8,000 citizens annually in Jefferson, Orange, Hardin and Chambers counties and provides a variety of behavioral health care services to people with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and chemical dependency. In recent years, the Center has expanded its services to include additional housing efforts, a primary care clinic, and varied counseling services.



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"At Spindletop we have Peer Specialists who can talk to you and even encourage you to participate in one of our training classes," Johnson explains. "The Wellness Recovery Action Plan and Whole Health Action Management are

both programs that teach you how to take care of yourself. WRAP provides a safety net in case of a possible relapse, and WHAM targets high blood pressure, weight loss and diabetes. The services we have are so diversified."

Johnson believes that because Spindletop is evolving to meet the needs of its clients in a wide variety of capacities, the Center is also making great improvements in decreasing the stigma often associated with a mental health diagnosis.

"Instead of sending you out to five or six outside agencies, under the Spindletop umbrella, you can get it all within one of two campuses," Johnson says. "As a consumer driven operation, we are serving the consumer and trying to meet as many of their needs as possible."

For more information about Spindletop Center's services, visit www.spindletopcenter.org or call (409) 784-5400.

PICNICS, COOKOUTS AND FAMILY REUNIONS: SUMMER SALADS WITH A GOURMET TWIST!

By Christianne Child

Time to get together with family and friends and you need to bring a salad. Everyone brings deviled eggs or potato salad, but you want to bring something new to the party.

Turn to Nature!

When produce is at its peak, a simple salad can be magical. As summer hits its stride, it's easy to turn salads from side dish into entree. To turn it into a complete meal, just add a little protein. Salads are a great way to use up leftover barbecued chicken or steak. Any kind of lunchmeat is good, too—smoked turkey, ham, tuna, salami, corned beef, and prosciutto are all great on salads. If you want to keep it meatless, open up a can of beans. Kidney, cannellini, garbanzo, and black beans all make tasty, satisfying salad toppers.



Tempting Toppings!

Fresh, raw, sweet corn adds a wonderful crunch when cut off the cob and sprinkled into a salad. Raw yellow squash, cubed or grated, adds another dimension to a somewhat plain salad. The vines and brambles are bursting with plump berries right now. Try sprinkling some into your next salad. You'll be surprised at how delicious that touch of tart sweetness is in an otherwise savory salad. Toasted nuts are tasty, too. Toss some pecans, walnuts, almonds or pine nuts into a skillet and stir over medium heat until the nuts turn a shade darker and give off an enticing aroma.



Use your Head—or Not!

It doesn't need to be leafy and green to be called a salad! Try a Greek salad of tomato wedges, sliced cucumber, white onions, bell peppers, tart olives and tangy feta mixed with a simply delicious dressing of lemon juice, olive oil, and chopped oregano. Another spectacular salad for the peak of tomato season is the insalata caprese rounds of garden-fresh tomatoes and fresh mozzarella layered on a platter



and crowned with basil leaves, extra virgin olive oil, and a sprinkle of salt. There's a whole world of grain and bean salads too! Try tabbouleh, a Middle Eastern favorite (nutty, chewy bulgur wheat), flecked with refreshing cucumber, tomato, green onions, and fresh mint and parsley.

Some like it Hot!

Cooked salads like potato salads or pasta salads can be jazzed up with new dressing. Don't forget deviled eggs. Using Dejon mustard instead of yellow mustard, or adding chopped jalapenos, can add another layer of taste that explodes in your mouth, just like fireworks on the Fourth of July!

Your salad could be the hit of the party. Keep it fresh and always add some mystery element, whether it is a new dressing or a new topper. "Bon appetit!"



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1/2 sliced black olives
1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed cream
of chicken soup

1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed
cream of mushroom soup
1 can (10 oz) Ro*Tel® Original Diced
Tomatoes & Green Chilies, undrained
1 small can Mexican corn
2 cups chopped cooked chicken
12 corn tortillas (6 inch),
torn into bite-size pieces
2 cups shredded Cheddar
cheese (2 cups = 8 oz)



Instructions: Yields: 8 -1 cup servings or 16 1/2 cup servings

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray 13x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.
2. Mix together both soups, undrained tomatoes and chicken.
3. Layer one-third each of tortillas, chicken mixture, green onions, olives and cheese evenly in dish. Repeat layer BUT before you add the cheese, add the corn. Layer with the last of the tortillas, chicken mixture, onions, olives and cheese.
4. Bake uncovered 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly. **COOK'S TIP:** May use any variety of Ro*Tel Tomatoes in place of Original to suit your taste. Best served hot, but makes a good Family Reunion 'Cover Dish' even when warm or at room temperature.

SLOW COOKER PULLED PORK BBQ

Filling Ingredients:

3 tablespoons smoky paprika
1 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons black pepper

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, peeled and cut in half
3 to 3 1/2 pounds pork
shoulder, cut in half



Instructions: Yields: 6 to 8 servings

1. In a medium size mixing bowl, mix together the first six ingredients (all of the spices) with a fork.
2. Pour in the honey, vinegar, and olive oil and stir to form a paste.
3. Place the onion in the bottom of the slow cooker. Top it with the 2 pieces of pork and then pour the honey paste over all sides of the pork pieces. It's okay if some of it (or a lot of it) just drips down to the bottom.
4. Turn the slow cooker on to low and cook for 7 to 8 hours or until the meat is tender enough to be easily shredded with a fork.
5. Serve warm over a toasted bun along with fixings like homemade coleslaw, baked beans and bread & butter pickles.

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Ingredients:

1 cup Coca-Cola soda (regular not diet)	1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup buttermilk	1 cup butter, softened
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract	1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour	2 eggs
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Chocolate Frosting

Icing:

1/2 cup butter, room temperature or softened	4 cups powdered confectioners' sugar
1/3 cup of Coca-Cola soda	2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder	May add 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Icing Preparation:

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, stir together the butter, Coca-Cola soda, and cocoa powder until butter has melted.
2. Whisk in the powder sugar, one cup at a time, and then add the vanilla extract. Stir until icing is smooth.
3. Pour over warm cake.



Instructions: Yields: 8 -1 cup servings or 16 1/2 cup servings

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly oil and dust with flour a 13- x 9-inch baking pan.
2. In a small bowl, combine Coca-Cola soda, buttermilk and vanilla extract; set aside.
3. In medium-sized bowl, sift together the flour, cocoa powder, and baking soda; set aside.
4. In large bowl, mix together on low speed the butter and sugar until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat until blended. Starting with the flour mixture, beat in a little at a time alternating with the Coca-Cola mixture until you have ended with the flour mixture. Continue to beat for 2 additional minutes until the batter is light and fluffy. Stir in the marshmallows.
5. Pour the cake batter into the prepared baking dish. It is normal for the marshmallows to float to the top of the cake batter when cooking.
6. Bake approximately 30 to 35 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through the cooking (once you reach 30 minutes, check cake every few minutes until done). Cake is done when a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.
7. While the cake is baking, prepare the Coca Cola Chocolate Icing but don't make the frosting in advance, as you will need to pour it over the cake shortly after baking.
8. Remove cake from the oven to a cooling rack. While the cake is still warm, pour the prepared Chocolate Icing over cake and spread evenly to cover the cake. Let cake cool completely before serving. Yield: 12 servings. Serve alone or accompanied by vanilla ice cream

Southern Sweet Iced Tea

Ingredients:

- 3 Family sized tea bags (Luzianne Tea Bags)
- *a pinch of baking soda (1/8 teaspoon)
- 1 to 1 1/3 cups of sugar (Use 3/4 cups Splenda for Diet Tea)

Directions:

1. Bring 3 to 4 cups of water to boil. Add baking soda to the water and 3 family sized tea bags. Remove from heat and cover. Allow to sit for at least 10 minutes. *the soda takes out the bitterness of the tea
2. Pour into gallon pitcher with sugar and stir till dissolved. Then fill up pitcher with cold water. Refrigerate after cooled. Serve over ice. Makes 10 servings.

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restaurant calla Brings Gastropub Trend to Southwest Louisiana

By Katie Harrington



Restaurant calla, located in Lake Charles, is giving diners a new idea on food. The area's first gastropub, calla serves up small, sophisticated plates with fresh ingredients that are combined in interesting ways. Open since June 2014, calla offers innovative cocktails and four to five big plates.

Chef and owner David Sorrells says the four to five big plates are offered because "people still want steaks." Sorrells, who began his career working for Brennan's Houston, says he's trying to break the rules. "You can still eat foie gras in shorts."

Gastropub restaurants tend to combine imaginative, upscale cooking techniques with the casual dining experience of a pub. Sorrells' calla offers a menu containing dishes like roasted bone marrow, quail and Blue Crab beignets along with a juicy burger that is the talk of the town these days, all served from a relaxed environment that features leather couches, outdoor seating and family-style tables.

Chef Sorrells said, "The goal of the calla team is to serve the highest quality food and drink in a casual atmosphere, and a comfortable setting with the service equal to that of the finest restaurants, minus the pretentiousness."



restaurant calla is located at 1400 Market Street in Lake Charles, Louisiana. calla is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11am-2pm and for dinner, Tuesday through Saturday from

4pm -10pm. Visit www.restuarantcalla.com to learn more.

L'espirit De La Louisiane

By Mike Simpson

Louisiana Spirits Distillery, producers of Bayou Rum, was literally born on the Bayou! While duck hunting near the Lacassine Wildlife Refuge and some local sugarcane fields, brothers, Trey and Tim Litel, and Skip Cortese wondered why no one was producing home-grown, high quality Louisiana rum? While researching their idea, they discovered the importance of sugar cane in the rum making process and realized that they have access to an endless supply of local sugarcane. The next thing they knew, Louisiana Spirits was born. Trey stated, "We decided to build a great, authentic Louisiana rum and do it in a way that will support our state and our unique culture."

Trey also said, "Louisiana is known as 'The Bayou State' and we grew up on Contraband Bayou. Good memories inspired us to celebrate our state by naming our product Bayou Rum."

Bayou Rum uses homegrown, locally-produced Louisiana sugarcane, which is processed into molasses and raw sugar crystals by MA Patout & Son's and then delivered to the Bayou Rum Distillery.

Sugarcane-derived yeast starts the unique "sugar house" recipe. Using these fresh materials and pure local Thornwell Aquifer water in a Vendome Copper and Brass Works hand made copper pot still, Bayou Rum is crafted in the largest, privately-owned rum distillery in the USA, utilizing traditional methods with state-of-the-art technology for all four steps: fermentation, distillation, maturation, and bottling.



The bottles are specially made to exact specifications with several proprietary features and have won numerous awards. As the bottling begins, the bottles are rinsed in Bayou Rum to eliminate dust and so it won't change the proof. You can join the bottling team for a day. Check out www.bayourum.com/distillery for info. Fun stuff!

Bayou Rum now offers four great tasting rums. Silver Bayou Rum was the original rum offering and has a smooth, subtle taste.



Bayou Spiced Rum is blended with natural Louisiana ingredients to spice up your favorite cocktail. Bayou Spiced Rum was chosen as Best in Class and was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2014 Miami Rum Renaissance Festival and, most recently, a **DOUBLE GOLD** at the International Rum Fest in Spain! Bayou Satsuma is made with local satsuma for a tangy citrus flavor. Just released, the Bayou Limited Edition Select Barrel Reserve is aged for up to 3 years in oak barrels for a smooth, rich taste and earned a **GOLD** medal award from the Consumer Rum Jury at the 2015 Miami Rum Festival. Bayou Rum is located on the frontage road in Lacassine, Louisiana, just minutes from Lake Charles. The compound includes a state-of-the-art distillery, a gallery celebrating the

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Viva Tribute

Southeast Texas Remembers First Responders

By Joy Wooley

9/11 will be a day in history that Southeast Texans will never forget. We have several memorials throughout the area to pay honor to all those who lost their lives on that day as well as all those that have given their lives in the line of duty. Take some time to visit these memorials and remember those who sacrificed their life on your behalf.



Officers James Reaux
and Tim Ocnashek

The Officer Down Memorial is dedicated to all law enforcement that have died in the line of duty. This memorial is located in front of the Beaumont Police Department in downtown Beaumont.



Rafael Ornelas,
Special Assistant Chief



A memorial to the 9/11 first responders stands at C.A. Pete Shelton Firefighter Memorial Plaza. The Plaza is located on the grounds of the Fire Museum of Texas at 400 Walnut Street, in downtown Beaumont.

Beaumont, Texas has one memorial to all victims of 9/11, at the beautiful gardens of Tyrrell Park. This memorial depicts the twin towers.



The Veteran's Memorial Golden Triangle Veteran's Park is located one mile south of the Memorial Bridge on Hwy. 87 in Port Arthur, Texas and includes many WWII relicts.

THE PINK PALACE FISH CAMP

Growing up in Southeast Texas during the late 50s and early 60s was a time of enlightenment, discovery and great adventures. It was a time of simple pleasures, hard work, yet less stress. It was a time with a slower pace and fewer demands. The 50s and 60s were the age of listening to your elders as they spoke of the "good old days," spinning yarns, and mixing history with tall tales...like "The Pink Palace Fish Camp."

It was my Daddy's dream to own a fish camp on the Neches River. He spent a great deal of time running trot lines for blue catfish on that river. He even made his own Catfish Charlie, or stink bait, right in our living room! He spent a lot of time driving back and forth between the Neches and our home. He didn't mind because Daddy loved to fish and we loved to eat fried fish with all the fixings!

We didn't get together for cookouts. Instead, we would have a fish fry. You could say that a fish fry was a "social" meeting for our family and friends. My Momma made the best hushpuppies and fish fry coating in our family. However it wasn't very convenient having a fish fry at our home. This was the argument Daddy used to convince Momma to invest in a fish camp. Daddy's dream finally came true when a nice big fish camp on the Hardin County side of the Neches River came up for sale in the 1960s. The building had a screened-in front porch, a large gathering/dining room, a small kitchen, and a small primitive bathroom. The outside had peeling paint everywhere and the window



screens needed to be replaced. The yard was overgrown and the whole place looked like the old houses featured in Halloween movies. "Nothing that a little TLC can't take care of," said Daddy. Momma answered back, "Or a match!" We all laughed at their joke and dug in to tackle the big clean up. The whole family got into fixing up the camp, even my Grandpa.

Daddy worked every evening and weekend scraping off all the old paint and repairing boards that "mother nature" had deteriorated. Finally the camp was ready to paint. Momma and Daddy decided to paint the outside of the camp barn red since Daddy had a couple of gallons someone had given him.

Tall Tales & Short Grips By Ms. Lynn

The weekend Daddy started painting was beautiful with dry air and clear skies. Daddy painted and painted, but the old wood exterior sucked up the new paint almost as fast as Daddy applied it. He only managed to get a third of the painting done when he ran out of paint.

Momma went to town with one of the empty cans. She needed to purchase five more gallons of paint, according to Daddy. Momma went to the hardware store and told the helper what she wanted. He matched the paint color using the formula he had. They loaded up the big five-gallon bucket of paint in the back of the truck and Momma returned to the camp.

Daddy unloaded and opened the bucket. He and Momma stood shocked as they stared at the five gallons of new paint. The paint was bright pink!

Daddy, was never one to waste money, decided to use the pink paint. When he finished, he and Momma proudly surveyed the fish camp. The next weekend, the whole family went to the camp to see the newly painted camp house.



I loved the new color! Grandpa's only comment was that it would always be easy to find. My little brother got all excited and named the place the "Pink Palace Fish Camp." The name stuck.

The "Pink Palace" remained bright pink for many years, providing my family plenty of fish fries and fish tales.

Today that section of

land on the Neches River is part of the Big Thicket National Preserve and fish fries are still a big thing in Southeast Texas.

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2. Joey Armstrong, Michelle Fosha Armstrong and Mike Simpson
3. Judge John Stevens and District Attorney Bob Wortham
4. Jimmy Simmons and Joseph Fertitta
5. Yvette Crory and Karen Fontenot, Champagne & Ribs' Co-Chairs
6. Lee Potter enjoys the Bag of Donuts Band

LobsterFest 2015 by Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

7. Steve Gilbert, Laura Kressman, Emily Brackin, Scott Miller, Scott Brackin, Jim Rich, Joey Kressman and David Thornhill
8. Rodney Ames and Mayor Becky Ames
9. Bob Wortham with Mrs. and Mr. Skylar Thompson
10. Dale Champagne, Shannon Williamson and Misty Edwards

The Officer Down Memorial Dedication

11. Officer Kolin Burmaster & Sheriff Mitch Woods
12. Sgt. Bill Davis and Jon Reaud
13. Chief Jimmy Singletary, Det. Mark Hogge, Lt. Karen Froman, Capt. Jim Clay and Det. Yvette Borerro



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SEAFARERS' CENTER OF BEAUMONT

*Supplied by Scott Floyd, Executive Director,
Seafarers' Center of Beaumont*

- The Seafarers' Center of Beaumont is a non-profit organization.
- Founded in 1972.
- Located at the Port of Beaumont.
- The center services all the docks in the north Sabine Neches Waterway system, including the Port of Beaumont, ExxonMobil, Sunnoco, Oil Tanking north, Oil Tanking Pt Neches, Martin Gas, Enterprise Dock, Jefferson Energy, and Gerdau Steel dock.
- There is an average of 2500 vessels up to 900 feet long that visit our waterway each year
- They supply communications like WiFi and phone cards along with other needs of the visiting crewmen, such as transportation, religious needs and medical.
- They also check each vessel to see that they have ample food, water, and medical supplies.
- The Beaumont Seafarers' Center works closely with the US Coast Guard to protect the rights of mariners.
- The Beaumont Seafarers' Center employs a full time staff of four
- It is open 6 days a week, 14 hours a day, with a 24 hour phone
- For more information on the Seafarers' Center of Beaumont call 409-832-3292.

July 1st - 17th 2015

ArtVentures Creative Kids Summer Camp
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX
409-832-3432

July 1st - 25th 2015

Drawn to Life: Audubon's Legacy
Tues - Sat, 9 am - 5pm, Adults, \$6.
Seniors (65+), Students & Youth (10-17)
\$5. Children (4-9), \$2. Members, free.
Stark Museum of Art
712 Green Ave • Orange, TX
409-886-2787

July 1st - 30th 2015

Rao's Bakery Summer Camp
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Registration, \$60 per child.
Rao's Bakery & Coffee Café
Dowlen 4440 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-832-0252

July 1st - Aug. 9th 2015

Artwork by Annie Orchard in Café Arts
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm. Sat, 10am - 5 pm.
Sun, 12pm - 5pm. Suggested donation, \$2
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July 2nd 2015

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

July 2nd - 3rd 2015

KIDmunity: "The Grunch"
7pm, \$5
Betty Greenberg Center
for Performing Arts
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
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July 4th 2015

City of Beaumont Fourth of July Celebration
Gates, 5pm. Fireworks 9pm.
Free Admission
Riverfront Park
801 Main St • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

July 4th 2015

Fireworks and Concert at the Pavilion
CVB
601 W Division Ave • Orange, TX
409-883-1011

July 4th 2015

Silsbee July 4 Fireworks Display
Silsbee High School Parking Lot
1575 Hwy 96 N • Silsbee, TX
409-385-5562

July 4th - Nov. 21st 2015

Beaumont Farmers Market
Every Saturday 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Road • Beaumont, TX

July 4th - Nov. 21st 2015

Neches River Adventures Boat Tours
Every Sat 10am - 12pm, Adults, \$15.
Children (12 & Under) & Seniors (60+),
\$10. Children (3 & Under), Free.
Beaumont Riverfront Park
801 Main • Beaumont, TX
409-651-5326

July 6th 2015

Clifton Steamboat Museum Mondays
Every Mon, 8:30am - 11am
Adults, \$5. Seniors (65+) & Children, \$4.
Clifton Steamboat Museum
8727 Fannett Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-842-3162

July 9th - 11th 2015

KIDmunity: "The Little Mermaid Jr"
7pm Adults, \$10. Children, \$5.
Betty Greenberg Center
for Performing Arts
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

July 14th - 24th 2015

Camp Lookinback Summer Camp

9am - 12pm Members, \$65.
Non-Members, \$75.
John Jay French Museum
3025 French Road • Beaumont, TX
409-832-4010

July 22nd - 25th 2015

Lone Star Region National Model Railroad Association Annual Convention
Holiday Inn Plaza
3950 Walden Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-313-1991

July 23rd 2015

Jazz at the Lake
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Free admission.
The Event Centre
700 Crockett Street
Beaumont, TX • 409-838-3435

July 24th - 26th 2015

Kountze Big Thicket Trade Days
Parking, \$2.
Kountze Trade Days Center
960 No. Pine Street • Kountze, TX
409-880-5667

July 24th - 26th 2015

His & Hers Weekend: The Peddler Show
Fri, 12pm - 7pm. Sat, 9am - 6pm.
Sun, 11am - 4pm. Adults, \$6. Seniors
(65+) & Kids (5-11), \$5. Free parking.
Ford Park
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

July 27th - Aug. 7th 2015

Beaumont Art League Summer Camp
Members, \$75. Non-members, \$95.
Beaumont Art League
2675 Gulf Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4179

Seaport Saturday, Seafarer's Center National Maritime Day & National Transportation Week Celebration



Scott and Janet Floyd with Carol Gary and certified therapy dog, Chumlee in front of "Sabine Pilots" tug



Pat Anderson with the Sea Scouts BSA



Southeast Texans enjoy a boat ride on the Neches River with Neches Riverboat Adventures. The Neches River is one of four "wild rivers" left in Texas

Calendar of Events

Aug. 1st – Aug. 7th 2015

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Summer Camp**
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Aug. 5th – Sept. 30th 2015

September 11, 2001: A Timeline
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm, Free admission
Fire Museum of Texas
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Aug. 8th – 31st 2015

**Albert & Amy Faggard
Exhibit and Images of Life**
11am - 3pm
Beaumont Art League
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Aug. 14th – 16th 2015

**Southern Black Softball
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World Tournament**
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Aug. 15th 2015

Free Family Arts Day
10am - 2pm Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
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Aug. 15th 2015

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Aug. 20th 2015

Heritage Happy Hour
5:30pm - 7:30pm BHS
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John Jay French Museum
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Aug. 20th 2015

LIVESTRONG: 5K & Kids Fun Run
8am - 10am Adults, \$20
Kids & Cancer Survivors, Free
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Aug. 21st 2015

Sabine Causeway 5K
7am
Sabine Causeway Bridge
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Aug. 21st – 23rd 2015

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Calendar of Events

Sept. 1st - 30th 2015

September 11, 2001: A Timeline
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Free admission.
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Sept. 4th - 13th 2015

Stars Over Texas: Fall Showcase Tournament
Every Sunday, Friday, Saturday
Ford Park Fields
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Sept. 5th 2015

Lamar Football: Cardinals vs. Bacone College
7:00 pm \$10 - \$25
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Sept. 5th - Nov. 21st 2015

Neches River Adventures Boat Tours
Every Saturday 10am - 12pm
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Beaumont Riverfront Park
801 Main • Beaumont, TX
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Sept. 11th 2015

AMSET Gala 2015
6:30 pm
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St • Beaumont, TX
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Sept. 11th - 13th 2015

Texas Gatorfest 2015
Anahuac, TX

Sept. 12th 2015

Texas Rice Festival Horse Show
Winnie-Stowell Park
S Park Street • Winnie, TX

Sept. 12th 2015

Fire Truck Pull
9:00 am - 11:00 pm Free admission
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Sept. 12th - 30th 2015

David Anniboli Exhibit and Life Is a Beach Show
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Sept. 18th - 20th 2015

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Sept. 22nd 2015

Hope Women's Resource Clinic Annual Gala Theme - "Hero for Hope"
Keynote Speaker- Kevin Sorbo
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites
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Sept. 25th - 26th 2015

Texas Rice Festival BBQ Cookoff
Winnie-Stowell Park
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Sept. 25th - 27th 2015

US Tennis Association Adult 55 & Over Tournament
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Sept. 30th - Oct. 3rd 2015

46th Annual Rice Festival
Winnie-Stowell Park
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Sept. 26th - 27th 2015

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Texas Rice Festival 2015 Entertainment Lineup

By Joy Wooley

This year's Texas Rice Festival entertainment lineup is a smorgasbord for music lovers of all ages, from country to zydeco and everything in between. The music kicks off on Friday, September 25th, during the annual Cook-off, with Jimmy & The Jokers. The Festival starts Wednesday, September 30th. Texas singer-songwriter Kevin Fowler takes the stage on opening night of the Rice Festival. Fowler is always a crowd pleaser with his original country songs. He is preceded by the Port Arthur hard rock country band, The Bayou Blackbirds, and the alternative country band, American Aquarium.



Kevin Fowler



Josh Abbott Band



Wayne Toups

Schedule below:

Friday - Sept 25th

8 pm to 12 am: Jimmy & The Jokers

Wednesday - Sept 30th

5:30 pm to 7 pm:
The Bayou Blackbirds

8 pm to 9:30 pm:
American Aquarium

10 pm to 11:30 pm:
Kevin Fowler

Thursday - Oct. 1st

6 pm to 7:30 pm: Spencer Marks

8 pm to 9:30 pm: Jamie Talbert & The Band of Demons

10 pm to 11:30 pm: Josh Abbott Band

Friday - Oct. 2nd

5:30 pm to 7 pm: Geno Delafosse

8 pm to 9:30 pm: Jamie Bergeron & The Kickin' Cajuns

10 pm to 11:30 pm: Wayne Toups & Zydacajun

Saturday - Oct. 3rd

12 pm to 2 pm: Local Talent

2 pm to 4 pm: Cancer Auction

4:15 pm to 5:45 pm: Johnny Lee & The Urban Cowboy Band

6:15 pm to 7:45 pm: Shinyribs

8:15 pm to 9:45 pm: Aaron Watson

10:15 pm to 12:15 am: Bag of Donuts

Country fans of all styles of country music will enjoy listening to the Texas country music Josh Abbott Band, and the high energy Texas country band, Jamie Talbert & The Band of Demons, who specialize in covers and originals. The country music doesn't end there. On the last day of the Rice Festival, the country music lineup continues with Aaron Watson and award-winning star, Johnny Lee & The Urban Cowboy Band.

A full day has been dedicated to Cajun music with Zydeco music by Geno Delafosse, followed by the Cajun music band, Jamie Bergeron

& The Kickin' Cajuns. Local favorite, Wayne

Toups, winds up the evening. For all those who love to laugh, sing or dance, Shinyribs will be performing on Saturday. They do a little of everything when it comes to music.

This year Bag of Donuts, the rock, pop, hip-pop band from New Orleans, will end the 46th Annual Texas Rice Festival. Enjoy the fun, events, and food, but above all, come and enjoy the music!



Johnny Lee



Bag of Donuts

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A: Because they swim in schools!

Q: What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?
A: Something catchy!

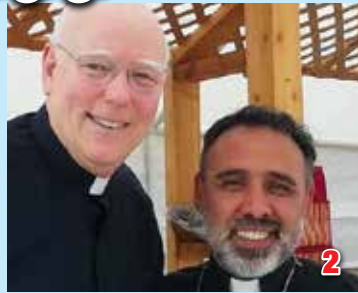
Q: Where do fish keep their money?
A: In a riverbank.



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Jason Aldean Concert at Ford Park Pavillion

8. Ron and Carlotta Nichols
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10. Jason Aldean on Stage
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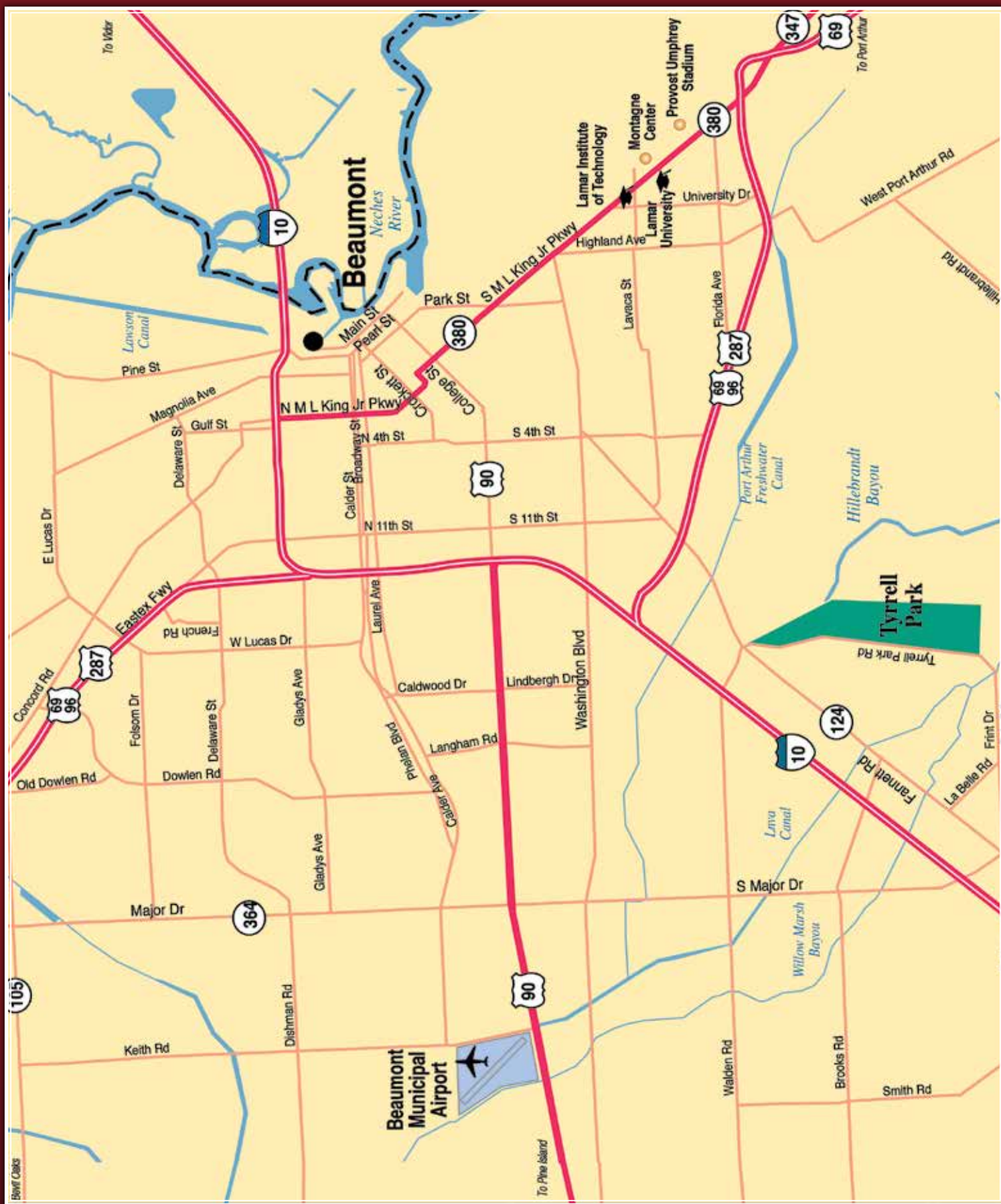


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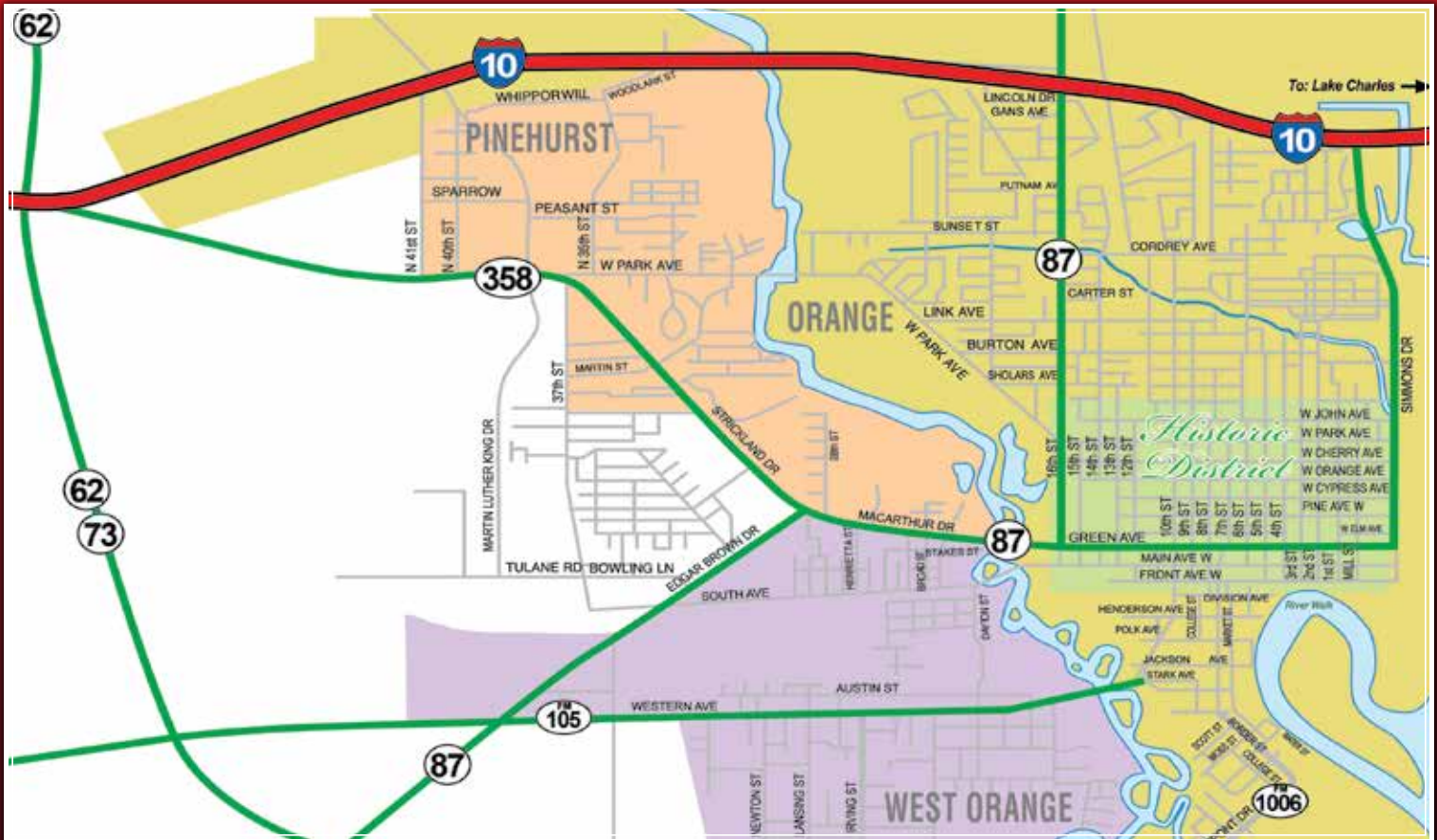
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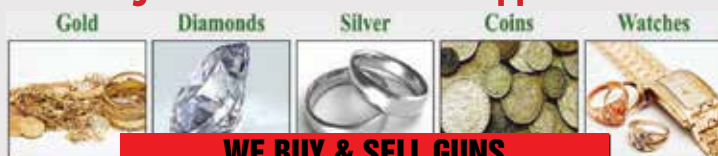
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