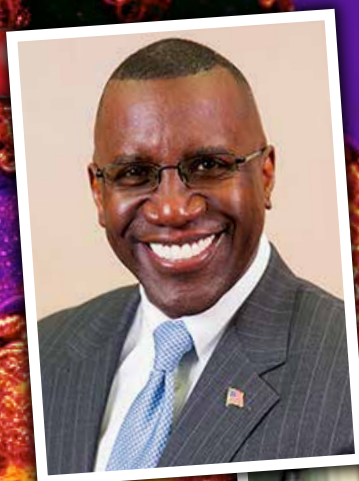


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George Santayana once said, "You must know where you have been in order to know where you are going." We believe this and a good source for the history of Southeast Texas, our founders, famous people and life changing events, is to visit our many monuments, memorials, museums and cemeteries. In this Issue we bring a report on just a few of them.

We also have articles on Cattail Marsh, native Jamie Brickhouse, author of "Dangerous When Wet," and a Tribute to Al Caldwell. Our Spotlight in this issue is a personal interview with Dr. Lonnie Howard, the new President of Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT).

Between Snapshots and Calendars Of Events, we keep you in touch, Connecting People To People. Viva Southeast Texas Magazine promises to bring hope of a better future for 2017.



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AL CALDWELL, LOCAL RADIO PERSONALITY

By Joy Wooley



Fifty-four years ago, Southeast Texans heard the velvet voice of Al Caldwell come across the airways of radio KAYC. The year was 1963 and Al had a one hour slot as a disc jockey. "I never inspired to be a disc jockey; they call them

radio personalities today, but the owner of the Baytown radio was a friend of mine and so I said I would give it a try and I'm still at it."

When asked just what did get him started into music, he answered. "I was like most teens, played the vinyl's, listened to the top 40 on the radio, learned to play a guitar and became a part of a rock band."

The band Al played in traveled all over, exposing him to many big name musicians. This knowledge and his love for music along with his magnetic personality have made him one of the most popular radio personalities of Southeast Texas. No one knows the oldies like Al!

After working for KAYC, he has spent the last 38 years with KLVI AM 560 and also does the Al Caldwell in the Morning Show on Cool 92.5 playing the Oldies-Goldies.

His most memorable radio gig he ever did was, he didn't hesitate to say, "That would be the time I went to NYC and did a five day special report about 911 back in 2011. I got to share the airways with Carl Rove. The whole experience

was really moving and I am so humbled to have been able to go."

Al is 80 years old and still remembers every song and singer who played on the radio during the fifties, sixties and seventies. "I love the music and I really like the talk shows. I like to know the person behind the songs along with all the different people I meet

in my life. I find people interesting," says Al.

Al has other great loves. They are Annette, his lovely wife of 25 years, his family, Southeast Texas and cooking. Al and Annette are often seen around town together. They are great supporters of community functions and fundraisers. He has dedicated thirty years of his time to the Taste of the Triangle as the celebrity Chef.

When asked when he would retire, he chuckled and answered, "I love what I do, so I guess I will retire the day I die."

We at Viva Southeast Texas Magazine pay tribute to you Al Caldwell, truly a great radio personality and hope to keep hearing you on the radio for many years to come!



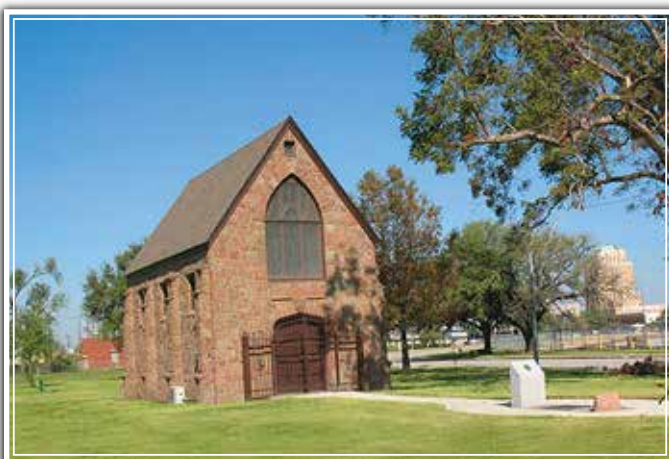
Monuments, Memorials and Cemeteries of Southeast Texas

By Viva Southeast Texas Magazine

Southeast Texas is rich with monuments, memorials and cemeteries that honor our past. They range from the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. One of the best places of monuments related to our past however can be found at Magnolia Cemetery on Pine Street in Beaumont.

William McFaddin, County Pioneer and Texas War for Independence Veteran, started a private graveyard for his family as well as relatives and friends on some of his land that rested on the highest knoll in Beaumont overlooking Brakes Bayou back in the 1840's. The first recorded burial was made in 1847 when John D. Gilbert was laid to rest. The first recorded burial on the McFaddin plot was William's son John Andrew McFaddin killed at the battle of Fordoche, Louisiana during the Civil War on September 29, 1863.¹

During the 1860's another burial area adjacent to the McFaddins was marked for the Odd Fellows Lodge. Then once again shortly after the reconstruction of the South, William saw



the need for another addition to the hill so that other Southeast Texans would have a place to bury their loved ones. He deeded two and a quarter acres of his land that was adjacent to his private graveyard to the town of Beaumont in 1876 and was used in the beginning primarily for civil war veterans and their families. Many people rest on the hill including another Texas War for Independence veteran, union soldier, deputy sheriff of Beaumont killed in the line of duty on September 25, 1881, and many victims of the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918. In 1887 some of the prominent citizens of Beaumont gathered together to form a Corporation for benevolent and charitable purposes under the General Laws of the State of Texas. The purpose was to purchase, improve and subdivide land and grounds for a private cemetery for the citizens of Beaumont

and vicinity, and the future maintenance of the grounds by the sale of lots and otherwise as shall be the By- Laws prescribed.

The Corporation was to have five Trustees as the Board of Trustees for the first year. The Corporation issued capital stock in the amount of ten thousand dollars, divided into four hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each.

The Charter was approved by the Texas Secretary of State, August 3, 1887. The Trustees of the Company then went back to their friend William McFaddin to purchase an additional thirteen acres needed to start what is now known as Magnolia Cemetery.

As the years have passed, Magnolia has continued to expand through land acquisitions from houses, schools, churches and one steel mill to meet the community's needs. Today Magnolia is still governed by a prominent board though their titles have changed from trustees to directors.

The latest expansion was the purchase of land originally used for the Pipkin School; the first African American school of Beaumont.¹ The Pipkin School was established in 1870 and named after Woodson Pipkin, a pioneer in the education for African Americans. Rev. Pipkin passed away in 1918 and buried in Martha Mack Cemetery now adjacent to Magnolia Cemetery on



Pine Street, but is no longer used, although in the past few years it has been "rediscovered" and cleaned up.²

The expansion includes four sections named Garden of Hope, Garden of Peace, Garden of Faith and Garden of Valor, their veterans section to honor those who have served their country.

The entire cemetery encompasses approximately seventy-five acres and still has spaces available in the original thirteen acres, community mausoleum crypts, private mausoleums, monuments and all kinds of other memorials. You can view these fine monuments since Magnolia Cemetery offer tours throughout the historical sections of the cemetery.¹

Many of the parks around Southeast Texas are memorials to the great founders of our area. Some are decorated with beautiful gardens and others with statues. There is even a whole bridge, the Veterans Bridge in Port Arthur

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CATTAIL MARSH, A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

By Joy Wooley

The Cattail Marsh Nature Area consists of approximately 900 acres of levees, ponds, and mudflats.

Located next to Hillebrandt Bayou, the marsh system was created in 1993 as one of the final stages of waste water filtration for the city of Beaumont constructed by the Beaumont Public Utilities Department. The constructed wetlands receive flow from the main treatment process, which is located to the northeast, on the other side of Hillebrandt Bayou. The wetlands are divided by levees into a number of cells. From these cells, water flows to an area of more natural wetlands at the backside of the area, before water flows into Hillebrandt Bayou.

The levees provide over twelve miles of hiking, biking, and horseback trails. The marsh and surrounding areas support a wide variety of local wildlife. Besides the many species of birds, numerous alligators can be found in the area as well along with many amphibians and manuals. There are 250 species of birds annually that make the Cattail Marsh their home, including a pair of American Bald Eagles nesting on the eastern side of the Hillebrandt Bayou.

The Cattails is the local birding hotspot in Beaumont Texas located at Tyrrell Park. If you're an avid birder, or a beginner, then the Cattails is the place to visit. Beaumont, Texas is located near the Gulf of Mexico, and well known for its globally unique ecosystem along with the diversity of habitats, fish and wildlife. Gulf habitats are necessary to the annual cycles of many species that breed, winterize and migrate in this area, allowing a year round birding experience.

For all nature lovers or photographers, the Marshes allow one to get up close and personal thanks to the levee walking. You can hike, ride a bike, go horseback riding and even bring your dog (on a leash), but no cars are allowed. The Cattails have many areas for photography. One place is



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the 520 foot boardwalk and viewing platform, The Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau held the grand opening of the Cattail Marsh boardwalk and viewing platforms back on July 26th of last year of 2016. The new boardwalk was a product development initiative of the Beaumont CVB that had been in the works for several years. The Boardwalk has two covered platforms and allows easy access to views of abundant wildlife.

According to the Beaumont CVB, nature tourism along the Texas Gulf Coast generate over \$19 Billion annually with \$6.5 billion of monies are generated from nature viewing. The Cattail Marsh boardwalk project will help increase Beaumont's ability to get its share of the nature tourism revenue. This revenue will be seen in the hotel tax collections, restaurants, local shops and other venues or events throughout the Beaumont area. The Boardwalk creates accessibility for family fun, nature lovers, birdwatchers, birdwatchers and photographers.

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BEAUMONT NATIVE AND COMEDIC STORYTELLER JAMIE BRICKHOUSE TO HOST LECTURE SERIES AT MCFADDIN WARD HOUSE

By Chrissie Mouton

Beaumont native and author of *Dangerous When Wet* by Jamie Brickhouse, is returning home for a lecture/storytelling performance as part of the lecture series at the McFaddin Ward House, March 9, at 6:30pm. "In my talk I plan to entertain with some storytelling performances taken from my solo show, [adapted from the book] as well as a preview of the memoir I'm writing about "Daddy Poo," my father Earl," says Brickhouse.

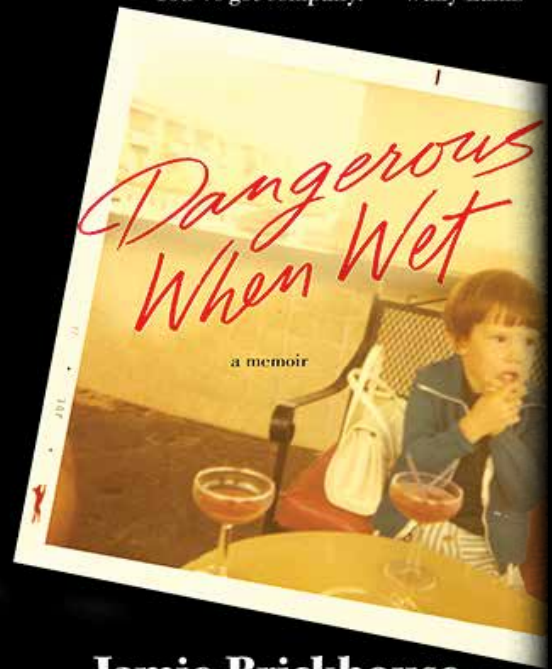
Museum officials are excited Brickhouse will be sharing his work and his personality with local residents. "It's the funniest thing," says Karen Chapman, McFaddin Ward House Public Relations Coordinator. "Jamie is a hometown boy who hits it big and we're bringing him home again."

Dangerous When Wet has received stellar reviews from Vanity Fair, Entertainment Weekly, Interview, and The Washington Post to name a few. "I thought my book would get me run out of town forever, so I'm gob smacked and honored that the McFaddin-Ward House invited me to speak for the lecture series," Brickhouse says.

Through the use of comedy and storytelling, Brickhouse's presentations cover a range of topics from alcoholism addiction and recovery, the art of memoir writing to suicide prevention from the perspective of a suicide attempt survivor. The book seems to resonate with all readers, not just those struggling with addiction. "That so many people who aren't a middle-aged, red headed, recovering alcoholic gay man with mama issues, can relate to my book speaks to the theory that universal understanding is rooted in the particular, i.e. readers have been able to connect to their own experiences as they relate to different aspects of my story," Brickhouse says.

The book is also listed as "Required Reading" in Mary Karr's bestselling *The Art of Memoir* and was a Book

"Move over Augusten Burroughs. You've got company."—Wally Lamb



Jamie Brickhouse

Chase Top 10 Nonfiction Book of 2015. "It's about Beaumont and the guy who grew up here," Chapman says. "It's serious but {Jamie} manages to keep his humor while overcoming addiction." A sense of humor that not even Brickhouse is positive of the origins.

"I don't know if I was born laughing, but I know I inherited a gift for finding the absurd and humorous in any situation from my parents, Mama Jean and Earl," Brickhouse says. "Whether I'm stuck in rehab or stuck escorting a pill of a duchess from Port Arthur at Neches River Festival, I can't help but find the funny in it. It's how I'm wired."

Brickhouse believes everyone can connect to the storyline of the book, as well as the presentation. "I hope that anyone attending will relate to my lecture about overcoming my alcoholism to become a writer; basically, overcoming adversity and becoming the person you were meant to be. I believe that that message is universal, no matter where you are in life."

You can witness the humor through struggle for yourself "Page to Stage: An evening of stories adapted from Jamie Brickhouse's *Dangerous When Wet* and his upcoming memoir, *I Favor My Daddy*, March 9, at the McFaddin Ward House located at 1906 Calder Avenue. Doors open at 6, and a reception will follow the performance. The museum also hopes this series encourages more interest in the historic house.

"We have a very pure mission here at the McFaddin Ward House," Chapman says. "We hope when people attend the lecture, they'll be interested enough to look at the house and explore more in other ways."

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TIME TO GATHER YOUR INVESTMENT TAX FORMS

By Paula Winzer, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Time to Gather Your Investment Tax Forms Paula Winzer, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

The holidays are now a month behind us, which means it's about time for another season: Tax Season. While you may not find it particularly festive, you can get through this season with a minimum of stress – if you're organized. That means, among other things, you'll need to gather the correct forms in one place. And right about now, you should be receiving many of the forms you'll need – specifically, those tax forms related to your investments.

Here are some of the key forms to watch for:

- **1099-B** – This form reports capital gains. A capital gain is an increase in the value of an investment over the initial purchase price. Short-term capital gains, on investments you've held for one year or less, are taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, while long-term capital gains, on investments you've held for more than one year, are taxed at 0%, 15% or 20%, depending on income. (Keep in mind that these figures are for the 2016 tax year.)
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Whether you do your taxes yourself or use a tax professional, you'll want to become familiar with these forms. Not only are they necessary for filing your taxes, but they can also tell you something about how you invest. To cite one example, if you're seeing a lot of taxes related to short-term capital gains – which are taxed at your personal tax rate, rather than the more favorable long-term rate – you may be doing too much trading. You might want to consider moving toward a strategy in which you buy quality investments and hold them for the long term.

Here's something else to look at: the taxes resulting from your traditional IRA and 401(k) withdrawals. Could you possibly withdraw less from these accounts so that your taxes will be lower? Once you're 70½, you have to take at least a minimum amount, but other than that, you control the withdrawals – and you might benefit, taxwise, by taking out only what you truly need. So, gather up those 1099 forms for your tax returns – and for your own education as an investor.

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By R. Lee Glenn

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TWO MEN, TWO RELIGIONS, ONE FAITH CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY AND EASTER!

By Joy Wooley

Bishop Curtis Guillory is the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, which consists of 51 parishes and missions and nearly 100,000 Catholics. His counterpart is V. Reverend Michael Pavez, pastor, of St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church. St. Michael's Church of Beaumont is the second oldest Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in North America.

As Bishop, Guillory must give leadership and guidance to the Catholic churches in the Beaumont Diocese according to the teachings of the Bible. But his duties also mean reaching out to others not in the Catholic Faith. "It's unfortunate there's so much conflict and misunderstanding in the world," he says. "We need to try to get people to come together for the common good." Reaching out to others in the community is just one of ways for Bishop Guillory.

Rev. Michael Pavez, pastor, of St. Michael's Church says, "Like all Orthodox Christians, the life of this parish is focused on prayers, fasting, and charity (Christian Love)." St. Michael's heritage is from the Old World along the Mediterranean Sea and loves to share their roots, music, dance and foods of that region with the community during the St Michael's Mediterranean Festival. Their youth are very active helping others in the community.

These two men lead Churches of different Religions, however they both are friends and both believe in "loving your neighbor," and being involved with the community.



Bishop Curtis Guillory
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Fashion Trends That Will Be in for 2017

By Clothes Boutiques of Southeast Texas

With the New Year 2017, come along with new fashion trends while many of the old trends will be out. But which is which? Read on for information from the runway this year.

IN: Stripes are the equivalent to what a white t-shirt used to be. They have been in the trend for two to three seasons and will continue to be.

IN: Sneakers will be extremely popular in the upcoming year, because of their versatility, and you can never have too many. This year glitter, leopard, and satin updates to sneakers effortlessly dress up an outfit.



IN: Artistically painted prints or patterns will be seen in 2017 in everything from dresses to leggings.

IN: Easy Elegance will continue into spring 2017 as seen in the influence of an athletic-inspired piece.

IN: The mule is one shoe trend we see really taking over in 2017. Flat mules, low block-heel mules, heeled mules, sneaker mules,

espadrille mules—mules in all fabrications and colors including velvet, satin, canvas, and embroidery. They were big for 2016 and they will be even bigger for 2017.



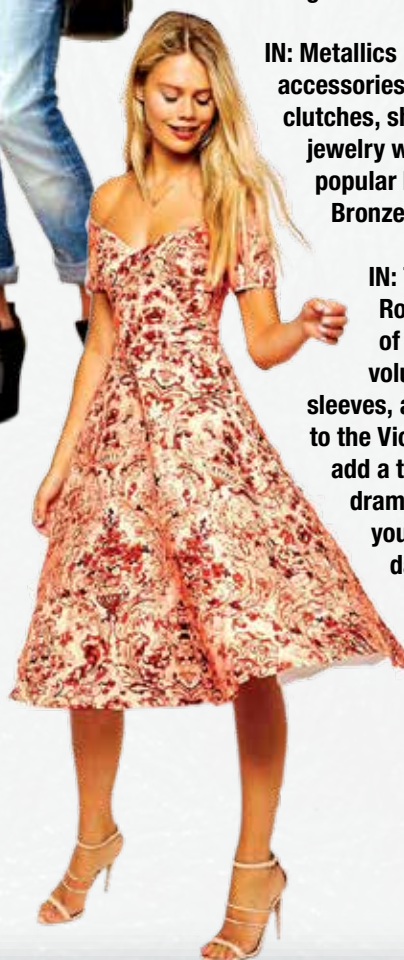
OUT: Corsets had such a huge moment this past year, but will not continue in 2017

OUT: Heels four to five inches or higher have been a trend that has rapidly decreased. Women nowadays are way more focused on comfort and practicality (and value investing in a shoe that is both stylish and comfortable enough to walk or commute in) which is why there has been such an increase in demand for sneakers and low block-heels."

OUT: Jeans have a huge change coming in 2017. Skinny jeans with stretch have reigned supreme for a long time but we anticipate a shift toward contrast denim styles in vintage silhouettes.

IN: Metallics in accessories such as clutches, shoes and jewelry will be the popular look for 2017. Bronze is the color.

IN: The Romantic look of ruffles, voluminous sleeves, and nods to the Victorian era add a touch more dramatic than your average day dresses.





IN: PINK is the new black and back in business in every possible shade and hue imaginable. You can't escape it, and why would you want to? It was in every collection on the runways; it warms every skin tone, and is known to evoke feelings of love and romance. Soft, sharp, neon, or muted—pink is here to stay.

IN: Bold, alluring statement earrings are trending. Over-the-shoulder mix-matched sparkles are everywhere.

Trends of old and trends of new will be incorporated this year. The main thing is that trends are what you make of them. The best trend for is what you like and what looks best on you.



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2017 BRINGS FUTURISTIC HAIR.

By Melinda Royer

This past year I had a lot of request for ash blonde, platinum or silver hair color. Silver hair was the trend for 2016 and I don't see it going away anytime soon. This is not something that is easy to achieve. This may come as a surprise but not many people were able to rock this look last year. Mainly because they had previously colored hair which prevented them from being able to get their hair light enough.

Previously colored hair is very difficult to reach a pale yellow or white color without compromising the hair. If your stylist is able to reach a pale yellow or white, she/he will use a toner with a blue, grey or violet base. This will counter act the yellow. Toners last sometimes only two-three weeks therefore you have to continue to care for you color at home with colored shampoos and don't forget about conditioning treatments because your hair will require more than usual.

So many people want silver hair and have yet to achieve it naturally. Why would someone want silver or grey hair? Great question I get asked all the time. Some of my clients and I have greyed prematurely and are fighting to keep the grey covered. We have to color our roots every three to four weeks. Silver hi-lights blend the grey so the grey hairs are not so noticeable. Others want the latest trend, silver or grey, however the idea of maintaining has been a deterrent to going silver. I believe with the launch of Gem Lites Color Shampoo, maintaining the silver to keep out the yellow, more people will be brave enough to try it.

In 2017 you will see more people rocking the silver hair rather it be done in a salon or by Mother Nature. It is classy, elegant and shows sophistication. Grey/silver hair is no longer a judgement of your age; it's the look of the future today.



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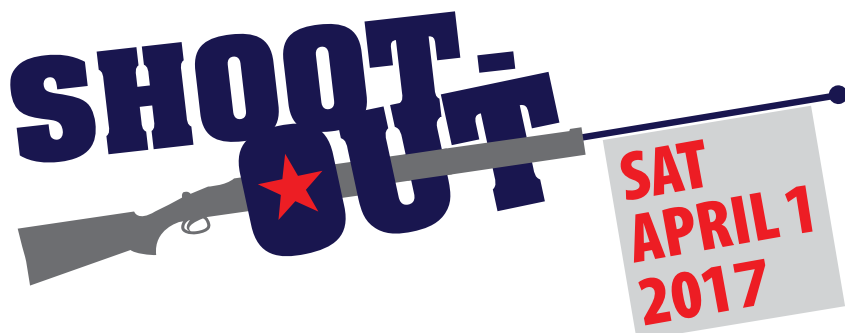
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Tri-City Corvette Club

Tri-City Corvette Club Gives Back to the Community

By Mike White

The Tri-City Corvette Club visited Buckner's Children's Home for their Christmas Party held in December. Every year, the Corvette club, motorcycle club and Jeep club, led by a firetruck with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, line up for a parade into and around the Buckner's Children's Home. Tri-City Corvette Club donated \$1,000 to help with the Christmas Party. Then they collected toys for children 12 years old and under for the Salvation Army and took them to the Channel 6 Toyfeast, benefiting the Salvation Army.

The Tri-City Corvette Club also gave the Southeast Texas Food Bank \$1,000.00 to help feed a family for Christmas. The Corvette Club has been involved with the Food Bank of



Southeast Texas since 2012. Then to top off 2016 giving, they held another "Vettes for Pets" pet food drive for the Humane Society.

The Club starts with the giving in February with the Foster Children of Jefferson County

Prom for the Juniors and Seniors. The young men go to a Formal Wear store where they will be fitted for the Prom. Club members will use their Corvettes to pick up about 30 young men and take them to the Court Yard in Groves where they will join the young ladies. The Tri-City Corvette Club donates a \$1,000 each year to help with the prom. This is just the beginning of another

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TRAIN2SHOOT.NET

By Mike Simpson

Stephen "doc" Watson is a career trainer, mediator and specialist in conflict management and an avid gun enthusiast. Doc is the owner of Train2Shoot.net, a firearm safety course that is dedicated to helping introduce more people to the fun of shooting while ingraining the basics of firearm safety.

Train2Shoot.net, is a gun safety course for those who may have limited or no experience with firearms. Doc says "Safety is paramount and job one! Firearm safety isn't what you do, it's what you become. The safe handling and operation becomes internalized, so that you just behave safely".



Train2 Shoot is NOT about personal defense, home defense or firearms law, rather it is intended for those unfamiliar with handgun safety, operation and security. Train2 Shoot's purpose is to eliminate or minimize the risks of unintentional death or injury due to improper handling or storage of firearms. Most firearm accidents are preventable, Doc offers a Safety Course that teaches you firearm safety so that you won't hurt yourself or others around you.

Doc teaches Safe Firearm Handling:

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5. Use correct ammunition for your firearm
6. If the firearm fails to fire when trigger is pulled, handle with extreme care
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting
8. Make sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before firing
9. Never use alcohol or drugs when firing a firearm
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of your weapon

Doc is concerned about the fact that there have been 17 straight months of record firearm sales and most people have not been trained to handle them safely. His Safety Course addresses this concern. Train2 Shoot, furnishes everything and the course is only 3 hours long, classes are small and can be scheduled 7 days a week.

Course information is available at Train2Shoot.net or on Facebook at Train2shoot. For more information call Doc Watson at 409-658-7711.

Train2Shoot testimonials from satisfied customers:

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I cannot even begin to thank Doc for the absolutely amazing training that we received in this class. I brought my 18 year old daughter who was deathly afraid to even hold a gun much less shoot one. After this class she was very confident handling and shooting a gun. Thank You, again Doc!

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MARIE BROUSSARD, THE LADY BEHIND THE ELABORATE MARDI GRAS COSTUMES!

By Mike Simpson

The Krewe of Aurora is the original Krewe of Port Arthur Mardi Gras and now the last krewe to maintain the traditional Mardi Gras Ball. They will be carrying on their tradition once again by featuring fabulously unique, elaborate costumes in the 2017 Mardi Gras festivities. The most remarkable thing about these exclusive and stunning costumes is they are all created by one single, very talented person.



Meanwhile, the Royalty couples visit Mrs. Broussard for fittings and the sewing is finalized. Mrs. Childress and Mrs. Hines then complete the costumes' final touches with details like sequins, appliques and lace.

Though they're always anxious and excited to see the final product, the Royalty couples are not allowed to see their costumes until the rehearsal dinner. Mrs. Broussard especially loves designing and creating Laura Childress's costume each year (she's not allowed to peek either!).

After the festivities, all costumes and headpieces are the property of the Krewe of Aurora. Which comes in handy because within just a few months after the Mardi Gras celebration, the process begins all over again! The theme for the 2017 Krewe of Aurora Ball is **25 Years of Enchantment.**

At 76 years young, Marie Broussard has been sewing the one-of-a-kind costumes for 15 years. Mrs. Broussard was one of three seamstresses when she started sewing for the Krewe of Aurora. Then it dwindled down to two, and now she is the sole seamstress of the gorgeous Mardi Gras costumes.

"Sewing is my therapy," says Mrs. Broussard. "I started 56 years ago because it was something I could do in my home." The hobby started with making clothes for her daughters and continued on until she was sewing for her granddaughters: everything from school costumes to square dancing dresses!

The process begins when Mrs. Broussard learns the theme and initial concept designs which may include pictures or may just be ideas gathered from Laura Childress and Cindy Hines of the Krewe of Aurora office. After some serious brainstorming, she puts her creative mind to work and selects fabric from the hundreds of yards she has in her house in Port Arthur, where all of the costumes are created.

After the fabric is selected, the 12 Royalty couples' colors are chosen for the women's back pieces and the men's hats to match the year's theme. Paul and Louis Oliver then design and build these extravagant pieces with final approval by Mrs. Childress and Mrs. Hines.



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LIT PRESIDENT, DR. LONNIE HOWARD:

Right Man, Right Time, Right Place, Shared Vision

By Kathie Platt

“It doesn't matter where you start in life, the important thing is where you finish, my mother always told me. And that's the philosophy that shapes my framework and vision for LIT,” shared Dr. Lonnie Howard during his installation September 16, 2016 as the new President of the Lamar Institute of Technology. “There's value in education because education is redemptive and can change lives, as it has changed mine,” Howard continued. “The American Dream lives here at LIT.”



New LIT President, Dr. Lonnie Howard

Born in Southeast Texas, the son of a sharecropper, and raised in a four-room shack, Howard was considered a remedial student--certainly not college material. So after high school Howard joined the Army, followed by years of skilled labor as a janitor, welder, QC inspector, CAD drafter, and HR recruiter. He did not receive his associate degree until age 36. Twelve years later he had completed a total of five college degrees, including a PhD from UT-Austin, followed by postdoctoral training at Harvard and Penn State. Today Howard is in his second college presidency having first served as the President of Clover Park Technical College near Seattle, Washington before coming to LIT.



Lonnie Howard's childhood home in Southeast Texas

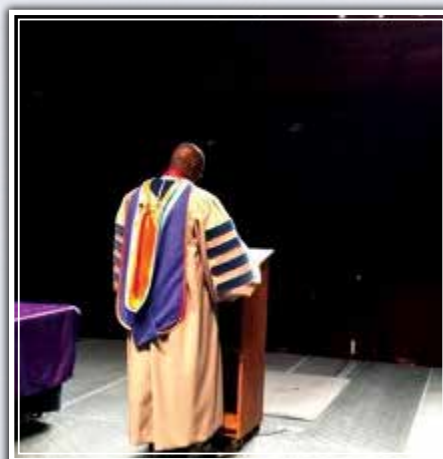
Anyone who meets Howard will quickly discover that he is also the proud single father of son, Matthew, adopted as a toddler. As an infant Matthew had been sold for drug money. Today he is a highly successful Ph.D. student of English Literature at the University of Washington. Matthew is most remarkable, says Howard, for his “noble heart.” Together father and son are each overcomers.

“How has my background prepared me to lead LIT?” Howard asks rhetorically. “Trial by fire.” He then explains, “I am a microcosm of our student body. LIT is comprised of 33% minority, 48% non-academic track, many single

parents, and many who are pursuing trades in industry. I may have worked in higher education for the past 24 years, but as a former student of technical programs, I understand where many of our students are coming from and how we need to prepare them. I have known many of the same struggles and challenges and what sort of initiatives our students need to help them succeed.”

“LIT has the proven ability to equip students with those skills necessary to become empowered wage earners at a rate of return far exceeding their initial investment,” Howard explained during his installation address. However, he also recognizes the institutional challenges: addressing a 11.6% enrollment decline since 2010, and meeting budget demands while expanding new program offerings and services. “LIT

is quite unique as the only public, two-year, higher education ‘institute’ in Texas, created by the Texas legislature in 1995 with its primary mission to provide a technical education. While we don't want to compete with our two-year college partners, we want to be competitive, leveraging new markets and looking for new opportunities to bring students in who can benefit from our unique programming,” Howard explained.



President Howard officiates at Clover Park Technical College Graduation 2015

During his first sixty-one days Howard focused on creating a Shared Vision for LIT, enlisting the opinions and insights of stakeholders throughout the institution and community through on-line surveys, one-on-one meetings and focus groups. Key

results elicited from that community-wide campaign help inform the 2017-2022 strategic plan Dr. Howard is developing to launch LIT into its Shared Vision for the future. Emerging themes from that initiative—such as making LIT stand out as the place for career education, focusing more on student needs, and creating a workforce-ready culture--help guide the way for action.

"My vision is to help LIT become known, regionally as well as nationally, as an institution that helps expand the middleclass. My goal is to look for more and better opportunities to build partnerships with the community, including with Lamar University, without losing our institutional focus on technical and workforce training--because this leads to jobs."

Not content with conducting business as usual, Howard firmly believes that "goals and visions should be stretched," and proposes a new organizational model built on better synergy with faculty, students and the community. What does this mean practically? Better communication with all stakeholders, a greater focus on student services (by combining LIT's divisions for academic and student success), and better recruiting efforts at the high school level and earlier.

"It's no longer enough to believe that if we build it, they will come," says Howard. "Instead we need to begin our recruiting efforts in the middle schools. In many cases we wait too late and high school graduates are unprepared. We need to reach students sooner rather than later, to mitigate what's not going on in the homes. We need to prepare more students to benefit from what LIT has to offer, and to establish a college-going culture."

Ultimately, Dr. Howard hopes to enhance LIT's brand regionally and nationally by hiring a strategic marketing director, by expanding partnerships domestically and internationally, and by raising its visibility in the region and world. Dissatisfied that LIT should remain a best-kept secret in our own backyard, Howard hopes to have new US President-elect Trump visit LIT during his first term.



President Howard presents a welding demonstration at Clover Park Technical College



Dr. Howard (with son, Matthew), receives his PhD, Univ. of TX, 2005



Howard's son, Matthew, escorts Ms. Medley, 95, who receives honorary degree

Can he accomplish his Shared Vision? As the finalist out of 42 applicant candidates for LIT's presidency, Howard easily won the admiration of student and faculty members on the presidential selection committee, as well as the support of the Texas State University System Board of Regents. Beyond Howard's personal charisma, vitality and performance record, they were convinced by that more elusive and remarkable quality: a belief in shared governance and decision-making, an attitude of servant-leadership.

Angela Hill, LIT's Assistant Professor of Business Technologies, says it best: "We knew we needed a President committed to the strength of LIT, committed to its greater growth, who understands that the expectations of all stakeholders matter. Not only has Dr. Lonnie Howard helped generate 15.7 million in auxiliary revenue during his career, and promote increased student enrollment and completion rates, since his first day at LIT he has been visibly interacting with staff and students.

His passion and innovation are a match for twenty-first century learning, and he will go above and beyond our expectations, while expecting the same from all of us."



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By Kimberly Nicole

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HAVE AN AWESOME PARTY THAT YOUR FRIENDS WILL REMEMBER!

By D.E. Meek

Need a fresh theme idea for your next cocktail, wine or birthday party? Take a step back in time and make it a retro themed party. The 60s and 70s were decades dedicated to peace and love, disco dancing, crazy clothing, and groovy music, which make it an ideal theme for your next party. Here are some fun retro party ideas.

Decorations: Outfit your party space with lots of retro party decorations. Tie peace signs, smiley faces, bright flowers, vintage records, tie-dye table covers, kaleidoscopes and disco to tie balls into the décor. Hang old records on the walls along with cardboard peace signs and place flowers at the entrance way. These décors will make your guests feel like they have stepped back in time when they walk through your door.

Food: Tie the theme into the menu by serving retro party food. The 70s were simpler times, so serving nostalgic, simple dishes work great for this theme. Also, if you are planning a retro cocktail party, include a few throw-backs to your menu as well. And if you are planning wine tasting, don't forget the Boones Farm Strawberry Hill. Sample retro party food menu:

- **Finger Foods:** cheese fondue, cocktail wieners, cheese puffs, mini-meatballs, shrimp cocktail, olive dip with rye bread, oysters Rockefeller, mini beef wellington, chips and French onion dip and cheese spread with crackers

- **Desserts:** Ding Dongs, Hostess cupcakes, Twinkies, and vintage candy bars
- **Vintage Cocktails:** Harvey Wallbangers, Side Cars, Mint Juleps, Black Russians and Manhattan martinis

Music: To add fun and ambiance to your retro party create a playlist with classic songs from the 60s and 70s. Some artists to include are: Steely Dan, The Beach Boys, Diana Ross, Earth, Wind, & Fire, Donna Summer, Bee Gee's, Marvin Gaye, Barry White and K.C. and the Sunshine Band.

Games: To make your party unique, incorporate retro party games. An easy game is to have a costume contest during the party and award the best-dressed a prize. This will encourage everyone to break out their best vintage outfits and entice some friendly competition. You could also try Twister or play Gin Rummy!



THE NEW NEUTRALS THAT ARE TAKING OVER HOMES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

By D.E. Meek

Tired of the same old neutrals of tans and beiges? When you think of neutrals, you have a tendency to think of these blah old colors, but this year is the year of new neutrals.

Blush or Rose Quartz, is the new gray. The pale pink color can be used in a variety of ways throughout the home. Use the soft and delicate shade to give blank walls some warmth. Or you can feature it as a livelier and energizing pop of color on a couch or with patterned curtains; either way, it looks surprisingly grown-up and perfectly compliments a variety of colors.

In a search to pick the color for the New Year, you may want to turn to a neutral that's a natural such as shades of green. Choose from silvery green to deep emerald green. They work well in traditional and contemporary homes and compliments any color accents you use



Another color that is being used instead of gray is soft lavender. Like blush, this color is fresh and compliments many colors. More house flippers are using this color to bring light into a room without having to paint the walls white.

Teals and all shades of turquoise are being seen in more homes, especially in bedrooms and bathrooms. This coming year, they will be found in more dining and living rooms. These colors have a calming look and work well with all colors, since they are a natural color.

The hottest new neutral is black. Even though black is bold, it makes a good backdrop for all other colors. Black is a great choice for a clean contemporary look.

With these new neutrals, homeowners have more choices of colors to choose from, allowing them to express their personality. So pick up a gallon or two of paint and get painting!



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STEPS TO HEALTHY AGING

By Diana Rodrigues

Getting older involves change, both negative and positive, but you can enjoy aging if you understand what's going on with your body and take steps to maintain your health.

Many different things happen to your body as you age. Your skin, bones, and even brain may start to behave differently. Don't let the changes that come with old age catch you by surprise. Common changes include a slowing down of your digestive system; your skin dries out and wrinkles more; your brain works slower and you often forget things; you lose senses of taste along with dimming of eyesight. Many bodily changes are a natural part of aging, but they don't have to slow you down. What's more, there's a lot you can do to protect your body and keep it as healthy as possible.

While maintaining your physical health is important to healthy aging, it's also key to value the experience and maturity you gain with advancing years. Practicing healthy habits throughout your life is ideal, but it's never too late to reap the benefits of taking good care of yourself, even as you get older.



Here are some healthy aging tips that are good advice at any stage of life:

- Stay physically active with regular exercise.
- Stay socially active with friends and family and within your community.
- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet — dump the junk food in favor of fiber-rich, low-fat, and low-cholesterol eating.
- Don't neglect yourself: Regular check-ups with your doctor, dentist, and optometrist are even more important now.
- Take all medications as directed by your doctor.
- Limit alcohol consumption and cut out smoking.
- Get the sleep that your body needs.

Finally, taking steps to take care of your physical self is vital, but it's important that you tend to your emotional health as well. Reap the rewards of your long life, and enjoy each and every day. Now is the time to savor good health and happiness.



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END OF LIFE, HOSPICE CARE

By Mayo Clinic Staff

If you or a loved one has a terminal illness, has six months or less to live and you've exhausted all treatment options, you might consider hospice care. Hospice care is for people who are nearing the end of life. Hospice care services are provided by a team of health care professionals who maximize comfort for a person who is terminally ill by reducing pain and addressing physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs. For families, hospice care also provides counseling, respite care and practical support. Many people who receive hospice care have cancer, while others have heart disease, dementia, kidney failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Hospice care decreases the burden on the family, decreases the family's likelihood of having a complicated bereavement and prepares family members for their loved one's death. In addition, there is a unique benefit of hospice that allows a patient to be cared for at a facility for a period of time, not because the patient needs it, but because the family caregiver needs a rest in order to continue to care for his or her loved one. This is known as respite care. Most hospice care is provided at home — with a family member typically serving as the primary caregiver. However, hospice care is also available at hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and dedicated hospice facilities.

Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs and private insurance typically pay for hospice care. While each hospice program has its own policy regarding payment for care, services are often offered based on need rather than the ability to pay. Be sure to ask about payment options before choosing a hospice program. To find out about hospice programs, talk to your doctor or contact your local or state office on aging. Consider asking friends or neighbors for advice. Remember, hospice stresses care over cure. The goal is to provide comfort during the final months and days of life.



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CRISPY BAKED 'FRIED' CHICKEN

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8 chicken pieces (preferably 2 breasts, 2 thighs, 2 legs and 2 wings)	2/3 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup all-purpose flour	2 tablespoons Louisiana Red Sauce
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper	1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
4 cups cornflakes	1 1/2 teaspoons granulated garlic
	3/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Place a rack in a roasting pan or on a baking sheet.
2. Rinse the chicken in cold water; pat dry. In a wide bowl or on a plate, season the flour with salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Dredge each chicken piece through the flour so it's fully coated, tap against the bowl to shake off excess flour and set aside. Discard the flour.
3. Crush the cornflakes by placing them in a big re-sealable plastic bag, carefully pressing the bag to push out the air. Seal up the bag (with as little air inside as possible) and run over the flakes with a rolling pin. Open the bag and pour the crushed flakes into a wide bowl or onto a plate.
4. In a large bowl (big enough to dredge the chicken pieces), mix the buttermilk, red sauce, cayenne pepper, garlic and poultry seasoning. Give each floured chicken piece a good buttermilk bath and then roll in the cornflake crumbs.
5. Arrange the chicken pieces on the rack and place in the hot oven. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes, lower the heat to 375 degrees and cook for another 25 to 30 minutes, until cooked through and crispy. The juices should run clear when the meat is pierced with a knife. Yield = 8 servings.



LASAGNA

Ingredients:

1 pound lean ground beef	2 1/2 cups (10 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
4 cups tomato- basil pasta sauce	6 Tablespoon parmesan cheese
6 uncooked lasagna noodles	1/4 cup hot water
1 (15-ounce) container ricotta cheese	

Instructions:

1. Cook beef in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring until it crumbles and is no longer pink; drain. Stir in pasta sauce.
2. Spread one-third of meat sauce in a lightly greased 11- x 7-inch baking dish; layer with 3 noodles and one-third each of parmesan cheese, ricotta cheese and mozzarella cheese. (The ricotta cheese layers will be thin.) Repeat procedure two more times; end with mozzarella cheese. Slowly pour 1/4 cup hot water around inside edge of dish. Tightly cover baking dish with 2 layers of heavy-duty aluminum foil.
3. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes; uncover and bake 10 more minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. 6 to 8 servings.



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6-8 wholes Granny Smith or other apples peeled	2 tablespoons sugar
9 ounces package yellow cake mix	1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
	1 stick Butter

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350
2. Slice apples and cut slices in half
3. Place apples in pan and sprinkle with cake mix
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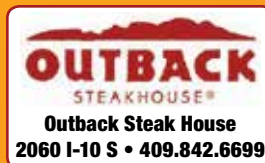
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Ingredients

6 servings
1 package crawfish tails
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1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can Rotel chillis n tomato
1 can whole corn

1 pints heavy cream
8 oz. cream cheese
1 stick butter
1 bunch chopped green onion
1 tbsp pepper
1 ½ tsp salt
1 tbsp old bay seasoning
1 tsp crushed garlic

Instructions

30 mins
1. Saute 1/2 of the green onions with the butter and garlic for 2-3 mins. Add cans of soup, Rotel, corn and heat through, add the cream cheese till melted on medium heat. Add mushrooms and heavy cream and all the seasonings heat to a simmer. Add crawfish tails (do not drain) heat back to a simmer. Adjust seasonings to taste.
2. Garnish with remaining green onions and your favorite hot sauce if desired. Serve with crackers or bagel chips (garlic are my favorite).



TEXAS ALCOHOLS

By Joshua Theis

Ranger Creek is one of San Antonio's little known gems. Founded in 2010, it has become what is known in their jargon as a "brewstillery." They produce a line of beers, alongside an exquisite line-up of bourbons, most of which is released in their Small Caliber Series and spearheading this project is the .36 caliber that embraces its Texas roots by taking traditional flavors of maple syrup, vanilla, and caramel and then throwing in flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, and strong fresh oak to widen the profile, ending on an acidic note.

Dulce Vida is a unique category; while not grown or made here, this tequila still screams that it is a Texas alcohol. Stored and distributed from Austin, it is the only tequila that is both organically and Kosher certified, sustainably farmed, and officially known as "The Most Awarded Tequila." Worth noting are the Añejo and Extra Añejo. The Añejo ages in bourbon barrels for 24 months bringing the uncommon flavors of caramel and maple to the traditional tequila palate. The Extra Añejo rests for five years in oak barrels previously used to age Napa Valley reds, emerging with flavors of black cherry, anise, white pepper, and tobacco.

One of my favorite Texas vodkas comes out of Austin as well and is made by one of the most popular distillers in the state, Dripping Springs. In the past few years, Gary and Kevin Kelleher decided to go on a quest for the "perfect vodka," and the result is 1876. The aromas and taste almost completely disappear when this is served on ice. The reason this vodka sits in such high regard is, because the producers who make vodkas like this charge exorbitant prices, while this locally produced gem sits at hardly a quarter of the price!

Texas' Hill Country is dotted with wineries and vineyards. However, outside of Stonewall, sits a winery of international acclaim Pedernales Cellars. Their two most prominent wines are their Texas Viognier and Tempranillo, but their Viognier is where Pedernales shows that they know what they are doing. Long-standing French quality is seemingly transplanted and settled here with a strong Texan accent that in 2013 at the Lyons France International Wine Competition brought Pedernales a Grand Gold over French producers.



BASIC FOODS: NATURAL AND ORGANIC MARKET

By Bridgette Potts

There are 35 investors who own Basic Foods, and Mary Anne Smith, the managing partner of those investors, sets superior standards for Basic Foods. Mary explains, "Our goal is to offer our customers the best selection and quality of organic, natural and wholesome foods. We promise to provide a staff of dedicated, attentive and knowledgeable individuals who are committed to personal service and guidance toward enriching a healthy lifestyle for all members of our community." Basic Foods offers everything from supplements and vitamins to full produce, meats, dairy and non-dairy and grocery items. Every item on the healthy shopper's grocery list can be found at this unique health food market, including tons of gluten free and Paleo options.

The need for a Beaumont market providing "clean, non-processed, non-GMO, natural foods" came to light when two local ladies in declining health, needed these products for health reasons and the only way they could access them was to an hour and a half both ways...to a specialty grocery store in Houston.

Once Basic Foods was established, they experienced great success and quickly recognized the need to expand and relocate... and they didn't take any shortcuts! Their new building at 6220 Phelan Blvd. includes a delicious café and deli, as well as a full kitchen where they prepare fresh, ready-to-eat meals. They also provide catering, meal preparation, and personal chef services with local Executive Chef Casey Gates and staff. These services provide tasty prepared meals, mostly catering to people with special dietary issues: paleo, gluten free, Whole30 and more. And better yet, it's all convenient and accessible with pre-packed Grab n' Go coolers. Dietaries will find fresh soups, dairy free and gluten free items made in-house daily. Customers will definitely want to mark their

calendars for Gumbo Fridays with Gluten Free options. Set the alarm clock and get there early, because this delicious gumbo flies off the shelves!

Another popular Basic Foods specialty is the 2S Ranch Texas grown, grass fed beef. The meat market features natural meat variety that also includes organic chickens



and homemade chicken sausage (a crowd favorite!).

You'll also find tamales from the Texas Tamale Company and Boar's Head meats and cheeses, sliced fresh just for you! As if it couldn't get any better, Basic Foods even has a fresh bakery which now provides even more goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. Loads of gluten free items are available: everything from cookies to muffins and even pies for the holidays! If you prefer to bake at home, you can also find all natural herbs, spices, cinnamon, and local honey.

Basic Foods even has holiday gift baskets for every occasion which include prepared dishes to reflect the season. Whether it's Valentine's Day, Lent, Easter, or any other special event, Chef Gates and his staff have it covered.

Basic Foods celebrated their 28th Anniversary on January 7th.

Don't miss out on the latest menu items, pricing, and special offerings by visiting Basic Foods on Facebook. Make sure to "like" us so you can keep up with all the wholesome happenings at Basic Food!





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Celebrating and having fun at L'Auberge Casino

1. Paul Wright and Geren Alfred taking good care of the VIP guests.
2. Fun times at L'auberge Casino waiting to draw the winners name for a grand prize.
3. L'auberge management, Michael Pendergast and Gerard Johnson with Cassie Fiorenza Simpson.
4. L'auberge Casino staff... Jena, Mary, Reagan and Mary waiting to see who wins the Grand Prize.



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Celebrating Cassie Fiorenza Simpson's Birthday at L'Auberge

5. Pamela Gage, Cassie Fiorenza Simpson, and Jacki Burleson
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Feb 1 - Feb 26, 2017

**Steve Murphy: It's All
Come Down To This**
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Free admission.
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Feb 8, 2017

Liverpool Legends
7:00 PM \$25
Jefferson Theatre
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Feb 10, 2017

**The Ugly Duckling &
The Tortoise and the Hare**
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM \$5 - \$10
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Feb 11, 2017

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Feb 11, 2017

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Feb 23 - Feb 26, 2017

**Mardi Gras of
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Feb 24 - Mar 11, 2017

Xanadu
7:30 PM 2:00 pm Matinee
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Feb 28, 2017

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Mar 3, 2017

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Mar 17, 2017

**Classic Movie Night:
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7:30 PM Doors open at 6:00 PM. \$5
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Mar 27, 2017

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Apr 1, 2017

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"Symphonie Fantastique"**

7:30 PM \$26 - \$46
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Apr 4, 2017

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7:30 PM \$35 - \$45
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Apr 7 - Apr 22, 2017

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