

****Your Chamber Newsletter****



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New Chamber Members

PPG Industries, Inc. - Westlake - Janell Johnson (HR
Manager)

Lake Charles Vapor Westside - Sulphur - Paul Levingston
(Owner)

Johnson & Robison Funeral Home - Sulphur - Dean Ford
(Manager)

Vintage Market Days of Southwest Louisiana - Bogata, TX -
Leslie & Gina Allen (Owner)

MAOLG, LLC DBA The UPS Store #6630 - Sulphur - Natalie Gueraia (Manager)

Latest Chamber News



Edward Jones - Taylor Alexander held a ribbon cutting at 11am on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Announces "Grand Reopening"

"I am excited to be opening a fifth Edward Jones office in Sulphur," Alexander said. "I know the people of this community have come to rely upon our firm to provide them with sound investment advice that is geared toward individual investors. I will strive to continue our tradition of excellence here."

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Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and,

through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 14,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients. Edward Jones, which ranked No. 10 on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2016, is headquartered in St. Louis. The Edward Jones website is located at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.



Flock of Five Gift and Art Emporium holds Ribbon Cutting Event in Sulphur on Friday, April 1 to celebrate the Grand Opening. Owner Lisa Reed with local artists and vendors have a wide variety of gifts, antiques and art work available for purchase. Location: 217 East Thomas Street, Sulphur, La. Business hours: 10am - 6pm Tuesday through Saturday



Sulphur Floral Designs holds Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Event in Sulphur on Monday, April 4th. Owner/Florist Laurie Hatten. Location: 427 Cypress Street, Sulphur. (337) 476-5212 or order online @ sulphurfloraldesigns.com

Laurie says she is passionate about helping others and satisfying her customers through her floral and wreath creations. She is all about customer service with 20+ years of experience in the customer service/retail business.

She hopes to be able to serve her community proudly in all their special occasions big or small! Go in and visit her where they have candy bouquets,

gift baskets, potted plants, balloons, wreaths, fresh and silk floral arrangements and much much more!!!They provide same day delivery for all your floral needs.

****Chamber Calendar****

Ground Breaking



Bottom Line Equipment (New Facility)

Location: 1000 Winners Road, Sulphur

Time: 11:00am

Date: Monday, April 11, 2016



LC Vapor Westside

Location: 3921 Maplewood Dr., Sulphur

Time: 9:00am

Date: Friday, April 29, 2016

April Monthly Business Luncheon

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Time: 12-1pm

Doors Open @ 11:30pm

**Location: Holiday Inn Sulphur, 330 Arena Road, Sulphur,
LA 70665**

Guest Speaker:



Bruce Hemphill (Director of Athletics at McNeese State University)

Please RSVP for Planning Purposes by emailing the West Cal Chamber office at associationw@bellsouth.net

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West Calcasieu Job Fair

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

West Cal Events Center

9am - 12noon

If you are interested in participating in the quarterly job fair please see information below or contact our office at (337) 313-1121 or contact the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center directly (337) 721-4010.



WEST CALCASIEU



Wednesday

May 18, 2016

**West Calcasieu Events
Center**

401 Arena Rd. Sulphur, LA

9:00 AM—12 Noon



Business Attire **REQUIRED** &
STRICTLY ENFORCED for Entry

- Bring ID & RESUME
- Arrive early to help ensure an opportunity to MEET & INTERVIEW with Employers
- Dress for **SUCCESS**

EMPLOYER PRE-REGISTRATION

Now through May 9, 2016

JOB SEEKER PRE-REGISTRATION

May 2, 2016 through May 17, 2016

PRIORITY SERVICE FOR VETERANS

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Workforce Development Board, in conjunction with the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce.



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WORKFORCE
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VINTON
CADDOPARISH COUNTY

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities and for persons with limited English Language proficiency.

For More Information Call: (337) 721-4010

Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center
Attn: Business Services—2424 3rd Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

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For more information please contact Business Services at the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center
Phone: (337) 721-4010

Return completed form
no later than
May 9, 2016 to:

Calcasieu Business and Career Solutions Center
Attn: Business Services
2424 3rd Street Lake Charles, LA 70601
or mail to P. O. Box 1299, Lake Charles, LA 70602-1299

Completed forms may be faxed to Business Services at (337) 721-4186 or emailed to cscott@wc.la.gov

This is to confirm that the following employer will be participating in the Quarterly Job Fair noted above.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

Best times to contact: _____

Job Vacancies to be filled: _____

Please note any auxiliary aids or services needed: _____

(Please be prepared to stay for the duration of the event)

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[2016/2017 Membership Directory Drive has begun.....](#)

Advertise your business by reserving your spot in our 2016/2017 West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**.

Contact our office for information at 337-313-1121 or email

associationw@bellsouth.net.

Click link below to view our 2015/2016 Membership Directory.

http://westcal.org/files/2016/.../139335_2015WCCCDirectory.pdf



Community Calendar & News

This Weekend

***Families Helping Families is hosting their 3rd Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at VFW Post 7321 at 2668 Highway 171 North in Moss Bluff. Family Fun Day is for individuals with disabilities and their families. There will be

food, fun, and fellowship! Also agencies and organizations are invited to attend and provide information as well as a fun activity for ALL to enjoy! If your agency or organization would like to provide a fun activity contact Families Helping Families of SWLA at (337) 436-2570. Registration is limited to 200 participants! You must register to attend! For more information, contact Susan Benoit at info@fhfswla.org or 337-436-2570.

***Cirque du Soleil will be performing in Lake Charles for the first time ever in April 2016 with OVO, its newest touring show in arenas. The production will be presented at the Lake Charles Civic Center from April 8 to April 10 for 3 performances only, as part of a global tour in arenas around North America.

Cirque du Soleil cast and crew are assembling now in Lake Charles to rehearse their new show, OVO, over the next few weeks before debuting it to North American audiences. The first two performances will take place in Louisiana, with the premiere performance seen here at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Tickets are available at www.cirquedusoleil.com/ovo. For more information about Cirque du Soleil, visit <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com>.

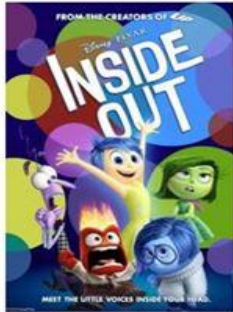
****City of Sulphur****



MOVIES IN THE SQUARE

LOCATION: HERITAGE SQUARE | TIME: SUNSET

APRIL 2



APRIL 16



APRIL 30



MAY 21



JUNE 25



JULY 23



VISIT WWW.SULPHUR.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION





SULPHUR Market

**BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION ENRICHMENT FUND FOR
THE ARTS**

AT THE WEST CAL EVENT CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 7 SUNDAY, MAY 8
10:00-5:00 12:00-4:00

BOOTHS STARTING AT \$60



Admission:

Adults: \$5

Military ID: \$3

Under 12: FREE



**APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT
WWW.SULPHUR.ORG**

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL KGALLEGOS@SULPHUR.ORG

SOWELA Flying Tigers Car Show

All proceeds benefit
student scholarships.



Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
To register or for tickets: www.sowela.edu/carshow

A Family-Friendly Event • Rain or Shine • Concrete Parking

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration - \$30 • Day of Event - \$35
Open to cars of all makes, models and years, as
well as trucks, motorcycles, golf carts, ATV's and
side-by-sides.

LOCATION

SOWELA Technical Community College
3820 Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Ave.
Lake Charles, LA 70615

TICKET INFORMATION

Spectators - \$5 • Kids 12 and Under FREE

HAPPENINGS

- Food vendors
- Military and first responder vehicles
- Vehicle awards



Questions? Call (337) 421-6903 or email marianne.white@sowela.edu.

Cars for COWBOYS

Take a Chance to Win 1 of 3 New Cars

2016 Buick Verano

Donated by Jack Hebert at All-Star Buick/GMC

2016 Chevrolet Cruze

Donated by Billy Navarre Chevrolet/Cadillac

2016 Toyota Camry LE

Donated by Philip Tarver & Lake Charles Toyota

Tickets \$20

Drawing September 3, 2016

Need not be present to win

For more information

www.mcnesecarsforcowboys.com



*****Jack Hebert's All Star Buick GMC is giving Our Lady's School in Sulphur, La a 2017 GMC Terrain which will be raffled off. All proceeds will be used to build a new gym and classrooms. A car like the one that will be raffled off will be in front of Our Lady's School. Tickets are \$20 each. A goal of 10,000 tickets has been set which would net \$200,000. All Star Buick GMC has agreed that if the goal of 10,000 tickets is met they will donate another GMC Terrain the following year.**

The drawing for the GMC Terrain will be Sunday, April 30, 2017. Tickets are available for purchase at All Star Buick GMC in Sulphur, Our Lady's School, Ave Maria Construction or from OLS Staff and family members.

****Big Brothers Big Sisters -Bowl for Kids' Sake****



Saturday, May 7, 9:30am to 4:30pm @ Petro Bowl.
Register now:
bbbs-swla.kintera.org/bowl2016
For more information, please contact:
Sally McPherson at 337-478-5437, ext 114
or bfks2016@bbbs-swla.net
Will you help us help match more children in need of academic, social, and emotional support with caring role models? Form a team, raise pledges and then come to our bowling party and enjoy entertainment, music, prizes, and fun.

Bowling team minimum pledge of \$180 to participate, but we bet you can score more!
Teams can be up to 6 people.
Sign Up Now! Lanes are Open!

****Click here more details****

ISLE OF CAPRI DONATES \$79,262 TO UNITED WAY OF SWLA - WESTLAKE

- LAKE CHARLES, LA. (March 21, 2016) - The employees of Isle of Capri Casino Hotel Lake Charles donated \$79,262 to United Way of Southwest Louisiana's 2015 campaign.



On hand to accept the donation was United Way's Director of Resource Development Becky Ainsworth. Presenting for the Isle was Strategic Development Manager Christina Lorio, Office Manager Jan Wilburn, General Manager/Vice President Paul Hutchens, and Finance/Security Administrative Assistant Danielle Broussard.

It is hoped that through this generous donation, United Way of Southwest Louisiana can continue working to advance the greater good by focusing on education, income and health in Southwest Louisiana.

About Isle of Capri Casino Hotel Lake Charles

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel in Lake Charles, LA is 1 of 14 casinos owned and operated by Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. Dedicated to providing guests with an exceptional gaming and entertainment experience, Isle of Capri Casino Hotel Lake Charles has over 26,000 square feet of gaming space with more than 1,150 slot machines, 36 table games, 13 poker tables, 3 restaurants and over 490 hotel rooms.

*****Lake Charles Calendar of Events Link below: *LIST OF SPRING FESTIVALS******

[http://www.visitlakecharles.org/events-festivals/events/?endDate=07/31/2016&categories\[0\]=56#.VwVdZAPw0NU.link](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/events-festivals/events/?endDate=07/31/2016&categories[0]=56#.VwVdZAPw0NU.link)

*** If you need disaster assistance, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or apply online at www.disasterassistance.gov

***Calcasieu Parish Public Works crews will begin removing debris from flood-affected homes near the Sabine River this week. Residents are asked to bring all flood debris to the roadside for pickup and contact the parish to make sure their address is on the list of homes with debris. The number to call is 337-721-3700 and residents are encouraged to call whether or not they have placed the debris on the roadside. Residents should not wait for FEMA or insurance representatives to inspect the damage before bringing debris to the roadside. They are encouraged to take photographs and document the damaged items. Parish officials intend to complete debris removal by April 30, 2016.

***It is time again for CARC's Annual Membership Drive. Your support helps their work with people with developmental disabilities. Membership dues are only \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, and their sponsorship levels range from \$75 to \$200+. For more information about CARC, visit www.carc.us or give them a call at (337) 433-3620.

***Calcasieu pet owners can take part in two low-cost drive-thru rabies clinics hosted by the Office of Animal Services. The clinics help prevent the spread of Rabies Infection in Calcasieu Parish and Louisiana State Code requires all dogs and cats over three months old be vaccinated and licensed. Once vaccinated the pet is required to wear a rabies license tag. Cat owners are encouraged to place the tag on a humane breakaway collar.

The vaccination and licensing fee for spay/neutered animals is \$8. Unaltered pets have a \$10.00 fee. Pet owners may pay by cash or check. No credit or debit cards will be accepted. Micro-chipping will also be available at the clinics. Clinic dates, time, and locations are:

April	30,	2016	7am	-	Noon
West-Cal	Arena	&	Events	Center	Parking Lot
401 Arena Road, Sulphur, LA 70665					

Reminder: The legal definition of a pet owner is "any person, business or any other legal entity that provides care, harbors, acts as custodian, or permits an animal to remain on or about his premises." In the event someone is bitten, this person or entity could be held responsible.

***Each April, downtown Lake Charles becomes the place to be during our Spring Art Walk as cafés, restaurants, music venues, and vacant properties are transformed into art galleries on April 29. At the center of the Art Walk will be an explosion of live art at our innovative Art Wars which will celebrate the creation process in art with the exchange of fresh ideas and new energy for our city.

Artists, both individual and teams-are invited to create a mural live in front of an audience in only an hour at one of the Art Walk locations. Art Walk attendees will vote on their favorite mural after the hour is up by depositing tips into each team's tip jar, and 50% of the tips will go directly to the team. All of the murals will be featured in the night's silent auction, and the artists will receive 70% of their sales. The winning mural will be displayed at the Central School Arts & Humanities Center. The Art War will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration forms and guidelines are available at the Arts Council office. Send forms and payments to Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA, P.O. Box 1437, Lake Charles, LA, 70602. Call the Arts Council office at (337) 439-2787 for information or questions. Rain or shine - no refunds!

****HALOS (Healing After Loved Ones Suicide) presents "Joy Comes in the Morning" with special guest speaker Sister Jeannette. This meeting will be on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion (located at 1025 Broad Street in Lake Charles). This event is free to all affected by suicide. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jody Barrilleaux at 794-3113.

*** OASIS - A SAFE HAVEN for Survivors of domestic & sexual violence (formerly the Women's Shelter) is having two back-to-back events to raise money for their programs and services. On Sunday, April 17, they are hosting GEMS & STEMS - an evening filled with cocktails, food, fun and jewelry. There will be both silent and live auction events, live music and a "Diamond Raffle". Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m., and dinner is at 7 p.m. This event will be at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 per eight-person table. The following day, they are hosting a golf tournament at the Contraband Golf Course at L'Auberge. The shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Registration is \$700 per team. Register for the golf tournament at www.takeaswingagainstdv.eventzilla.net. They are also now accepting live and silent auction items.

***The Arts Council of SWLA is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Marketing Grant Program. The grant is funded annually by the Lake Charles/SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau and is one of four grants the Arts Council administers. All applications must be received, not postmarked, by

Friday, April 22nd, 2016 by 5 p.m. at the Arts Council office at Central School. Nonprofit organizations domiciled in Calcasieu Parish are eligible to apply for special projects and events occurring within the parish, and funds are dedicated for only marketing and promotional expenses such as billboards, advertising, and brochures. The grant is designed to increase an event's visibility and attendance through marketing efforts and to bolster tourism to the area. Applicants may submit one application and may request up to \$2,000 for a specific project. All projects must take place between June 15th, 2016 and July 14th, 2017. The SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Marketing Grant is a competitive grant program and not all applicants are guaranteed to be funded. Applicants compete only with other nonprofit arts organizations in Calcasieu Parish, so decisions about funding are made locally. Applications and guidelines can be downloaded at www.artscouncilswla.org. Grant assistance is provided by the Arts Council and can be requested before the grant deadline by calling (337) 439-2787 or emailing Arts Council grant administrator Charla Blake at charlab@artscouncilswla.org.

***The Office of Workforce Development at SOWELA Technical Community College will host its annual Summer Youth Camps starting in June. Camps include "Culinary Camp" on June 6 through the 10 or June 20 through the 24. An annual favorite for young cooks entering fifth through eighth grades. This camp cost is \$185 and includes breakfast and lunch. "Kids in the Kitchen" will be held June 13 through the 17 or June 27 through July 1. This fun, age-appropriate, and educational camp is for younger cooks entering first through fourth grade. It cost is \$185 and includes breakfast and lunch. "A La Cart 101" Camp will be held July 11 through 15 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids will learn how to work in a restaurant from the front to the back of the house. This camp is for fifth through eighth grades, and cost is \$185 and includes breakfast and lunch. The last camp is "Grandparent and Me" camps which will be held July 18 through July 20 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Attendees can create special memories between grandparents and grandkids with this camp geared toward kids entering first through eighth grades and their grandparents. The cost is \$100 and includes breakfast and lunch. To register, call SOWELA's Office of Workforce Development at (337) 421-6964.

***To better accommodate their donors, Lifeshare Blood Center has adjusted the hours at their facility located at 214 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive in Lake Charles. They will still be open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the first and third Saturday, 8 a.m. to Noon, but on Wednesdays they will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. and on Thursday they will open at 10 a.m. and stay open until 8 p.m. Every 2 seconds a patient needs blood to live. They must rely on volunteer blood donors to live. Potential blood donors receive a mini-physical prior to the donation procedure, including a check of temperature, pulse, blood pressure and iron level. Donors must be age 16 or older (16 year olds require written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, feel well and healthy at the time of donation, eat a good meal and increase fluid intake prior to donation. Donors will be asked to present identification. For more information and to schedule a blood donation or blood drive, call (337-436-4932).

**** *Replacing 40-year-old bulkhead*

**West Calcasieu Port awards bid
for waterfront improvement work**

SULPHUR, La, (April 4, 2016) - West Calcasieu Port officials announced today that it has awarded a construction contract to Orion Marine Construction, Inc. for \$1,589,632.10 for the replacement of bulkheading along the port's waterfront on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

"The West Cal Port Board of Commissioners was impressed with the strong interest and participation in the highly competitive bidding process on the part of the marine construction industry," said West Calcasieu Port Director Lynn Hohensee. "Seven bids were received."

The bids were formally opened during a special port board meeting earlier in March.

"Incorporated in the construction project plan is the replacement of aged, deteriorated bulkhead with new steel bulkhead," Hohensee explained. Underscoring the business-case need for the expanded barge basin, Hohensee noted that servicing commercial barge transportation operations along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is a critical component of the port's operations, and that the port has experienced an increased occupancy rate for its marine services facilities.

West Cal Port Engineer Chuck Stutes of Sulphur-based Meyer & Associates, Inc. has estimated that approximately 300 linear feet of 600-foot length of steel bulkheading will replace aged infrastructure that was installed in the 1970s, Significant funding support will come from a \$1,305,000 Capital Outlay Grant from the State of Louisiana.

Located on 190 acres 12 miles south of Interstate 10 just west of Highway 27, the West Cal Port has 7,000 feet of waterfront property on the GIWW.

Current tenant activity includes barge fleeting operations, dry-cargo barge cleaning, diesel engine repair, maritime construction operations, concrete manufacturing and concrete pumping services.

*****L.I.F.T. (Living Information for Today), is a social program for lake area widows and widowers sponsored and hosted by Hixson Funeral Homes. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at their Moss Bluff location, the 3rd Wednesday in Sulphur, and the 4th Wednesday in Lake Charles. All start at 10 a.m. For more info call Jody Barrilleaux 337-794-3113.**

***Any new businesses interested in joining the West Cal Chamber has two great reasons to join now with free advertisement offered through these Chamber Members below - What a great incentive. Spread the Word!!

West Calcasieu Chamber Member Exclusive

This certificate is awarded to
New Member

**FREE One Week of Digital Billboard Advertising
on an Obvious Mobile Billboard Truck**

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337-313-1121

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