

## **NOVEMBER 2016 PSA REPORT**

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**11-17-2016:** Abbey Players Interview, Mens Health Interview - Family Strong Foundation

**11-16-16** FEMA-SBA Help Available Interview

### **"I'll be Home for Christmas"**

December 7 marks the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and in recognition of this historic event, First Baptist Lafayette will present five performances of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" December 7-11.

This dramatic musical highlights the sounds of the '40s, including swing and big band songs interspersed with reenactments of radio broadcasts of that time. It looks at the faith of a family as they await word on their loved one while preparing for Christmas. In addition to the dramatic cast, the church choir, soloists, and orchestra will be a part of the program. Each performance will begin with recognition of those who have served in our military.

Free tickets for "I'll be Home for Christmas" are available at the First Baptist Lafayette website [www.fbclaf.org](http://www.fbclaf.org). Performances are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 7 – 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 - 11 at 3:00 p.m. For more information call 337.593.3757.

### **Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts High School Christmas Concert**

The Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts High School of Opelousas (MACA) Instrumental Music Department will perform their 12th annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 20, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the MACA auditorium. MACA is located on 1100 East Leo Street in Opelousas.

Admission is \$5.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for students.

## **BUILDING A BETTER CHRISTMAS**

Help nominate a family in need this Christmas! Professional Woman in Building is looking to help a family in need this 2016 Christmas Season. Here is How you can nominate a family: All Entries must be complete and include the following:

- Contact information of nominator - Name, Address, E-mail and phone number

- Nominee's Contact Information - Name, Address, E-mail, and phone number (if available)
- Their Story, with as much detail as possible.

Deadline is December 11, 2016. All entries will be read and evaluated by a panel comprised of PWB's Building a Better Christmas Committee. Please send all nominations stories to [buildingabetterchristmas@yahoo.com](mailto:buildingabetterchristmas@yahoo.com)

### **DTA! TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Downtown Alive! (DTA!) welcomes the Pine Leaf Boys for the last DTA! of the season in Parc Sans Souci on November 23rd with the lighting of the official City Christmas Tree at 7pm, Toys for Tots toy drive and gumbo from TransCanada.

It wouldn't be a proper Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downtown Lafayette without the four-time Grammy-Nominated Pine Leaf Boys lighting up the stage in Parc Sans Souci. The Pine Leaf Boys have breathed new life into Cajun music, reviving ancient songs and bringing them to the bandstand.

Bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots toy drive and get a free bowl of gumbo! Or for \$5, purchase your bowl of gumbo and TransCanada and Downtown will donate all proceeds to Toys for Tots. At 7pm, Mayor-President Joel Robideaux will light the tree with the help of the little ones!

Downtown Alive! is your free concert series. Please support DTA! by purchasing drinks on-site from our friendly vendors.

Fall 2016 Season Schedule:

November 23                      Pine Leaf Boys (Parc Sans Souci)

Holiday Celebration and Official lighting of the City Christmas Tree

### **NAUW Health, Resource, and Literacy Fair**

Saturday 12/10/2016

10am-2pm 1800 NE EVangeline Thruway

Cost: Free

The National Association for University Women (NAUW) will be hosting a Health, Resource, and Literacy Fair on December 10th from 10am-pm at the Northgate Mall.

Health screens will be conducted and flu shots will be available. Free books will be given to children and adults. There will be various community resource vendors as well.

Patsy Bienvenu 337-322-1804 patbjazz@yahoo.com

**Crossroads Church Christmas Production: The Real Christmas Story**

Join us for our annual Christmas production!

You'll relive all of your favorite holiday tales with a few surprises along the way.

Show times are December 14th, 15th, and 16th, 7:00 PM and December 17th at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Our annual Christmas production is one of our biggest events of the year.

The Real Story of Christmas features all your favorite childhood holiday stories like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman told in a fun, creative way. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with some of their elf friends, provide lots of laughs and pageantry as they share stories like The Night Before Christmas. They even provide a Cajun spin on things with the help of Cajun comic T-Frog!

We pull out all the stops utilizing special sets, costumes, singing, dancing, state-of-the-art lighting, sound and multi-media to present an off-Broadway quality production that entire family will enjoy.

The highlight of the evening is the Living Nativity complete with animals, stunning visual effects and beautiful music.

Show times will be December 14, 15 & 16 at 7:00 PM and December 17 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM. Nurseries are available ages 0-4 years. Come and join us as we celebrate the real story of Christmas!

Crossroads Church Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service Times:

Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM

Christmas Day, 10:00 AM

**Asbury United Methodist Church presents G.F. Handel's "Messiah"**

Asbury United Methodist Church invites the Acadiana community to the Asbury Choir's



presentation of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Asbury sanctuary. Celebrating its 275th anniversary this year, "Messiah" is the musical telling of God's coming to earth in the form of Jesus Christ and his involvement in the redemption of his creation. If you enjoy beautiful music and are looking for a meaningful experience to share with your family this Christmas season, then you won't want to miss this special occasion.

Dr. Lee Cooke, Director of Music and Worship Ministries, will conduct the Asbury Choir and members of the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra in the presentation of "Messiah," Handel's most famous composition, inclusive of the well-known "Hallelujah" chorus, and among the most popular works in Western choral literature. Admission is free, and a nursery will be available free of charge for children ages 6 months – 6th grade. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the story of God's redemptive grace and the joy of this Christmas season.

Asbury United Methodist Church is a 3,600 member church located at the corner of Johnston St. and Live Oak Blvd., across from Lafayette Music. Visit [www.asbury-umc.org](http://www.asbury-umc.org) for further information.

### **Rare Catholic relic coming to Miracle Sight in Grand Coteau**

You are invited to celebrate a holy and monumental occasion, the 150th Anniversary of the Apparition and Miracle of St. John Berchmans. On December 7, the holy heart of St. John Berchmans will make its journey from Belgium to Shreveport, Louisiana. The heart will arrive on the campus of Schools of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau on December 14 and be placed in the shrine on campus which is the site of the miracle performed by St. John Berchmans that lead to his canonization. Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Msgr. Keith DeRouen, and Fr. Derrick Weingartner, S.J. will be among some of the local and international priests who will be on campus to celebrate the arrival of the relic. Anyone wishes to visit the relic at the shrine of St. John Berchmans are invited between 10:00am-5:00pm on Wednesday, December 14. A closed mass will take place at 8:00am and will be streamed on the Lafayette Diocese website.

You may visit [www.sshcoteau.org](http://www.sshcoteau.org) for more information.

The relic will be at St. John Berchmans namesake church, Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in Shreveport, LA December 8-18. You may visit [www.SJBdevotion.org](http://www.SJBdevotion.org) for more information as well.

### **McKinley Saturday Market Created to Boost Local Art Economic Development**



November 19th Pop-Up Market to feature local art, handmade items, food, gifts and festivities with grassroots market effort

Come on out to McKinley Street on Saturday, November 19th from 12pm-4pm for a pop-up market featuring all things local for your holiday shopping and beyond! Get your holiday shopping done by shopping local with one-of-a-kind gifts.

The market will be a venue for local handcrafted goods, vintage items and art from artists of all ages.

Spend the afternoon there and enjoy food trucks, lawn games and zydeco music.

If you are a vendor featuring art, clothing, food or other items, contact us for a spot: [mckinleysaturdaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:mckinleysaturdaymarket@gmail.com). Volunteers are also encouraged and welcomed! Donate your talents, muscles or musical abilities!

### **St. Mary Magdalen Church announces free Christmas Concert**

St. Mary Magdalen Parish music ministries will hold their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 P.M. This concert features the Voices of St. Mary Magdalen Adult Choir, directed by Tommy Guidry, and the St. Mary Magdalen Children's Choir, directed by Jennifer Melançon, and the Life Teen Music Ministry, direct by John Listi.

There will be a wide variety of Advent and Christmas music including excerpts from Handel's Messiah, traditional carols, contemporary compositions, and French carols. The choirs will be accompanied by the St. Mary Magdalen pipe organ and a chamber orchestra.

This evening of sacred music is free and open to the public. "Love offerings" will be accepted during the concert from those who wish to support this performance and the church music program at St. Mary Magdalen. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

### **ST. JUDE CAR WASH - FREE FOR VETERANS**

The Acadiana Homeschool Key Club is holding a carwash to benefit St. Jude. Last year they raised over \$10,000.00 for St Jude and we hope to exceed that this year.

The Carwash is from 9 to 3:30 this Saturday, Nov. 12, in the parking lot of Jared's, Galleria of Jewlery at 3601 Ambassador Cafferty, Lafayette, La. 100 percent of the proceeds go to St Jude. But we are also honoring our Veterans by washing their cars for free and providing a small token of appreciation. You can find our club at Acadiana Homeschool Key Club on facebook.

## **Open Tryouts - FOOTBALL MINOR LEAGUE**

Saturday November 12, 2016

12pm-4pm Lafayette Moore Park Free

Louisiana Bayou Hurricanes a new minor league football team based here in Acadiana named the Louisiana Bayou Hurricanes and is part of the Gulf States Football League. We play in a Spring league and our inaugural season begins March 11, 2017. Not only are we striving to be the best in the GSFL, we are also trying to give players chances to pursue football at different levels after the Bayou Hurricanes. Our first and possibly only open tryout is this Saturday at Moore Park from 12pm-4pm

## **SENIOR HEALTH FAIR**

The City of Breaux Bridge and Health Care Options, Inc will host a Senior Health Fair at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall 610 N. Main Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10am to noon Lunch will be served

## **Veterans' Day Ceremony at Le Vieux Presbytere**

The American Legion post in Church Point will conduct the Veterans Day Commemoration hosted by Le Vieux Presbytère at 1pm on Sunday, November 13 at the museum. The public is invited to participate and to linger afterward for refreshments and to see what's new at the museum. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The museum is also open to the public Thursdays from 3pm to 5pm and at other times by appointment. For further information please contact museum curator Harold Fonte at 337-384-7993.

## **Forum on Education**

Unhappy with school? Share your story. Hear about new possibilities! Join others for a Forum on Education Tuesday November 15, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm Lafayette Public Library Main Branch 2nd floor conference room. Hosted by the Lafayette Sudury School [www.lafayettesudbury.org](http://www.lafayettesudbury.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1800681403547791/>

## **ART WALK SATURDAY NOV 12**

See the Art – Buy the Art during 2nd Saturday ArtWalk when you explore the Downtown Lafayette Cultural District as art galleries display works by the best of local and regional



artists. Take a tour of the galleries during 2nd Saturday ArtWalk on the evening of Saturday, November 12th from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., as the Downtown comes alive with more than a dozen galleries, museums restaurants and shops offering live music, food, drink and of course, art for purchase, brought to you by Downtown Lafayette.

In addition to ArtWalk events, the Southern Screen Film Festival is back Downtown this year November 10th -13th with four days of screenings, panels, red carpet events, parties and workshops celebrating the film industry and the role that Acadiana plays in the industry. Whether you are a filmmaker or film enthusiast, you'll see acclaimed films and learn about the film industry along the way while meeting and learning from filmmakers and industry experts. Get behind the scenes details of the films and hear from the creative team that brings these stories to the big screen, including a few hometown filmmakers. Buy a pass to get the full experience!

### **30th Annual "Food for Families" food drive benefiting FoodNet Food Bank**

Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Bayou Church 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508

FoodNet Food Bank <http://www.foodnetlafayette.org>

For More information: Julie LaFleur 3374129207 [foodnet@brcoxmail.com](mailto:foodnet@brcoxmail.com)

### **"Historic Carencro" Mural Unveiling & Blessing**

A mural commissioned by physician, Richard Feucht, M.D., and painted by Robert Dafford Murals will be unveiled Sunday morning in downtown Carencro. Father Mark Ledoux of St. Peter Roman Catholic Church will offer a blessing. Media coverage is invited.

Nov. 6, at approximately 11:15 a.m. (following 10 a.m. mass)

204 East St. Peter Street

Dr. Richard Feucht, Robert Dafford and Carencro city officials will participate in the ceremony.

Feucht commissioned the mural, measuring 20 feet high and 50 feet wide, for the newly constructed building housing the Therapy Center of Carencro. The mural is based on an old photograph of Carencro in 1900, with a view of citizens arriving for mass at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church. Dafford designed the mural using the photo as a main



reference, with other historic photos providing additional details of the time period.

Bradley Jack Phillips, a Carencro native, painted the mural, along with Dafford. Assisting were Chris Pavlik and Lisa Choate. The project involved a month of preparatory work and six weeks of painting.

### **Palates & Pate' fundraiser**

November 17<sup>th</sup> the largest annual benefit for the Outreach Center for Women and Children is happening! The Palates and Pate' is a feast for all the senses which includes amazing cuisine from the area's best chefs, an exciting art auction, fantastic entertainment, and the opportunity to provide for the less fortunate women and children in the area.

Palates & Pate' is a gala event which provides critical funding to carry out The Outreach Center's mission of addressing the root causes of homelessness for women and children. The event will pair the premier chefs in the area and top regional artists to collaborate as the chefs vie for the coveted 'Best of Show' award. The chef creates a signature dish inspired by the art piece, which is auctioned off, along with exotic vacations, later in the evening and the food is enjoyed by all. Through the years, Palates & Pate' has secured the reputation as being the social event of the season and tables and sponsorships are available now.

Every year, The Outreach Center provides over 16,000 meals, 6000 nights of safe shelter, and countless numbers of basic need supplies, supportive services, hours of counseling, and more to less fortunate women and children in Acadiana.

[www.outreachcenterlafayette.org](http://www.outreachcenterlafayette.org)

### **St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District Household Hazardous Waste Day**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

ST. LANDRY PARISH RECYCLING CENTERS

OPELOUSAS - 2717 W LANDRY ST.

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EUNICE - 450 N. C.C. DUSON ST.

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH PARTICIPANTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY (DRIVER'S LICENSE, WATER BILL, ETC.)

ACCEPTING PAINTS - AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES - MOTOR OIL ANTIFREEZE -

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS - HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS PESTICIDES -

FLAMMABLES - CORROSIVES - MEDICATIONS TIRES (LIMIT 5 PER PERSON) -

FLUORESCENT TUBES AND BULBS OTHER HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD

PRODUCTS

ELECTRONIC WASTE (COMPUTERS, MONITORS, PRINTERS, SCANNERS, ETC.)

CELL PHONES AND CELL PHONE BATTERIES

THIS COLLECTION IS FOR HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

**LARGE QUANTITIES FROM BUSINESSES, FARMS OR COMMERCIAL**

**OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

PROHIBITED: infectious and medical wastes, biological and radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and explosives

For more information contact the St. Landry Parish Recycling Center at 337-942-9576 or Solid Waste Disposal District at 337-826-5211.

### **CARENCRO VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION**

The City of Carencro is honoring local servicemen and women with a special Veterans Day Celebration, Nov. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Carencro Veterans Memorial, 210 East St. Peter Street. All veterans, current military personnel and the general public are invited to attend.

The annual ceremony is a tribute to all veterans, and this year will feature special recognition of men and women who served in World War II. Several activities are planned, including a video display, in-memoriam tribute, refreshments and more. Visit the Carencro Veterans Memorial Facebook page or the City of Carencro's website for more details.

#### **Homeownership 101**

11/12/2016

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress Street

FREE!!

The Lafayette Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is excited to present, Homeownership 101!!!! This seminar aims to provide potential first-time home-buyers with the critical information and resources that are needed to purchase their FIRST HOME!!!

If you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing a home, we invite you to register for this FREE event!!!! Please review the flyer for registration information or visit the chapter's website

[www.lafayettealumnae-dst.org](http://www.lafayettealumnae-dst.org) .

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Please visit the chapter's website or contact Crystal Vallier.

Contact Name:

Crystal Vallier 337-886-5086 cvallier10@gmail.com

## **Spell-a-bration 2016**

Spell-a-bration 2016 ...an adult spelling bee Thursday NOVEMBER 10

6:00-9:00 pm Lafayette, LA

Lafayette Science Museum

433 Jefferson Street

Lafayette, Louisiana

\$25 in advance, \$35 at the door

Lafayette Public Library Foundation

The Lafayette Public Library Foundation hosts its annual Spell-a-bration, a spelling bee for adults featuring sponsored teams of 3 competing in a game show style event.

Sponsorships at several different levels are still available.

Proceeds support LAFAYETTE READS TOGETHER, providing copies of the annual book selection to library patrons throughout the parish.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/722834137854387/>

Contact Name: Karen Gambel or Kay Hesterly Contact Phone: 337/593-4700

Jill Norman LeBlanc [jillnormanleblanc@gmail.com](mailto:jillnormanleblanc@gmail.com)

## **Downtown Alive!**

Fall 2016 Season Schedule:

### **November 4**

Keith Frank & the Soileau Zydeco Band (Parc Sans Souci)

### **November 23**

Pine Leaf Boys (Parc Sans Souci)

Holiday Celebration and Official lighting of the City Christmas Tree

**Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at the Horse Farm**

Every Saturday, rain or shine, 8am - noon.

Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at the Horse Farm happens Every Saturday 8am - noon in Lafayette The Horse Farm at Muncus Park. Free Local Produce, 100%

Handcrafted Art, Prepared food <http://www.marketatthehorsefarm.com/>

## **Festival International**

30 SECOND PSA ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FUNDRAISER



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LOUISIANE IS HOSTING its THIRD ANNUAL la fete du festival. this fundraising celebration, presented by HOME BANK, will be held november 11th at WAREHOUSE 535. ENJOY LIVE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC BY INDIAN VOCALIST, FALU PLUS INDIAN food FROM BAY LEAF, AND BOLLYWOOD INSPIRED COCKTAILS. Be among the first to see the 2017 Festival artwork, pin and poster! tickets on sale now. visit [festivalinternational.org/fete](http://festivalinternational.org/fete) to get yours today.  
Falu pronounced: Fa-loo

### **FREE PERSONAL PROTECTION CONCEALED HANDGUN CLASS**

LAPermitToCarry.com is offering FREE personal protection / concealed handgun permit classes to female UL students with a valid ID. The class normally costs \$125, but is being offered to female UL students and a guest of their choice for free. Classes are offered most Saturdays in Opelousas, Indian Bayou, or Lafayette. We are NRA certified firearms instructors and Louisiana authorized concealed carry instructors ( #643 and #484 ). Students who sign up for a free class will also be entered into a drawing for a \$500 cash giveaway. The drawing will be held on December 9th at the Lafayette Police Department. You can find more details at <http://lapermittocarry.com>

Although this is the class that one would need in order to apply for a concealed handgun permit, it is applicable to daily life without a handgun. We cover handgun safety, personal safety, how not to be chosen as a victim, Louisiana law, child access prevention, etc.

Sam Alleman LSP Instructor #484 (337) 205-3216

### **My School Color Run - St. Martinville Sr. High School Girls Soccer Team 5K**

St. Martinville Sr. High School welcomes you to join us as we run, walk, and jog while raising funds for our girls soccer team! Funds raised from this event will go towards uniforms, equipment, and travel expenses.

This fun run/walk is open to EVERYONE in the community and we hope to see you there!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/my-school-color-run-st-martinville-sr-high-school-girls-soccer-team-5k-tickets-27627552754?aff=efbevent>

The My School Color Run is an untimed fun run/walk featuring a 5K course. Throughout the course participants will experience color splash zones where they'll be doused in color and end with a final color toss celebration!

Check in starts at 7:30am  
Run begins at 9:00am  
**REGISTER EARLY!**

Registration includes a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt only if you sign up before 10/21/16. You can pick up your items at the registration table the day of the event. Paper registration forms are available upon request.

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU REGISTER

#myschoolcolorrun

#SMShmscr

AND don't forget to share your pictures before/after the event!

Please be sure to register by 10/21/16 to guarantee that you'll receive a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt!

Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM (CDT) - Add to Calendar  
St. Martinville Festival Grounds - N. New Market St., St. Martinville, LA 70582 -

### **HOSPICE OF ACADIANA**

The Hospice of Acadiana is now accepting donations Fridays 9am-4pm at 2600 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503 for a Hospice of Acadiana Thrift Sale. Items accepted: Baby and toy items, china, crystal, collectibles, garden, outdoor, home decor, wall art, jewelry, lamps, rugs, small furniture, christmas, mardi gras decor, kitchen wares. Visit [www.hospicacadiana.com](http://www.hospicacadiana.com) for more info

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## **BEING AND BECOMING, A FILM BY CLARA BELLAR**

"What if we chose not to school our children..." presented by Lafayette Sudbury School. Louisiana Premiere January 24, 2017 6pm at South Regional Library, Lafayette, LA Reserve your seat today. Admission is free!

Being and Becoming explores the theme of trusting children and their development, and invites us to question our learning paradigms and options.

The filmmaker takes us on a journey of discovery through the US, France, the UK and Germany (where it's illegal not to go to school.) We meet parents who have made the choice of not schooling their children, neither at school nor at home, but of letting them learn freely what they are truly passionate about.

It is a quest for truth about the innate desire to learn. It belongs to a wider theme than education, connected to a change in our belief system and to our society's evolution, as well as to the importance of reclaiming one's life and self-confidence.

(99 minutes)

## **Education & Counseling**

Have you ever been a victim of sexual abuse online? Now is the time to get the counseling and education you deserve. Be apart of the social

media change by hashtagging #NowMattersL8r to help increase awareness and prevent sexual abuse online.

[theheartsofhope.org](http://theheartsofhope.org)

For More information:337.269.1557

Contact Name: Val Senegal

Contact Phone: 337.269.1557

Contact Email: [val.senegal@theheartsofhope.org](mailto:val.senegal@theheartsofhope.org)

## **Mystery Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Library**



10:00 AM | Saturday Jan 14, 2017

Purchase gently used mystery books & DVDs Same low prices as the Friends of the Library biannual sales Contact Friends of the Library - 337-501-9209 or go to their facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LafayetteFriends/>

Price: Free

Lafayette Public Library

301 West Congress St.

Lafayette, LA 70501

**"Free"" Home Buyer's Seminar**

10:00 AM | Saturday Jan 14, 2017 Edit event

If you are considering buying a home, here's a great chance to find out what you need to know. This home buyer seminar has been designed especially for you!

Limited Seating is Available. Call 337-704-5087 or email: [thehigginbothamgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thehigginbothamgroup@gmail.com) to reserve your seat.

**Annual African American Heritage Exhibit**

11:30 AM | Saturday Jan 14, 2017 Edit event

The exhibit guide you through a portion of African American History both past and present, while acknowledging their accomplishments, and struggles with racism, segregation, and prejudice. For more information call 337-893-3456

Price: Free

Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance Center

200 N. Magdalen Square

Abbeville, LA 70510

**Cadien Toujours (Cajun Forever) 1st Annual Boucherie**

All day | Saturday Jan 7, 2017

Make plans to come out and bring the family. The festivities will kick off at 7:00 am with the preparation of the hog and other cooking. Not an early bird? No worries, the fun continues all day long. Join in on the jam session from 1:00-4:00 pm and then dance to Kegan Navarre & Louisiana Traditions from 4:00-8:00 pm. The hog comes off the pit around 6:00 pm and gumbo will also be served.

\$10 entry fee covers food and all the dancing you can handle! \$1 beer and drinks. Children under age 15 and those who bring an instrument and play in the jam session get in free of charge. It'll be a family friendly event and we encourage our youth to come out and learn these Cajun traditions! Help us make the first year a success. We can't wait to see you there!

For more info look us up on Facebook.

You may also contact Steven Richard @ 337-384-9079 Price: \$10

### **Preparing for the Citizenship Test**

4:30 PM | Wednesday Jan 18, 2017

VITA (Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults) presents a free set of classes for anyone who wishes to obtain their U.S. Citizenship.

Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm, January 18, 2017 through April 12, 2017.

The classes cover the N-400 application, the 100 civics questions, reading and writing for the test, and interview skills. Call us for more information or to enroll!

Price: Free

VITA

905 Jefferson Street, Suite 404

Lafayette, LA 70501

directions street view

vitalaf.org

### **Teurlings Catholic High School Walk for Life: March/Rally**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The March will begin at TCH at 12:00 pm. We will walk to the grounds of the Immaculata Center to attend the Rally. Diocese of Lafayette Catholic Schools, Church Parishes, and their families and friends. To show our strong support for LIFE!

There will be music and guest speakers, including Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Contact: Josette Surratt, TCH Director of Religious Formation [jsurratt@tchs.net](mailto:jsurratt@tchs.net)

### **Old-Fashioned Buggy Town Christmas at Le Vieux Presbytère**

Le Vieux Presbytère will celebrate Christmas in a historic fashion at the museum at 5pm on Sunday, December 18. The public is invited first to view the museum decorated inside and out, to join in favorite Christmas carols by candlelight, to hear dramatic reflections appropriate to the season, and to conclude with traditional refreshments. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The museum is also open to the public Thursdays from 3pm to 5pm and at other times by appointment. For further information please contact museum curator Harold Fonte at 337-384-7993. 200 Rue Iry Lejeune Church Point, LA

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faith of a family as they await word on their loved one while preparing for Christmas. In addition to the dramatic cast, the church choir, soloists, and orchestra will be a part of the program. Each performance will begin with recognition of those who have served in our military.

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### **Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts High School Christmas Concert**

The Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts High School of Opelousas (MACA) Instrumental Music Department will perform their 12th annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 20, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the MACA auditorium. MACA is located on 1100 East Leo Street in Opelousas.

Admission is \$5.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for students.

### **NAUW Health, Resource, and Literacy Fair**

Saturday 12/10/2016

10am-2pm 1800 NE EVangeline Thruway

Cost: Free

The National Association for University Women (NAUW) will be hosting a Health, Resource, and Literacy Fair on December 10th from 10am-pm at the Northgate Mall.

Health screens will be conducted and flu shots will be available. Free books will be given to children and adults. There will be various community resource vendors as well.

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### **Crossroads Church Christmas Production: The Real Christmas Story**

Join us for our annual Christmas production!

You'll relive all of your favorite holiday tales with a few surprises along the way.

Show times are December 14th, 15th, and 16th, 7:00 PM and December 17th at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Our annual Christmas production is one of our biggest events of the year.

The Real Story of Christmas features all your favorite childhood holiday stories like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman told in a fun, creative way. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with some of their elf friends, provide lots of laughs and pageantry as they share stories like The Night Before Christmas. They even provide a Cajun spin on things with the help of Cajun comic T-Frog!

We pull out all the stops utilizing special sets, costumes, singing, dancing, state-of-the-art lighting, sound and multi-media to present an off-Broadway quality production that entire family will enjoy.

The highlight of the evening is the Living Nativity complete with animals, stunning visual effects and beautiful music.

Show times will be December 14, 15 & 16 at 7:00 PM and December 17 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM. Nurseries are available ages 0-4 years. Come and join us as we celebrate the real story of Christmas!

Crossroads Church Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service Times:

Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM

Christmas Day, 10:00 AM

### **Asbury United Methodist Church presents G.F. Handel's "Messiah"**

Asbury United Methodist Church invites the Acadiana community to the Asbury Choir's presentation of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Asbury sanctuary. Celebrating its 275th anniversary this year, "Messiah" is the musical telling of God's coming to earth in the form of Jesus Christ and his involvement in the redemption of his creation. If you enjoy beautiful music and are looking for a meaningful experience to share with your family this Christmas season, then you won't want to miss this special occasion.

Dr. Lee Cooke, Director of Music and Worship Ministries, will conduct the Asbury Choir and members of the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra in the presentation of "Messiah," Handel's most famous composition, inclusive of the well-known "Hallelujah" chorus, and among the most popular works in Western choral literature. Admission is free, and a nursery will be available free of charge for children ages 6 months – 6th grade. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the story of God's redemptive grace and the joy of this Christmas season.

Asbury United Methodist Church is a 3,600 member church located at the corner of Johnston St. and Live Oak Blvd., across from Lafayette Music. Visit



[www.asbury-umc.org](http://www.asbury-umc.org) for further information.

### **Rare Catholic relic coming to Miracle Sight in Grand Coteau**

You are invited to celebrate a holy and monumental occasion, the 150th Anniversary of the Apparition and Miracle of St. John Berchmans. On December 7, the holy heart of St. John Berchmans will make its journey from Belgium to Shreveport, Louisiana. The heart will arrive on the campus of Schools of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau on December 14 and be placed in the shrine on campus which is the site of the miracle performed by St. John Berchmans that lead to his canonization. Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Msgr. Keith DeRouen, and Fr. Derrick Weingartner, S.J. will be among some of the local and international priests who will be on campus to celebrate the arrival of the relic. Anyone wishes to visit the relic at the shrine of St. John Berchmans are invited between 10:00am-5:00pm on Wednesday, December 14. A closed mass will take place at 8:00am and will be streamed on the Lafayette Diocese website.

You may visit [www.sshcoteau.org](http://www.sshcoteau.org) for more information.

The relic will be at St. John Berchmans namesake church, Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in Shreveport, LA December 8-18. You may visit [www.SJBdevotion.org](http://www.SJBdevotion.org) for more information as well.

### **St. Mary Magdalen Church announces free Christmas Concert**

St. Mary Magdalen Parish music ministries will hold their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 P.M. This concert features the Voices of St. Mary Magdalen Adult Choir, directed by Tommy Guidry, and the St. Mary Magdalen Children's Choir, directed by Jennifer Melançon, and the Life Teen Music Ministry, direct by John Listi.

There will be a wide variety of Advent and Christmas music including excerpts from Handel's Messiah, traditional carols, contemporary compositions, and French carols. The choirs will be accompanied by the St. Mary Magdalen pipe organ and a chamber orchestra.

This evening of sacred music is free and open to the public. "Love offerings" will be accepted during the concert from those who wish to support this performance and the church music program at St. Mary Magdalen. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

### **I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

December 7 marks the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and in recognition of this historic event. First Baptist Lafayette 1100 Lee Avenue



will present five performances of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" December 7-11.

This presentation is free and will feature traditional Christmas and World War II era music in an exciting stage production. It is centered on the true meaning of Christmas as experienced by families in December 1941. In addition to the dramatic cast, the church choir, soloists, and orchestra will be a part of the program.

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### **Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at the Horse Farm**

Every Saturday, rain or shine, 8am - noon.

Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at the Horse Farm happens Every Saturday 8am - noon in Lafayette The Horse Farm at Muncus Park. Free Local Produce, 100% Handcrafted Art, Prepared food <http://www.marketatthehorsefarm.com/>

### **HOSPICE OF ACADIANA**

The Hospice of Acadiana is now accepting donations Fridays 9am-4pm at 2600 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503 for a Hospice of Acadiana Thrift Sale. Items accepted: Baby and toy items, china, crystal, collectibles, garden, outdoor, home decor, wall art, jewelry, lamps, rugs, small furniture, christmas, mardi gras decor, kitchen wares. Visit [www.hospicacadiana.com](http://www.hospicacadiana.com) for more info