

Things to Do

NEW INFO! The Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana is hosting the eighth annual eGala, an online auction, to support the programs and initiatives of Family & Youth Counseling Agency (Family & Youth). The auction will be open October 2 through October 22, and is sponsored by First Federal Bank. Patrons can hang up their tuxedos and ball gowns and log onto www.qtego.net/qlink/egala. The site is secure and easy to use. Proceeds from this event will benefit the eight divisions of Family & Youth Counseling Agency.

McNeese's Leisure Learning is offering the following classes:

- Excel III: Frequently Used Functions, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 3, 5
- Excel IV: Styles & Templates, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 10, 12
- Excel V: More Functions, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 17, 19
- Excel I: Introduction, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 24
- Excel II: Working with Multiple Workbooks, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, October 31
- Excel III: Frequently Used Functions, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7
- Excel IV: Styles & Templates, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14
- QUICKBOOKS I: Setting Up a Company, Sales, Receipts, Purchases and Payments, 5 - 8 p.m., Mondays, September 19, 26, October 3
- QUICKBOOKS II: Setting Up Payroll, Financial Reports and Miscellaneous Transactions, 5 - 8 p.m., Mondays, October 10, 17, 24
- Stained Glass for Beginners, 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Wines of France, Australia, South America and USA, 7 - 8:30 pm, Wednesdays, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18

To register, visit www.mcneese.edu/leisure or call (337) 475-5616.

NEW INFO! Mayor Nic Hunter and the Community Advisement and Assessment Board will host a Community Meeting for the residents of District G on Thursday, October 5, at 6 p.m. at the Prien Lake Park Harbor's Edge Pavilion (3100 W. Prien Lake Rd.). For more information, call 491-1382.

Lake Charles Care Center is hosting a fundraiser raffle to benefit The Alzheimer's Association. They will be raffling off a full day fishing charter for 3 people with Capt. Chris Davidson, of Waltrip's Saltwater Guide Service (Big Lake). Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held October 6 at Lake Charles Care Center. Tickets may be purchased at Lake Charles Care Center, Cajun Tackle, or Hebert's Marina.

NEW INFO! The Golden Nugget Lake Charles is pleased to announce the following live entertainment for the Grand Event Center: Scotty McCreary (10/6), Bret Michaels (10/7), Grand Funk Railroad (10/13), The Beach Boys (10/14), Morris Day & The Time / Sheila E (10/28), Shaken Not Stirred, The Music Of James Bond, Presented by Golden Nugget And the Lake Charles Symphony (10/29), The Commodores (November 10) and The Charlie Daniels Band (May 18).

NEW INFO! The Children's Museum is hosting the following activities this month. On Monday, October 9, kids can make their own masks in the ArtSpace at 11 a.m. and noon. On Saturday, October 14, it is time for Sasol's Second Saturday Science Show where kids will learn about pressure at 11:30 a.m. On Monday, October 16, kids that are homeschooled can explore and learn through play from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$6.50 per person with a homeschool ID or approval papers. On Saturday, October 28, kids have their choice of projects to work on including fall and Halloween-themed projects from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on a first-come first-served basis. On Tuesday, October 31, kids can make their own Frankenstein from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please note that the museum is closing early on Friday, October 20, to prepare for their Imagination Celebration. The Children's Museum is located at 327 Broad Street in Lake Charles.

Families Helping Families of SWLA is hosting their 2017 Empowerment Conference, & Resource Fair on Wednesday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harbor's Edge Pavilion in the Calcasieu and Sabine Rooms at Prien Lake Park (4150 W. Prien Lake Rd, Lake Charles). This full-day, information packed conference promises to offer something for everyone on topics relevant to individuals with disabilities and their families and interested professionals related to empowerment and advocacy. This year's keynote speaker is Mark Thomas, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Assistant Secretary, and guest speakers include Jeff Arseneaux, People First of Louisiana; Nomica Guillory, Excellence In You, LLC; Dr. Brandi Kelly, OCDD Clinical Director; and Dr. Amy Greer, OCDD Assistant Clinical Director. At the event there will be a light lunch (at no cost) and an area provider/agency resource fair where guests can visit information tables from area agencies that will spotlight services and supports available in Southwest Louisiana for individuals with disabilities and their families. There is no fee to attend, but you must register to attend. Contact Wallace Johnson at info@fhfswla.org, (337) 436-2570 or 1-800-894-6558.

Zachary Richard: Cajun Heart, a documentary of the history of the Cajun people starring international singer and composer Zachary Richard, will make its Lake Charles premiere on Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Benjamin W. Mount Auditorium located inside Central School located at 809 Kirby Street in Lake Charles. The beautiful, cinematic showcase from Canadian filmmaker Phil Comeau follows renowned singer Zachary Richard on his quest to understand why Acadians and Cajuns are such a resilient people and to assess the status of the Acadian identity today. The film made its world premiere in November 2016 at the Festival International de Cinema Francophone en Acadie, where it played to a 700+ sold out crowd at the historic Capitol Theatre in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada and won the Festival's "Best Documentary" and "Audience" awards. Tickets are \$5 (Students) and \$25 (Adults) and are available online at www.cajunheart.eventbrite.com or at the door the evening of the screening. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Gordon's Drugs and Fine Gifts located at 2716 Lake Street or at Accessory Zone located at 2910 Ryan Street. This event is sponsored by La Fondation Louisiane, a non-profit organization supporting French language, culture and heritage in Louisiana and the Calcasieu Parish Public Library. For more information, please visit www.zacharyrichard.com.

NEW INFO! The USS ORLECK Naval Museum (USSONM) is pleased to announce that the Museum will once again open its hatches to thrill seekers, revelers, and Halloween enthusiasts for what will be another year of Haunted Ship excitement beginning on Friday the 13th at 7 p.m. "Carnival of Screams" will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, and Tuesday, October 31. General Admission is \$15; Fast Passes are \$25. Gates open at 6 p.m. for ticket sales; hatches open at 7 p.m. "Carnival of Screams" is recommended for ages 10 & up. For the younger Halloween enthusiasts, a USSONM is offering a "Carnival of Treats" event on Monday, October 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kids will be treated to a carnival-like experience aboard the historic 72-year old Navy destroyer with fun, games, and treats. Advanced reservation required: \$7 for first child; \$5.00 for each additional child (or \$10 at the door). Space is limited! Call (337) 214-7447 or email info@orleck.org for more information. Tickets are available for purchase on-line at <http://orleck.ticketleap.com/carnival-of-screams>, or at the ship office at 604 North Enterprise Blvd, Lake Charles LA (Closed-toe, non-slip footwear is required for guests' safety and comfort.) Concessions and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the event grounds.

NEW INFO! The Alzheimer's Association is inviting everyone to a "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on October 14 in Lake Charles. Visit www.alz.org/louisiana to register a team or to fund someone who is already walking. For more information, contact Adrienne Mullens at (337) 230-3926 or asmullens@alz.org.

CARC is hosting a free breakfast seminar on Wednesday, October 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the SEED Center (4310 Ryan Street, Lake Charles). Attorneys John Bradford and Ross Raley with Stockwell Sievert Law Firm will be covering tax credits for employers that go unnoticed. Please RSVP with Cindy Dewees at cdewees@carc.us or call (337) 433-3620. Bring business cards for a chance to win a prize!!

The City of Westlake is holding their 2nd Annual Community Citizen of the Year Banquet on October 19, at the Isle of Capri Event Center. This event will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$650 for a table of ten. There will be a cash bar, live auction and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the Westlake Armed Forces Commission. Get your tickets by September 29 through Becky Cryer at mayorsoffice@cityofwestlake.com or by calling (337) 802-0077.

The Girl Scouts of Louisiana Pines to the Gulf is hosting their first Thin Mint Sprint on October 28, at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Visit gslpg.org/thinmintsprint to register.

NEW INFO! On Saturday, October 21, ArtsFest returns to engage area children in a free arts festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lake Charles Civic Center's Exhibition Hall. This event is hosted annually by the Arts Council of SWLA and the City of Lake Charles, and it encourages creative expression through hands-on art projects. Local organizations and businesses will host booths where children can craft fun and creative pieces of art that educate them on the 2017 theme of "Recycling". Children can take home all of their art projects which cover a wide range of mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, and crafts. ArtsFest will also feature live music, the wildly popular one-on-one pottery lessons, and featured performers in conjunction with Culture Fest. Area businesses or organizations interested in sponsoring or hosting a craft booth should contact the Arts Council at (337) 439-2787. For more information about ArtsFest, or additional services and programming from the Arts Council, visit www.artscouncilswla.org.

NEW INFO! Culture Fest Louisiana will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will showcase a global blend of arts, music, dance, fashion, food and storytelling performances that span across the many cultures and ethnicities found in Southwest Louisiana. This free family event will also have a variety of exhibits, each spotlighting a different country and cultural experience. The History of Musical Instruments exhibit is a hands-on learning experience for everyone. The House of Angklung, D.C. (from Indonesia) will bring 150 instruments for attendees to play during their musical workshop and performance. There will also be cultural display booths from around the world. A variety of entertainment is planned, including Teo Chew Temple Lion & Dragon Dancers, Solero Flamenco and the Mexican Folkloric dancers, and the Muggivan Irish dancers from New Orleans. Culture Fest Louisiana is presented by Common Ground, a nonprofit organization, and began in 2011 in partnership with the City of Lake Charles, McNeese State University, Calcasieu Parish Public Library, and several civic organizations and schools. For additional festival information, visit www.culturefestlouisiana.com or email info@culturefestlouisiana.com, or call (337) 409-9636.

NEW INFO! The Children's Museum is hosting their Annual Fall Fundraiser: Imagination Celebration on October 21, at the historic Cash and Carry. The evening will feature amazing items in the live and silent auctions, great food from 1910 and desserts from Coushatta along with music by the Lost Bayou Ramblers. Sponsorships are now available! Please email Allyson Montgomery at Allyson@child-museum.org for more information. For 29 years, the Children's Museum has been a vital part of our community and a resource for area schools and families. The museum's success depends on community support and people like you. For more information on Imagination Celebration, please contact the museum office at 433-9420.

NEW INFO! The Lake Charles/SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau is hosting their Quarterly Partner Breakfast on Tuesday, October 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at Treasures of Marilyn's. There will be presentations from The Listening Room, Paramount Room and Bodega Wine Dive. RSVP by October 13 to mbertrand@visitlakecharles.org or (337) 436-9588.

NEW INFO! Louisiana's contributions to the Vietnam War, including personal stories of troops who trained at Fort Polk, is the subject of a new Louisiana Public Broadcast documentary scheduled on October 26 at 1:30 a.m. and October 31 at 9:30 p.m. "The Vietnam War: Louisiana Remembers" explores the state's role in preparing the troops for battle, as well as personal stories of Louisianans in combat, their experiences in prisoner of war camps and more. Fort Polk in particular played a significant role in training soldiers for the Vietnam War in Fort Polk's famed Tiger Land, the training grounds that were developed to simulate the terrain troops would face in Vietnam. You can also watch it anytime on LPB's website.



NEW INFO! Live2Lead is coming to SOWELA! Live2Lead SOWELA is a dynamic leader development experience, designed to equip you with new perspectives, practical tools, and key takeaways. Whether you are aspiring to become a leader, brand new in a leadership role, or a veteran of leadership, this broadcast event will breathe new life into your personal

leadership. Be inspired from world-class leadership experts to implement a new action plan, and start leading when you get back to the office with renewed passion and commitment as you endeavor to Live2Lead! The broadcast will begin on Thursday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at SOWELA Technical Community College's Regional Training Center Auditorium (3820 Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70615). This event is hosted by SOWELA Technical Community College & Fierro LS&Co and sponsored by the SWLA Economic Development Alliance and Digikast.

Fundraising is a tall order—especially during a tough economy -and on November 3, Evergreen Life Services takes it to new heights with **Rappel for a Reason**, an innovative fundraising event hosted by Over the Edge. This event will allow 92 thrill-seeking participants to rappel 120 feet down the Charleston Manor in downtown Lake Charles. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$1,000 in donations for Evergreen Life Services to go Over the Edge. Rappel for a Reason is a day-long event, which will run on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Charleston Manor. Family, friends and spectators are invited to come down and support participants. All funds raised through Rappel for a Reason will go towards supporting those served with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Evergreen in the Southwest Louisiana area. Evergreen's Rappel for a Reason fundraising event is conducted by Over the Edge, a U.S.- based company that specializes in creating unique fundraising events for non-profit organizations. Their staff includes fully-trained professionals who have conducted more than 500 events over the last 13 years. Registration is now open for this event. www.otecwe.com/lakecharles. For more information on this event, please contact Peggy Johnson at (225) 921-7473. For more information about Evergreen Life Services, visit www.evergreenls.org.

The American Heart Association is hosting their "Walkin" for Louisiana Southwest Louisiana Heart Walk on November 11. Festivities start at 8:30 a.m., and the walk officially starts at 9 a.m. This year's walk will be at the Lake Charles Civic Center Arcade Amphitheater. The non-competitive, 5K walk raises funds to support heart disease and stroke research and educational programs in the Southwest Louisiana area. The Heart Walk is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, visit www.swlaheartwalk.org or call (225) 666-4282. This walk is sponsored by CHRISTUS St. Patrick Health System.

NEW INFO! Family & Youth's Tasting on the Terrace will take place on Thursday, November 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on L'Auberge Casino Resort's Event Center Terrace. The event will feature more than 100 wines and beers and delicious foods. Tickets are available at the L'Auberge Box Office or at Ticketmaster for \$75. There are also \$99 hotel rooms for attendees. Call (866) 580-7444 and use the discount code: SGUESTS before November 6. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center.

Sasol's 1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days is hosting another planting on November 18. Volunteers will be needed at Mill Street Community Garden, W.W. Lewis Middle School, Sulphur City Hall, Mossville Rigmaiden Center, Imperial Calcasieu Museum, Port of Lake Charles, Westlake Construction Dock, and the City of Lake Charles First Avenue Walking Trail. Volunteers will be planting trees from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The starting point will be W.W. Lewis Middle School located at 1752 Cypress Street in Sulphur. To nominate another site, contact MSU Harold and Pearl Dripps School of Agricultural Sciences at (337) 475-5691. Learn more about the project at www.sasolnorthamerica.com.

Join international online media guru Jim Brody at the SEED Center on December 6, for a master class on Reputation Management. Presented by the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, this event will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and will cover the behavior of social media users, turning the right visitors into online advocates, social media best practices, how to best leverage your platforms and gain permission to use third party content, and how to effectively measure your social media strategies long term. If you have a social media page and respond to customers/fans, manage a Trip Advisor or Yelp review page, and/or have a website for your business or brand, this seminar is for YOU! This class is free, but pre-registration is required. Register online at www.VisitLakeCharles.org/YOUniversity.

Job Opportunities / Training

NEW INFO! Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a division of Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. (Family & Youth) will host volunteer training beginning Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family & Youth, 220 Louie Street, Lake Charles. Training will continue on October 14, 21, and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day. Volunteers must attend all four training days. Every child deserves a safe permanent home. Be the voice that helps them find one. A Court Appointed Special Advocate is a trained volunteer child advocate who is appointed by a Family Court Judge to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children. It is a way for individuals in the community to make a difference in the life of an abused child. The first step in making a difference is the desire to do so. To find out more, contact courtney@fyca.org or call Family & Youth at (337) 436-9533. Potential volunteers from Allen or Jefferson Davis Parishes can contact janet@fyca.org or call (337) 824-8036.

The City of Lake Charles is hosting a free workshop for foster parents and others interested in learning more about child safety and wellbeing. The workshop entitled "Linked" will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Church of the King, 2145 Oak Park Blvd. in Lake Charles. The schedule for the remainder of 2017 follows: October 10 - Risk Reduction Methods of SIDS and Accidental Suffocation, November 14 - Stress Relief, and December 12 - To Be Determined. Foster parents can receive one training hour per workshop. The workshops are free to the public, and supper and childcare will be provided. Pre-registration is required. You can register to attend at www.swlafostercare.com or call (337) 491-8735 for more information.

All job seekers and employers are invited to attend the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center's Quarterly Job Fair, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Lake Charles Civic Center's Exhibition Hall. Job seekers should wear business attire and bring a picture ID and several copies of their current resume. Arrive early to ensure the opportunity to meet with employers at the fair. Pre-registration is not required. Employers may register to take part in the job fair through Wednesday, Oct. 4, by contacting the Business & Career Solutions Center at 337-721-4010. There is no cost for employers to participate. Veterans will be given priority services. The job fair is sponsored by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, in conjunction with the Workforce Development Board, the Louisiana Workforce Commission and is funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. For more information, contact the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center at (337) 721-4010.

NEW INFO! The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Training will hold "Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments" on November 9 at the Calcasieu Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The scope of this course is to provide a review of damage assessment, the importance of providing quick and accurate assessments, and an opportunity to review and practice with tools to assist in conducting damage assessments. The course will also review various disaster damage assessment processes, collaborating agencies, and resources. Participants will discuss and develop a damage assessment action plan in order to ensure that resources are in place for an adequate response, followed by a hands-on exercise using various tools and software to collect damage assessments. If you are a community volunteer or in government administration, public utilities, public works, emergency management or medical services, or a security professional, this class is for you. It is highly suggested that participants complete the following FEMA Independent Study courses prior to course attendance. To register, sign up on the GOHSEP Training Registration page: <http://gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/TRAINING-EVENTS-SCHEDULE> or contact Barrett Nugent at (225) 358-5690 or barrett.nugent@la.gov.

Baton Rouge Entrepreneurship Week (BREW) organizers have announced the launch of registration for BREW 2017. BREW will take place November 14-16, featuring events targeted at celebrating innovation in the Capital area. This year, all BREW events will take place in the downtown Baton Rouge area with a focus on creating more opportunities for spontaneous connections, facilitating walkability among venues, and encouraging full three-day attendance. Events and speakers include: "Elevate Your Brand," a women in business conversation led by local leadership expert Dima Ghawi; Arts Entrepreneur Summit hosted by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge; "This is Personal" cyber security briefing by Jeff Moulton, executive director of LSU's Stephenson National Center for Security Research and Training; small-group huddles on everything from virtual reality to business development; lunch lottery meetings for attendees to connect around the tables of downtown restaurants; and an EO Accelerator Test Drive. "Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) has been involved in BREW since its inception in 2011. BREW is produced by NexusLA in collaboration with dozens of supporters and partners throughout the community. Registration for the three-day event is \$20 and open to the public. The full schedule, which is subject to change, along with additional details on accommodations, sponsors, and partner organizations, can be found at www.celebratebrew.com.

Sponsorships / Assistance

NEW INFO! The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury's Housing Department will be accepting Section 8 Waiting List applications from October 9-13. Anyone can apply, but upon receiving assistance, residents will have to live outside the city limits. Application locations and times: Monday, October 9, from 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the First Church of God in Christ in DeQuincy and Tuesday through Friday, October 10 - 13, from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Allen P. August Multipurpose Annex Building in Lake Charles. For more information, call the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury's Housing Department at (337) 721-4030.

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury's Human Services Department and the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Continuum of Care will again be accepting donated items for homeless residents during the sixth annual Winter Drive By. Through November 9, residents can drop off toiletries, tote bags, and other necessary items at the locations and times listed at this site: www.cppj.net/winterdrive. Travel-sizes of the following items are needed: Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shaving cream, plastic bandages, first-aid kits, tissues, baby wipes, and hand sanitizer. Other items needed include: Dental floss, disposable razors, soap, hairbrushes, 30 SPF (or higher) sunblock, shoe insoles, cough drops, diapers, solid color towels and washcloths, mosquito repellent, and sturdy totes and backpacks. Items will be distributed from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. on November 15 and 16 at the Business and Career Solutions Center, 2424 Third St. in Lake Charles. You must have an original, valid Louisiana license, photo ID or passport to receive items. No copies will be accepted. For more information, call (337) 721-4030 (ext. 5120 or ext. 5045).

Beginning on Monday, October 2 and continuing through the end of the month, the City of Lake Charles Recreation Department is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to host "Kids Cafe" in nine community centers. In addition to providing an after-school meal, students 17 and under will receive assistance with homework. "This program helps ensure that every child in our community has enough to eat and has the

opportunity to do well in school,” stated Mayor Nic Hunter. “Kids Café” will be offered at the following centers on Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.:

- Bellard, located at 2808 Hillcrest Drive
- Clifton, located at 2415 E. Gieffers Street
- College Oaks, located at 3518 Ernest Street
- Columbus Circle, located at 3520 Greenwich Blvd.
- Donald R. Stevens, located at 1619 Cessford Street
- Henry Heights, located at 801 E. School Street (from 4 to 6 p.m.)
- Lanza, located at 609 Sycamore Street
- McMillan, located at 343 Goos Street
- Willie McCullor Landry, located at 416 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive

For more information, call 491-1280.

The Arts Council of SWLA and the City of Lake Charles are currently accepting nominations from the public for persons to be honored at the 2017 Mayor’s Arts Awards ceremony which is scheduled for Friday, November 2, at 6 p.m. in the Benjamin W. Mount Auditorium at Central School. The Mayor’s Arts Awards honors those working in the arts by recognizing the contributions of Southwest Louisiana’s creative workers, patrons, and artists to the region’s culture. Newly-elected mayor Nic Hunter presents the awards to each recipient. Categories include Artist of the Year, Citizen of the Arts, Citizen of the Humanities, Arts Educator of the Year, Arts Organization of the Year, and Patron of the Year. The Keystone Award is also given to an individual who works diligently behind the scenes, without whom programs and performances would not be possible. Award winners are chosen by an independent panel, and kept secret until the night of the ceremony. Those who wish to nominate an organization, individual, or group can download a nomination form at www.artscouncilswla.org. Nominations must be received by the Arts Council office no later than Friday, October 20, 2017. For more information about this year’s Mayor’s Arts Awards, call the Arts Council at 439-2787.

The 13th Annual HOPE Breast Cancer Walk/Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The Foundation was formed in 2008 with the sole mission of providing 100% of proceeds directly to individuals in the Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes who are going through breast cancer treatment. Monies raised from this fundraising event are awarded as a financial stipend, regardless of insurance coverage, and may be used for transportation to receive treatment, wigs, prostheses, bras and other items related to a diagnosis of breast cancer. To date, over \$365,000 has been donated to help 675 individuals. Sponsorships for this years’ walk come in various levels, with no amount being too small. All donations and door prizes of any amount are greatly appreciated! All sponsors \$1,000 and above will receive a vendor booth on the day of the walk if requested by October 6. To become a sponsor or with questions regarding this years’ walk, submitting donations or to learn more about the Ethel Precht HOPE Breast Cancer Foundation, please visit www.EthelBreastCancerWalk.org.