

Kudos & Congratulations!



Lake Charles
Memorial Health System

Lake Charles Memorial established the *Memorial Relief Fund*, which is open to donations from employees, medical staff and members of the community. The fund will be overseen by a committee and all donations will be tax-deductible. The Foundation and health system will provide additional monies as well. Funds will be distributed to those employees, across the hurricane impact area, once a pool of donations has been collected. Employees, physicians and members of the community wishing to support the *Memorial Relief Fund* may do so via check, cash or credit card by contacting Leif Pedersen, Senior Vice President for Philanthropy at (337) 494-3226.

Lake Charles Memorial Health System joins the effort to help all of the hospitals and their employees that were in the line of Hurricane Harvey. The Foundation at Lake Charles

Brett and Amanda Stutes of The Sloppy Taco were awarded “Best Crab Dish” at August 19’s Arts & Crabs Fest, hosted by the Arts Council of SWLA and the Lake Charles/SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Sloppy Taco, along with thirteen other local restaurants, created their own delicious spin on the event’s crab theme, and the public voted their “Soft Shell Crab Quesadilla” best dish of the event. As the winning chef, Stutes received a unique, one-of-a-kind award for display at their eatery. Lake Area artist Natalie LeBleu created this mosaic piece, herself the winner of this year’s “Best Crab Dish” Art Contest through popular vote on

Facebook. As the Arts Council’s primary annual fundraiser, the annual Arts & Crabs Fest celebrates

local cuisine and culture by showcasing the talents of Louisiana chefs, artists, music, and craft beers. For details or information on the Arts Council’s year-round services and programming, visit www.artscouncilswla.org or call (337) 439-2787.



For more information about What’s Up, Sowela, visit www.sowela.edu. For more information on Magnolia LNG, visit www.MagnoliaLNG.com.

IBERIABANK recently named Steven Perez as Vice President and Commercial Banking Manager for Southwest Louisiana. Perez has been with the Company for over five years and most recently served as Treasury Management Officer. He currently serves as a finance instructor at McNeese. Perez is involved in the community where he serves on the board for the Arts and Humanities Council, the



Magnolia LNG, a subsidiary of Liquefied Natural Gas Limited, recently committed to a sponsorship for the upcoming What’s Up, Sowela event, which will take place Oct. 19, 2017. The event raises funds for scholarships while educating the community about Sowela’s efforts to meet workforce demands in the region.



Lake Charles Symphony and is a graduate of Leadership Southwest Louisiana. His office is located at 4440 Nelson Road in Lake Charles. He can be reached by phone at (337) 312-7021 or by email at Steven.Perez@iberiabank.com.

Gill Bright Animal Hospital has recently added Dr. Tim Thibodeaux to their staff. He was born and raised in Sulphur, and has a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Louisiana State University. His main interests in small animal medicine include dermatology and orthopedics.



The Stark Museum was named the #4 Western art museum in the country. The recognition is part of the Annual Guide to the Best Museums of the West in True West's September 2017 issue, on newsstands now. "The Stark is one of the most underappreciated museums around," says True West Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell. "But it has an amazing collection that helps keep the Old West alive. It truly is one of the top Western art museums." Noted was Stark's outstanding exhibits such as "Branding the American West: Paintings and Films 1900-1950" (which closes September 9).