Things to Do

NEW INFO! The Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana have partnered to showcase hand-painted banners from local artists in Historic Central School, 809 Kirby St., which were originally designed and created in 1999 as part of the opening of the CVB's welcome center. The banners will hang two at a time on the second floor of the facility, near the Art Associates' Gallery and the Black Heritage Gallery, rotating every six weeks. Visitors can enjoy the 20 different hand-painted themes that convey the authenticity of Southwest Louisiana's culture, intricately designed on two-sided banners measuring three feet by five feet. The local artists who helped make this possible were Sally Rowden Cappel, Adley Cormier, Anne Dentler, Felix Falgoust, Charlene Kaough, Doug MacCash, Julie Pumpelly, Lawrence Rybicki, Linda Sauls, Fred Stark and Bobbi Yancey.

McNeese State University's Leisure Learning has a whole new slate of exciting things to learn!

- Excel I: Introduction, Sec. B: 6 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Mar. 14, 16
- Disney on a Dime 5:30 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14
- Beginning Photoshop Learning the Basics, Sec. B, 9 am Noon, Saturdays, Mar 18, 25, Prerequisite: how to open, close, save files
- Excel II: Working with Multiple Workbooks, Sec. B: 6 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Mar. 21, 23
- Elfy Shah's Indian Delights, 10 a.m. Noon, Saturday, March 25
- Ballroom Foxtrot/Waltz, 6:30 7:45 pm, March 27, April 3, 10, 24, May 1
- Excel III: Frequently Used Functions, Sec. B: 6 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Mar. 28, 30
- Excel IV: Styles & Templates, Sec. B: 6 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Apr 4, 6
- Outdoor Portrait Photography, 7:30 am 1 pm, Saturday, April 8
- Excel V: Advanced Topics, Sec. B: 6 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Apr. 11, 18
- Beginning Photoshop Learning the Basics, Sec. C, 9 am Noon, Saturdays, Apr. 15,
 22, Prerequisite: how to open, close, save files
- Concealed Handgun, Sec. B: 5:30 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, April 18, 20
- Disney on a Dime 5:30 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 27

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

The Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts will present 13 incredible shows for the 2016-17 Performing Arts Season and season ticket packages of 4 or more shows are available online now. For the first time ever, Lutcher patrons will be able to log on to lutcher.org to create their own packages and order season tickets. This year's season includes: 42nd Street (March 16 & March 17); Greater Tuna (April 4); and Once (April 15). For more information about the 2016-17 Lutcher Season, visit lutcher.org or call the Lutcher Theater Box Office at 409-886-5535.

Are you ready for the 2017 Banners Cultural Season? This year's schedule of events has something for everyone! The season includes Etienne Charles on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at Central School Theatre; Matt Mogk: Zombies, Run! on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Tritico Theatre at McNeese; Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass Band on Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Tritico Theatre at McNeese; Shadow Theatre Fireflies on Tuesday, March 21

at 7 p.m. at the Rosa Hart Theatre in the Lake Charles Civic Center; The Doo Wop Project on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Tritico Theatre at McNeese; Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory on Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the Cinemark Lake Charles; Churchill on Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Central School Theatre; The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - The Touring Years on Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at Cinemark Lake Charles; Acrobats of Cirque-tacular on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at Burton Coliseum; Mystic Iran: The Unseen World on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Holbrook Student Union; Free State of Jones on Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at Cinemark Lake Charles; Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder | Dr. Jack Levin on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Tritico Theatre at McNeese; and Tiempo Libre on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rosa Hart Theatre in the Lake Charles Civic Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit https://www.banners.org/season.

The Children's Museum is offering up a slate of great events for kids this month! On Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17, they are hosting their "Luck of the Irish" Scavenger Hunt! On Wednesday, March 15, kids can make paper plate rainbows at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. On Saturday, March 25, it is the Spring Turtle Workshop. Kids can make a colorful spring turtle using a paper plate, construction paper, scissors and glue at 11:30 a.m. On Monday, March 27, they are hosting "Homeschool Day" If your kids are homeschooled; they are welcome to join others at the museum from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for a chance to interact with others doing the same. Admission is \$6.50 per person with a homeschool ID or approval papers. The Children's Museum provides a safe and educational place to explore, learn, play and imagine while encouraging curiosity and creativity through hands-on programs and exhibits. The Children's Museum is located at 327 Broad Street downtown Lake Charles. Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$8.50 for children and adults. Admission applies to all workshops and activities. Call 337-433-9420 or visit www.swlakids.org for a complete list of admission fees, memberships and birthday party information.

The 2017 season of Live at the Lakefront kicks off on Friday, March 17 with the return of funk/soul band Tank and the Bangas, who hail from nearby New Orleans. This free concert series will take place at the Lakefront Promenade's Arcade Amphitheatre from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Presented annually by the Arts Council of SWLA, the City of Lake Charles, and Deep South Productions, Live @ the Lakefront brings live music, local art, and cuisine to the downtown lakefront on the last three Fridays in March, for an all-encompassing celebration of Lake Area culture. Tank and the Bangas bring an eclectic mix of genres such as rock, gospel, soul, and spoken word, drawing the audience in with their creative and distinctive sound. Formed in a shotgun house in New Orleans, their qualities relate them to the city that birthed them, but together they have molded a unique flair that separates them from other bands.

Calcasieu pet owners are invited to two low-cost drive-thru rabies clinics hosted by the Office of Animal Services. Calcasieu Parish and Louisiana State Code requires all dogs and cats over three months old be vaccinated and licensed. The clinics help prevent the spread of Rabies Infection and 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: March 18 from 7 a.m. to noon at the West-Cal Arena & Events Center Parking Lot located at 401 Arena Road, in Sulphur; and April 1 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Burton Coliseum Complex Parking Lot located at 7001 Gulf Highway in Lake Charles. 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 and animal to remain on or about his premises." In the event someone is bitten, this person or entity could be held responsible.

NEW INFO! The City of Lake Charles will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Riverside Park Activity Center and Playground on Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. at 1700 Fitzenreiter Road, which is located along the Calcasieu River. Park improvements include a new playground with rubberized surface, a 2,000 square-foot recreation facility and pavilion at the water's edge, and restrooms available for patrons at the park's entry. The parking lot has been paved, and additional surveillance equipment has been installed. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

NEW INFO! Angels Investors is hosting their Entrepreneurial Forum on March 21 at the SEED Center. This month's featured guest is Alan Martin, Founder of Rex Industrial. Rex Industrial has developed web based engineering software that significantly reduces lead time and reduces cost of industrial structures. The process of engineering, estimating, bidding and procuring a structure is streamlined a simple transaction. The event begins at 6 p.m. with networking and the program starts at 7 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Ron McGinley at ron@angelsofswla.org or (337) 491-0645.

The City of Lake Charles and Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful - Team Green, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, will hold its 2017 semi-annual Adopt-A-Spot Pick Up Day on Saturday, March 25, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until each area has been cleaned. Through the Adopt-A-Spot citywide program, individuals, neighborhood groups, civic organizations and businesses can play an active and ongoing role in cleaning, greening and beautifying parks, shorelines, storm drains, streets, trails and other public spaces. Volunteers have adopted more than fifty sites around Lake Charles. Pick Up days are planned twice each year. Signs are installed around the city to identify a volunteer group's ownership of the adopted location. Volunteers are also provided with garbage bags and safety vests. Currently the city is recruiting additional groups or volunteers to adopt a roadway. If interested in participating in the event or becoming an Adopt-A-Spot sponsor, please contact Blake Trahan at 491-1481 or Lou Estes at 477-6068.

Have you ever wanted to visit China? The Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce is putting together a group to visit China on October 14-22, 2017. There will be an orientation meeting on March 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Express in Leesville regarding the trip for interested persons. The 9 day trip is \$2,300 for Chamber members, \$2,400 for non-members. Trip includes round trip air from Houston, 4 and 5 star hotel accommodations, 3 meals each day, deluxe bus tours with English-speaking tour guides, and entrance fees for all

attractions. Anyone with further questions can contact the Vernon Parish Chamber at (337) 238-0349.

The Better Business Bureau serving SWLA is hosting its next B2B Breakfast on Friday, March 31, at the Isle of Capri Casino. Keynote Speaker is Chris Meaux, CEO of Waitr. Contact the BBB at 337-478-6513 or email at: cmillion@lakecharles.bbb.org. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 at door. You can reserve a table of 8 for \$200.

It's time for the dirtiest party in town! Once again, Nissan of Lake Charles and 171 Chrysler Dodge Jeep are showcasing their support for health and wellness within our community by sponsoring the Lake Area's 6th Annual Realliety Challenge obstacle course/mud run. The event will be held Saturday, April 8 at Chennault International Airport, located at 3650 Senator J. Bennett Johnson Ave in Lake Charles, La. Participants ages 13 and up will be faced with approximately 3.5 miles of obstacles created to parallel military training conditions which include running, crawling, climbing, jumping and balancing.

Representatives from the U.S. National Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps will be on-site to cheer you on. Do not miss your chance to be a warrior for a day, to run with a warrior or to run for a warrior. Gates open at 7 a.m., and the first wave of runners starts at 8 a.m. Waves will run every 15 minutes. The last timed wave is at 10:30 a.m., and the last untimed wave is at 11:30 a.m. There will also be a free mini kid's course for children 12 and under. Online registration is available at www.reallietychallenge.com through April 4 at \$60 for individuals 13 and up. On-site registration is available for \$65, but these participants will not be timed. There will also be a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. Corporate Team Packages are available for a discounted rate of \$1,250 for 25 passes. For additional information, contact Allie leyoub Davis at reallietychallenge@gmail.com or visit the website www.reallietychallenge.com.

There will be a dinner and MURDER at the Calcasieu Marine National Bank building. On April 8, Empire of the Seed is hosting a 1920's themed murder mystery dinner where you - the audience - can solve the whodunit. Ticket price includes a delicious multiple course meal from 1910 Restaurant. Guests are welcome to dress in 1920's themed clothing. First step in cracking the case is getting your ticket at Eventbrite.com.

The Stark Museum of Art is preparing for one of the most significant exhibitions in its history, *Branding the American West: Paintings and Films*, 1900-1950, opening March 11 and on view through September 9. The catalog is currently available for purchase at the Stark Museum of Art's retail store for \$39.95.

Have a home improvement project in mind? Maybe you're looking to buy or build a new home. Even if you aren't sure what kind of home project you want to do but are curious about your options, come to the 26th Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show. Whether you're dreaming of a remodeling project, yearning to increase curb appeal or just looking for ideas, a visit to the 2017 Home Show is the first step to realizing your vision. Your plans will quickly start to take shape as you walk through this year's show loaded with home improvement ideas. Whether you are interested in interior or exterior improvements, this event will have

what you need to get your project started on the right track. The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Southwest Louisiana will hold its 26th Annual Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show March 18-19, at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Admission is \$6 per person. Children 11 and under get in free when accompanied by an adult.

The Justice Reinvestment Task Force, convened by Governor Edwards to research our criminal justice system in search of ways to lower Louisiana's world-leading incarceration rate, is needs your help. They want to hear from the concerned citizens and community stakeholders affected most by our criminal justice system. Administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Louisianans for Prison Alternatives is organizing statewide around the Task Force and the legislation that results. Please mark your calendars and join us March 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the DeBakey Meeting Room at the Calcasieu Parish Central Public Library (301 W Claude St). Contact John Burkhart for more information at john.burkhart@splcenter.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana invites all of Southwest Louisiana to Bowl For Kids' Sake. The fundraiser has been the agency's largest annual fundraiser for over 20 years and will be held at Petro Bowl on Saturday, March 25 with the theme "Bowl like a Star" encouraging participants to come dressed as their favorite celebrity. Participants form teams of up to six bowlers who fundraise on behalf of BBBS-SWLA in the weeks leading up to the event. Teams must raise a minimum of \$180 but some teams raise even upwards of \$1,000. The actual event held on March 25 is a celebration to thank those who have raised funds on behalf of the non-profit. Beer, soft drinks and food will be available on the day of the event, which takes place from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fantastic prize packages donated by the Golden Nugget will be awarded to the top 10 fundraisers. To enroll your bowling-fundraising team, visit www.bbbs-swla.kintera.org/bfks2017 or call Sally McPherson at 478-5437, extension 114. With the additional funds raised, BBBS-SWLA hopes to expand the mentoring programs that currently exist in our community, as well as potentially introduce new programs down the line.

The City of Lake Charles Mayor's Armed Forces Commission will host a "Vietnam Veterans Honor Day" event on Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m., at Veterans Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Parkway. The purpose of the event is to honor United States Armed Forces Vietnam War Veterans. Joey Strickland, Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, will be the guest speaker. Immediately following the program, adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park, there will be a family-style picnic. The event will also include military and patriotic music and readings. Master of Ceremonies will be Erica Bivens of KPLC-TV. The event supports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84 submitted by Sen. Morrish, Sen. Mount and Rep. Kleckley during the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana: "To express support for designation of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.'"
The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office at 491-1201.



Volunteers planted 200 trees during our first planting day.

Volunteers needed for the next planting day! Saturday, March 25 • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PLANTING SITES:

Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center • Tuten Park • Sulphur City Hall Sulphur High School • Frasch Elementary School • Mossville Rigmaiden Center

THE MEETING LOCATIONS WILL BE:

Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center • 3615 E. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles, La Sulphur City Hall • 101 N. Huntington St., Sulphur, La

Sasol's 1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days program was developed in partnership with McNeese State University Harold & Pearl Dripps Department of Agricultural Science & 11 other community organizations, through the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, in response to a community identified need to restore, preserve & enhance local ecosystems.

To nominate another site, contact McNeese State University Harold & Pearl Dripps School of Agricultural Sciences at 337-475-5691.

Learn more about Sasol & the project at www.SasolNorthAmerica.com

Groovin' at the Grove, Lake Charles' new, outdoor live music series, has announced their 2017 spring line-up. The concerts will be held at Walnut Grove on the Great Lawn. Residents and visitors are invited to dance as well as enjoy food and beverages offered by local food trucks and vendors. The music series is family-friendly, free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets to put down on The Great Lawn's green space. No ice chests please. The live performances will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's performers are Louisiana Red (April 6) and Nik-L Beer (May 4). Groovin' at the Grove is sponsored by NAI Latter & Blum and Latter & Blum Moffett Realty. For more information, visitwww.facebook.com/groovinatthegrove or call (337) 656-9602.

Cheniere is hosting its 6th Annual Charitable Golf Classic on Friday, April 7, at the National Golf Club of Louisiana-Westlake. The four person scramble will start at 8 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$400 per team. Contact Cindy McGee at (337) 569-7708 or (337) 764-1163, or Cindy.McGee@Cheniere.com to register. This year's proceeds benefit

Family & Youth Counseling Agency: Children's Advocacy Center and the St. Nicholas Center for Children.

Everyone is invited to Families Helping Families 3rd Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 8, 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. 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! Contact Susan Benoit at info@fhfswla.org or (337) 436-2570.

Oasis, A Safe Haven, is hosting Passion, Purpose, and Pearls on April 27, at 11:30 a.m. This Women's Empowerment Luncheon will be held at Brickhouse Catering. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$200 per table. Wear your pearls and receive a free raffle ticket for a fabulous prize. This year's speaker is Britney Glaser of KPLC. For tickets or more information, contact Oasis at achretien@cwshelter.org or (337) 436-4552.

Back by popular demand, the Kia of Lake Charles Chennault International Airshow is thundering back to Lake Charles for heart-pounding thrills and chills April 28-30, 2017, at Chennault International Airport. Families won't want to miss the Airshow's jaw-dropping lineup of aerial performances and demonstrations from first-time-event acts as well as returning favorites. Headlining the 2017 show will be a return of awesome aerobatics by the Thunderbirds—the U.S. Air Force's premier jet demonstration team. The Thunderbirds squadron is internationally known for their hard-charging demonstrations featuring precision formation flying that pushes their signature red, white and blue F-16 Fighting Falcons to the limit. General admission day passes include one full day of aviation fun and are \$20 in advance or \$24 at the gate. Children ages 12 and under can enter for free when accompanied by an adult. Due to popular demand, tickets to the Friday Twilight Show, an abbreviated show during the evening, are available for advance purchase only for \$15. There will be free parking throughout the event. All performances, demonstrations and/or flyovers are currently scheduled to appear but are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. To purchase tickets online or to learn about the 2017 event lineup, visit the Airshow's website at www.chennaultairshow.com.

Job Opportunities / Training

The Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance & Entergy are presenting the Statewide Economic Development Summit with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber on Tuesday, April 11, from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. Register at brac.org/events.

McNeese's Institute for Industry Education Collaboration is offering a SHRM Certification Exam Prep Course on Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29 and May 13, 27 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These sessions will take place at the SEED Center. This instructor led course combines learning modules and online study tools of the SHRM Learning System to expand your human resource knowledge and skills and prepare you for the SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) or the SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) exam. Expand and test your

knowledge and practical, real-life competencies in areas critical for HR career success. This course is designed for individuals interested in preparing for the SHRM certification exam, achieving professional advancement and building confidence for addressing today's human resource challenges. Registration is \$1,195. Contact Aneisha Andrus at 337-562-4268 or aandrus@mcneese.edu. Registration is available online at:

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An innovative program for small construction companies will be offered this year, with enrollment open now and classes beginning in March through the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. The Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute will help small and emerging construction companies learn the basics of the industry and prepare for the state's licensing exam. The ultimate goal is to provide contractors with a solid foundation for business growth and success. The six-week course will be offered March 6 through April 12 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. The course also will be offered online via interactive distance-learning to multiple locations throughout Louisiana. Last fall, 243 participants completed the course, which was offered at 14 locations throughout the state. Enrollment is underway and available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a \$200 fee for the course and materials. For more information and a link to registration, visit OpportunityLouisiana.com/LCAI. Once there, click on "Getting Started," then click the "upcoming schedule" link and click on the community or technical college campus of your choice. At the campus website, you will be instructed to click the "register/sign in now" button at the bottom of the page and to then create an account. If you encounter problems, phone the community or technical college directly for assistance

Hiring Our Heroes is back on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses, will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Hall, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601. This event will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers. This U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Hiring Our Heroes" event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber Foundation, the Chamber SWLA, the LA Committee Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR), the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Goodwill Industries International, NBC News, and Sasol. The Hiring Our Heroes job seeker employment workshop is led by HR and workforce professionals and covers a variety of topics including resume building, networking, and interview tips, taking into account the job seeker's military background and lifestyle. Hiring Our Heroes digital tools, including the Resume Engine, are also integrated into the workshop curriculum. The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION LINK https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/lake-charleshiring-fair

McNeese EDA University Center is offering "Train the Trainer" with LSU. This program is designed to introduce new and experienced trainers to fresh methods for creating and managing effective training programs that truly engage their learners. It will take place on

March 28 & 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the SEED Center. Visit the following site for online registration: https://www.mcneese.edu/iiec/event/train_the_trainer.

McNeese's Institute for Industry Education Collaboration is offering training to be a Private Investigator on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays on April 28 through May 7. These six sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Registration is \$350. This basic 40-hour course is required to become licensed as a Private Investigator in Louisiana. You will learn basic investigative skills and methods used in the course of conducting private investigations. Topics of discussion include state and federal laws pertaining to private investigators, undercover investigations, surveillance techniques, interview and statement taking methods, process serving, computer database and court records research, locating witnesses and missing persons, and courtroom testimony. Course participants are required to take and pass the state exam which is given on the last day of the course before applying for state license. Contact Aneisha Andrus at 337-562-4268 or aandrus@mcneese.edu.

The Downstream Engineering, Construction & Maintenance (DECM 2017) conference will take place in New Orleans on June 15 and 16. DECM is the undisputed home of the Downstream Industry. With 150+ speakers, 100+ booths and 1000+ attendees it is the world's largest conference & exhibition dedicated to the Downstream Engineering, Construction & Maintenance industry. DECM 2017 will unite all our Engineering, Construction & Maintenance Conferences under 1 roof, with 5 dedicated tracks spanning: Major Projects (>500 million), Plant-Based Sustaining Capital, and Medium Projects (Medium \$50m-\$500m, Small <\$50million), Shutdowns and Turnarounds, Reliability and Maintenance, Commissioning and Start-Up, and Modularization. To register, please go here http://www.petchem-update.com/downstream-engineering-construction/register.php or get in touch with Karla Sharp, Project Director at karla@petchem-update.com for group discounts.

Sponsorships & Volunteers Needed

The Chennault Airshow is looking for volunteer organizations to work their concession stands! Each group will receive a portion of the proceeds once bills are paid - based on the number of volunteers they bring to the show during the weekend. So the more you bring, the more you make! This is a great opportunity to be at the airshow and benefit your organization or charity at the same time! For more information, contact Marvona Welsh, Volunteer Manager at 812-240-2560.

The Arts Council of SWLA is looking for volunteers for Live at the Lakefront - a live music event! Volunteers can work all or just one night of the three night event. Volunteers can sign-up online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45a8aa2ca7f94-llf5 (March 24), and/or http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45a8aa2ca7f94-llf6 (March 31). Anyone serving alcoholic beverages must be 18 or older. If you have any questions, contact Jody Taylor at (337) 439-2787 or jodyt@artscouncilswla.org.