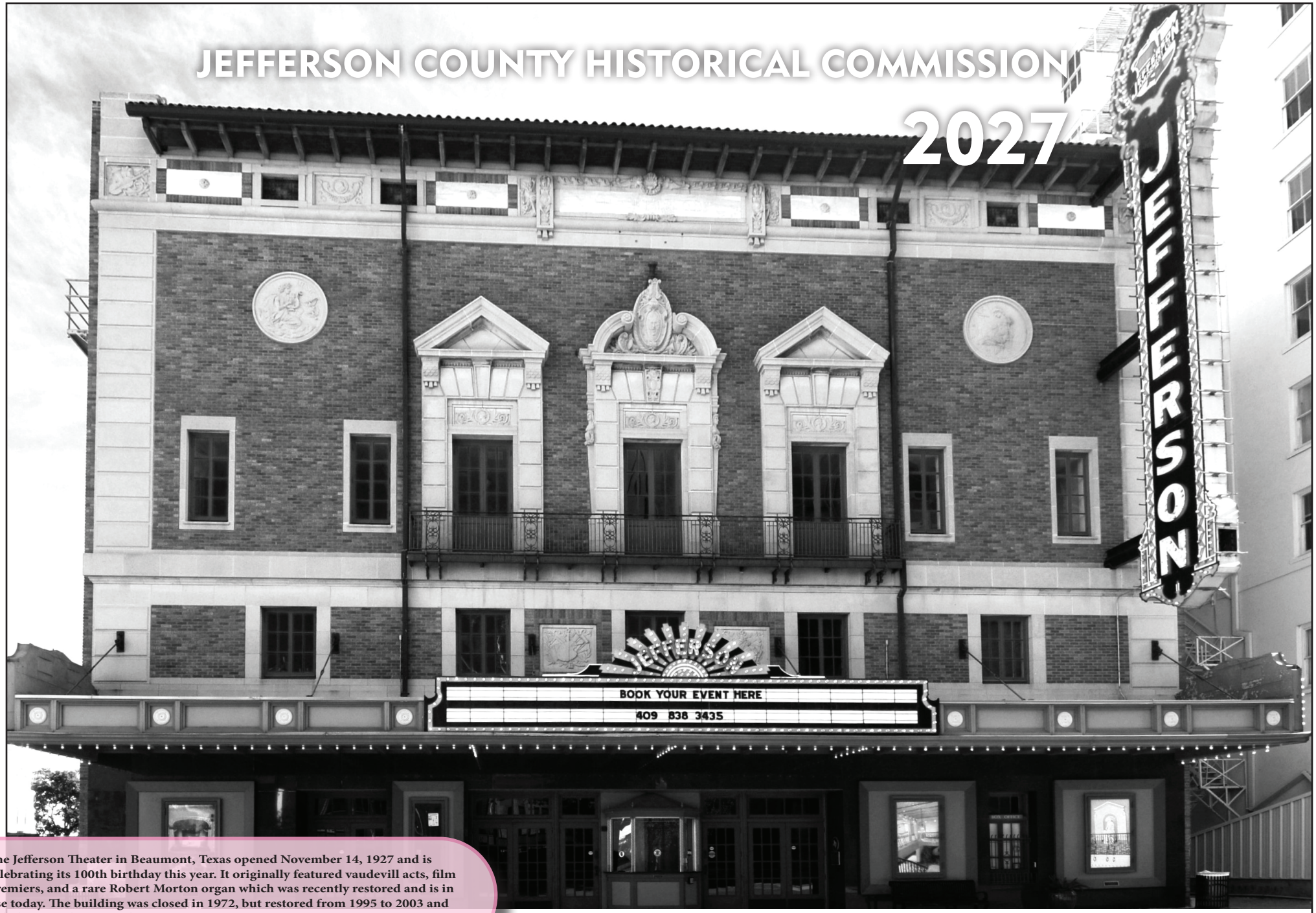
JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2027



The Jefferson Theater in Beaumont, Texas opened November 14, 1927 and is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. It originally featured vaudevill acts, film premiers, and a rare Robert Morton organ which was recently restored and is in use today. The building was closed in 1972, but restored from 1995 to 2003 and delighting audiences today.

Photo from Steven Lewis.









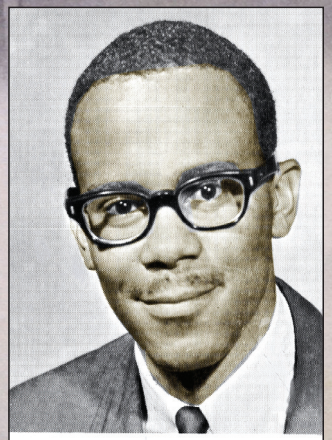
From 1901-1931, the Kyle Opera House in Beaumont, was a celebrated venue that showcased many renowed stage performances. Among the notable artists to grace its stage were Clark Gable before his rise to fame, the pioneering dancer Martha Graham, and the popular Shakespearean actress Viola Allen.

Photo from the 1966 Charlton-Pollard yearbook, and the Tyrrell Historical Library Archives. Photo provided by Jessie Davis.

JANUARY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 1900 - US Census reported a population of 204 million people 1901 - Beaumont City Council rules that all slaughter houses must be moved outside city limits after ongoing complaints 1909 - Mary Gates Hospital was given to the city of Port Arthur by John Warne Gates in memory of his mother.	**2** 1900 - Alabama Coushatta nation installs Fulton Battise as their new chief.
3 1880 - Miles Frank Yount, founder of the Yount-Lee Oil Company was born January 3, 1880, died November 13, 1933 (Magnolia Cemetery) 1911 - Chilton O'Brien, a prominent land title attorney, bank director for First Securityw National Bank, founding member of the Texas Gulf Historical Society, and chair of Texas Library and Archives Commission, was born. 1972 - Canvass of election held to incorporate the City of China. The measure passed.	**4** 1901 - Southern Telephone Co. announced a new line connecting Beaumont to Nacogdoches was ready for service. All points in between were serviceable at this time.	**5** 1924 - Humphrey Refinery (later sold to Pure Oil Co.) ran its first crude oil. 1955 - Monsignor Edmund A. Kelly, born December 7, 1870, died January 5, 1955 (Magnolia Cemetery). 1909 - Port Arthur College founded and presented to the city of Port Arthur by John Warne Gates.	**6**	**7** 1901 - Mr. & Mrs. C.F. McConnico of Beaumont welcomed a 13 lb. baby girl. 1938 - Babe Didrikson Zaharias was the first woman to compete in a pro men's golf tournament, the Los Angeles Open, which was held January 7th - 10th.	**8**	**9**
10 1901 - Oil discovered at Spindletop. 1976 - The Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum opened	**11**	**12** 1851 - Edward L. Wilson, founder of E.L. Wilson Hardware, born January 12, 1851, died April 20, 1892 (Magnolia Cemetery)	**13**	**14**	**15** 1917 - The Marie Louise, the first deep-sea vessel ever constructed by a Beaumont shipyard, was launched. Later renamed the El Galo. 1960 - Kelly Asbury was born. Asbury was an animator with Walt Disney until 1995, when he moved to Dreamworks Animation. Asbury worked on such films as Toy Story, Shrek 2 and Gnomeo and Juliet	**16**
17 1932 - Jefferson County Courthouse dedicated	**18** Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1877 - David McKinlay Caffall, second owner of the Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House, born January 18, 1877, died September 6, 1942 (Magnolia Cemetery). 1895 - First Meeting of the Beaumont Literary Club, now the Woman's Club of Beaumont..	**19** 1839 - General Sam Houston signed the charter that established the city of Sabine, later renamed Sabine Pass. 1920 - Women were encouraged to pay their poll taxes as suffragettes across the state prepared to vote, hoping the nation would ratify the 19th amendment	**20**	**21** 1863 - Two Union blockade ships, the USS Morning Light and USS Velocity, were captured by Confederate forces off the coast of Sabine Pass during the War Between the States. 1863 - Annie Gilbert (wife of John Nathan Gilbert, a prominent business and civic leader) born January 21, 1863. 1908 - Sabine-Neches Canal was officially opened, providing an outlet to the sea.	**22** 1901 - Announcement made that street cars were coming to Beaumont. 1903 - Beaumont Chamber of Commerce formed. 1920 - Red Cross sponsored a class about home care of the sick for Beaumont women. A continuation of Progressive Era reforms delegating women as the care-takers of society.	**23** 1920 - 16 students graduated from Beaumont High School in the mid-season graduation ceremony. 1920 - United Charities announced an initiative to combat "white plague," aka tuberculosis. 1929 - The first airmail flight from Beaumont left the old airport.
24 **31**	**25** 1947- The Ronne Antarctic Expedition departed the Port of Beaumont aboard the vessel Port of Beaumont	**26** 1944-War Bond Rally held at Beaumont City Auditorium.	**27** 1907 - St. Anthony's Cathedral Basilica was dedicated in Beaumont. 1908 - Sabine-Neches Ship Channel, connecting mouths of Sabine and Neches Rivers with Port Arthur Ship Channel, officially opened.	**28** 1938 - Florence Stratton, "Susie Spindletop" died January 28, 1938 (Magnolia Cemetery).	**29** 1928 - Benjamin Rush Norvell, Secretary-Treasurer and part-owner of the J.F. Keith Company, which later became the Kirby Lumber Company, died January 29, 1928.	**30**





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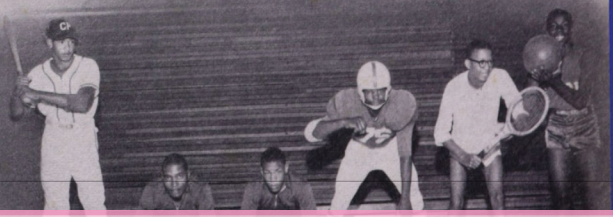








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Mr. Gerald Salines, a native of Hempstead, Texas, and a graduate of Prairie View A&M, began his teaching career in 1965. He became a beloved History and Government teacher, as well as a Cross Country coach. Throughout his career, he taught at Charlton-Pollard High School, Beaumont High, Beaumont Charlton Pollard High, and Central Senior High School. He retired in 2024 from Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center (BISD) after 55 years of service. His passion for Black History and the Civil Rights Movement allowed him to inspire the next generation to strive for change.

Photo from the 1966 Charlton-Pollard yearbook, and the Tyrrell Historical Library Archives.
Photo provided by Jessie Davis..

FEBRUARY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February is Black History Month	**1** 1861 - *Texas seceded from the Union.*	**2** 1881 - *First "regular train" of Sabine & East Texas Railroad reached Beaumont from the north..*	**3** 1959 - *Jiles P. Richardson Jr., The Big Bopper, died February 3, born in Sabine Pass on October 24, 1930 (Forest Lawn)* 1960 - *Dr. E.D. Sprott, Jr. filed for place on ballot for Beaumont City Council, becoming the first Black candidate in the city's history.*	**4**	**5** 1856 - *William Perry Herring McFaddin, born February 5, died November 5, 1935 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**6**
7 1907 - *The South Park School District voted its first schoolhouse bonds in the amount of $23,000.* 1845 - *John Wilbur Keith, Beaumont lumberman, part owner of Texas Tram and Lumber, born February 7, died September 28, 1889 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11** 1970 - *Dr. E.D. Sprott, Jr., aged 61, founder of Sprott Hospital, died at his home in Beaumont.*	**12** 1809 - *Abraham Lincoln's birthday* 1949 - *Tina Tevis, wife of Isaiah Tevis, died February 12, born October 3, 1877, (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**13** 2001 - *2001 John (Johnnie) Harrell Walker, died February 13, born December 12, 1909, (Hooks Family Cemetery, Kountze, Texas)*
14 Valentine's Day 1895 - *30" of snow fell in downtown Beaumont*	**15 George Washington's Birthday**	**16**	**17** 1959 - *1959 Minnie H. Rogers, matriarch of the Rogers family died February 17, born May 26, 1890, (Magnolia Cemetery-Kol Israel)*	**18** 1922 - *David French, son of pioneer settler John Jay French, died February 18, born April 7, 1827, (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**19**	**20** 1908 - *The last work on the Sabine Lake channel was completed and the final cut made on the turning basin in front of Port Arthur* 1928 - *Frank Pierce Smart, died February 20, born October 15, 1890, (Magnolia Cemetery)*
21 1887 - *Pansy Merritt Yount, wife of Frank Yount, who brought in the second Spindletop oil boom in 1925, was born.*	**22** 1847 - *George O'Brien Millard, an early builder of Beaumont and leader of Beaumont's public school system was born.*	**23** 1944 - *Birth of Johnny Winter, blues and rock guitarist*	**24** 1866 - *The Masonic Lodge in Beaumont was organized* 1938 - *Work on the lake front retaining wall project in Port Arthur was completed*	**25**	**26**	**27**
28 1970 - *The John J. French Trading Post Museum was dedicated as a state historical site* 1866 - *Catherina Stengele, born February 28, died September 15, 1909 (Magnolia Cemetery)*						

$400,000 Bowling Alley Formally Opens in Gateway Shopping Center

24-HOUR DAILY OPERATION AND CAFE FEATURED

Beaumont's newest and largest bowling alley with an adjoining restaurant will open formally tomorrow at Gateway Shopping City, representing a $400,000 investment.

The bowling business, to be known as Gateway Bowling Lanes Inc., will have 28 alleys with automatic pinsetters and operate 24 hours a day. The restaurant, to serve snacks and full meals, will be called Charcoal Inn.

Co-Owners Listed

The new alley is owned by Fred T. Magee of Houston and the Roger Brothers interests of Beaumont.

Mr. Magee has been operating bowling alleys for 25 years in that city, his assistant general manager, Mrs. Frances Shoryer said. He owns five different establishments with 116 alleys there, and is negotiating currently to start other bowling places in Austin, Shreveport and Fort Worth.



INTERIOR SCENE. Looking across the new 28-lane bowling alley is this interior scene of the new $400,000 establishment having its formal opening at Gateway Shopping City tomorrow. (Enterprise photo by Elmer Trumble)

The 28 automatic pinsetters come from American Machine Foundry Co. and are leased and installed for an initial $175,000

Automatic Ball Return

One new feature is an "underground" ball return, which rolls the bowling balls back under and between the alleys. They emerge in a T-shaped rack, which can roll a ball a short way at one of two right angles.

The alleys themselves are made of pine and maple and cost between $5,000 and $6,000 each. Above them, on the ceiling, and behind, too, is acoustical material.

There is an acoustical ceiling throughout the 170 by 150 foot building, and particular heavy padding where the pins get slammed, to reduce much of the thunder associated with the sport.

Fluorescent Lighting

Lighting is fluorescent throughout and is recessed in the lobby.

Patrons like comfort, so there is a $27,000, 100-ton air conditioning unit installed. In addition, to prevent sticking on the alleys and approaches, there is a dehumidifying unit to take moisture out of the air.

There will be seats for 150 spectators and those waiting to bowl, in addition to curved, fiberglass settees for the bowlers. A maximum of 140 persons can bowl at one time.

Intricate Equipment

The pinsetters are expensive, intricate equipment, so a head mechanic will be hired. He is Howard Sturdivan of Beaumont. In addition, three boys will be trained as pin "chasers," to make minor adjustments in the evening if one of the machines gives trouble. If a pinsetter fails to operate properly, a bowler can push a button to get assistance.

To make it easier for women's clubs and church groups to come and bowl, there will be a nursery, complete with a portable television set, blackboards,a play pen and cribs for infants and children of pre-school age.

PaM Attendant

A paid attendant will watch over the youngsters, at no charge, Mrs. Shroyer said, freeing the women to bowl or to go to the nearby Gateway Shopping City and do their marketing.

"Over the years, the atmosphere and conditions of bowling alleys has improved considerably," Mrs. Shroyer said. "At one time, women or children couldn't go there. But today, there are many women's clubs and church groups which bowl. I've talked to several church organizations and they are interested in bowling here," she added.

Mrs. Shroyer said she believes that there would be many more people in Beaumont interested in bowling but that they don't know how. So, there will be instructors. Also, there will be 300 pairs of men's and women's shoes available for rental.

Ample Parking Space

There is ample parking space outside, Mrs. Shroyer noted, and access to the bowling center will be easy, because drivers will be able to come in from Stagg Drive or the freeway, when the latter is completed.

Outside, people approaching can be attracted to the one story brick building by a 50-foot high sign has an eight-foot pin and ball on the top.

Inside, bowlers can keep track of what pins are up and down by a board which lights up over each alley.

TWO VIDOR YOUTHS ENLIST IN ARMY

Two Vidor youths have enlisted in the Army here for three years and were able to choose their own branch.

George Elbert Harrison, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, and Wesley Wayne Deramus, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Deramus, are the enlistees. Harrison chose the Quartermaster Corps while Deramus picked Armored Corps and an assignment to Europe upon completion of basic training.

Absentee Votes Number 101 In City Primary

The 28 absentee votes cast yesterday in the March 15 City Democratic Primary brought to 101 the total for 10 days' voting.

Absentee balloting will continue through Tuesday in the city clerk's office at City Hall, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on weekdays and from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday.

Voters yesterday were as follows: M. C. Myers, Perry C. Blanchette, R. A. Munday, P. B. Graven, Rae Kent, Mrs. L. W. Pitts, J. L. McPike, A. W. Phillips, Mrs. Betty Jones, John S. Yost, Mrs. Minnie Zoller, F. M. Sheffield.

G. P. Cokinos, Cecil Collins, L. W. Pitts, Mrs. M. L. Lefler Jr., M. L. Lefler Jr., James F. Ray, C. A. Kohler, Mrs. Edith V. Brittain, Robert D. Brittain, J. F. Box, W. S. Mason, R. B. Finley, A. A. Langford, Mamie Joe Jones, Jesse M. Jones.

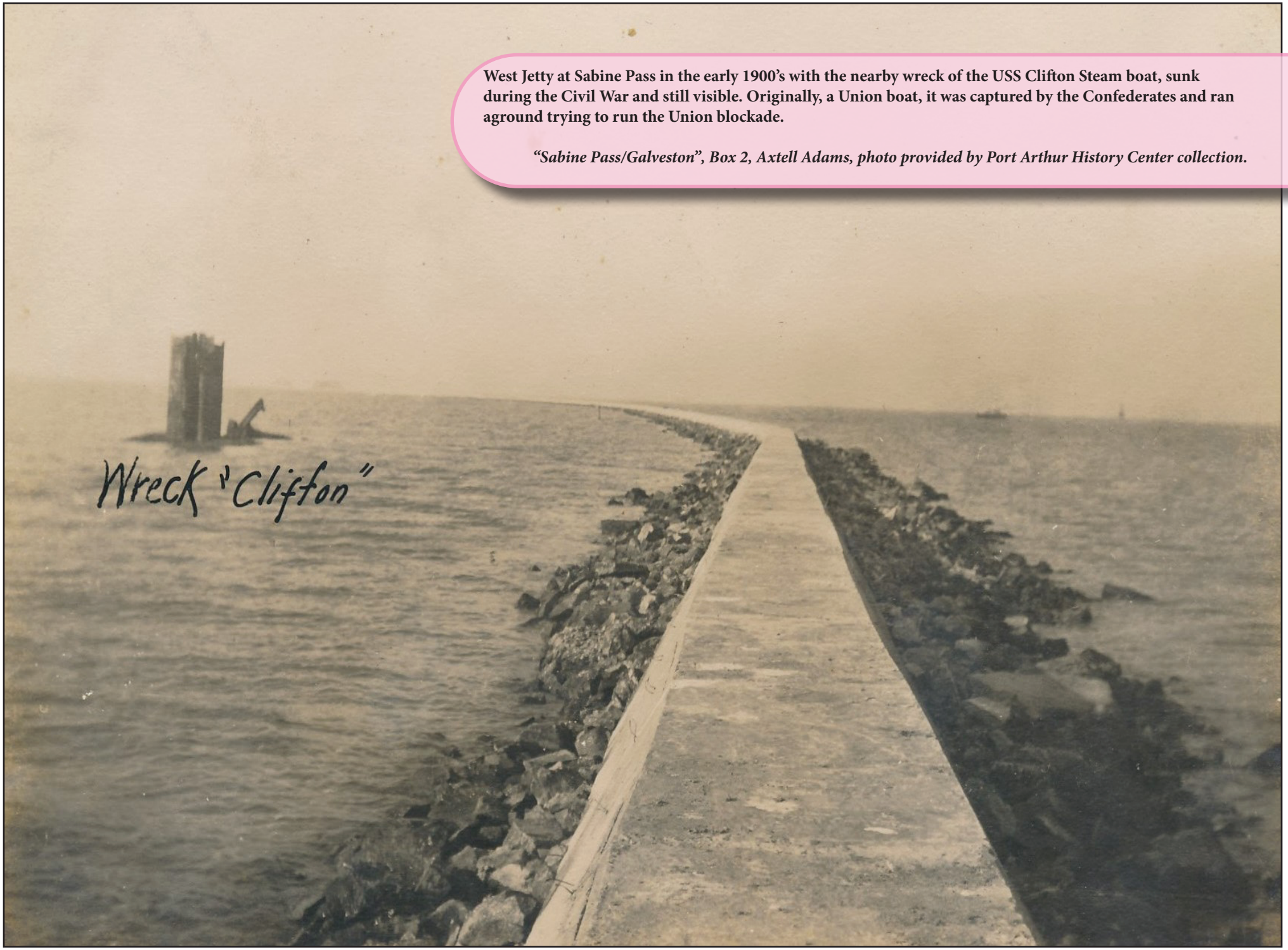


The Gateway Bowling Lanes opened March 7, 1958 and boasted 28 alleys with automatic pinsetters and automatic ball returns. It operated 24 hours a day and was easily accessible from Stagg Drive and the freeway [IH-10], "when completed."

"$400,000 Bowling Alley Formally Opens in gateway Shopping Center." Beaumont Enterprise, March 7, 1958, p. 18.

MARCH 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1890 - Patent granted this week to William A. Fletcher, Beaumont, for his lumber-kiln. 1918 - Beaumont's Tom S. Reed, Jr., owner of T.S. Reed Grocery Company, elected governor of Texas Rotary Clubs. 1933 - The streets of Beaumont plunged into darkness as city commissioners ordered streetlights shut off to reduce municipal expenditures.	**2** 1836- Republic of Texas declared independence from Mexico. 1929- Glober's Grocery & Market opened at 1089 Magnolia..	**3** 1907- John Ellis Gray, educator, businessman and twice Lamar University President, was born. 1944- Almost 20,000 attended three-day, YMBL-sponsored Gene Autry World Champion Rodeo in Stuart Stadium. 1953- Canvass of election held to incorporate the Town of Wesgroves The measure passed	**4** 1926-"Castor Oil Clarence," christened KFDM, was first bird entered in Beaumont's largest poultry show to date. Held at Elks Building.	**5** 1901- J. Frank Keith appointed as first Parks Commissioner by Beaumont City Council. 1917- Three torpedo boat destroyers visited Beaumont for a week.	**6** 1836- The Alamo fell after a 13 day siege by Mexican troops under President General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. 1973- Groundbreaking for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Beaumont Division headquarters on Main Street in downtown Beaumont.
7 1942- Fireman A.L. Baxley of Beaumont drowned after the lifeboat in which he was fleeing the sinking SS Cardonia, upon which he was a crew member, overturned. The steamship had been torpedoed and shelled by a German U-boat near Cuba. First Asst. Engineer Hubert A. Chappuis, also from Beaumont, survived.	**8** 1890- New roundhouse of Southern Pacific completed and occupied by engines. 1932- USS Constitution, better known as "Old Ironsides", docked at Beaumont.	**9** 1903- Third bowling alley opened on Orleans Street in Beaumont. 1927- Ras Landry, former Beaumont sheriff, chief of police and state representative, died in San Antonio.	**10** 1919- The YMBL of Beaumont incorporated the Beaumont Baseball Club with a capital stock of $5,000. 1927- Over 200 newsboys and route boys of the Beaumont Enterprise and Journal were treated to a silent film at the Palace Theatre by newspaper and theatre officials and Constable of Precinct One. Boys first staged a torchlight parade from the newspaper offices to the theatre.	**11** 1896- The Masonic Temple purchased a lot at the corner of Pearl and Bonham. 1916- Beaumont formally named sub-port of entry.	**12** 1935- The British naval cruiser HMS Danae docked at Port Arthur, the first named vessel of a foreign power to tie up in a Sabine Port.	**13** 1944- Jefferson County Airport (Now Jack Brooks Regional Airport) opened. Inaugural commercial air mail service flight from new facility made by Eastern Air Lines at 10:25 p.m.
14 1835- First cattle brand, an inverted "J" and a "D", registered in Jefferson County to Lena Runnels. 1891- Sale of 8,000 beef cattle consummated between WPH McFaddin and well-known cattleman Shanghai Pierce of Pierce's station. 1974- New Fair Store opened at Parkdale Mall.	**15** 1904 - The Beaumont Golf Club was organized. This 70 acre golf club was located just off Calder Ave. 1906 - Galveston, Beaumont and Northeastern Railway chartered with capital stock of $100,000. 1916 - Harry James, famous big band leader and trumpeter, was born.	**16** 1936 - Thousands watched in awe as aerialists Betty and Benny Fox performed a six-hour dance and acrobatics show on a 20-inch wide platform atop the Beaumont Enterprise and Journal building, 175 feet above street level.	**17** St. Patrick's Day 1932 - Old Ironsides passed through Port Arthur's Pleasure Pier bridge	**18** 1943 - U.S. Maritime Commission awarded Pennslyvania Shipyards the "M" Pennant for Merit, the Victory Fleet Flag, and Maritime Merit Badges to all personnel.	**19** 1914 - First stockholders' meeting of the Fair Store of Beaumont was held.	**20** 1947- The 362nd coast artillery battery, an anti-aircraft unit comprised of local army reserve units, was assigned to Beaumont.
21 1881 - Florence Stratton, author and journalist, was born. 1924 - New Adams School location at Mariposa and Cedar opened. R.T. Tatum, Principal. 1925 - Ten thousand people turned out to see two Christy's Circus performances.	**22** 1930- Chester Gifford of Gifford Flying Service, Inc. dropped the first clover seed to be aerially sown in Texas over the property of prominent cattleman Ed Hebert, planting 15 acres in 25 minutes. 1940- John Holmes Jenkins, III, historian and publisher, was born. 1954- Beaumont's new downtown one-way traffic pattern went into effect.	**23** 1907- The schooner Martha was the first vessel sailing for a foreign port under register from the new Port Arthur district. 1915- Governor James E. Ferguson signed bill creating the Ninth Court of Civil Appeals at Beaumont.	**24**	**25** 1928- Beaumont oilman T.F. Rothwell purchased a famed Antonio Stradivari violin made in 1690 and gifted it to his 13-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Rothwell.	**26** Good Friday 1917- Gov. Ferguson executed House Bill No. 501 appropriating $65,000 for the construction of a modern, stormproof quarantine station at Sabine Pass to serve the ports of Sabine, Port Arthur, Port Neches, Beaumont and Orange	**27** 1917- Thousands greeted the return of Beaumont's own Company M, 3rd Texas Infantry following their almost year-long federal service on the Mexican border. 1928- Local Boy Scouts, assisted by Girl Reserves and school children, planted 150 trees donated by YMBL on grounds of city schools.
28 Easter 1918- The City of Beaumont, the largest sea-going vessel ever built in Beaumont by this date, launched by Orange shipbuilder Piaggio Yards. Piaggio built the ship on Beaumont's municipal terminal property. 1954- Thousands attended the grand opening of new 350-house Hawthorne Place addition on Voth Road.	**29** 1902- Charter for Southern Car Manufacturing and Supply of Beaumont filed with capital stock of $100,000 to manufacture railroad cars, rice milling machinery and saw milling machinery. Name later changed to Southern Well Works Company.	**30** 1926- Tornado hit Beaumont's west side and business district, killing one person. 1943- Emergency ordinance passed by Beaumont City Council increasing number of members of the municipal defense council from 12 to 16. 1982- Maury Meyers adjourned his last Beaumont City Council meeting as sitting mayor. He had served a total of four nonconsecutive terms. .	**31** 1922- 25 vessels cleared from Port of Beaumont during October carrying 37,336,903 gallons of oil, 4,799,798 feet of lumber and other commodities. 1873- E.R. Collier applied for a ferry license crossing the Neches River. 1928- Broussard Mortuary at 1093 Calder formally opened this date.			March is Women's History Month **"Our town is progressing fast. New buildings are going up in every direction. Everything and everybody are busy and in a hurry. Carpenters and brickmasons are in demand and nobody seems to be idle." -- Beaumont, March 3, 1890, as reported in Houston Post**

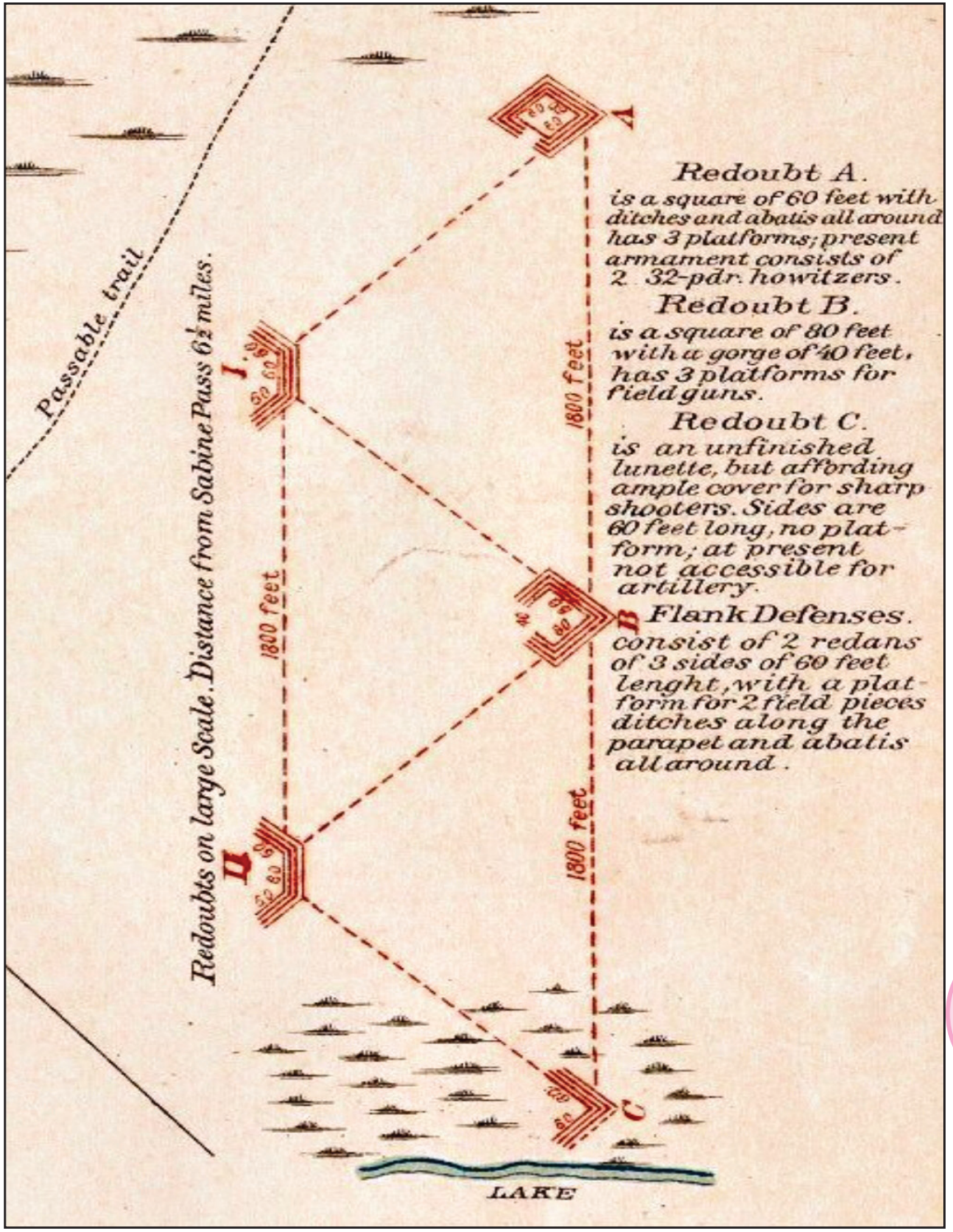


West Jetty at Sabine Pass in the early 1900's with the nearby wreck of the USS Clifton Steam boat, sunk during the Civil War and still visible. Originally, a Union boat, it was captured by the Confederates and ran aground trying to run the Union blockade.

"Sabine Pass/Galveston", Box 2, Axtell Adams, photo provided by Port Arthur History Center collection.

APRIL 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1863 - *Surgeon D. T. Inglehart ordered to establish a general hospital in Beaumont.* 1949 - *Beaumont State Highway Patrol, formerly a substation of Houston office, raised to division status. Its new 17-county patrol district covered 15,288 miles.*	**2** 1838 - *William McFaddin married Rachel Williams in Jefferson County.* 1980 - *The first McDonald's restaurant in Nederland, Tx. opens.*	**3** 1923 - *First baby incubator ever used in Beaumont arrived at Hotel Dieu.* 1931 - *The State of Texas announced that it would contribute $325,000 for bridging the Neches River at the Port Arthur-Orange Highway*
4 1980 -*Mobil strike ends - 1700 back on the job.*	**5** 1985 -*The "Kitty for the City" campaign was created for individual contributions to off-set Beaumont's $20 million investment loss.*	**6** 1970 - *Port Arthur's new $1.5 million City Hall formally opens* 1914 - *Julie Rogers, philanthropist, was born.* 1910 - *W. A. Fletcher donated 37 acres to Beaumont for park (end of Magnolia Ave).*	**7** 1827 - *David French, son of John Jay French, was born* 1929 - *Re-opening of Market House at Nancy Tevis Market (Gilbert at College).*	**8**	**9** 1889 - *The First National Bank of Beaumont was organized by nine men for the sum of $100,000* 1931 - *Texas Governor signs bill authorizing construction of Sub-Courthouse in Port Arthur*	**10** 1867- *Herff C. Smythe, known as "the Sewing Machine Man" of Beaumont, was born.* 1993-*Nifa's Mexican Restaurant opens in the old Casa Manana location in Beaumont, Texas.*
11 1926 - *Galveston passed a bond issue for a road along the Bolivar Peninsula running parallel to the Gulf of Mexico, providing a link to Port Arthur and Beaumont.* 1926 - *Gulf of Venezula exploded at Gulf docks, 31 killed.*	**12** 1916 - *Port of Beaumont opened.* 1916 - *Formation of Magnolia Refinery.* 1925 - *Former Beaumont Chief of Police Reid Tevis died from illness..*	**13**	**14** 1923 - *Deputy Sheriff Artie Pollock found moonshine "plant" in tree top.*	**15** 1898 - *Canvass of election held to incorporate the City of Port Arthur. The measure passed.* 1903 - *Oil well fire at Spindletop completely destroyed the Hogg-Swayne Tract*	**16** 1912 - *The sinking of the Titanic leads the front-page news of the Beaumont Enterprise*	**17** 1990 - *Former Port Arthur Mayor Lloyd Hayes and brother Joe Hayes died in crash of their private plane in Arkansas*
18 1890 - *Emma McFaddin, wife of W.P.H. Mcfaddin, died and was buried at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.*	**19** 1920 - *Thomas H. Langham, pioneer of Beaumont, died at age 73.* 1907 - *Colonel B.D. Crary, a local capitalist associated with early railroads in Jefferson County, died in Beaumont.*	**20** 1922 - *United Spanish War Veterans, Beaumont Camp, was officially installed.* 1994 - *Village Creek State Park opened to the public*	**21 San Jacinto Day** 1836 - *Beaumont Founder, Henry Millard, led four companies of infantry at the Battle of San Jacinto, helping to secure Texas independence from Mexico* 1926 - *Lipscomb Norvell, prominent businessman and former Jefferson County Treasurer from 1898-1906, died and was buried at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.*	**22** 1923 - *Capt. W.C. Tyrrell bought and donated the First Baptist Church building to the City of Beaumont to be used as a library.* 1947 - *C. W. "Skipper" Bingman passed away (South Park).*	**23**	**24** 1902 - *Beaumont began play against Crowley in Sunset League (baseball).* 1911 - *John Sealy and Company reorganized as Magnolia Petroleum Company, later becoming Exxon Mobil in 1999.*
25 1901 - *Beaumont Oil Exchange & Board of Trade opened.* 1938 - *Canvass of election to incorporate the Town of Lakeview. The measure passed.*	**26** 1903 - *Constable Will Reddick killed in the line of duty.* 1974 - *Rabbi Sol Zabludosky died and was buried at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.*	**27** 1908- *Steamship Nicaragua, purchased by Capt. W.C. Tyrrell, was first ocean-going vessel to utilize new Sabine-Neches Ship Channel. Opened Port of Beaumont up to trade with Mexico.*	**28** 1920 - *Veteran fire horse "Major" died after 20 years of service.*	**29** 1940 - *Canvass of election to incorporate the City of Nederland. The measure passed.* 1880 - *Sabine and East Texas Railway Company was chartered as a successor to the East Texas Railway Company between Beaumont and Sabine Pass.*	**30** 1950 - *Stella Bickford Caffall, wife of David Caffall, second owner of the Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House, died and was buried at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.*	

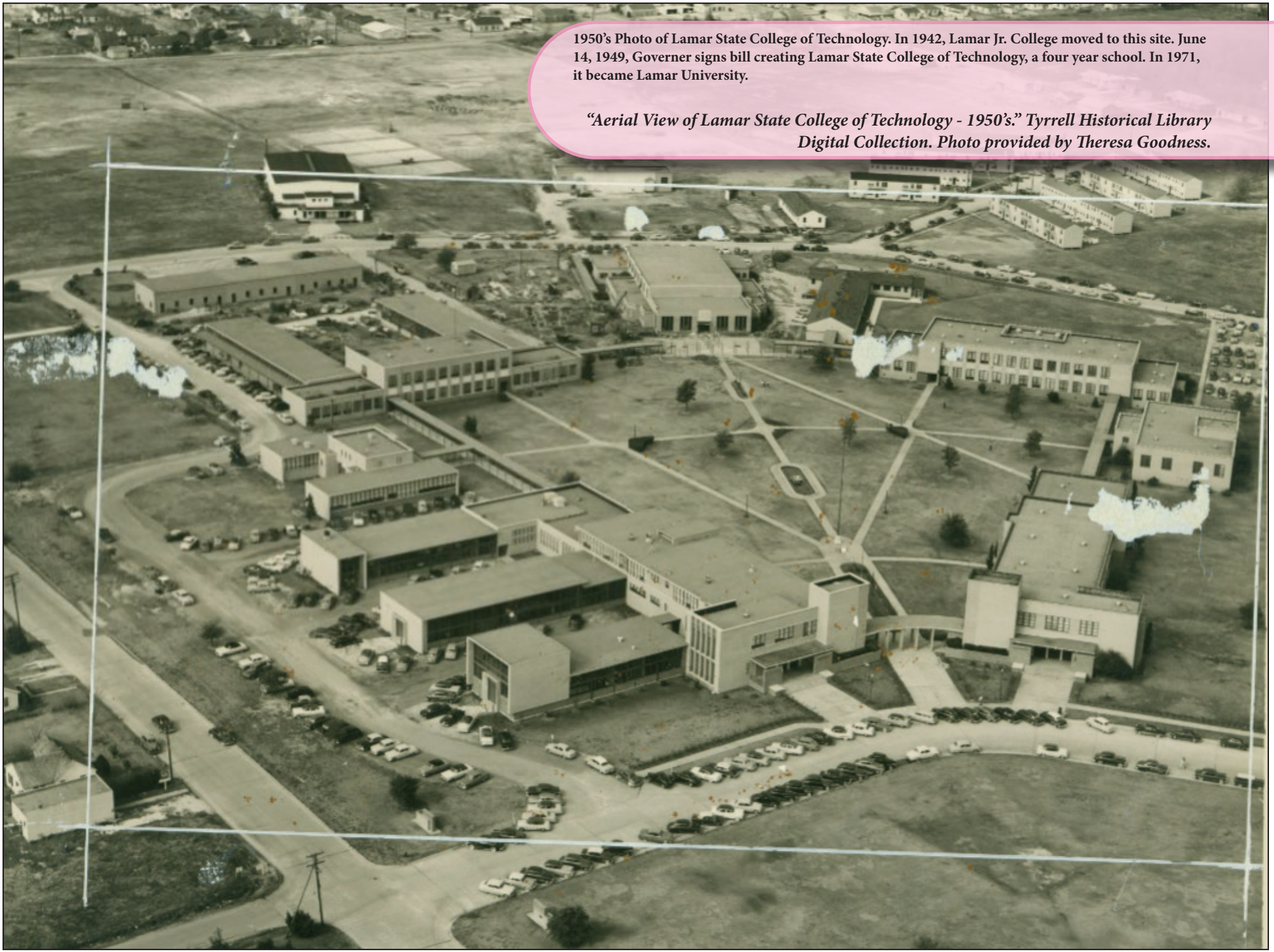


1863 Confederate Plan of Sabine Pass, its defenses and means of communication, for battle with Union forces.

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MAY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 1898 - *The Beaumont Light Guard was mustered into service in the Spanish-American War.* 1915 - *Port Arthur Steamship "Gulflight", owned by Gulf Refining Company, is torpedoed by a German U-Boat off the coast of Isles of Sicily, threatening American neutrality in WWI. The ship left Port Arthur with a cargo of gasoline for France.*
2 1899 - *First City of Port Arthur officials were elected.*	**3** 1931 - *Mildred Yount celebrates her 11th birthday with an eleven-tier birthday cake at the Yount family home at 1386 Calder Ave. ..*	**4** 1917 - *Young Men's Business League of Beaumont organized*	**5** Cinco de Mayo 1927 - *Debut performance of Beaumont's first symphony orchestra.* 1939 - *A local dance was held at the Tyrrell Park CCC camp with music led by Herbert Louis.*	**6** 1982 - *Dedication of Edison Plaza (bounded by Pine, Mulberry, Tevis & Travis Streets), corporate headquarters of Gulf States Utilities* 1990- *Beaumont's 1st woman Mayor, Evelyn Lord, elected.*	**7**	**8** 1855 - *John W. (Bet-a-Million) Gates was born in Illinois.* 1921 - *Westminster Presbyterian Church was named.*
9 Mother's Day 1901 - *Organization of Beaumont Stock Exchange perfected.* 1925 - *Neches River Bridge officially opened by Gov. Miriam "Ma" Ferguson*	**10** 1917 - *Beaumont Chapter of National American Red Cross organized.*	**11** 1918 - *Launch of Steamship Oneco by Beaumont Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. First wooden Ferris type ship built for the government in Beaumont to be completed.. .*	**12** 1953 - *Debut performance of Beaumont Symphony Orchestra (now known as SOST).* 1957 - *Thomas Titus "Prof" Pollard, respected early Black educator and supervisor of Charlton Pollard High School, died.* 2008 - *Pop artist and Port Arthur native Robert Rauschenberg died.*	**13**	**14** 1973 - *Groundbreaking was held for the First Security Bank's "drive-in convenience center" located on Main Street near the current Crockett Street parking area..*	**15** 1987 - *Opening night of "Funny Girl," presented by Beaumont Community Players at the Jefferson Theater.* 1933 - *Magnolia Petroleum Company's canning plant opened; operated as food conservation project for the community needy.*
16 1921 - *Wholesale Credit Men's Association of Beaumont organized.*	**17** 1918 - *Rev. Woodson Pipkin, prominent local Black minister who established Beaumont's first Black schools along with Charles Charlton, died.*	**18** 1921 - *Ground broken for new San Jacinto Building at corner of Fannin & Orleans.*	**19** 1928 - *Beaumont's first municipal airport dedicated at College & 11th Street*	**20**	**21** 1901 - *American National Bank opened in Beaumont.* 1919 - *Philanthropist Mamie McFaddin married Carroll Ward.* 1945 - *Launch of the MV Capstan Knot, a C1-M-AV1 vessel. Was 100th ship built by Pennsylvania Shipyards under U. S. Maritime Commission contracts.*	**22** 1923 - *Rabbi Dr. Samuel Rosinger led the farewell service at the old Temple Emanuel before the congregation prepared to move to its new synagogue on Broadway and Forrest Streets.* 1937 - *Herring Coe's sculpture of Dick Dowling was unveiled and dedicated at Sabine Pass.*
23 1915 - *South Texas State Fair received its charter from the Texas Secretary of State.* 1919 - *United Bottling Works of Beaumont chartered with capital stock of $6,000..* **30** 1920 - *World War monument (WWI) dedicated in Keith Park..*	**24** 1865 - *Fort Manhassett, located south of Sabine City, was abandoned.* Memorial Day **31** 1947 - *Work commenced at Pennsylvania Shipyards on conversion of SS Cape Diamond cargo ship into first liquefied gas carrier ever built; would be renamed Natalie O. Warren.*	**25** 1915 - *Mrs. Mary Autry Greer, pioneer, author and daughter of Alamo hero Micajah Autry, died.*	**26** 1937 - *Beaumont's first camera club organized at Business Men's Studio.*	**27** 1910 - *Miss Ethel McCammon selected by School Board as 1st woman principal of Beaumont for upcoming scholastic year.*	**28** 1904 - *First M. E. Church South (location of today's First United Methodist Church) purchased a lot at corner of Pearl and Broadway.* 1949 - *Opening day of first annual Neches River Festival.*	**29** 1923 - *First city concert by Magnolia Petroleum Company's Beaumont Refinery Band, held at Wiess Park.*



1950's Photo of Lamar State College of Technology. In 1942, Lamar Jr. College moved to this site. June 14, 1949, Governer signs bill creating Lamar State College of Technology, a four year school. In 1971, it became Lamar University.

"Aerial View of Lamar State College of Technology - 1950's." Tyrrell Historical Library Digital Collection. Photo provided by Theresa Goodness.

JUNE 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1865 - *Charles E. Walden born June 1, 1865, died October 14, 1938 (Magnolia Cemetery Cemetery)* 1942 - *John E. Gray assumed the presidency at Lamar College, which later became Lamar University.*	**2**	**3**	**4** 1925 - *Mrs. Irvin Bettis and 11 Beaumont women met at Hotel Beaumont to organize a Little Theatre Club.*	**5** 1913 -*Ben J. Rogers born June 5, 1913, died December 14, 1994 (Magnolia Cemetery-Kol Israel)*
6 D-Day 1873 -*Henry C. Mauer (architect) born June 6, 1873, died July 7, 1939 (Forest Lawn Cemetery)*	**7** 1918 - *William P. Hobby, former Governor of Texas and publisher and owner of the Beaumont Enterprise, died.* 1896 -*Fred C. Stone (architect) born June 7, 1896, died April 1, 1966 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**8** 1819 - *William McFaddin born June 8, 1819, died October 16, 1897 (Magnolia Cemetery)* 1914 - *Sol J. "Doc" Rogers born June 8, 1914, died January 18, 2002 (Magnolia-Kol Israel)*	**9** 1851 -*Rev. John Allen Smart (pastor First Baptist Church) born June 9, 1851, died April 22, 1949 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**10** 1891 - *Carroll E. Ward born June 10, 1891, died July 13, 1961 (Magnolia Cemetery)* 1910 - *Kol Israel Congregation Cemetery was dedicated.*	**11** 1970 - *Senate Interior Subcommittee Hearing in Beaumont for possible Big Thicket National Park.* 2005 - *Gordon F. Baxter, radio personality, pilot and author, died.*	**12** 1900 - *Martin Luther Hinchee and Caroline "Carrie" Gilbert, were married.* 1897 -*Construction began on Hotel Dieu Hospital, Beaumont's first hospital. The hospital was founded and operated by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, and had 24 beds.*
13 1904 - *The Smart Set, Beaumont's Black baseball team, recorded its 33rd game in a row.*	**14** Flag Day 1965 - *Frank Cleveland Weber (manager at Nathan's Department Store) born November 20, 1882, died June 14, 1965 (Magnolia Cemetery)* 1949 - *Texas Governor Beauford Jester signed a bill creating Lamar State College of Technology.*	**15** 1861 - *Sabine Pass incorporated.* 1953 - *Canvass of election held to consolidate the towns of Groves and Wesgroves. The measure passed.* 1943 - *A Race Riot broke out in Beaumont in response to a false assault claim. Three people were killed and over 200,000 wartime labor hours were lost as a result of the 5 days of violence and martial law.*	**16**	**17** 1918 - *The Jefferson Amusement Company was originally incorporated* 1934 - *Ed. D. Stedman born August 25, 1875, died June 17, 1934 (Magnolia Cemetery)* 1939 - *First United States Coast Guard cutter built in Texas launched at the yards of Gulfport Boiler & Welding Works, Port Arthur.*	**18** 1947 - *Beaumont's first hamburger stand, the S.P. Café, closed.*	**19** Juneteenth 1919 - *Beaumont Black Oilers defeated Lake Charles 10 to 1 at Magnolia Park* 1919 - *African-Americans in Beaumont held a Juneteenth parade down Pearl Street on the 54th anniversary of the day slaves in Texas received notice of their emancipation.*
20 Father's Day 1901 - *First baseball game of Rice and Lumber League, Beaumont won 6 to 5 over Lake Charles.* 1883 - *Marrs McLean (important in Second Spindletop) born June 20, 1883, died May 18, 1953 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**21**	**22**	**23** 1967 - *Llewellyn William Pitts (architect) born September 10, 1906, died June 23, 1967 (Magnolia Cemetery)* 1968 -*Edward Dunn Stedman, born March 31, 1899, died June 23, 1968 (Magnolia Cemetery)*	**24**	**25** 1881 - *Canvass of election held to incorporate the City of Beaumont. The measure passed.*	**26** 1911 - *Mildred "Babe" Zaharias was born in Port Arthur.* 1915 - *Organization of Beaumont Journal's "Save Our Babies" free ice and milk fund perfected this date.* 1986 - *Hurricane Bonnie, a Category One hurricane, hit the Golden Triangle, producing a 5.2 ft. storm surge at Sabine Pass.*
27 1963 - *Mrs. Emmons Blanche Scott Grogan, first black and female principal in Beaumont, died in Harris County. She was a teacher at Beaumont's Pollard High school in the 1920's where she later became principal.*	**28**	**29** 1925 - *Deputy Sheriff John E. Hutcheson was shot and killed by a prisoner inside the county jail.*	**30** 1903 - *Beaumont Blues defeated Galveston Sand Crabs 9 to 1 at the Driving Park.*			



July 26, 1948 photo of the Melody Maids entertaining at a veteran's hospital in NYC with member Dixie Beard being greeted by Mayor O'Dwyer at City Hall. Dixie was the niece of Beaumont City Councilman Elmo Beard, Mayor Pro-Tem.

From the Don Smart Photo Collection.

JULY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1881- *A new city Charter was adopted in Beaumont, and work was done on roads, drainage and streets.* 1897- *The summer of 1897, Port Arthur Land Co. began construction of the Orange Hotel in Nederland for the purpose of housing immigrants brought to the area.* 1939- *Lions Park was developed by the Lions Club and presented to the City of Port Arthur.*	**2** 1901 - *Ground broken for Treadaway-Langham Building at Bowie and Orleans Streets.* 1962 - *Dick Culbertson was sworn in as Jefferson County Sheriff after the removal of Charley Meyer by the James Commission.*	**3** 1927 - *Captain of German Tanker buried in Magnolia Cemetery. Wilhelm J. Karl Jager died on the 2nd when ship arrived in port.*
4 Independence Day 1925- *6,000 quarts of liquor were seized by BMT deputies (Pollock & French) at the head of the Neches River.* 1927 - *First full-blooded Brahma bull ever shipped from the U.S. left Beaumont on this date.* 1976- *Dedication of 20 acres of land for the William Doornbos Park located in the 2300 block of Avenue H in Nederland.*	**5** 1942- *USS Pilot, first U.S. Navy minesweeper built at Pennsylvania Shipyards, launched into Brakes Bayou.* 1932 - *Billywalker soft drink introduced by Beaumont soda manufacturer of the same name, Billy Walker.*	**6** 1910- *Broussard, Beard & Little, Undertakers and Funeral Directors filed an amendment to its charter changing its name to Broussard, Little & Co.* 1931 - *Beaumont Exporters set a Texas League record with 6 triples.*	**7**	**8** 1909 - *Voters approve the original Beaumont Navigation District, allowing the issuance of $498,000 in bonds to improve the Neches River.* 1929 - *Sale of Boykin Machinery and Supply Co. to International Derrick and Equipment Co. for $450,000, transfer of title of capital stock and its plant at 1701 Laurel*	**9** 1907- *Beaumont Waterworks company, forerunner to municipal waterworks, chartered with capital of $500,000.* 1980 - *John Paul Davis took oath, becoming Beaumont's first African-American judge.*	**10** 1922 - *The Port Arthur Daily News announced that the "dream road between Port Arthur and Orange is soon to become a realization."* 1924 -*The Kyle Theater changed its name to the Kyle-Majestic in honor of the big named Majestic Vaudeville coming to Beaumont.*
11 1881 - *The city of Beaumont was incorporated under a general statute.* 1879 - *Post Office opened in Nome.* 1910- *Widow of Dick Dowling, hero of the Battle of Sabine Pass, is visiting Beaumont for 4 days.*	**12** 1881 - *Beaumonters voted 115 to 107 for incorporation as a city.* 1966 - *Groundbreaking for Beaumont Neurological Center at Fannin and 8th Streets.*	**13**	**14** 1934-*Two local baseball teams, Sour Lake Pipe Liners and the Lucas Gushers, played for the benefit of the Jorunal's Milk & Ice Fund. Raised $31.00!.*	**15** 1902- *Rosenthal Dry Goods Company opened.* 1918- *George Carroll Smart, Killed in Action at the Battle of Marne, France. One of fifty-one Beaumonters who died during WWI.*	**16** 1904-*Piggy Page, pitcher for Galveston defeats Beaumont Red Ravens. Page was the former manager and team captain for Beaumont.*	**17** 1897- *First land in Nederland purchased by George Reinstra, 80 acres for $800.00 cash. Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Boston Avenue. Land was sold by KCS Railroad.* 1971 - *Bethlehem Steel launched Ocean 255, an ocean-going super-barge.* 1903-*Port Arthur's Hotel Sabine,which had a reputation as one of the best hotels in the South, burned to the ground. .*
18 1917 - *Beaumont Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company chartered with capital stock of $300,000.* 1907 - *Last spike driven in Houston-Beaumont Frisco RR line, about 40 miles from Beaumont in the Big Thicket. Completed 300-mile track connecting Baton Rouge to Houston*	**19** 1919 - *3,000 people attend the Texas Company's summer picnic held in Port Neches.* 1928 -*The Port Arthur Rose Garden Club laid out a municipal garden in the two loops on Lakeshore Drive. One hundred and fifty-four rose beds were planted.*	**20** 1907 - *Neches Lodge No. 621, I.O.O.F., organized in Beaumont.* 1940 - *Beaumont Exporters set a record of 9 straight hits, 13 consecutive runners on base & 9 singles. Latter two records still stand.*	**21** 1854 - *George W. O'Brien married Sarah E. Rowley in Beaumont.* 1929 - *Street cars in Beaumont in 1928 ran 1,264,488 miles and carried 6,519,164 people.* 1960 - *Groundbreaking was held for the new American National Bank in downtown Beaumont.*	**22** 1904 - *G.W. Carroll accepted National Prohibition Party's nomination as U. S. Vice President.*	**23** 1926- *Over 1000 attended grand opening of the new pool at Magnolia Park.* 1926- *Grand opening of the pool at Magnolia Park. Cost of pool $30,000..*	**24** 1963 - *Canvass of election held to incorporate the Town of Bevil Oaks. The measure passed.* 1919 - *Cleveland Nisby, local civil rights activist and community leader, was born.*
25 1948 - *Melody Maids, on tour in New York to sing at Lions International convention, make their television debut on the Dumont Ward Show. Voted best performers on the original Amateur Hour TV program.*	**26** 1948 - *Melody Maids performed at a veteran's hospital in New York City, greeted by Mayor.* 1909 - *W.L. Pace Piano Company chartered with capital stock of $100,00.*	**27** 1903 -*Beaumont Blues defeated Galveston Sandcrabs 6-0, but still in last place.* 1925 -*Roberts Undertaking opened new funeral home at Pearl & North in Beaumont.*	**28** 1840 -*Beaumonters elected their first officials, including Alexander Calder as mayor.* 1927 -*Capt. Tyrrell's life size portrait placed in the Tyrrell Library.*	**29** 1924 - *Formal opening of Riverside Drive (later known as Sabine Pass Ave.), the new street opened through Pipkin Park and an extension of Orleans Street.*	**30** 1913 - *Valentine Weiss, lumberman and first president of the First National Bank, died.* 1925 - *"Free Beer Day", sponsored by XXX Root Beer was celebrated at ballparks in Beaumont, Nederland & Port Arthur..*	**31** 1935 -*The Yount-Lee Oil Company was sold to Stanolind Oil for $41.6 million, which was divided among its stockholders*



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Beaumont and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Port Arthur, were the first African American Catholic Churches in the, then, Diocese of Galveston-Houston.

Pictures from the churches' websites and social media pages. Permission from both churches was granted. Accessed August 6, 2026

AUGUST 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **1904** - *Beaumont Smart Set baseball team defeats Galveston 7-0. Smith struck out 20!*	**2** **1919** - *Beaumont Exporters leadoff man Goldie Rapp scored 6 times and stole 6 bases in the defeat of Waco 22-3.*	**3** **1887** - *The charter for the Magnolia Cemetery Corporation was approved by the Texas Secretary of State.*	**4** **1915** -*A sub-recruiting station of the U.S. Navy established and opened on this date!* **1932** - *Babe Didrikson Zaharias won the Olympic gold medal in the 80 meter hurdles.* **1944** - *Frank Trost, the photographer of record the day the Lucas Gusher erupted, died this day in Port Arthur.*	**5** **1944** - *The Perlstein Building, located on Pearl and Fannin Streets, was devastated by one of the largest fires in Beaumont's history. The fire raged until August 6th. A single column now remains on the grounds of the Art Museum of Southeast Texas.*	**6** **1921** - *Southwestern Bell Telephone cafeteria supervisor feeds 80 operators daily for only .25 each.* **1931** - *J.F. Combs estimated Beaumonters ate 60,000 watermelons each season, from June to August.* **1992** - *President George H.W. Bush officially congratulated Mrs. Eloise Milam on the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Melody Maids.*	**7**
8 **1922** - *Hotel Beaumont, the city's new million dollar hotel, opened and dedicated this date.* **1840** -*Beaumont's first elected officials were sworn into office, including Mayor Alexander Calder.*	**9** **1998** - *Pleasure Island Restaurant opens-former site of Beausoliel, the Lighthouse, and Pier 600.*	**10**	**11** **1924** - *Jefferson County Commissioners Court granted land for monument to Lt. Dick Dowling in Sabine Pass.*	**12** **1922**- *Beaumont School Superintendent announced in his report that 34 out of every 100 students in Beaumont finish high school.* **1927**- *Only one horse watering trough left in Beaumont, located at Wiess Park. 15 years earlier Beaumont had 6,000 troughs.*	**13** **1899** - *Port Arthur was opened as a deep water port for seagoing shipping with the arrival of the British steamer Saint Oswald.* **1913** - *The Imperial Theatre opened!*	**14** **1924** - *Beaumont Exporter Guy H "Rebel" Dunning died 8 hours after game in Shreveport of severe cramps.*
15 **1927** - *Canvass of election was held to incorporate the City of Port Neches. The measure passed.* **1932** - *The last recorded trip of the Port Arthur-Beaumont Interurban, an electric train that ran for 19 years.*	**16** **1915** - *Galveston hurricane, a Category Four storm, impacted Port Arthur, flooding downtown, and killing 275 in Texas.* **1932** - *Beaumont turned out to honor hometown Olympic hero Babe Didrikson Zaharias with a parade and luncheon.*	**17** **1922** - *Speck and Teddy are the last two horses in use by the Beaumont Fire Department*	**18** **1921** - *3-story brick San Jacinto Insurance building moved 60 ft to new location, took 6 days to move.* **1927** - *Dedication ceremony held for the Central Fire Station in downtown Beaumont. The building was dedicated to the memory of Bob Glass, a firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty on Christmas Day, 1914..*	**19** **1917** - *Tivoli Theatre showing Charlie Chaplin in "The Count" and "The Power of Evil", cost .05 and .10 for entry.*	**20**	**21** **1926** - *ABC Store opened at Park and Fannin with nearly 20,000 customers served and 36,000lbs of sugar sold in one day.*
22 **1902** - *The first barge shipment of crude oil loaded at Port Arthur shipping terminal.*	**23** **1924**- *Ms. Freda Rowley "Miss Beaumont" left for Miss American Pageant in Atlantic City.* **1953**- *Louis James Kelcher, French High graduate, Pro Football player, born in Beaumont.*	**24** **1892** - *Gladys City Oil, Gas and Manufacturing Company was chartered by the State of Texas.*	**25** **1925**- *The Gulf States Utilities Company was chartered.* **2017** - *Hurricane Harvey hit Beaumont.*	**26**	**27**	**28** **1913** - *A hunter shot into a magazine containing two tons of dynamite, and located what was believed to be historic Ft. Dowling, but later was identified as part of the 1898 Spanish American War fortifications. The shot caused one death, two injuries, and the magazine was destroyed. The explosion was heard up to five miles away!* **1936** - *Dedication ceremony held for the Sub-Courthouse in Port Arthur which was built with financial assistance from the Public Works Administration. Fred C. Stone and C.L. Wignall were employed as architects.*
29 **1918** - *Farrell D. Minor, Jr. died of wounds received in action. He was one of 51 Beaumont boys who died during World War I.*	**30**	**31** **1935** - *Frank Robinson was born in Beaumont. He was the only baseball player to win MVP in both the National and American leagues and the only African-American to manage in both leagues.*				

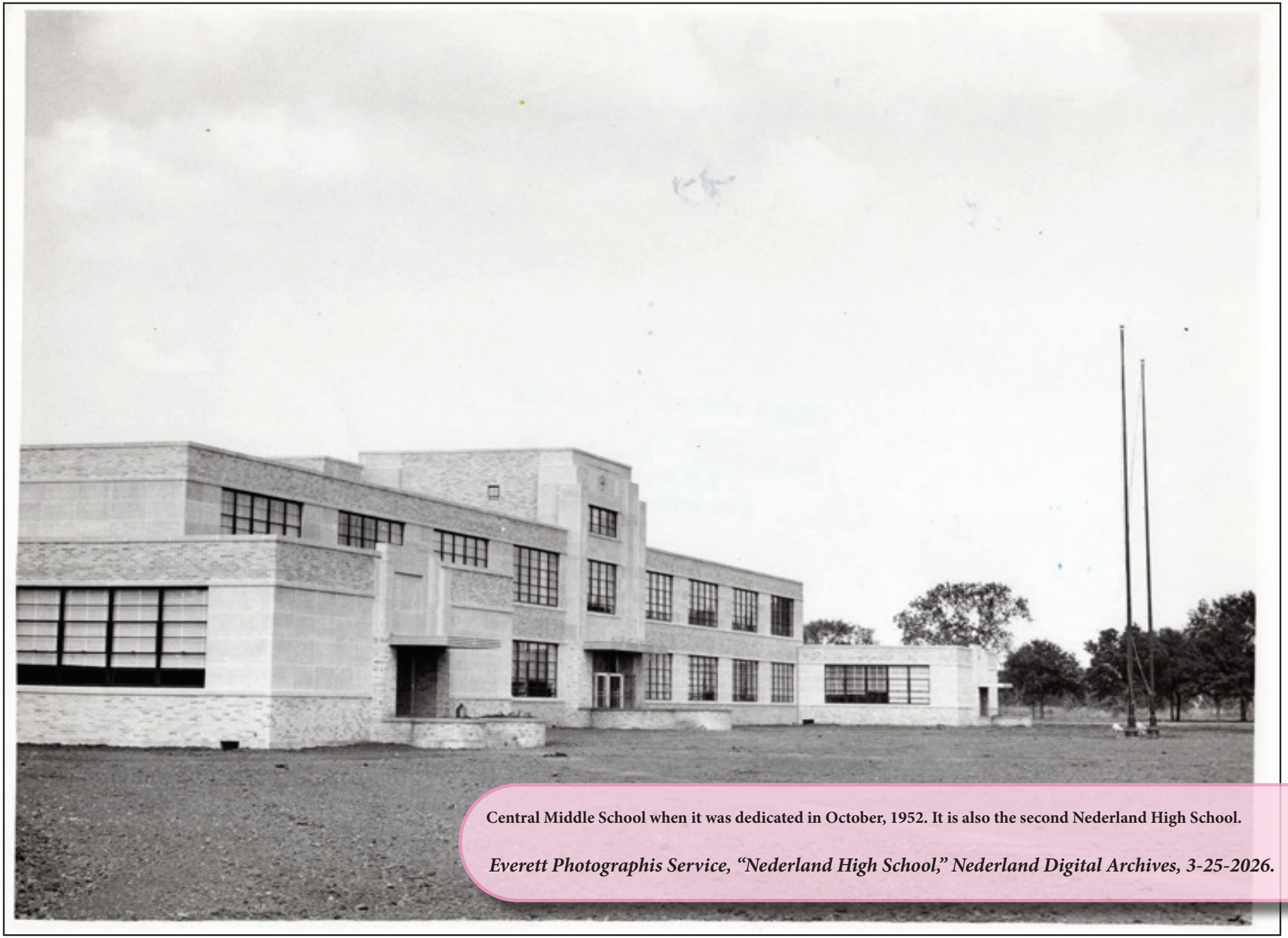


Hotel Dieu Hospital opened in 1898 near Sabine Pass at Emmett and was replaced with a new brick building in the mid 1910's. It consolidated with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in 1970, closed in 1975. Demolished in 2016 as part of the Port of Beaumont expansion.

Jefferson County Historical Commission archives.

SEPTEMBER 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **1906** - *The Texas Company bought Central Asphalt Plant of Port Neches.* **2008** - *Hurricane Gustav affected Southeast Texas.*	**2** **1945** - *VJ Day celebrated victory over Japan in WWII.* **1988** - *Tropical Depression 10 affected Southeast Texas.*	**3** **1930**- *Jefferson County Commissioners Court accepted the $652,439 bid of McDaniel Brothers to construct the new 14-story Jefferson County Courthouse.*	**4** **1917** - *Beaumont City Council awards a contract to Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company to resurface all bricked streets in the city with asphalt in order to reduce traffic noise as well as beautify the city.*
5 **1836** - *The voters of the new Republic of Texas elected Sam Houston as their first President.* **1980** - *Tropical Storm Danielle affected Southeast Texas.*	**6** Labor Day **1881** -*First Methodist Church organized at Grigsby's Bluff (Port Neches).*	**7**	**8** **1863** - *Second Battle of Sabine Pass fought at Fort Griffin with Confederate forces defeating a 22-ship Union fleet.*	**9** **1905** - *Beaumont Sawmill Company chartered and capitalized at $250,000.* **1916** - *The Port Arthur School Board awards $275,000 contract to American Construction Company of Houston to build the new central Port Arthur School.* **1926** - *The Port Arthur School Board awards $275,000 contract to American Construction Company of Houston to build the new central Port Arthur School.*	**10** Patriot Day **1965** - *Fourth Street Underpass opened.*	**11** **1897** - *Last spike driven completing the KCP&G (KCS) Railroad between Kansas City and Port Arthur.* **1961** - *Hurricane Carla affected Southeast Texas.*
12 **1818** - *Pirate Jean Lafitte's fleet was destroyed by a hurricane near Galveston.* **1853** - *John Sparks bought land fronting Sabine Lake that became the Sparks settlement.*	**13** **2008** - *Hurricane Ike affected Southeast Texas.*	**14**	**15** **1907** - *Inauguration of train service on branch line into Port Arthur by Southern Pacific Railroad.*	**16** **1926** - *Tyrrell Public Library officially opened.* **1918** - *Neches Shipbuilding Company organized and capitalized at $100,000. Initially engaged in construction of schooner barges for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.*	**17** **1923** - *South Park Junior College opened its doors for enrollment to over 100 students. Classes were held on the third floor of the new South Park High School.* **2019** - *Tropical Storm Imelda affected Southeast Texas.*	**18** **1918** - *At the request of the Board of Health, the Beaumont City Council established a hospital "quiet zone" near Hotel Dieu.*
19 **1863** - *Union schooner Manhassett loaded with coal was beached near Sabine Pass and dismantled by Confederate forces.* **1916** - *Beaumont City Council approved plans for the new south end Pollard School, replacing former building that burned.*	**20**	**21** **1902** - *First Baptist Church of Port Arthur was organized.*	**22**	**23** **1898** -*Beaumont Irrigation Company let contract to dig their immense irrigation ditch, consisting of 3,800 lineal feet of flume and 300,000 cubic yards of ditch and embankment, to R. G. Jenkins.*	**24** **1862** -*First Battle of Sabine Pass fought at Fort Sabine between locals and a small Union fleet during a yellow fever outbreak. The fort was destroyed.* **1867** -*Dick Dowling, commander of the Confederate forces at Fort Griffin during the Second Battle of Sabine Pass, died of yellow fever in Houston.*	**25** **1966** -*Delaware Street extension between East Lucas Drive and Thomas Road opened.* **1930** -*Port Arthur youth Jack McCluskey wins endurance tree sitting contest sponsored by the Port Arthur News after 1,680 hours aloft.*
26 **1930** - *Granite cornerstone from 1892 Jefferson County Courthouse opened and contents reviewed in ceremony this date. Cornerstone subsequently incorporated into the new 1930 Courthouse, then under construction.*	**27** **1862** - *Union soldiers attempted to burn the Eastern Texas Railroad bridge over Taylor's Bayou near the present-day Valero Refinery.* **1909** - *Cornerstone laid for Mary Gates Hospital in Port Arthur, a gift from John W. Gates.* **1930** -*Lee Wallas and Ruby Daurlac win endurance dance contest at South Texas State fairgrounds sponsored by the Marathon Amusement Company after 270 hours of continuous dancing.*	**28** **1950** - *Beaumont's first draftees since the start of the Korean War - forty-one men - left for induction into the armed forces.*	**29** **1933** - *State Highway Commission held a hearing regarding making an application to the USCE for a permit to build a new bridge over the Neches River at Port Arthur.* **1916** - *Beaumont participates in "Fall Dress Up", a nationwide effort emphasizing the importance of being well-dressed, with a Fall Style Show and events sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association.* **1966** - *Roman Catholic Diocese of Beaumont was established.*	**30** **1899** - *The Lavernrock was the second ocean-going steamship to arrive at Port Arthur docks.*		



Central Middle School when it was dedicated in October, 1952. It is also the second Nederland High School.

Everett Photographis Service, "Nederland High School," Nederland Digital Archives, 3-25-2026.

OCTOBER 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October is Texas Archeology Month.					**1** 1982 - *Julie Rogers Theatre, former City Hall and Auditorium, officially dedicated.* 1924 - *The Magnolia Refinery radio station, KFDM, broadcast its first program from the refinery's cafeteria, a performance by the Magnolia band, directed by Harry Cloud.* 1878 - *Long & Co. of Beaumont donated 8,000 feet of seasoned lumber to be used in the construction of Maggie Houston Hall, Waco University.*	**2** 1893 - *Post Office in China, Texas, was established.* 1900 - *Ruth Simpson Airey (wife of Guy Airey, owner of Exporters Baseball Team) was born.*
3	**4** 1909 - *Port Arthur Business College (later Lamar University - Port Arthur) held first classes. Founded by John W. Gates.* 1970 - *Janis Lyn Joplin, singer and Port Arthur native, died in California of accidental overdose of heroin and alcohol*	**5** 1913 - *Organization of Local No. 464, American Federation of Musicians was perfected in Trades Assembly Hall.*	**6** 1956 - *Joseph Eloi Broussard (founder of Beaumont Rice Mill) died. He is buried in Magnolia Cemetery.* 1908 - *Fire destroyed the first Pleasure Pier on Lake Sabine. It was later rebuilt.*	**7** 1999- *Michael's Arts and Crafts store opens in Beaumont, Tx.*	**8** 1912 - *Florence Chambers was born.* 1968- *Nederland City Council approves the Nederland Chamber of Commerce's plan for the Dutch Windmill Museum* 1942 - *The South Texas State Fair opened under the operational management of the YMBL (Young Men's Business League).*	**9** 1906 - *The Beaumont Live Stock and Race Meet Association formed at the Chamber of Commerce and led to Beaumont's first fair and race meet at the Beaumont Driving Park, located just outside the City limits, near the Spindletop oilfields.* 1941 - *40th Anniversary celebration of the discovery of Spindletop was held from October 9th through October 11th and included the dedication of the Lucas Gusher Monument at Spindletop Hill.*
10 1837 - *Horatio M. Hanks sold 1,107 acres to Almanzon Houston, a site known better as the tract of land on which the City of Aurora was to be situated according to the property description.* 1901- *Kyle Opera House opened in downtown Beaumont.*	**11** 1973 - *Parkdale Mall officially opened today with 55 shops already in business. The enclosed mall contained nearly a million square feet of space.*	**12** 1942 -*Beaumont school children collected 185,000 lbs. of scrap metal in a single day to add to the local war drive effort.* 1886 - *Hurricane hit City of the Pass (Sabine Pass).*	**13** 1960- *Contracts for Hillcrest Elementary School Construction and C.O. Wilson Jr. High Additions announced.*	**14** 1924 - *Opening day of Port Arthur's first annual fair by Port Arthur Fair Association.* 1888 - *Nobel Tevis (an early Beaumont fire fighter) was born.* 1914 - *The Wall Street Journal reported that Port Arthur was shipping about 23% of the total of petroleum products exported from the United States.*	**15** 1901 - *Kyle Opera House box office opened for first time.* 1953 - *Opening day of first annual CavOILcade celebration in Port Arthur.* 1917 - *143rd U.S. Infantry officially formed at Camp Bowie, TX. Beaumont Companies M&G consolidated into new Company B, 143rd U.S. Infantry, under command of Capt. L.D.Bogan.* 1932 - *Dedication of Beaumont's new municipal airport on Hwy 90.*	**16**
17 1956 - *Largest single permit in Beaumont's history to date of $1,156,511 taken out for construction of new Gateway Shopping City.* 1936 - *Special centennial postal cachet, celebrating both Texas' and Beaumont's 100th anniversaries, stamped on letters at South Texas State Fair. Cachet bore Lena Runnels' cattle brand, registered in Beaumont in 1836.* 1931 - *Official recognition of completion of Port Arthur Seawall and Pleasure Pier Bridge.*	**18** 1971 - *Canvass of election held to incorporate the Town of Nome. The measure passed.* 1881 -*A Grand Fireman's Ball was held to benefit the first fire department in the City of Beaumont.*	**19** 1932 - *Temple to the Brave in Beaumont's Pipkin Park was dedicated as a memorial to Texas military of all wars by the Colonel George Moffett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.* 1839 -*Intention filed for laying out city to be known as City of the Pass (now Sabine Pass).*	**20** 1885 - *Map and dedication of City of Hamshire to the City of Beaumont filed for record in Jefferson County Deed Recordsst near Savannah, GA.*	**21** 1862 - *A Union force landing party burned the home, sawmill, planing mill, millwork factory, and stockpiled lumber of resident David Wingate during the Civil War.* 1905 - *First wireless telegram received in Port Arthur Western Union office from steamship San Jacinto off of coast near Savannah, GA.* 1859 - *Arthur Edward Stilwell, founder of Port Arthur, was born.*	**22** 1922 - *Groundbreaking held for the construction of the present Temple Emanuel.*	**23** 1943 - *First barge built by Samuelson Shipyard for wartime use launched.*
24 1925 - *Portable station WSAX of the Chicago-based Zenith Radio Corp. on a tour of the U.S., broadcast a program by local Beaumont artists from their one-ton truck located outside the old First Baptist Church on Pearl Street.* 1982 - *Mamie McFaddin Ward died. She is buried in Magnolia Cemetery.*	**25** 1934 - *The first all-welded tug constructed in Port Arthur was launched.*	**26** 1945 - *MV Single Hitch, last wartime ship constructed by the Pennsylvania Shipyard, launched. It was also the first AV-1 ship in U.S. to test the new variable pitch propeller.*	**27** 1917 - *Jefferson County closed its Liberty Bond campaign with a total of $2,263,100 in subscriptions, nearly three-quarters of a million over its quota of $1,469,334.* 1952 - *JThe 2nd Nederland High School was dedicated which is now Central Middle School.* 2000 - *Dr. Dale Carroll Hager died. He is buried in Forest Lawn.*	**28** 1862 - *Philanthropist Alice Carroll Keith was born.* 1902 -*Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church is organized in Port Arthur.*	**29** 1926 - *William Cornelius Douglas died. He is buried in Magnolia Cemetery.* 1952 -*City of Beaumont purchased 102 acres of land near Hillebrandt Bayou from trustees of the Orgain Trust for its sewage disposal plant.*	**30** 1929 - *The Perricone "Quads" (Quadruplets) Donald, Carl, Bernard and Anthony were born.*
31 **Halloween** 1904 - *Hon. "Cyclone" Davis, prohibition nominee for the governor of Texas, held political rallies in Beaumont.* 1966- *First pure jet travel service brought to Beaumont-Port Arthur by Trans-Service Airlines with its Douglas DC-9 aircraft*						

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Home Nursing Classes.

The home nursing classes are gaining in favor to such an extent that it has been decided to arrange another series for Monady, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, from 3 to 4:30. These classes will meet in the parlor of the Neches club rooms, fourth floor of the Kyle opera house building.

The recent epidemic of influenza through which Beaumont has passed, without serious consequences, is further evidence of the great importance of these home nursing classes. In many instances whole families have been sick at the same time, and it has been necessary to call out the women who have taken the home nursing courses. Trained nurses are either doing war work, or are busy aiding the physicians with operations or other urgent calls.

Mrs. Charles Eastham, who has been a tireless worker for the home nursing classes, desires that twenty-five women enroll for the new course, which will be completed in fifteen lessons. Miss Martha Lawless will be instructor, and every woman who takes up the work, will certainly feel that she has been repaid for her study.

If the women who are hesitating about taking up the home nursing course, would only read the article in this week's Saturday Evening Post, by Mary Roberts Rinehart, "A Cup of Water to the Thristy," there would be no further delay in taking up this important work.

Trained nurses are needed in Europe, and nurses trained for home nursing must take their places at home.

Do't Forget the Y. W. C. A.

They are doing a work that the women of this country must not allow to flag. They maintain hostess houses in eighty of our American cantonments. These houses are primarily for the use of women visitors to the camp, but the soldiers use them too. The hostesses look up soldiers for their visitors, find lodgings for the women and take care of the relatives of sick or dying men.

Over in France all of the American base hospitals have Y. W. C. A. club rooms which are the social centers for the nurses and officers. The use of these huts is a wonderful help to our overworked Red Cross nurses

Beaumont had an outbreak of Influenza in 1918 and nursing classes were given in the Neches Room at the Kyle Opera House. It is interesting that electric heating pads were touted as a treatment for the flu.

"Incase of Influenza" and "Society." Beaumont Enterprise. Oct. 27, 1918.

NOVEMBER 2027

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	1 1974 - Reverend A. Dean Calcote was installed as Headmaster of All Saints Episcopal School. Rev. Calcote was the longest-serving Headmaster until his retirement in 1998.	**2** 1922 -The South Texas State Fair opened the fair grounds on Gulf Street in Beaumont. The grounds stretched from Gulf to Wiess streets. 1890 -Dr. Zachary T. Fuller, the Grandfather of Florence and Ruth Chambers died.	**3** 1918 - Beaumonters celebrated the end of a quarantine from a double epidemic of influenza and smallpox that affected 20,000 and killed 75.	**4** 1911 - Miriam Widman Rowley, dance instructor and owner of Widman School of Dance was born. 1952 - Democrat Jack Brooks was elected to the U.S. Congress from the Second District of Texas. In 1966 he was elected to the U.S. Congress from the Ninth District of Texas. He served more than 40 years.	**5** 1901 - The first weather observation site in the Golden Triangle was a volunteer observation site at the Beaumont post office.	**6** 1904 - The construction of the Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House was completed. 1921 - J. Frank Keith, pioneer citizen of Beaumont died. 1880 - The first Beaumont Enterprise rolled off the presses. John W. Leonard was the founder.
7 1926 -Dr. LuLu Smith Washburn, GP and Director of Beaumont Health Department, was born. 1909 -Torpedo Flotilla arrived in BMT for a visit. 1st American warships to visit BMT.	**8**	**9** 1964 -The Texas Gulf Historical Society was founded.	**10** 1900 - 1st automobile arrived in Beaumont, owned by John C. Ward. 1997 - The 6th Annual "Babe Zaharias Female Athlete of the Year Award Ceremony" was held with Robin Roberts of CNN as Mistress of Ceremonies. 1983 - Donald Floyd named judge of newly created County Court-at-Law No. 3, became Jefferson County's first Black Judge	**11** Veterans Day 1898 - First plat of Port Arthur was filed for record at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Beaumont and census was ordered. 1918 - Beaumont received word of Armistice at 2:45 AM. Mayor E. J. Diffenbacher declared day an official holiday.	**12**	**13** 1929 - Residents of Griffing, aka Griffing Park, voted to incorporate as city. 1876 - James Long and his father sold a right-of-way in Beaumont to the T & NO Railroad line to build a railroad terminal. 1933 - Godfather of Beaumont, Miles Frank Yount, died of heart attack.
14 1927 - Jefferson Theatre opened its doors for the first time. 1905 - Adam Forepaugh and Sells Bros. Circus visited Beaumont. 1925 - Second Spindletop discovered by Yount-Lee Oil Company.	**15** 1909 - John W. & Charles E. Gates held a "Billion Dollar Dinner" at the informal opening of the Plaza Hotel . 1900 - The City of Beaumont granted the Beaumont Traction Company a franchise for a street car railway.	**16**	**17** 1927 -The first bale of cotton was exported from Beaumont by the Cotton Compress Company and the Biron Cotton Export Company..	**18** 1949 - Gaylynn Theatre opened at new community center bounded by North and Eleventh Streets and Harrison Avenue.	**19** 1915 - The Liberty Bell Tour of Texas passed through Beaumont around 6:00 a.m. on final stop in Texas	**20** 1927 -The first bale of cotton was exported from Beaumont by the Cotton Compress Company and the Biron Cotton Export Company.
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28 1918 - Mrs. John W. Gates died in the Plaza Hotel, New York.	**29** 1920 - Average wage per week for women in Beaumont was $11.12. 1974 - An explosion ripped through an isoprene unit at the Goodyear plant, killing two men and injuring three. Damages were estimated at $15 million..	**30** 1953 - The newly renovated French High School reopened. 1946 - Senator Allan Shivers and Governor Beauford H. Jester attended a hunting expedition at McFaddin Ranch, hosted by the McFaddin Family 1920- Voters authorized a bond issue for the construction of a water system for Port Arthur and Port Neches.				



1950's photo of Pig Stand Employees with William E. Bickley, District Manager of the Pig Stand Companies, (3rd row from the left), his wife, Dorothy L. Bickley beside him.

Tyrrell Library Digital Archives, Accessed 8-10-2026.

DECEMBER 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		.	**1** 1917 - Captain W.C. Tyrrell opened the Tyrrell Hardware Company 1992 - The ever-so-popular "Snack Wagon" that stood on the southwest corner of Pearl and Liberty streets closed after 43 years of serving hotdogs, hamburgers, hot peanuts and milkshakes.	**2** 1866 - Ras Landry, Jefferson County Sheriff from 1900 to 1908, born December 2. died March 9, 1927 (Magnolia Cemetery) 1933 - Birthdate of Calvin Williams, Sr. Mr. Williams was the first Black Beaumont City Councilor, elected in 1970	**3** 1899 - John "Bet-a-Million" gates arrived in Port Arthur to inspect the Canal, wharves and docks. 1922 -Dinner for the Beaumont Police and prisoners was barbecue possum. 1925 -Land purchased for new theatre (Jefferson) next to Hotel Beaumont cost $71,000.	**4**
5 1863 - Pattillo Higgins was born at family home in Sabine Pass. 1909 - Tom the Tramp died. Buried at Keith Family plot, Magnolia Cemetery. His stone is inscribed: "He alone is great, who through an act heroic, renders a real service.".	**6** 1867 -August Babin, major architect of Kyle Building, and the Jefferson County Courthouse, born December 6, died November 26, 1947 (Magnolia Cemetery) 1925 - On duty Patrolman J.A. Davis died at Hotel Dieu after being hit by a runaway team of horses. 1955- Luby's Cafeteria opens at Gaylynn Shopping Center - over 225 customers were served..	**7** 1941 - Japan attacked U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.	**8** 1922 - Lynn Gilbert Memorial Park donated to Beaumont High boys to be used as an athletic field. 1924 - Women-only barber shop opened in Hotel Beaumont.	**9** 1918 - Herbert W. Reed died aboard hospital ship from wounds received. 1 of 43 Beaumont Boys who died in WWI. 1921 - Beaumont showed an increase in population of 16% according to the city directory. Pop. 47,252. 1921 - Hattie Fore is the oldest pupil at the night school being held at the Pollard School. Her age is 62	**10** 1917 - Fire bomb with fuse found under Pearl Street building. Bomb exploded the next day by BPD. 1961 - Hurricane Carla hit southeast Texas and was one of the largest 20th century storms..	**11** 1877 - John Phelan born in North Carolina. 1899 -Charles J. Fertitta, one of the founders of the Texas Coffee Company, was born in Beaumont. 1921 - Jesse James, Jr. in Beaumont for three days during the playing og the movie about his father. Showing at the People Theatre.
12 1909 - Local historian, Johnnie Walker, who co-authored "Beaumont: A Pictorial History" with Gwendolyn Wingate, was born. He was a direct descendant of John J. French.	**13** 1977 - The Most Reverend Bernard J. Ganter became the third bishop of Beaumont. 1912 - Port Arthur's first gas lamps were lighted at Hart's Drug Store.	**14** 1924 - Christy Circus returned to Beaumont for winter quarters after tour of 18,000 miles.	**15** 1964 -Jerry Ball, a former West Brook High School football player who played professionally for the Detroit Lions, was born. 1913 -Inauguration of regular service of an interurban line between Beaumont and Port Arthur.	**16** 1838 - Third Congress of the Republic of Texas incorporated Beaumont as a city.	**17** 1966 - Country music singer, Tracy Byrd, was born..	**18** 1866 - Joseph Eloi Broussard founder of Beaumont Rice Mill, first rice mill in Texas, born December 18, died October 15, 1956 (Magnolia Cemetery) 1922 - JCongressman Jack Brooks was born in Port Arthur.)
19 1881 - Beaumont formed first fire department, which was made up of volunteers. 1916 - Mrs. Hal H. (Wiess) Branham presented to Beaumont land for a park to be known as W. Wiess Park. 1924 - All telephone lines and car service, in Beaumont paralyzed from Northern that brought ice & sleet.	**20** 1911 - The first cargo of Christmas trees ever brought to Port Arthur was transported on a barge down the Sabine-Neches Canal. 1921 - Mrs. Grace Parrish is Beaumont's first woman barber, working at Alexander Barber Shop. 1922 - Beaumont Enterprise reports that "Pearl St. looks like li'l ol' New York with all the Christmas lights as does Orleans St."	**21** 1877 - Rabbi Samuel Rosinger, born December 21, died November 1, 1965 (Magnolia Cemetery-Hebrew Rest) 1917 - Alba Heywood who quit the stage for oil "coming back" for benefit for the Red Cross	**22** 1926 - Football game at Magnolia Park between Red Grange's New York Yankees and Pacific Coast Wildcats. Yankees lost 34-0. 1930 - Journal Empty Stocking Fund totalled $319	**23** 1880 - The steamboat Laura arrived from upriver with 418 bales of cotton, scheduled to return upriver loaded with merchandise. , 1922 - According to Beaumont Enterprise, 10,853 cars of various makes & types have been registered to date in Jefferson County.	**24** Christmas Eve 1863 - Caroline Gilbert Hinchee, born December 24, died May 3, 1913 (Magnolia Cemetery) 1931 - Last-minute Christmas shoppers crowded downtown stores, most buying practical items rather than luxuries because of the Depression	**25** Christmas Day 1880 - A Christmas tree was held in the opera house in Beaumont; fruit was handed out to the children. 1924 - Professor Joseph Ricci, Beaumont City Band Leader, born May 6, 1882, died December 25 (Magnolia-St. Stephen's Cemetery) 1902 - The Salvation Army feeds Christmas dinner to 250 for the first time in its new hall.
26 1933 - The U.S. War Department ratified plans for a proposed bridge across the Neches River on the Port Arthur-Orange Road.	**27** 1969 - The Southern Pacific Railroad bridge, which crossed the Neches River into Beaumont, was demolished.	**28** 1945 - Edgar Winter born in Beaumont	**29** 1845 - Texas became the 28th state.	**30**	**31** New Year's Eve 1899 - The Twentieth Century Club brought in the new century with an elegant party at the home of Ida and WPH McFaddin. 1918 - Edward F. Riley died while serving in France. 1 of 43 Beaumont Boys to die during WWI. 1924 - $50,000 worth of used cars were placed in bonfire to bring in the new year.	

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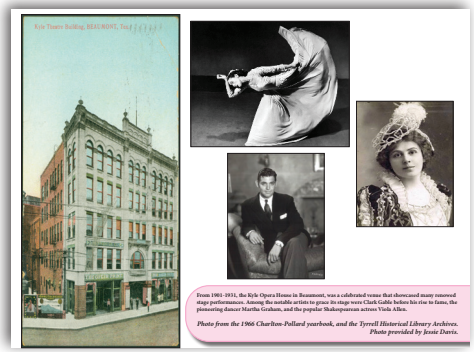
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From 1901-1931, the Kyle Opera House in Beaumont, was a celebrated venue that showcased many renowned stage performances. Among the notable artists to grace its stage were Clark Gable before his rise to fame, the pioneering dancer Martha Graham, and the popular Shakespearean actress Viola Allen.

Photo from the 1966 Charlton-Pollard yearbook, and the Tyrrell Historical Library Archives. Photo provided by Jessie Davis.



Mr. Gerald Saleno, a native of Hempstead, Texas, and a graduate of Prairie View A&M, began his teaching career in 1965. He taught at Booker T. Washington High School in Beaumont before moving to Port Arthur in 1966, where he served as a teacher at Charlton-Pollard High School, Stonewall High, Stonewall Charlton-Pollard High, and Central Junior High School. He retired in 2024 from Mamie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center (RJJC) after 57 years of service. His passion for Black History and the Civil Rights Movement allowed him to inspire the next generation to strive for change.

Photo from the 1966 Charlton-Pollard yearbook, and the Tyrrell Historical Library Archives. Photo provided by Nancy Saleno.



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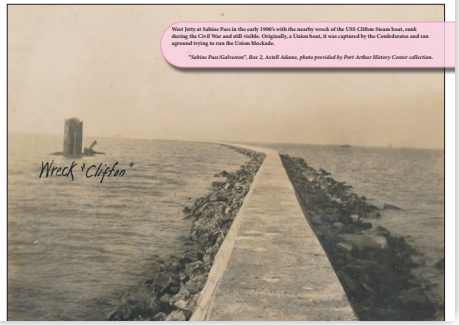
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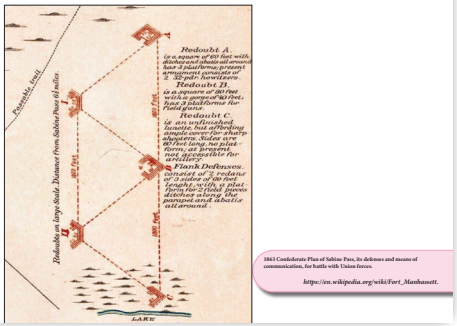
The Gateway Bowling Lanes opened March 7, 1950 and boasted 28 alleys with automatic pinsetters and automatic ball returners. It operated 24 hours a day and was easily accessible from Nagg Drive and the freeway (I10-SE), "when completed."

"$400,000 Bowling Alley Formally Opens in gateway Shopping Center." Beaumont Enterprise, March 7, 1950, p. 16.



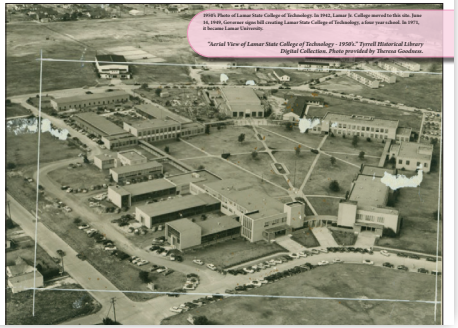
West Jetty at Sabine Pass in the early 1900's with the nearby wreck of the USS Clifton Steam boat, sunk during the Civil War and still visible. Originally, a Union boat, it was captured by the Confederates and ran aground trying to run the Union blockade.

"Sabine Pass/Galveston", Box 2, Axtell Adams, photo provided by Port Arthur History Center collection.



1863 Confederate Plan of Sabine Pass, its defenses and means of communication, for battle with Union forces.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Manhasset.



1950's Photo of Lamar State College of Technology. In 1942, Lamar Jr. College moved to this site. June 16, 1948, Governor signs bill creating Lamar State College of Technology, a four-year school. In 1971, it became Lamar University.

"Aerial View of Lamar State College of Technology - 1950's." Tyrrell Historical Library Digital Collection. Photo provided by Theresa Goodson.



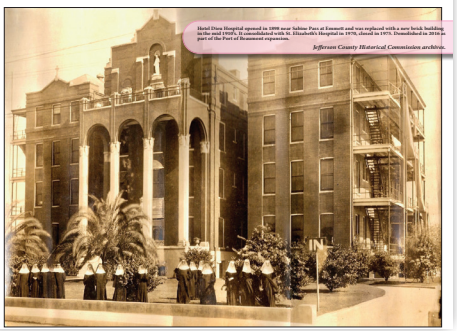
July 26, 1948 photo of the Melody Maids entertaining at a veteran's hospital in NYC with member Dixie Beard being greeted by Mayor O'Dwyer at City Hall. Dixie was the niece of Beaumont City Commissioner Elmo Beard, Mayor Poe-Ism.

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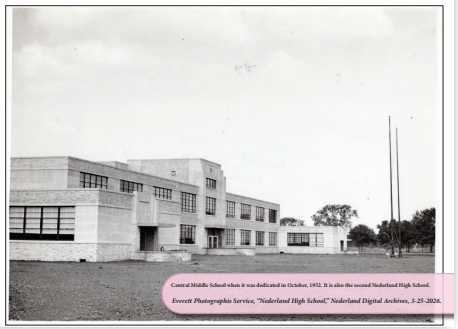
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Beaumont and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Port Arthur, were the first African American Catholic Churches in the, then, Diocese of Galveston-Houston.

Pictures from the churches' website and social media pages. Permission from both churches was granted. Accessed August 6, 2024



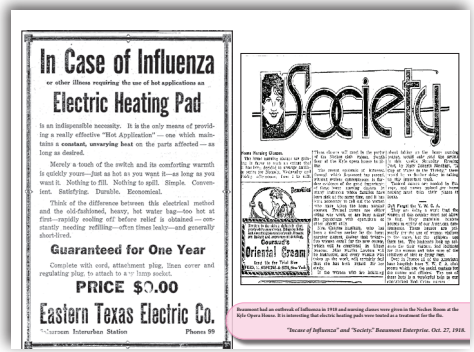
Hotel Dieu Hospital opened in 1899 near Sabine Pass at Emmett and was replaced with a new brick building in the 1920's. It consolidated with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in 1978, closed in 1979, Demolished in 2010 as part of the Port of Beaumont expansion.

Jefferson County Historical Commission archives.



Central Middle School when it was dedicated in October, 1952. It is also the second Nederland High School.

Everett Photographix Service, "Nederland High School," Nederland Digital Archives, 3-25-2026.



In Case of Influenza

or other illness requiring the use of hot applications an

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Beaumont had an outbreak of influenza in 1918 and nursing classes were given in the Nolen Room at the Kyle Opera House. It is interesting that electric heating pads were touted as a treatment for the flu.

"Incase of Influenza" and "Society." Beaumont Enterprise, Oct. 27, 1918.



1950's photo of Pig Stand Employees with William F. Rickley, District Manager of the Pig Stand Companies, (1st row from the left), his wife, Dorothy L. Rickley beside him.

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