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## Town of Walker offers introduction to drawing class

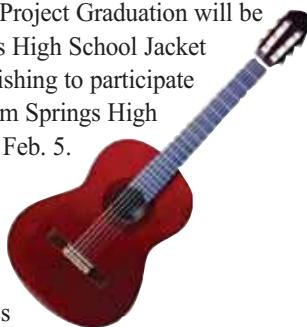
The City of Walker is offering the first in a series of arts and crafts courses at The Walker Museum Community Art Gallery. Well-known artist Mary Jane Hunt of Walker will teach "Introduction to Drawing" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays during the month of March at the museum, 29350 Walker South Road. Classes will be offered on March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27. The course is geared toward those with little or no artistic experience. Cost is \$10 per Saturday. Participants will need to bring a sketch pad, #6 pencils and an eraser. The class is limited to 12 participants ages 9 and above. To reserve a spot, please contact Mary Jane Hunt at 225-665-2727.



## Battle of the Bands benefits Project Graduation

A Battle of the Bands to benefit the 2010 Project Graduation will be held Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Denham Springs High School Jacket Gym. Admission is \$5. Bands and soloists wishing to participate may pick up a registration form at the Denham Springs High School Guidance Office but must register by Feb. 5. The entry fee for bands is \$25 and \$15 for soloists.

Other fundraisers include a Black & White Dance" at Forrest Grove Plantation Feb. 27, 8:00p.m-11:00p.m- and a Womanless Beauty Pageant March 5. For more information call 225-572-2328



## Habitat Home & Garden Show set March 13 & 14

The 33rd Annual Habitat Home & Garden Show will be March 13 and 14 at the Baton Rouge River Center and will highlight innovative building, remodeling, design, energy saving building



The 2010 Habitat Home & Garden Show is an annual event sponsored by the Capital Region Builders Association (CRBA). It features educational seminars and more than 200 exhibitors with innovative home products and resources for building, remodeling, decorating, or landscaping.

The public is encouraged to attend one of the many seminars on Kitchen and Bath Design, Outdoor Kitchens, How to Choose and Work with a Builder or Remodeler, Buying Your First Home, Energy Efficiency and more. Many booths will have information regarding the home energy tax credits.

The show hours are Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12, and are free to children under 6. Strollers are not permitted.

The CRBA Green Building Committee will again have a special exhibit to showcase efficient and environmentally-friendly home products and services. In addition, celebrity chefs will do cooking demonstrations and tasting

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samples. Visitors to the show may register to win some great prizes. Guests can also purchase a raffle ticket to the 2010 Children's Miracle Mansion, benefiting Our Lady of the Lake's Children Hospital. The home is currently under construction in Zachary.

Exhibitor space is still available. For more information call Denise Emmons at 225-769-7696 or go to [www.crbahabitat.com](http://www.crbahabitat.com).

### Speaker will address Republication women

Louisiana Speaker of the House of Representative Jim Tucker will be the guest speaker at the March 4 meeting of Republican Women, 11:30 a.m. at the Hampton Inn in Denham Springs. He will give his insight on the 2010 Legislative Session which begins March 29 and its impact on our State. The public is invited; a fee is charged for lunch.

At the Feb. meeting, Muriel Laws with the Census Bureau gave an overview of the 2010 Census which is made up of 10 questions that can be viewed at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

### Business workshop on finance alternatives

A seminar for small businesses, "Creative Alternative Financing: An Alternative to Bank Financing" will be held at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on March 1 and April 5, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The workshop will be presented by Debra Maples. RSVP by calling 247-4370.



### Expecting? Learn more about birthing options

Ochsner Health System will offer an educational seminar on available birthing options on Thursday, February 18, 2010, 12 noon at Mansur's on the Boulevard, 5720 Corporate Blvd. Baton Rouge.. Ochsner OB/GYN Ralph Dauterive, MD, and Certified Nurse Midwife Bethanie Genre will present information on birthing options including a more natural approach. Cost to attend is \$15, which includes lunch. Those interested in learning more can register for the February Hello Health seminar by calling 1-866-OCHSNER.



Ochsner Medical Center-Baton Rouge will celebrate the opening of its new labor and delivery unit this spring. The hospital's fourth floor will be entirely dedicated to mothers and babies with 6 labor and delivery rooms, 2 caesarean rooms, 9 NICU beds, 14 patient rooms, a holding nursery and recovery and assessment beds.

### Fine Arts guest speaker will be Annie Huget

The Denham Springs Fine Art Association is an organization of local artists promoting art education, professional aid, and encouragement to all arts at all levels. The DSFAA meets the first Monday of each month 7 p.m. at the Denham Springs Municipal Building, 941 Government Dr. The guest speaker for the March 2 meeting will be Annie Huget of



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the Denham Springs-Walker Library. She will present a how-to on writing a professional artist bio and gallery presentation to major galleries. Call Sandra Middleton at 664-9565.

## Children learn to draw with the Arts Council

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish will offer a Beginning Drawing class for third grade through seventh grade on Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. The instructor will be Artist Michael Verrett. The cost is \$10. To preregister, call 664-1168.

## Relay for Life of Denham Springs seeking teams

The upcoming Relay is set for April 30 at Denham Springs High School. The event will be a slumber party celebrating the American Cancer Society's efforts to fight for more birthdays as they strive to eliminate cancer. Committee members encourage everyone to begin organizing a team now. To register a Relay team log on to [www.relayforlife.org/denham-springs](http://www.relayforlife.org/denham-springs) or contact Relay Chairman Brian Verrette at [blverrette08@cox.net](mailto:blverrette08@cox.net) or 278-1029. This year's Relay for Life goal is \$60,000 with money raised supporting the American Cancer Society's efforts to eliminate cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

## 14th annual Women's Weekend at Walker BC

Walker Baptist Church, 10696 Florida Blvd., Walker, will hold their 14th Annual Women's Weekend, "Victoriously Frazzled: Finding Victory through the Cross" March 5, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Cindi Wood, author of *Victoriously Frazzled*. A \$15 registration fee is due by Feb. 28 or \$20 at the door. The fee includes a Friday supper and Saturday pastries and luncheon. Child care and activities are provided. For more information, directions or registration forms, call 665-8368.

## Shoot skeet and help St. Jude and MDA

The Denham Springs Fire Department Local 3351 of the International Association of Firefighters is putting on a Skeet Shoot on March 13 at Riverside Sporting Clays in Denham Springs. The money will be donated to St. Jude and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Participants are needed for the event. Call 985-320-4835 or 225-667-8372.



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## DSHS Class of '75 reunion May 22

The Denham Springs High School Class of 1975 is planning a 35 year reunion on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at PARDS in Denham Springs. Classmates are asked to e-mail their contact information to kpickerell@cox.net.

## Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon meetings

Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held every Monday and Thursday at noon at the Immaculate Catholic Church, 865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs in the administrative building.

AA and Al Anon both hold meetings at the Denham Springs municipal building at 941 Government St. every Friday at 8 p.m.

## COA planning Hawaiian cruise, Colorado trip

The Livingston Council on Aging is offering a group trip to Hawaii on the

Carnival Cruise Line. The 13 day and 12 night trip will leave out of Baton Rouge on April 23, 2010. The trip includes the cruise, round trip airfare, port charges, government fees, taxes and transfers to and from piers. Call Dale Wilson at 664-9343.

The Livingston COA is also hosting a nine day and eight night trip to Colorado and the Rocky Mountains June 5 - 13, 2010, in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach. Some of the places they will be touring is the Oklahoma City National Memorial, the Garden of the Gods, Colorado's Natural Wonder - the Royal Gorge, Historic Manitou Springs at the base of Pikes Peak, United States Olympic Training Center, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum, Historic Old Colorado City, Old Cowtown Museum and much more. Call Sheryl Averett at 664-9343.

## Substance abuse services can help teenagers

Livingston Youth and Family Counseling is now licensed by the State Department and Health and Hospitals in collaboration with the Florida

Parishes' Human Services Authority to provide intensive outpatient services for ages 12 - 17 with addictive disorders. If you suspect the abuse of drugs or alcohol of a loved one, call 665-7242 to schedule an appointment.

## Low cost spay-neuter service available

Low cost spay and neuter for pets will be offered March 3 beginning at 8 a.m. provided by Lakeshore Hospital's Mobil Unit. The event is being sponsored by All Gods Creatures and the Livingston SPCA. Appointments are required by calling 985-626-5615.

## Artist Crossing Gallery Presents "Exhibit On Main"

The Artist Crossing Gallery invites the community to "Exhibit On Main," a showing of photography art featuring the works of Melissa Cannon, Kellye Esworth and Melonie Ellzey. Works will be on display at the Artist Crossing Gallery of the Main Street Financial Resource Center in Denham Springs, beginning Monday, February 8th, continuous until April 9th, 2010.

Melissa Cannon specializes in wedding, family, children, and fine art photography. Her approach to photography has always been to simply sit back and let it happen. Kellye Esworth feels that the world is so lovely even in the darkest of places, and choose to bind beauty in the mundane, even the grotesque. Melonie Ellzey enjoys photography immensely and takes great pride and joy in her work as a professional photographer and to make it a full time career.

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