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## President's Letter

I can hardly believe it is time for this edition of the Jeffersonian. A major accomplishment of the Historic Jefferson Foundation is the publication of this newspaper. Pamela Thomas, editor, has much to be pleased about following her very professional and highly successful first edition in February. Her expertise and enormous effort is purely voluntary and I certainly appreciate her success for both our readers and the Foundation. We want to thank our advertisers who are largely from Jefferson and Marion County. They have been loyal to the publication through the years and we endeavor to be loyal to them. We see this as a major means of meeting our Foundation mission: to preserve and promote the history of Jefferson and Marion County, Texas. Please stay in one of our several fine places of accommodation, enjoy wonderful fare at our excellent restaurants, and frequent the wide variety of shops, services and museums right here in our community.

Soon, Candlelight Tour of Homes® will bring happy smiles to our many visitors to Jefferson. If you haven't attended the Candlelight season events, you are in for a real treat and I hope we will see you this winter season. Read all about it in this edition.

We also co-sponsor with the Lions Club to present the Enchanted Forest at Lions Park. It is a beautiful display of Christmas Trees on the city park and is sure to please all ages. If you'd like to buy a tree to decorate, watch for the announcements and reserve your tree early to avoid disappointment, as the number available is limited. Again this year, we will offer a robust program of music during each evening of the Candlelight Tours. Guest performers come from the area and some from long distances, to produce delightful evenings of seasonal music both religious and secular. It's a good chance to rest between the beautiful home tours. Advance Candlelight tickets are available at P.O. Box 688 Jefferson, TX 75657, by phone at 903-665-6075 and by PayPal online at [historicjeffersonfoundation.com](http://historicjeffersonfoundation.com).

We have been busy reaching out to partners to aid restoration of the Jefferson Ordnance Magazine which is threatened by the eroding bank of the Big Cypress Bayou. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has offered us preliminary assistance with this enormous evaluation and repair process. Read about the "Powder Magazine" for its unique place in Texas history as part of the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate Army. This small but important building is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been approved for an Official Texas Historical Marker, as well.

We are proud to announce the publication of Antebellum Jefferson, Texas by Jacque Bagur and sponsored by the Foundation. This important book is full of historic information about Jefferson and environs prior to 1860. Books are available through the Foundation and select local vendors.

I know you will enjoy this edition of the Jeffersonian. Please be in touch if we can provide additional information.

My sincere appreciation for the enormous efforts of our Board of Directors, elected by the 161 members of the Foundation or appointed by the Board to fill vacant unexpired terms. They are Sam Ayer, Meriam Blair, Bill DeWare, David Doriot, Sharon Goolsby, Mary-Margaret Harvey, Tony Jones, Wendy Looney, Mary Nash, Colleen Taylor, Pamela Thomas, Skip Torrains and yours truly.

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# Foundation an Integral Part of Jefferson Life

By Vic Parker

The Historic Jefferson Foundation is one of the main-stays of life in Jefferson. It's an organization that contributes to the quality of life, often flying below the radar of everyday occurrences.

While it may be best known for the semiannual publication of the *Jeffersonian*, the organization is involved in numerous other projects, most of them charitable and hugely influential on the community itself.

Another of the Foundation's annual efforts is the Candlelight Tour of Homes®, a wintertime excursion for thousands who come to Jefferson to tour homes bedecked in greenery and natural lighting and to be greeted by docents in period costumes.

The Foundation was created in 1981 by a grass roots effort to save from further destruction the remains of the downtown Denton Drug Co. building which had been heavily damaged by a fire. Soon after, a wind storm collapsed the remainder of the building, but the group, undeterred, continued to meet and expand its membership.

The goal of the Foundation is to preserve and promote the history of Jefferson and Marion County, Texas. Its vision from the beginning was to promote economic

development through historic preservation as a means of saving valuable structures through "adaptive use" and fund-raising.

Among the many accomplishments of the Foundation are:

- Published *Antebellum Jefferson, Texas*. Written by Jacques Bagur, this is a serious resource and reference for historians of the era and is available for purchase now;

- Maintains and beautifies Sterne Fountain and the surrounding area, as well as providing area lighting;

- Took over space and created the area known as the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Park;

- Acquired, restored and caused to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places the Jefferson Ordnance Magazine;

- Acquired a portion of the Robert Potter historical site in order to aid in its preservation;

- Employed the Center for Historic Architecture of the University of Houston School of architecture to conduct a survey of the historic structures of Jefferson;

- Worked with the Corps of Engineers to locate and excavate the site of early steamboat wharves;

- Sponsored three field trips from the University of Houston and Texas A&M University to oversee three structures in Jefferson to be included in the "Historic American Building Survey;"

- Cosponsored the investigation which led to the location of the last autonomous Caddo Indian village, Shachildini;

- And adopted a project to locate and mark the graves of federal soldiers stationed in Jefferson who died here during Reconstruction.

The Foundation also sponsors the holiday display at Lions Park which features Christmas trees decorated from photographs to traditional lighting. Natural beauty adorned with the handiwork of artists is at the center of the Enchanted Forest. Last year more than 100 trees stood in the park, a significant increase from previous years. Foundation members have completely rewired the park, adding outlets and improving the electrical system surrounding the park's gazebo.

In addition to contributing to several civic and community projects, the Foundation maintains two of Jefferson's most enduring symbols; Thomas Jefferson Park and the Greek goddess Hebe.

The Sterne Fountain depiction of Hebe is a Foundation project. It is located at the intersection of Lafayette and Market streets. The solid bronze statue was cast in 1913 by the Mott Foundry of New York City. Hebe was given to the city by Eva Sterne in memory of her parents, Ernestine and Jacob Sterne. (The dual spelling is correct as Miss Eva Sterne married a Leopold Stern.) All the

inhabitants of Jefferson are honored in the structures design, as there are incorporated watering areas for cats and dogs, horses and the two-legged population.

The Jefferson Ordnance Magazine was built in 1863 by the Confederacy for storage of powder manufactured in Marshall. It was then shipped downstream by steamboats to Confederate soldiers. There were originally three structures scattered some 75 yards apart to lessen the possibility of explosions. On April 14, 1865, federal troops took over the little buildings for use as a basis for troop encampment. Our Magazine is one of the few left in the United States and the only one remaining in Texas.

The Thomas Jefferson Park was built to honor the achievements and ideals of its namesake. It contains a bust of Jefferson created by sculptress and former Jeffersonian Tommie Wurtsbaugh Glick. Included in the design are quotations by the president and a serpentine wall patterned after a Jefferson-designed wall at the University of Virginia, which he founded. The back of the garden area is closed with a wrought-iron gate in the style of Jefferson's era.

In the end, the Historic Jefferson Foundation is emblematic of the spirit in which moves the little town on Big Cypress Bayou. Its membership gives freely and continually of itself and its resources in a never-ending effort to not only improve the community, but also keep it mindful of its glorious past.

Foundation members serve on the Board of Directors and on committees, both elected and voluntary, offering input on the issues which affect all the citizens.

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# An Old-Fashioned Christmas Comes to Jefferson

By Francene DePrez Rainey

Take a stroll through Jefferson from Thanksgiving through New Year's and embrace the spirit of the holiday season with a variety of activities. Jefferson has something for everyone including Christmas music concerts, Christmas plays, home tours, Christmas and New Year's train rides, horse and mule-drawn carriage rides and riverboat tours.

Thanksgiving Day starts off the season with the Rail of Lights Christmas Train which continues through New Year's Eve. Step back in time as the Historic Jefferson Railway, an antique narrow-gauge train, embraces an old-fashioned Christmas in the country. Enjoy the lighted vignettes and join the local vocalist in songs familiar to young and old. Hear the story of "Father Christmas" aboard the train that circles the Piney Woods along the Big Cypress Bayou. The decorated historic railroad depot captures the holiday spirit complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The antique train is a restored gas-powered Plymouth Locomotive built in 1964. The beautiful enclosed coach offers a heated experience while the open-canopied observation cars provide an excellent view of the ride along the river. The 50-year old steam train used in years past is out-of-



service undergoing extensive boiler repairs.

The Riverport Ambassadors will be decked out in their finery at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Lion's Park on November 23. The Riverport Ambassadors are "persons in character" that wander up and down the streets of the Historic Riverfront District and introduce Jefferson visitors to what life was like back in 19<sup>th</sup> century Jefferson. The Enchanted Forest at Lion's

Park will display lighted, decorated trees through the month of December and is an enjoyable experience.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes<sup>®</sup> gives visitors a chance to see homes from the mid-to-late 1800's and will showcase period antiques as well as the natural greenery used to decorate the homes. The tour will run the weekends of November 29-December 1 and December 6-8.

The Kansas City Southern's Holiday Express train will stop in downtown Jefferson on November 23<sup>rd</sup> between East Austin Street and Lafayette. The six-car train will bring Santa Claus for a visit. You can also see Kris Kringle wander through town in Jefferson's Old Fashioned Christmas Parade on December 3.

Whether here for the day or a long-weekend, there will be something for everyone in Jefferson. Be sure to check out the stores downtown for that special unique Christmas gift or choose a B&B for a relaxing romantic vacation.

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# Jefferson's Civil War Industries

By Weldon W. Nash, Jr.

Jefferson played a vital role in the Confederacy's military/industrial complex during the last two years of the Civil War due to its strategic location and inland port facilities. In July of 1863, the Union captured Vicksburg and Port Hudson on the Mississippi River and effectively severed the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy from the rest of the Confederacy. The Trans-Mississippi consisted of the Confederate territory west of the Mississippi, including Texas, western Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Indian Territory.

General Edmund Kirby Smith took command of the Trans-Mississippi Dept. (TMD) on March 7, 1863. Under the administration of General Smith, whose administration was both military and civil government, the TMD succeeded in preserving its self-sustaining integrity until the very end of the war. Some called the TMD, "Kirby Smithdom." After assuming command of the TMD, General Smith sought to foster an establishment and growth of industry necessary to equip and supply an army and to maintain the TMD. Because Smith's stated policy was "to develop and concentrate only at safe points, the means for making the Department self-sustaining", this meant that all new military manufacturing facilities were clustered in northwestern Louisiana or East Texas.

The central arsenal for the TMD was set-up in Shreveport. When the Federals captured northern Arkansas, the Confederates relocated the armory machinery and stores that had been at Arkadelphia to Shreveport, Tyler and Marshall. A significant ordnance works was established at Tyler that repaired and manufactured weapons, made accouterments and produced small arms ammunition. A powder mill and other works were established at Marshall.

Jefferson became a leading supply depot for the TMD in addition to having

several manufacturing facilities producing goods for the army. The meat-packing firm of J.B. Dunn supplied the army with beef and bacon, slaughtering up to 150 beeves per day. The hides from the meat packing plant were sent over to a shoe factory that had been established in 1863. Between the Jefferson shoe factory, and shoe factories in other parts of the TMD, 10,000 pairs of military shoes were made per month. It doesn't appear that the troops in the TMD had to go barefoot!

Jefferson also had several iron foundries, the principal one being the Nash Iron Works, which was capable of providing a respectable amount of good-quality pig iron to the arsenals. The company was reorganized as the Texas Iron Company in 1863 and received contracts from the TMD for producing items for the war effort. Although it appears that they did cast some cannon balls, most of their production was in pig iron for other foundries and in cooking utensils. On December 7, 1864, Col. D.H. Hill of the Tyler Ordnance Works sent a letter to Capt. R. W. Temple, Government Iron Works, Marion County, Texas and asked him to furnish "10 ovens with lids for baking bread, and a 10 gal. pot and 6, 5 gal. pots for cooking purposes".

The TMD's military transportation benefited from a wagon factory established in Jefferson that was capable of manufacturing 190 wagons, 6 ambulances, 900 sets of harness and 360 saddles per month. Wonder where they obtained all of the leather for the harness and saddles, maybe the meat packing plant? Jefferson also had a complex of nearby garages that were used to repair wagons. However, Col. Hill at the Tyler Ordnance Works complained in July 1864 that he didn't have enough transportation to send the needed supplies to Shreveport because all

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# Jefferson Quilt Show

By Myra Lewis

“Quilts on the Bayou”, held every year for the last nine years on the fourth weekend of January, has become one of the premier events in all of east Texas. In 2002, a small group of women led by Mary Keasler set out to organize a first class quilt show with a dual purpose. Not only would this be a way for area quilters to show off their talents, but it would also be a boon to local businesses in a month when not much else was happening to draw visitors to Jefferson.

Today the quilt show is sponsored by the Jefferson Institute and the Jefferson Regional Quilt Alliance. Many have marveled at how such a quality show could be carried out by such a small group of women since most other shows are backed by Quilt Guilds.

Over the years such well-known names in the quilting world that have been featured included Richard Larson, Paulette Peters, Darlene Christopherson, Debbie Maddy, the “Singing Quilter”, Fran Snay, Brenda Jeschke, Gayle Wallace and the “Blind Quilter” among others.

Special exhibits have included the

Firestorm Exhibit, the Hoffman Exhibit, a Patriotic Exhibit, the Underground Railroad, and a private exhibit of Gees Bend quilts.

The Show Committee continues to look for ways to improve or add things of interest. Approximately 100 quilts made by quilters from Texas and surrounding states are shown each year and the workmanship and artistry of these quilts gets better every year. These quilts are judged with prizes and ribbons given for each category. This year, a new youth category was added to encourage quilters aged 17 and under. A sewing machine given by Sharman’s Sewing Center in Longview was awarded to the winner of that category.

Quilters particularly enjoy visiting vendors which have grown to about twenty in number. From vendors and demonstrations throughout the show, visitors have the opportunity to learn about the latest piecing and quilting methods and to purchase fabrics and supplies for the latest quilting projects.

Attendees to the 2013 show on January 25-27 can again expect to see the beautiful

artistry of area quilters. The show committee is pleased to be able to have a special exhibit of Sharon Newman’s private collection of antique quilts. It is an honor to be able to show this collection from such a well known Texas quilter, quilt appraiser, author of quilt books and teacher.

The show is held at the Cypress Valley Education Center. Entries are encouraged from all quilters. More information about the show and entry forms can be obtained from the web site [jeffersonquiltshow.com](http://jeffersonquiltshow.com).



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# The Museum's T&P Railroad is Open to Visitors

By Weldon W. Nash, Jr.

The R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad layout that was relocated from Fort Worth to Jefferson, Texas is up and running and open to visitors at the Jefferson Historical Museum on Austin Street. In less than one year, the Museum acquired the model railroad layout, moved and temporarily stored it, raised funds and built a depot style building to house the exhibit.

After acquisition, the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum built a replica early 1900's T & P Railroad Depot on the museum property to display it. Construction began on the building in January 2012 and was completed by early May 2012. The completed

building is a simple, wooden depot-style building with board-and-batten siding and bracketed eaves, approximately 22 x 55 feet, which is sized to accommodate the layout plus have space for several visitors.

Visitors can now view model trains running on the 193 feet of main line track on this superb 14 x 48 foot size world-class layout. The late R.D. Moses and his friend Jack Luck spent over 30 years creating and building this fabulous HO gauge model railroad layout that depicts the Texas & Pacific Railway in West Texas in the 1950s. This superb display was published in the May 2002 *Model Railroader* magazine. Even before this publication, R.D. Moses'

accomplishment was known both locally and nationally as one of the best in the hobby. It accurately created in miniature the wide-open spaces and scenery of West Texas with buttes, outcroppings and mesquite trees. The intricate design and craftsmanship in the scenery is masterful. The main line track on the layout curves around mountains and emerges from valleys. Trains roll by, disappear from view and then reappear from behind scenic objects. The scenery on the model railroad layout is enhanced by a beautiful wall mural painted by local artist Terry Ward. The painted backdrop gives one the illusion that they are indeed in the wide open spaces of West Texas.

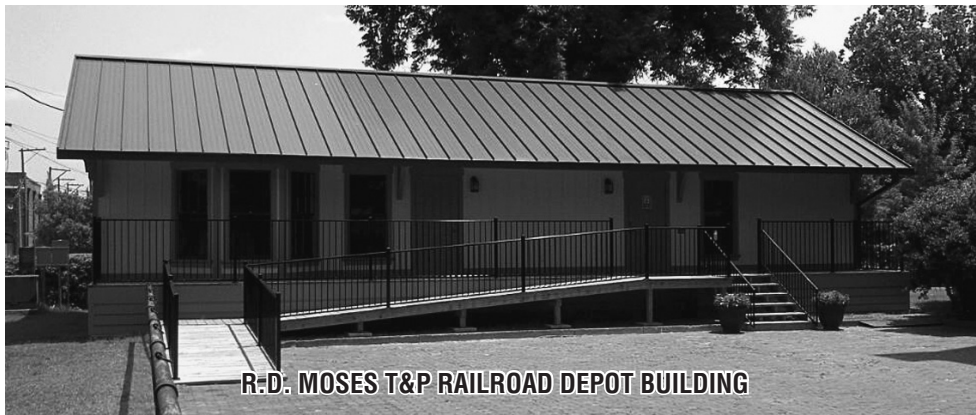
Prior to his passing in 2009, R.D. Moses established and endowed a family trust to ensure that his T & P Railway would continue in existence. He stipulated that it be donated to a worthy, non-profit organization that would continue to maintain and operate the layout for years to come. After several months of consideration of proposals from New York to California, the Moses Family Trust chose Jefferson as the new home for the R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad. A key role was played by Jefferson's Cypress Bayou Model Train Club in securing the



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final step for the move to Jefferson. At the July 2011 board meeting, the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum decided to accept the donation with the proviso that the model train club would commit to



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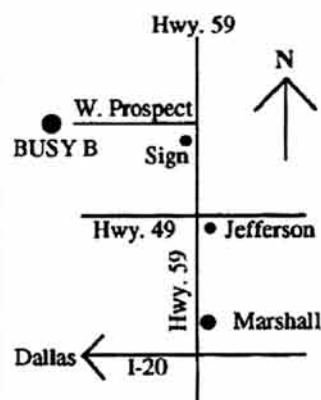


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# Bikers Take A Spin Through Jefferson

By Francene DePrez Rainey

Take a ride back in time to the biker-friendly town of Jefferson, Texas. This small town is a favorite destination for bikers whether on their Indian, Harley, or other street bike. The town features two biker rallies each year, the Boo Benefit in October and the Route 49 Biker Rally in March. Don't miss the infamous Auntie Skinner's Riverboat Club, full of food and fun!

Thousands of people jump on their bikes annually for a trip to Jefferson to experience the history, great food, and unique shopping. Jefferson is a wonderful venue for a day trip or weekend getaway. The town offers many forms of accommodations including historic hotels, B&B's, RV Parks and tent camping.

Charles and Patsy Chaler said that the Boo Benefit began in October of 1998 after Boo (Charles `Boo` Chaler) was burned over 95% of his body in a welding accident in May 1998. Several friends of Boo knew how much he loved his motorcycle and his riding. They began the benefit in his honor while he was still hospitalized at LSU Burn Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. The

event continues on the second weekend each October, drawing thousands of riders to Jefferson.

The Route 49 Biker Rally had its inaugural event March 2012 and is already making plans for a repeat performance March 22-24, 2013. James Novey said "the idea for this rally started on a napkin over dinner with Don Rainey about a year ago. With more than 600 participants, Novey and Rainey said this far surpassed any vision they had for their first event and proved, once again, what a great town we have in Jefferson."

The March event starts on Friday evening with a meet and greet BBQ for pre-registered participants, a beer garden and live music.

The rally revs it up on Saturday with a Poker Run, Bike Show, Ms. Route 49 Contest, Biker Games, beer garden and more music concerts. More than 200 riders took part in the poker run last year which runs through the back roads of the beautiful Piney Woods.

The event will take place at Diamond Don RV Park and is a perfect venue just

one mile from downtown Jefferson. This year, the promoters plan to offer a shuttle service between the RV Park and destinations in downtown Jefferson.

Bikers said that the location was awesome and they enjoyed the friendly people. The RV Park is on the Big Cypress

Bayou and has a relaxing atmosphere in a rural setting among the big pine trees.

To round out the weekend, there will be lots of vendors and food available at the RV Park in addition to the many establishments in downtown Jefferson.



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# Jefferson's Historical Museum is Worth a Visit

By Weldon W. Nash, Jr.

The extensive and outstanding collection of artifacts and historical memorabilia of the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum is housed in the old Federal courthouse and post office building at the corner of Austin and Market Streets. The Museum attracts more than 8,000 visitors annually to view the collections in its three floors and basement.

The imposing red brick building was

built between 1888 and 1890 to serve as a Federal courthouse and post office. The post office was on the main floor and included an inspector's station which can be seen today. The court room, judge's chamber, U.S. Marshall's office and court clerk's office were all located on the second floor. The jury room was located on the third floor.

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum was organized in 1948 to

preserve the history of Jefferson. In 1965, after the use of the building as a courthouse and post office was discontinued by the federal government, the Historical Society purchased the building for use as the museum. Not only did this action provide a good home for the Museum, but it saved a significant piece of Jefferson's history from decline and eventual demolition.

In 1999, the Museum building underwent a major renovation which included removing multiple layers of old paint on the exterior walls and restoring the red brick exterior walls to their original appearance. The renovation also included replacing the electrical system, replacing lighting and providing a new heating and air conditioning system.

The Historical Society moved its collection from the Carnegie Library to the courthouse building in 1965. Since then, many interesting items have been added to the collection, including an extensive doll collection.

Displayed on the main floor are Civil War artifacts, papers from Sam Houston, a dress that belonged to Lady Bird Johnson and numerous examples of Victorian porcelains, china, crockery and ladies' fashion accessories. Many of these artifacts have a Jefferson provenance and were donated by local citizens. One of the most recent donations was a Confederate quartermaster receipt dated October 5, 1863 and signed by Captain Noble A. Birge, the Confederate quartermaster in Jefferson.

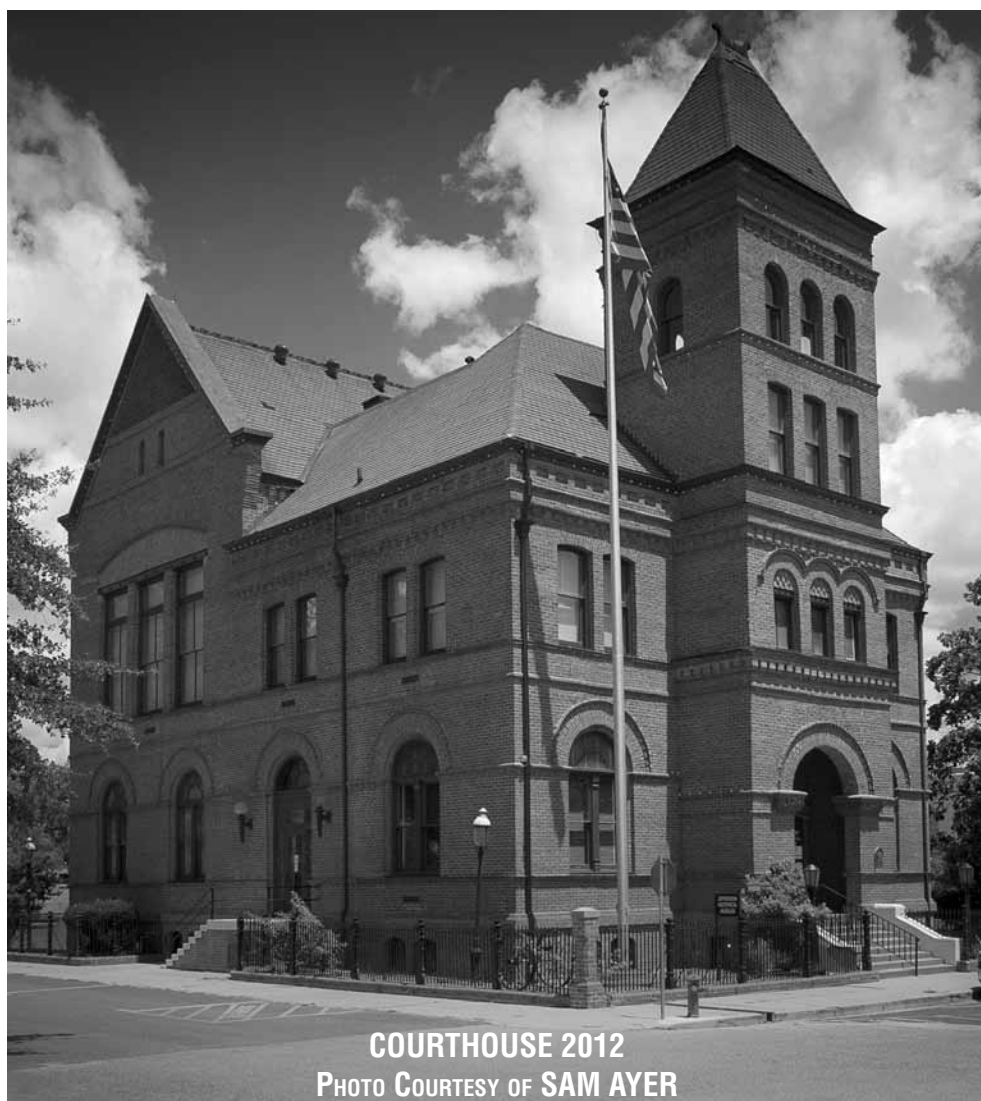
The Moseley Art Gallery is located on the second floor and contains many fine sculptures and paintings including an El Greco painting. Other collections and displays on the second floor include an antique gun and weapon collection, the Caddo Indian Room, a collection of pioneer doctor's instruments and numerous pieces of rare antique furniture.

The third floor and garret includes an exhibit of early Texas furniture and furnishings including quilts, needlework, a primitive rope bed, rocking chairs and fashions of the day.

The basement is home to many primitive artifacts including farm tools, a general store display and an early 19<sup>th</sup> Century kitchen display with iron cookery, wooden bowls, churns, folk pottery, cooking utensils and early pine furniture. The brass bell from the famous *Mittie Stephens* steamboat and the bell from the Kelly Plow factory are also on display in the basement.

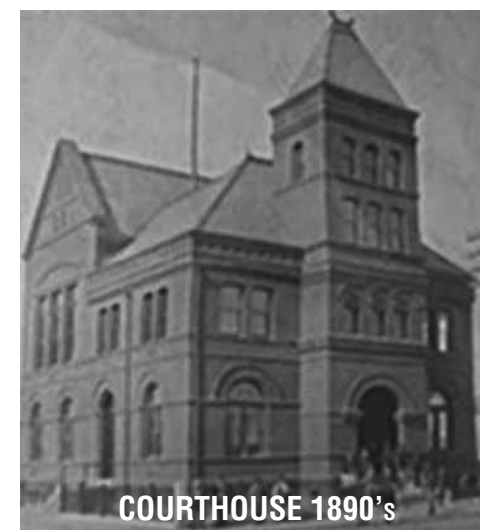
The latest addition to the Museum is the wonderful Texas and Pacific model railroad layout of the late R. D. Moses that is housed in a new replica train depot building on the grounds of the Museum. This model railroad is a world-class layout that is famous throughout the model railroad hobby. It is a must see, you will not believe the realism of the scenery that depicts West Texas in the 1950s.

The museum is open to visitors daily on a year-round basis except for Christmas Eve and Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday and Thanksgiving Day.



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# Annual Fall History Haunts and Legends Events

By Jodi Breckinridge

The Historic Jefferson Ghost Walk will host the Annual Fall History Haunts and Legends event on Saturday November 3, 2012 in downtown Jefferson, Texas at the Visitors Center located at 305 E Austin Street. This will be a fun filled event for the history buff, avid ghost story enthusiast and those with an interest for the unexplained and things that go bump in the night! Jefferson known for its rich history is also a river port city full of ghostly tales and hauntings. Some call it the most haunted small town in Texas. Legends of murder and mystery, haunted saloons, mansions and hotels seem to intrigue even the most skeptical among us. Whether or not you believe in ghost everyone loves to hear a good ghost story.

The daytime portion will take place from 10 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. with special guest speakers and a catered BBQ lunch. Booth visitation with the special guest and book signings and sales will also be available throughout the day. The night time festivities include the Historic Jefferson Ghost Walk tour and investigations with the professional paranormal teams at several well-known haunted locations.

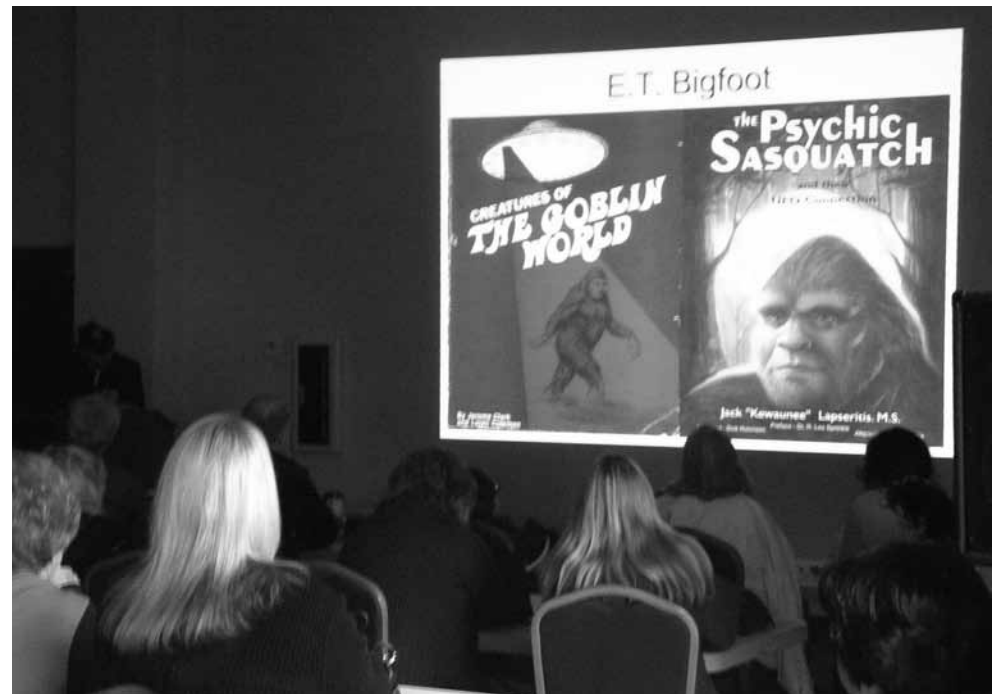
Special guest will include Dash

Beardsley of the Galveston Island Ghost Walking Tours, Jefferson's own Mitchel Whittington, author and owner of "The Grove", Larry Flaxman, best-selling author and founder of Arkansas Paranormal and Anomalous Studies Team. Some of his books include *The Deja' Vu Enigma: A journey through the Anomalies of Mind, Memory and Time* and *11:11 The Time Prompt Phenomenon: The meaning behind Mysterious Signs Sequences and Synchronicities*. Olyve Abbott is an author of western and genealogical articles as well as books of legends and haunted places. A graduate of SMU, she attended Juilliard School of Music. Olyve turned to writing after a career in opera, musical comedy and stage working with Mel Brooks. Dr. Rita Louise, founder of the Institute of Applied Energetics is the Host of Just Energy Radio and author of several books. She is a medical intuitive and clairvoyant. Dakota Lawrence, Psychic, and actor can be seen on Spooked T.V. Productions, the SyFy and Chiller channels and NBC Universal. Ken Gerhardt is a cryptozoologist known as "the bigfoot hunter". Ken has been featured on Monster Quest, and the History, Travel and Discovery Channels. Jennifer

Broussard is a Director of LAS, Louisiana's oldest and largest reputable paranormal team. A TAPS family member her team handles all the case referrals for the state of Louisiana. Cathy Nance is known as the Haunted Chef and Director of Society of The Haunted. Ian and Erin Powell

of SPI. as well as several professional paranormal teams.

Tickets and brochures will be available from the Ghost Walk Website at [www.jeffersonghostwalk.com](http://www.jeffersonghostwalk.com). Come join the fun!





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# Mustang Car Show

By Skip Torrans

There's just something about brick streets, 1800s era buildings and vintage cars that go together. Jefferson, Texas in conjunction with the Jefferson Lions Club will be hosting its first annual Mustang Car Show on October 20, 2012. The show is open to any and all Mustangs plus hot rods and customs to vintage cars, trucks and rat rods. Judging and awards is limited to Mustangs in five award

categories. Proceeds from the show will directly benefit C.A.S.A. (Child Appointed Special Advocates) and the Jefferson Lions Club for their student scholarship program. The show's major sponsor is Marshall Ford Lincoln of Marshall, Texas.

The Jefferson Lions Club is a very vibrant organization with a growing membership. Several of its members have been awarded life

membership in recognition of their lengthy service and substantial devotion to Lions Club sponsored events, programs and activities. Jefferson Lions Club awards a \$2000 scholarship each year to a worthy college bound senior graduating from Jefferson High School. The club routinely provides prescription eye glass frame and lens repairs or new glasses free of charge to anyone who is resource challenged and residing in the club's service area of Marion County.

C.A.S.A. of Marion County is a volunteer group comprised of unique individuals committed to the welfare of children experiencing neglect or abuse and that have been placed under court jurisdiction. Volunteers receive special training to understand the juvenile court system along with the policies and procedures of the Department of Human Services. They report back to the courts and judges to fully represent the voice of the child, unbiased and without judgment.

These two civic organizations serving Jefferson and Marion County will be honoring one of the most iconic cars ever built; the Ford Mustang! Ford introduced its Mustang in mid-year of 1964 and the line is still in production today. Originally depicted as a sporty economy car, some even referred to them as a

"Secretary's" car for its sleek lines, energetic appeal and miserly six cylinder engine. The little car would not be long making the rounds as just a daily driver for young ladies of the clerical pool. Almost immediately, Ford installed a small V8 with a four speed gear box and the Mustang hit the streets as an off the rack street racer.

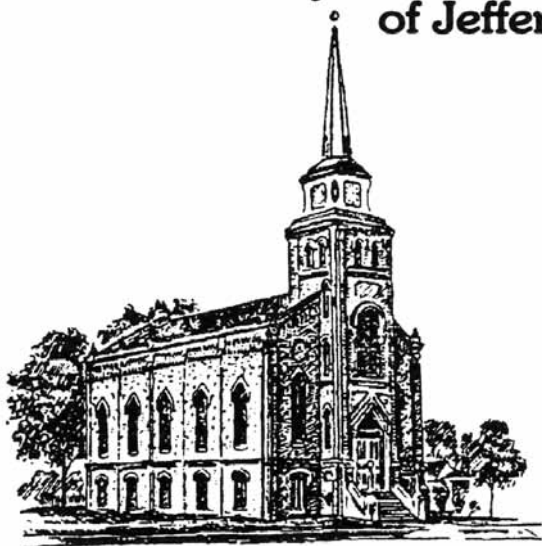
Shortly after the V8 introduction, an East Texas chicken farmer named Carol Shelby who had turned international sports car racing driver with a knack for making anything with wheels do more than the car knew it could do, took the Mustang into his shop for a "tune-up". The Shelby Mustang was born and this did more to transform Mustangs from their original demure image changing them forever into a true "Muscle Car." Today, early model original Shelby Mustangs are highly sought after by collectors. Some are actually still raced at special vintage competition events; but with a good bit more care and much less reckless abandon.

The man responsible for all the Shelby Mustangs died May 10<sup>th</sup> of this year after decades of heart ailments. Carol Shelby had beat the odds many times with his almost

See **Mustang** on page 22



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# Candlelight Music Concerts

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes®

By Don Oatman

First Baptist Church of Jefferson is thrilled to host the Candlelight Christmas concerts for 2012. This church is well suited for these performances because the choir loft, pulpit platform and congregational seating are large enough to accommodate ever-growing musical groups and audiences.

First Baptist Church of Jefferson has played an important role in Jefferson history and has been a dynamic and viable ministry since its founding in 1855. This church was host to the Southern Baptist Convention in the late 1800s. At that time, that was the largest meeting ever held by that body west of the Mississippi River.

The Reverend David B. Culbertson, who pastored this church during the mid-nineteenth century, was grandfather to both a Texas Governor and a United States Senator. This congregation remains a leading spiritual influence in the entire Ark/La/Tex area.

What better way to begin the holiday season than to enjoy the sounds of the seasons as we prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

This year the musical selections are better than ever. There is something for everyone including large classically-trained community and church choirs, gospel choirs, hand bell choirs, and much more.

Performances will be on Thursdays, November 29 and December 6, and Fridays and Saturdays, November 30, December 1, 7 and 8. Schedules of the performances will be printed in the "Jefferson Jimplecute" and available in flyers distributed through hotels, bed and breakfasts, local businesses and Candlelight Headquarters.

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### ***Terry-McKinnon House***

The Terry-McKinnon house, located in the downtown historic district, was built in 1880 by one of Jefferson's leading cotton brokers, S.D. Rainey. The two-story Victorian style home contains the original coal-burning fireplaces, the original heart-of-pine flooring and a grand staircase. It was purchased by Mary M. Terry in 1886 and remained in the Terry family until 1994.

The home is Victorian style and features 14 foot ceilings, heart of pine flooring and Victorian antiques. The floor plan of the house includes eight rooms, and a kitchen in its original location. The home was one of the first houses in Jefferson to have coal-burning fire places. In the front parlors two fireplaces have cast iron mantles and six of the remaining rooms have wooden mantels. The beaded walls in the dining room are original to the house. A walnut banister original to

One of Jefferson's most anticipated events is the Candlelight Tour of Homes® presented by the Historic Jefferson Foundation. You are cordially invited to share in the warmth and glow of a Victorian Christmas. Three beautiful homes have been selected to offer a variety of architectural and decorating features. Visitors will be able to experience a traditional Christmas where homes are adorned with the warm glow of candles and all natural greenery.

Christmas is a special time in historic Jefferson, Texas. In December Jefferson, the 5<sup>th</sup> oldest

town in Texas, will open its doors to thousands of visitors the first two weekends in December. It is a time to share the memories of days gone by as you step back in time as costumed docents share the history of these beautiful homes that are decorated for Christmas and bathed in candle glow.

The home was built with no bathrooms or closets. The original water well for the house still remains under the kitchen floor and there is a water cistern in the backyard.

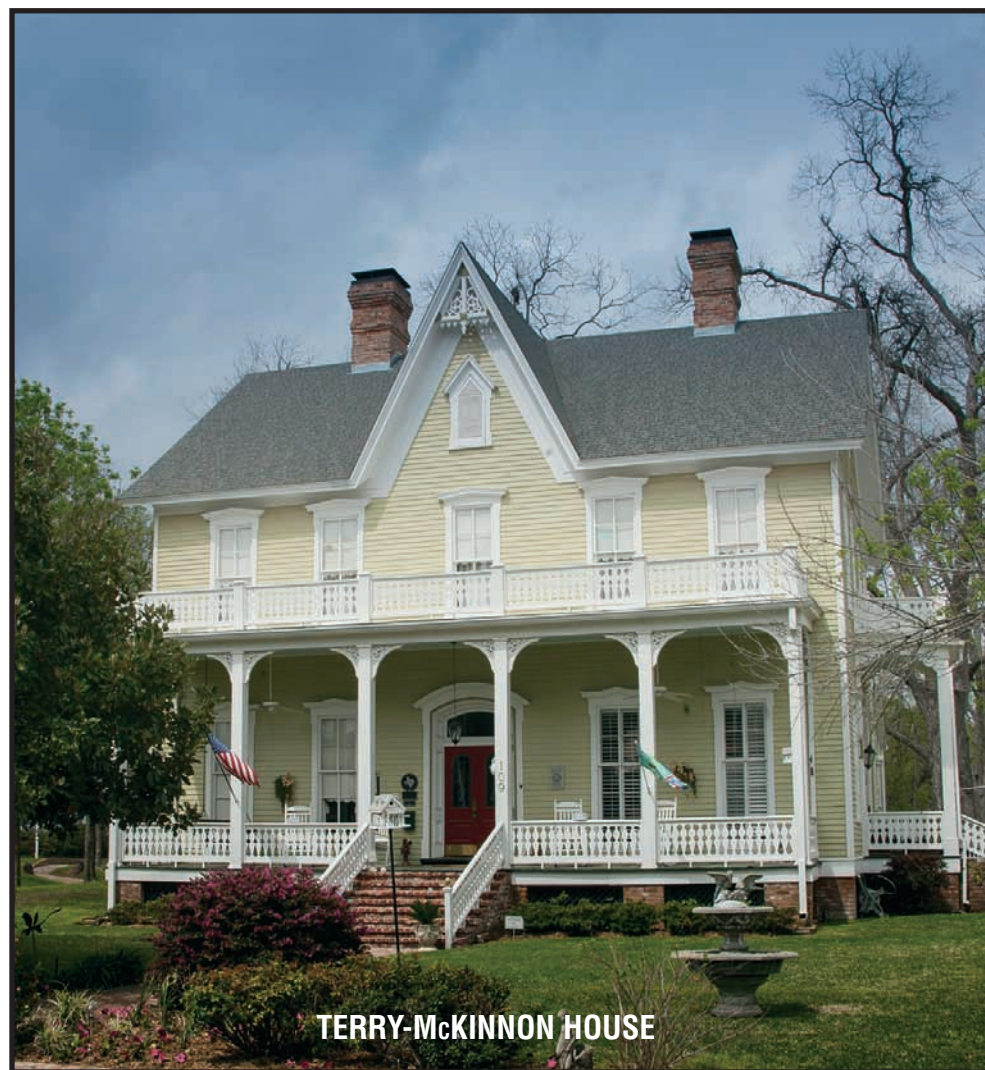
The wallpaper in one of the bedrooms may be familiar to serious movie buffs. It is the same pattern used in Scarlett's bedroom in Tara in *Gone with the Wind*. The woman who owned the home during the 1930s had seen the movie and had fallen in love with the wallpaper pattern. She contacted MGM and discovered the name of the company in New York that handled the wallpaper and ordered it.

The home located at 109 Henderson has been lovingly restored by current owners Kay and Ted McKinnon.

Tickets for the tour are \$15.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10. Tickets may be purchased on line at [www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com](http://www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com) or by calling the Historic Jefferson Foundation at 903-665-7064.

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The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes® will take place on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m.



**TERRY-McKINNON HOUSE**

## Oak Alley

Oak Alley was built by Daniel N. Alley, co-founder of Jefferson in or about 1850. The house is classic Greek revival, with the original heart pine flooring, thirteen foot board

and batten strip ceilings, and cypress exterior siding. The framing timbers were cut, notched, and pegged by hand. Every other wall stud is an unfinished full dimension two-by-four or four-by-four, fourteen to sixteen feet in length. Most of the

original doors and windows are still in place. Handmade square blacksmith nails were used throughout.

The original house had four spacious rooms, two each on either side of a large central hallway. Each of the rooms has fireplaces and share double chimneys. The fireplaces are located on interior walls, which is quite unique since most of the older homes in the area have fireplaces on outer walls.

Many of the antique furnishings in the house are from the Paris, Texas home of the current owner's grandparents.

The exact date the house was built is unknown. Earliest records show that Alley sold the four city blocks and improvements (house) to the business partnership of Perry M. Graham and A. Ferduland Holcomb for \$400 on May 20, 1851. At the time of the sale, Jefferson was part of Cass County. The Graham and Holcomb

partnership had been established the previous month, April 22, 1851 for the purpose of "buying and selling merchandise". The partnership was short lived however, when Holcomb "departed this life" on November 22, 1851, leaving his heirs and Graham with a sizable debt (in those days) of \$4,711. Holcomb's wife, Sarah Ann, and nine other heirs sold all of their rights and responsibilities to Graham on October 6, 1852 for one dollar.

Graham kept the house for two years before selling it in 1854 to W. D. Stephenson. The property remained in the Stephenson family until 1877 when it was sold to F. A. and Ann T. Schluter. F. A. Schluter is reported to have been one of the first six settlers in Jefferson and was an active businessman here for thirty five years. He was also said to have contributed a lot of time and money toward the establishment and

See **OAK ALLEY** on page 21



OAK ALLEY

## T.D. Rowell-Harris Home

Deeds at the Court House show the property was originally purchased by Perry McClure Graham, a Confederate veteran, on December 23, 1867 from the descendants of Thomas Watson. Mr. Graham died in 1881 and in 1885 his widow married Col. Elias Edwin Overall, the editor and publisher of "The Texas Iron News" and for a while he ran his office and press from the home.

Around 1898 Judge and Mrs. T.D. Rowell, Sr., purchased the house from the Graham family. The house was originally a one story dwelling with an upstairs attic. Around 1915 the home was damaged by fire. When it was remodeled, the upstairs bedrooms and bath were added to accommodate their large family of two boys and three girls.

Judge Rowell's family moved from Alabama to Marion County after the Civil War. In 1885 he graduated

from A & M College of Texas where he was Senior Captain of the Corps of Cadets, the highest military rank in the school honors. He graduated from the Texas School of Law and practiced in Jefferson for many years where he served as County Attorney, County Judge and Colonel in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Texas Militia. In 1890 he was elected and served 7 years in the Texas Legislature. He also served as a Director of A & M College for four years.

After the death of Judge Rowell and his wife the house was deeded to their youngest daughter Elizabeth and her husband Odus "Brutus" Harris. Elizabeth and her husband resided in the house until their deaths in 1999 and 2001 respectively, at which time the house was left to their 3 daughters. From the time the house was purchased by Judge Rowell in 1898, to the time it was sold by his grand-daughters

in 2004, the house had been in the Rowell- Harris family for almost 106 years.

The current owners are Pat Johnson and David Ring who purchased the home from the three Harris sisters. At that time, the house which had sat vacant for several years

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Falls forever. You will meet Mr. Potter and Billy, Old Man Collins and Zuzu, Mr. Gower, the Cop, and the Bridge Keeper. The dozens of other characters will make their appearance and help angel Clarence Oddbody “earn his wings”.

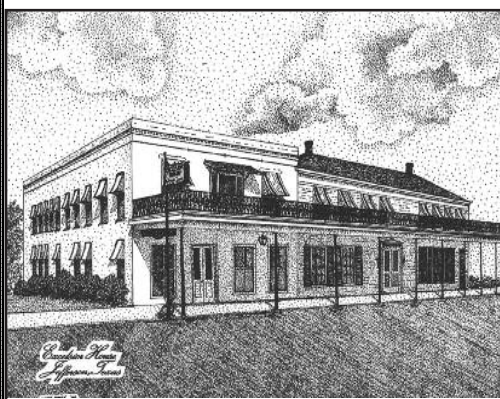
This story’s message is stunningly relevant today, and its spirit could not be more needed. It is a tale which has brought people together time and time again for generations and “The Excelsior Players” are anxious to remind everyone this Christmas Candlelight 2012 as Clarence reminds George that, “no man is a failure who has friends”.

Play performances will be on **Friday November 30, 2012 at 7:30 P.M., Saturday December 1, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. (Matinee) and at 7:30 P.M., Friday December 7, 2012 at 7:30 P.M., and Saturday December 8, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. (Matinee) and at 7:30 P.M., Saturday December 15 at 1:00 P.M. (Matinee Only on the date).** Ticket Prices: \$12.00 & \$15.00

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# Cypress River Airport

By Mary Keasler

Marion County's Cypress River Airport 24F Jefferson, Texas was officially put into operation February 1, 1949 enjoying aviation activity for many, many years served by several managers. As will happen, it fell into general neglect.

In 2001, then County Judge Gene Terry called in retired airline captain

Ray Keasler, encouraged him to be the volunteer manager of the airport and asked him to put together a team of citizens to represent Cypress River Airport at a Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division meeting scheduled in Marshall for August of that year. The meeting was part of a series of continuous airport

system planning meetings held throughout the state to review and update information for each airport in the Texas airport system. This meeting gave the Cypress River Airport representatives opportunity to discuss airport improvement needs and receive funding procedures from state and federal financial programs for general aviation airports.

The revitalization and improvement of Cypress River Airport began with requests made to TXDot Aviation for available grants, matching funds, reimbursement, or other funding which would aid in improvements to the airport. As a result of these requests, by the end of 2005 \$200,000 had been funded primarily by the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, Marion County and JEDCO which included repaving the 3,200 foot runway, taxiway and parking area, cutting trees, new fencing, new landing lights, repair to the rotating beacon, new windsock and remarking the taxiway and runway.

In order to qualify for more funding, the airport needed more traffic. To attract

airplanes, pilots had to know that the Cypress River Airport was operational. Hence the Marion County Airport Volunteers (MCAV) was formed and plans for a Fly In Open House were made and carried out for Saturday, May 26, 2006. 26 airplanes from Mt. Pleasant, Longview, Shreveport, Marshall, Hughes Springs, Quinlan, Rhome, Roanoke, Linden, Gilmer, Denton, Dallas, Keller, Flower Mound, Grapevine, Reklaw, Houston, Texarkana and Jefferson attended. Cypress River Airport was reintroduced to the aviation community. The Fly In has become an annual event attracting aviators from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. The Fly In date coordinated with Memorial Day Weekend, but due to bad weather that time of the year, the date for the 2012 Fly In has been changed to Saturday, October 6, 2012.

A master plan for the airport was needed to replace the 1975 master plan. With private funds donated, a FAA

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From **CIVIL WAR** on page 6

of the wagons and teams are being used to haul corn for the Federal prisoners. These would be the Federal prisoners held at Camp Ford, Tyler who had been captured at the battle of Mansfield, LA in April 1864.

Some of the most successful industries in "Kirby Smithdom" were those of the Clothing Bureau. The bureau's many plants, including one in Jefferson, made thousands of hats, shirts, jeans, blankets, tents and other textile products each month. Certainly, the soldiers in the TMD were not the "ragged rebels" that were depicted in other areas of the Confederacy.

Jefferson was a key link in the military supply system between East Texas and the arsenal at Shreveport. Sometime in late 1863 or early 1864, three brick powder magazines and several adjacent wood storage buildings were constructed on the east side of Big Cypress Bayou for the storage of munitions and other military goods that were enroute from Tyler or Marshall to Shreveport. Today, only one of the brick powder magazines is still standing. This is a very important historical structure as it is the only known powder magazine to exist in Texas and is the only remaining evidence of Jefferson's role in the TMD military supply system.

By mid-1864, Jefferson had its own Ordnance Officer, Capt. F.P. Leavenworth, who was in charge of supplies moving through Jefferson between Shreveport and Marshall and Tyler. Supplies came in to Jefferson by wagon train and were stored at the powder magazine site until being shipped by steamboat to the arsenal in Shreveport or by wagon to Arkansas and the Indian Territory. In

the correspondence between Col. Hill of the Tyler Ordnance Works and Major Thos. G. Rhett, Chief of Ordnance and Artillery, Shreveport, TMD, there are many references to Jefferson. On April 18, 1864, Col. Hill asks "Shall I send direct to Jefferson or to Shreveport. (?) I believe right now the river must be down and it best to send to Shreveport direct."

Other correspondence from Col. Hill confirms that Jefferson was a destination in the TMD supply system. On May 15, 1864 Hill mentions sending a train of 10 wagons to Jefferson loaded with ordnance for Shreveport and on May 15, 1864 references an 8 ox wagon train headed to Jefferson with ammunition. On August 23, 1864, Col. Hill writes to Major Rhett at Shreveport that he is sending 1100 infantry cartridge boxes, 650 cavalry cartridge boxes, 1550 cap pouches, 1750 waist belts and 648 tin canteens and straps through Capt. Leavenworth, Jefferson, via wagon train.

The one remaining brick powder magazine building is currently owned by the Historic Jefferson Foundation who took measures to restore and save the building in the 1990s. The powder magazine is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has received a Texas Historical marker and is the most significant remaining East Texas structure related to "Kirby Smithdom". Today, the powder magazine is threatened by severe bank erosion of the Big Cypress Bayou. The Historic Jefferson Foundation is exploring means to stabilize the bayou bank erosion and prevent damage to the structure. For more information and an opportunity to donate, visit [www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com](http://www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com).



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From **OAK ALLEY** on page 15 maintenance of the Methodist Church in Jefferson. Soon after F. A. Schluter's death, his second wife, M. G. Schluter, deeded this four lot parcel of land and house to his son and wife, Louis and Kitty Schluter in 1883. They retained the property for some 30 years, when they sold

it to W. H. Erambert in 1912 for \$1,700. Erambert was a successful businessman in Jefferson. Many of his descendants still reside in and about the Jefferson area. The Erambert heirs sold the property to Rufus and Beatrice Akin in 1955. The Akins lived in the house for 30 years, Richard and Martha Horn bought the

house in 1988. The house had not been lived in for several years and was in a bad state of repair. For the next seven years, the Horns patiently and lovingly restored the house and grounds.

The name, Oak Alley, was selected for the property, Oak from the majestic oak tree on the southeast

corner of the property and Alley from the builder. The home located at 809 S. Line Street is currently owned by The Horn Family Trust established by Martha Horn and the late Richard Horn.

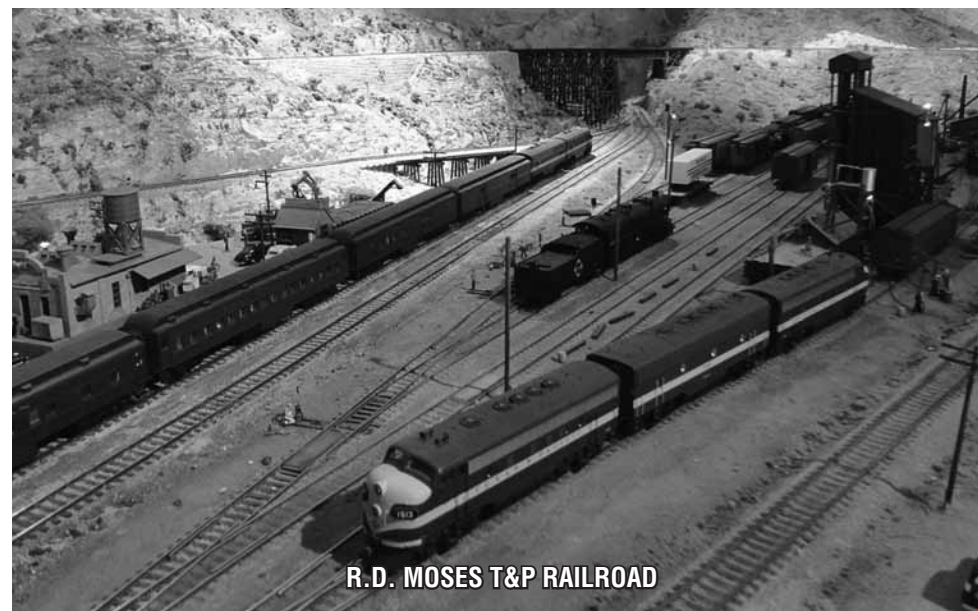
From **T&P RAILROAD** on page 8 operating and maintaining the layout.

The first task to be accomplished after acquisition was to move the model railroad from its original location. It was quite a feat to dismantle, crate and move a 14 x 48 foot layout without damaging the beautiful scenery. Displays Fine Art Services, a company that specializes in moving large museum art, was engaged to perform the move. Their proposal included crating the layout into two sections, moving and lifting it over the house onto waiting flatbed trucks, temporary storage in a climate controlled facility, and finally delivery to Jefferson. The first part of the spectacular move occurred in September 2011 and was

covered by newspaper and TV news in Fort Worth.

On April 16, 2012, the model railroad layout arrived in Jefferson in its two crates on an "air-ride" flatbed trailer truck. Its installation into the new depot building was as exciting as the initial part of the move. After almost 8 hours of continuous work, the layout was in its final position in the new building and the plywood crating was removed to reveal the display for the first time in seven months. All of the scenery and buildings on the layout were intact and undamaged, even the kite still flying at the miner's camp.

Jefferson's Cypress Bayou Model Train Club had 30 days in which to get the model railroad cleaned, reattached at the



R.D. MOSES T&P RAILROAD



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separation point, tuned-up and operational before the grand opening on May 19, 2012, which was the first Annual Jefferson Train Days event. The Grand Opening and Jefferson Train Day event was successful with over 500 visitors coming to see the trains running once more on this fabulous model railroad layout. There were over 30 Moses Family members in attendance at the opening.

Along with several railroad themed activities already in Jefferson, the R.D. Moses T & P Railway Model Railroad will be a catalyst for many railroad related events in Jefferson. It will be the main attraction for future Jefferson Train Days events in mid-May of each year.

At Christmas time, the synergy between

the T & P Railway Model Railroad and the arrival in Jefferson of the KCS Christmas Express train will be fun and exciting. Families will be able to bring their kids to see Santa on a real train and then visit an exceptional model train.

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### From Mustang on page 12

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### From Airport on page 18

approved airport consultant and engineer created a master plan showing placement of hangars, terminal building, rotating beacon, future taxiways, etc. With the master plan approved and in place, a 48" airways beacon was made available thru TXDot Aviation and a 51' tall beacon tower was found in McGregor, Texas.

The City of McGregor gave the tower to Marion County. It was disassembled, transported to Cypress River Airport, repaired, reassembled, painted, put in place, the airways beacon affixed on top and turned on September 23, 2007. At night, Cypress River Airport can be seen from at least 50 miles away.

The airport budget from the county is \$10,000 a year for everything done at the airport. The County Commissioners and the Judge agreed to let any airport funds left at the end of each year remain in the airport account. With frugal use of the county funds, donations from MCAV, donations from folks attending the annual Fly Ins, matching funds from TexDot and labor donated by MCAV members, a Terminal Building was built

and completed in 2010.

In April 2011, the Marion County Commissioners approved a surplus car from the Sheriff's department be given to the Cypress River Airport to be used as a courtesy car. After the Sheriff's equipment was removed, Johnson Collision repainted the car and affixed decals denoting it an airport courtesy car at no cost to the county.

In the meantime, the one existing hangar was refurbished by J.P. Abernathy. Mike and Luann Johnson, Randy and Kay Jean Smith and Ted and Kay McKinnon have built new beautiful hangars totaling almost 12,000 square feet of hangar space. It is anticipated that in the near future several more hangars will be constructed. The plan is to eventually hangar 50 to 75 airplanes.

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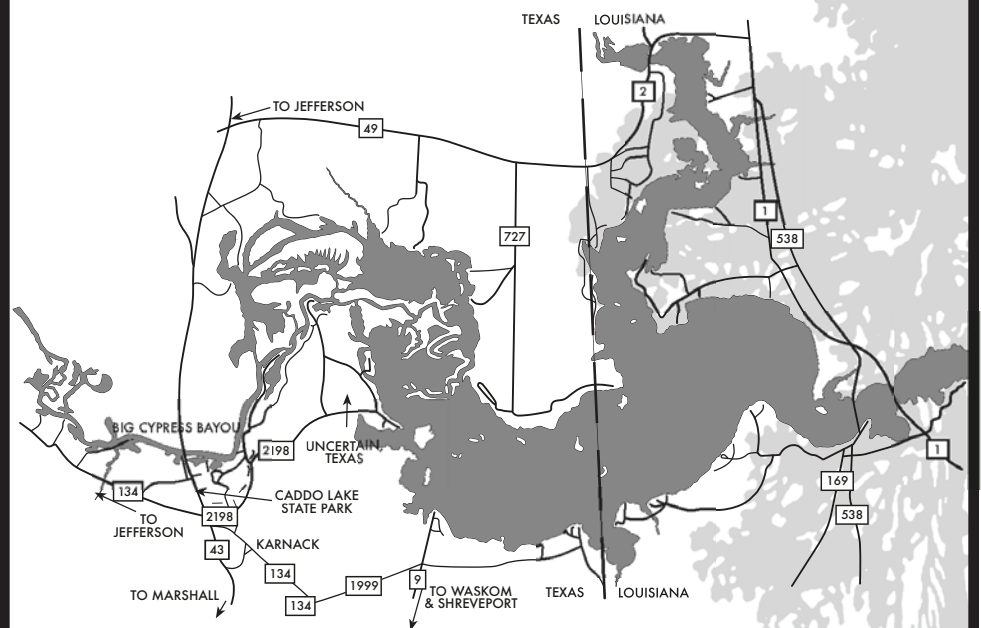
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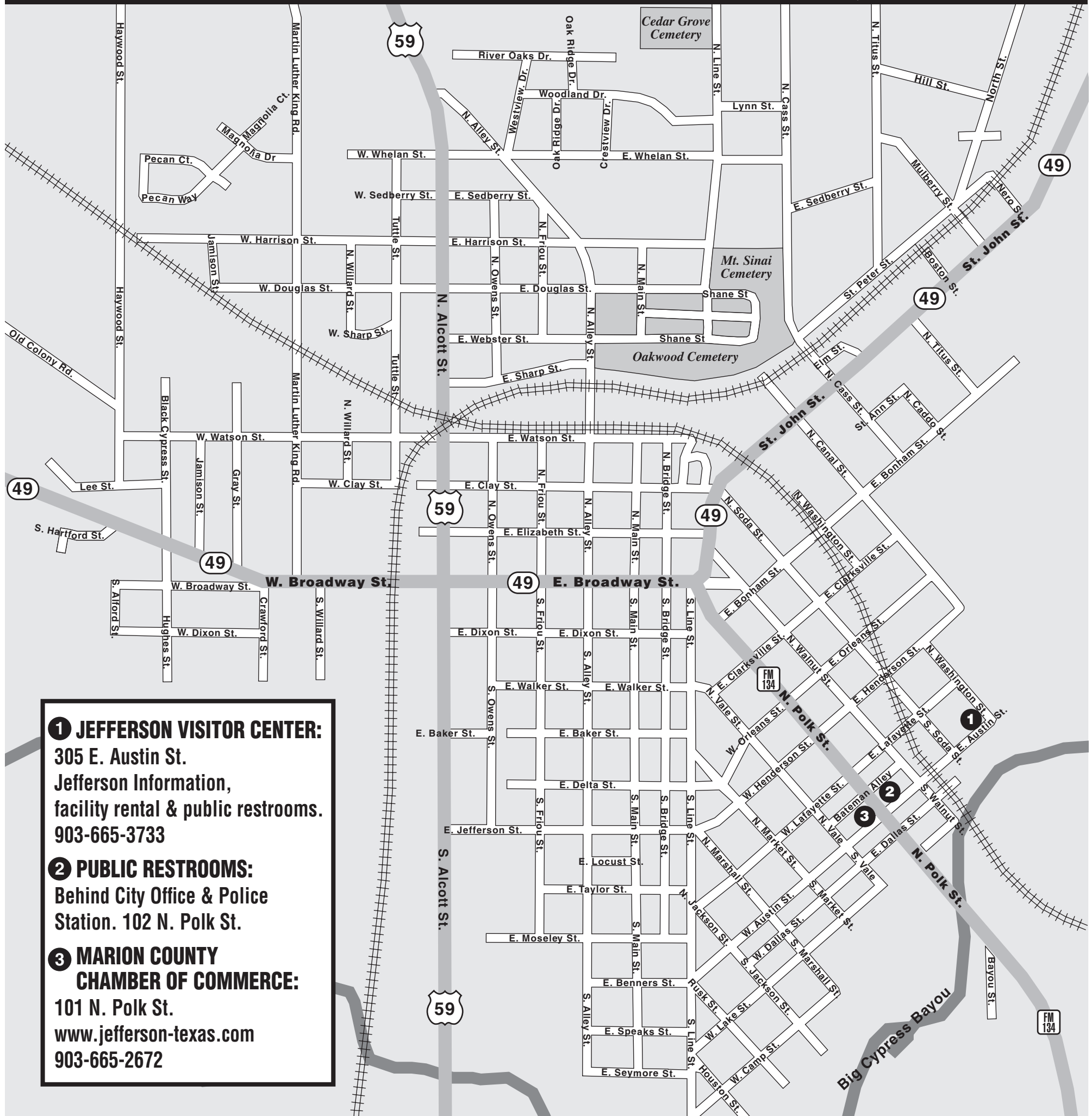
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## 2012 - 2013 Calendar of Events

August 3 - 5, 2012	Arts on the Bayou Theater Festival
August 10 - 12, 2012	Arts on the Bayou Theater Festival
August 18, 2012	Jefferson's Inaugural Civil War Symposium
August 21, 2012	Art Event at the Bakery Restaurant
September 1, 2012	Hank Williams Remembered
September 3, 2012	Friends of the Library Labor Day Golf Tournament
September 8, 2012	4th Annual Fire Brigade Benefit Classic Car Show
September 14 - 15, 2012	Trammel's Trace Rendezvous
October 5 - 7, 2012	Terror on the Bayou
October 6, 2012	Jefferson's City Wide Rummage Sale
October 6, 2012	Cypress River Airport Fly-In
October 12 - 14, 2012	Terror on the Bayou
October 12 - 14, 2012	Boo Benefit
October 18 - 20, 2012	Marion County Fair
October 19 - 21, 2012	Cryptopolooza
October 19 - 21, 2012	Terror on the Bayou
October 20, 2012	Mustang Round Up & Stampede Car Show
October 21, 2012	Taste of Jefferson
October 24 - 25, 2012	Soup Workshop & Luncheon by the Excelsior Foundation
October 26 - 27, 2012	Terror on the Bayou
October 27, 2012	Krewe of Hebe & Auntie Skinner's "Monster Bash"
November 3, 2012	History Haunts & Legends
November 10, 2012	Toys for Tots Casino Night
November 22 - 24, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
November 23, 2012	KCS Christmas Train
November 23, 2012	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Lion's Park
November 29 - 30, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
November 29 - Dec 1, 2012	Candlelight Tour of Homes
December 1 - 2, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
December 3, 2012	Jefferson's Old Fashioned Christmas Parade
December 6 - 8, 2012	Candlelight Tour of Homes
December 6 - 9, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
December 13 - 16, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
December 20 - 22, 2012	Rail of Lights Christmas Train
December 28 - 29, 2012	Rail of Lights New Year's Train
December 31, 2013	New Year's Eve Party @ Jefferson Carnegie Library
January 17 - 20, 2013	Girlfriends Weekend 2013 "The Gilded Age"
January 21, 2013	Martin Luther King Day Banquet @ Marion County Community Center
January 26, 2012	Krewe of Hebe Queen Mab Ball
February 8 - 10, 2013	Mardi Gras Upriver
March 22 - 24, 2013	2nd Annual Route 49 Motorcycle Rally
April 18 - 21, 2013	Diamond Don's Vintage Motocross
April 19 - 21, 2013	Outlaw Nationals Classic & Antique Car Show
May 3 - 5, 2013	Great Locomotive Chase
May 3 - 5, 2013	Battle of Port Jefferson Civil War Re-enactment
May 3 - 5, 2013	Annual Historic Home Tours & Spring Festival

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