



Playmakers Theatre Presents

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie, steal, smoke cigars, swear, and hit little kids. So no one is prepared when this outlaw family invades church one Sunday and decides to take over the annual Christmas pageant.

None of the Herdmans has ever heard the Christmas story before. Their interpretation of the tale - the Wise Men are a bunch of dirty spies and Herod needs a good beating - has a lot of people up in arms. But it will make this year's pageant the most unusual anyone has seen and, just possibly, the best one ever.

Playmakers Theater presents this adaptation of the popular children's book "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" this weekend at the Playmakers Theater. Show times are Friday December 13th and Saturday 14th at 8 pm, and Sunday December 15th at 2 pm. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information, call 985-895-1671 or visit www.plamakersinc.com.

"Goodness Had Nothing To Do With It"
Group Exhibit At Three Rivers Gallery

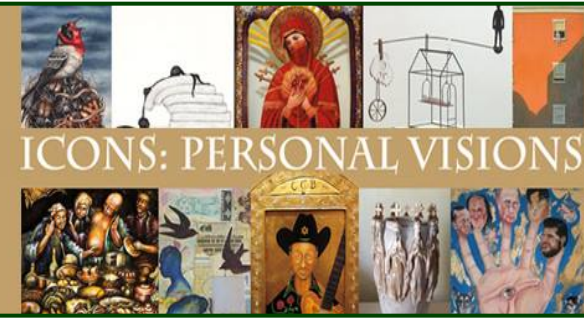
"We say things like these without thinking of the deeper meaning: "Johnny was a good boy today." "Man, that cake was good!" "Yes, we all had a really good time at the party." "But what is goodness? Is it innocence or is it knowledge? Or is it what you make it at the moment? Is it a qualifiable or quantifiable? The use of king cake babies expresses innocence and beauty, both imprisoned and free, while



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the wings signify the ability to escape and change. But is change goodness? This group exhibit features artists Rebecca Burt, Leandro Area and Mary Helen Seago. Opening Saturday December 14th, 6 - 9 pm, and running through January 4th.

Opening This Weekend At St. Tammany Art Association



The St. Tammany Art Association presents 'Icons: Personal Visions', an exciting new show on view December 14, 2013 through February 1, 2014.

Presented by STAA past president and longtime sponsor, Catherine Deano, the exhibit features artwork by regional artists: Jacqueline Bishop, Douglas Bourgeois, Alan Gerson, Jessica Goldfinch, Christopher Guarisco, John Hodge, Thomas Mann, Francie Rich, Leslie Staub and Monica Zeringue. An opening reception for the artists will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 6-9 p.m.

The extended exhibition is designed to open a dialogue on the concept of icons and iconography with its migration from the religious to the secular in contemporary art. Contemporary icon painting takes a broader, secular approach through influences of traditional icon imagery and processes, and is literally expressed by some but ambiguously approached by others. A series of interpretive elements, including the ubiquitous placement of a sculpture by Thomas Mann in locations around Covington, are designed to encourage discussion and awareness of art, history, imagery, and society in constantly evolving relationships. All events are free and open to the public. Please join us and bring your friends!

Caroline Darby Memorial Toys For Tots Fund 2013

The Annual Caroline Darby Memorial Toys For Tots Fund for 2013 is underway with the Covington Police Officer's Recreation Association. They are asking for the community to assist with the donation of new toys or monetary donations. Help them in helping the underprivileged children in our area have a Merry Christmas. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The Covington Police Officer's Recreation Association wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas.

Please make checks payable to "COPORA Toys For Tots" and mail donations to: Covington Police Department, P.O. Box 1059, Covington, LA 70434. Phone: 985-898-2641



Quote of the Week

"Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans." - John Lennon

Tuesday
December 17
Full Moon

Covington Rotary Club Feeding The Needy 2013

It is that time of year again when I turn to the most generous and faithful supporters of the Covington Rotary Club's Feeding the Needy program to ask for your time and assistance. Over the years many of you have supported Feeding the Needy both financially and with your time and talent, and I thank you. Your dedication has helped Feeding the Needy grow to fill a need in our community and make a difference in the lives of many. Additionally, we focus on the needs of the children who depend on the meal that they receive at school as their main source of nutrition and must do without during the Christmas Holidays.

During July of this year the demand at the Covington Food Bank spiked upward and has remained at a record high. The need in our area has grown from 300 families in 2002 when Feeding the Needy was founded, to 1580 who received turkeys from Feeding the Needy last year. This year, prior to Thanksgiving, about five hundred applications for assistance were taken at the Covington Food Bank alone. There will be many more applications from Habitat, schools, churches, Safe Harbor and hospitals over the next couple of weeks.

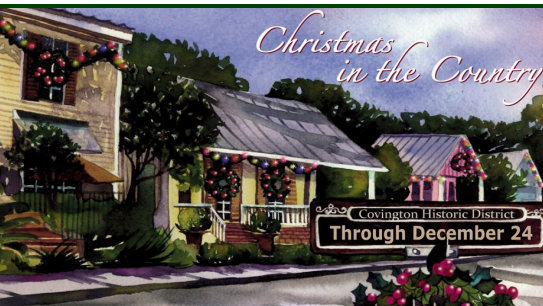
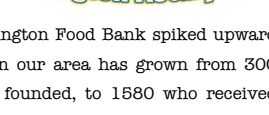
We need your help! We need your help preparing the packages and delivering them on Christmas morning. Once again St. Paul School has donated the use of their cafeteria where volunteers will work on December 23rd and 24th starting at 9 a.m. On Christmas morning volunteers should arrive at the cafeteria no later than 7:45 a.m. to deliver packages to the needy families. Also on December 23rd and 24th we will be printing maps at First Premium Insurance from 9 a.m. until all are printed. If you would like to register to work at the call center please sign in at www.covrotary.org. It is not necessary to register to work at the cafeteria.

Two refrigerated trucks are also needed from Sunday morning December 22 through Christmas morning if you know of anyone who might be able to provide them. We can take the trucks on Friday the 20th or Saturday the 21st if necessary. Of course without funding none of the above will happen. The budget for Feeding the Needy is \$55,000.00 and I am asking for your financial support. This project is run through the Covington Rotary Foundation which has 501C3 tax status as a non-profit so your donation will be tax deductible. Feeding the Needy has zero administrative expenses which allows every dollar to go to our cause.

I have said for years, "If you don't think this is an important program, I challenge you to skip two or three meals for a couple of days and see how you feel and function." Please take action and help us continue to make a difference in the lives of so many this Christmas, especially the needy children. I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, John Baldwin.

Checks should be made payable to the Covington Rotary Foundation and mailed to 1730 N. Hwy 190, Covington, La. 70433.

email: jbaldwin@baldwinmotors.com cell phone: 985-807-4203



Shop Local... Make downtown Covington your one stop shop this holiday season!

Join the Covington Business Association, City of Covington and the businesses throughout Historic Downtown Covington for Christmas in the Country, happening now through December 24! Shops are beautifully decorated and glowing with the warmth of the holidays, and you'll find special shopping events, strolling musicians, carolers, refreshments and door prizes.

This Saturday, enjoy live Christmas music and sample some scones from The English Tea Room on Lee Lane. On Columbia Street, The St. Tammany Art Association has handmade ornaments for the holidays, and History Antiques and Interiors carries goodies like cranberry relish and pear chutney (made locally by Leslie Stumpf) along with their other treasures. The English Tea Room on Rutland Street carries loose leaf teas, tea pots, settings and accessories, as well as gift baskets.

Center Of Performing Arts, Toys For Tots, Northlake Christian School

Christmas at COPA

Join us in celebrating this holiday season with musical performances by the students of Center Of Performing Arts and Northlake Christian School

Sunday, December 15
5 - 7:30 p.m.

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For more information contact COPA at 985.727.4638



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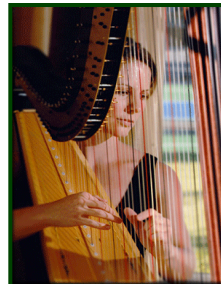
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

The City of Covington presents this free, open to the public children's event at the Covington Trailhead Saturday, December 14th from 4 - 7:30 pm. www.covla.com

Live Music At The English Tea Room
Classical Harpist Jessica Meltz Every Friday 12 - 2 pm

Jessica Meltz, a Louisiana native, began taking harp lessons after her high school graduation. Eighteen months later she was accepted into the harp program at Louisiana State University and awarded a four year scholarship for her studies. Finishing in three and a half years, Jessica graduated in 2007 with a Bachelors in Music and a Minor in German.



Jessica has performed with the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra, the Rapides Symphony Orchestra, and the Starkville Symphony. For more information check www.SouthernHarpist.com. www.english-tearoom.com

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Pet Pics with Santa

Where: STHS
When: Saturday, Dec 14th
Noon - 2p.m.



Farmer's Market Recipes

Fresh recipes inspired by ingredients found at the Covington Farmer's Market
Spicy Greens & Quinoa

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup uncooked quinoa
 - 2 large green onions, chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 large bunches of greens (chard, mustard, kale)
 - 1/4 to 1 tsp. red chili flakes
 - 1/4 to 1 tsp. cayenne
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

Cooking Instructions:
Cook quinoa with salt as package directs. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Cook shallots, garlic, and green ribs until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in green leaves, chili flakes, cayenne, and 1/3 cup water. Cover, reduce heat to low, and cook until wilted. Stir butter into cooked quinoa and separate onto plates. Toss cooked greens with vinegar and spoon over the quinoa. This can be topped with parmesan, crumbled bacon, pine nuts, roasted garlic, you name it!

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Covington Farmer's Market - Wednesdays, 10 am - 2 pm @ the Covington Trailhead
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Covington Farmer's Market - Saturdays, 8 am - 12 pm @ the 600 block of Columbia St.
Music by Linzzi Zaorski beginning at 9:00 am. Kombucha Girl Living Beverage will serve samples of their Holiday Kombucha - **600 block of Columbia St.**

Covington Brewhouse Brewery Tours - Every Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm @ Covington Brewhouse Free tours of the brewhouse - covingtonbrewhouse.com for info.

Deck the Rails - Saturday, December 14, 4 pm - 7:30 pm @ The Covington Trailhead
Free Family Holiday event featuring Santa and an outdoor screening of "The Polar Express" - **419 N. New Hampshire St. www.covla.com**

Icons: Personal Visions - Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - 9 pm @ The St. Tammany Parish Art Association Opening reception for 'Icons: Personal Visions'. Free and open to the public, live music by Timothy Gates. - **320 N. Columbia St.**

Goodness Had Nothing To Do With It - Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - 9 pm @ Three Rivers Gallery Group exhibit featuring artists Rebecca Burt, Leandro Area and Mary Helen Seago. Running through January 4th. - **533 Boston St.**

Christmas at COPA - Sunday, December 15, 6 pm - 9 pm @ Center Of Performing Arts
Celebrate the holidays with performances by the students of COPA and Northlake Christian School while enjoying refreshments and holiday treats. Admission is \$5, or a toy donation for Toys For Tots. - **201 N. Columbia St., corner Rutland**

Music with the Maestro - Tuesdays, 6 pm @ The Lake 94.7 Local music program featuring Robert Sturcken of Center Of Performing Arts - **94.7 FM on the radio dial**

Follow the Traveling Trajectory Heart - Now Showing, 10 am - 4 pm @ St. Tammany Parish Emergency Center Thomas Mann's 'Trajectory Heart' is now at the site of the St. Tammany Parish Emergency Center through Dec. 13. - **510 E. Boston St.**

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