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Flatonia Celebrates Local History with Crawfish and a Special Knights Ride for the Wounded Warrior Project



It's not just the crawfish



KNIGHTS RIDE FOR THE WARRIORS HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Busy days are clearly ahead in the town of Flatonia as the community wraps up a very successful "Quilting Tour Through Time" through the end of March and lays the foundation for opening their doors once again to visitors from throughout the area in the next several weeks. The traditional Quilting Tour is engaged every March with 25+ businesses hosting a quilt and is a great time for young and old to

refresh themselves to a period of time where "grandmother's" most important tools were her needles and thread. "You didn't throw the socks away, but mended them."

Saturday, April 5 is yet another day to mark on your calendar as the Diocese of Victoria Knights of Columbus host the second annual Knights Ride for the Warriors to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. The motorcycle run travels to historical sites and churches in Moravia, High Hill, Moulton, Praha, and Shiner with several other points of interest along the way. Check-in is 8 am leaving from Brenda's (in Flatonia) on Highway 90 at 9 am. There is a nominal motorcycle entry fee that includes a meal ticket and commemorative wristband. A live and silent auction will be held starting at 4 pm at Brenda's and drawings, food, and music will be available for all to enjoy. Last year, a contribution of \$7,500.00 was made to the State Charities from this event by the Victoria Diocese KC's and this year's goal is set for \$10,000.00. The Wound Warrior Project is dedicated to providing financial support to veterans with emotional and physical needs and funding provides trips, activities and support to get Warriors back into their daily routine of life upon their return home. For information contact Kirby Farek at 361-772-0054.

And for those of you that love celebrations, the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce is paving the path for the annual Flatonia Crawfest to be held Saturday, April 12 from 6 pm - 12 pm. Expect a feast of crawfish, shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn, and drinks with entertainment featuring The Telstars. Live and silent auctions will be held with 3 gun card drawing give-a-ways. There are limited tickets and they may be obtained by calling the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce at 361-865-3920, e-mailing flatoniacofc@sbcglobal.net, or go by the Chamber office, C & M Liquor, or Migl's Super Market.

Flatonia was established in 1873 on the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway. The City became the meeting place of the two main railway lines in Texas in 1887, when the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass Railway was built south from Waco. Flatonia is a well-known and scenic spot for train watchers, boasting one of Texas' longest standing, manually operated railroad switching towers with North-South, East-West cross rails. A true piece of Americana, the tower now resides on South Main and can be toured by appointment. Flatonia, Texas is located 85 miles east of San Antonio, 105 miles west of Houston, 75 miles southeast of Austin, and 75 miles northwest of Victoria off Interstate 10.

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