

# Tapas and wine will benefit the Cattery



The Cattery Cat Shelter will host a tapas and wine tasting at Water Street Seafood Company on May 24. Proceeds from the event will fund general operations at the Cattery, a no kill cage free cat shelter. The menu includes Spanish potato tortilla with spinach and artichokes paired with Barefoot Sparkling chardonnay; Texas Gulf shrimp sauteed in olive oil with fresh garlic served with sour dough bread paired with McPherson Texas Viognier; and yellow fin tuna stuffed roma tomatoes paired with Sister Creek Texas merlot.

Cost: \$35. Information: 854-6369.

## WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SERCO of Texas hosted a VIP reception for Speakers and Sponsors of the Workforce Solutions' 5th Annual Texas Foster Youth & Leadership Conference on April 29 at the Omni Hotel.

The conference brought

hundreds of youth to Corpus Christi from around the state of Texas, as well as from the cities of Chicago and Detroit.

Former foster youth and country western singer Jimmy Wayne was the featured keynote speaker at the two-day conference. Nashville Lifestyles magazine named him one of its "Beautiful People of 2009."

Besides Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, other sponsors of the conference included: Corpus Christi Caller-Times, SERCO of Texas, Valero, Champion Chevrolet, Ted Oakley, United Way and Foster Angels of South Texas. Other local companies provided scholarships for youth to attend the conference.

Other speakers included motivational speakers Cora Coleman Dunham, author, motivational speaker and drummer for

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musicians Prince and Beyoncé; Chadwick Sapenter; and Kevin Laue, a Manhattan College Division I basketball player with one hand. Job readiness skills and leadership development were highlighted as conference topics.

The mission of Workforce Solutions is to col-

laborate with industry, education, economic development and labor to develop a comprehensive regional workforce strategic plan; develop a trainable and available workforce; and provide workforce-relevant educational and training opportunities for youth.

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the State of Texas. The board services Nueces, San Patricio, Kleberg, Aransas, Kenedy, Bee, Refugio, Live Oak, McMullen, Brooks, Duval, and Jim Wells counties.

## ROCKPORT

"Sippin' On The Dock of the Bay," the 15th annual Patron Party for the Rockport Festival of Wine & Food officially kicks off Memorial Day Weekend with one of the largest and loudest parties Rockport hosts each year. Everyone is sure to have a great time with a seated dinner, open bar, silent auction, and music by Ezra Charles Productions to dance the night away.

The fun begins at 6:30 May 26.

Cost: \$75. Information: 729-1271.

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