

THE OVER THE TOP DOWDEN FAMILY RETURNS TO CMT WITH AN ALL-NEW SEASON OF ANTICS ON 'BAYOU BILLIONAIRES'

New 12-Episode Season Premieres Saturday, September 15

NASHVILLE- July 26, 2012 – The beloved Dowden family of Shreveport, La., is back for a second season in CMT's top-rated series, BAYOU BILLIONAIRES, premiering Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 p.m., ET/PT on CMT. This season the family led by Gerald and Kitten, whose home sits on the fourth largest deposit of natural gas in the United States, are even more over the top, planning exotic trips and embracing life and their newfound riches as only they know how. This all-new, 12-episode season of BAYOU BILLIONAIRES kicks off with a special one-hour premiere, and new half-hour episodes will premiere back-to-back each Saturday.

When we first met the Dowdens last season, this family of modest means was just learning to adjust to their new wealth and how to spend their "mailbox money." This season, the Dowdens are dreaming bigger with even more elaborate adventures, from preparing for the apocalypse to producing a kung fu zombie film and constructing Louisiana's largest mailbox on their property. The entire family also travels to Hawaii this season for Gerald and Kitten's second honeymoon. In the season premiere, the chivalrous Gerald has a big "Holiday in Dixie" surprise for Kitten, meanwhile she hires a matchmaker for their granddaughter, Jessica, to help her find a better quality man.

The close-knit Dowden family includes patriarch, Gerald, and matriarch, Kitten, and their daughter Valerie, an outspoken, single mother who works for the public defender's office in Shreveport and her three children Jessica, Devyn and Nikki; soft-spoken daughter Chantel, her son Ivan and her offbeat, live-in boyfriend Albert (aka Carl; aka Jimmy) whose hilarious exploits and anecdotes keep things lively; adventurous son Gerald Jr., his wife Peggy and their sons John Marshall, Dalton and Donovan; and the youngest son Thomas, who admits to being his mother's favorite, his wife Mallory and their young daughter Ellie Rae. Kitten's 91-year-old father, Grandpa, is a ladies' man that often spends his time talking on the phone to his many girlfriends.

BAYOU BILLIONAIRES is produced by Magilla Entertainment. Brian Flanagan, Matt Ostrom, Laura Palumbo Johnson and Brad Johnson serve as executive producers. Eliot Goldberg and Jayson Dinsmore serve as executive producers for CMT.
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