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Grow St. Bernard announces fall Lunch and Learn series

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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

The St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation (SBEDF) and the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce have announced

the expansion of "Grow St. Bernard," a professional development series created to provide business owners and professionals with the practical skills necessary to grow their company with limited resources. Organizers have released a fall "Lunch and Learn" series schedule. The 2017 fall series will take place on a monthly basis in September, October, and November from 11:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Attendees can build their skill set and expand their network with the 90 minute seminar. Each "Lunch and Learn" will begin with

a 30 minute networking lunch followed by one hour of instruction and practical application.

"We are thrilled to expand our programming by offering individual seminars on hyper-specific topics," explained Andrew Jacques, Executive Director of SBEDF. "Participants will receive hands-on training by our speakers and leave with not only information, but with the first steps to implement the strategies presented."

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St. Bernard Transit ridership up in 2017

Significant increase in Parish bus passengers in the first 6 months of 2017

St. Bernard Transit has seen a significant increase in ridership in 2017. "At the halfway point last year, our buses had transported 38,030 passengers. At the end of this past June, we had 44,151 riders, an increase of 14%," said St. Bernard Transit Manager Michael Bayham. "What's remarkable was that last year there had been a jump in total ridership compared to 2015," said Bayham. "If the trend continues we are likely to exceed last year's passenger numbers." Bayham credited the uptick in passengers to the route shift that took effect in March, the simplification of the bus schedule by standardizing bus arrival times to hourly intervals, and the professionalism of the drivers and transit support staff.

Another contributing factor was a decision made by Parish President Guy McInnis earlier this year to expand the number of days the buses would run. "Our administration has worked to meet the demands of the public by running buses on most parish holidays," said McInnis. "Many people have to work on holidays and rely on public transportation to reach their jobs." "The parish bus system provides an important service to the residents of our community, helping people get to work, visit the doctor, attend our community college, and make groceries," said McInnis.

St. Bernard Transit buses run on weekdays and most holidays from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The fare is \$1 for adults and there is a discounted rate of .50 cents for passengers aged 60 years or

older, persons with a disability, and those with a Red, White and Blue card. Children 5 years old or younger ride for free. For more information about the transit department including schedules, please log on to www.sbpq.net/transit or call the transit office at (504) 277-1907.



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Church DIRECTORY

Assembly of God Church 494-7378

1561 Hwy. 46, St. Bernard, Sun. services 10am & 5:30pm
Wed. Bible study 7pm

Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church

682-5607 • 6951 Hwy. 39, Braithwaite Tue. & Thu. masses 7:30am • Sat. 4pm • Sun. 11am

Bethlehem Baptist Church 682-0675

111 Bethlehem Lane, Braithwaite Sun. School 8am, worship 9am
Thu. Bible study 7pm

Call on Me Ministries a non-denominational Christian Church

298-1019 • 3620 De La Ronde Dr. Sunday 10am, Hands-on-Prayer is Tues-Thurs 12-3pm

Carolyn Park Presbyterian Church

7408 W. Judge Perez Dr, Arabi. 733-2326 • Sun. worship 11am

Chalmette Church of Christ 250-8492

200 De La Ronde Dr. Sun. Bible study 9am, worship 10am & 6pm
Wed. Bible study 7pm

Celebration Church

831-9673 • 7500 W. Judge Perez Dr., Arabi Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am

Christ Lutheran Church

3300 Jupiter Drive ~ Chalmette (504) 342-2830
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Bible Study Sunday 9:00 am

Christian Fellowship Family Worship Center

5816 E. Judge Perez Dr, Violet • 324-4092
Sun. Service 8am
Wed. Bible Study 6pm

A Closer Walk, Meeting the Need Ministry

682-0333 • 6201 E. St Bernard Hwy, Violet, La 70092
Sun. Service 8am
Mon. Bible Study 6:30 pm
Thurs. prayer service 6:30 pm

Corinne Missionary Baptist Church

5620 E. Judge Perez Dr. 272-0558
Sun. school, 10am, worship 8am
Bible study 7pm Wed.

Cornerstone Church of God 343-8446

4905 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet www.Cornerstone-stb.net
Sun. school 9:30am, worship 10:30am

Covenant United Methodist Church

115 E. D'Amour St. • 271-3763
Sun. Service 11am

Delacroix Hope Baptist Mission 452-6092

1932 Bayou Rd, St. Bernard Sun. worship 11am
Bible Study 10am

Faith Baptist Church of Chalmette 682-1144

4825 E. St. Bernard Hwy. Sun. School 10am, Service 11am and 6pm • Wed. 7pm

First Asia Baptist Church 432-2525

2408 Walkers Ln, Meraux Sun. School 10:30am, worship 8am
Thur. Bible Study 7pm

First Baptist Church of Chalmette 277-2939

305 E. St. Bernard Hwy. Sun. Fellowship 9:30am, Service 10:45am & 6pm • Wed. Service 6:30pm

First Pentecostal Church of Chalmette

2015 Palmisano Blvd., 710-0600 Sun. School 10:30am
Wed. Bible Study 7:30pm
Fri. Youth Service 7:30pm

Garden of Prayer Family Worship Center

419-0288 • 2605 Munster, Meraux Sun. Service 8am • Wed. Service 7pm

Gethsemane Lutheran Church 271-4254

2825 Paris Rd, Chalmette Worship 10am

Gospel Temple 272-0123 •

301 E. Morales (behind Breaux Mart) Chalmette, LA
Sunday 10:30AM • Wed. 7:00pm

Greater South Shore F.G.B.C.

"Rebuilding the family Structure" 7408 west Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, La 70032 • 278-8854
Sun. worship 9:00am
Wed Bible study (Bread of Life) 6:45

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church 272-0785 • 7724 E.

St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. school 10am, worship 11am
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Living Cornerstone Church International

714 W. St. Bernard Pkwy., Braithwaite 228-6401
Sun. service 10am

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church 271-3441

2320 Paris Rd, Chalmette masses: Sat. 4pm • Sun. 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am & 7pm (Spanish) 2pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 682-7070

2621 Colonial Blvd., Violet Masses Mon., Wed., Thurs & Fri. 8:00am • Tues. 6:00pm • Sat. 4:00pm • Sun. 9:00&11:00am

Poydras Baptist Church of St. Bernard

8213 Saro Lane. 237-3538
Sun. Bible study 9:30am, worship 10:30am

St. Bernard Baptist Church 881-6723

2615 Jacob, Chalmette Sun. service at 11am

St. Bernard Catholic Church 281-2267

2805 Bayou Rd, St. Bernard masses Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30am Sun. 9am

St. Paul Ministries

228-3932
7724 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. Service 8am • Thu. 6pm

St. Luke Baptist Church 682-3718 or 418-7492

126 Poindexter Lane, Braithwaite Sun. worship 8am

Trumpet of Truth Ministry 7451 W. St. Bernard

Hwy, Arabi. Sun. School 9am • Service 10am
Tues. & Thurs Bible Study 7pm

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What's Happening

INSIDE AND AROUND OUR BELOVED St. Bernard Parish



Submit Your Events to editor@thestbernardnews.com or call us at 504-832-1481.

AUGUST 29

• **12th Annual Katrina Memorial Ceremony**, Join Parish President Guy McInnis and Councilmembers to remember those who lost their lives during hurricane Katrina. The wreath laying ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 7:00 AM in front of the Shell Beach Monument. For more information contact Lenor Duplessis at (504) 278-4331.

SEPTEMBER 11

• **Knights of Nemesis Social Club and Parade**, monthly Social Meeting at 6:30 PM at Desi Romano's Bar & Grill, 3809 Paris Road, Chalmette, La. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. Food will be provided. The Knights of Nemesis organization was formed in 2004 and has paraded in the parish for the past twelve years. The 13th Annual Knights of Nemesis Parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 1 PM. For information about the social or parade, contact Billy Showalter, 504-583-3998 or visit our web-site. www.knightsofnemesis.org

SEPTEMBER 13

• **National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)**, ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL/POSTAL EMPLOYEES! Monthly luncheon and meeting of the St. Bernard Chapter 1398 beginning at 11 AM, at Rocky and Carlos Restaurant (the Sicilian Room), 613 St. Bernard Highway. We are the ONLY organization whose mission is to preserve the pay and benefits of BOTH active and retired federal/postal employees, as well as their spouses. Postal Reform, Compensation, Cost Of Living Adjustments, Health Care, Government Pension Offset, and the Windfall Elimination Provision are just some of the major issues before Congress. It is up to each of us to do our part to protect what we have worked hard for and rightfully deserve. For additional information, contact pamela.e.marks1953@gmail.com, publicity officer.

SEPTEMBER 16

• **5th Annual Knights Of Columbus #5747 Youth Soccer Challenge**, 1PM to 4PM, Hannan Complex (Bournemouth Park). The Knights Of Columbus #5747 proudly presents the Fifth Annual Youth Soccer Challenge. The event is open to all youth ages 9 to 14. There will be various soccer challenges and the winner will move on to the regional competition. There will be medals presented along with certificates. This event is free to the public. For more information, call Tony at (504) 884-0154.

SEPTEMBER 21

• **Sippin' in the Sunset**, 6 to 9 PM. International Day of Peace.

SEPTEMBER 30

• **Gethsemane Lutheran Church's annual Rocktoberfest**, 11AM to 5PM, on the church grounds at 2825 Paris Road, in Chalmette (corner of Paris Rd and E Girod St). Our Rocktoberfest supports local and global missions. There will be traditional Oktoberfest foods, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers and desserts. There will be games, music, craft booths, and an amazing parade of prizes. Booths are still available by contacting Barbara at (504) 271-4254.

OCTOBER 8

• **St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame / Gulf Coast Bank 22nd Annual Golf Tournament**, at Oak Harbor in Slidell at 11AM (tee off at 1PM). Registration fees for the event are \$100/player or \$400/foursome. Beer, lunch and dinner are included in the cost of registration. Hole sponsorship opportunities start at \$50 per hole. The Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization and all proceeds will be donated to local athletic programs and/or schools. For more information regarding golf tournament registration or sponsorship opportunities, please contact one of the following board members: Eddie Appel, Treasurer (504) 301-6135; Roy Cortes, Vice President (985) 246-8354; Dr. Bryan Frichter, President (504) 554-2685

OCTOBER 14

• **Old Arabi Sugar Fest**, 2 to 7 PM

NOVEMBER 9

• **Sippin' in the Sunset**, 6 to 9 PM. Early Holiday Shopping.

Daily

• **Battle of New Orleans Talk**, Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans with a ranger talk 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. daily. Free. Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 281-0510 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• **Walk the Wetlands** - Explore Louisiana swamp and marsh on a ranger-guided walk 10:00 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free. Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero (near Crown Point). 689-3690 ext 10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• **Ranger Talk**, Discover New Orleans history and culture with a ranger talk in the visitor center courtyard. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free. French Quarter Visitor Center of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans. 504-589-3882 ext 221 or www.nps.gov/jela.

Weekly, Thursday

• **St. Bernard Social Ride**, Start your New Year with our bike riding group. We ride at

night with lighted wheels through neighborhoods in St. Bernard Parish. Meet at 6 PM, Ride at 7 PM (sharp). Meets at First Baptist Church, Chalmette, 305 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Chalmette, LA. Lights on sale before the ride. \$7.00/wheel. On FB - "St Bernard Social Ride" and join our group.

Monthly, 4th Wednesday

• **St. Bernard Parish Hospital's Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregiver's through regularly scheduled meetings. Participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with Dementia. St. Bernard Parish Hospital first floor conference room, 2 PM.

Events in nearby Parishes

• **AUGUST 25 - Lil Wayne's 3rd Annual Lil Weezyana Fest**, Sponsored by Morris Bart at Bold Sphere Music at Champions Square in New Orleans! This is an annual event, which will feature an array of soon-to-be announced special guests! Tickets are available at LiveNation.com and Ticketmaster.com.

• **SEPTEMBER 7-9 - The Farm & Table Experience**. the South's premier conference and festival highlighting locally sourced food, will take place at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Registration at farmandtablenola.com. Questions? Contact Katie Calabrese at (504) 582-3072 or info@farmandtablenola.com.

• **SEPTEMBER 14 - U2**. The extended Joshua Tree tour. Mercedes Benz Superdome. For complete tour and ticket information, visit: www.u2.com and www.livenation.com.

• **SEPTEMBER 16 - Tedeschi Trucks Band**. Grammy-winning live act. The 12-piece ensemble, is a true collective; every musician featured nightly, pushing the boundaries of group dynamics and improvisation to inspiring new heights. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com and SaengerNOLA.com.

• **OCTOBER 15 - Comedian John Mulaney**, Mahalia Jackson Theatre. 7PM. Tickets at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com, livenation.com or 800-745-3000. The box office, located at 1111 Canal St., is open Monday through Friday 10am to 5pm. All tickets subject to applicable service charges and fees.

One year later: \$5 billion assists Louisiana flood recovery

One year ago torrential rains devastated Louisiana communities and tens of thousands of homes and businesses. A presidential disaster declaration made federal help available to individuals and businesses in 22 parishes and local and state government agencies and certain private nonprofits in 26 parishes.



FEMA

Disaster Recovery Summary:

- **\$5 billion** in federal disaster assistance, low-interest disaster loans and National Flood Insurance Program payments have flowed to Louisiana for recovery and rebuilding.
- More than 83,000 households have been eligible for FEMA disaster help.
- FEMA has approved about **\$772 million** to help survivors. Of that:
 - Survivors have received about **\$146 million**—an average **\$2,200** per household—to pay for somewhere to stay if their home was uninhabitable.
 - Survivors have received **\$458 million**—an average **\$13,100** per household—for home repairs to make them habitable and nearly **\$164 million**—an average **\$3,800** per household—to replace household items and for other essential needs.
- More than **\$2.4 million** in disaster unemployment assistance has gone to certain workers whose employment was affected by the flood.
- The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program sheltered 4,300 households in 401 hotels.
- About 1,200 households have moved out of Manufactured Housing Units and into long-term housing. The state requested MHUs for some survivors—about 4,600 households received them—who were unable to find temporary housing.
 - About 70 percent of remaining families are on schedule with permanent housing plans.
 - FEMA's Multi-Family Lease and Repair program has funded repairs to 132 rental units for flood survivors.
 - \$1.3 billion in loans has been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration for 17,580 homeowners, renters and businesses and businesses affected by the flood.
 - FEMA has obligated about **\$436 million** to the state to reimburse local and state government agencies and certain private nonprofits for eligible emergency response activities and infrastructure projects.
 - The amount includes **\$90 million** for temporary facilities and to clean flood debris at schools.
 - The state and FEMA have worked with more than 280 applicants in 26 parishes to develop specifications and costs for eligible recovery projects.
 - FEMA typically reimburses 75 percent of eligible disaster-related expenses. However, applicants will be reimbursed 90 percent of eligible expenses given the magnitude of the flood.
- More than 29,600 claims have been submitted to the National Flood Insurance Program with more than **\$2.4 billion** paid out to survivors. Policyholders have received an average payment of **\$88,300**.

Recovery through Partnerships

The state, volunteer agencies, FEMA and other federal recovery partners have coordinated solutions to overcome many recovery challenges after the August flood:

- **300 volunteer groups** coordinate with FEMA to provide resources for unmet needs. Volunteer groups are crucial parts of recovery because federal disaster assistance alone cannot make survivors whole again.
- **19 affected Louisiana communities have long-term recovery committees** comprised of nonprofit groups and FEMA liaisons to create recovery solutions and fill in gaps.
- Three faith-based groups have agreements with FEMA for 181 case managers to work directly with survivors on recovery plans and matching needs to available resources.
- The state's Shelter at Home program provided **\$26 million** in FEMA funds for emergency repairs to homes.
- Restore Louisiana's Homeowners Assistance Program is providing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds to help homeowners with repairs.
- The Louisiana Housing Corporation is offering HUD funds to eligible developers and landlords to increase affordable housing in affected areas.
- The state requested FEMA to initiate the Watershed Resiliency Study. Data will be used to determine ways to manage areas where rivers drain—watersheds—and prevent or reduce infrastructure damage.
- **More than 200 private sector entities** in Louisiana coordinated with FEMA to provide helpful information to more than 625,000 people. This help included how to apply for FEMA help and tips on rebuilding safer, stronger and smarter.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY, call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at SBA.gov/disaster Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.

Arrests

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



ARABI

- STEPHEN SCHULE, 38, 7211 FRISCOVILLE AVE, BENCH WARRANT (7)

CHALMETTE

- ASIAN SHAN BICKHAM, 22, 3604 JUNO DRV, BENCH WARRANT (2), FUGITIVE (2),

BOND SURRENDER

- RACHEL MARGARET WALLACE, 33, 800 GENIE STR, FUGITIVE
- JOSHUA MELERINE, 30, 2720 PLAZA DRV, FUGITIVE

ST. BERNARD

- ALTON J BLAPERT, 67, 1805

YSCLOSKEY HWY, DIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, IMPROPER LANE USE

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- KEVIN DWIGHT FOY, 30, 8328 TOURO STR, ILL POSS STOLEN OVER \$1500
- DAVID LACOUR, 36, 316

CLEARWOOD, POSS OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, FUGITIVE (2)

- PAUL MICHAEL GUERIN, 37, 219 ROBINHOOD RD, DISREGARDING STOP/YIELD SIGNS, DRUGS-SCHEDULE III, DRUGS-SCHEDULE II

Louisiana takes first place at seafood cook-off



Teen 4-H chefs from Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia competed in the Great American Seafood Cook-Off: 4-H Edition at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center on Aug. 6. Mississippi placed third, Georgia second and Louisiana first. (Photo by Johnny Morgan, LSU AgCenter)

By Johnny Morgan
LSU AgCenter

Three Pointe Coupee Parish 4-H chefs showed the judges and the competition how seafood is done with their shrimp dish at the Great American Seafood Cook-Off: 4-H Edition on August 6.

The competition, held at the Morial Convention Center, is celebrating eight years of allowing high school 4-H'ers to show off their culinary skills and to take home some exciting prizes.

LSU AgCenter 4-H agent Monica Laborde, the team's adviser, said the group has been working on their recipe since May.

"Once we decided to use the recipe, we went to work to make sure we had it right," she said.

The team consisted of Sarah Cline, Caroline Benedict and Sophie Elliott, all seniors at Pointe Coupee High School.

"Our recipe was grilled shrimp with citrus salad along with candied pecans and grilled corn on top," Elliott said.

A Georgia 4-H team took second place with their "Seasons of Savannah" dish. The Mississippi team placed third with their sea-

food-stuffed catfish with Mississippi caviar (black-eyed peas).

AgCenter 4-H Youth Development director Janet Fox said the Great American Seafood Cook-off is an opportunity for youth to get exposed to both preparation and the nutrition of well-designed dishes.

"But also this is an opportunity for the students to link to the food service industry," she said. "They are mentored by chefs who give them feedback and truly gives them a glimpse into the food service industry and the culinary arts."

AgCenter area nutrition agent Quincy Vidrine, coordinator for the competition, said the event started in 2010 following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to highlight the safety of seafood.

"At that time, we only had Louisiana teams," she said. "But after the great success we had the first year, we decided to invite other states from the Southern region."

This year, competing teams were from Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi, but the competition is open to all states, she said.

Each team was given one hour to prepare

their dish using American seafood.

Vidrine said the competition rules require each dish to be less than 750 calories per serving, which is in keeping with the 4-H Healthy Living Initiative.

"The purpose of this cook-off is to bring 4-H youth from all over together to compete and to learn more about seafood and its sustainability," Vidrine said. "It also allows teams to show off agricultural products from their states."

The competition also has a workforce component because the participants are high school students who may be in search of possible careers, she said.

The 4-H competition is patterned after and conducted in the same venue as the Great American Seafood Cook-Off, which pits professional chefs from across the United States against one another to prepare their best dish using domestic seafood products.

In addition to cooking, each 4-H team was required to present their plates to the judges and describe the ingredients and the preparation techniques.

The winning team received a \$1,000 cash award from the Louisiana 4-H Foundation, and each team was given \$500 by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to cover expenses of participating in the competition.



The winning dish at the Great American Seafood Cook-Off: 4-H Edition at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center — grilled shrimp with citrus salad — was prepared by Sarah Cline, Caroline Benedict and Sophie Elliott, all seniors at Pointe Coupee High School. The event was held on Aug. 6. (Photo by Johnny Morgan, LSU AgCenter)

Millions in unclaimed tax refunds headed for Unclaimed Property unless taxpayers take action

Millions of dollars in state income tax refunds will become unclaimed property if taxpayers don't claim them by September 6, 2017.

The Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) sent letters to 9,500 taxpayers advising them to claim the refunds before they are transferred by law to the Unclaimed Property Division of the state treasurer's office. The let-

ters are dated July 21, 2017.

The total amount of unclaimed refunds involved is \$8.6 million. It includes refunds issued on or before June 30, 2016.

Taxpayers who want to claim a refund before it reverts to unclaimed property must submit the required information to the Department of Revenue accom-

panied by the letter. If they miss the September 6 deadline, they can claim their refunds through the state treasurer's Unclaimed Property website.

Louisiana State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Website:

<http://www.treasury.state.la.us/Home%20Pages/UnclaimedProperty.aspx>

Remembering "The Great Flood of 2016"

By the Office of Louisiana State Fire Marshal

August 12th signified the anniversary of the momentous, unprecedented flood event known as one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history.

The floodwaters which derived from considerable amounts of rainfall resulted in the overflow of several Southeast Louisiana waterways. The widespread flooding impacted multiple parishes, with Livingston being the hardest hit. Over 146,000 homes and several thousand business structures were submerged when the Amite and Comite rivers reached a record level.

Fire Marshal, H. "Butch" Browning, recognized the magnitude of the event unfolding and immediately mobilized the state's Urban Search and Rescue/Swift Water Rescue Teams for their first full active deployment in preparation for what appeared to be a catastrophic event.

The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal's Emergency Services Section positioned approximately 90 deputies across the state to conduct evacuations, render aid, execute rescues and sustain 24-hour communications between state and local emergency operation centers. The USAR team, comprised of 320 members along with 7 canines, saved the lives of 4,315 individuals and 12 animals throughout 4 days of vigorous water rescues.

One of the first heroic efforts involved the swift evacuation of a nursing home facility, known as Flannery Oaks Guest House. Chief Browning, along with several of his deputies and Shreveport firefighters rescued numerous elderly patients and staff members as the knee deep floodwaters moved rapidly, rising by the minute. Flannery Oaks Guest House Administrator Earl Thibodeaux said, "They were great guys who worked 6 to 7 hours lifting patients".

"The fact that our first responders rose to the call along with ordinary citizens certainly made Louisiana proud," said Browning.

LUNCH AND LEARN from Page 1

Topics include digital marketing, accounting, and public speaking. A full schedule can be found at www.sbedf.org/grow-stbernard.

The first seminar, "Be found online – Improve your digital presence and Google ranking," will be on Thursday, September 14, 2017.

The series is being hosted at Nunez Community College. Space is limited and the price to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for Non-chamber members.



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Women's Professional Network Happy Hour Social showcases Sold on St. Bernard and the women heating up the Arabi housing market



The St. Bernard Chamber Women's Professional Network (WPN) is announcing an upcoming happy hour social to highlight the recent success of the Sold on St. Bernard residential builders program. Women throughout Greater New Orleans are invited to join on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with home tours beginning at 5:00 p.m. The program has propelled St. Bernard Parish out of recovery mode and into full-on redevelopment. Sold on St. Bernard, through partnership with local builders can be credited for injecting much needed high-quality housing options at affordable prices into the parish.

WPN is a non-membership business and social network for professionals living, working, or doing business in St. Bernard. Participating builders include Corne Construction, DH Builders Group, Hotard Homes, LaGraize Builders, and WiseMove Real Estate Solutions. Attendees will be able to enjoy a glass of wine, meet other female professionals, chat with the builders, and view available properties. The event will take place at the newest Hotard Home completed, 1225 Perrin Drive in Arabi. All builders will have representatives on-site to discuss options and distribute information.

There is no fee to attend. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2vJ56Zq>.

St. Bernard Recreation Department to host Pickleball Games



St. Bernard Parish Recreation Department will host weekly Pickleball Games beginning August 23, 2017 for ages 16 and older. The games will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Val Riess Sports Complex, located at 1101 Magistrate Street in Chalmette. The games are under the leadership of Pickleball instructors Ron Evans and Cliff Zeairs. For more information contact the Recreation Department at (504) 278-4295.

KIWANIS KORNER



Speaker Stanley Simeon, St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann, Kiwanis President Amanda Hardesty and Kiwanis Secretary Kristine Koepf.



Kiwanis meeting in Rocky and Carlo's Sicilian Room with Stanley Simeon speaking.

Submitted by Michael Chutz

The guest speakers at the August 8th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard were St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann and Stanley Simeon. This July, Sheriff Pohlmann started an Addiction Resource Program headed by addiction specialist Stanley Simeon. The sheriff and Mr. Simeon invite all to learn more about their Addiction Resource Program, a program that will provide help if you suffer from alcohol addiction, substance abuse, or gambling & life controlling problems. Call St. Bernard Sheriff Office Addiction Resource Program at (504) 517-2944 or (504) 278-7659. No strings, no meddling, and strictly confidential.

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SBSO to hold sobriety checkpoint

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in St. Bernard Parish on **Thursday, Aug. 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and continuing through 12:30 a.m. on the morning of Friday, Aug. 25.**

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Nungesser says new programs will grow department despite budget cuts



Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser announced that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism continues to grow tourism numbers as a result of the the new initiatives launched so far this year despite having fewer dollars due to the 10 percent cut in the 2017-2018 budget. Additionally, the department is beginning efforts to maximize its resources through the newly authorized DCRT Foundation.

"After nearly a decade of continually shrinking budgets, DCRT is still growing tourism

numbers while having to do more with less," said Lt. Governor Nungesser. "I am grateful to be helping spearhead these initiatives and the Foundation. Even during hard budget times, I hope that Louisiana will continue to break tourism numbers year after year for the next several years."

Destination Louisiana, a program that highlights one parish of the state each month, encourages residents and visitors to travel to a part of Louisiana they have never seen before. Areas like the Cajun Coast in St. Mary Parish, Washington Parish and Toledo Bend Lake Country in Sabine Parish are some of the areas coming up in the next few months. You can learn more about Destination Louisiana at LouisianaTravel.com/featured-area.

The Louisiana Bass Trail promotes fishing at state parks in central and north Louisiana. Eight parks and seven lakes are participating, and this is a way to get people away from

the coast and to journey inland. Fishermen and women can get a Bassport that they can have stamped throughout the parks they visit in order to earn Bass Trail swag. The Bassport and all the information about the Louisiana Bass Trail can be found at LouisianaTravel.com/BassTrail.

Lastly, as one of the top ten agricultural businesses in the state, Horse Tourism highlights the horse industry in Louisiana in order to attract large scale events while recognizing local horse owners for their work. With events in Mississippi and Texas, the idea behind Horse Tourism is to capture many of those horse enthusiasts passing through Louisiana regularly by hosting large scale events throughout the state along I-10 and I-20. Information regarding Horse Tourism can be found at LouisianaHorseTourism.com.

"The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism keeps moving forward with new, innovative ways to draw visitors and locals alike to every part of the state," said Lt. Gov. Nungesser. "With our initiatives like

the Louisiana Bass Trail, Horse Tourism and Destination Louisiana, along with the Foundation authorization, we are hopeful to see continued growth in our numbers despite having fewer dollars."

The Foundation, authorized through legislation by the Louisiana Legislature in the 2017 Regular Session, is slated to provide for other means of generating revenue to sustain self-sufficiency including the potential for a possible hotel or conference center at Fontainebleau State Park on 500 acres. Other options for the Foundation are ziplines, horse stables at parks like Bogue Chitto in Washington Parish and canoe rentals at various parks across the state.

In addition to the Foundation, the Office of State Parks has created multisite positions for vacancies across the state. This system helps keep cost down in order to streamline the process of maintenance and overall staffing while saving the department money that can then be used on maintenance from flood damages and overall repairs.

Covington native serves in Japan aboard forward-deployed ship

By Chief Petty Officer Bill Steele
Navy Office of Community Outreach



A 2016 Covington High School graduate and Covington, Louisiana native is serving in Japan in the U.S. Navy aboard USS Germantown.

Seaman Recruit Nicholas Brumfield is an operations specialist aboard the ship operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

A seaman recruit is the Navy's entry-level enlisted position following graduation from boot camp. Brumfield graduated from the Navy's Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois in July and has begun his apprenticeship training on the Germantown.

"I decided to become an operations specialist because it sounded cool," Brumfield said. "It sounded like I would be actually doing something, playing an active role in protecting the ship and my shipmates."

With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the U.S. has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world.

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Gloria Folse Deffes



Gloria Folse Deffes passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the age of 77. She was the beloved wife Romain "R.J." Deffes for 56 years. Loving mother of Peggy D. Gunther (Jeff) and Raymond J. Deffes Sr. (Brandy). Daughter of the late Milton Folse Sr. and Ozella Dietzel Folse. Sister of Mary Louise Lee (Ernest) and the late Milton Folse Jr. and Rodney Folse. Proud grandmother of Dustin Deffes and Raymond J. Deffes Jr.

Gloria was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish before settling in Slidell, LA. She will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister who treasured her family.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a visitation held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A funeral service began at 1:00 p.m. She was laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Suzanne Theresa Acosta



Suzanne Theresa Acosta passed away peacefully on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the age of 57. She is the beloved daughter of the late Earl Acosta and Vivian Nunez Acosta. Loving sister of Nancy Marie Acosta and Earline L'Hoste (Craig). Aunt of Kristopher Peter Graffagnino. Great aunt of Cheyenne Olivia Graffagnino. She is also survived and fondly remembered by cousins, relatives and dear friends, especially Shannon and Timothy Becknel.

Suzanne was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish. She was well loved and will be deeply missed by her family and by all those whose lives she touched. She helped make our world a brighter place.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial gathering held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service in Suzanne's name that began at 11:00 a.m. She was laid to rest in a private ceremony. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Floyd Joseph Timberlake

Floyd Joseph Timberlake, 95, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Timberlake was born on November 16, 1921 to the late Allie Lewis Timberlake and William Earl Timberlake in Clio, Louisiana, and has lived in Arabi, Louisiana for the past 54 years.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Gloria Jeanne Burdette Harris Timberlake, his son, Don F. Timberlake, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Mr. Timberlake was a devoted father and leaves behind six loving children: Carole Byrd (Emory), Arlene Farquhar (Bob), Keith Timberlake (Mayra), Wanda Dorsey (Michael Ennis), Karen "Pepper" Boniol (Johnny) and Cher Bordenave (Thomas). He is also survived by nine grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Allix Byrd, Alyssa Henry (Tina Cross), Shawn Harris, Donna Barbot (Jeremy), Angela Timberlake, Joseph Timberlake (Melissa), Nicole Dorsey (Raymond McEntee), Kristi Berthelot (Perry) and StevieLynn Miller Wright (Matthew). In addition, Mr. Timberlake is survived by nine great-grandchildren who gave him much joy: Kristen Timberlake, Jeanne Claire Phillippe, Grace Martin, Kairi Timberlake, Eoghan and Reni McEntee, Katelyn and Brayden Berthelot and Lennon Wright.

The family would like to thank Lynette Baynes Shuff and the personal care and nursing staffs at St. Margaret's Hospice and Passages Hospice.

Kirk Howard Lewis, Sr.



Kirk Howard Lewis, Sr. passed away on Friday, August 18, 2017 at the age of 54. He was preceded in death by his beloved son Kirk H. Lewis, Jr.; his father Frank A. Lewis, Jr.; and his siblings Rickie Lewis, Lisa Lewis and Dennis Lewis. He is survived by his mother Kay P. Lewis; his son Chad M. Lewis; his grandchildren Nathaniel Morgan, Shailin Lewis, Easton Lewis, Addilyn Claire Lewis, Dayton Lewis and Kade Lewis; his siblings Rebecca Tipton, Frank Lewis III, Terry Lewis, Bridget Kronlage and Kim Mills. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Kirk was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish where he enjoyed spending time with friends and family, sharing in his many pastimes of fishing, cooking, dancing, gardening, listening to music, riding his motorcycle, loving his pets & animals and occasionally aggravating us until he laughed. Kirk's passing is a reminder that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. Although we will miss his warm smile, laughter and great sense of humor every day, he will forever remain in our hearts.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation to be held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by a Catholic funeral Mass in Kirk's memory beginning at 1:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

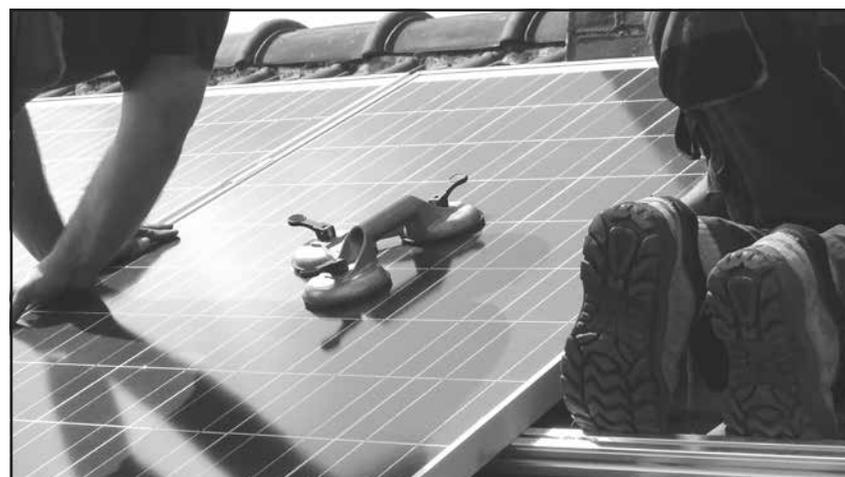
Deadline to claim solar energy tax credit is August 31

Louisiana taxpayers have until Thursday, August 31 to claim a tax credit for qualifying residential solar energy systems purchased and installed on or before December 31, 2015.

Taxpayers who purchased qualifying systems, and who did not submit solar tax credit claims previously, must file their claims electronically by submitting an original or amended state income tax return with tax credit code 64f for the year in which the system was purchased and installed. All claims must be submitted with supporting documentation, as required by law.

Taxpayers who submitted claims that were denied due to a cap placed on the tax credit program in 2015 should not re-submit their claims. Those taxpayers were notified by mail in July about the status of their claims.

For more information, including how to file a claim and what supporting documentation is required, visit www.revenue.louisiana.gov/SolarCredit.



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For more information contact Lenor Duplessis at (504) 278-4331.

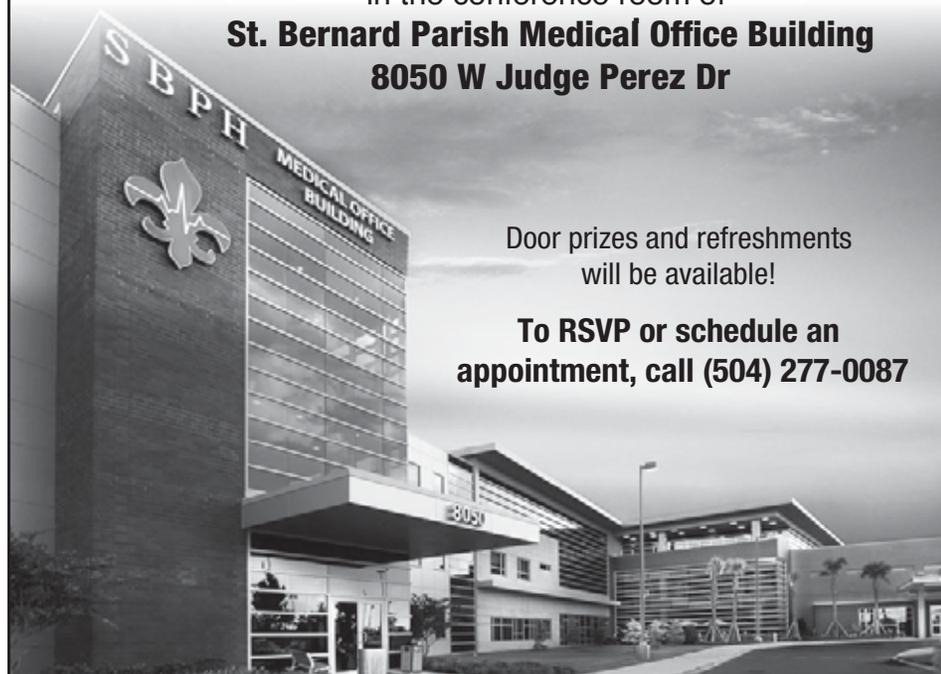
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Chief Justice welcomed Child Law Specialists to Louisiana

Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson is pleased to announce that the 40th annual conference of the National Association of Counsel for Children was held in New Orleans from August 10-12, 2017. Hundreds of practitioners from across the country learned from experts in child welfare, juvenile justice and family law during this event, which followed a full day of optional specialized child welfare law training. The Chief Justice was among those recognized at the conference for her participation on the Louisiana Child Protection Representation Commission.

The Commission was established in 2014, upon the recommendation of the legislatively-created Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases, to oversee the uniform statewide system of representation created as a result of 11 years of Task Force efforts. In addition to the Chief Justice, Commission members include Department of Children and Family Services Secretary Marketa Walters, Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Renegar, Judge Anastasia Wiley (President of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges), Senator Rick Ward (Chair, Senate Committee Judiciary A), Representative Ray Garofalo (Chair, House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure), Rep. Barbara Carpenter (Legislative Women's Caucus), Becky Hollen (Louisiana District Attorney Association), and Richard Pittman (Louisiana Public Defender Board).

Use internet resources, catalogs wisely for ordering plants

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist



Whether ordering from print catalogs or online, gardeners would likely tell you that mail-order is their least preferred way to purchase plants, and I generally agree. There is nothing like looking at a plant, touching it and carefully inspecting it before you purchase it. This is what we get to do at our local nurseries, gardens centers and feed stores.

In addition, anyone who has purchased mail-order plants sees that, almost always, the plants you get in the mail are smaller than you would find available at the local nursery. Also, mail-order plants are often more expensive than plants offered for sale locally. Packaging and shipping costs can add significantly to the cost of a mail-order plant.

Finally, whenever possible, I prefer to support our local nurseries and garden centers. When I buy locally, I know that I'm helping sustain our local businesses, which is important for our local economy.

Given that, why would any of us purchase plants, seeds, bulbs or garden products through mail-order? Well, pure and simple, it comes down to availability. Far, far more different kinds of plants and products are available

through mail-order than could ever be carried by our local nurseries. When you want to grow a particular kind of plant and you cannot find it for sale locally, mail-order becomes the way to obtain plants, seeds or bulbs that you are looking for.

Many gardeners use online garden catalogs these days, but I still enjoy actually holding the catalogs in my hands and turning the pages. I like how easy it is to mark the plants you are interested in. Online catalogs do have their advantages, though. They can be regularly updated, and it is easy to order from them.

If you see a plant you want to grow in a print or online catalog, it's easy to get it. All you have to do is order that plant, and the nursery will send it to you.

It is more difficult when you hear or read about a plant recommended for our area and decide you want to grow it. Perhaps you heard about it in a class or symposium or read about it in a magazine. If that particular plant is not available at your local nurseries, how are you going to get it?

In this situation, the internet has revolutionized how we find the plants we want. The process of finding a source was long, tedious and often frustrating before we could go online and quickly search for information. Nowadays, it's simply a matter of typing the name of the plant and "for sale" into a search engine (preferably using the Latin name, but the common name often works). When you see the sources revealed by the search, you will be able to order the plant (or seeds or garden products) you are look-

ing for from the online nursery's website.

When purchasing mail-order plants or plant products, you need to be a savvy consumer. Because you cannot see the plants before they arrive at your house, you have to trust that the company will be sending quality merchandise. So, dealing with reputable companies is important.

A helpful site I have found is Dave's Garden Garden Watchdog. It features a free directory of thousands of mail-order gardening companies. On this site, gardeners share their opinions on which companies really deliver on quality, price and service.

Here is some helpful advice on using gardening catalogs and websites:

- Use garden catalogs as planning tools for your garden plan. Flip through the catalogs to see what kinds of new plants and products are being offered. Or if you prefer, visit your favorite online catalogs and look over their offerings.

- Mark the plants, seeds, tools and garden accessories in the catalog that you're interested in. I often look through catalogs with a highlighter in my hand to mark those things I might want to buy. If you are online, it may be easiest just to jot down the plants or products you are interested in and make a list (be sure to note the online nursery where you are looking). Or print a hard copy of the information on those plants.

- Go back through the catalogs and review everything you have flagged or what you listed or printed from online catalogs. Make a list of all the plants and

products you decide you simply must have and intend to order.

- When ordering new types of plants or plants you are not familiar with, do your best to research those plants to see if they are appropriate for our climate. You can waste money on plants not adapted to long, hot, wet summers and our relatively mild winters (but are able to survive freezes in the teens in north Louisiana and in the 20s in south Louisiana). Check out plants in reference materials written for the Gulf South and ask local experts, when possible, before making decisions on what to order.

- Keep a list of all the orders you have placed so you can track the deliveries as they come in. It's a good idea to scan or photocopy the filled-out order form from a print catalog before you put it in the mail. Also, be sure to print out copies of your order form when ordering online.

- Put the catalogs and copies of the order forms in a safe place so you can refer to them later. Then you can easily contact each catalog company if questions about your purchases arise. Remember, too, that most garden catalogs and websites have helpful gardening experts you can contact to get additional gardening information and advice.

The heat of August tends to make me spend more time indoors than in my gardens. But that doesn't stop me from gardening. Instead, I can spend time indoors flipping through nursery catalogs or viewing online websites dreaming about new plants to grow or looking over new gardening tools – and still keep cool.

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perbole to say that the entire world has benefited from the U.S.-Japan alliance. While our alliance helped stabilize the region after the Second World War, it also enabled the Japanese people to bring about an era of unprecedented economic growth. And for the last six decades, our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen have worked side by side with the Japan Self Defense Force to protect and advance peace and freedom.”

Commissioned in 1986, Germantown is the second Navy ship named after the Revolutionary War Battle of Germantown. With a crew of more than 900 sailors and marines, Germantown is 609 feet long and weighs approximately 16,000 tons. Designed specifically to operate landing craft air cushion small craft vessels, Whidbey Island-class dock landing ships have the largest capacity for these landing craft out of any U.S. Navy amphibious ship.

“I like my chain of command, they really focus on us as junior sailors, helping us build up not only Navy-wise but far into the future about what we want to do when we leave the service. They genuinely care about us,” said Brumfield.

Sea duty is inherently arduous and challenging but it builds strong fellowship and esprit de corps among members of the crew. The crew is highly motivated and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

“Serving in the Navy, not only does it have benefits for me but I’m doing something greater than myself,” Brumfield said. “Nothing is given to us, you have to work for everything you accomplish.”

The Navy’s presence in Sasebo is part a long-standing commitment.

“The U.S.-Japan alliance remains the cornerstone for peace and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region,” said Harris.

NFIP Policyholders have less than two weeks to submit Proof of Loss forms

The National Flood Insurance Program policyholders affected by the August 2016 floods have until Friday, September 1, 2017 to submit a Proof of Loss form. More than 29,600 NFIP claims have been filed for the August 2016 floods.

A Proof of Loss form is a sworn statement made by the policyholder that substantiates the insurance claim. FEMA urges policyholders to submit PoL forms as soon as possible.

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