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17 year old and two juveniles arrested for robbing Arabi man at gunpoint

St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann said a 17-year-old



Derek Cage, booking photo

male from Arabi and two juvenile males from northern Louisiana were arrested after they escaped from a Baton Rouge facility for troubled youth, stole a car, drove to St. Bernard where they stole a handgun from a vehicle and then held up an Arabi man at gunpoint as he was taking an early morning jog.

Derek Cage, 17, of the 7200 block of W. Judge Perez Drive, was booked Aug. 28 with armed robbery after he confessed to committing the crimes two days earlier with the juveniles. He also was booked with resisting an officer, and for a warrant for

juvenile escape and vehicle theft out of the Baton Rouge Office of Juvenile Justice.

A 16-year-old male from Cotton Valle who was involved in the incident was booked Aug. 26 with armed robbery, hit and run, possession of stolen property, and for a warrant for juvenile escape out of the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office.

A 14-year-old male from Shreveport who also was involved in the incident was booked Aug. 26 with armed robbery, hit and run, illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile, and on a warrant for juvenile

escape out of the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office.

Just after 6 a.m. on Aug. 26, Sheriff Pohlmann said, deputies responded to a call about an armed robbery that occurred near the intersection of Aycock and Patricia streets in Arabi.

When deputies arrived on the scene, they met with the victim at a nearby business where he had gone to report the incident. The victim, who is an active duty captain in the military, told deputies as he was jogging earlier along Aycock Street, a dark se-

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St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce names new CEO

The St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce has named Cathy Juarez as their Chief Executive Officer beginning in September.

Juarez has a variety of marketing and leadership experience within the tourism, nonprofit and education sectors. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and a Spanish minor from Louisiana State University.

Juarez has already crafted a 100-Day action plan to guide her first weeks within the role, and when asked about her new position Juarez says, "St. Bernard Parish is in the midst of a pivotal and exciting time. I look forward to working at the helm of the St. Bernard Chamber to effect positive change and further develop our thriving business community. Community involvement is one of my biggest passions, and I

view the success of St. Bernard Parish as my success as well—I look forward to creating a positive and lasting impact."

Juarez most recently worked as the Director of Admissions for Archbishop Chapelle High School, and has also worked for Visit Baton Rouge and the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau. Juarez has a passion for non-profits and leadership development, and has served in many volunteer leadership positions and boards in Louisiana.

"We are excited that Cathy is joining the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce," says Elizabeth Ellison-Frost, 2017 Chairman. "I know she will help us continue our vision to transform the Chamber into St. Bernard Parish's most influential business organization."

Juarez is a graduate of the LSU Execu-

tive Education John W. Barton, Sr. Community Leadership Development Program, and her previous volunteer experience includes serving as the Vice President of Membership for Forum 35, Louisiana Marathon Tourism Liaison and Forum 35's Reindeer Run 5K Event Chair.



Cathy Juarez, new Chamber CEO

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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

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

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.

SEPTEMBER 9

• **Francois de Lery Chapter, NSDAR**, will meet at 2:00 PM at the Meraux home of Gayle Farrell. Judge Kim Jones will present a program on the 1873 U.S. Supreme Court Landmark Case of Esteben v. Louisiana, known as the Slaughterhouse Case, that changed the boundary between Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes. Constitution Week is celebrated each year from September 17-23. For information call (504) 722-8823.

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 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 14

• **Old Arabi Neighborhood Association (OANA)**, General Meeting, 7 PM at the Maumus Center, 701 Friscoville. Membership is open to all residents of Old Arabi. Dues are \$20 per calendar year, and may be paid at any General Meeting or by mail at any time (find our Membership Application and details online at <https://www.oldarabi.org/membership>). Note: Please park in the Center's parking lot, located on the side of the building off Friscoville, and enter the building through that side door.

SEPTEMBER 16

• **5th Annual Knights Of Columbus #5747 Youth Soccer Challenge**, 1PM to 4PM, Hannan Complex (Bourne-mouth Park). The Knights Of Columbus #5747 proudly presents the Fifth Annual Youth Soccer Challenge. Open to youth,

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 19 THROUGH DECEMBER 12

Tales on Tuesdays at the St. Bernard Parish Library, 2600 Palmisano Blvd., Chalmette 1 p.m. and 5:30 PM. Free story program for ages 3 and up.

SEPTEMBER 21

• **Sippin' in the Sunset**, 6 to 9 PM, Aycock Barn. International Day of Peace.
• **St. Bernard Volunteers and Community (SBVFC)**, meeting, 10:30 AM, at Rocky & Carlo's.

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**, 12 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 AM and 2:45 PM daily. No talk Monday, September 4; battlefield visitor center closed for federal holiday. 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 AM 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 AM 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.

• **Film screening "By the River of Babylon: An Elegy for South Louisiana,"** Film combines the delights of south Louisiana music with the history of the area's disappearing coastline and features performances by zydeco, Cajun, and swamp pop musicians and commentary by Pulitzer Prize-winning New Orleans journalist Bob Marshall. 1:00-2:30 PM, Saturday, September 23. 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.

• **National Public Lands Day volunteer event**, Volunteer and help your public lands! Join the team for clean-up and fix-up projects at the Barataria Preserve and at Chalmette Battlefield's historic Malus-Beauregard House or plant trees with New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park along the Clairborne Corridor in New Orleans' Tremé neighborhood. Volunteers of all ages are welcome; those under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. 9:30 AM.-1:00 PM, Saturday, September 30. Call (504) 589-3882 ext 120 by Thursday, September 28, to sign up. Free.

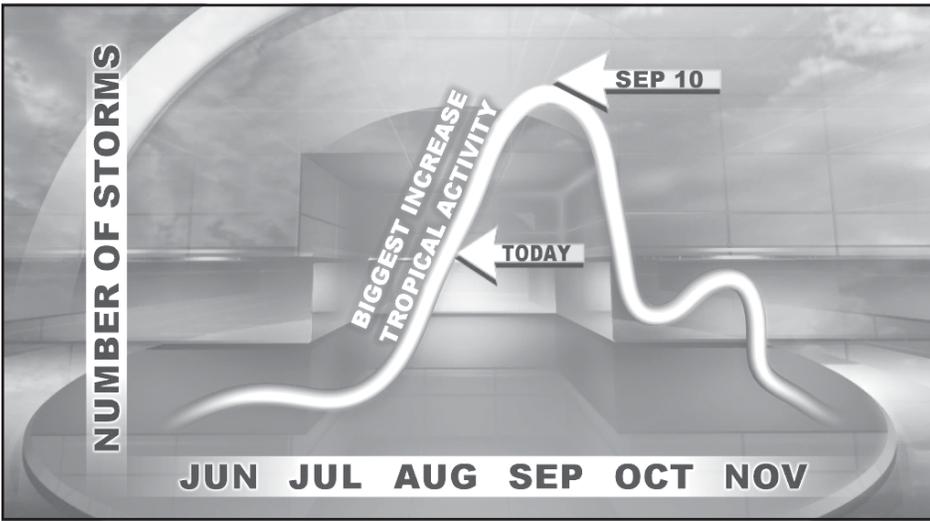
Weekly, Thursday

• **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.

St. Bernard Parish residents and businesses are reminded to take precautions during hurricane season



As Louisiana approaches the peak of hurricane season, the St. Bernard Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness encourages you to take precautions to protect yourself, your family, your pets and your property in the event of severe weather. Below are helpful reminders for your emergency planning:

A. Create an Emergency Kit

- Have essential supplies
- Check prescription and non-prescription medicines. Maintain at least a three-day supply.
- Place important papers in a portable, waterproof container to carry with you.
 - Driver's license or personal identification
 - Social Security card
 - Proof of residence (deed or lease)
 - Insurance policies
 - Birth and marriage certificates
 - Stocks, bonds and other negotiable certificates
 - Wills, deeds, and copies of recent tax returns

B. Make Preparations

- Have a personal evacuation plan. Modify it as needed.
- Protect your home and valuables
- Prepare for electrical outages. Charge cell phones and keep them nearby.
- Keep home and vehicle chargers with cell phones.
- Prepare for special medical needs
- Prepare for pet and service animal sheltering

C. Stay Informed

- Closely monitor the weather. Sign up for weather and emergency alerts at www.sbp.org
- Follow Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StBGov and Twitter at www.twitter.com/StBGov

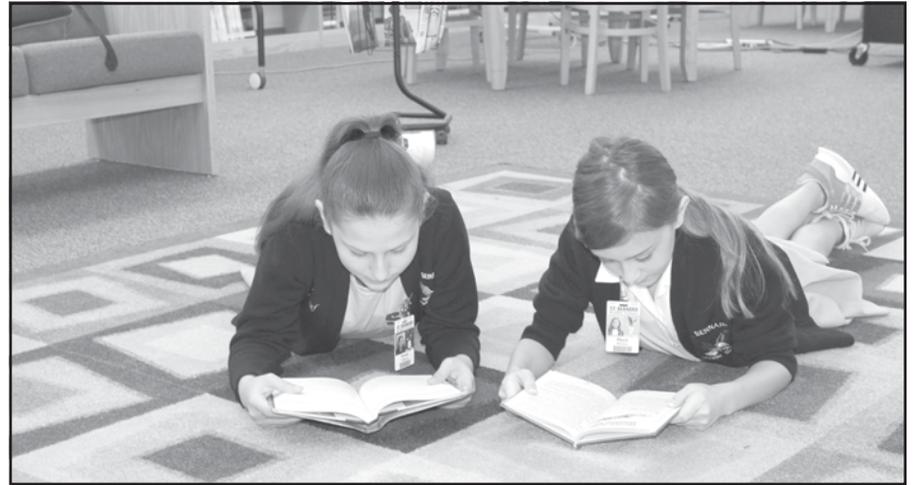
Modern Nail Spa and Day Bar moves to a bigger location

Modern Nail Spa and Day Bar opened in its new location at 812 E. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette. Owners Tuyet "Snow" Nguyen and Tony Le were joined by Parish President Guy McInnis, State Representative Ray Garofalo, Judge Jeanne Juneau and Chamber Chair Elizabeth Ellison-Frost.

Modern Nails is a full service nail salon dedicated to providing great customer satisfaction. The Nail Spa also offers massages, facials and hair services. The business hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Grand Opening celebration was held on Saturday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m. For more information on Modern Nails call (504) 277-8533.

St. Bernard Middle School rolls out Sustained Silent Reading initiative

St. Bernard Middle is delighted to roll out its Sustained Silent Reading, or SSR, Program this school year. Students and staff have the opportunity to read a choice book for 10 minutes EVERY day. Students will keep a reading log and take Accelerated Reader Quizzes to earn a host of rewards and prizes. SBM believes that you get good at what you do every day; good readers are better writers and thinkers; and of course, reading can be so much fun!



Alexis LeBoeuf and Alyza Alfonso are enjoying some SSR time in the library.



Jerzie Douglas and Grace Teal are choosing their books in preparation for SSR.



Bre'yonta Angelety is engaged in SSR during her homeroom period.

Arrests

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



ARABI

- Timothy Joel Sagona, 30, Aycock Str., Princip. to Crim. Damage of \$50, Unauthorized Entry Critical Infrastructure
- Michale Dominick Currera, 38, Lynx Drv., Unauthorized Entry Critical Infrastructure, Simp. Crim. Damage \$500 to \$5000
- Joseph Wayne Faust, 22, Community Str., Dist. Peace Drunk
- Carrie Castro, 34, Chinchilla, Cruelty to Juvenile, Simple Battery (2), Disturbing the Peace, Resisting an Officer

CHALMETTE

- Brandon Winstead, 34, Seelos Str., Driving-License Suspended, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Fugitive (2)
- Janet Lane, 28, Seelos Cr., Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting an Officer, Fugitive (5)
- Jason A. Forbes, 40, Pakenham Ave., Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile
- Lauren C. Graves, 27, Park Str., Hit and Run Driving, Reckless Operation Vehicle, Driving-License Suspended, Fugitive, Driving While Intoxicated
- Tessi Rae Johnson, 35, Ree Rd., Contempt of Court, Fugitive
- Shane Anthony Maiaro, 33,

- Delille Drv., Bench Warrant
- Awanna Taylor, 45, Jupiter Drv., Bench Warrant (16)
- Dylan M. Dalon, 25, Livingston Ave., Resisting an Officer, Bench Warrant
- Ronald Daniel Snow III, Jean Lafitte Pky., Simple Battery
- Shanna Lynn Cheramie, 36, 3609 Mumphrey, Battery-Aggravated
- Carl Knight, 40, 3609 Mumphrey, Domestic Abuse Battery, Fugitive (7)
- Abraham Ewell Jr., 39, Patricia Str., Criminal Trespass
- Michael Jermene Gholar, 39, 3612 Veronice Drv., Domestic Abuse Battery
- Rhodesia McNair Bennett, 31, 3612 Veronica Drv., Domestic Abuse Battery, Dom. Abuse Agg. Assault
- Charlene Johnston, 53, 4th Str., Simple Burglary
- Sean Michael Tamm, 32, 4th Str., Fugitive, Simple Burglary, Bench Warrant

MERAUX

- Devin S. Lindsay, 17, Livaccari Drv., Poss. with Intent Schedule I, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia
- Justis Michael Lindsay, 22, Livaccari Drv., Poss. with Intent Schedule I, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia

- Mark Toups, 38, Debouchel, Fugitive (2)

ST. BERNARD

- Roberto Medina, 36, Christie Drv., Bench Warrant (2)

VIOLET

- Nehemiah Jones, 20, Guerra Drv., Proper Signal to Turn, Driver Not Licensed, Resisting an Officer, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Fugitive
- Melanie Ann Roberts, 29, Highland Drv., Heroin Poss.
- Angel E. Buras, 31, Frankie Place, Poss with Intent Schedule II (2), Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia
- Robert Clarence Metzler, 53, Frankie Place, Dist. Schedule I Narcotic, Oxycodone Dist., Hydrocodone Dist., Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia
- Daryl Lee Robin, 33, Reunion Drive, Bench Warrant (4)
- Joseph W. Cuccia III, 42, Reunion Drv., Bench Warrant
- Michael Richardson Curry Jr., 21, Guerra Drv., Driving While Intoxicated

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- Jennifer Lemoine, 40, Grace Drv., Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting an Officer
- Raydell S. Menville, 27, 6221 Burgundy Str., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Resisting an Officer, Fugitive (2)
- Christopher Shane Odom, 24, Huey P. Rd., Drugs Schedule II, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Fugitive
- Laverna Duncan, 41, Walls Creek Rd., Drugs Schedule II, Poss of Drug Paraphernalia
- Tiffany R. Walters, 41, Salmon Ave., Bench Warrant (3), Bond Surrender (3)
- Mykol Sly, 20, Aptureaud, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Fugitive (2)
- Ireall Norshell Lewis, 17, Lamanche Str., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana
- Kerri Angel Baxter, 19, Alvar Str., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Illegal Poss. Stolen Over \$1500, Misrepresent During Booking, Fugitive
- Dawn Blackmon Paz, 31,

- Demarco, Cnsp-Murder/First Degree
- Bruce Biewer, 29, Lafayette, Fugitive
- Kaykiya Antoine Jones-Chestnut, 26, Modoc Str., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Poss. Stolen Over \$1500
- Adem Dwayne Tisdale, 55, Demarco, Cnsp-Murder/First Degree
- Christina Buckley-Pierre, 30, Caffin Ave., Fugitive (5), Theft of Goods Under \$500, Bench Warrant
- Ronald Jamal Hill, 40, Garden Str., Monetary Instrument Abuse, Fugitive (6)
- Edward Barton, 46, Felicity Str., Fugitive
- Errenae Haynes, 23, Mandeville, Fugitive (4)
- Andrew Ramon Martin, 30, Clydesbank, Fugitive (13)
- Chanel Hollingsworth, 27, Carolyn Drv., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana
- Bertrand Jones Jr., 27, Bundy Rd., Fugitive (6)
- Torri Hicks, 24, Xavier Drv., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia
- Kunta Thomas Robinson, 38, 2nd Str., Driving While Intoxicated, Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle, Driver Not Licensed
- Lee Marvin Barnes Jr., 37, Arts Str., Schedule I Poss. Marijuana
- Earl Latterance Simon, 36, Georgia Ave., Fugitive, Illegal Poss. Stolen Under \$500, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana
- Armando Flores-Galvan, 36, W. Caldwell Ave., Illegal Poss. Stolen \$500-\$1500, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Fugitive
- Joshua Dwayne Lawley, 36, Ejan Str., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Resisting an Officer, Fugitive
- David Turner, 32, 4643 Cardenas Drv., Illegal Poss. Stolen Under \$500, Fugitive
- Joey Herbert, 38, Old Spanish Trail, Theft of Goods Under \$500, Resisting an Officer
- Rezhea Cains, 17, Harmony Str., Unauthorized Use of a Movable, Resist Arrest by Flight

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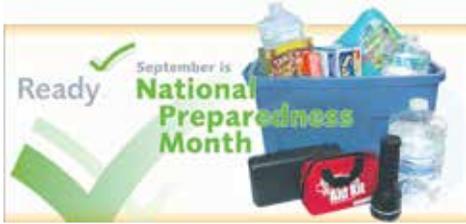
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September is National Preparedness Month, are your supplies in order?



This September, National Preparedness Month (NPM) will focus on planning, with an overarching theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." We should all take action to prepare! We are all able to help

first responders in our community by training how to respond during an emergency and what to do when disaster strikes – where we live, work and visit. The goal of NPM is to increase the overall number of individuals, families and communities that engage in preparedness actions. Tornadoes in the midwest, flooding down south, hurricanes in the east and wildfires and earthquakes out west, it seems no one is immune. After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, September has been recognized as National Preparedness Month to serve as a reminder that you must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect you where you live, work, and also where you visit. It is recommended that you prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days.

Just follow these four steps:

- **Stay Informed:** Information is available at Ready.gov to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.
- **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your care. For sample plans, see www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

Work together with neighbors, colleagues, and others to build community resilience. Sign up for alerts and warnings in your area.

Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan. Check your insurance coverage and review the Document and Insure Property guide. Plan financially for the possibility of a disaster.

- **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies -- water, non-perishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and battery-powered radio on hand -- for you and those in your care.
- **Get Involved:** There are many ways to get involved especially before a disaster occurs.

10 essential items for your emergency stockpile

1. Three-day supply of water, with one gallon of water per person per day
2. Three-day supply of nonperishable food
3. Manual can opener
4. First-aid kit
5. Battery operated radio
6. Flashlights and lanterns
7. Batteries
8. Whistle to signal for help
9. Prescription medications
10. Battery-operated or solar cellphone charger

LSU AgCenter names Southeast Region director



Chiquita Briley

The LSU AgCenter has named Chiquita Briley as the Southeast Region director. Briley will join the AgCenter from Tennessee State University, where she is head of the Department of Human Sciences.

Briley replaces Regina Bracy, who retired in July.

She will oversee AgCenter personnel and programs in 16 parishes and three research stations.

Briley received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Southern University. She also received a master's degree in nutritional sciences and dietetics and a doctorate in human sciences from the University of Nebraska.

Much of Briley's career has been in nutrition education and extension. She was a nutritionist for the University of Nebraska before moving to Mississippi State University as an assistant, then associate professor.

She joined the faculty of Tennessee State University in July 2013 as a public health nutrition extension specialist and associate professor before moving into the role of department head, first as interim in 2014.

Briley said she wants to invest in communities and their challenges.

"It is critical if we are to build knowledge and train our faculty and students with the character needed to be successful," she said.

The appointment is effective Dec. 1.

CHILDREN'S PALACE
Child Development Center

- CDA & Associate Degree Lead Teachers
- Full Time (M-F) & Part Time (3 days)
 - Age 6 weeks - 4 Years
- LDOE approved Creative Curriculum for Pre K3 & Pre K4

2017-2018 School Year

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Parish Officials remember those who lost their lives during Hurricane Katrina



St. Bernard Parish Government held their annual Katrina Memorial Ceremony in front of the Katrina Monument located at Shell Beach on August 29, 2017. The Master of Ceremony, Parish President Guy McInnis, was joined by Councilmembers Wanda Alcon and Monty Montelongo. The ceremony included the Pledge of Allegiance by Homeland Security Director John Rahaim and "Amazing Grace" by Grant Specialist Pam Wegener. Prayers were offered by Father Hoang Tuong of St. Bernard Catholic Church and

Reverend Carlton Campbell of First Asia Baptist Church.

Following the reading of the names to honor the memory of the 164 men and women perished in the storm a wreath was placed in the water by family members. President McInnis thanked the staff for their assistance in coordinating the event and Home Depot for the donation of plants for the event. President McInnis pledged to continue the annual memorial for the family members and friends of those St. Bernard residents who lost their lives.



Women's Professional Network Happy Hour Social postponed until September 7



Bernard residential builders program. The event will take place on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 4pm-7pm with home tours beginning at 5pm.

WPN is a non-membership business and social network for professionals living, working, or doing business in St. Bernard. Attendees will be able to enjoy a glass of wine, meet other female professionals, chat with the builder's representatives, and view

ery mode and into full-on redevelopment. Through partnership with local builders, the program can be credited for injecting much needed high-quality housing options at affordable prices into the parish.

Participating builders include Corne Construction, DH Builders Group, Hotard Homes, LaGraize Builders, and WiseMove Real Estate Solutions. 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.

Join the St. Bernard Chamber Women's Professional Network (WPN) for a happy hour social being hosted by the Sold on St.

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St. Bernard Battered Women's Program to host 3rd Annual *Give a Hoot Trivia Night*



St. Bernard Battered Women's Program will host their 3rd Annual Give a Hoot Trivia Night on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Docville Farm in Violet, La. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and contest starts at 6:30 p.m. Registration for teams, auction items, and sponsorship forms as well as game rules can be downloaded from their website at www.StBernardbwp.org.

All donations are welcome and are tax deductible. Register your team on or before 9/30 for \$120. After 9/30 for \$150. Spectators welcome for \$10 each. Please register so we have a headcount for food. Dinner included with all registrations/tickets.

First place team is awarded \$300 and a handcrafted Owl Award. Prize for Best Dressed Team or Table is also awarded. This year's costume/table theme is Halloween. Who-o-o-o-o can be the scariest? Door prizes, Parade of Prizes, Silent Auction, and 50/50 drawings will be held throughout the event.

A raffle is presently being conducted with the following prizes: 1st Place – LSU Cube Ice Chest loaded with adult beverages; 2nd Place – 49" LG Smart TV; and, 3rd Place – a framed Augustus canvas print by local artist Becky Fos www.BeckyFos.com. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased from any board member or staff member. (Names available on our website.) Drawing will be held on 10/28/17 at the Trivia Night event — Winner does not need to be present. All proceeds benefit domestic violence program participants and program operations. Any questions, please call Gail or Stephanie at 277-3177. Like us on Facebook for updates on this event, upcoming training opportunities, group meeting times, and needs of the program.

Nungesser asks Louisianans to sign up to volunteer and donate



Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser is asking Louisiana residents who can to sign up and find donation opportunities at www.VolunteerLouisiana.gov to be ready to help with recovery efforts from the impact of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Tropical Storm Harvey in Louisiana. "While the devastation is unbelievable, we aren't finished with this system yet. So, I'm asking all people

in Louisiana and around the country to sign up to volunteer or donate any money they can to make sure we have the people and resources necessary to reduce the recovery time. We are still in response mode right now, but it's never too late to sign up and get ready to help with recovery efforts," said Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser.

At VolunteerLouisiana.gov, people can register as a volunteer, get updates on volunteer opportunities, and find ways to donate to the relief efforts. Once the flood waters recede and rescue operations have ended, the need for volunteers to help with disaster recovery will be great. Volunteer organizations will be ready to mobilize once the conditions are safe, and Volunteer Louisiana will continue to update opportunities as they become available. Non-profit and faith-based organizations in need of volunteers can register their organization and opportunities at VolunteerLouisiana.gov. Donation information is also available for those who wish to donate money or materials and supplies.

Volunteer Louisiana, located in the Office of Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, manages 17 AmeriCorps State programs, promotes volunteerism, and coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster. It is supported by grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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Zachary Nicholas Vicknair

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Vicknair announce the birth of their ninth child, a son, Zachary Nicholas Vicknair. He was born on December 12, 2016 at 1:01 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. and 21 inches at East Jefferson General Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Byers. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Marilyn Vickair and the late Theodore Vicknair. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson. Brothers include: Michael (deceased), Brian, David, Alex, Jonathan, Adam, Sean and Gabriel.

Roy Joseph LeBlanc



Roy Joseph LeBlanc passed away at Ochsner Baptist Hospital on August 25, 2017 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife Dolores Stakes LeBlanc of 67 years of marriage. Loving father of two daughters; Phyllis Fontenot, husband Ellis Fontenot and daughter; Susan Verrette. He was one of four children born to Eddie LeBlanc and Clotille Clement LeBlanc. Proud grandfather of two grandsons; Craig and Dale Fontenot and one granddaughter; Natalie Verrette Landers. Also survived by his great granddaughter; Katie Fontenot, and two great

grandsons; Nathan Fontenot and Dylan Schetrompf.

Roy was born on November 27, 1924 in Thibodaux, LA and was a longtime resident of New Orleans, LA. He was a proud United States Army Veteran and a survivor of the Korean War. Roy worked on a Fire Boat for the Board of Commissioners for 37 and a half years. He loved to cook, fish, and sew crab nets, which he passed down to his grandchildren; he also loved to eat crabs!

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Ochsner Baptist Hospital, especially the ICU Staff, for their outstanding professional care and compassion they showed to our family during this time of grief.

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 Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. He was laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Warren Allen Perez, Sr.

Warren Allen Perez, Sr. or "WAP" as he was affectionately known to almost everyone, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 19, 2017 with his family surrounding him. Warren was 73 years old. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Elsie F. Baker, his father, Warren Edward Perez and his brother, Wesley V. Perez, Sr. Warren is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Linda Laine Perez, his mother, Evelyn B. Perez, his siblings, Beverly Pentney (Hugh), David Perez (Kathy), and Eloise Terry (Gene), his children Warren (Allen) Perez, Jr. (Dawne), Chrissie Lauricella (Leo), and Susan Perez (Butch), and his step children Denise Burdette (Chip) and Keith Bordelon (Christina). Also, his grandson Cameryn Perez, who was like a son to him. He had eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

Warren was a kind hearted man who loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was known for his kindness, generosity and caring heart. He loved traveling when he could and would talk about all the places he would like to see. He enjoyed designing and building projects and took great pride in being known as a jack-of-all-trades.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial service at the House of Refuge Assembly of God Church, 1561 E. LA Hwy 46, Toca, LA 70085 (1 mile on the left once turned on Hwy 46, Judge Perez Extension in Poydras) on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation was from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Anthony Vincent Zanca, Sr.



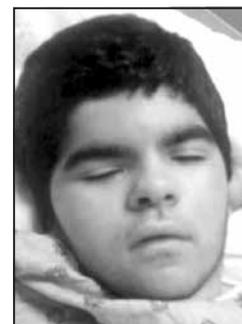
Anthony Vincent Zanca Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the age of 80. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that he had touched in some way throughout his life. He was the beloved husband of 58 years to Louise Johnson Zanca, and by previous marriage, Jean Stevens. Loving father of Debra Wall (Don), Ricky Zanca, Cheryl Bergeron (Todd), Trudy Tritt (A.J.) and the late Anthony Zanca Jr. (Roni). Son of the late Vincent and Pearl Davis Zanca. Brother of Conchetta "Con-

nie" Guidry. Proud grandfather of Anthony Zanca III, Ashley Zanca, Jennifer Warton (Shane), Nicholas Wall (Amanda), Nathan Mason (Zelleigh), Kayce Mason, Todd Bergeron Jr., Tony Stafford Jr., Alexander Tritt Jr. and the late Ricky Zanca Jr. He is also survived and fondly remembered by his 9 great grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Anthony was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish where he enjoyed a long career as a truck driver and a member of the Teamsters Union. He truly enjoyed life through his simple pleasures of boating, trawling, shrimping, and laughing with his friends and family. He will always be remembered for his loyalty and dedication to his family and friends, his caring and loving spirit, his laughter, loving his vacation cruises and especially his Harley. He was our pillar of courage and strength, and will be deeply missed by us all.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial gathering to be held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by a celebration of Anthony's life beginning at noon. He will be laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens, followed by a catered reception in the Magnolia Room. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Taylor Louis Chauppette



Taylor Louis Chauppette passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Friday, August 11, 2017 at the age of 19. He is survived by his mother Caroline Chauppette and his brother Carlos Acosta Jr. of Chalmette,

LA. His uncle Bertin Esteves III and aunts Michele Thevenot (Bobby), Angele "Nana" Esteves and Mignon Dittmer. He was loved by his cousins Brett Esteves II, Victor Esteves, Andrea Davis, Allie Davis, Mackenzie Dittmer and Mollie Dittmer. Also survived and fondly remembered by his recently met cousins, other relatives and great friends.

Taylor is preceded in death by his grandmother Carol Anne Paine Chauppette, his grandfather Vincent M. Chauppette, his great grandmother Anne M. Paine and uncles Bret Esteves and Todd Dittmer.

Taylor was born on April 24, 1998 in New Orleans, LA and was a resident of St. Bernard Parish. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life to be held at 3024 Decomine Dr., Chalmette, on Saturday, September 16, 2017 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Please help celebrate and honor Taylor by wearing his favorite colors blue or green. Family may be contacted via email at ccceee1972@gmail.com. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

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Alan Herman Finkelstein



Alan Herman Finkelstein passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at the age of 86. He was the beloved husband of the late Gayle Defourneaux Finkelstein. Loving father of AJ Finkelstein (Jan), Eddie Finkelstein, Lisa Brouillette (Jim), Barbara Williamson, Gayle Livaccari (Eppy) and David Finkelstein (Terri). Son of the late Solomon and Rose Latter Finkelstein.

Brother of the late Harry Finkelstein (Leona) and Selma Blotner (Joe). Brother-in-law of Carol Schlink. Proud grandfather of Joseph & Eppy Livaccari, Gavin & Ricky Williamson, Jennifer Gauthier, Courtney Nunez, Austin Finkelstein, Brian & Lajette Scott and Isabella Finkelstein. Great grandfather of Clifton & Dixie Mullen. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and especially his dog, Sweetie.

Alan was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish where he enjoyed a long career as a grain inspector, along with spending time with his family and friends. He was well loved and will be forever remembered as a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother and a friend of many, who loved his trips to the casino and treasured his family and friends.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a visitation to be held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service in Alan's memory that began at 10:00 a.m. He was laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Daniel Payne Wheeler, Jr.



Daniel Payne Wheeler Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the age of 72. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that he had touched in some way throughout his life. He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy Foster Wheeler. Loving father of Deborah Wheeler Mertz (Mike), Danette Wheeler (Elton) and Dana Wheeler (Glenn). Son of the late Daniel P. Wheeler Sr. and Thelma Hourbeigt Wheeler. Brother of Thelma Wheeler Cathalougne. Proud grandfather of Justin Zulli, Corey Zulli (Kayla), Dustin

Frederic (Chrissy), Garrett Frederic and Jeremy Roig. Great grandfather of Zoey Zulli, Mia Zulli and Amelia Roig. Uncle and God father of Tracy Cathalougne. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many cousins, relatives, dear friends and especially his pets, Taz, Loki and his grand-doggie Sadie.

Daniel was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish where he enjoyed a long career as a former Deputy with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and a Foreman with Avondale Shipyard. He was also an honored member of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge No. 428. Although Daniel's illness made him appear frail, he possessed strength, perseverance, and an ability to overcome incredible odds and physical challenges. With his courage, he led us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. He was our pillar of strength and will be forever remembered as a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and a friend of many, who loved hunting with his friends and treasured his family.

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 Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a funeral Mass beginning at 1:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest with his beloved wife in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Wetlands linked to a safer community

America's WETLAND Foundation calls for reassessment in light of Harvey flooding

The devastation from Hurricane Harvey will have long-term impacts for Texas, the region, and the nation and here at the America's WETLAND Foundation (AWF), our thoughts are with the victims of this disaster. Those who lost their lives and the families who suffer these storm events will be forever the personal witnesses of nature's fury. We are grateful for the first responders and volunteers, including the Cajun Navy and so many others who have rushed into danger to help those in need.

Houston, and now many other Texas cities are under water bringing back memories of 2005 - the flooding in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and the devastation inflicted by Hurricane Rita.

Five years ago, AWF hosted community forums across the Gulf Coast (from South Padre Island, Texas to Florida) to assess the resiliency of communities in light of rising seas occurring with climate change. Discussions based on a multi-million dollar Entergy study of at-risk infrastructure in the Gulf coastal areas quickly revealed states in the region would fall short in keeping up with damage from what the report termed, larger and slower moving storms. Fast-forward to Hurricane Harvey and the findings seem an omen of disaster now and to come.

"In all eleven Gulf Coast forums, we learned communities were neither ready nor equipped to deal with the size and scope of what was predicted," Val Marmillion, AWF managing director, said. "The loss of wetlands due to rising sea levels across the coastal communities meant storm surge protection was min-

imized and where wetlands were eliminated for development, water storage was lost and would certainly impact low lying residential areas."

Among the many findings from the earlier forums was a community's individual self-assessment that often demonstrated the area's lack of attention to the prime issues of resiliency. Most often noted was a lack of public awareness or political focus on adapting to changing environments. "We were concerned following the forums that big weather events were on a short term horizon," AWF senior advisor, Sidney Coffee, said. "In the case of southeast Texas and Houston, the loss of wetlands was apparent and troublesome. In one Galveston forum, the projections for loss of the island were dramatic and not linked to the protection of estuary or low-lying land resources south of Houston."

AWF currently is planning a second round of "adaptation" forums for 2018, revisiting communities along the Gulf to assess changes in environment and actions needed to adapt to new land loss projections and the rising tide. "It is unfortunate to recall our conversation with forum attendees in the Houston area where attendees seemed resigned to major storm destruction in the greater Houston area due to loss of wetlands," Marmillion said. "Our view then as now is that a strong focus on water management, securing vulnerable infrastructure, and restoring wetlands are measures that will lead to greater sustainability and biodiversity for the greater Houston and Galveston regions."

All coastal communities can be better prepared by understanding the rules of the environment and adapting to a changing world.

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office sobriety checkpoint results in several arrests

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office, along with the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, conducted a sobriety checkpoint in Arabi on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Sheriff James Pohlmann said officers randomly stopped vehicles to check for impaired drivers, which resulted in 3 narcotics arrests - all for marijuana possession - and another arrest for DWI, driving while intoxicated.

Also, Sheriff Pohlmann said, an individual wanted on warrants out of Jefferson Parish and Gretna for 8 traffic violations was apprehended, and a citation was written for an open container violation.

See more photos online at www.thestbernardnews.com.



Deputies from the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office, along with several from the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, work together during a sobriety checkpoint held in Arabi.

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dan occupied by three young males pulled up behind him, got out of the car, and one of them pointed a gun at him, demanding his possessions.

The victim said after he stated he did not have money or anything of value on him, he was ordered to lie face down on the ground and the three males, later identified as Cage and the two juveniles, fled in the vehicle.

Sheriff Pohlmann said the victim was not injured in the incident.

Shortly after 1 p.m. that same day, Sheriff Pohlmann said, deputies responded to a call about an abandoned, wrecked car near Lebeau Avenue and Bienvenue Street in Arabi.

Deputies who arrived on the scene discovered a black 2014 Honda Accord, later determined to be stolen out of Baton Rouge, wrecked in a ditch at the end of Lebeau Avenue. Witnesses said they observed two juvenile males running from the vehicle, eastbound toward Community Street.

Sheriff Pohlmann said deputies canvassed the area and came in contact with the two juveniles walking northbound in the 500 block of Center Street in Arabi. The subjects were subsequently apprehended and the stolen handgun found in their possession was recovered.

Cage was apprehended Aug. 28 when deputies discovered him hiding in the attic of his mother's Arabi home. He was transported to St. Bernard Parish Prison where he is being held on a \$151,000 bond.

Cage, who was serving a four-year sentence for crimes he committed as a juvenile in St. Bernard Parish, was being held at the Baton Rouge youth facility.

The two juveniles arrested in the case are being held at the St. Bernard Parish Juvenile Detention Center.

Sheriff Pohlmann said the investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be filed.

St. Bernard Parish Council to proclaim September as National Recovery Month

On September 5th St. Bernard Parish Council will proclaim September as National Recovery Month. National Recovery Month is an initiative sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The 2017 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities," highlights the value of family and community support.

Ribbons will be placed on the oak trees along Judge Perez Dr. to kick off the month long celebration. An event will be held to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance abuse disorders, and promote the message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people do recover. The event will take place on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette. For more information on National Recovery Month you can go to recoverymonth.gov.

Proof of Loss Deadline for August 2016 LA Floods is Extended to Dec. 31, 2017

The Proof of Loss deadline has been extended to Sunday, December 31 2017 for National Flood Insurance Program policyholders affected by the August 2016 floods to submit a PoL form. More than 29,600 flood claims have been filed for this disaster in southern Louisiana.

WHAT: A PoL form is a sworn statement made by the policyholder that substantiates the insurance claim.

WHERE: The deadline applies to all policyholders who filed a flood claim following the August 2016 floods in southern Louisiana. FEMA's Bulletin to Write Your Own companies and NFIP Direct Servicing Agent on this extension is available online here.

WHY: This deadline extension ensures that policyholders have every reasonable opportunity to request payment for all covered losses. The additional time allows policyholders to work with their insurance company to finalize claims.

NOTE: The extension also applies to supplemental claims. Policyholders can submit a supplemental claim if additional damage is found while making home repairs. FEMA urges policyholders to submit all forms as soon as possible.

Boasso expands operations at St. Bernard Port, as well as across the country and overseas



Boasso America's corporate headquarters is located on a 50-acre site at the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District. Photo provided by Boasso.

When Boasso America first became a tenant of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District in 2002, the then 17-year-old tank container company operated a few locations around the New Orleans area, as well as a handful of out-of-state, domestic terminals.

Fast forward to 2017, Boasso's 32nd year in business, and the company is expanding its operations based at the Port, as well as acquiring a few new locations in the United States and several abroad.

In light of this new growth, Robby Showalter, Boasso's senior vice president and chief financial officer, said the company is implementing a rebranding effort which has them slated to become Boasso Global by the end of 2017.

Showalter said much of Boasso's growth happened once they moved operations to St. Bernard Port, which serves as the company's corporate headquarters.

"Once we moved into the Port facility in 2002, the Port afforded us the opportunity to expand our business here locally and then have enough corporate office space to be able to handle and manage expansions all over the world," said Showalter, who has been with Boasso for 28 years, serving 20 in his current positions.

Boasso, an international tank container industry service company, services the chemical industry around the world in the movement of portable tank containers, which are stacked on ships much like cargo containers, Showalter said. The chemical containers are trans-

ported by truck and rail as well, he said.

"Our trucks pick up the containers for the customer, and transport them to a chemical plant for the chemical to be properly discharged," Showalter said. "From there, the containers are trucked to one of our service facilities, like the one we have here at St. Bernard Port, where we will service the containers by cleaning, testing and repairing them."

Once the tank containers are refurbished, Showalter said, Boasso stores them at one of their facilities until they are ready to be brought to their next destination.

"Our trucks will bring the containers to another chemical plant where they are refilled with chemicals, placed on a new ship and transported somewhere out of that region," he said. "We service these tank containers from entry into the country until they go back out overseas again."

St. Bernard Port Executive Director Drew Heaphy said providing Boasso with the room to expand 15 years ago was one of the easiest decisions the Port has made over the years.

"Knowing the reputation and integrity of the management at Boasso America in 2002 made the decision to make lands and infrastructure available to lease to Boasso simple," Heaphy said. "Since becoming a tenant, Boasso has grown both locally and internationally. The Port could not be prouder of their accomplishments in the industry, and appreciates the conducive working relation-

ship we have established through the years."

In addition to the space they occupy at St. Bernard Port, Boasso boasts 11 other terminals in the United States, including Chicago, Detroit, Charleston, Newark, Savannah, Norfolk, Memphis, Mobile, Jacksonville and two in Houston.

In July 2016, Boasso acquired 8 locations in England. In November 2016, Showalter said, the company purchased two locations in the Netherlands, one in Spain and another in France.

Founded in 1985 by Walter Boasso, the company commenced operations in eastern New Orleans as a single, 5-acre dry/tank container repair depot. Later that year, Boasso and business partner Scott Giroir launched a container trucking division which became known as Gulf States Intermodal.

In 1989, after outgrowing the New Orleans facility, Showalter said the company, known then as Boasso America Corporation, moved to a 15-acre site in Arabi next to Domino Sugar and remained there for 13 years.

Showalter said a significant growth spurt in 2002 prompted Boasso America to move again - this time to its current 50-acre location at St. Bernard Port. Since moving to the Port, he said Boasso America has been the U.S. leader in providing depot and transportation services to an ever-growing 20' ISO Tank Container Industry.

In 2007, Showalter said the company was sold by Walter Boasso and shareholders to a publicly traded company, Quality Distribution out of Tampa, Florida, which still holds ownership today. Boasso's corporate office remains here in St. Bernard Parish.

Boasso's overseas expansion, Showalter said, kicked off in 2016 with the acquisition of Iso-tank Group U.K., marking eight locations throughout the United Kingdom. Earlier this year, the company, now known as Boasso Global, acquired Den Hartogh's tank cleaning and depot business, and their expansion in Europe included the purchase of 4 locations, 2 in the Netherlands, 1 in

France and another in Spain.

Globally, Showalter said, the company currently has 24 locations, and that number continues to grow.

"We have plans in the near future to expand to other locations in the Midwest of the United States and further into Europe," he said.

Showalter said Boasso employs about 1,100 people internationally, with about 250 based at St. Bernard Port.

"Over the last 10 years we have increased our employees by about 80 people here at the Port, and company-wide we went from about 500 in 2007 to more than 1,000 now," he said.

Showalter said 75 percent of their employees at the Port are St. Bernard Parish residents. Hiring local is important to Boasso, he said.

"We feel we get a better worker, a harder worker, by hiring someone who has an investment in the community," he said. "You get longevity with an employee since it is convenient to live and work in St. Bernard. It makes for a low turnover rate."

Heaphy said the Port is pleased with Boasso's ability to create so many new jobs.

"The Port is always looking for suitable tenants who can provide services and jobs within the Parish," Heaphy said.

Showalter said Boasso's tank container facility at St. Bernard Port is the second largest of its kind in the world, second in size only to its Houston terminal. He attributes much of Boasso's ability to expand and grow to their partnership with St. Bernard Port over the past 15 years.

"Back when we were negotiating with the Port to open our large facility, the administrators at the Port were very accommodating. We've worked well together over the years and have been able to create a great business relationship," he said. "The Port has always assisted us in every way possible which allowed us to establish ourselves. As we needed things, they were always there to help us."