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"For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." – Acts 18:10 (NIV)

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office arrests Chalmette man in connection with rash of car burglaries

Detectives with the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau arrested a Chalmette man in connection with more than



Chad Melerine, booking photo

a half dozen car burglaries which took place in Chalmette throughout the week leading up to Christmas, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

Chad Melerine, 39, of the 2900 block of Pecan Drive, was booked Dec. 29 with one count of simple burglary, Jan. 2 with three counts and Jan. 4 with two counts. Charges also are pending for an additional two counts of simple burglary.

In all of the instances, Sheriff James Pohlmann said, the victim's vehicles were unlocked. Sheriff Pohlmann said vehicles should be locked at all times in an effort to deter criminals from committing a "crime of

opportunity."

"This is why it's very important to make sure your vehicles are locked at all times," Sheriff Pohlmann said. "Locking your vehicle and not leaving items of value in plain sight can greatly reduce your chances of being the victim of theft."

The burglaries took place in the 8700 block of Livingston Avenue, the 2200 block of Fazzio Road, the 3500 block of Golden Drive, the 2800 block of Palmisano Boulevard and along East Carolina and East Carmack Drives.

In the burglaries on East Carolina and East Carmack, Melerine was identified from home surveillance video, and in the Palmisano

Boulevard burglary Melerine left his cell phone behind in one of the vehicles.

Melerine is being held in St. Bernard Parish Prison on a \$15,000 bond.

Sheriff Pohlmann said this is the second case in the past three months involving more than two dozen residents in Chalmette and Meraux who reported their unlocked vehicles being entered and items of value such as wallets, purses and credit cards being stolen.

The Sheriff urges residents to lock their vehicles and report any suspicious activity in their neighborhood by calling the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office at (504) 271-2501.

St. Bernard Parish Library invites children to *Tales on Tuesdays*

Everyone is invited to visit the St. Bernard Parish Library as it resumes its Tales on Tuesdays story time sessions. This free story program will run from January 23rd through May 8th. Two sessions of Tales on Tuesdays will be held each week for children 3 years of age and older. The earlier time is set for 1:00 p.m. and is geared for younger listeners. The evening session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to children of all ages, but will target school-aged children. All story programs will take place at the St. Bernard Parish Library's main branch, located at 2600 Palmisano Blvd., in Chalmette. Sessions will run about 45 minutes and will introduce children to literature through storybooks, poetry, flannel boards, finger plays, and participatory activities.

For more information, please visit the library's website, check our Facebook page, stop by the library or call (504) 279-0448.



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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. 9:00am-11:00am

Poydras Baptist Church of St. Bernard
8213 Saro Lane. 237-3538
Sun. Bible study 9:30am, worship 10:30am

Praise Temple Fellowship
(504) 650-1794
7517 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. 10:30am,
Bible Study Thu. 7:00pm

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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JANUARY 10, 2018

• **NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398, St. Bernard meeting**, will conduct its monthly luncheon and meeting at 11AM, in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, 613 W. St. Bernard Highway. Chapter members cordially invite any active or retired federal/postal employee interested in learning more about the ONLY organization whose mission is to preserve our pay and benefits, and those of our survivors, to join us. For additional information, contact pame-la.e.marks1953@gmail.com, publicity officer.

JANUARY 13, 2018

• **Wreath Removal by members of the Francois de Lery Chapter**, 9AM, we will gather to remove the wreaths that were placed in Chalmette National Military Cemetery on December 16's Wreaths Across America Program. Volunteers or students who need service hours are welcome to join us. For information call (504) 722-8823.

JANUARY 14, 2018

• **Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Musical hosted by Men Sold Out For Christ**, 4PM, at First Asia Baptist Church, 2408 Walker Lane, Meraux, LA. We are asking all choirs, organizations and the general public to come out and celebrate in songs for more information contact: Brother William Waiters at (504) 662-8380 or Brother Alton Johnson at (504) 415-6661.

JANUARY 17, 2018

• **St. Bernard Tourist Commission meeting**, 4PM, The meeting will take place at The Visitor Center, 409 Aycock St., Arabi, La. The Agenda will include discussions of upcoming events, marketing, and planning.

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. No talk Monday, January 1, or Monday, January 15; battlefield visitor center closed for federal holidays. 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. Tues-

day-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.

• **Nature Photography Walk**, Join local photographer Mike Murphree to discover the secrets of memorable photos, whether you use an expensive camera, a cell phone, or a point-and-shoot. Free but space limited so reservations required (sign up for one or both). 10:30 a.m.--12:30 p.m. Saturdays January 6 and February 10. 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.

• **Battle of New Orleans Anniversary at Chalmette Battlefield**, • **Battle of New Orleans anniversary event** Saturday, January 6, 9:00AM.-3:00PM. Return to 1815 with campfires, cannons, and living history experts in period dress as civilians and soldiers. Military drills, musket and cannon firing, music, hands-on activities, and period craft demonstrations. All public parking at St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette. Free shuttle buses (wheelchair accessible) from parking area to battlefield. First shuttle leaves parking area for battlefield at 8:45 a.m.; last shuttle leaves parking area for battlefield at 2:15 p.m. Last shuttle leaves battlefield for parking area at 3:15 p.m. Full event schedule at www.nps.gov. Free.

• **Wreath-laying ceremony** Monday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. - Honor the troops who fought at the Battle of New Orleans. Park at the battlefield at 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette; battlefield opens for parking at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Events in nearby Parishes

• **JANUARY 16 - The Moody Blues**. Saenger Theater, New Orleans. Tickets are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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. VIP packages will be available.

• **JANUARY 21 - Steve Martin and Martin Short with The Steep Canyon Rangers**. Saenger Theater, New Orleans. 3PM & 8PM. Tickets are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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.

• **JANUARY 24 - WILD KRATTS**. The wildly popular PBS KIDS television show, WILD KRATTS, is coming to the live stage. Wild Kratts LIVE! will be at the Saenger Theatre AT 6:30 PM. Tickets for Wild Kratts Live are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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.

• **JANUARY 25 - Johnny Mathis**. Saenger Theatre, New Orleans. Tickets are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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.

• **FEBRUARY 17 - The Harlem Globetrotters**. Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. Tickets are on sale, starting at \$24.50, at harlemglobetrotters.com, ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-3000, or the Smoothie King Center box office.

• **FEBRUARY 24 - Dead & Company (Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, John Mayer, Bob Weir with Oteil Burbridge and Jeff Chimenti) - RESCHEDULED**. Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. The Dead & Company concerts that were postponed due to John Mayer's emergency appendectomy have been rescheduled for February 24th in New Orleans. Tickets for the original shows will be honored at these newly announced 2018 dates. Should ticketholders choose to seek a refund, they will be available at point of purchase.

• **FEBRUARY 28 - Saban's Power Rangers Live**. Mahalia Jackson Theater, New

What's Happening

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Louisiana state income tax filing begins Monday, Jan. 29



Enhanced security measures in place to prevent fraud

The Louisiana Department of Revenue will begin accepting 2017 state individual income tax returns on January 29, 2018. The date coincides with the date the IRS begins accepting 2017 federal income tax returns. On that day, Louisiana taxpayers can begin filing their state income tax returns electronically through Louisiana File Online (www.revenue.louisiana.gov/fileonline), the state's free web portal for individual tax filers. With Louisiana File Online, taxpayers can:

- File returns and pay taxes electronically
- Check the status of individual income tax refunds
- Amend current and prior-year tax returns

On Jan. 29 taxpayers can also begin submitting returns to the state through commercially available tax preparation software; or they can download paper tax forms from the LDR website. Updated printed forms will not be available before Jan. 29.

LDR has implemented enhanced security measures to protect Louisiana taxpayers

from identity theft and other types of tax fraud. If returns do not trigger any fraud indicators, taxpayers can expect their tax refunds within 60 days of the filing date if they file electronically, and within 14 weeks if they file paper returns.

Taxpayers can minimize delays in receiving their refunds by updating their contact information with LDR, including name, address and telephone number. If you have moved or changed your name since your last tax filing, update your contact information at www.revenue.louisiana.gov/addresschange.

2017 Louisiana individual income tax returns are due May 15, 2018.

Tips for Taxpayers

Steps to Insure Fast, Accurate Return & Refund Processing

- File electronically – The expected refund processing time for returns filed electronically is up to 60 days; for paper returns, expect to wait up to 14 weeks.
- Taxpayers should update personal information if their name or address changed during the tax year.
- Double-check return information – Ensure that all Social Security numbers and tax computations are correct. Math errors and incorrect tax-table information are leading causes of delayed refunds.
- Include all supporting information such as W-2s; use paperclips, not staples, if filing a

paper return.

- Apply for extensions in a timely manner – Extension requests must be filed no later than the May 15 income tax filing deadline.
- Make checks or money orders payable to the Louisiana Department of Revenue; do not send cash.
- If filing a paper return, attach the proper label to the mailing envelope.

Tips for Choosing a Reputable Tax Preparer

- Try to find a preparer who will be around to answer questions after the return has been filed.
- Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund or who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers without first reviewing your returns.
- Review and ask questions before signing a return.
- Ask others that you know who have used that preparer if they were satisfied with the services that they received.

- Ask any preparer that you are considering for references.
- Ask and verify if the preparer belongs to a professional organization that requires its members to pursue continuing education and also holds them accountable to a code of ethics.
- Always question entries on your return that you don't understand.
- Never sign a blank return.
- Insist that the preparer sign as the paid preparer of the return and provide his/her appropriate information on the return.
- The preparer should meet with the taxpayer and go over the return before it is filed.
- Taxpayers should be provided a copy of their return before it is filed.
- Pay attention to media reports of persons who have been convicted of tax fraud.
- Taxpayers should be aware that the information that they provide to their preparer could be used to commit identity theft by an unscrupulous preparer.

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Arrests

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



ARABI

- Tashina Hayes, 33, Ocelot, Theft Under \$750

CHALMETTE

- Katelyn Kelly, 22, E. Urquhart Drv., Domestic Abuse Battery
- Bryan V. Castro, 31, E. Ququhart Drv., Domestic Abuse Battery
- Lexinton M. Mitchell, 21, Peite Str., Domestic Abuse Battery
- Glenn J. Petitfils, 54, Reiss Plc., Bench Warrant (2), Probation Violator
- Alicia Ann Schehr, 34, Pakenham, Theft of Goods Under \$500, Drugs Schedule IV
- Matthew B. Squyres, 33, W. Genie Str., Fugitive
- David L. Bachemin Jr., 40, Mumphrey Rd., Dist. Peace Drunk (2), Resisting an Officer
- Brittany Hughes, 32, Creely, Probation Violator
- Alexis Renee Eady, 23, Livingston Ave., Domestic Abuse Battery
- Kyle Anthony Guillot, 31, Rose Ave., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Forgery, Theft of a Firearm (2), Theft \$750-\$5000
- Robert W. Paulhus, 55, Pelitere, Poss. with Intent Schedule II

- Ashley Lynn Winstead, 30, Charles Crt., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Fugitive
- Chelsea Teresa Chestnut, 25, Lena Drv., Bond Surrender
- Jason Edwin Cantrell, 32, Tournefort Str., Reckless Operation Vehicle
- Catherine M. Bairnsfather, 39, Livingston Ave., Hit and Run Driving, Driving-License Suspd., Fugitive
- Jerome F. Theriot Jr., 30, Gallo Drv., Fugitive (3)
- Tessi Rae Johnson, 35, Ree Rd., Fugitive
- Lyrinka Evans, 22, Plaza Drv., Bench Warrant

MERAUX

- Christopher Gosnell, 27, Mary Ann, Theft of Goods Under \$500
- Oneil Davis, 26, Colony Drv., Fugitive
- Lawrence E. Winstead Jr., 30, Nancy Drv., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Fugitive (2)

ST. BERNARD

- Alicia L. Clark, 39, Michele Dr., Bench Warrant
- Alois Lloyd Williams III, 30, Meadowlawk, Fugitive

- Francis P. Brossette III, 35, Reunion, Bench Warrant (6), Bond Surrender

VIOLET

- Jon Johnson, 50, Highland Str., Bench Warrant
- Adren Ezeb, 41, Highland Str., Resisting an Officer, Dist. Peace Drunk
- Jared James Lewis Jr., 26, E. LA 39, Schedule I Poss. Marijuana
- Michael Spencer, 23, Daniel Drv., Simp. Crim. Damage Under\$500

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- Demetrui Warren, 33, Broadway Str., Disturbing the Peace, Poss. Marijuana 1st Offense, Simple Battery
- Baintia Brock, 31, Cousin Str., Disturbing the Peace, Poss. Marijuana 1st Offense, Fugitive (2)
- Kimberly Poree, 43, N. Dorgenois Str., Disturbing the Peace, Simple Battery, Fugitive
- Christopher Delay, 44, Wallace Drv., Disturbing the Peace, Simple Battery, Fugitive (2)
- Chad Gallavan, 37, Timber Ridge Drv., Fugitive Bench Warrant, Bond Surrender
- Mark P. Nunez, 57, Wilber Stewart Rd., Battery-Sexual
- Herman Fugon-Bonilla, 33, Laval Str., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Fugitive
- Danielle Prestridge, 31, Trinity Church, Fugitive (3)
- Steven Grant, 31, Desire Str., Poss. Marijuana 1st Offense, Drugs Schedule II, Licenst Plate-Switched
- Andrew Studzinski, 19, Missile Str., Fugitive
- Gabriel Interiano, 21, Manor, Fugitive
- Louis Stelly II, 35, Coteau Rodaire Drv., Simple Burglary
- Jermaine Roberts, 43, Burgundy Str., Turning Reqd. Signal, General Speed Law, Felony Carrying Illegal Weapon, Fugitive
- Lucas Basham, 28, Johnson Ln., Bench Warrant (2)
- Donald Jones, 52, Roman Str., Fugitive (2)
- Mary Rhodes, 52, Gravier Str., Dist. Peace Drunk, Fugitive (3)
- Louvella Lee, 41, Alvar Str., Theft of Goods Under \$500, Fugitive

Waste Management advises public on cold weather safety precautions



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Reminds Community of Dangers Associated with Seeking Shelter in Waste Containers

Given recent and forecasted freezing temperatures, Waste Management reminds the community that waste containers should not be used as shelter from winter conditions.

“Waste Management requests that the community please stay out of waste containers, for your safety, and for the safety of our drivers. We understand individuals may go to great lengths to seek cover from severe weather. However, if someone is inside a waste container when it is emptied, there is a significant risk of injury or death. By working with our customers and exercising additional vigilance, we hope to reduce this risk,” said Tony Franco, area safety manager.

Waste Management makes safety a priority when handling community waste. Although people may look at a waste container as providing options for more than just the disposal of trash, please note that waste containers are pieces of heavy industrial equipment, serviced by heavy collection trucks with hydraulic crushing equipment. Tragedy can result when people climb into waste containers.

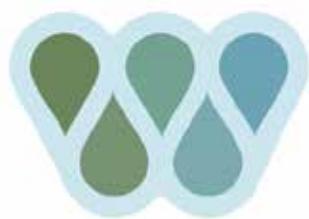
St. Bernard Parish Government to pick up Christmas Trees



St. Bernard Parish Government will be collecting Christmas trees Monday, January 8th through Friday, January 12, 2018. Trees will be picked up on your scheduled garbage day. Trees should be placed by the curb next to the garbage can. All lights, tinsel, garland, ornaments, tree stands, and plastic bags must be removed from the tree.

Residents of St. Bernard Parish can also bring their Christmas trees to the Paris Road Transfer Station, located at 5120 Paris Road in Chalmette or the E. J. Gore Transfer Station, located at 7715 E. Judge Perez Drive in St. Bernard. Trees can be dropped off between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Lower Mississippi River dynamics influence sediment and nutrient movement into the delta



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The lower Mississippi River in Louisiana transports sediment and nutrients much differently than areas farther north, according to a new study.

Published in the Journal of Hydrology, the article outlines how the “backwater” areas of the lower river – an area where a river’s flow starts to slow down as it interacts with the ocean – impacts how sediments and nutrients eventually reach the Gulf of Mexico. Within the lower Mississippi River, the effects of this interaction between the river and Gulf of Mexico can be seen starting as far upriver as Vicksburg, Miss.

Researchers at The Water Institute of the Gulf, Tulane University, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering Research and Development Center used data from monitoring stations along the river and boat-based sampling – including following a parcel of water downriver from Vicksburg to the Gulf – to trace how water, sediment, and dissolved nitrate move through the lower river system at different river stages. Nitrate entering the river from fertilizer inputs and other sources in the drainage basin have been previously shown to be a fuel for the annual summer low oxygen “dead zone” in the Gulf

of Mexico. The interaction of the reduced river water surface slope, tides, and penetration of saline water in a salt wedge creates a complex set of subenvironments that migrate upstream and downstream with river flow.

“This is important because how sediment moves through the lowermost Mississippi reach in Louisiana is a primary control on things like dredging frequency, potential operations of sediment diversions to maximize capture of fine sediments, and a better understanding of how sand that is mined from the lower river bed for marsh creation and barrier island restoration is restored from upstream sediment input,” said Mead Allison, lead author of the report, the Institute’s Director of Physical Processes and Sediment Systems, and chair of Tulane’s Department of River-Coastal Science and Engineering. “What you see in this backwater area of the river is that the timing and amount of sediment being transported isn’t completely about how much is being supplied from upstream.”

For the first time in a large river, the study confirms observationally the progressive energy loss through the backwater reach which acts to remove the heaviest sediment from suspen-

sion. It also shows how sediment can be stored seasonally on the river bed in the Louisiana reach, to be remobilized during the first rising flood of the year.

With respect to dissolved nitrate, the study found that at high flows, the concentrations in the river were the same in Baton Rouge as they were at the river’s exit points to the Gulf. However, at low flows, concentrations near the exits started to rise above the levels seen upriver – a result of additional nitrate flowing in from the Gulf in the salt wedge and then being mixed with the nitrate dissolved in the fresh river water coming downstream. During the first rising flood, when the sediment stored seasonally on the river bed is remobilized, a third source of nitrate from breakdown of organic matter in these deposits is released – further magnifying

for a period of several weeks the nitrate delivered to the Gulf.

Results from the work are also designed to help calibrate numerical models simulating how the lowermost Mississippi River operates to aid in decision-making about future restoration and protection efforts along the river corridor. Link to the abstract here.

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St. Bernard Sheriff's Office agents arrest Violet couple for distribution of methamphetamine

St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann said a Violet couple was arrested for distribution of methamphetamine after Sheriff's Office Narcotics Agents were able to make purchases from each of them on separate

occasions during an undercover investigation. This is the second St. Bernard Parish couple arrested for dealing the controlled substance in the past month, the Sheriff said.

On Dec. 18, agents assigned

to the Special Investigations Division executed arrest warrants for Stephen Schule, 39, and Leila Robinson, 34, at their home in the 2300 block of Riverbend Drive.

During the execution of the arrest warrants, agents recovered methamphetamine, dextromphetamine, heroin, Alprazolam, Oxycodone, and drug paraphernalia, including a glass smoking device, Sheriff Pohlmann said.

In addition to distribution of methamphetamine charges, Schule was booked with possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin, possession of Alprazolam, possession of dextromphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Schule also was booked on a warrant for restitution out of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office.

In addition to distribution of methamphetamine charges, Robinson was booked with possession of Oxycodone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Schule is being held in St. Bernard Parish Prison on a \$125,000 bond; Robinson was released from the prison Dec. 28 on a \$75,000 bond.

Sheriff Pohlmann reminds residents to call the Sheriff's Office narcotics hotline at (504) 271-DOPE or 3673 to report suspected illegal drug activity in St. Bernard Parish. Callers can remain anonymous, and all calls will be acted upon.



Stephen Schule, booking photo



Leila Robinson, booking photo

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AARP Pakenham Chapter #3926 Installation/Holiday Meeting



[L-R]: Dody Bayard, Treasurer; Jack Muller, Vice-President; and Carolyn Constance, Secretary. Not pictured is George Virga, President.

The AARP Pakenham Chapter #3926 held their Installation/Holiday meeting December 16, 2017. Officers, Board Members and Committee Members were sworn in before the luncheon was served.

The club meets the fourth Saturday of the month (January-November) for 10am at the Council on Aging, 8201-A W. Judge Perez Dr. The next meeting is January 27, 2018. For additional information please contact George Virga, President at 504-278-1367.

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Heintz receives Louise B. Gorbaty Golden Circle Award from BPW

The St. Bernard Business & Professional Women's Club recently awarded its annual Louise B. Gorbaty Golden Circle Award. This award was started by one of our founding members, Mrs. Gorbaty, who wanted to give a special recognition to a member, who was not an officer of the club, and gave 100% to the club and community throughout the year. This year, the St. Bernard BPW Club awarded the Golden Circle award to Jenifer Heintz.



[L-R]: Suzanne Sweeney, President; Jenifer Heintz and Wanda Alcon, Past President.



DEAR ST. BERNARD,

A new year means a time for new resolutions and new opportunities. With that in mind, we are happy to announce that the entry period for the **4th annual Startup St. Bernard** is underway!

Sponsored by The Meraux Foundation and the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation, we are excited to support innovation and growth in our beloved Parish. **Startup St. Bernard** seeks dedicated, enthusiastic entrepreneurs who want to grow their business to the next level.

To qualify, entrants must be in business for 5 years or less or be an existing business creating a new division or entity. Entrants can also only have 5 employees or less and have yearly revenue under \$1,000,000. Non-profit entities are not eligible for this competition.

We encourage those that meet these criteria to apply. Finalists will have the opportunity to pitch their business to a panel of judges during New Orleans Entrepreneur Week in March.

The prize package for **Startup St. Bernard** includes a mix of cash and in-kind donations, ranging from legal and accounting to marketing and public relations.

This competition gets better every year, and it's thrilling to meet the innovative, passionate entrepreneurs who enter **Startup St. Bernard**.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IN STARTUP ST. BERNARD IS FEBRUARY 1.

Entry forms and business plans can be submitted to www.startupstbernard.com.

And on a personal note, from my family to yours, happy New Year. May 2018 be a year full of love, kindness, and growth in our community.

SINCERELY,
RITA GUE | *President of the Meraux Foundation*

VFW Auxiliary to Arnaudville Post 5153 Homeless Veterans Christmas Party

St. Bernard Parish residents and members of the VFW Auxiliary to Arnaudville Post 5153 recently presented gift bags at the annual Homeless Veterans Christmas Party in Gretna.



[L-R]: Linda Ray VAVS Chairman from 3121 and Amy Daigrepoint-Schloegel, Sandra Reuther from 5153.

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Dorothy Anastasia Ducote Meyers



Dorothy Anastasia Ducote Meyers passed away peacefully on December 28, 2017, at the age of 96. She was born on September 28, 1921, in Mansura, LA to Hanning Ducote and Eudolie Vilmarette Ducote. Dorothy was the oldest of 7 children growing up on the family cotton farm in Mansura during the rough times of the 1920's and 30's. She moved to New Orleans in 1939 and began working at Charity Hospital and at the old A&G Cafeteria on the corner of Canal and Broad Streets. She met the eternal love

of her life James E. Meyers in 1940 and married in 1942 before he shipped out to WWII in the Pacific. They settled in the 9th Ward in 1945 and together raised 7 children until Jim's death in 1967. After the devastating loss, Dorothy moved the family to Chalmette in 1968 and worked at various jobs supporting the family until eventually retiring in 1986. Dot had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed gardening, country music, Cajun music, cooking, and activities sponsored by the St. Bernard Council on Aging. She was a deeply devoted Mother and Maw Maw and will be missed but never forgotten by those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her sons Rodney, Carl, and Roger Mey-

ers and daughter Deanna Romaguera and also her brothers Warren, Vernon, and Richard Ducote and her beloved sister Ileana Evans.

She is survived by daughters Beverly Cosse, Darlene Jorns (Patrick) and son James E. Meyers Jr. (Stephanie) and brother Raymond Ducote (Marilyn) and sister Joyce Ducote Crosby. She is also survived by her blessings of 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to her loving grandson Austin J. (A.J.) Romaguera and his wife Kitty for their loving attention to Dorothy during the past 4 years and to the staff at Metairie Health Care Center.

Dorothy was a strong-willed, resilient, and extremely resourceful woman who as a young child survived the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and bounced back after Hurricanes Betsy and Katrina flooded her homes in the 9th Ward and in Chalmette. Her time on Earth was done. After 50 years, she is now reunited with her husband Jim and all her loved ones anxiously awaiting her arrival in Heaven.

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 Friday, January 5, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funeral Mass will begin at 1:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Sarah Shoemake



Sarah Shoemake passed away at her home on December 30, 2017. She was 54 years old.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Elijah Perry. She is survived by her mother Normita Kalade, and her father Gene Evans Jr.; brothers, Gene Evans III and Todd Evans; daughters, Sarine Shoemake Perry and Lena Ellzey, and son, Don-

ald Johns. She was the grandmother of Jayden, Amiyah, Malaysha, Elisha, and Levi. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Sarah was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish. Those who knew her knew her love for friends and family. She was part of a local church and was a believer in Jesus Christ. She tried to be there for people anyway that she could.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at Delacroix Hope Baptist Church, 1932 Bayou Rd., St. Bernard, LA 70085.



Joycelyn Albert Kloeber

Joycelyn Albert Kloeber passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2017, at the age of 69. She was the beloved mother of Sherri Quarterman, Roy Kloeber III, and the late Lisa Marie Kloeber. Former wife and mother of his children, the late Roy "Scooter" Kloeber II. Daughter of the late Jacob and Ellen Bozes Albert. Sister of Darlyn Champagne and Marilyn Descant. Godmother of Michelle Jaynes and Ryan Ruiz. Aunt of Tracie Bliss and Joshua Descant. She is also survived and fondly remembered by her four grandchildren, Taylor Royall & Rylee Marie Quarterman and Hannah Marie & Mason Benjamin Kloeber, along with her great-nieces and nephews, cousins, dear friends, and especially Lynda Lacompte. Joycelyn was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish where she enjoyed a long career as a paralegal with Newman-Mathis Law Office. She found pleasure in the details of everyday life and caring deeply for others. She will be remembered for her loyalty and dedication to her family, her loving spirit, her laughter, and spoiling the grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by us all.

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 Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by a funeral service in her memory beginning at noon. She will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

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 Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by a funeral service in her memory beginning at noon. She will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Constance Claire Frilot Beck



Constance Claire Frilot Beck, a native of St. Bernard Parish, passed away on December 31, 2017, at the age of 53. Constance was the beloved mother of Amber Beck, David Cox, and the late Kecia Beck. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Marilyn Frilot, and sister Robin Mason (Tony), Alicia Graf (Allen) and the late Bambi Frilot. Grandmother of Joshua Young, Jr. She also leaves behind her best friends, Brian and Paula Beck, and dear friend Wayne Arceneaux.

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 Monday, January 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

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Orleans. Tickets are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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. Citi is the official card of Saban's Power Rangers Live.

• **MARCH 2-4, 2018 - Cirque du Soleil Corteo.** March 2 - 7:30PM, March 3 - 3:30PM & 7:30PM. March 4 - 1PM & 5PM. Tickets will be available to the public on cirquedusoleil.com/corteo. Tickets start at \$35 (subject to change).

• **MARCH 3-4, 2018 - Humana Rock 'n' Roll New Orleans Marathon & ½ Marathon.** Runners get a first-class tour of New Orleans architecture and historical scenery while rocking to the sounds of live, local bands playing every mile of the 26.2, 13.1-mile, and 10 kilometer courses. Cheerleaders are posted along the course as well to keep participants moving. The event concludes with the Toyota Rock 'n' Roll Concert Series at the finish line festival in City Park. To register for next year or for more information, visit RunRocknRoll.com/New-Orleans.

• **MARCH 8-10, 2018 - New Orleans Bourbon Festival.** Downtown NOLA at the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) and Le Meridien hotel. Tickets for the second annual New Orleans Bourbon Festival can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/2ACcQQ5>. Stay up to date on information and schedule at www.nobourbonfest.com or download the event apps: *Bourbon Fest IOS App* or *Bourbon Fest Android App*.

• **MARCH 10, 2018 - Luke Bryan.** Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. Tickets are on sale at livenation.com. Tickets are on sale at ticketmaster.com.

• **MARCH 15, 2018 - Joe Rogan.** 7:30PM & 10PM. Mahalia Jackson Theater, New Orleans. Tickets are on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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.

• **MARCH 30, 2018 - Disney Junior Dance Party On Tour.** 6PM, Saenger Theatre, New Orleans. Parents can go to disney.com/disneyjuniortour to get more information and to purchase tickets.

• **APRIL 6, 2018 - John Cleese.** 8PM. Live on stage for conversation and Q&A after a screening of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Saenger Theatre. Tickets are on sale Friday, December 8th at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, ticketmaster.com or by calling 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. ***Coconuts NOT included in the ticket price.

Dealing with wet winter weather

By Dan Gill, LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

It is not unusual for rainy weather to be an issue in late winter or early spring. Rain is common in late December, January and February. March is often stormy.

Heavy rains, particularly when they persist over an extended period, place stresses on plants in our landscapes. Plants native to drier climates are particularly vulnerable to this type of weather.

Because plants need water, what's the issue with too much rain? Although the soil may seem rather solid, lots of spaces exist between the individual particles. These spaces hold air and water, and the roots of plants need both. Roots absorb oxygen from the air spaces in the soil.

When it rains or you water a plant growing in a container, all of the spaces in the soil are filled with water, and the air is displaced. Gravity pulls on the water and it moves downward. As it does, air moves back into the soil spaces.

If rain occurs frequently for an extended period, the air spaces in the soil are kept filled with water. This deprives the roots of the oxygen they need. If rain continues long enough, the roots stop functioning properly and may even begin to die. At this point, although the soil is filled with water, the roots will not absorb it. This can cause plants to wilt even though the soil is wet.

When that happens, the roots are also more vulnerable to attack by fungal organisms in the soil that cause root rot. Root rot infections are highly damaging to the roots and are often fatal.

Our major defense against this happening is to make sure our landscape plants are growing in well-drained locations. Our primary tool to achieve this is planting in raised beds. Whether we are planting shrubs, bedding plants, perennials, vegetables or ground covers, the beds we prepare for them should be about 6 to 12 inches higher than the surrounding soil.

Raised beds drain faster and dry out quicker than ground-level beds. I hear gardeners complain during dry periods that raised beds may need to be watered more often — and this is often true. However, we can irrigate and make sure plants have adequate water.

But when it rains frequently and excessively over a long period, we can do little as gardeners to deal with the situation. That's why planting in raised beds gives our landscape plants an add-

ed advantage.

Fortunately, the situation we face from saturated soils in winter is not so dire. When we get heavy rains from hurricanes in late summer, the effects are far more destructive. Plants are in active growth in late summer, and the warm soils encourage the activity of root rot fungal organisms in the soil.

But this time of year, many plants are still dormant, which makes them more forgiving of saturated soil. In addition, the fungal organisms that are responsible for root and crown rots are not nearly as active when the soil is cool. So despite the frequent rains and wet soils, we probably will not see major problems.

Many of the colorful cool-season bedding plants, such as dianthus, violas, snapdragons and pansies, are blooming this time of year. Cool-season bedding plants that produce relatively large flowers, such as pansies and petunias, are often beaten up and damaged by rain. Pinch or cut off these damaged, unattractive flowers if possible. During warm, wet spring weather, the flowers of bedding plants are often spotted and damaged by a fungal disease called botrytis.

If the weather is wet this month, it is possible to see some root rot occurring in cool-season bedding plants if beds do not drain well — particularly root rot-prone plants like snapdragons. Again, this is where planting in raised beds provides an advantage.

So what have we learned? We must not forget to consider drainage when designing beds and choosing plants. Drainage issues need to be addressed during bed installation. There's not much we can do to improve drainage once the planting is done.

Raised beds are generally the best way to ensure good drainage. If you have a low area that tends to stay wet and you don't want to put in a raised bed, you can certainly landscape the area with plants that enjoy wet soils. It is often better to choose plants adapted to the drainage in an area rather than try to radically change it.

Sometimes drainage systems may need to be installed. The ideal time to evaluate the need to improve water movement off your property is during a heavy rain after it has rained for a while. Put on your rubber boots, grab an umbrella, and head outside. You will be able to clearly see how the water is flowing across your property, where it is exiting and what might be done to improve water movement off of your property. A licensed landscape architect can help design and install drainage when needed.

Even with good drainage, you must choose plants that are adapted to the amount of rainfall we get. If a plant description indicates a plant prefers to be dry in winter, it will have difficulty thriving in our climate. Although we may have relatively dry summers on occasion, you can rest assured that we will generally have abundant rain during our winter and early spring months.



Without raised beds providing adequate drainage, these vegetables would not survive.

Louisiana farmers see good yields despite tough conditions in 2017



By Craig Gautreaux, LSU AgCenter

An early spring got many row crops in Louisiana off to a fast start. Unfortunately, a wet summer kept many crops from reaching their potential and caused quality issues once farmers began to harvest.

Tropical storms Cindy and Harvey contributed to a reduction in the state's rice crop and were responsible for reducing the quality of some soybeans in the state.

Despite unfavorable weather during the latter part of the growing season, several crops had above-average yields.

Preliminary corn yield figures had the statewide average at 183 bushels per acre, which is near the state record of 186 bushels per acre.

The statewide average this year for soybeans increased by five bushels to 54 bushels per acre compared with 2016. However, the quality of this year's crop was affected by the weather, and producers suffered a price reduction.

Cotton acreage increased by 50 percent from last year, but it also was a victim of the weather and saw yield and quality projections decrease from earlier in the season. Yields are expected to be from 850 to 900 pounds per acre this year, which is 50 to 100 pounds per acre less than last year.

With a little less than a month left in the sugarcane grinding season, LSU AgCenter sugarcane specialist Kenneth Gravois is expecting Louisiana to produce a record amount of sugar per acre.

"This year we have good sugar recovery," Gravois said. "In addition, we have good tons of cane per acre. So we have sugar and tonnage, and that's a great combination," he said.

The record for sugar per acre was set in 2012 at 8,415 pounds per acre.

The timing of Tropical Storm Cindy had a major effect on the state's rice crop. Rice was at the pollination stage, and the windy and overcast conditions following the storm caused grains to go unfilled. Tropical Storm Harvey also damaged rice in southwest Louisiana, causing some acres to go unharvested.

AgCenter economist Kurt Guidry said that producers came away disappointed at the end because crops were in good to excellent condition before the rains.

"I think we had significant crops out there for most of our commodities," Guidry said. "And then the heavy rains, the late-season rains, really kind of limited our ability to reach those potential yields that were out there."

Lower or stagnant commodity prices also are pressuring farmers. To make up for lower prices, it is essential to have good yields.

"Our producers can handle lower commodity prices as long as we're getting some of our above-average or near-record yields," Guidry said. "So weather is obviously a big component in terms of them being able to do that."

According to Guidry, U.S. production for many commodities has been good, leading to surplus and pressuring prices downward.

Rice prices did increase this year, and Guidry indicated the rise

was based on a national reduction in production acreage. Arkansas, the nation's largest rice producer, saw a significant reduction in acres this year. Forecasts for next year see an increase in Arkansas acreage, which could lower prices.

Guidry said a new farm bill is on the horizon, and producers will have to keep an eye on changes that might occur.

"There's always a chance we can see some pretty significant changes to these farm bills," he said. "That's something we're going to have to monitor and make sure the levels of support, the safety net that is in the farm bill, really does provide some support and comfort for our agriculture producers."



Anthony Plattsmier harvests soybeans in St. Landry Parish. Soybean yields were about five bushels per acre higher than last year, but the beans suffered damage from excessive rainfall. Photo by Bruce Schultz/LSU AgCenter.

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By Hillegom, iBulb

It may be still cold and wintry outside but it could be almost spring inside. Cheery pre-forced bulbs are the perfect way to welcome the coming arrival of spring. Their colors and fragrances can recharge your batteries.

Like a breath of spring

The first haze of green on the willow and the first brightly colored flowers... During the winter, these are what we can hardly wait to see. Pre-forced bulbs are a quick and easy way to give your home that spring-time look. Have lots of fun with a mix of vividly colored tulips (Tulipa), crocuses (Crocus) and daf-

fodils (Narcissus). Or suggest the stillness of winter with white or bright blue: white daffodils (Narcissus) or grape hyacinths (Muscari).

Underground

The growth process from bulb to flower continues to amaze us: how can such a small bulb grow into such a splendid flower? Try this sometime: remove the flower bulbs from their pot and you'll be astonished at the roots that grow every which way and form a clump around the bulb. They're actually too pretty to hide.

The sweet smell of spring

Smells are a link to the seasons and add to an indoor experience of outdoor fragrances. A fresh sweet scent provides a nice little preview of the approaching spring. Many bulb flowers are scented with fragrances ranging from a slightly sweet suggestion of spring to a more intense sweet and spicy smell. Close your eyes and imagine yourself in the middle of the bulb fields. The only thing you still have to envision is the chirpy twitter of birds!

Locally produced

Did you know that the process of getting flower bulbs to bloom in a warm greenhouse is called 'forcing'? Growers who specialize in this are sometimes known as 'bulb forcers'. Just like food products and cut flowers, you can also buy locally grown pre-forced bulbs. This is almost always done by family businesses that have

worked with flower bulbs for decades. Every autumn, the flower bulbs are planted by hand in pots. They then receive the professional care they require for proper development. As soon as they are almost ready to bloom, they are delivered quickly to retail outlets so that you can have them grow and flower at home. Enjoy!

Little care for lots of enjoyment

Pre-forced bulbs require little care. Put them in a place that receives plenty of light and give them a little water now and then. Did you know that pre-forced bulbs can also be put outside?

Tips

- Create your own beautiful flower garden indoors. Combine the more familiar pre-forced bulbs such as hyacinths (Hyacinthus), daffodils (Narcissus) and grape hyacinths (Muscari) with the less familiar varieties such as the Checkered Fritillary (Fritillaria meleagris), Striped Squill (Puschkinia scilloides), Siberian Squill (Scilla siberica) and Winter Aconite (Eranthis hyemalis).

- Remove the rootball from its plastic pot. Place this carefully (so that the rootball remains intact) in a glass vase or pot for a constant source of amazement.

- Your choice of pots, baskets and vases will coordinate your pre-forced bulbs with your own style of interior design. Or just put them in a shallow bowl, pail or even a paper bag for a little change of pace.

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