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## Violet man pleads guilty to attempted murder and armed robbery

*St. Bernard Parish District Attorney*

District Attorney Perry Nicosia announced today that Dalvin Major, Age 22, of Violet, LA pled guilty to attempted murder and armed robbery stemming from a shooting which occurred on August 31, 2013.

Dalvin Major, then 18, shot his cousin, twice – once in the lower torso and once in the thigh – on a street in Violet. Major then stole his wallet and fled St. Bernard, authorities said. Major was captured in New Orleans by a U.S. Marshal's Service Fugitive Task Force of which the Sheriff's Office

has a deputy who is a member of the group, Sheriff Pohlmann said.

Major's case was initially dismissed by the former district attorney but was targeted by Nicosia for prosecution by the District Attorney's "violent offender unit." Nicosia targeted Major as a violent offender and re-instituted charges. With only limited evidence, it was the hard work and efforts of the Sheriff's office and DA investigators, which allowed a successful prosecution to proceed. District Attorney Nicosia credited the tireless efforts of Assistant District Attorney Charles Ward,

which led to Major's guilty plea. Nicosia stated "There is zero tolerance for violent crimes, especially those involving guns, in St. Bernard. Those who choose to commit these acts can expect to be prosecuted and sent to prison." Major was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary on each charge by Judge Jacques Sanborn.



Dalvin Major

## Mobile Emergency Operations Center to provide Nemesis parade updates

*St. Bernard Sheriff's Department*

If you've ever gone to a Carnival parade, you've probably found yourself impatiently looking at your watch while staring

down the road, wondering how much longer it will be until the parade arrives. St. Bernardians who plan to attend the Knights of Nemesis' 12th annual parade Feb. 18 in Chalmette can rest

easy.

For the fourth consecutive year, Sheriff James Pohlmann said the department's Mobile Emergency Operations Center will lead the parade, posting

regular location updates on the Sheriff's Office Facebook and Twitter pages along the way.

Manned each year by Major Angela Huff, Captain Charles Borchers and Captain Bret Bowen, the department's mobile command unit essentially controls the running of the parade by coordinating closures of main cross streets as the parade approaches and making adjustments in the speed of the procession.

Captain Bowen, who drives the unit, said throughout the duration of the parade they communicate with deputies along the route who keep them informed of any circumstances that may affect the parade's flow, including tractor breakdowns or any other mishaps. While Captain Bowen is driving, Major Huff and Captain Borchers take care of the social media updates, including posting information about delays and photos from along the route.



The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Mobile Emergency Operations Center will lead the Knights of Nemesis parade on Feb. 18 in Chalmette, posting regular location updates on the Sheriff's Office Facebook and Twitter pages along the way.

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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 Baptist Church of Verrett** 682-0743  
3737 Bayou Rd., St. Bernard Sun. School 9:30am, worship 11am  
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

**First Pentecostal Church of Chalmette**  
2015 Palmisano Blvd., 710-0600  
Sun. School 10:30am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:30pm  
Fri. Youth Service 7:30pm

**Freedom For Life Christian Fellowship**  
1010 East Judge Perez, Chalmette • 421-6132 Sun. Worship 10am & 7pm

**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 9am • Sun. School 10:30am

**Gospel Temple** 272-0123 • 301 E. Morales (behind Breaux Mart) Chalmette, LA  
Sunday 10:30AM • Wed. 7:00pm

**Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church** 272-0392  
1904 Goodwill Dr, Violet. Sun. school 8am, worship 9am • Thur. 7pm

**Greater Round Hill Baptist Church**  
905-9162 • 2213 Canal St, Violet  
Sunday worship 11am  
Wed. Bible study 7pm

**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

**High Praise Fellowship**  
781-4414 • 120 E. Solidelle, Ste. A, Chalmette, Sun. service 10am

**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

**Nabi Healing Center**  
7451 W. St. Bernard Hwy, Arabi, Sunday 5-8pm

**New Birth Ministries**  
6321 Louis Elam St, Violet, 301-9282  
Wed. Church School 6pm  
Sun. service 10:30am

**One in Christ Church**  
530 East Judge Perez Dr, Chalmette 682-1117 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. 8:30am • Tues. 6:30pm • Sat. 4pm • Sun. 9&11am

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

**Praise Temple Fellowship** 650-1794  
7517 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. 10:30am  
Bible Study Thur. 7pm

**Second Missionary Baptist Church** 278-2338  
2109 Caluda Lane, Violet  
Sun. service 8am  
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

**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. John Baptist Church** 654-9567  
7047 Hwy. 39, Braithwaite Sun. Sch. 10am  
Sun. Ser. 11am • Wed 6:30pm

**St. Luke Baptist Church** 682-3718 or 418-7492  
126 Poindexter Lane, Braithwaite Sun. worship 8am

**St. Thomas Catholic Church**  
17605 Hwy. 15, Pointe a la Hache masses: Sat. 6pm • Sun. 9am

**Third Missionary Baptist Church** 272-0504  
206 Armstrong Lane, St. Bernard Sun. worship 10am

**Trumpet of Truth Ministry** 7451 W. St. Bernard Hwy, Arabi. Sun. School 9am • Service 10am  
Tues. & Thurs Bible Study 7pm

**World Prayer Tabernacle (S)** 277-4555  
4030 Paris Rd. Chalmette  
Sun. service 10am  
Youth Service Wed. 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.

## FEBRUARY 4-19

• **Chalmette National Cemetery Tour**, Walk the national cemetery to discover its history and the stories of some of the thousands buried there. Meet at front porch of old cemetery superintendent's lodge (two-story brick building just inside cemetery gate). 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, February 4-19. Free. Chalmette National Cemetery of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 281-0510 or www.nps.gov/jela.

## FEBRUARY 15

• **Dating Violence Training**, hosted by St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc. Reserved seats. Contact Gail.Gowland@stbernardbwp.org, 504-231-1247. AMROC Building, Docville Farm, 5124 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet, LA 70092. 10AM-2PM, lunch included. Melissa Williams, M.A. LPC, presenter.

## FEBRUARY 16

• **The St. Bernard Volunteers and Community (SBVFC) Meeting**, Rocky & Carlo's Restaurant 13 W. St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, LA 70043 at 10:30 AM.

## FEBRUARY 17

• **The Young Men's Twenty Club, Inc. presents its 102nd Year Carnival Ball**, "Love Is In The Air" Friday, February 17, 2017, at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA 70043, 9 PM to 2 AM.

## FEBRUARY 18

• **Knights of Nemesis Mardi Gras Parade**, presented by the Knights of Nemesis Social Club, begins at 1pm at the Sigur Center and travels up and down Judge Perez Dr. through Chalmette. The parade features over 20 floats, 30 marching units, and 300 riders throwing a special parade t-shirt, medallion beads, cups, and other novelty items.

• **Nature Photography Walk**, Join local photographer Mike Murphree to discover the secrets of memorable pictures. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 18. Free but space limited so call for reservations. Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero (near Crown Point). 689-3690;10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

## MARCH 4

• **Shriner's Presidents & Captains Ball**, Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave, Metairie, LA (Free Parking). Room Rates: \$110 per night or \$150 SUITE per night. Call Landmark Hotel for room reservations. Ball Tickets: \$80.00 Shriner & Lady per person. \$100 Non-Member per person \*Call Shrine Center (985) 725-1716 for ball tickets.

## MARCH 4 (continued)

• **Supper And Substance**, hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at The Red Barn in Meraux. "Rockin' Around the Clock" is the theme of the buffet supper featuring guest speaker couple Eric and Lisa Johnsen of Covington. Reservations are required by March 1. Call Deborah Keller at 504-259-8929 for ticket information. 6PM

## MARCH 25

• **St. Bernard Parish School Board Employees Lions Club, 9th Annual Golf Tournament**, Oak Harbor Golf Course, 11:30 AM Sign-in, 11:30AM-12:30PM Putting contest qualifying, 12:30PM Putting contest finals, 1:00 PM Shotgun start. \$90/golfer; \$360/team. For additional information contact: Paul Granberry, 504-818-8932; David Fernandez, 504-818-8935; Charles Raviotta, 504-577-0435. Proceeds to benefit the St. Bernard Parish School Board Employees Lions Club.

## APRIL 1

• **St. Bernard Irish Italian Islenos Community Parade & Marching Club**, set to hit the streets of Chalmette at 11 AM (Marchers) and 12 Noon (Floats). A limited amount of floats are still available for the 2017 parade, if interested or for more information please contact Chad O'Neil, 504.655.7555 or Danny O'Neil 504.655.7553 or email us at iiparade@att.net. The club is now accepting Princesses ages 10-17 for the 2017 Princess float in the parade, the cost to be a Princess is \$125 and includes your ride on a float, insurance, tiara, sash, reception dinner and more. For more information or to sign up a Princess please contact Mary O'Neil, 504.638.4476 or mary\_oneil@bell-south.net.

## 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, February 20, or Tuesday, February 28; visitor center closed for federal holiday and for Mardi Gras). 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;10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

## Weekly, Thursday

• **St. Bernard Social Ride**, Start your New Year with our bike riding group. We ride at night with lighted wheels through neighbor-

hoods in St. Bernard Parish. Meet at 6:00 PM, Ride at 7:00 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**, The group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregiver's through regularly scheduled meetings. They help 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, 2:00 PM.

## Events in nearby Parishes

• **MARCH 23 - Top Taco Festival**, Chefs from area restaurants will be paired with tequilas and spirits to create festive and flavorful cocktails. The event will take place at 6:30PM in Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza. General Admission discounted passes are \$50 per person; First Tasting tickets are \$75 and include early entry; and VIP discounted tickets are \$110 per person which includes early entry plus the VIP experience on the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen. To purchase tickets, please visit www.toptaconola.com.

• **MARCH 24 to 26 - First Annual New Orleans Bourbon Festival Comes to Town**, at the Sugar Mill and Marriott Convention Center. Tickets range from \$59 - \$490 (Ultimate VIP) and can be purchased at http://bit.ly/2krotgB. Information and schedule at www.neworleansbourbonfestival.com or by downloading the event apps (Bourbon Fest IOS App or Bourbon Fest Android App).

• **MARCH 25 - Charlie Wilson with special guests Fantasia, Johnny Gill and Solero**, Tickets available at the Smoothie King Center box office, by phone at 800-745-3000, or online at Ticketmaster.com. For information on presale tickets, VIP packages or to purchase tickets, visit charliewilsonmusic.com.

• **APRIL 3 - Radiohead**, Smoothie King Center. Please check www.radiohead.com for further information.

• **APRIL 18 - Bob Weir & the Campfire Band**, Saenger Theatre in New Orleans, LA. VIP packages are available and every online ticket order comes with one (1) physical CD of Weir's newest album Blue Mountain. 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 M-F 10am to 5pm. All tickets subject to applicable service charges and fees.

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According to Captain Bowen, the 40-foot LDV specialty vehicle which sits on a freightliner chassis, includes a front driving compartment, followed by a command area, galley, restroom and communications area in the rear. Bowen said the state-of-the-art vehicle also is equipped with several smart TVs, a marine radio, and a rear 360-degree view camera that can be raised 35 feet in the air.

Sheriff Pohlmann acquired the \$375,000 unit for the department in 2013 through a federal grant. In addition to the Nemesis parade, the command center also is used during the Irish, Italian, Islesnos parade, at local festivals and during SWAT rolls and roundups.

Captain Bowen said utilizing the unit and technology helps provide relief for the Sheriff's Office radio room during parades.

The main reason we started this was if you wanted to know where the parade was before you would call the Sheriff's Office," he said. "So now, thanks to the use of social media, we can post information on our Facebook and Twitter accounts to help alleviate the number of calls we get that tie up our lines and prevent more important calls from coming through."

This year's Nemesis parade, featuring more than 20 floats, 30 marching units and 300 riders, begins at 1 p.m. and will follow the traditional route, beginning and ending at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive, with U-turns at the intersections near Dr. Meraux Boulevard and Campagna Drive.

## Animal Shelter recent transport

Happy trails, safe travels and best wishes to our transport candidates who were recently approved for transport to Missouri along with other eligible candidates from other agencies. Transports open up wonderful opportunities for our guys. Congratulations to Bella, Cinder, Fendi, Fizz, Opal and Stella.



## Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary



Dalbert and Linda recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 17, 2016. They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

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till 11PM on  
Saturday!*

# NEMESIS PARADE AFTER PARTY

**Saturday • Feb. 18th • 4PM - Close**

*Join us at Brewster's after the Nemesis parade to keep the party going!*



# St. Bernard Transit to shift portion of bus route on March 1st

*Parish Bus Service to move from St. Bernard Hwy to Judge Perez Drive between Colonial Boulevard in Violet and Hannan Boulevard in Meraux.*

St. Bernard Transit Department announces that it will shift a portion of its bus route from St. Bernard Highway to East Judge Perez Drive between Colonial Boulevard and Archbishop Hannan Boulevard effective Wednesday, March 1st.

"We have studied the route shift from population, neighborhood, and socio-economic perspectives and held a public meeting to solicit feedback. The consensus is that moving the bus route from St. Bernard

Highway to East Judge Perez Drive in Violet and Meraux will bring transit service closer to more people," said Michael Bayham, manager for St. Bernard Transit.

The current western bus route starts at Bayou Road and Torres Drive, heading west on Bayou Road and St. Bernard Highway until turning north (right) on to Archbishop Hannan Boulevard before turning west (left) on to Judge Perez Drive in the direction of Chalmette and Arabi.

There would be two shifts in the route. The first would take place at Colonial Boulevard, where the bus would turn north (right) from St. Bernard Highway and then turn west (left) onto

East Judge Perez Drive.

The second change would be at Archbishop Hannan Boulevard, where the bus would loop at the mid-point of the boulevard before returning to Judge Perez Drive and then head west towards Chalmette and Arabi.

The route shift will include new bus stops on Colonial Boulevard, East Judge Perez Drive, and Archbishop Hannan Boulevard.

"The new route will cut down the distance many people have had to walk to catch the bus," said Parish President Guy McInnis. "Our administration is always working to make govern-

ment services more accessible and convenient for the public."

"Moving the bus service on to Judge Perez will also lessen traffic congestion on St. Bernard Highway," said McInnis.

A map of the new route has been posted on the Transit Department's website, [www.sbp.net/transit](http://www.sbp.net/transit) and paper copies are available on the buses and at the St. Bernard Government Building.

The new schedule will be posted in coming days as the bus stop times are calibrated.

For more information about the route change, please call the St. Bernard Parish Transit Office 504-277-1907.

## 65th tax preparer faces felony charges for "ghost business" tax fraud

A St. James Parish tax preparer faces felony charges for allegedly fabricating business losses for companies that did not exist.

Warren Lavern Bryant, of Lusher, is accused of submitting state income tax returns that included phony business losses, which improperly reduced his clients' taxable income, resulting in illegally inflated tax refunds.

Tax auditors with the Louisiana Department of Revenue noticed a suspicious pat-

tern with returns that Bryant submitted in 2015.

Investigators determined that none of the clients whose returns they examined had claimed any business losses when they provided Bryant with their tax records. In fact, not one of them had ever owned or operated a business.

Fabricated losses are used frequently by unscrupulous tax preparers who try to increase their business by promising larger-than-expected refunds.

Bryant's alleged fraud scheme cost Louisiana taxpayers an estimated \$116,325.00. He was arrested on Tuesday, February 7 and booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Principal to Filing or Maintaining False Public Records and Principal to Illegal Transmission of Monetary Funds.

Warren Bryant is the 65th person arrested under a joint anti-tax fraud initiative of the Department of Revenue and the state Attorney General's office.

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## 63rd tax preparer arrested for fraud scheme involving "ghost" companies

A Baton Rouge tax preparer faces felony charges for a tax fraud scheme involving "ghost" companies and phony business losses that cost Louisiana taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Joseph A. Gillies, of 2136 Monaco Drive in Baton Rouge, prepared and submitted hundreds of tax returns that contained fabricated business losses for companies that, in some cases, did not exist.

Numerous clients told investigators with the Louisiana Department of Revenue that they did not report any business losses when they provided Gillies with their tax records. Some whose tax returns contained fabricated business losses reported that they weren't even business owners. From 2012-2015, the alleged fraud scheme cost Louisiana taxpayers an estimated \$768,740.00.

Phony business losses are a common technique used by unscrupulous tax preparers to lure clients with the promise of larger-than-expected income tax refunds.

Gillies was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on Tuesday, January 31, on charges of Principal to Filing or Maintaining False Public Records and Principal to Illegal Transmission of Monetary Funds. He is the 63rd person arrested under a joint anti-fraud initiative of the Department of Revenue and the state Attorney General's office.

# Torres Park recently received 400 pounds of Rainbow Trout

LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries stocked the pond in Torres Park with 400 lbs. of Rainbow Trout on January 31. The trout which is part of LA Wildlife and Fisheries "Get Out and Fish Program" came all the way from Missouri. The fish weigh about 1.5 to 2.5 lbs each. Everyone is welcome to bring the kids to fish for Rainbow Trout and Catfish in the pond. Ages 16 and older are required to have a fishing license. Happy Fishing!



# Masked Reader at the St. Bernard Parish Library main branch

Everyone is in the midst of Mardi Gras madness and the St. Bernard Parish Library wants to add to the merriment. Second line your way to the library for a special Tales on Tuesday story time on February 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the library's main branch, 2600 Palmisano Blvd., in Chalmette. The hour-long program will feature 'Masked Reader' Annette Dugan. Ms. Dugan will share one of her favorite Carnival stories, Lil' Yat & Friends Mardi Gras by Rhonda Johnson Valladares. Library friends will also learn some purple, green and gold trivia and hear Ms. Janet's zany parade safety tips.



Participants will be able to 'make and take' a Mardi Gras mask to wear as they parade around the library lobby. Dedicated parade goers are invited to get creative by making their own shoebox float at home to bring to the library's program to make the event more even more festive.

Tales on Tuesdays storytime sessions are free and open to the public. All materials needed for the 'make and take' craft will be provided. For more information, please stop by the library at 2600 Palmisano Blvd., call us at 504-279-0448, visit our website at [www.mysbpl.org](http://www.mysbpl.org) or like us on Facebook.

## Bartolo Canal Crossing replacement project underway

The Canal Crossing at the 20 Arpent and Bartolo project began on January 30th and will last approximately 120 days. The project will replace the existing culvert canal crossings with a precast con-span canal crossing at the Twenty Arpent Canal. Additional work required will include repair work such as cleaning existing ditches, pipe removal and replacement, riprap/flowable fill, and seeding as well as street restoration work such as concrete slab removal and replacement, concrete curb repairs, roadway base repair and restoration of streets.

St. Bernard Parish Government would like to remind residents living north of the Twenty Arpent Canal, beyond 2813 Bartolo, that they will be required to access Bartolo Drive from Munster Blvd. on Genie. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Department of Public Works at 504-278-4300.

## Paw Print Pet of the Week Bone

### Oreo

Hi, I'm Oreo. I love people, especially ones who give me massages, hot dog wieners and let me snooze in the sun. I am searching for a forever home. I am just under a year old, social, energetic and lovable. Come meet me and all of my adoptable friends at the St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter located at 5455 E. Judge Perez Dr. in Violet or call 504-278-1534.



## Leon John Vedrenne, Sr.

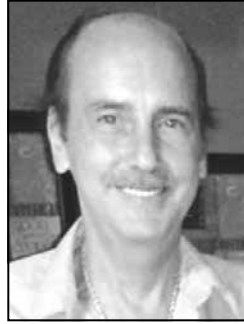


Leon John Vedrenne, Sr. passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the age of 77. He was the cherished husband of Elsie M. Vedrenne for 57 years. Loving father of Kim V. Manalla and Leon J. Vedrenne Jr. Son of the late Edward and Josephine Dastugue Vedrenne. Brother of Eleonora King and the late Edward Vedrenne & Ronnie Vedrenne. Proud grandfather of Nicole M. Lafrance (Cliff), Nathan Manalla (Cheraimie) and Neal Manalla. Great grandfather of Hannah, Alexander "Alec," Ashton & Ella Lafrance, Kayla, Mya & Cecelia Manalla and Briana & Tatum Burkett. Great-great grandfather of Owen Hornsby. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Leon was well loved and will be forever remembered as a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather and a friend of many who loved her 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 Friday, June 19th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., followed by a funeral service in her memory beginning at 2:30 p.m. He will be laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the Family Guestbook, please visit [www.stbernardmemorial.com](http://www.stbernardmemorial.com).

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, February 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be private. To view and sign the Family Guestbook, please visit [www.stbernardmemorial.com](http://www.stbernardmemorial.com).

## Bernard James DeFranza, Sr.



Bernard James DeFranza, Sr. passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the age of 59. He was the beloved husband of the late Rebecca Ann Hammers DeFranza. Loving father of Shannon Janet, Bernard DeFranza Jr. (Jessica DeFranza), Joseph DeFranza, Nicholas DeFranza, Joshua DeFranza and Leslie Mason. Son of Emma Graves DeFranza and the late August DeFranza. Brother of Mike DeFranza, Lenny DeFranza, David DeFranza, Paul DeFranza and Michelena Maher. Proud grandfather of Jessica Noel Perez (Jude Perez), Chad St. Pe Jr., Gage St. Pe, Kaysen DeFranza, Carsten DeFranza, Kullen DeFranza, Camdyn DeFranza, Lauren Mason, Spencer Mason and Olivia Mason. Great grandfather of Liam Perez. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and dear friends. Bernard was a native of New Orleans, LA and a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish where he was a longtime employee of Mr. Lawrence J. Randazzo at Randazzo's Bakery from 1974 – 1993 and a valued employee of Salvador J. Randazzo from 1994 – 2005 at Randazzo's Goodchildren's Bakery. He was well loved and will be deeply missed by his family and by all those whose lives he touched.

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## Lucille Rushing CuCongé



Lucille Rushing DuCongé passed into Heaven early on February 6, 2017. She was born on January 26, 1924 in Newellton, LA. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband Elliott John "Bill" DuCongé and her youngest son, Christopher John DuCongé. Lucille was the daughter of the late Ola Mae Hall Rushing and Claude Rushing and sister to the late Hubert Rushing, Melvin "Hot" Rushing, and Mamie Lee Rushing Morgan. Lucille is survived by four children, Dr. Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot and her husband Dr. Joseph Fontenot of Daphne, AL, Diana Joy DuCongé Lokar and her husband, William Lokar of Anderson, SC, Stephen DuCongé and his wife, Jean DuCongé of Houston, TX, and Penny Marie DuCongé Caracciola and her husband, Michael Caracciola of Hammond, LA.

Lucille is also survived by brothers and sisters, Robert Rushing, John Willis Rushing, Ed Rushing, Clifton Earl Rushing, Patricia "Patsy" Wayne Rushing Adkerson, and Mary Katherine "Kat" Rushing Michaelson. She also leaves a legacy of 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lucille grew up on a farm as the oldest of the ten children, worked in various sales jobs, and even packed bombs during World War II. She moved to New Orleans in the late 1940's and worked at the Domino Sugar Refinery where she met the love of her life "Bill." She lived in Chalmette, LA for over 50 years until Katrina took her home.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial visitation to be held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A memorial service to celebrate Lucille's life will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home Chapel. Inurnment will follow in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To view and sign the Family Guestbook, please visit [www.stbernardmemorial.com](http://www.stbernardmemorial.com).

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# Three booked in connection with meth lab operation in Chalmette

*St. Bernard Sheriff's Department*

Two men were arrested Feb. 3 when St. Bernard Parish narcotics agents took down a methamphetamine lab operating out of a dilapidated camper trailer in Chalmette, St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann said. A woman also was arrested in the investigation.

Frank Peralta, 32, and Jacob Warren, 22, both of the 2500 block of Mumphrey Road in Chalmette, were both booked with creation of a clandestine meth lab. In addition, Peralta was booked with possession of a firearm and possession of Xanax and Suboxone tablets, and Warren was booked on two outstanding attachments out of Jefferson Parish. Jacqueline

Peralta, 40, also of Mumphrey Road, was booked with possession of a firearm, possession of Xanax and Suboxone tablets, and traffic violations. Suboxone is a drug used in the heroin weaning process.

Sheriff Pohlmann said narcotics agents came in contact with the individuals during a traffic violation stop. During the course of the investigation, agents recovered a .380 Cobra handgun and learned Frank Peralta and Warren were involved in a meth lab operation which they said was only for personal use. The lab was found in a trailer parked in an industrial area on East Virtue Street in Chalmette.

After obtaining a search warrant for the trailer, agents suited up in hazardous material pro-



tective gear discovered various items inside the trailer commonly used in the creation of meth, including plastic tubing, plastic bottles, coffee filters, lithium batteries, salt and aluminum foil.

All three subjects are being held in St. Bernard Parish

Prison. Frank Peralta and Jacob Warren's bonds have both been set at \$100,000 each and Jacqueline Peralta's bond is \$40,000.



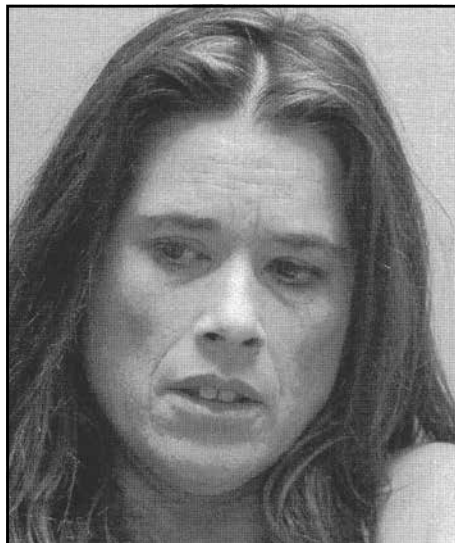
Various items commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine were found inside a camper trailer off East Virtue Street in Chalmette that was being used as a meth lab.



Frank Peralta



Jacob Warren



Jacqueline Peralta

## Six area deputies graduate Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) course

Six St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office deputies and four from the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office graduated Feb. 3 after a 90-hour Corrections Division course in Peace Officers Standards and Training, or P.O.S.T.

The corrections course, which helps better prepare deputies to work in a prison environment or Juvenile Detention Center, covers topics such as defensive tactics, booking procedures, report writing and the use of force lesson plans. Deputies also are trained in the use of pepper spray, which includes each officer being pepper-sprayed in order to learn firsthand about its effects.

The course, led by instructors Capt. Dennis Morgan and Cpl. Brandon Lewis of the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, was held at the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Training Center in Chalmette.

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office deputies who were graduates of the class are: Dep. Vincent Scandariato Jr., Dep. Dawn Penney, Dep. Ashley Blasio, Dep. Steven Oalman, Dep. Michelle Waites and Dep. Rees Guterrez. Graduates from Plaquemines Parish are: Dep. Amelia Gause, Dep. Wilfred Antoine Jr., Dep. Tyler Crosby and Dep. James Miller.



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# Education

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## Joseph Davies writing contest winners for January



Kinleigh Gioia, Cheyenne Locue, Isabella Rodrigue, Kaylin Kaupp, Ella Schroeder, Emma Borden, Brenna Fassbender, Bryce Cobden, Dane Urbeso, Madison Callio, Jacob Moity, Branden Banks, Ayden Mayer, Mikayla Hardouin, Abby Creason, Tayde Gonzalez-Chavez, Aysia Mosley, Faith Serpas, Malika Hudson, Kimberley Blanco, Jayla Calvin, Trenydi Mansion, Cole Devenport, Brandon Burroughs, Nicholas Weathers, Erica Lambert, Chad Prats, Faith Clark, Christopher Showalter, and Amberly Boudreaux.

## St. Bernard Middle School January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the St. Bernard Middle School January Students of the Month. These students were chosen by their teachers because they have demonstrated SBM's three expectations of being responsible, respectful, and positive.



Pictured from left: Sixth Grader, Kayla Billiot; Seventh Grader, Cameron Tardo; and Eighth Grader, Adria Cease.

## Lacoste Elementary School January Students of the Month

Lacoste Elementary School is proud to announced the following students for being named the Student of the Month for January 2017.



**Pre-K:** Kyreese Francis, Elise Dickens, Izabel Kevorkian, Jaxson Hetrick, Grace Dewey; **Kindergarten:** Ernest Davis, Makhi Powell, Zachary Boehm, Laci DeJean, Layla Roberts, Ezel Yousef, Julian Sumera; **1st Grade:** Jose Perez, Rebecca Arabie, Christopher Robin, Chris Wallace, Deacon Odenwald; **2nd Grade:** Nahan Alfaro-Funez, Asmaa Kahla, Cayne Ajan, Jeorjai Guillot, Nick Nunez, Courtney Whalen, Montrell Randolph, Cayne Ajan; **3rd Grade:** Isaac Muscarello, Mollie Sparnecht, Alayna Tobin, MaKayla Moity, Cacha Parker, Ian Hernandez; **4th Grade:** Lucas Aquino, Hillaree Fulgham, Logan Yarbrough, Jayden Campbell, Alana Burnetz, Levan Levron; **5th Grade:** George Wherling, Dylan Franatovich, Nathan Thorn, David Daughtry, Jhed LaFuente, Sarah Miglore, and Ashtyn Wehmeyer.

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# 3rd Grade Project Night at Chalmette Elementary School

On February 8th, Chalmette Elementary 3rd graders had their annual project night. Students and their families were invited to come to the school to work on their "Solar System" project. Supplies and resources were provided at no cost and teachers stayed late to help students with their projects, as well as create an ever-growing rapport with parents. Chalmette Elementary offers project nights throughout the year for grades 1st- 5th.



Zaylee Wolfe and her third grade teacher, Gabrielle Arceneaux, show off Zaylee's finished project on project night.



Students and many of their respective families showed up to work together on their projects and make the night a success.



Computers were provided to help students and their families research information for their individual projects.



Project night allowed students to see teachers outside of the classroom and act silly together. Sarah Chaisson and 3rd grader, Talon Westberry, take a selfie to remember the fun night.

# Crazy Cajuns Fish Shack celebrated their grand opening

Crazy Cajuns Fish Shack held a Grand Opening Celebration at 3124-B E. Judge Perez Drive in Meraux. Owners Rachel and Jason Bazile were joined by their family, friends and a number of parish officials. Crazy Cajuns Fish Shack is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information call 504-702-8088 or visit [www.facebook.com/ccfishshack/](http://www.facebook.com/ccfishshack/).



# Project Graduation speaks at AARP Pakenham Chapter #3926

Brenda Simpson with Project Graduation spoke at the January meeting of the AARP Pakenham Chapter #3926. A \$500 donation was presented to Brenda by George Virga, President of the organization.

You may contact Brenda at 504-682-0753 to volunteer or make a donation.

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 February 25th. For additional information please contact George Virga, President at 504-278-1367.



Pictured above from left to right are Dody Bayard, Brenda Simpson, George Virga, Carolyn Constance and Jack Muller.

# Volunteers needed for Derelict Crab Trap Clean-up



The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is partnering with St. Bernard Parish Government's Office of Coastal Affairs and Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation to host its annual Derelict Crab Trap Rodeo with a volunteer cleanup event on Saturday, March 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cleanup will take place at the Sweetwater Marina located at 6205 Delacroix Highway. LDWF encourages volunteers to participate in this opportunity to remove abandon crab traps and conserve Louisiana's marine resources. Volunteers are needed to assist with dockside activities including unloading and stacking traps. The greatest need is for volunteer boat owners to help maximize collection. For more information, contact Patrick Smith at patrick@saveourlake.org.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is charged with managing and protecting Louisiana's abundant natural resources. For more information, visit [www.wlf.la.gov](http://www.wlf.la.gov). To receive recreational or commercial fishing email and text alerts, signup at <http://www.wlf.la.gov/signup>.



# FEMA

# Recovery Numbers

About \$4.7 billion in federal disaster assistance has flowed to Louisiana after the August flood.

- The National Flood Insurance Program has paid more than \$2.3 billion in claims
- SBA loans have been approved for more than \$1.2 billion to help businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters.
- FEMA has obligated \$756 million to individuals and households and \$294 million to public assistance.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved \$133 million in food benefits to flood survivors.

### Individuals and Housing Program (IHP)

- \$755 million has been approved for individual and housing assistance.

#### Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

- 42,227 households have been approved for \$161 million in other needs assistance.

#### Rental Assistance

- \$134 million cumulative total for approved rental assistance.
- 66,805 households are eligible.

#### Home Repair Assistance

- 34,757 households are eligible for \$456 million.

### Public Assistance (PA)

- 301 project worksheets have been obligated for \$294 million.
- \$60 million of that amount pays for temporary facilities for schools and to clean and remove flood debris.

#### Transitional Sheltering Assistance

- 4,332 cumulative survivors have been checked in for TSA.
- 968 households are checked into 175 hotels in three states.

### Department of Agriculture

- USDA approved \$133 million in food benefits to flood survivors.

### National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

- More than \$2.3 billion in claims has been paid.
- More than 28,000 claims have been closed.

### Small Business Administration (SBA)

- 17,223 SBA loans have been approved for more than \$1.2 billion to help businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters.

### Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs)

- 4,060 households licensed-into 4,192 manufactured housing units.
- Total projection for MHU installation is 4,502.

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# Heroin, cocaine, prescription drugs and \$7,200 seized in arrest of Chalmette man

St. Bernard Sheriff's Department

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office narcotics agents seized nearly an ounce of heroin, as well as cocaine and other drug par-



Quinell Warden, booking photo

aphernalia, from a man living in Chalmette after receiving information he was wanted in New Orleans on an outstanding warrant for heroin, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

Quinell Warden, 34, of the 3700 block of Dauterive Drive, was booked with felony charges for possessing 27.4 grams of heroin, with an estimated street value of \$3,000, along with a total of 10.6 grams of crack cocaine and powdered cocaine, valued at \$1,000.

During the investigation, Sheriff Pohlmann said, Valium, Adderall, Oxycodone and Promethazine tablets also were seized, along with \$7,203 in cash, a digital scale,

plastic sandwich bags, and two food processors, which are commonly used to break down heroin.

Warden was arrested outside a Chalmette store, where heroin, cocaine and cash were found on him, and additional drugs, cash and paraphernalia were found in his vehicle and later at his home.

Warden is being held in St. Bernard Parish Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

**St. Bernard Sheriff's Office narcotics agents seized nearly an ounce of heroin, crack cocaine, powdered cocaine, drug paraphernalia and \$7,203 in cash from a man living in Chalmette after learning he was wanted in New Orleans on an outstanding warrant.**



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host meeting on the Inner Harbor Navigational IHNC Canal

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans will be hosting a public meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Study. Residents of St. Bernard Parish are invited to attend the meeting which is located in the Council Chambers at 8201 West Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District released its Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, Louisiana, New Industrial Canal Lock and Connecting

Channels Project Draft Integrated General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for public comment.

Based on the current analysis presented in the draft integrated GRR/SEIS, Plan 3 is the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP). This plan includes replacement of the existing lock with a new lock having usable dimensions of 900 feet long by 110 feet wide by 22 feet deep to be constructed between the banks of the IHNC, north of the Claiborne Avenue Bridge and south of the Florida Avenue Bridge.

Public comments will be taken at the meetings, but the Army Corps has extended its written comment deadline and will accept written comments through March 1. Comments on the draft integrated report should be directed to:

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