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*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another
—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)*

St. Bernard Jury Convicts Hugh Gilliam



Hugh Gilliam

St. Bernard District Attorney, Perry Nicosia, announced that Hugh Gilliam, 32-year-old man, was convicted of Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile and Sexual Battery of a juvenile under the age of 13. The conviction was reached by a jury that deliberated about three hours on May 6, 2021. The trial lasted three days and was presided over by state District Judge Eric Bopp. The victim was a complete stranger to Gilliam.

Nicosia said, "The defendant

committed a reprehensible and terrifying assault on a vulnerable victim who had the courage to confront her attacker in court. The defendant has now been brought to justice and held accountable for his actions."

Gilliam faces up to a total of 124 years in prison. The sentence range under Louisiana law for Sexual Battery of a Juvenile under the age of 13 is 25 - 99 years in prison and for Indecent

Behavior with a Juvenile the sentence range is 2 - 25 years. Gilliam is set for sentencing on June 22nd by Judge Bopp.

District Attorney Perry M. Nicosia commented after the trial, that "I'm pleased with the guilty verdicts on both counts handed down by the St. Bernard jurors. Our office will continue to work closely with the Sheriff's Office to ensure sexual predators and violent criminals are brought to

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Sheriff's Office Searching For Suspects Responsible For Dumping Barbed Wire In St. Bernard Parish Waters

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating and identifying suspects who are responsible for intentionally dumping barbed wire in St. Bernard Parish commercial and recreational fishing waters, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

During the past two weeks, Sheriff Pohlmann said, the Sheriff's Office has received several reports from commercial fishermen who have had barbed wire become entangled in their nets and, in some instances, their boat motor propellers while trawling between Pointe For-

tuna and the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal.

According to the fishermen, barbed wire getting caught in their nets and boat motor propellers can cause thousands of dollars in damage, and put their lives and livelihood at risk. If barbed wire gets wrapped around a motor propeller it can cause a boat to sink, and fishermen could be exposed to marine bacteria while trying to untangle the wire.

Sheriff Pohlmann warns individuals who are caught intentionally dumping barbed wire in any waterway in St. Bernard



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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 504-382-1144
4905 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet
Sunday services 9 & 11:15 am
Discipleship classes 10:30 am Sun.
Wed./Thurs. Bible study 7pm
Fri. Prayer services 7pm
Bus ride available.

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 504-277-2939
305 E. St. Bernard Hwy.
Sun. Prayer Shield 8:30am
Sun. Worship 10:45am & 6pm
Sun. Children's Church 11am
Check us out on Facebook.

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
Sunday 8am • Wednesday 7pm

Gethsemane Lutheran Church 271-4254
2825 Paris Rd, Chalmette

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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

Living Proof Church
626 Mehle St., Arabi, LA 70032
504-875-5860
Sun 10 AM • Tue Prayer 6:30 PM

Miracle Baptist Cathedral (Advance the Kingdom of God) 913-9008
7403 W Judge Perez Dr., Violet
Sun. Breakfast 9:30a-10:00a
Sunday School 10a-10:30a
Sun. Worship 10:30a-11:30a
Tue. 7p-8p
D.S Grandberry Sr. (Senior Pastor)
deandregandberry@gmail.com
deandreg@icloud.com

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

Peace and Prayer Ministries 919-6625
2900 Oakridge Blvd., Violet
Worship service, prayer and praise,
bible study 10am Sunday

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

Second Missionary Baptist Church
2109 Caluda Lane, Violet
Services 8am Sunday,
Sunday School 9:30am,
Bible Study 7pm on Wednesday

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/Thu/Fri 8:30am, Saturday
Vigil 4pm, Sun. 10am

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

Third Missionary Baptist Church
504-682-2201
Bayou Rd. • P.O. Box 1012
St. Bernard, LA 70085

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

World Prayer Tabernacle 504-356-6901
4030 Paris Rd., Chalmette
Sunday 10am • Movement Youth
Service Wednesday 7pm
Senior Pastor Derek Buchert

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.



May 12

• **NARFE Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398 Monthly Meeting/Luncheon**, 11AM, in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, 613 St. Bernard Highway. Please consider joining us if you are an ACTIVE or RETIRED federal/postal employee interested in learning more about NARFE, the recognized go-to association devoted exclusively to protecting the earned pay and benefits of all federal employees, retirees, and their survivors. Contact pamela.e.marks1953@gmail.com, Chapter 1398 publicity officer, should you need additional information.

May 14

• **Los Islenos Society Fundraiser Seafood Dinners**, 5:30-8PM, on the second Friday of each month. Other dinners are scheduled for **June 11, July 9, August 13** and **September 10**, at the Los Islenos Museum 1357 Bayou Road, St. Bernard. The menu is fried shrimp, fried fish and combo dinners with your choice of two side dishes. The sides will be baked macaroni, jambalaya, french fries and green bean casserole. The cost is \$15.00 a plate. Drinks and desserts will be available for \$1.00 each. We will have limited seating outside for those who would like to eat on the grounds.

June 4

• **St. Bernard Catholic Church & Cemetery Fundraising Dinner**, 5-8PM, 2805 Bayou Road, St. Bernard, LA, 70085. The menu is: Roasted turkey breast with Italian herbs, cornbread stuffing or mashed potatoes, a medley of mixed vegetables, and french bread. Don't forget our wide variety of delicious desserts. Future monthly dinners are: **July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd**. For menus on future dinners, please visit our website at: stbernard-stbla.com.

Daily

• **Battle of New Orleans Talk**, Discover

1815's Battle of New Orleans with a ranger talk 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. daily. Free. Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 504-281-0510 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• **History Talk**, Discover 300 years of New Orleans history and culture. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free. French Quarter Visitor Center of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans. 504-589-3882 ext 221 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• **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). 504-689-3690 ext 10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• **Living History Recruiting Meeting**, Join Chalmette Battlefield's living history reenactor team! Uniforms, equipment, and training provided. 10:00 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March 1. Free. Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 504-281-0510 or www.nps.gov/jela.

Weekly, Tuesday

• **Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard/Arabi Luncheon**, college scholarships, Key Club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Read-to-Ride, Read Around the World, reading incentive program and the well known Terrific Kids and Terrific Teens programs in parish schools are a few of the projects. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining the Kiwanis Club community service organization can join them for lunch each Tuesday, noon at Rock & Carlo's Sicilian Room, or call Robby at (504) 616-7312.

• **The Social Youth Ministry (8th Grade to 12th Grade)**, 5:30PM-6:30PM, Celebration St Bernard/Ninth Ward Campus, 7500 W Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, LA, 70032. The Social youth ministry is designed specifically for students from 8th to 12th grade. Our goal is

to equip and disciple teenagers to learn how to have a genuine and personal relationship with God. This ministry is set in a welcoming, low-key environment where students can have fun, relax, and grow in their spiritual journey. www.celebrationchurch.org/ministries

Weekly, Wednesday

• **Prayer Night**, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Celebration St Bernard/Ninth Ward Campus, 7500 W Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, LA, 70032. Join us tonight for prayer as we come together with no agenda except to hear from God and encounter His presence! Bring your kids for our children's life group taken place in our kidztown classroom during prayer! www.celebrationchurch.org/ministries

Weekly, Thursday

• **Men's Bible Study**, 9AM-10:30AM, every Thursday morning in the First Baptist Church Chalmette library. The first meeting will be on November 19, 2020. Come join us for fellowship and scripture. Hope to see you at this meeting.

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

• **OCTOBER 16, 2021 - James Taylor and His All-Star Band, with special guest Jackson Browne**. Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. Previously purchased tickets will be honored for all of the rescheduled dates and fans are encouraged to hold onto their tickets. Should you be unable to attend the rescheduled date, please reach out to your point of purchase for information on refunds. The patience of all ticket holders has been appreciated through these uncertain and challenging times.



St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Addiction Resource Program

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Addiction Resource Program helps residents struggling with an addiction, whether it be substance abuse, or even gambling related, find the resources they need to better cope with their situation. The program provides individuals and/or their families with information on resources available to them, such as rehabilitation programs, detox centers, therapeutic plans of action and faith-based assistance. If you or someone you may know could benefit from this program and would like more information, call Stanley Simeon, program facilitator, at (504) 517-2944 or (504) 278-7659. Participation in the program is kept confidential.

Rental Assistance Available: Getting It And Keeping It Going



FEMA

Survivors of hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta and the winter storms could be eligible for rental assistance for temporary housing through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. FEMA pays rent, including a security deposit, at a place other than your damaged home.

Your rental can be a house, apartment or hotel that can keep you near your job, home, school and place of worship. The assistance includes essential utilities such as electricity and water but not cable or Internet.

The approved rental amount will be based on fair market rates for your area as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To continue to receive rental assistance, you must prove an ongoing need, which may be that suitable housing is not available or that your permanent housing plan has not been completed through no fault of your own. If you intend to seek continued rental assistance, you'll need receipts to show you used the assistance for rent. Survivors should keep receipts for three years.

You may qualify for continued assistance if you:

- Demonstrate your disaster-related financial need; and
- Show you are developing a longer-term or permanent housing plan or demonstrate progress toward one. A contractor's estimate of repairs can point to progress.

A permanent housing plan is one that would put you back into permanent safe, sanitary and functional housing within a reasonable time. You must continue to work toward obtaining permanent housing to remain eligible for continued rental assistance.

If you have an ongoing need, you must ask for the help to continue. To do so:

- If you are a renter, contact FEMA and ask for a Declaration of Continuing Need for Rental Assistance.
- If you are a homeowner, the document is normally mailed to the rental-assistance recipient 15 days after the grant is approved.
- Return the form to FEMA by either mailing the completed form to: FEMA, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville MD 20782-8055, fax-

ing it to (800) 827-8112, or uploading it to your FEMA Disaster Assistance Center account, available online at DisasterAssistance.gov.

Extensions on rental assistance may be granted for three-month periods up to a maximum of 18 months from the date of the FEMA disaster declaration.

To be eligible for continued rental assistance, you must meet the following conditions:

- You were awarded initial rental assistance and used it as intended.
- You are unable to return to your home because it cannot be accessed or is not suitable to live in due to the disaster.
- You do not have money for housing without assistance.
- You are not being given temporary housing help from any other source.
- You provide the status of your permanent housing plan.

The completed application will require these supporting documents:

- Pre-disaster and current household annual income.
- Copies of pre-disaster lease, utility bills, and renters insurance information.
- Copy of the lease or rental agreement signed by you and the landlord.
- Rental receipts, canceled checks or money orders showing the rental assistance was used to pay for housing expenses.

It is important to keep FEMA updated with your contact information and housing status.

For the latest information on Hurricane Laura, visit Louisiana Hurricane Laura (DR-4559-LA). For the latest information on Hurricane Delta, visit Louisiana Hurricane Delta (DR-4570-LA). For more information on Hurricane Zeta, visit Louisiana Hurricane Zeta (DR-4577-LA). For more information on the Winter Storms, visit Louisiana Severe Winter Storms (DR-4590-LA). Or, follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at FEMA Region 6 (@FEMARegion6).

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St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



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- TONEY, BREIONE MIASHAY, 23, ASHLEY DR, VIOLET, FUGITIVE JPSO
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- SMILES, NICHOLAS TYRONE, 37, JAMIES CT. VIOLET.

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WORTHLESS CHECK 1000-499

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- OLIVER, JARON, 24, GENERAL OGDEN, NEW ORLEANS, TURNING/REQRD SIGNAL, ILLEGAL TINTING OF A WINDOW, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, POSSESSION OF SCH IV, USE OF FIREARM CDS/VIOLENCE
- CAMPBELL, GEORGE, 26, N CLAIBORNE AVE, NEW ORLEANS, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT
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CHS Senior Soiree

Under the dazzling oaks and twinkling lights of Docville Farm, the Chalmette High School class of 2021 was recently invited to gather together for an end-of-year event unlike any other. The Senior Soiree was a night to celebrate the end of high school and award Annual Titles to some of its accomplished members in a Covid-safe space.

The event was the culmination of cooperative planning between the senior class officers, school administrators, and senior class sponsors, along with the generosity of the Meraux Foundation.

Lynda Rost, a math teacher at CHS and one of the senior class sponsors, said the event was truly student-led.

"I'm so proud of the accomplishments of this year's senior class officers," Rost said. "They visualized and helped plan the Senior Soiree, and it was wonderful to see the seniors together enjoying this event on such a

beautiful night."

Class officers who helped lead the planning of the event include: Emma Nunez, president; Katie Tran, vice president; Joy Wang, recording secretary; Dallas Blackmore, corresponding secretary; and Ariana Rojas, treasurer.

One of the highlights of the Senior Soiree was the announcement of the much-anticipated Annual Titles for 2021. The title winners were selected by their peers through a nomination and voting process.

This year's title winners were: Emma Nunez, Miss CHS; Dallas Blackmore, Mr. CHS; Melanie Corral, Most Intelligent Girl; Scott Truong, Most Intelligent Boy; Ashley Dourrieu, Most Athletic Girl; Darrius Sanchez, Most Athletic Boy; Chloe Bordelon, Most Likely to Succeed Girl; and Marco Spicuzza, Most Likely to Succeed Boy.

Principal Wayne Warner said it was a truly special night and



that the seniors deserved to celebrate an important milestone despite an unusual year amid the pandemic.

"The Senior Soiree was a pleasant way to close out a very

chaotic senior year for them," Rost agreed. "It was important to both them and to the faculty and administration at CHS that the seniors have this experience."



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St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Holds D.A.R.E. Program Graduations

Although graduations are still different than the norm due to COVID-19, several hundred St. Bernard Parish fifth-graders were able to graduate from the 2021 spring semester of the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Scaled-back ceremonies were held last week for students at Chalmette Elementary, Lacoste Elementary, and Arabi Elementary. Sixty-six students graduated from Chalmette, 92 from Lacoste and 77 from Arabi.

Sheriff James Pohlmann said the D.A.R.E. anti-drug program, taught in St. Bernard Parish schools by program supervisor Capt. Lisa Jackson and Sgt. Darrin Miller, is aimed at discouraging youngsters from using drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, or taking part in violence or bullying of others.

During the graduation ceremonies, students heard from Maj. Daniel Bostic, commander of the Special Investigations Division, who spoke about making the right choices when it comes to the use of drugs or alcohol. Maj. Bostic also stressed the importance of listening to their parents and teachers, and choosing their friends wisely. He also told the students not to bully others, and to report any kind of bullying they witness to an adult or teacher.

See more photos online at www.thestbernardnews.com.



Chalmette Elementary School held a graduation May 5 for fifth graders who graduated from the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program. Essay contest winners are, first row, from left: Kameron Craige, first place; Ethan Hessler, second place; Joly Kristoff, first place; and Devine Lewis, second place. Second row, from left, are: Sgt. Darrin Miller, Maj. Daniel Bostic and Capt. Lisa Jackson.



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Parish will be arrested and could face felony charges, a hefty fine and/or possible jail time.

The intentional sabotaging of a commercial fishermen's livelihood will not be tolerated, the Sheriff said.

Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Bureau are investigating several leads in the case, and have obtained information on the possible identity of specific suspects.

Anyone with information regarding individuals known to be intentionally dumping barbed wire in any St. Bernard Parish waterway, is asked to call the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau at (504) 278-7630 or (504) 271-2501 or Crimestoppers GNO at (504) 822-1111. Tipsters who call Crimestoppers can remain anonymous, do not have to testify and could be eligible for a cash reward.

Any boaters who have been affected by this also are asked to call the Sheriff's Office.

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trial and convicted." He further expressed his appreciation for the residents of St. Bernard for showing up for jury duty which is a vital part of our criminal justice system.

Nicosia is proud to recognize Assistant District Attorneys Daniel Dysart Jr. and Ashton Licciardi for their hard work and expertise in prosecuting this case.

Johnny Anthony Balli



Johnny Anthony Balli, born on October 9, 1966, was peacefully received into heaven while surrounded by his loving family on Monday, May 3, 2021. Johnny was born in New Orleans, LA, and was a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish. For the past 16 years, he resided in Picayune, MS.

Johnny was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greeted in heaven by his grandparents, Phillip and Olivia Morales, and his mother, Dorothy Morales Balli. He is survived by his wife of

14 years, Kimberly Wiese Balli; his sons, Johnny Anthony Balli, Jr. (Amanda), Derick Anthony Balli (Jaime Hartwick), his daughter, Nicole Elizabeth Licciardi (Justin), and stepdaughter Hannah Basile Bienvenu (Arthur); his brothers Jose M. Balli (Lisa), Perry M. Balli (Angie), Tony J. Balli (Jennifer), and sister Marselina "Lina" Gioia (Joe). His step siblings include brothers, Manual, Andrew, Abel, and Joseph, and sisters Louisa, Estella, Amelia, and JoAnn. He was a loving "Pappy" to grandchildren Paisley, Elliana, Levi, and Peyton. Johnny had numerous nieces and nephews and cherished in-laws, Louis and Flo Wiese, all of whom he loved dearly.

Growing up on the bayou instilled in Johnny a lifelong love for hunting and fishing. He enjoyed attending music festivals and was a proud member of the Who Dat Nation. Johnny treasured spending time with his family, especially if boiled crawfish was on the menu. His creative talents and skills, coupled with his strong work ethic, were evident throughout his lifelong career as a master welder and pipefitter. He was a thoughtful, loyal and generous friend who "never met a stranger". Johnny's legacy of family, faith, dedication, and love will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, 2320 Paris Road, Chalmette, LA on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at noon. Prior to the Mass, visitation was held at the church at 10:30 a.m. Interment followed at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Serenity Funeral Home. Condolences and tributes can be posted at www.serenitycovington.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider following in Johnny's footsteps by donating blood at your local blood center.

Ronald Stephen Martin, Sr.



On Saturday, May 1, 2021, Ronald "Ronnie" Stephen Martin, Sr. peacefully passed away at the age of 86, surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was married to the love of his life, Marlene Rose Gutierrez, for 59 years.

Ronnie loved baseball and enjoyed his time as pitcher for the Humbugs. He was the kind of person who never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who met him. He had a smile that could light up a room. He loved his family with everything he had and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ronnie was an avid LSU and Saints fan and enjoyed watching the games.

He is survived by his wife Marlene, his sons Ronald Martin Jr. (Melanie) and Donald Martin, Sr. (Sherry), his daughters Darlene Hingle (Chet), Kimberly Mayeux (Mark) and Stacey Martin (Sean), his sister Linda Sabbathier (John), his brother Steve Sambola (Joyce), 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Per Ronnie's request, we invite all family and friends to put on your LSU gear and join us in a celebration of his life on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at Abby Rose, 2900 Oak Ridge Blvd, Violet, LA, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Alabama fans welcome. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The American Cancer Society or The American Heart Association.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Glee Grana Fiegenschue



Glee Grana Fiegenschue passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 1, 2021. She was 70 years old. Glee leaves behind her beloved daughter and only child, Dana Wilson and son-in-law Scott Wilson; her grandchildren, Sal J. Battaglia, Ashley Wilson, Veronica Wilson, Catherine Wilson, and Malorie-Kate Wilson; her great-granddaughter, Charlotte Brady; her sister-in-law, Kathleen Daniels; her nieces, Kathie Robin and Jeanne Robin; her God-child, Wanda Lynn Cure, and many other cousins, relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Rosalie N. Daniels and Nick Grana; and her brothers, the late Danny-Joe Daniels, and Douglas G. Daniels. Glee was a long-time resident of St. Bernard Parish, and enjoyed an extensive career as a waitress at Jaeger's Seafood. She loved gardening, and spent many hours shopping and "thrifting," but she was never happier than when spending time with her beloved family.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a visitation on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue Street, in Chalmette, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A funeral mass began in Glee's memory at 11:00 a.m. She was laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

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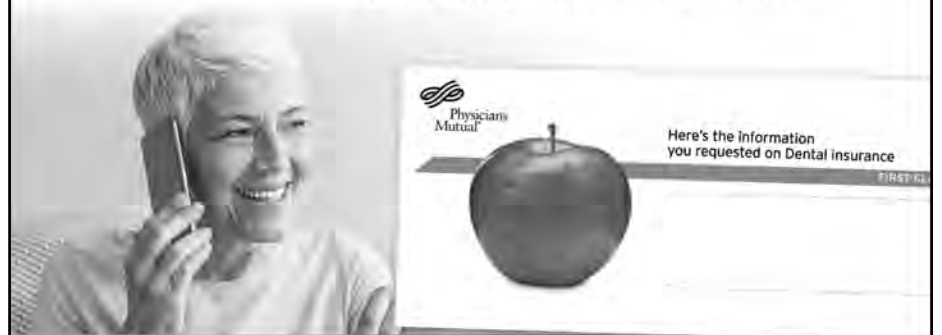
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Wilford Vandus Hill, Jr.



Wilford Vandus "Buddy" Hill, Jr. passed away peacefully on Thursday, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of St. Bernard, LA and resident of Violet for 60 years. Beloved husband of the late Juanita Soniat duFossat Hill. Son of the late Wilford Vandus Hill, Sr. and Mildred Blohm Hill. Father of Roxanne Hill Johnson (Danny) and the late Garnet Hill Labatut (Richard). Grandfather of Aaron Johnson (Regina), Danielle Johnson Lunday (Micah Adam) and Nicholas Johnson (fiancé Rita Gregg). Great Grandfather and "Buddy" to Keegan, Zoe and Rainey Johnson and Eli and Caleb Lunday. Brother of the late Joycelyn Salande, Arden Hill, Sr., Marvel Roques, Elaine McCloud and Titus Hill. Also, survived by his youngest sister Velda Sylvia (Nicky) and many nieces and nephews.

He proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corp and lived by the motto "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" from 1953 - 1956. He was also a long time member of the Deutsche's Haus where he worked many Oktoberfest enjoying a nice cold beer with fellow members and listening to the German music. Buddy served as a range officer at the Honey Island Shooting Range for many years. Once he retired he began volunteering his time at the St. Bernard Animal Shelter and if he could have he would have taken all of the dogs home with him. He also cherished the time he spent in his boat with his grandsons teaching them how to fish on the lakes and bayous. He was also a former employee of ODECO and Avondale Shipyard where he was a draftsman designing ships.

The family would like to thank Dr. William Dabdoub and staff and also his home health care nurse Angie and physical therapist Angie for all of their help these last several months. The love and compassion they had for him was unforgettable. He will be forever remembered as a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother, who loved his country and treasured his family.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at Juvenile Diabetes Association at jdrf.org or 800-533-2873, can be made in his daughter Garnet Hill Labatut's name or the St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter 5455 E. Judge Perez Dr. Violet, LA 70092 (504) 288-1534 in his name.

Pastor Clarence Perret officiating.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a visitation held at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Monday, May 10, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service in Buddy's memory that began at 1:00 p.m. He was laid to eternal rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

Christine Ann Netto McCabe



Christine Ann Netto McCabe passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the age of 56. She was born on Saturday, January 2, 1965 in New Orleans, Louisiana and was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish. Christine had the biggest heart imaginable and always put others before herself. She will be sadly missed by family and many friends.

Christine is survived by her beloved family; her loving husband, Bret McCabe; son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Heather McCabe; son, Briggs McCabe; siblings, Susan, Michael (JoAnn), Sandra (Timothy), Violet (David), John (Wendy), and Cindy (Brian); and loving sister-in-law, Lori Heaphy (Alden). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Earlean K. Netto; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alvin and Lucille McCabe, and her grandparents.

Funeral Services will be private.

Donations may be made in memory of Christine to the Louisiana SPCA, 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70114 or online at www.louisianasPCA.org.

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Toni Louise Melerine



Toni Louise Melerine left this earth way too soon on April 12, 2021 at the age of 47 due to sepsis. She is survived by her lifetime partner Mark Ostendorf Jr, the love of her life. Devoted mother of Blake Lobre, Cody Lobre and Kailee Ostendorf. Beloved daughter of Daniel J. Melerine and the late Dardenella Perez Long. Step-Daughter of Joseph P. Long, Sr. Paternal granddaughter of the late Anthony Melerine and Leona Campo Melerine and maternal granddaughter of the late Irvan J. Perez

and Louise Bonomo Perez. Sister of Stephanie (Dwayne) Nunez, Rachel (Darrell) Sanders, Rene Richard, and Zach Ledet.

Toni was born June 8, 1973 in New Orleans, LA and she was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish.

She will be remembered for her love of cooking, she was a wonderful cook, she insisted on hosting Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners where she did most of the cooking on her own.

She will always be remembered for her vivacious personality, she always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went especially at the ballpark where her daughter Kailee plays softball, those friends quickly became family.

She will be sadly missed by a host of numerous Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors and many more. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in her honor.



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US Senator Bill Cassidy Meets With St. Bernard Parish Leaders

Improving Hydrology, Securing Federal Support for Drainage Work, COVID-19 Relief Discussed

Prior to President Joe Biden's arrival in New Orleans, US Senator Bill Cassidy visited with St. Bernard Parish leaders in Chalmette on Thursday, May 10th to provide an update on what is happening on the federal level and to discuss local issues of importance.

In the meeting Parish President Guy McInnis stressed the importance of restoring water flow along the now dammed up Mississippi River Gulf Outlet and the critical need to receive federal support for drainage infrastructure work throughout St. Bernard Parish that was left over from Hurricane Katrina.

President McInnis expressed that rebuilding the parish's drainage system was an absolute necessity in order to protect the facilities, homes, and businesses that were rebuilt after Katrina.

The issue of federal support for small businesses struggling with related to COVID-19 was broached as well. Senator Cassidy conveyed that there's a deep divide in Washington as to the best way to transition the country's economy from the past year's COVID-19 shutdown to a post-pandemic society.

Senator Cassidy also talked about the status of the Reinvesting in America's Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act (RISEE) legislation he is cosponsoring with Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island that would prevent GOMESA funds from sequestration and eliminate the state funding cap. GOMESA provides funding from off-shore oil and gas leases for coastal restoration projects.

Senator Cassidy expressed his hope that there will be bipartisan support for the legislation and that it would lead to greater and increased funding for critical work that will protect Louisiana's fragile coastline.



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