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"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Tails and Tales at the St. Bernard Parish Library



Eeny meeny miney moe... nope! That won't work. We're not counting tiger toes. We might count tiger tails, or monkey tails, or lion tails, or even duck tails because we are getting ready for a reading safari at the St. Bernard Parish Library. June 1st marks the start of the 2021 annual summer reading program and the theme this year is Tails and Tales.

The St. Bernard Parish Li-

brary has something for readers of all ages. Beginning June 1st, participants can stop by the library's main branch, located at 2600 Palmisano Blvd., in Chalmette, to pick up their 'Grab and Go' registration bags. Bags will include a calendar of events, activity sheets, summer reading treats, and sponsor/supporter info. The six weeks of library fun will come to a close on Friday, July 9th.

While most programs will remain virtual (visit mysbpl.org/srp2021 for links to everything), the library will have two weekly in-person story sessions. 'In & Out' Stories will take place on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the library's main branch. Sessions are scheduled to be held indoors. As this will be a group setting in an enclosed space, social distancing may be difficult. Participants are encouraged to wear masks per state and CDC guidelines. All other programming will take place virtually. Grab & Go craft bags that go along with In & Out story time themes will be available following each week's program and can be picked up throughout the week while supplies last.

Weekly virtual programming will include a variety of activities starting with Page Turner Adventures. Page Turner and Kenny will be taking readers of all ages on an animal safari. Participants will make everything from coffee filter fish to jungle safari flashlights (Page Turner craft supply lists will be posted on the library's special SRP website). Viewers will be treated to original shows, author/illustrator interviews, virtual field trips and more. Additional virtual activities will include the library's Telling Tales story sessions, sponsor surprise videos, and special guest performances by award winning artists. The library's virtual shows would not have been possible without the generosity of Arlette and Wayne Nunez of

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Local NARFE Chapter Hosts 50th Biennial State Conference

On April 28-29, NARFE Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398, St. Bernard, hosted the Louisiana Federation 50th Biennial State Conference on the beautiful grounds of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum. Attendees, from all around the state and Texas, enjoyed tours of the facility and delicious lunches catered by Crave and Rocky and Carlo's. Other outstanding support of and donations to the conference were provided by these amazing businesses, most of which are located in our very own backyard:

Absolute Health And Wellness Pharmacy, Advanced Auto Parts, An Angel's Touch,

Aniston Lane Boutique, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Brooke's Spray & Spa, C&C Drugs, Café Roma, Chalmette High Jrotc, Chalmette National Historical Park, The Coffee House, Crazy Cajuns Fish Shack, Da' Parish Nutrition, Ditto's Printing & Copy Center, Domino Sugar, Don's Pharmacy, Eagle Federal Credit Union, Finding Serenity Day Spa, Fradella's Collision Center, Fry And Pie, Geha, Gerald's Donuts, Gulf Coast Bank And Trust Co., Healthy Solutions Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, Hook & Line

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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 881-2267
2605 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



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

June 11

• **Los Islenos Society Fundraiser Seafood Dinners**, 5:30-8PM, on the second Friday of each month. Other dinners are scheduled for **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 re-funds. The patience of all ticket holders has been appreciated through these uncertain and challenging times.

• **JANUARY 19, 2022 - Elton John's Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour**. Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. Ticketholders for all postponed performances will receive new event information shortly and all original tickets will be honored at the rescheduled performances. For more information or to purchase tickets and VIP packages, please visit EltonJohn.com. These exclusive VIP offers can include premium tickets, on-stage photo opportunities at Elton John's piano, backstage tours, limited-edition lithographs, custom merchandise, and much more.



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.

THE SCALISE CAPITOL REPORT

Defending American Energy Security

Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E. (R-W. Va.) and I re-introduced our resolution to condemn a carbon tax – a resolution that has been introduced every Congress since 2013.

Speaker Pelosi's liberal lieutenants continue to threaten the imposition of a devastating carbon tax, which would increase the cost of everything from electricity and gasoline to food and everyday household products that hard-working families buy.

With the reintroduction of my anti-carbon tax resolution, all members of Congress will have the opportunity to be on record opposing a costly, job-killing carbon tax that would devastate families and jeopardize America's energy security.

I co-authored an op-ed for the Washington Examiner with Americans for Tax Reform President Grover Norquist, pointing out the absurdity of expecting American workers and families to pay more in taxes to subsidize the radical left's green agenda and the negative impacts a carbon tax would have on low-income and middle class families.

Standing with Israel

The news from the Middle East reminds us of the grave threats surrounding Israel.

Joe Biden spent more time trying to help Iran get a nuclear weapon in his first 120 days than he has standing behind Israel and standing up to the anti-Semites in the House who have been criticizing Israel these last several days.

With the support of Iran, the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, terrorists continue to seek to destroy the State of Israel. This barrage of terror attacks against Israel must stop, and Palestinian leaders must condemn this violence. There is no justification for terrorism, and Israel has the inherent right to defend itself and its people.

The United States stands with our strong ally, and I will continue to ensure the United States fully upholds our commitment to Israel and continues to support critical missile defense programs, like the Iron Dome, which has saved countless lives.

Visiting with Louisiana Home Builders Association

I enjoyed meeting with the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) this week. We discussed topics ranging from lumber prices and inflation to the National Flood Insurance Program and ongoing labor shortages.

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. For more information please visit my website, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

God Bless,
Steve Scalise,
House Republican Whip

Breeze Airways Announces New Nonstop Flight Service Connecting New Orleans To New Markets

Breeze Airways, a new U.S. carrier from JetBlue founder David Neeleman recently announced its debut network. The new flights will offer service to New Orleans from new markets currently without existing nonstop service.

"As we welcome visitors back to Louisiana, I'm thrilled Breeze Airways is coming to New Orleans," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "With its direct flight offerings, more travelers will have the opportunity to experience how you can Feed Your Soul in Louisiana with delicious food, amazing music and a culture unlike anywhere else in the world."

The New Orleans flights will serve 10 markets: Charleston, SC; Akron/Canton, OH; Bentonville/Fayetteville, AR; Huntsville, AL; Louisville, KY; Norfolk, VA; Oklahoma City, OK; Richmond, VA; Tulsa, OK; and Columbus, OH. The first flight is currently scheduled for July 8.

Neeleman was joined by an experienced team of industry veterans to achieve the goal of building an airline that offers a great experience, with low fares and high flexibility.

"Together, we created Breeze as a new airline merging technology with kindness," said David Neeleman. "Breeze provides nonstop service between underserved routes across the U.S. at affordable fares. A staggering 95 percent of Breeze routes currently have no airline serving them nonstop. With seamless booking, no change or cancellation fees, up to 24-months of reusable flight credit and customized flight features delivered via a sleek and simple app, Breeze makes it easy to buy and easy to fly."

Breeze will operate 13 single-class Embraer aircraft this summer, flying routes with an average flight length of under two hours. The E190 jets will be configured to seat 108 guests and the E195 aircraft will have 118 seats. All aircraft will be a two-by-two seat configuration. Breeze will start taking delivery of 60 brand new Airbus A220 aircraft, beginning in October of this year and delivering at about one per month for five years. The A220 routes, which will be announced this fall, all will be longer than two hours' flight time.

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Arrests

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



CHALMETTE

- WILLIAMS, JUVINE, 22, E JUDGE PEREZ DR, CHALMETTE, SECOND DEGREE BATTERY, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT, FUGITIVE, SIMPL CRIM DAMAGE <\$1000
- TOPEY, JERIMI, 31, REGAL DR, CHALMETTE, BATT DATING PARTNER, SIMPLE BATTERY
- BERGERON, KATHERINE LILLIAN, 39, MARIETTA ST, CHALMETTE, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE II, PENALTIES, POSSESSION OF SCH IV
- CEASE, TITUS CODY, 32, COFFEE DR, CHALMETTE, POSSESSION OF SCH II, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- HOFFMAN, JAMIE, 33, ROSE AVE, CHALMETTE, PWIT SCHEDULE I, FUGITIVE WPD, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO
- ALLEN, BETHANY, 36, CHALONA DR, CHALMETTE,

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- GARNETT, GLENNARD, 38, PLAZA ST, CHALMETTE, AGGRAVATED FLIGHT FROM OFFICER, ILLEGAL CARRYING WEAPONS, PROPER CONTROL OF VEHICLE, PWIT MARIJUANA, USE OF FIREARM CDS/VIOLENCE
- RIZZUTO, COLE, 24, DELILLE ST, CHALMETTE, UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF A PLACE OF BUS

MERAUX

- BIAGAS, CRAIG JAMES, 30, PAUL DR, MERAUX, DOMESTIC ABUSE AGGRAVATED BATTERY-STRANGULATION, DOMESTIC ABUSE AGGRAVATED BATTERY-PREGNANT VICTIM
- NELSON, GABRIEL R, 29, WALKERS LN, MERAUX, ILLEGAL CARRYING WEAPONS, ILLEGAL CARRYING WEAPONS, PWIT MARIJUANA, USE OF A

FIREARM CDS/VIOLENCE

ST. BERNARD

- PHILLIPS, CLINTON, 52, RANDAZZO DR, ST. BERNARD, THEFT, FUGITIVE JPSO
- EVANS, MALIK VERNELL, 20, CENTANNI DR, ST. BERNARD, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT

VIOLET

- JONES, EARNEST, 33, JULES BROWN ST, VIOLET, UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF AN INHAB DWELLING, SIMPLE CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
- EGANO, CHARLES, 59, EDGER DR, VIOLET, BENCH WARRANT
- MCKINNIS, KEITH RAPHEAL, 28, ST. MATTHEWS CIR, VIOLET, FUGITIVE, FUGITIVE, FUGITIVE OHOL CONTAINER IN VEHICLE

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- WALKER, WAYNE DAVID, 40, WATTS ST, PICAYUNE, MS, AGGRAVATED CRIME AGAINST NATURE
- TAYLOR, BRANDON, 29, ALARO, NEW ORLEANS, BENCH WARRANT, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE KPD, ILLEGAL TINTING OF A WINDOW
- ACKERS, DEXTER W, 23, N ROBERTSON, NEW ORLEANS, ILLEGAL CARRYING OF WEAPON, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, LICENSE PLATE,

SWITCHED, NO PROOF LIABILITY INSURANCE, STOLEN FIREARM 1ST OFF, ILLEGAL TINTING OF A WINDOW

- WILLIAMS, JOHN M, 59, WERNER, NEW ORLEANS, ILL POS STOLEN 5000-24999, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT
- TUMBLIN, LAQUESA R, 33, S ROCHEBLAVE, NEW ORLEANS, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE HPD, DRIVING-LICENSE SUSPD
- JOHNSON, ANTHONY, 51, HIGGINS DR, NEW ORLEANS, FUGITIVE NOPD, FUGITIVE KPD
- LEWIS, MELVIN D, 36, PANAMA ST, KENNER, FUGITIVE JPSO
- MULLENS, JEFFERY, 36, NORTH RAMPART, NEW ORLEANS, FUGITIVE GPD, FUGITIVE NOPD
- HALL, BRANDON ERNEST, 39, BENTON ST, NEW ORLEANS, AGGRAVATED BURGLARY, SIMPLE BURGLARY, THEFT \$5000-\$24999, SIMPL CRIM DAMAGE <\$1000, FUGITIVE NOPD
- DEBELLEVUE, VALLEE, 36, KUSTENMACHER, ABITA SPRINGS, LA, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, BENCH WARRANT, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO

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Kiwanis Club Presents Life Saver Award To St. Bernard Fire Department

*Submitted by:
Sammie Catalanotto*

On May 4th of this year, the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard/Arabi presented the Kiwanis Life Saver Award to Fire Department Captain Martin Nehlig for his life saving actions earlier this year.

On January 31 of this year, St. Bernard Parish Fire Department Captain Martin Nehlig and his crew responded to a medical emergency on Jo Ann Court in Violet. Upon arrival, they found a 56-year-old male having difficulty breathing. Captain Nehlig assessed the patient's vitals and administered oxygen. When EMS arrived they took over patient care, but requested a firefighter ride with the ambulance. Captain Nehlig immediately vol-

unteered and assisted with patient care during the ride. While enroute to the hospital, the patient stopped breathing and lost his pulse. The ambulance stopped and pulled off the road. Captain Nehlig requested assistance via his fire department radio and began providing CPR. A Fire Department Rescue Squad arrived on scene and the LUCAS CPR device was applied to provide flawless chest compressions to the patient. Captain Nehlig continued providing respirations for the patient as the ambulance once again continued to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient was transferred to the care of the Emergency Department staff. Due to the extraordinary efforts of Captain Nehlig and his crew,



[L-R] Chief of Training Eric Crotwell, Fire Chief Thomas Stone, Kiwanis President Jeff Southerland, Captain Martin Nehlig, Life Saver Chairman Sam Catalanotto and Deputy Chief James Hartman.

the patient regained a pulse and began breathing on his own.

During his 17 year career, Captain Nehlig has been involved in numerous lifesaving operations. Captain Nehlig also helps train rookie firefighters assigned to our Second Platoon, continuing their training that started after spending 14 weeks at the LSU State Fire Academy. Captain Nehlig teaches them response protocols, street locations, apparatus operations, and rescue

tool procedures.

Chief Thomas Stone says, Captain Nehlig is always smiling, has a "can do" attitude and goes that extra mile when needed without being asked. He has saved the citizens of our Parish, numerous tax dollars making needed repairs to the department's apparatus and stations.

His professionalism and fortitude were displayed during the many rescues the department performed in the aftermath of

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LIFE SAVER AWARD from Page 5

Hurricane Katrina. His mechanical skills were used to keep boats and other flooded vehicles operating during these rescues and after the flood waters receded, firefighting fires throughout the Parish.

A proud graduate of Andrew Jackson High School; he is married to his lovely wife Sherie; together they have two children.

The future of the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department looks bright with Officers, like this fine young man, who will continue the tradition of providing life saving services to our citizens! The Parish is lucky to have such a dedicated Firefighter.

Kiwanis Life Saver Committee Chairman Sam Catalanotto said the Kiwanis Club started presenting these awards more than a decade ago as a way to recognize first-responders in the parish for the work they do to protect the public. The award is presented quarterly to parish first responders chosen by the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department.

"In today's social climate they are often spot lighted in the darkest moments, but these men and women are always the first people through the door, and usually the last ones out, in an emergency, and life threatening situation, putting their lives on the line everyday," Catalanotto said.

Anyone interested in joining the St. Bernard/Arabi Kiwanis Club community service organization is welcome to attend one of its luncheons each Tuesday, 12 noon in the Rocky and Carlo's Sicilian Room, 613 W. St. Bernard Highway in Chalmette. For more information, call Robby Showalter at (504) 616-7312 or visit our Facebook at St. Bernard Kiwanis.

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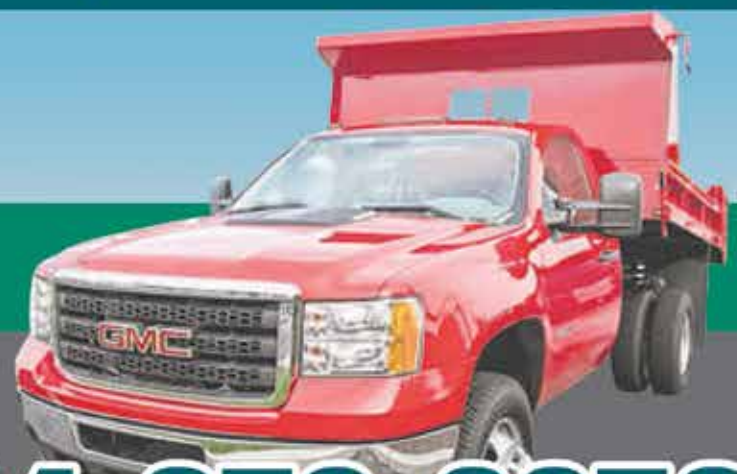


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St. Bernard and a matching funds gift by Shell Oil. Mr. and Mrs. Nunez have been dedicated supporters of the library's children's programming for the past several years. Their contributions have made it possible to bring the wide variety of shows to our families at a time when it is most needed.

All of the library's sponsors for the 2021 Tails and Tales summer reading program are: Arlette and Wayne Nunez, Breksa Academy, Coffee House, Facials by Skin Diva, Infinity Science Center, Japan Society of New Orleans, Katt Forge, McDonald's of St. Bernard, New Orleans Opera, Raising Cane's, and the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department. McDonald's of St. Bernard, being our longest-standing sponsor has come through again for all of our readers with coupons for a variety of menu items. Pre-readers through 5th graders will be racing through their books to earn free kids combo from everyone's favorite chicken fingers restaurant, our local Raising Cane's, and the first fifty 6th-12th graders and fifty adults who pick up their registrations bags will be treated to a free beverage of their choice from the ever popular Coffee House in Arabi. Recognizing that Covid has kept some of our sponsors from normal operation we wanted to make sure they were included in our summer plans as well, so we asked them if they would become recording artists by sharing videos with our readers. We are proud to say that these videos will be featured as part of our Mash-up Thursdays virtual schedule. Our Thursday video stars include Laura Breksa of Breksa Academy; Kelly Simpson of Facials by Skin Diva; Donna Torres, Education Manager of the Infinity Science Center; Samantha Perez, Japan Society of New Orleans board member; Jared Kattengell of Katt Forge; and St. Bernard Fire Department's Chief Tommy Stone. One of our sponsors, New Orleans Opera Education will be part of our Friday lineup. They generously donated their newest youth opera program to our library as well as to libraries throughout the state. The St. Bernard Parish Library is extremely grateful to each of its sponsors and encourages its library families to help them recover from the effects of the past year by returning their support.

Patrons can stay up-to-date by visiting the library's summer reading website at mysbpl.org/srp2021 or by liking the library's Facebook page. Information is also available by visiting the library or calling us at 504-279-0448.

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Gov. Edwards Announces Three Large-Scale Coastal Restoration Projects in Southeast Louisiana

Gov. John Bel Edwards announced three large-scale coastal restoration projects are now under construction to restore more than 2,900 acres of beach, dune, marsh and ridge in four parishes in Southeast Louisiana. The Spanish Pass marsh restoration near the town of Venice, the West Grand Terre barrier island restoration near Grand Isle, and the Golden Triangle marsh restoration east of New Orleans and Chalmette, will address significant land loss due to erosion and subsidence and restore a combined total of nearly five square miles of coastal land.

"The rebuilding of one of our most important barrier islands in West Grand Terre, along with the restoration of crucial marshland in Spanish Pass and Golden Triangle, are major components in our long-term approach to creating a sustainable coast," said Gov. Edwards. "I'd like to commend CPRA for planning and aggressively advancing these strategic coastal restoration projects to construction. We look forward to watching the continued progress on these projects throughout the year."

All three projects are being accomplished using \$256.6 million in funds resulting from the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Those funds are administered and approved for use by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE Act), the National Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), and the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (LA TIG).

"Today we're announcing not one but three major restoration projects advancing to construction in Coastal Louisiana," said CPRA Chairman Chip Kline. "West Grand Terre is one of the most historically and ecologically significant barrier islands in Louisiana, and the marsh and ridge restorations of Spanish Pass and Golden Triangle are similarly vital. Today marks an important step forward in protecting and preserving our coastline for generations to come."

The Spanish Pass Increment of the Barataria Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation Project will build more than 1,500 acres of marsh and 132 acres of ridge west of Venice in Plaquemines Parish. The project is part of a large-scale restoration strategy to address land loss in Barataria Basin, where over 10,000 acres of land have been restored since 2007. The estimated total project cost of \$100 million is being funded through NRDA.

"I am delighted to see this massive use of sediment dredged from the Mississippi River used to restore the ecosystem of Venice, one of Louisiana's most-important commercial hubs," said Plaquemines Parish President Kirk Lepine. "This project not only borders Venice, it is also adjacent to the earlier Grand Liard Marsh and Ridge restoration just to the north. Their combined benefits will be appreciated for years to come."

The West Grand Terre Beach Nourishment and Stabilization project, located in Jefferson Parish northeast of Grand Isle, will address the area's significant shoreline erosion and marsh subsidence by restoring over 371 acres of beach and dune and 160 acres of back barrier marsh. Using over 2.9 million cubic yards of material, the West Grand Terre project will construct marsh containment dikes and rock breakwaters to allow for land building and increased protection from wave impacts and storm surge. The estimated total project cost of \$102 million is being funded through RESTORE and NRDA.

"The marshes and bayous along Louisiana's coast serve as the gateway to Jefferson Parish's rich cultural legacy. This \$102 million project on the West Grand Terre Barrier Island is vitally important not only to restore critical habitat for endangered species; but to also secure one of the State's most valuable assets," said Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. "The CPRA has completed 22 projects in Jefferson Parish since 2008, and has

Barbara B. Alfonso



Barbara B. Alfonso passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2021. Age 79. A resident of St. Bernard Parish. Preceded in death by her son, the late Gordon Alfonso, and her parents the late Weldon Bordelon and Delores Rano Bordelon. Mother of Dean Alfonso (Janelle). Sister of Glenn Bordelon (Debbie) and the late Judith B. Melerine ("Lutchie") and Weldon Bordelon, Jr. (Ann). Grandmother of Melissa, Jessica, John, and River Alfonso. Great grandmother to Eli, Emma, Max, Roman, and Lila. Former wife of Manuel Alfonso. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was a retired employee of the St. Bernard Parish School System.

Relatives and friends are invited to a gathering at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue Street, in Chalmette, on Friday, May 21, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A funeral service will be held in Barbara's memory at 11:00 a.m. She will be laid to rest privately.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernard-memorial.com.

Frances Ciuffi Hillebrandt



Frances Ciuffi Hillebrandt passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, May 18, 2021. She was 86 years old. She was the loving wife of the late Richard Hillebrandt. Beloved mother of Diane Hillebrandt (Harold), Donna Pilet (Tony), and Debbie Hillebrandt (Robert); devoted grandmother of Tyler Pilet; and sister of Adam J. Ciuffi, Sr. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Josephine Randazzo Ciuffi and Vincent Ciuffi; and brothers, the late Nicholas Ciuffi and Robert Ciuffi. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Frances was born in New Orleans and was a lifelong resident of Chalmette. She was a retired employee of Greyhound Lines, Inc. She was a wonderful and caring mother, a dear friend, and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W Virtue Street, in Chalmette, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held in her memory at 1:00 p.m. She will be laid rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. The family extends a sincere "thank you" to Louisiana Heart Center, and a heartfelt debt of gratitude to Angie and Tina, for their care and dedication over the last eight years.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernard-memorial.com.



Raymond M. Banner



Raymond M. Banner, 78, passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2021. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and lived in St. Bernard Parish. Raymond was the beloved husband of the late Frances Banner for 54 years. Father of Rhonda Armond (Richard "Skeeter") and Rachel Banner; grandfather of Justin Armond (Chastity Biggers), Matthew Armond (Mallory), Ryan Armond (Nikki Nunez), and Joshua Armond; great-grandfather of Lilly Armond. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Mercedes Bauer Banner and Rudolph Banner.

Raymond enjoyed a long career with the Orleans Parish School Board until retirement and later worked for Lake Castle Private School. Raymond loved to hunt, fish and was a great story teller. He will be forever missed by all who knew him.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue Street, in Chalmette.

Thank you to St. Margaret's Rehab for your kindness.

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Ann Smith Marchese



Ann Smith Marchese was relieved of her cancer battle and ascended into the kingdom of eternal rest on April 1, 2021. She was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her life was well spent enjoying moments with her family. She loved caring for all of her grandchildren and watching movies and TV shows, especially Little House on the Prairie.

She is survived by her 3 daughters: Ellen Farrar and husband Lance; Lynn Feraci and fiancé Jeff; Kimberly Chapman and partner Nick; And her son: Jon Marchese and partner Dia; Survivors also include her older brother Earl Smith and younger sister Lynn Crissinger. Grandchildren include Justin Farrar, Christopher Marchese, Haley Chapman, Avery Feraci, Charlie Marchese, and Jay Farrar.

Ann was preceded in death by her beloved husband Vincent Marchese Jr., her parents Samuel and Rosalie Smith, and grandson Brennan Marchese.

A sincere expression of gratitude is given to Kelly Anderson, Serenity Hospice, Robin, all the loving nurses, aides, social workers, and caring individuals who were there for and interacted with Ann. She received superb attention and care. Additionally, many thanks to Mrs. Thelma for being there in the final moments with her. We are forever grateful for everyone who was a part of the battle and send our love and thanks.

The graveside ash burial and ceremony to reunite Ann with her beloved husband Vincent will take place on Friday, May 28th @ 10:00 A.M. located at Garden of Memories Metairie 4900 Airline Hwy., Metairie, Louisiana, 70001. Look for the red arrows when entering the cemetery to direct you to the correct location.

To offer condolences or send flowers, arrangements, etc., please visit www.gardenofmemoriesmetairie.com.



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Myrtle Jeansonne LaBorde



Myrtle Jeansonne LaBorde was born on July 5th 1937 in Mansura, Louisiana to Gladys Juneau and Gilbert Jeansonne. She grew up picking cotton on her parents farm with her surviving sister Mary Dean (Watts) and late sisters twins Irene (Gremillion) and Earline (Roniger) and late brother Clifton Jeansonne before meeting the love of her life the late Charles LaBorde.

After marrying Charles and moving to the New Orleans area they settled in Arabi to raise their children Michael LaBorde and Janis LaBorde Fontenot. They then became longtime residents of both Meraux after Hurricane Betsy and Slidell after her and Charles built their dream home together.

Myrtle was a devout Catholic being sure to read her novenas and pray her rosary every night in her living room before bed and every weekend she worshipped at St. Genevieve Catholic Church. She loved animals and was passionate about caring for them and rescuing any stray creature that came into her loving path. She was also brilliant at sewing and arguably one of the best cooks in the world to her friends and family. She was beloved to every life she's touched.

Loving mother of Michael LaBorde (Shelly) and Janis Fontenot (Allen), grandmother of Krissy Fradella, Clayton Fontenot (Kimberly), Callie Fontenot, Cody Fontenot, Blayde LaBorde and Blayze LaBorde, Heidi Woolbright and Mindy Kass and great grandmother of Remy Lips and Kindyll Raelynn LaBorde and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Myrtle LaBorde will be Thursday May 20, 2021 from 10 AM until 1 PM at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home , 701 W. Virtue St. Chalmette, LA 70043. Funeral Services for Myrtle LaBorde will be at 1 PM Thursday May 20, 2021 at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home and burial will follow at St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

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Giovanni Miserendino

Giovanni Miserendino passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the age of 85. He was the beloved husband of Anna Aceste Miserendino for the past 61 years. He is also survived by his four children, Joseph Miserendino, Sr., Giovanni Miserendino, Luciano Miserendino, Sr. and Maria Carollo Theriot. Father-in-law of Shelby Prestenburg Miserendino, Lisa Daigle Miserendino, Stephanie Mortillaro Miserendino, and Raymond Theriot. Proud grandfather of Christine Miserendino, Luciano Miserendino Jr. (Kathleen), Jenna Miserendino, Maria C. Nunez (Jeremy), Louis Carollo (Loren), Teresa C. Quintana (Joshua), and one great-grandchild, Jacob Carollo. His surviving siblings, are his sisters, Rose Amico and Angelina Gioe.



Giovanni was preceded in death by a grandchild, Joseph Miserendino, Jr., a son-in-law, Louis Carollo, his parents, Giuseppe Miserendino and Maria DiMartino Miserendino of Sicily, Italy, his siblings, Gaetano, Giuseppe, Calogero and Santo Miserendino and Maria Candella.

Giovanni loved working throughout his lifetime with his sons in the family trade of granite and tile. He worked until the age of 82 when he suffered a stroke in January 2018. One of his other passions, was his property in Folsom, LA, where he enjoyed many weekends tending to his vegetable garden and many acres of land.

Giovanni was laid to rest at St. Bernard Memorial Gardens on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in private services.

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"As we begin another hurricane season, there is no better time to invest in the protection and sustainability of the hundreds of acres of marsh habitat that help mitigate the effects from damaging weather events we see each year," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. "New Orleans is a coastal city on the frontlines of climate change, and we stand with the Governor and our regional partners to do everything we can to fight coastal land loss. We are grateful for the added level of hurricane protection and levee system support this restoration project will bring to our parish and our neighbors in St. Bernard."

"Restoring the Golden Triangle is incredibly important to the people of St. Bernard Parish," said St. Bernard Parish President Guy McInnis. "The restored marsh will help buffer the recently constructed surge barrier, protecting some of the most populated areas of St. Bernard, and will eventually provide important estuarine habitat for Lake Borgne."

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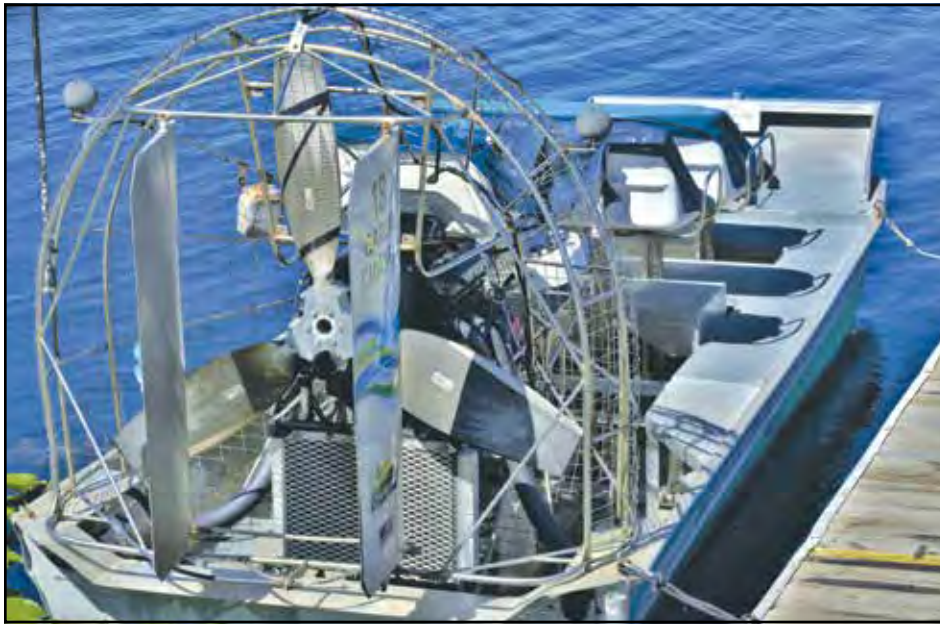
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St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Promotes Boating Safety



With Memorial Day approaching, and COVID-19 restrictions being eased, summer fishing and boating will be kicking into high gear on St. Bernard Parish waterways, and St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann is reminding residents to practice safety while on the water.

"There will be a lot of boats out there, especially on holiday weekends like the Fourth of July and Labor Day so be careful, slow down and learn and obey the rules of boating safety," Sheriff Pohlmann said. "Don't speed and pay attention to your surroundings. Operate with caution."

Sheriff Pohlmann also stresses the importance of continuing to practice social distancing when on the water, at boat launches and around docks in an effort to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Sheriff also reminds boaters that everyone on board should be wearing a personal flotation device, or life jacket.

"They are available at sporting goods and department stores," the Sheriff said. "Every-

one should be able to find one that fits."

With holiday celebrations, also comes the chances of people drinking while operating watercraft. Sheriff Pohlmann reminds residents people can be arrested for drinking and driving on a boat, just as they would be while operating an automobile on land.

Alcohol is a primary cause in nearly 25 percent of all fatal boating accidents nationally, Sheriff Pohlmann said. Statistics also show nearly 90 percent of the boating accidents recorded involve someone who hasn't successfully completed a safe boating class.

Residents interested in taking a boating course can do so for free. Information can be found on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries web site under the education section. Other state-approved safe boating courses can be found at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating/courses.

Capt. Brian Clark, a retired state Wildlife and Fisheries agent who heads the Sheriff's

Office Marine Division, agrees with Sheriff Pohlmann about the necessity of everyone on board wearing flotation devices, especially children.

"It's required that anyone 17 and under wear a flotation device at all times when a boat is in motion and recommended that adults wear them also," Clark said. Drowning remains the biggest cause of fatalities on the water and a life jacket being worn could save a life, he added.

"Some boaters used to resist them because they were bulky and made it hard to get around on a boat," Clark said, "but the ones made today are lightweight and easy to use."

Before leaving on a trip, Clark recommends informing someone of where you will be going, and approximately when you expect to return.

"Telling someone what your plans are will let them know if you are overdue so they can in-

form authorities," Clark said.

Besides flotation devices, Clark said other basic rules for safety include a check of equipment before taking off. He also reminds boaters, if you have a kill switch on the motor, remember to use it if necessary.

Clark said remember to bring important items such as a cell phone and charger, a fire extinguisher, a flashlight, proper clothing, enough food and water for a trip, a safety kit, sunscreen, sunglasses to guard against glare and a device that can be thrown to aid anyone who needs help in the water.

Clark also recommends staying properly hydrated.

"Drink liquids," he said. "Don't let yourself get dehydrated because the sun will take a lot out of you and slow your reaction time."

For more on state boating and life jacket regulations visit www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating.

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