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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." – Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Startup St. Bernard 2021 Finalists Announced



The Meraux Foundation and St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation are presenting the 7th annual Startup St. Bernard on August 5th at The Meraux Foundation's Docville Farm. The live event, which is free to attend, is a "Shark Tank" style pitch-competition, where 3 entrepreneurs will compete for over \$100k in cash and in-kind prizes.

"As one of our cornerstone events, Startup St. Bernard highlights the immense amount of innovative energy we have in the parish," said Meaghan McCormack, Executive Director of St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation. "We are ecstatic to have this event in person once again after last year's virtual edition; having engaged community members, regional entrepreneurs, and our esteemed judges together once again will be one of the highlights of our year."

Three finalists, Glass Half Full, Nice Plants Good Pots, and St. Bernard EcoTourism, will pitch their businesses to a panel of judges for a chance to win part of the \$101,140 prize package.

The three finalists were chosen with The Ranch Film Studios, from a larger pool of applicants through rigorous consideration by the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program at Delgado Community College, which made its decisions based on criterion including strength of business plan, experience of management, ability to positively impact St. Bernard Parish, and more. Startup St. Bernard was open to any business under five years old that agrees to locate their base of operations in St. Bernard Parish and participate in its entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Judging the pitches will be Andrea Chen with Propeller, Allen Square with the Square Button Group, Jason Waggenspack Kevin Wilkins with trepwise, and Desiree Young with Venture-Walk Business Partners. Tom Gregory, the multiple Emmy award-winning host, writer, producer, and reporter, will return to emcee the event.

Glass Half Full is a New Orleans-based glass recycling initiative located in Gentilly with the mission to "collect NOLA's glass and convert it into beach-like sand and glass cullet that's used for disaster relief, eco-construction, new glass products, and so much more." Started by two Tulane students in the Spring of 2020, the company recycles almost 50.000 pounds of glass a week through both free dropoffs and paid pick-ups from res-

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St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Cops For Christmas Fundraiser

the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office have been spreading Christmas cheer by visiting several St. Bernard Parish families with Santa to deliver presents and some much-needed household items, St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

Each year, C.O.P.S (Caring Officers Provide Smiles) for Christmas LLC helps provide these families with things such as toys, food, clothing, and household and toiletry items. Bicycles also are usually donated by a local business.

A Family Fun Day fundraiser will be held to benefit this year's initiative. The event 278-7760.

For more than a decade, members of is set for Saturday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Islenos Museum Complex grounds, 1357 Bayou Road in St. Bernard.

There will be music, food, beer, crafts booths and fun activities for children.

Tickets to enter cost \$3 per person in advance and will be available until July 16. Advance tickets can be paid for through Venmo at @cops4christmas-20 or by Paypal at @cops4christmas.

Admission at the gate the day of the event will cost \$5 per person. Children ages 6 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, or tickets, call (504)



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Gospel Temple 272-0123 •

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Greater South Shore

"Rebuilding the family Structure" 7408 west Judge Perez Dr., Arabic, La 70032 • 278-8854 Sun. worship 9:00am Wed Bible study (Bread of Life) 6:45

Lighthouse Pentecos-tal Church 272-0785•7724 E

St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. school 10am, worship 11am Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Living Cornerstone

waite 228-6401

Living Proof Church

626 Mehle St., Arabi, LA 70032 504-875-5860

Sun 10 AM • Tue Praver 6:30 PM

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)

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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

Tues. 6:00pm • Sat. 4:00pm

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bible study 10am Sunday

Praise Temple

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2109 Caluda Lane, Violet Services 8am Sunday.

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2615 Jacob Chalmette Sun. service at 11am

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2805 Bayou Rd, St. Bernard masses Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri 8:30am, Saturday

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Fellowship

(504) 650-1794 7517 E. St. Berna

10:30am

2900 Oakridge Blvd., Violet Worship service, prayer and praise

Poydras Baptist Church of St. Bernard

8213 Saro Lane. 237-3538 Sun. Bible study 9:30am, worship

mard Hwy., Violet

Sun. 9:00&11:00am

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Miracle Baptist Cather-dral (Adance the King-dom of God) 913-9008

Sun. service 10ar

Church International 714 W. St. Bernard Pkwy.,

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F.G.B.C.

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

Lady Catholic Churcl 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 298-1019 • 3620 De La Ronde Dr

Sunday 10am, Hands-on-Prayer is Tues-Thurs 12-3pm Carolyn Park Presbyte-rian Church

7408 W. Judge Perez Dr, Arabi. 733-2326 • Sun. worship 11am

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10.452 **Christ Lutheran Church**

3300 Jupiter Drive ~ Chalme (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

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1932 Bayou Rd, St. Bernard Sun. worship 11am Bible Study 10am Faith Baptist Church of

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First Pentecostal Church of Chalmette b Blvd., 710-0600 Sun. School 10:30a 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

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July 14

• NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398 meeting, is happy to announce they will celebrate their 10th Anniversary since reforming after Hurricane Katrina. Please consider joining us on July 14, 2021, beginning at 11 a.m., in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, 613 St. Bernard Highway. Following a brief presentation by members of Senator Cassidy's office, we will enjoy lunch and then have cake and ice cream. Submitted by pamela.e.marks1953@gmail.com, NARFE Chapter 1398 publicity officer.

August 6

 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: September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th. and December 3rd. For menus on future dinners, please visit our website at: stbernard-stbla.com.

August 13

 Los Islenos Society Fundraiser Seafood Dinners, 5:30-8PM, on the second Friday of each month. The last dinner is scheduled for 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.

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 orwww.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

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.

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

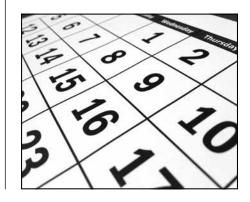
• Men's Bible Study, 9AM-10:30AM, every Thursday morning in the First Baptist Church Chalmette library. The first meeting will be on November 19, 2020. Come join us for fellowship and scripture. Hope to see you at this meeting.

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.



126 Poindexter Lar Sun. worship 8am Third Missionary Baptist Church Bavou Rd ● PO Roy 1012 St. Bernard, LA 70085 Trumpet of Truth

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

World Prayer Tabernacle 504-356-6901

Service Wednesday 7pm Senior Pastor Derek Bucherl

4030 Paris Rd., Chalmette Sunday 10am • Movement Youth

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THE SCALISE CAPITOL REPORT

Congratulations, Zaila Avant-garde!

I want to give a huge shoutout to Zaila Avant-garde, a Harvey native who won the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday night to become the first ever champion from Louisiana!

At just 14 years old, Zaila has quite the list of accomplishments already stacked up — winning Thursday's Spelling Bee, holding three Guinness World Records, and showing off her impressive dribbling skills on the basketball court.

I'm incredibly proud of Zaila for her Spelling Bee victory and representing Louisiana so well on the national stage. Our entire state is celebrating you.

Bracing For Skyrocketing Gas Prices

As Americans continue to hit the road for summer vacation, they'll face the unrelenting consequences of President Biden's devastating energy policies when they go to fill up at the gas pump.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), gas prices have increased 40 percent since January and are expected to keep rising throughout the rest of the summer. AAA predicts that the national average will rise over \$3.25 by the end of August the highest gas prices have been since 2014.

President Biden hopes OPEC will bail him out of his failed energy proposals, but it's his all-out assault on American energy independence that's putting America last. From banning new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters and canceling the Keystone XL pipeline to rewarding Russia by waiving sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, President Biden has destroyed American energy dominance and made us more reliant on foreign oil, while also shipping American jobs overseas to countries with worse environmental standards.

President Biden has inflicted severe damage to the economic livelihoods of millions of American families since his first day in office, and I urge him to adopt common-sense energy policies that truly put Americans first.

Countering Efforts to Defund the Police

I joined Fox News Channel's The Faulkner Focus to talk about the concerted effort by the radical left to defund the police and other law enforcement agencies that protect our communities.

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

Legislative Leadership Speaks On Passing Of Former Governor Edwin Edwards

Senate President Patrick "Page" Cortez said, "It is with a heavy heart that I must speak on the passing of former Governor Edwin Edwards. He was a trailblazer for the state of Louisiana, serving as a state senator, US congressman and as Louisiana's longest serving Governor, with 4 terms. His influence was greatly felt especially through his yearning to help minority groups and those less fortunate. His charm and wit along with his political fortitude will certainly be very much a part of his legacy."

Speaker Clay Schexnayder said, "I first met Edwin Edwards before I was in politics and was working as a mechanic. The thing I admired most about him is whether I was working as a mechanic or serving as a Speaker of the House he treated me no different. He won over the people of Louisiana with a big personality and with compassion, holding the longest-running reign as governor to prove it. He stood up for what he believed whether it was the popular opinion or not and led our great state through both trying times and through days of great strength. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his family during this difficult time. May they find peace in knowing he lived a full life."

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Commemorating Its 30th Anniversary, The Louisiana Lottery Celebrates National Lottery Week

The Louisiana Lottery will join other lotteries across the country in celebrating National Lottery Week July 12-16 to spotlight the different ways lotteries benefit the state, local businesses, the economy, our communities and of course, winners.

To kick off the observance on Monday, the Lottery will highlight contributions made to its key beneficiary, K-12 public education, by demonstrating the recent growth in contributions since 2004.

"As we embark on our 30th anniversary celebration, the Lottery is also finalizing our year-end financials, and fully expects to end our best year ever with \$210 million in contributions to public education," noted Lottery President Rose Hudson. "What a fantastic way to kick off National Lottery Week 2021!"

On Tuesday, the focus will shift to the Lottery's responsible gaming efforts featuring a video interview with Janet Miller from the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gaming (LACG) on ways to spot problem gambling and how to get help.

Wednesday will be dedicated to all Lottery retailers, some 3,000 local businesses who sell Lottery products and provide related services, such as cashing players' winning tickets, explaining new games and posting winner flyers. The Lottery plans to spotlight several retailers throughout the state on its social media pages and share their stories of what the Lottery's partnership has done for their businesses.

Thursday will be all about Lottery winners, from jackpots to scratch-off prizes, as well as winners of second-chance drawings and special promotions.

Then on Friday, the Lottery will give its fans and players a "Reason to Smile" with the opportunity to enter a web-based promotion of the same name. Eligible participants are invited to visit the Lottery's website to answer five questions that will be based on information given each day of Lottery Week. Participants who answer all five trivia questions correctly will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 prize packages that includes a Lottery T-shirt, beach towel, personal fan, stadium cup, duffle bag and one of each of the Lottery new 30th anniversary collection of Multiplier scratch-offs.

The Multiplier Family of scratch-offs will launch on July 12, the first day of Lottery Week, and will commemorate the Lottery's 30th anniversary. The launch includes \$1 5X The Cash, \$2 10X The Cash, \$3 Xtreme Crossword, \$5 30X The Cash, and \$10 50X The Cash with instant prizes of up to \$200,000.

Players can follow the Lottery's social media pages and visit the Lottery's website for more information and Lottery Week trivia answers.

The Lottery reminds ticket purchasers to play responsibly, encouraging anyone who has a gambling problem, or friends and family of anyone with a gambling problem, to call toll-free 1-877-770-7867 for help. Ticket purchasers must be at least 21 years of age.

Arrests

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- WALKER, MARCUS, 24, PAKENHAM DR, CHALMETTE, LA, BENCH WARRANT
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- HERRERA, BYRON, 26, VALOR DR, CHALMETTE, LA, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY

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idences and businesses. Glass Half Full's founders also operate Glassroots, a nonprofit that "expands the accessibility of recycling through education, outreach, and the creative reuse of traditional waste."

Nice Plants Good Pots is a commercial plant nursery headquartered in Arabi that specializes in the collection and propagation of rare and endangered tropical and arid plants, with an emphasis on conservation and education. The company opened in the Fall of 2019 with a small \$4,000 investment and two friends who had a passion for growing plants and educating others about how to grow them. All pots and ceramic accompaniments are handmade, as well. The company currently functions fully through e-commerce and pop-up locations around New Orleans and hopes to expand into St. Bernard with a full greenhouse, retail location, and event/ education space.

St. Bernard EcoTourism (SBET) is a local eco-tourism destination in St. Bernard for both tourists and locals alike. SBET offers guests the opportunity to experience local wetlands firsthand via air and pontoon boats, an outdoor event venue, and family events and parties. Open since 2019 but shut down due to the pandemic, the company reopened in May of 2021 to provide a fully immersive ecotour experience that educates and entertains all ages, giving everyone a taste of the wetlands. SBET also hopes to expand in the near future with a restaurant and lounge on the water.

The Startup St. Bernard finalists will pitch to win a prize package made up of almost \$54,000 in cash and over \$46,000 in in-kind professional services. Each of the two runners-up will receive \$5,000 in cash, with the remainder of the cash prize and all professional services awarded to the grand prize winner selected by the judges.

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"We're delighted to have the continued support of our sponsors in this endeavor, making the prize package the largest in the entire Gulf South region," said McCormack. "Their commitment to the development of opportunity in our parish is ever-present."

Previous Startup St. Bernard winners have been 40 Arpent Brewing Company (2015); Christie's Dreams Seafood (2016); Reactive Digital Systems, LLC (2017), Clean Course Meals (2018), Schmelly's Dirt Farm (2019), and most recently, CORE: Louisiana Counseling and Recovery Center (2020). Many of the competition's finalists have gone on to see success, too, including Coast Roast, The Coffee House, Girls Gone Vegan, and Kayak-iti-Yat, among others.

You can learn more about the event at www.startupstbernard. com, and get your tickets for August 5th here.



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GSLE Releases Strategic Property Plan, The Establishment Of A New Experience Center And The Sale Of Camp Whispering Pines



The Board of Directors of Girl Scouts Louisiana East on June 21 approved a new Strategic Property Plan that will focus GSLE's resources on creating outstanding Girl Scout experiences, embody the four pillars of Girl Scouts, and support the growth of current and future members. "The Board is very excited about the Council's future direction and the opportunities created by executing the property plan," Lyndia Jones, GSLE Board Chair, said.

The first element of the plan reimagines GSLE's Service Centers and how they can best serve GSLE members and the community. As a result of their review and analysis, GSLE will sell its two existing Service Cen-

ters in New Orleans and Baton Rouge and invest in a new centrally located Experience Center in a high-traffic retail area.

The new Experience Center concept is intended to raise the Council's visibility in the community, create an immersive shopping experience for current and future members, and provide spaces for STEM events, Day Camps, and other Girl Scout activities and programming. The Experience Center will also include a modern and flexible workspace for GSLE staff.

"We are excited about this new concept and how it will help grow and retain members, support efficiency and financial stability, and elevate the Council's brand and image in the Southeast Louisiana region", Rebecca Pennington, GSLE's Chief Executive Officer, said. In addition to the new Experience Center, GSLE's mobile shop will provide service to all 23 parishes delivering uniforms, badges, supplies and other branded Girl Scouts merchandise.

The second element of the Strategic Property Plan addresses the future of Camp Whispering Pines located outside of Independence in Tangipahoa Parish. Due to the current condition of the lake and spillway on the property, it would be cost prohibitive for GSLE to repair, replace or rebuild the spillway infrastructure.

"It is a safety issue and a liability for the Council. Additionally, the camp needs many other costly improvements to make it competitive with other camps in the area," Pennington said. As a result, GSLE's Board of Directors made the difficult decision to exit CWP and use the proceeds from its sale to invest in the new Experience Center and the Council's other two camps; Camp Marydale located outside of St. Francisville in West Feliciana Parish and Camp Covington located outside of Covington in St. Tammany Parish.

Improvements at Camp Covington include a climate-controlled activity center and a state-of-the-art STEM Center and activity center for younger girls. The improvements at Camp Marydale include building a zero-entry pool to replace the existing pool, expanding the footprint of Lake Warriner, addressing deferred maintenance required for existing structures and upgrade some units to be climate-controlled, converting the dining hall to a climate-controlled facility that can be used year-round during inclement weather and expanding the equestrian center to include updated climate-controlled facilities. "We are verv exciting about these improvements and the future of the Council," Pennington said.

For inquiries regarding the Strategic Property Plan, please contact Madeleine Briscoe at 504-733-8220 ext 2245 or mbriscoe@gsle.org.

University Of Holy Cross Eases Financial Burden Of Students By Freezing Tuition And Fees For Upcoming School Year

University of Holy Cross (UHC) Board of Trustees last night voted to leave tuition and fees steady for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year to give a break to students who are still financially challenged from the COVID crisis. The vote keeps UHC's tuition at the lowest cost among Louisiana's private nonprofit universities. All UHC students will pay the same tuition cost and fees as they did in the prior 2020-2021 school year.

This is the first time in modern times in the university's 105-year history that the university has not raised tuition and fees for its 1,150 students with full-time students paying \$14,720 for the entire academic year. UHC, which reported a 10% spike in summer school enrollment, is expecting another enrollment increase in the fall as the COVID restrictions continue to be eased.

"UHC has for decades remained committed to offering quality higher education as affordable as possible for its students and their families," said Dr. Stanton McNeely, President of the University of

Holy Cross. "That commitment is particularly important now with the ongoing financial challenges presented over the past year and half with the COVID crisis."

According to the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU), UHC's tuition at an average of \$560 per credit hour puts the university as most affordable university in Louisiana for tuition and fees combined.

Latest LAICU In State Full-Time Tuition for Louisiana private non-profit universities

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Larry M. Breaux, Sr.

Larry M. Breaux, Sr. (Bro) passed away in May 16, 2021 at the age of 78 peacefully in his home in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

He was born in Port Arthur Texas and raised in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans. For the last 47 years of his life, he called St, Bernard Parish home.

He was the beloved husband and best friend of Donna L. Breaux, father to Larry Martin Breaux, Jr. (Brandalyn), and loving grandfather to Brianna Harley and Gage Davidson.

Son of the late LC Breaux and Grace Earhart Breaux. Brother of Jean Saucier (Daniel), uncle of Chantal Dobson (Dennis).

He will also be missed by his dear friend, Bonita Sinith, and the friends, family, and neighbors who loved him.

Breux was known for his many talents including woodcutting and fencework. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast.

The family would like to say thank you to •the staff and physicians of the Gale Benson Cancer Center and Serenity Hospice.

Madeline Callaway Giovingo



Madeline "Pat" Callaway Giovingo passed away on July 7, 2021, at the age of 84. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Giovingo, for 53 years.

Pat was the loving mother of Danny Giovingo (Christine), Bonnie Held (Chet), Deborah Dendy, Lisa Harrison (Mark), and the late Donna Marie Giovingo. Grandmother of Danny, Jr., Nicholas (Lacie), Brad (Keely), Johnny (Haleigh), Michael (Ali), Tommy (Mollie), Mark,

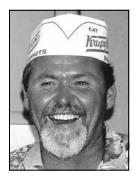
Erik, Victoria (Jason), and seven great-grandchildren, Isabella, Layla, Meredith, Maci, Colston, Connor, and Wyatt. She was the sister of Barbara Thompson. Preceded in death by her parents, the late Rose Gomez Callaway and Albert Callaway, and by her brother, the late David Callaway.

Pat was a resident of Lacombe for the last 16 years, but was a 30 year resident of St. Bernard Parish before Hurricane Katrina. The family would like to extend a debt of gratitude to her grand-daughter-in-law, Lacie Giovingo, for the unwavering love and care she selflessly showed our mother in her final years.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay final respects and share fond memories of Pat, on July 10, 2021, at ST. BERNARD MEMO-RIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. VIRTUE STREET, in Chalmette, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. She will be laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stber-nardmemorial.com</u>.

Johnny Ray Lemoine



Johnny Ray Lemoine passed away peacefully on Monday, July 5, 2021 at the age of 60. He was a loving father to his only child, Jessica Lemoine Cole (Ryan). Proud grandfather to William Scott Cole and Thomas Ray Cole. Son of the late Clovis Pierre Lemoine and Geneva Bordelon Lemoine. Brother of Rodney Lemoine (Kathy) and the late Kerry Lemoine. Uncle of Louis Lemoine (Kristy), Wendy Lemoine Fabares (Drake), Michelle Lemoine, Jared

Lemoine and Jenna Lemoine. Great uncle of Drake and Gabrielle Fabares, Kelsey Laris and Sophia Cuadros. He is also survived

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and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Johnny was born October 26, 1960 in Cottonport, LA and resided in St. Bernard Parish most of his life before settling in Covington, LA. He was a devoted and respected employee of the Mechanical Equipment Company for over 40 years. Johnny found pleasure in the details of everyday life and cared deeply for his friends and family. He spent his final years fulfilling his love for discovering and learning new and challenging things, reminding us that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. He was well loved and will be deeply missed by his family and by all those whose lives he touched.

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, July 17th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM, followed by a memorial service in Johnny's memory beginning at 1:00PM.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stber-nardmemorial.com</u>.

Catherine M. Couture



Catherine M. Couture passed away on Friday, July 2, 2021. She was 77 years old. She was the beloved mother of Kimberly Couture Rebouche (Kenny Rebouche), Ramona Couture Fleetwood (Frank Giovingo), and Gerald Couture, Jr. (Rose Couture). Proud grandmother of Rachael Rebouche, Alexis Rebouche, Corey Fleetwood (Jacqueline Fleetwood), Chae Couture Edwards (Matt Edwards), and Tra Couture. Great-grandmother

of Penelope Dyer, and Scarlette Rebouche. Sister of Alex Moore (Linda Moore), and Andrew Moore (JoAnn Moore). She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Gerald Couture, Sr., and by her parents, the late Lucille Palama and Andrew Moore. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Catherine enjoyed a long career at Schweggman's Grocery Store as a Payroll Administrator. She was also a longtime member of the St. Bernard Parish Council on Aging and found great joy in volunteering in the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Catherine was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and will be missed always by those who knew her. Funeral services for Catherine will be held privately.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stber-</u><u>nardmemorial.com</u>.

Audrey Schmidt Maracich



Audrey Schmidt Maracich, age 78, of Slidell, Louisiana passed away on Monday, July 5, 2021. Audrey was born on February 11, 1943 in New Orleans, LA to the late William Schmidt and Edith Oubre Schmidt. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, William Schmidt Sr. and Myrna Schmidt as well as her Brother-inlaws, Bobby Carey and Marty Bernheim and

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her nephews William Schmidt Jr. and Bobby Carey Jr.

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Audrey was the devoted wife of John Maracich. Proud mother of John Maracich III (Tiffany) and devoted grandmother of Orion Carter and Maxwell Maracich as well as her Great-granchild, Wesley Carter. Audrey also leaves behind her Sister-in-law, Susan Carey, loving companion of the late Marty Bernheim. Audrey was the loving Aunt to nieces, Katherine Fradella (David), Suzanne Cognevich and Danielle Carey (Mike Smith). She was the Great-Aunt of Judy Rockwell (Norman), Sara Felt (Dan), Rachel Carew (Ashley), Kyle Cognevich and Katherine Cognevich as well as the Great-great Aunt to nieces Athena, Elena and Maggie. A retired career school teacher, Audrey had many lasting friendships with teachers, administrators and students.

A visitation for Audrey will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 from 10 AM until 11 AM at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St. Chalmette, LA 70043, with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 AM at St. Bernard Mem. Funeral Home Chapel. The family has chosen a private burial to take place at a later date.

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

Katherine Jeansonne Pace



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Katherine Jeansonne Pace passed away July 4, 2021, at the age of 67. Kathy was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish, before relocating to Poplarville, MS, later in life. Kathy is the daughter of the late Houston and Rose Jeansonne of Avoyelles Parish, and later Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes.

She is survived by her sister, Elaine Dubret, and her husband Donald. She was preceded in death by her brothers, the late Earl Jeansonne and Marlon Jeansonne; sisters, Pauline Laborde, Martha Yeager, Sandra Valentine, and Charlene Ates. Kathy is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family would like to give special thanks to Pearl River County Nursing Home, in particular, the nurses and staff of Station 2, for the remarkable love and care they gave to Kathy on a daily basis.

Also, thank you to Encompass Hospice for all their dedicated attention to Kathy as well.

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A visitation will be held on Friday, July 9, 2021, at ST. BER-NARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. VIRTUE STREET,

in Chalmette, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A funeral service will be held in her memory at 11:00 AM. She will be laid to rest in St. Vincent De Paul Cemetery.

To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stber-</u> nardmemorial.com.

Clarice Marie Mire Royer



Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at a 12:00 pm Mass of Christian Burial at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Mire for Clarice Marie Mire Royer, 93, who died Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Azelea Estates of Slidell Assist Living Facility in Slidell, LA.

Interment will be in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery in Mire, LA.

Msgr. Russell Harrington, Pastor of As-

sumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Mire will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include one son, Neal Royer, Sr. and spouse Fung Royer, one daughter in law, Georgia Royer, five grandchildren, Lurry Royer, Jr., Todd Royer and spouse Heather, Neal Royer and spouse Amy, Amanda Royer Frederick and spouse Brandon, Paul Royer and spouse Desi, one granddaughter in law, Stacy Royer, fourteen great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Royer, two

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sons, Lurry Royer, Sr., Michael Royer, one grandson, Louis Royer, father, Elie Mire, mother, Thea Leger Mire, one sister, Willie Mae Mire Venable, two brothers, Abbie Mire and spouse Betty, Elton Mire and spouse Mercedes.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA on Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at gossen-funeralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.



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UHC's Board of Trustees also voted to freeze the cost of its new Residence Hall dormitory, which includes more than 100 single and double occupancy rooms keeping the rates at the current level of \$3,000 per semester for the entire 2021-2022 academic year.

UHC has recently revamped several of its business programs which now are being offered with flexible and affordable options – both hybrid and 100% fully online. The revamps programs are specifically designed for working professionals who want to complete their undergraduate business degree or acquire a master's in management in a shorter period of time with a 40% reduction in traditional college costs.

UHC offers 25 undergraduate programs including nursing, education, business and food science, eight Masters programs including business, mental health counseling and education and three doctoral programs including a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, an Ed. D. and a Ph.D., both in Executive Leadership.

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Beat The Rain With Container-Grown Vegetables

By Heather Kirk-Ballard LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

With the historic rains this spring and summer, we've doubled — and in some cases tripled — the average for several places in Louisiana. It is no wonder some of our plants, yards and gardens are suffering. We've already reached 78% of the annual amount of rain, with another half a year to go.

With that rain comes many issues for all sorts of plants, especially our vegetables. If you planted in the ground with saturated soils and poor drainage, you may have already lost your tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables. Even in raised beds like the ones I use at my home, my tomatoes are toast.

One thing we can do to be more fruitful (forgive the pun) with our vegetable plants is to try container gardening. I've seen many homeowners defeated and frustrated by diseases that affect vegetable plants who have turned to containers as a solution. When considering diseases of vegetables, the list is long, and one or more culprits such as bacteria, fungus, fungal-like microorganisms and viruses can cause them.

Some of the most common in vegetables are fungal diseases such as powdery mildew, downy mildew, early blight, Southern blight, late blight, phytophthora root rot and damping off. There also are bacteria-related diseases such as bacterial spot, leaf spot, Southern bacterial wilt and diseases caused by viruses. Therefore, if you like a challenge, vegetables are your crop.

Homeowners and small-scale vegetables producers alike have been rising to the challenge of the endless rain and diseases encouraged by wet and hot conditions by switching to container-grown vegetables. University studies here at the LSU



A good slow-release fertilizer and use of liquid fertilizer when needed will help produce the most flowers and fruit. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter



Containers 10 gallons and larger are great for vegetable production. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter



Vegetables such as tomatoes can be very productive in containers. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter

AgCenter conducted by myself and vegetable specialist Kiki Fontenot are showing promising results (not yet published).

There are a few key considerations to be successful. First, use an appropriate-sized container. Because vegetables are seasonal, you do not need a huge container, but don't go smaller than a 10-gallon container. For larger plants, a 15- to 20-gallon planter is ideal with proper drainage. This is important. Be sure to check containers for drainage holes. Most come pre-drilled, but not all do.

Next, the soilless media or potting soil is important. You want one that is just the right balance of good drainage, moisture retention and fertility. Media and potting soils that contain slow-release fertilizers and micronutrients are ideal for the best production.

If the media you have chosen does not include any fertilizer, it is a good idea to incorporate a slow-release granular fertilizer into the soil mix. A general all-purpose liquid fertilizer also can be supplemented every seven to 14 days as needed by the plants.

One of the most beneficial things you can do is to place containers on a barrier such as ground cloth. The cloth helps prevent weeds from growing up into the containers and creates a barrier between the pots and bare soil. With proper drainage of the ground beneath, this could help lower the incidence of soil-borne diseases in vegetables. We have seen some success with this in our studies.

Lastly, provide proper water or irrigation to the plants. Watering at the soil line will help discourage leaf spots, downy and powdery mildews in addition to rusts and other foliar diseases. A drip irrigation system set on a timer takes the hassle out of the routine of watering, as plants in the heat of summer compared to the rest of the year will likely need daily or every-other-day watering.

Set automatic timers to turn on in the early morning hours around 6 to 8 a.m. for several minutes depending on the gallons per minute output (GPM) of the irrigation emitters. It is important not to waste water or leach out more nutrients then necessary.

Be sure plants get a minimum of six to eight hours of sun and that there are plenty of pollinators around, and you are sure to have a successful vegetable harvest. By planting flowering plants nearby, you will draw in more pollinators, or you can pollinate by hand.

Healthy vegetables can be grown in containers in this simple way and enjoyed at your dinner table or right off of the plant.