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"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." – Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Arrests Violet Man On Narcotics Charges



Keith McKinnis

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Of-

fice arrested a Violet man on various narcotics charges following an investigation conducted by the Special Investigations Division Narcotics Unit, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

Keith McKinnis, 28, of the 5600 block of Fourth Street in Violet, was booked with possession with intent to distribute heroin, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute MDMA Ecstasy, possession of

Xanax, possession of marijuana, possession of drug para-

phernalia, unlawful manufacture of a controlled dangerous sub-



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Tedesco Named 2022 State Teacher of the Year



Annelise Cassar Tedesco

St. Bernard Parish educator Annelise Cassar Tedesco was named the 2022 State Teacher

of the Year at the 15th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards Gala on July 16, which was held virtually.

Cassar Tedesco currently serves as Vocal Music Teacher at Chalmette High School (CHS) and Music Director for CHS Voices, Chalmette High School's Music Theatre and Vocal Arts program. She has taught at CHS since 2008.

Superintendent of St. Bernard Parish Schools, Doris Voitier, said Cassar Tedesco represents all that is good in public education. "We have been blessed to

have had Annelise in our schools for so many years both as a student and now, as an outstanding educator," Voitier reflected.

"Everything Annelise does is student centered and of the highest caliber. Her passion, professionalism, personality and love of music education is inspiring, and we are so incredibly proud of the work she has done and the opportunities she has created for our students and community."

Cassar Tedesco said she is thankful and humbled by this recognition and expressed her

gratitude for the students who have been a part of her journey.

"Part of our mission is to build well-rounded, literate and intellectual performers in a classroom that resonates as a safe space — where creative student performance can thrive and take place in an inspired and authentic way," Cassar Tedesco explained.

She is passionate about creating equal opportunities for enrichment and experience within the performing arts and about

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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.

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: st-bernard-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 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. Bara-

taria 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.

• **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

Supporting our Police Officers

I led a roundtable discussion with sheriffs from across Louisiana's First District to talk about the recent surge in violent crime in cities across America and reinforced my support for local police departments as they work to keep communities and businesses safe.

Being a police officer is a tough job. It's a tough job in good times. But even in days like today, we've never needed the men and women who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe more than we do now. It's what makes our communities stronger — knowing that if something goes wrong, we can call on law enforcement.

I would not be alive today if it wasn't for the bravery and heroism of police officers who saved me and so many other Members of Congress that day on the ball field four years ago. I know firsthand the sacrifices that they make.

They're also dealing with a lot of challenges, and we talked about some of the things that are happening on the ground and how we at the federal level can help law enforcement be successful, while not undermining the things that they need to do to keep our communities safe.

Protecting South Louisiana Families and Small Businesses

Congressman Garret Graves and I announced that we have secured \$19.3 million in funding for a major component of the Morganza-to-the-Gulf Project in a House Energy and Water bill. This

exclusive construction funding opportunity dedicated to Morganza through the Army Corps of Engineers will help advance the construction of a key floodgate of the project.

Morganza-to-the-Gulf will provide critical flood protection for the thousands of families and businesses who call South Louisiana home. I'm proud to have worked with Congressman Graves to secure these vital dollars and will continue fighting to ensure the Morganza project receives all the resources needed for its completion.

This announcement is another step toward completing Morganza-to-the-Gulf and protecting the billions of dollars in economic activity transported through our state.

Opposing Funding for Abortions

Nearly all of the Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee voted to eliminate Hyde Amendment protections, allowing taxpayer dollars to fund abortions.

For nearly five decades, the Hyde Amendment enjoyed strong bipartisan support in saving more than 2 million unborn lives from the horrors of abortion, but those protections are now under threat from Speaker Pelosi and her allies.

I remain committed, along with all my fellow House Republicans, to continue fighting with every tool we have to ensure that the Hyde Amendment remains in place.

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

Louisiana Project Grant Application Period Opens

The Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA) announces the opening of the application period for the Louisiana Project Grants program. Administered jointly by the Louisiana Division of Arts and the nine regional arts councils, a total of nearly \$700,000 is available for distribution on a per-capita basis across each region. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, August 31, 2021. The grant period is October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Each grant awarded requires a cash match of 50% to demonstrate community involvement and commitment to the project. This grant program replaces the Decentralized Arts Funding program, which has not seen updates to procedures and processes since 1995.

"By listening to the arts communities throughout Louisiana, we are able to better hone in community needs and the impact and incredibly cool arts project can have. We want to help better foster the creativity of the talented artists in our state, as well as promote more diversity, equity, and inclusion when it

comes to those that participate and benefit from arts projects planned in their community," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "In order to be sure the available funding was being utilized to support the arts and competitive, creative projects, the Louisiana Division of the Arts listened to the arts community to make much needed updates to the program."

Those updates take effect this year. Some of the changes to the program include:

- A new program name – the Louisiana Project Grant program – with an objective of solely funding project assistance for community-based arts projects.
- Updated program goals, priorities, and evaluation criteria to reflect the renewed focus and intent.
- While funding remains allocated and administered regionally, the LDOA eliminated parish boundaries to encourage collaboration between parishes, organizations, and institutions.

This program provides a sys-

tem for funding arts projects in all regions of the state by giving artists, nonprofit arts organizations, nonprofit organizations, public and private schools, and local government agencies in each region the opportunity to develop arts projects that meet their local needs. The purpose of the program is to cultivate innovative arts projects that have a lasting impact within each region of our state. Projects must directly benefit the community and include community participation.

All non-profit organizations applying for the grant must be in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Local, parish, or state government agencies, such as libraries or municipalities, are eligible in addition to public/private schools and school boards and College/University departments sponsoring activities intended for community participation. Individuals may apply for a grant by using an eligible non-profit as a fiscal agent.

To apply, organizations must

create an account in our online grant platform Submittable (www.submittable.com). Once an account is created, the application and guidelines can be accessed through the LDOA Grant Opportunities application manager (culturaldevelopment.stateoflouisiana.submittable.com/submit). **The deadline to apply is Tuesday, August 31, 2021.**

Complete grant guidelines, more information on the grant program, and contact information for the Regional Arts Council administering the program in each reach can be found on the Louisiana Project Grant webpage (www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/arts/grants/louisiana-project-grants/index).



Arrests

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office



ARABI

- DAVIS, AIREON L, 29, MEHLE AVE, ARABI, LA, DENTISTRY/HYGIENIST W/O LIC, DENTISTRY/HYGIENIST W/O LIC

CHALMETTE

- WILLIAMS, CURTIS HUTAFT, 21, GALLO DR, CHALMETTE, LA, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE KPD
- LAWRENCE, KY MELIKK, 21, W MORALES ST, CHALMETTE, LA, FUGITIVE SBSO, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM
- DAVIS, LYNNTASHA, 31, TITANS DR, CHALMETTE, LA, SIMPLE ESCAPE, RESIST ARREST BY VIOLENCE, RESIST ARREST BY VIOLENCE, FUGITIVE NOPD
- YOUNG, TODD KARNELL, 42, GOLDEN DR, CHALMETTE, LA, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATT 2ND CONV, FUGITIVE GRETN PD
- SAAVEDRA, NATHAN
- THOMAS, 20, PALMISANO DR, CHALMETTE, LA, SIMPLE BATTERY, INTENT CONCEAL WEAPONS
- RILEY, COREY M, 28, E CHALMETTE CIR, CHALMETTE, LA, DOMESTIC ABUSE AGGRAVATED BATTERY-STRANGULATION
- STEARNS, SCOTT, 46, PLAZA DR, CHALMETTE, LA, SIMPLE BURGLARY, VIOL PROT ORDER 1ST OFF
- LANDRY, GREGG MICHAEL, 47, JACKSON BLVD, CHALMETTE, LA, SECOND DEGREE BATTERY
- RAPRAGER, JOHN JERRY, 41, VOLPE DR, CHALMETTE, LA, HIT AND RUN, DRIVER NOT LICENSED, NO PROOF LIABILITY INSURANCE, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, BOND SURRENDER
- LEE, NICHOLAS D, 31, DELILLE ST, CHALMETTE, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, RESISTING AN OFFICER SBSO

POYDRAS

- RAGAN, JAMMIE PAUL, 41, E CHRISTIE DR, POYDRAS, LA, OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED, RECKLESS OPERATION OF A VEHICLE, DRIVER NOT LICENSED, RESIST ARREST BY FLIGHT, OPEN ALCOHOL, CONTAINER IN VEHICLE

VIOLET

- ARCEMENT, EMMANUEL D, 46, E JUDGE PEREZ DR, VIOLET, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, BENCH WARRANT SBSO
- BLACKWELL, ASHLEY DAWN, 26, STACIE DR, VIOLET, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO
- NARCISSE, MICHAEL ERNELL, 37, LICCIARDI LN, VIOLET, LA, CHILD DESERTION
- CHIASSON, JOHANNA P, 52, COLONIAL LN, VIOLET, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO
- NELSON, WILLIE L, 72, GUERRA DR, VIOLET, LA, OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED
- DAVIS, CHAD, 35, JAMIE CT, VIOLET, LA, RECKLESS OPERATION OF A VEHICLE, FLIGHT FROM AN OFFICER, DRIVER NOT LICENSED, VEHICLE LICENSE REQUIRED, NO PROOF LIABILITY INSURANCE, OWNER VEHICLE REGISTRATION, CHILD DESERTION, SAFETY HELMET-

MOTORCYCLE, FUGITIVE GPS

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- LEWIS, HOWARD T, 62, KROGER DR, HAMMOND, LA, TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, RESIST ARREST BY FLIGHT, STOLEN FIREARM 1ST OFF JPSO, ILL CARRY WEAPON VIOL CRIME, LIABILITY SECURITY REQUIRED
- TRAN, TRUONG ROBERT, 37, LOURDES, NEW ORLEANS, LA, PWIT COCAINE/OXY, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, POSSESSION OF SCH II, ILLEGAL USE OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES IN THE PRESENCE OF PERSON UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- WALTON, JANARD MARTIN, 38, MARCHE BLVD, SLIDELL, LA, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM
- SCHEXNIDER, VIRGINIA, 46, N CLAIBORNE, NEW ORLEANS, LA, FUGITIVE NOPD
- BANKSON, RONALD, 54, TUSKEGEE DR, MARRERO, LA, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE KENNER PD, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE BRPD
- TAYLOR, TIMOTHY, 28, TCHOUPITOU LAS ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA, FUGITIVE NOPD

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- TAYLOR, TIMANISHA, 30, GENOIS ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA, OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED, FUGITIVE JPSO, BENCH WARRANT, HIT AND RUN
- KEENAN, RYAN JAMES, 34, TIFFANY CT, TOCA, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, BENCH WARRANT SBSO,
- BOND SURRENDER, BENCH WARRANT SBSO, BOND SURRENDER
- PHILLIP, MELVILLE, 30, WARWICK STREET, LAPLACE, LA, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO, FUGITIVE JPSO
- SIMS, DESHAWN, 34, EAST MORE, NEW ORLEANS, LA, BENCH WARRANT SBSO



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Check Out the Newest Episode of The Pulse Podcast

In this episode, Art sits down with Steve Krynski, Plant Manager at the Chalmette Refinery, and key members of his team to talk about the plant, its role in the community, and a very exciting, new potential project they are working on.

This episode was originally filmed on June 17th, 2021.

As of the release of this podcast on July 16, 2021, Chalmette Refining has received a unanimous acceptance of their ITEP request from the state Board of Commerce & Industry, St. Bernard Parish Council, and Sheriff James Pohlmann. Next up is the refinery's appearance before the School Board on July 27.

Listen to the full conversation via your favorite podcasting platforms below:

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<http://www.stbernardchamber.org/tunein>

This episode features:

Christina Serpas, Technical Information Specialist; Steve Krynski, Refinery Manager; Justin Wagner, Business Team Leader, former Environmental Manager; Danny Menesses, HR Manager; and Jared Wimberly, Operations Manager.

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stance, and three counts of illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of a person under the age of 17. He also was booked on an outstanding traffic warrant issued by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

After obtaining information that McKinnis was involved in illegal drug activity in St. Bernard, SID Narcotics Unit agents opened an investigation. Based on their findings, agents obtained a search warrant for his residence, Sheriff Pohlmann said.

During the investigation, agents recovered 22.59 grams of heroin and fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$2,259; approximately 22 grams of crack cocaine with an estimated street value of \$440; 4.31 grams of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$431; 16 MDMA Ecstasy tablets with an approximate street value of \$400; approximately 8 Xanax tablets; and marijuana. They also recovered two digital scales, two electric grinders and clear plastic bags used for packaging.

A criminal history check was conducted on McKinnis which revealed he is a convicted felon with several prior narcotics and firearms arrests.

McKinnis was transported to the St. Bernard Parish Prison to be booked on the above charges. His bond was set at \$401,750.

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

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combatting not only financial and social poverty but emotional poverty as well.

"I position our students to see how their performing arts training can connect to greater success in more traditional career paths, and I strive to empower them to know that where they live now is a stepping stone to get them where they want to be tomorrow."

An alumna of St. Bernard Parish Public Schools and valedictorian of Chalmette High School's graduating class of 2002, Cassar Tedesco graduated from Loyola University New Orleans, summa cum laude. At CHS, she has coached multiple finalists in the Donald W. Wood Sr. Vocal Competition. She has also traveled with students to competitions, performances and auditions in Chicago, Orlando, Syracuse and New York City, where students have earned bronze and silver awards, multiple scholarships, and performed on the stage of the New Amsterdam Theatre.

Cassar Tedesco also sings professionally each week at Trinity Episcopal Church on Jackson Avenue. Most recently, she was honored to be the soprano soloist for Handel's Messiah in a collaborative concert with musicians from the Symphony Chorus of New Orleans, Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and Chalmette High's own CHS Voices Varsity Chorale. Other performance credits include Mahler for the Children of Aids and Beethoven for the Indus Valley, two benefit concerts at Carnegie Hall to raise funds and public awareness for global pediatric AIDS and victims of the 2010 Pakistani floods, respectively.

She joins a long list of St. Bernard educators who have received state and national accolades. Chris Dier was named Louisiana's 2020 State Teacher of the Year and national finalist, Jennifer Maldonado was previously recognized as a Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist while Catherine Randal, Denise Pritchard and Phyllis Diecidue are all recipients of the Milken Educator Award – an elite national recognition for outstanding teaching and leadership. Superintendent Doris Voitier has also been recognized in her leadership role, being named as the Louisiana Superintendent of the Year, a National Superintendent of the Year Finalist and the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.



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St. Bernard Port Installs Two New Members To Board Of Commissioners

The two newest members of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District's Board of Commissioners bring with them a wealth of maritime knowledge and experience that spans several decades. Walter J. Cure IV and Jeanne E. Ferrer were both installed in a ceremony held prior to the July 13 meeting of the board. Cure, who will serve as treasurer of the Board, has more than four decades of maritime experience, mostly in lift boat operations. A 45-year employee of Elevating Boats Inc., Cure is now co-owner and vice president of the company.

Port Executive Director Drew Heaphy said Cure will be a huge asset for the Board. "His knowledge of maritime corporate contracts and insurance matters makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Port's Board of Commissioners," Heaphy said. Cure, who grew up in Violet and still resides there, said he is looking forward to serving his hometown. "I'm excited about how this opportunity will allow me to learn about the advances that are coming about in our parish in the maritime industry," Cure said.

Ferrer, the Board's new secretary, has been involved in the maritime industry since 2006. She has sailed on various deep-sea ships for 13 years, serving as both a master and a captain. Currently, she is one of only three female river boat pilots with the Crescent River Port Pilot Association, a position she has held since 2018.

Heaphy said Ferrer's firsthand experiences in the maritime industry brings a dynamic perspective to the Board.

"Her wealth of knowledge will be a great asset to the Port," he said.

Also a St. Bernard native, Ferrer said she is looking forward to helping the Port prosper.

"It's an honor to be able to represent my community during such a pivot point of growth," she said. "I welcome this opportunity to educate the community on what our parish provides as far as the economic impact brought by the maritime industry."


Heaphy said members of the Board of Commissioners set policy for the Port, and are volunteers who do not collect a salary.

Each year, Heaphy said, the Port handles millions of tons of bulk, break-bulk and general cargo transfers, to and from thousands of barges and hundreds of cargo ships from around the world.

"Having dedicated individuals like Walter and Jeanne is vital to the continued success and growth of the Port, and St. Bernard Parish as a whole," Heaphy said.



Jeanne E. Ferrer, center, was recently sworn in as secretary of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District's Board of Commissioners by 34th Judicial District Judge Eric Bopp, left. Also pictured is Michael Bopp, Crescent River Port Pilots Association president.



STARTUP ST. BERNARD

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are happy to announce the three finalists for our 7th annual Startup St. Bernard — Glass Half Full, Nice Plants Good Pots, and St. Bernard EcoTourism. Each will pitch its businesses to a panel of judges at Docville Farm on **AUGUST 5TH AT 2PM** for a chance to win part of the \$101,140 prize package! The live, "Shark Tank" style pitch-competition is free to attend.

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GLASS HALF FULL is a New Orleans-based glass recycling initiative. Its mission is to collect NOLA's glass and convert it into beach-like sand and glass cullet that's used for disaster relief, eco-construction, and new glass products.

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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 hope is to expand into St. Bernard with a full greenhouse, retail location, and event and education space.

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On behalf of The Meraux Foundation & St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation, we congratulate our three finalists and welcome you all to Docville Farm for this year's Startup St. Bernard.

For more info or to register, visit www.startupstbernard.com.

We welcome these new businesses and invite them to join us in making St. Bernard a great place to live, visit, and do business.

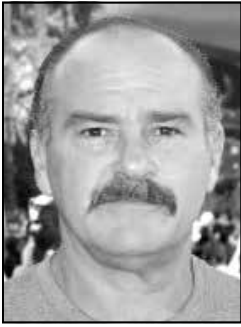
Sincerely, Rita Gue | *President of The Meraux Foundation*





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Vincent Joseph Culotta, Jr.



Vincent "Bubba" Joseph Culotta, Jr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at the age of 58 after a long battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease. Vincent was born on April 22, 1963 in New Orleans, LA to the late Vincent Joseph Culotta, Sr. and Joann Albert Culotta.

Vincent was the cherished husband of Tammy Lotz Culotta; Loving father to Vincent Culotta, III, Brandon Lotz (Morgan) and Corey Lotz (Kaitlyn); Proud grandfather "Pops" to Emmett John Lotz and Natalie Lotz; Brother-in-Law to James Seguin, Jr (Joy), John McGovern (Chantell); Brother of Nanette King (Robert), Jeanette Cristina (Danny), Lynette Culotta and Anthony Culotta; Uncle to Precious Barnett (William), James "Bubba" Seguin, III, Scott Gulino (Kiana), Ryan King (Madison) and Daniel Cristina (Victoria); Great Uncle to Max Hendges and Kalina Seguin.

Vincent enjoyed spending quality time outdoors with his family but most of all with his grandson, Emmett John. Vincent was a devoted family man and will be forever remembered as a loving husband, supportive father, warmhearted grandfather, and a dear friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association or visit alzfdn.org.

A visitation for Vincent will be held Monday, July 19, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St Bernard Mem Funeral Home, 701 W Virtue St, Chalmette, LA 70043, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM. Burial to follow services at St. Bernard Memorial Gardens, 701 W. Virtue St. Chalmette, LA 70043.

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

Shirley Ann Ricks Rivere



Shirley Ann Ricks Rivere passed away peacefully on Friday, June 18, 2021 at the age of 89. She was the cherished wife of 61 years to the late Raymond Henry Rivere Sr. Loving mother of Shelly Rivere Nickolaus (Eddie), Raymond Henry Rivere, Jr., and Rory Steven Rivere (Kelly). Proud grandmother of Devin Rivere (Ashley) and Dianna Nickolaus. Great grandmother of Emily Kirkpatrick, Ashton Rivere and Dylan Rivere. Sister of Mary Ann Mailhes. Shirley was

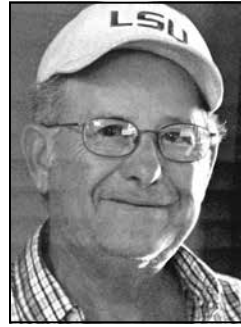
preceded in death by her parents Edward Ricks & Catherine Donovan Ricks and her beloved daughter and son-in-law Shelly & Edward Nickolaus. She is also survived and fondly remembered by many relatives, cousins and dear friends.

Shirley was born in New Orleans, LA and was a resident of St. Bernard Parish until hurricane Katrina, finally settling in Picayune, MS. She truly enjoyed life through her simple pleasures of visiting the casino and caring for her family. Her devotion to her Swiffer was surpassed only by the love for her family and friends. Shirley will always be remembered for her loyalty and dedication to her family, her fierce independence, her laughter, and spoiling the grandchildren. She was a wonderful example of what it means to care for others and will be deeply missed by us all.

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 Friday, July 16th from 9:00AM - 11:00AM, followed by a Memorial Mass in Shirley's memory beginning at 11:00AM. She will be laid to eternal rest with her beloved husband Raymond in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

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

Donald Lynn Kamm



Donald Lynn Kamm, a lifelong resident of Plaquemines Parish, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at the age of 82. He was the cherished and devoted husband of the late Vernzel Mathis Kamm, for 49 years. He was the loving father of James "Jimmy" Kamm (Michelle) and Johnny "John" Kamm (Tara). Proud grandfather of Justin Kamm, Brittany Kamm, Joshua "Josh" Kamm, and Kaitlynn Kamm. Great grandfather of Sophia Kamm

and Beaux Kamm. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Florence Sellen Kamm and the late Merton Kamm. Donald was a kind, loving, and thoughtful husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a gathering on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. VIRTUE STREET, in Chalmette, where fond memories of Donald will be shared from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

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

Kirk Joseph Picou



Our sweet angel, Kirk Joseph Picou, gained his wings on July 13, 2021. He was 59 years old. He was survived by his wife of 25 years, Roxann Lalumia Picou; his daughter, Payton Marie Picou (Donovan Seeber); his sisters, Gina O'Leary (Michael), Rhonda Picou, and Cheryl Bush (Bobby); his sister-in-law, Rhonda Bordelon (Jimmy), and brother-in-law, Brett Lalumia; his niece and Godchild, Lauren O'Leary Julian (Aaron); his nephew and

Godchild, Michael O'Leary, Jr.; his Godchild, Mandy Arnone; his nieces and nephews, Christopher Bush, Chad Bush (Britan), Jake Bordelon, Jared Bordelon, Kristi Ladut (Trey), and Ami Lalumia; and his great-nieces and nephews, Brady, Bailey, Gavin, and Madison. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Gloria Jean Picou and Elliot Norris Picou; by his mother-in-law, the late Loretta Lalumia, his father-in-law, the late Peter Manuel Lalumia; and his brother-in-law, the late Aldo Lalumia.

Kirk was a lifetime resident of St. Bernard Parish and a member of CHS graduating class of 1979. He was a former employee of Buck Kreihs, Mobile, Exxon Chalmette Refinery, PBF, and a member of USW Local 13-522. He retired in 2017, and enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, and drinking with his Braithwaite Brothers, Joey Bowley, Danny Hunter, Danny Miller, Troy LaFrance, Jimmy Kamm, Jesse Shaffer, the late Brian Gilmore, the late Wayne "Bubba" Melerine, and many more close friends.

Kirk was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue Street, in Chalmette, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

A funeral mass will be held in his memory at 1:00 PM.

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Joann Mara Roach



Joann Mara Roach passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the age of 85. Joann was born on March 11, 1936 in New Orleans, LA. Joann was married on May 17, 1958 to the love of her life, the late John W. Roach Jr., who passed away April 29, 2019. She was the beloved mother of Maryellen Roach Leger (Kevin) and John Martin Roach (Raquel), daughter of the late Ella Wirth Mara and Martin Henry Mara, daughter-in-law of the late Nellie Hymel Roach and John W. Roach Sr., sister of Ellen Mara Couvillion (Ronald), sister-in-law of Delores Breaux (late Hard Sr.), Kathleen Legnon (late Everett), Robert Roach and the late Jerry Roach, James Roach and Richard Roach (Carol), proud grandmother of Kevin Leger Jr. (Katie), Kelsey Roach, Michelle Leger Panepinto (Steven), Madeline Leger, Raquel

Roach and Angela Roach, godmother of Sylvia Muller Bruno and Michael Couvillion. She is survived by and fondly remembered by her nieces, Pam, Cheryl and Nicole, nephews, Harold Jr., Ron, Michael, Jerry and Ryan, cousins and dear friends.

Joann went to Holy Angels Academy from kindergarten to graduation. After marrying John Roach just a few years later, Joann moved to Arabi, LA where she was very involved at St. Robert Bellarmine's Mother's Club and Carolyn Park Boosters. She worked at Metro Goldwyn Mayer, Orleans Parish District Attorney (Harry Connick's) office and retired from Murphy Oil USA. She moved to Metairie, LA after losing her home in Hurricane Katrina. She mastered the love and affection for spoiling her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and was so, so proud of all their accomplishments. Joann was a pillar of courage, strength and a wonderful example of what it means to care for others.

A visitation for Joann will be held on Thursday July 22, 2021 from 11 AM – 1 PM at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St. Chalmette, LA 70043, with a Funeral Service to follow at 1 PM at St. Bernard Mem. Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow her services at St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

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

Kerry E. Serpas

Kerry "Kaki" E. Serpas, age 68, of Violet, Louisiana passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at his home. Kerry was born on December 25, 1952 in New Orleans, LA to the late, Jensen "Boug" Serpas and Ruth Hahn Serpas. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister Sandra Perry and his eldest daughter, Melissa "Missy" Serpas-Sepulveda, his "Peppa".



Kaki was the beloved husband of Gabriele "Gaby" Serpas. Kaki was the proud father of Maria "Butzi" Ruth Serpas, the late Melissa Serpas-Sepulveda (Jason) and Troy Serpas and his Labrador, Reggie. He was the devoted grandfather of Caitlyn Pizzitola (Jonathan), Bailey Serpas, Rhiannon Sepulveda and Ethan Sepulveda and loving great-grandfather to Caleb and a future great-granddaughter. He was brother to Pat Strickland (Bob), Lynn Serpas and Frank Serpas (Barbara) as well as uncle to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Kaki loved his little paradise in da Parish hunting, fishing, carving ducks and treating the neighborhood kids to freezies.

A visitation for Kerry will be held on Saturday July 31, 2021 from 11 AM – 1 PM at St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home, 701 W. Virtue St. Chalmette, LA 70043, with a Memorial Service to follow at 1 PM at St. Bernard Mem. Funeral Home Chapel. The family has chosen a private burial to take place at a later date.

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Three St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Deputies Receive Kiwanis Club Life Saver Awards

Three St. Bernard Sheriff's Office deputies received the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi Life Saver Award at a banquet hosted by Kiwanis on Tuesday, July 13 at Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant in Chalmette, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

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, he said.

"They are the first people through the door, and usually the last ones out, in an emergency, 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 at noon in the Rocky and Carlo's Sicilian Room, 613 W. St. Bernard Highway in Chalmette.

For more information about Kiwanis, call Robby Showalter at (504) 616-7312.

Sgt. Dixie Dusang and Deputies Donald Sixkiller and Brock Cadman, all off the Field Operations Bureau Patrol Division's 2nd Platoon, were honored for their efforts to save a man who nearly drowned in the Mississippi River earlier this year.

It was a case of being in the right place at the right time.

On April 24, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Sheriff Pohlmann said, Dep. Sixkiller was dispatched to the 6600 block of

North Peters Street in Arabi in reference to a disturbance near this location.

Upon arrival, Dep. Sixkiller was flagged down by an unknown female who was on top of the Mississippi River levee yelling frantically that someone had fallen into the river.

Dep. Sixkiller held off on investigating the original disturbance call and rushed to assist the female.

When he reached the levee wall, Dep. Sixkiller observed a man, later determined to be 63 years old, lying on the levee concrete at the water line with his feet and legs in the river and suffering from a head injury.

Dep. Sixkiller immediately notified headquarters of the incident and requested fire and

ems. Shortly after, Sgt. Dusang and Dep. Cadman arrived on scene to assist.

An emergency safety rope retrieved from Sgt. Dusang's unit was thrown to the injured man, and, together, she and Deputies Sixkiller and Cadman pulled the man out of the water and to the top of the levee to safety.

It was later learned the man and woman were walking their dogs along the levee near the water when the man slipped on some algae, fell and hit his head on the concrete and was knocked unconscious.

The man was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

Although Dep. Sixkiller was in the area on another call, it was

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LIFE SAVER AWARDS from Page 11

Three St. Bernard Sheriff's Office deputies received the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi Life Saver Award July 13 for their efforts to save a man who nearly drowned in the Mississippi River earlier this year. At the award presentation are, from left: Capt. Richard Barr, Col. Adolph Kreger, Sheriff James Pohlmann, Life Saver Award recipients Dep. Brock Cadman, Sgt. Dixie Dusang and Dep. Donald Sixkiller, Kiwanis Life Saver Committee Chairman Sam Catalanotto, and Kiwanis Club President Jeff Southerland.

his nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience and quick thinking, coupled with the teamwork of Sgt. Dusang and Dep. Cadman that ultimately saved that man's life.

Here's a little background on each deputy's career in law enforcement.

Sgt. Dixie Dusang, a six-year veteran of the Field Operations Bureau, is a supervisor in the Patrol Division's 2nd Platoon.

Her first experience in law enforcement came in 2012 as a volunteer deputy with the Reserve Division. One year later, she was hired as a full-time, paid deputy and member of the department's Corrections Division where she spent two years working at St. Bernard Parish Prison.

In 2015, she graduated from Peace Officers Standards and Training, or P.O.S.T. school which is the police academy, and was named Deputy of the Year by the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Rummel Council 5747 in 2017. In 2018, she was promoted to her current rank.

Other notable accomplishments of Sgt. Dusang's include:

- earning a coveted spot in the department's Motorcycle Division where she is the only female member;
- serving as an operator on the Special Operations Division's SWAT team;
- completing the Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement course, and a Basic Hostage Nego-

tiations and Crisis Interventions Course.

Born and raised in Hall County, Georgia, Sgt. Dusang has called St. Bernard Parish home since 2009.

Dep. Dusang loves interacting with the public and doing what she can to serve the people of St. Bernard. She also said she enjoys working alongside such a great group of officers who she considers family.

Sgt. Dusang said she was so happy she and the other officers just happened to be in the right place at the right time and that the man was okay.

"I actually had the pleasure of speaking with him a couple of weeks later and I was glad to see he was doing great," Sgt. Dusang said.

Dep. Donald Sixkiller, also a member of the Field Operations Bureau Patrol Division's 2nd Platoon, has been involved in law enforcement for nearly 28 years.

His first experience also came as a volunteer deputy with the Sheriff's Office Reserve Division. In 1997, Dep. Sixkiller was hired as a full-time, paid deputy after graduating from P.O.S.T. school police academy.

Dep. Sixkiller has spent the past 20 years in the patrol division. He also has worked at the Juvenile Detention Center and as a school resource officer.

Dep. Sixkiller, a St. Bernard native, said his driving passion as a police officer is "to help serve and protect the community. I like that I get to help peo-



St. Bernard Sheriff's Office deputies, from left: Dep. Brock Cadman, Dep. Donald Sixkiller, and Sgt. Dixie Dusang, received the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi Life Saver Award July 13 for their efforts to save a man who nearly drowned in the Mississippi River earlier this year. Sgt. Dusang and Deputies Sixkiller and Cadman work in the Field Operations Bureau Patrol Division's 2nd Platoon.

ple," he said.

As a police officer, Dep. Sixkiller said, you can't hesitate when someone is in need.

"If I had to, I would do it again," he said about saving the man from drowning in the river. "It's just what we do."

Dep. Brock Cadman, also a member of the Field Operations Bureau Patrol Division's 2nd Platoon, has worked for the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office for four years.

A 2018 graduate of P.O.S.T.

school police academy, Dep. Cadman also has served in the Corrections Division at the parish jail.

Dep. Cadman, also a lifelong resident of St. Bernard, said he chose to become a police officer because he "wants to do whatever he can to help his hometown."

Dep. Cadman said when he saw the man was in danger, the only thought that went through his head was "Looks like it's time for me to get wet."

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