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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." – Gen. 1:1 (NIV)

Chalmette High School Senior Wins Prestigious Vocal Competition



Sophia Lucurto.

Chalmette High School senior Sophia Lucurto was recently awarded first place in the Donald W. Wood Sr. Vocal Competition.

The competition is open to all Louisiana high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors and is a collaboration between the New Orleans Opera Association, Loyola University New Orleans College of Music and Fine Arts, Tulane University Department of Music, and New Orleans Center for Creative Arts.

Sophia competed against student performers from across the state and when the judge's scores were tallied, Sophia was named as the overall winner.

Annelise Cassar Tedesco said she is grateful her students have this opportunity each year to compete in this event which promotes artistic excellence, provides financial support to young vocalists, and encourages young singers in vocal music.

She also called Sophia a great ambassador to her school and community.

"She's not only a talented vocalist," said Cassar Tedesco. "Sophia represents all that we try to instill in our performers. She is driven and passionate, and we are incredibly proud of her."

Learn more about the various arts programs offered at CHS and throughout the district by visiting the district's website.

Traffic Delays Likely Due To Filming Around Sigur Civic Center

Gwave Productions, LLC will be filming portions of its television series at the Sigur Civic Center located at 8245 W Judge Perez Drive.

On Thursday, December 16th & Friday, December 17th, there will be mild traffic control for safety and filming purposes.

Please take note of the dates & impacted streets listed below:

Intermittent Traffic Control [I.T.C.] As Needed During

Non-Rush Hours

- Thursday, December 16, 2021 - Approx. 6:00 p.m. – Midnight
- Friday, December 17, 2021 - Approx. 6:00 p.m. – Midnight
- Jean Lafitte Pkwy between Patricia St & W Judge Perez Dr
- W Judge Perez Dr between Dr. Meraux Blvd & Jean Lafitte Pkwy

IMPORTANT NOTE: The filming is a stunt action sequence. The work will not consist of simulated gunfire, pyrotechnics, or any other activity that should be overly loud or disruptive.

The scene involves an attempted ATM robbery followed by a fight sequence. You may see actors fighting or smoke, but we assure you this is all part of the "movie magic."

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Sheriff's office will be present throughout the duration of the work. For any questions or concerns please contact the Office of Film at 504-278-4242.

GWAVE PRODUCTIONS, LLC
1615 E JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE,
FIFTH FLOOR
CHALMETTE, LA 70043
504-273-4581



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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
Worship 10am

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Gospel Temple
504-72-0123 •
301 E. Morales (behind Breaux Mart)
Chalmette, LA • Sunday 10:30AM •
Bible Study Thursday Night 6:30pm

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)
deandregreandberry@gmail.com
deandregre@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. 9:00&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.

December 18

• **Christmas Story Drive Thru**, 1-3PM, drive through any time between these hours, First Baptist Church-Chalmette, 305 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, 70043. Free Christmas Story with Decorations and inter-active recording as you drive from decoration to decoratoin, treat bags, games, prizes! For more information, contact Debbie Smith at 504-400-4095.

Daily

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

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

• **Walk the Wetlands**, Explore Louisiana swamp and marsh on a ranger-guided walk 10:00 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free. Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero (near Crown Point). 504-689-3690 ext 10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

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

Weekly, Tuesday

• **Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard/Arabi Luncheon**, college scholarships, Key Club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Read-to-Ride, Read Around the World, reading incentive program

and the well known Terrific Kids and Terrific Teens programs in parish schools are a few of the projects. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining the Kiwanis Club community service organization can join them for lunch each Tuesday, noon at Rock & Carlo's Sicilian Room, or call Robby at (504) 616-7312.

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

• **The Social Youth Ministry (8th Grade to 12th Grade)**, 6PM-7PM, 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

• **Telling Tales at the St. Bernard Parish Library**, 6PM, 2600 Palmisano Blvd., Chalmette, and via Facebook Premiere on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Free story program for pre-readers and up.

Weekly, Thursday

• **Men's Bible Study**, 9AM-10:30AM, As men, we face unique challenges and need to be in the Word together, to share our struggles, and to challenge each other through accountability and prayer. That's why we provide a number of opportunities for men to join together to study God's Word, as we commit to becoming more like Christ. At First Baptist Church Chalmette, 305 East

St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, LA 70043, 504-277-2939.

• **Bible Study**, 6:30PM, Bible study of various books and themes of the bible. At the Gospel Temple – non-denominational church. 301 E. Morales (behind Breaux Mart) every Thursday. Refreshments and fellowship following.

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

• **DECEMBER 7 - The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Musical**. Mahalia Jackson Theatre, New Orleans. This toe-tapping tale tells the story of one particularly impressive Scout Elf who must help his new, human family remember the importance of Christmas cheer. Can this tiny elf, along with a host of North Pole pals, make Christmas joyous for his family once again? Featuring an original story and score, dazzling sets and costumes, and heartfelt moments that will bring the family together, this joyous and uplifting celebration will leave audiences captivated by the splendor of the season. Tickets are on sale at ticketmaster.com.

• **DECEMBER 21 - Sarah Brightman, A Christmas Symphony**. Saengar Theatre, New Orleans. Accompanied by orchestra and a choir, Sarah decks the halls with show-stopping renditions of classics from the Christmas canon, along with personal holiday favorites and her greatest hits. The US tour kicks off on Friday November 26 in Bethlehem, PA at Wind Creek Event Center, and concludes on December 21 at Saenger Theatre in New Orleans, LA. A Christmas Symphony is sure to be an unforgettable Christmas spectacle during the most wonderful time of the year. Tickets available at <https://sarahbrightman.com/tours/>.

What's Happening

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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

ACT For ALS Overwhelmingly Passes House

I'm pleased to see the ACT for ALS bill sail through the House with bipartisan support. This great piece of legislation is a strong step forward for so many people who are diagnosed with ALS.

We worked for over a year to pass this lifesaving bill, and I am honored to work with Steve Gleason, who has been an inspiration to so many and also championed this bill as part of his tireless work to ensure people battling ALS have more opportunities when seeking treatment, cures, and independence to live their lives to the fullest.

This legislation advances key research and increases access to lifesaving drugs, and I'm glad to see Republicans and Democrats come together to take action for those diagnosed with ALS and other neuro diseases who are counting on us.

Washington Democrats Are Ignoring Their Multiple Self-Made Crises

At the House Republican Leadership press conference, I called on President Biden and Congressional Democrats to address their numerous self-made crises that are hurting American families, workers, and small businesses.

The Biden Administration is responsible for creating the national security and humanitarian crisis at the southern border through their open-door immigration policies. This border crisis has led to an opioid crisis across America as we see a flood of drugs coming across our southern border. Biden needs to step up and secure our border. It's a national defense issue as well as a life and death issue in communities all across America.

Biden has also created a gasoline and energy crisis where many hardworking families cannot even afford to fill up their tanks because gas prices are so high. Biden should be focused on working with American energy producers to boost energy production here at home — not begging OPEC and Russia to produce more oil or coordinating with China to release strategic reserves. The Biden Administration should reverse course on its devastating decisions to cancel and halt pipelines in the U.S., close off federal lands and waters to oil and gas development and production, and delay permitting for energy infrastructure projects.

Urging the IRS to Alleviate Massive Backlog of Unprocessed Returns From Previous Filing Seasons

I joined many of my House Republican colleagues in sending a letter to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner Charles Rettig expressing our concerns about the massive backlog of unprocessed returns from the current 2021 and 2020 filing seasons.

This backlog is causing significant and unnecessary burdens for families and small businesses who have not received answers from the IRS about why their returns haven't been processed, which threatens to harm millions of taxpayers. We urged the IRS to take immediate action to resolve the backlog in time for the start of the 2022 filing season.

Meeting With Louisiana Air Force and Space Force Cadets

I had the honor recently to meet with Air Force and Space Force cadets from across Louisiana in my Washington, D.C. office. I expressed my gratitude for their willingness to serve our nation. God Bless these brave cadets as they prepare for military service!

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

FEMA Awards Won't Affect Other Benefits

FEMA disaster assistance is not taxable income. Accepting a FEMA grant will not affect your Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other federal welfare, social safety nets, and other entitlement programs.

Federal disaster grants help you pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacement and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by your insurance or other sources.

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is Dec. 22, 2021.

If you have not yet applied for FEMA help, please do so before that deadline by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362, or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Operators are on duty seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST.

Applicants should mention any access or functional needs they may have when applying. FEMA can provide interpreters, real-time captioning, and information in alternate formats such as Braille, large-print, audio, and electronic versions. The agency also provides free services to help survivors communicate with its staff and understand FEMA programs, including:

- Information available in accessible electronic formats on FEMA's website and social media.
- Qualified American Sign Language interpreters.
- Qualified multilingual interpreters.
- Information written in multiple languages.

For the latest on the recovery effort following Hurricane Ida, please visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4626. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/femaregion4 and www.facebook.com/fema.

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ARABI

- MELERINE, ROY, 44, FRISCOVILLE AVE, ARABI 70032, FUGITIVE JPSO, THEFT

CHALMETTE

- SNOW, RONALD DANIEL, 31, JEAN LAFITTE PKY, CHALMETTE 70043, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY
- CONDOLL, SALLIK A, 20, REGIMENT DR, CHALMETTE 70043, FUGITIVE SLUPD, FUGITIVE SLUPD
- EADY, REBEKAH, 39, VERONICA DR, CHALMETTE 70043, TURNING MOVEMENTS/REQ. SIGNALS, SCHEDULE I CDS-POSSESSION, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, SCHEDULE II/POSSESSION, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT
- RIVERS, MARIA, 45, VERONICA DR, CHALMETTE 70043, SCHEDULE I CDS-POSSESSION, SCHEDULE II/POSSESSION, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

- KNIGHT, SHARON, 60, IVY PL, CHALMETTE 70043, EXPLOITATION OF THE INFIRMED, IDENTITY THEFT, ACCESS DEVICE FRAUD/ FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/ CONFIDENCE GAME, BANK FRAUD
- BERTHELOT, CRAIG JOE, 42, CORINNE DR, CHALMETTE 70043, VIOLATIONS OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS

MERAUX

- JACKSON, DAVID LOGAN, 30, MUNSTER BLVD, MERAUX 70075, SECOND DEGREE BATTERY
- MCQUARY, THOMAS, 35, BARTOLO DR, MERAUX 70075, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE III, PENALTIES, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE IV, PENALTIES
- MIES, ERIC M, 26, BRADBURY DR, MERAUX 70075, SIMPLE CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SIMPLE BURGLARY

ST. BERNARD

- BRYANT, ZANE, 26, RANDAZZO DR, ST. BERNARD 70085, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE III, PENALTIES, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE IV, PENALTIES, BATTERY OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEE

VIOLET

- SMITH, MELISSA MARIE, 32, BEACHHEAD LN, VIOLET 70092, OPERATING A VEHICLE WHITE INTOXICATED, FOLLOWING VEHICLES TOO CLOSE
- JAMES, DONTAE D, 38, CALUDA LN, VIOLET 70092, BENCH WARRANT
- MAJOR, GARY, 61, COLONIAL LN, VIOLET 70092, BATTERY OF A DATING PARTNER-MINOR INJURY BURNING

OUTSIDE ST. BERNARD PARISH

- KELLY, JAZZMOND OLIVER, 37, WILTON ST, NEW ORLEANS 70122, FUGITIVE NOPD
- BROWN, MARLON, 52, LAWRENCE RD, NEW ORLEANS 70126, PROHIBITED ACTS-SCHEDULE II, PENALTIES, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, FUGITIVE NOPD

- DAVIS, BOBBY, 22, HANCOCK ST, GRETNNA 70053, BENCH WARRANT, BENCH WARRANT
- JONES, HERBERT, 58, HAYNE BLVD, NEW ORLEANS 70127, SCHEDULE IV/POSSESSION, SCHEDULE IV/POSSESSION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF LEGEND DRUG WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION OR ORDER, FUGITIVE NOPD
- BONNET, KEITH, 43, RICHLAND AVE, METAIRIE 70002, PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING JUVENILES
- PARTRIDGE, JON, 37, MONROE ST, WAVELAND, MS, ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPONS OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTALITIES, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY
- WILSON, KYLE DAJUAN, 33, W JACKSON ST, YORK, PA 17401, FUGITIVE PAROLE VIOLATION PA, SCHEDULE II/POSSESSION, POSS W/ INTENT TO DIST SCH I CDS, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, RESISTING AN OFFICER
- LEWIS, XAVIER, 25, MARSEILLE DR, LAPLACE 70068, DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY, SIMPLE CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY



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Nunez Steam Division Offering Automotive Maintenance And Drone Workshops In January

The Steam Division at Nunez Community College will offer a Basics of Automotive Maintenance workshop and a Drone 1-Day Build workshop for kids in January.

The Basics of Automotive Maintenance workshop is free and will show participants how to check and maintain their automobile. Topics will include checking the oil, what various sensors indicate, tire pressure, and how to change a tire.

The Automotive workshop will take place Jan. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. outside the Kane Building on the Nunez Campus.

The Drone 1 Day Build workshop costs \$50 per participant and will teach students in grades 3-8 the basics of drone construction and flight. Students will build and fly their own drone and take their drone home at the end of the workshop.

The Drone workshop will take place Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kane Building.

Registration instructions for both workshops can be found at Nunez.edu/STEAM.



St. Bernard Family Recognized As Family Of The Year For The Governor's Outstanding Leadership In Disabilities Award

The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs recognized the Barthe family of St. Bernard Parish earlier today, presenting them with the Family of the Year Award for the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards.

This award is given in recognition of a family who exemplifies courage, strength, and unity for other families in Louisiana.

The Barthe family was nominated by Cheramie Kerth, the Special Education Supervisor for the St. Bernard Parish Public School System. In her nomination, Kerth shared that the Barthe family has an innate ability to turn challenges into success.

"From our first meeting, I knew they possessed something special. They work together, have the same goals, spend an enormous amount of time together, and all for the good of Josephine Marie Barthe (also called Bean)," she said. "Bean, a student at Arabi Elementary School, was born with a rare syndrome called 'Charge Syndrome,' but her disability could never stop her or her family



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from making this lifetime of challenges into a lifetime of family memories."

Kerth referred to the Barthe family as "models" in the community. "The Barthe family serves as a contributing community member," Kerth said. "What sets this family apart is that they are GIVERS. In my 31 years of serving students and families, I can honestly say that this family is most deserving of the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Award."

In his letter of appreciation, Jamar Ennis, Assistant Director for the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, extended his gratitude to the Barthe family.

"Thank you for your service, leadership, and commitment to the disability community in Louisiana," he said.

Congratulations to the Barthe family on this very deserving honor.

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Building a Green Energy Future

Our Renewable Diesel Project is Breaking Ground.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are excited to share our progress with you on the proposed Renewable Diesel Unit (RDU) Project at Chalmette Refining which will convert animal and plant-based feedstocks into renewable fuel. Organic fats and oils — such as soybean oil, distillers corn oil, chicken fat, beef tallow and used cooking oil — will go through a hydrotreating process to become a drop-in ready blendstock for diesel.

This green energy project can help create stability for our workforce, add value to our facility, and broaden opportunities for future investments. Although we are still in conversations with potential investors, we have committed to laying the groundwork to make the project a success.

As part of this foundation, we are beginning preparations for the RDU, which will convert an idled unit located on our existing property. We are currently working with St. Bernard Parish Government, appropriate state and local agencies, and have all necessary permits.

Building on a Green Future.

We are energized about this upcoming project and the progress we will be making. This project adds to the long-term viability of the refinery, which translates into a positive economic impact for all of us.

Laying the groundwork...



Will there be noise?

As with any construction site, there will be some noise associated with building the RDU. Beginning in mid-December we will start to lay the foundation for the unit by placing pilings. We expect this part of the construction process to last approximately one to two months. The entire project is expected to last approximately 12-18 months after the company makes its final investment decision.

Will there be increased traffic because of the construction?

At various times we will have some increased traffic on the streets around the refinery due to extra workers, delivery of construction materials, and preparation of the site for the build. Traffic safety has been a key part of our planning for this project and we are coordinating closely with the St. Bernard Sheriff's Department to ensure traffic flow and safety. We will contract off-duty sheriff's deputies to make sure traffic keeps moving with minimum impact to drivers on the road. Information on peak times of traffic activity around the refinery will be posted on our web site or Facebook page so you can plan your travel.

Will the refinery still make gasoline?

Yes. The refinery will continue to make gasoline and other fuels during the construction phase of the project.

Will there be other impacts?

You may see lights during the evening hours. This may be caused by lighted work areas or welding activities during the construction.

Thank You!

This is an exciting time for Chalmette Refining. We appreciate your patience during this increased activity period and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and your family.

Please call our hotline, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at (504) 281-1212 if you have any questions. And keep up to date with any changes of our construction schedule on our web site, Facebook page, or Project Status Line at 504-281-1101.

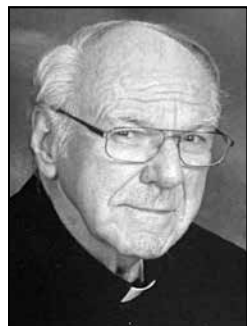
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Reverend Charles J. Caluda



Reverend Charles J. Caluda, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died Thursday, December 2, 2021. He was 89 years of age. Father Caluda was born on March 12, 1932 in Metairie, LA. He attended elementary school at St. Catherine in Metairie and Woodlawn Public in Bertrandsville. His secondary education was at Braithwaite Public in Braithwaite, LA. He attended LSU and graduated with degrees in Music and Music Education. He also attended St. Mary's in Kentucky

and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962 in New Orleans.

Father Caluda served as Assistant Pastor at St. Philip Neri Church, St. Rita Church, St. Pius X Church, St. Francis of Assisi Church, and Christ the King Church. His pastorates were at St. Hubert Church in Garyville, LA and St. Louise de Marillac Church in Arabi.

In addition to these pastoral assignments, he served as Dean of the St. Bernard Deanery, District Vocation Director, and Chaplain of Court No. 1334 of the Catholic Daughters of America. Father Caluda retired in 2005 and resided in St. Bernard until the time of his death.

Father Caluda was preceded in death by his parents – Hazel Schremp Caluda and Angelo Caluda, and his brother, Marion (Daphne). He is survived by his brothers, Daniel (Mercedes) and Gerald, and by his sisters, Roselyn Fernandez (Anthony) and Gaynel Parker (Newton). He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation to be held at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2621 Colonial Blvd., Violet, LA 70085 on Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM followed by a Funeral Mass, celebrated by Archbishop G. Aymond, beginning at noon. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1 on Banks Street in New Orleans.

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

Nancy Gagliano Hyver



The family of Nancy Gagliano Hyver sadly announce her passing on December 4, 2021, at the age of 81. She was a devoted wife and mother and showed love, kindness and selflessness to family, friends and whoever she met. Nancy was born in New Orleans on June 13, 1940. She lived in New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish. After Katrina, she resided in Hammond and recently relocated to Youngsville to live her remaining years. She is survived by "the love of her life" Robert "Bob" Hyver;

her son, Robert J. Hyver Jr.; her daughters, Robyn Hyver Alfonso and Renee' Hyver Phillips; daughter-in-law, Annie Hyver and son-in-law, Eric J. Alfonso; nine grandchildren, Kristen Hyver Schenck, Chad Phillips, Chase Phillips his wife Rene Phillips, Devin Hyver, Eric J. Alfonso Jr., Benjamin Phillips, Madison Hyver, Aubrey Alfonso and Emma Phillips; two great grandchildren, Kohler Schenck and Hudson Schenck; her sister, Earline P. Couvillion. Nancy is preceded in death by her son, Richard J. Hyver and mother, Angelina Giambalvo Pradat.

Nancy was a legal secretary at the age of 18 then became an executive secretary to Waldemar S. Nelson of Waldemar S. Nelson & Co. Engineering Consultants for 23 years. She was a member of Executive Women International. 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, December 10, 2021 from 11:00AM - 1:00PM. A Memorial Mass will begin at 1:00PM. Burial will follow in ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL GARDENS.

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HYVER from bottom of left column

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Nancy Hyver may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church (Please note New Church Expansion Fund in the memo) 201 Church St. Youngsville, LA 70592. Nancy had a special love and devotion to her patron, St. Anne, grandmother of Jesus.

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

Joan Rita Meyer



Joan Rita Meyer passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021. She was 89 years old. She was the devoted mother of Donald Meyer (Donna), Patricia Meyer (Bruce), and the late David Meyer; loving companion of Al Jirovec, Jr.; doting grandmother of Donnie, Daniel, Samantha, Ethan, Mark, Sharel, and 10 great-grandchildren; sister of Andrew V. Jackson (Carol) and the late Thelma Crespino (the late Chris); and "MawMaw" to Belinda Meyer and Samantha Meyer. She was preceded in

death by her husband, the late Isidore G. Meyer; her grandchild, the late Joshua; and by her parents, the late Andrew and Della Jackson. Joan also leaves behind many other relatives and dear friends.

A visitation will be held for Joan on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2320 PARIS ROAD, in Chalmette, followed by a Funeral Mass in her memory, at Noon. She will be laid to eternal rest in Greenwood Cemetery, in New Orleans. In lieu of flowers, please consider having Masses said in Joan's name.

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What's Happening

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• DECEMBER 23 - Mannheim Steamroller.

Saenger Theatre, New Orleans. This year's show will feature all of your favorite original classic Christmas hits from the first Mannheim Steamroller Christmas album, along with multimedia effects in an intimate setting. Davis will direct and co-produce Tour performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis is co-produced by MagicSpace Entertainment. The company is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard, Steve Boulay, Dave Stinson and Kristy Maple and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 35 years. Tickets are available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).

• 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](https://www.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.

• JANUARY 29, 2022 - Bill Maher. Saenger Theatre, New Orleans. Maher's combination of unflinching honesty and big laughs have garnered him 41 Emmy nominations. Maher won his first Emmy in 2014 as executive producer for the HBO series, "VICE." In October of 2008, this same combination was on display in Maher's uproarious and unprecedented swipe at organized religion, "Religulous." Tickets are on sale at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or the theatre box office. The Saenger Theatre box office, located at 1111 Canal Street, is open Monday through Friday from Noon to 4PM.

Operation Merry Christmas Supports Local Charitable Organizations

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the Board of Operation Merry Christmas met at the St. Bernard Parish Government Complex in Chalmette to present grant checks to charitable organizations, in support of their programs. Members of Operation Merry Christmas presented a check to the Knights of Columbus Council #5747 to support the annual toy and food give-away program. OMC and the Knights joined forces to continue the tradition of a parish-wide food and toy distribution that was started by Operation Merry Christmas in 1985.

A Knight's Gift Chairman, Cisco Gonzales, said, "A food distribution will be made Sunday, December 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. A toy distribution for newborn children to age twelve will be at 11:00 am - 1:00 also. A food basket will be given to each family while supplies last. The location for both distributions will be at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center's Auditorium, located at 8245 W. Judge Perez Dr."

"It's the Christmas Season that ignites the Knights of Columbus #5747 to gear up rapid-

ly for this year's Christmas Gift give-away known as A Knight's Gift. With the support of Operation Merry Christmas, this year's event will be bigger than ever, said Robby Showalter, KofC member. 2021 has presented many challenges. We hope that this program will help to bring some cheer to families who may be struggling."

Operation Merry Christmas Member Danny Bourgeois said, "OMC is pleased that the Knights of Columbus Organization is continuing to fulfill OMC's mission, initiated in 1985; caring for those families in need, especially during the Holiday Season."

Other charitable organizations receiving grants included: The Arc of Greater New Orleans and The St. Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community Alexandra Taisant, Program Coordinator at ArcGNO, said "the long-term support provided by OMC has sustained programs for a very long time, enabling us to meet the needs of our community of adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities." Joan Garofalo, President of The St.

Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community said that her organization will "...use these funds to focus on the needs of underprivileged school children throughout St. Bernard." Second Harvest Food Bank received a check representing the third installment of a five-year commitment in support of their capital improvement plan.

Operation Merry Christmas Board members attending were: Sally Wolfe, Judy Hoffmeister, Tim Doody, Charlene Abadie, Danny Bourgeois, Peggy Murla, and VJ Dauterive.

Representing the Knights of Columbus Foundation was: Robby Showalter, President.

St. Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community was represented by: Joan Garofalo, President.

The Arc of Greater New Orleans sent, as their representatives: Alexandra Taisant, Program Coordinator; Courtney Zeller, Director of Community Employment and Integration; Program participants: Jamie Evans, Jacob and Aaron Cassreino, and Mallory Bradbury.

Operation Merry Christmas photos on next page.

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatal Shooting In Chalmette

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal shooting involving two brothers that occurred on December 6, 2021, evening in Chalmette, Sheriff James Pohlmann said.

On Monday, Dec. 6, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Sheriff Pohlmann said, deputies responded to a call in reference to a shooting in the 2000 block of Plaza Drive in Chalmette.

When deputies arrived on the scene they observed a male victim lying on the ground suffering from gunshot wounds to the chest and left arm. Deputies also came into contact with another male who stated he was

the shooter and the victim is his brother.

The victim was transported to an area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Sheriff Pohlmann said this was an isolated incident between the two brothers and no one else was injured during the altercation.

No charges have been filed at this time, but the investigation is ongoing, the Sheriff said.

Citizens who want to share information with detectives about this incident or any other criminal activity pertaining to St. Bernard Parish or any of its residents can do so by

calling the Sheriff's Office at (504) 271-2501. They also can call the Criminal Investigations Bureau's tip hotline, (504) 271-TIPS or 8477 or Crimestoppers GNO at (504) 822-1111. Callers can leave a detailed message, and either choose to provide their contact information, or remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward from Crimestoppers



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[L-R]: Kiwanian Michael B. Chutz (President The Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation), Martin Gutierrez (Chief Operations Officer of Catholic Charities), Kiwanian Susie Showalter, and Kiwanian Robby Showalter (Treasurer of Kiwanis and The Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation).

Submitted by: Michael Pechon.

On November 30, 2021 at the weekly Kiwanis Club Luncheon at Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, The Spirit of St Bernard Foundation presented a check for \$6,000.00 to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Each year a gift is given to Catholic Charities from members of Kiwanis Club of Arabi-St. Bernard. This year funds from the Walter Boasso Fund of \$3,000.00, Dr. Ralph Dauterive Fund of \$500.00, Robby and Susie Showalter Charity Fund of \$2,000.00 and a personal donation from Michael B. Chutz of \$500.00 comprised the total gift written in The Spirit of St Bernard Foundation check.



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Hands-On Learning Featured As Part Of Maumus Center Field Trip

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The interactive lights, stereo sound, and high-quality video created a fun and lively learning environment for the students.

Gena Asevado, the instructor and manager of the Maumus Center, said she was glad to have visitors on the campus again.

“Our planetarium is an extraordinary teaching tool,” she said. “Having our students engaged in science and working together while learning is truly a highlight. We look forward to hosting more and more learning opportunities here as the year progresses.”



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