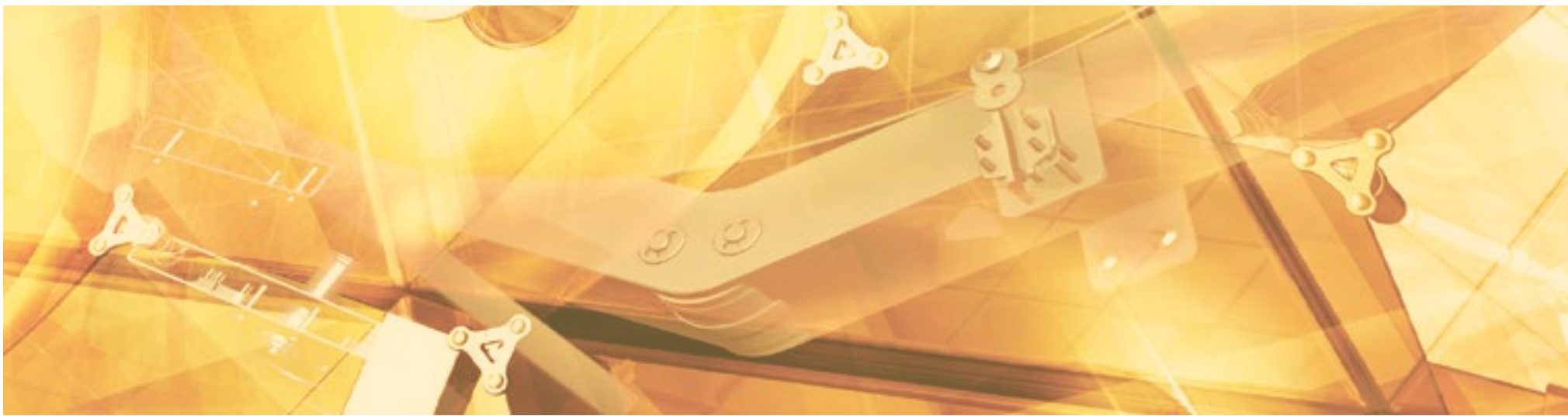


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JALH: New MR system offers advanced imaging, patient comfort

Jennings American Legion Hospital (JALH) has acquired the Vantage Orian 1.5T MR system from Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc., to increase productivity and lower running costs, ensure patient comfort and deliver unwavering clinical confidence.

The Vantage Orian represents a new standard in the premium wide bore 1.5T market with a range of innovative hardware



Innovation has always been at the forefront of technology for Jennings American Legion Hospital. Their new MR System is designed to boost productivity, enhance patient comfort and deliver clinical confidence.

features in addition to the existing patient-friendly MRI features Canon Medical offers, to help further improve workflow and deliver clinical confidence.

The system is equipped with Canon Medical's patient-friendly MRI features, including a 71cm wide bore patient aperture and Pianissimo technology, which significantly reduces the noise in and around the MRI environment and



The Jennings American Legion Hospital Foundation presented Dana Williams, CEO, with a check for One Hundred fifty four thousand two hundred and four dollars. The money will go towards the purchase of a 3D Breast Ultrasound. The new innovative technology will help save lives in our community. Pictured left to right is Dana Williams, CEO of Jennings American Legion Hospital, Robin Achee, Foundation Board member, Gerald "Jerry" Theunissen, Foundation Board member, Joy LeBleu, Foundation Board member, Rick Arceneaux, Chairmen of the JALH Foundation, Robert William, Foundation Board member, Art Matte, Foundation Board member and Mindy Hetzel, executive director of the JALH Foundation.

Pianissimo Zen quiet sequences, which further reduce noise to just above ambient noise level — making exams even more comfortable and easier to complete.

“The patient-friendly features of the Vantage Orian 1.5T allow our hospital to provide advanced MR imaging for the best patient and clinician experience possible,” said Chad Woods, Director of Radiology at JALH. “With a more patient-friendly environment, streamlined workflow and excellent image quality, the Vantage Orian 1.5T is helping us evolve patient care and provides a level of imaging for unwavering clinical confidence.”

The Vantage Orian also offers a

suite of software enhancements to help reduce scan time and increase productivity. New features include the Multiband SPEEDER, which enables clinicians to reduce DWI acquisition times, and the k-t SPEEDER (up to eight times accelerated), which allows high frame rate cardiac cine and perfusion imaging with free breathing — enabling clinicians to image a wide range of cardiac patients.

The system also features Easy-Tech technology, which enables clinicians to improve workflow with automatic slice alignment for neuro, spine and cardiac exams, as well as FSE Dixon, which allows clinicians to take four contrasts in just one scan to show uniform fat-

suppression in difficult-to-shim areas.

“The addition of the Vantage Orian 1.5T helps expand the versatility of MRI for Jennings American Legion Hospital with premium diagnostic imaging tools they need to deliver accurate, confident and effective patient care,” said Jonathan Furuyama, MR Business Unit Managing Director for Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc.

“With the help of this new advanced imaging technology, we can deliver accurate, confident and effective patient care while continuing to provide a quick and comfortable exam experience for our patients,” said JALH MRI Supervisor Steve Doucet.

Michael F. Monic, M.A. LPC-S, LMFT, & Neva Hebert, LPC

Working together with nearly 30 combined years of experience

Michael F Monic M.A., LPC-S, LMFT, and Neva Hebert, LPC, are working together to provide quality services to the residents of our community through their Jennings practice, offering nearly 30 combined years of experience.

Monic holds two degrees in Psychology and is a Licensed Professional Counselor - Supervisor (LPC-S) and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). He is also one of only a few LPCs who has appraisal privilege with the state licensing board to perform assessments using instruments such as Depression and Anxiety Inventories and AD/HD assessment tools, etc.

Hebert has worked in the mental health field since 2009 and earned a Master's Degree from McNeese State University in 2013. Monic served as her supervisor and she began providing counseling services in 2015.

Helping people take control of their mental health is the top goal for Monic and Hebert, but each is committed to providing special care for families and couples, too. Their services include individual, family, couple and marriage therapy and are provided in a private and confidential setting to ensure comfort for those needing help. Monic accepts most health insurance plans while Hebert accepts clients on Medicaid or who are private pay.

Monic provides services for many different issues, but specializes in the areas of anxiety, marriage and family, adjustment to life change and sexual issues. He also sees many patients who are seeking personal growth.

“In this fast-paced world, in which people are faced with multiple stressors with work, family, friends and finances, it's no wonder we have such a high rate of anxiety,” stated Monic. “In the past few years, the occurrence of panic disorder, generalized anxiety, social phobias and other types of anxiety have rapidly increased. It often helps to talk out the issues and gain assistance in reaching resolution.”

Many marriages are threatened due to a lack of communication, frequent arguing or overuse of the internet. Monic's goal is to help couples regain the relationship they once had. Often, poor communication leads to significant issues that require the assistance of a professional for resolution.

Because of negative events impacting life, significant changes, loss of a loved one or chemical imbalances, many people suffer from depression. Both LPCs offer therapy from a cognitive-behavioral approach, to assist the individual in reaching real resolutions to their current life stressors, as well as addressing past issues.

“While I do not have a current specialty, I have taken a particular interest in working with children ages 4-12 with emotional and behavioral disturbances, as well as Christian counseling,” said Hebert. “Children often have difficulty expressing themselves verbally. We utilize play therapy to help young clients feel comfortable with us and enhance their ability to effectively communicate

problems.”

Monic and Hebert's office also has a separate room for Bio-Feedback and Guided Imagery. These computerized programs assist in reducing anxiety, anger and hyperactivity, among other issues. The well-known Bio-Feedback program has been used in the medical field for several years.

Don't just get by; get the assistance you need to bet-

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Jennings Daily News: Trusted local news source for over 120 years

For more than 120 years, Jennings Daily News has been the top source for happenings in Jeff Davis Parish (JDP). Though the newspaper has undergone numerous changes in that time, its commitment to the people of this area remains. While other news organizations only choose to focus on the parish during large public events or supposed scandals, the Jennings Daily News reports happenings in our community five days a week, regardless of the topic. Why? Because what's important to you is important to us. Whether a city is preparing for elections, the fair is in town or the Bulldogs are playing on a Friday night, Jennings Daily News brings it all to you. "No matter the subject, everyone has a story to tell," said Jennings Daily News Publisher Dona H. Smith. "Jennings Daily News has worked for over 120 years to share the stories of our people and it has been an honor to be part of that legacy. The people of this parish are truly one-of-a-kind. Their support has made the Jennings Daily News' success possible." The reporters who share those stories include Managing Editor Sheila Smith, Assistant Editor Allison Cryer, Sports Editor Kevin Bruchhaus, Graphics Designer Nicole Moller and staff writer Jonathan Smith. From town meetings to high school graduations and softball games, the reporters keep JDP covered. Working with newsroom to get the newspaper online and in-hand are Press Foreman Kolby McFarlain, Press Assistant Shane Comeaux and circulation assistant Nelson Files. In addition to keeping readers aware of local issues and happenings, Jennings Daily News also strives to support the local business community by providing eye-catching advertising that keeps customers com-

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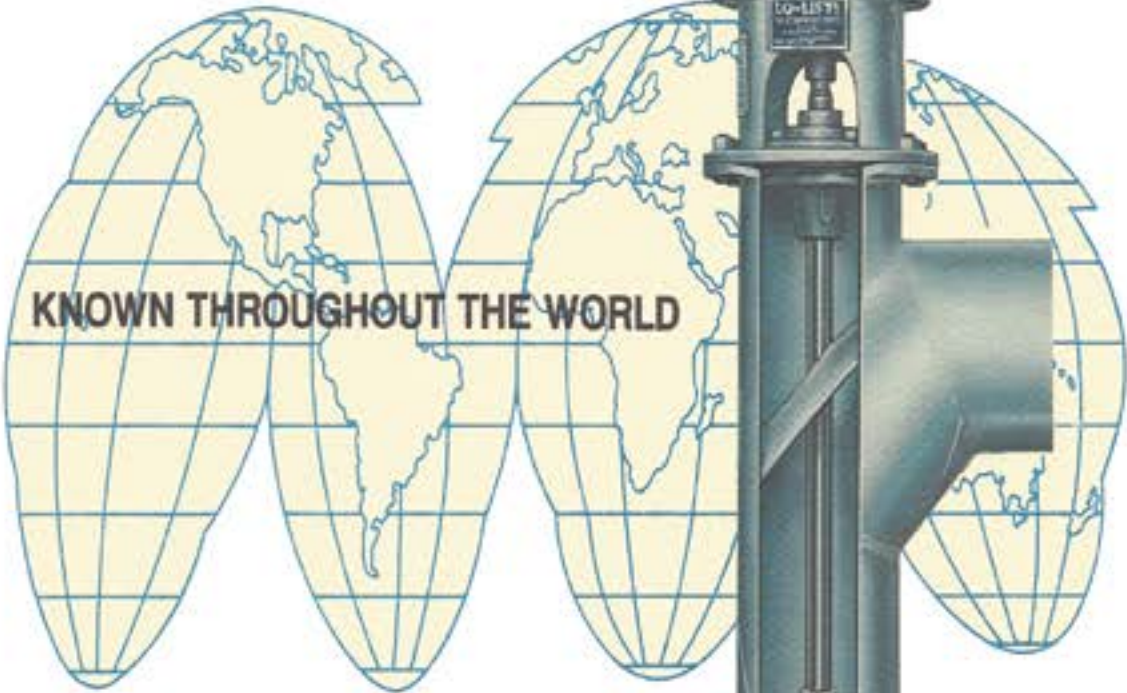




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Lo-Lift Pump Company



A Welsh landmark that is five generations strong

Welsh Machine Shop (Lo-Lift Pump Co., Inc.) was founded in 1892 by M.B. van Ness and a partner as a general repair and blacksmith shop. van Ness bought out his partner in 1895 and he changed the name to Lo-Lift Pump Co. It became a family-owned general repair shop. As years passed, M.B. saw the need in Southwest Louisiana for a pump that would move water out of ditches and bayous. So he went to work building a wooden box pump, and hence the water well drilling business was born in the 1930's. The business evolved over the years and was

soon doing business around the country and overseas and eventually changed from dealing with smaller dealers to larger distributors. Located in Welsh, Lo-Lift Pumps has expanded its line of pumps and continues to develop new propeller and mixed flow products. For more than 125 years, locals, individuals and businesses across the planet have depended on The Lo-Lift Pump Company, Inc., a producer of propeller and mixed flow pumps, for a variety of applications, including irrigation, flood control, floating dry docks and water parks.

Through the early years, it remained a general repair shop. M.B. began adding some machines such as drill presses and lathes around the turn of the twentieth century. In 1941, Lo-Lift underwent another change; M.L. "Spike" van Ness, M.B.'s son, took over management of the business. Production was then centered solely on pump manufacturing, with general repair work being eliminated. Just 10 years later in 1951, Lo-Lift set up dealers around the country and several overseas. In 1959, Joe van Ness, son of "Spike" entered the family-owned company. After 17 years, Joe became president of The Lo-Lift Pump Co., Inc. Then in 1978, marketing strategy for the company was changed from dealing with small dealers to larger distributors. Lo-Lift pumps are manufactured in Welsh, just blocks from the company's original site. As the oldest established business in town, Welsh officials recently changed the name of W. Railroad Ave., the street in which the family owned and operated business is located, to van Ness Ave, in honor of the long standing estab-

lishment and the family behind its continued success. Lo-Lift continues to change with the times, has expanded its line of pumps and continues to develop new propeller and mixed flow products. Today, Lo-Lift offers a wide selection of quality propeller and mixed flow pumps capable of pumping from 1,000 to 50,000 gallons of water per minute. As of 2017, Lo-Lift has gone through another change. Dwayne and Jill van Ness, son and daughter of Joe, have now become co-owners of the company. As the fourth generation, they are running Lo-Lift with a dedicated small staff that turns out a well-made product, expanding its line of pumps and carrying on family traditions. Also, the fifth generation of the family, Ryan and Madlyn, son and daughter of Dwayne, and Brandon, son of Jill, are working to lead Lo-Lift into a bright future. To learn more about the company, visit their web <http://www.lolift.com>, stop by for a visit 208 van Ness Ave., or call (337) 734-3502.



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The mission of Jeff Davis Living Center is to provide unsurpassed resident care



and to be the recognized leader of skilled nursing, rehabilitation and long-term care in Jeff Davis Parish through the caring action of employees, contractors and volunteers. To carry out that mission, Jeff Davis Living Center added a wing for short-term rehabilitation patients. There patients receive a full range of in-house occupational, respiratory, wound care, physical and speech therapy

services.

Coming soon is a new 3,500-square-foot addition with 10 new beds, bringing the total private and couple bed capacity up to 120.

The new addition will include a spa room and cater to rehabilitation to home residents. In all rooms, telephones and televisions are provided along with private baths.

Pending Department of Health and Hospitals

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LA Housing Authority: Offering safe, affordable residences

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LA Housing Authority manages several funded programs, with a total of 49 subsidized affordable housing units approved for income-based rental assistance and

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Join the OLI family

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School has provided a quality education since 1958 and strives to educate the mind and spirit through Opportunity, Leadership, and Integrity. The foundation and uniqueness of the school is its Catholic faith, combining the teachings of the Catholic Church with lived faith activities to bring students to a deeper understanding of Catholicism.

Faith formation in each child is established through daily prayer, bi-monthly Mass, Holy Day services, bi-annual Reconciliation, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Through spiritual formation and academic instruction, OLI is able to aide in the development of each child while achieving their maximum potential as Catholic Christian adults.

The balanced academic curriculum at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School is geared to the acquisition of the basic skills and concepts necessary for knowledge and understanding of a particular subject.

All of the programs offered by OLI to students are aligned to the standards set forth by the Louisiana State Department of Education, AdvancED, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Its SACS accreditation gives evidence to OLI's commitment to continuous improvement and accountability to all stakeholders.

"OLI has been an accredited school since 2009," said Principal, Dr. David Dupuis. "What accreditation means is that we are always in the process of self-evaluation. Through these self-studies we are identifying our areas of need and subsequently implementing programs to perfect these areas. It's a cycle of constant development, always aiming to better ourselves for the benefit of our students. Also, OLI is able to provide quality academics because of the quality of its teachers. All of our faculty and staff are state-approved and/



or certified, with majority having advanced degrees or secondary certification in their chosen areas of concentration. When you pair that with the commitment to their vocation as a Catholic school educator, everyone wins."

As part of this continuous improvement process, OLI re-evaluates its curriculum. "OLI's Language Arts and Reading curriculum has proven to be effective. The focus on basics – phonics, spelling, punctuation, diagraming – is what's working for our students and our ELA department has been strong for a while now," said Dr. Dupuis.

During a previous reaccreditation process, the self-study revealed low Math scores. Starting this school year, OLI adopted the Saxon Math Series for grades Kindergarten through 8th.

Based on the mid-year Star Math assessment trend data, there was an increase in the number of students who scored above the expected benchmark, especially in grades 4th-8th.

Junior High math

teacher Nicole Doucet stated, "The end goal is 'mastery', so therefore the series is cumulative. A new concept is introduced daily and each day's skill is different from the day before. It's proven to be great preparation for standardized tests because they are usually formatted this same way."

Dr. Dupuis said, "It's back to basics. The Saxon series is best described as a tidal wave. The pattern is introduction and application, building until the student has an accumulation of the most fundamental math skills, even presenting Algebra I by the end of 8th grade year. We're on track to building a stronger Math department."

A faith-based education can start as early as three-years-old at OLI. Formerly known as Child Development, OLI has had a three- and four-year-old program since 1977. The school's Pre-K program integrates the models of centers, small groups, and learning through play.

"Our main focus in Pre-K is to help each child grown socially,

emotionally, spiritually, and academically," said Amy Hanks, OLI Pre-K 4 teacher since 2008. "Play is so very important at this age, and by incorporating it throughout each day, we are teaching independence, routine, self-regulation, and conflict resolution. Each of our four-year-olds are given love and attention, and we treat them as if they were our own."

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School is dedicated to educating the whole child, providing the spiritual, academic, and social values necessary to the development of these future community leaders. Registration for new families is currently open.

Those wishing to join a new educational family, please visit www.olischool.org to take a virtual tour or fill out an enrollment application.

If you would like to schedule a private tour or have any questions, call the office. The OLI family looks forward to you joining us!

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Attorney Elizabeth Roché: Helping those in legal need

Attorney Elizabeth Roché, a Lake Arthur native, helps those in need of legal services in Jeff Davis Parish. She welcomes the opportunity to help her community.

A trusted attorney with over a decade of experience, Roché practiced law all across Louisiana. About a year ago, she brought her practice to Jennings, where she now lives with her husband, a U.S. Marine, and their three-year-old.

Roché attended Tulane University Law School, where she received an environmental law certificate after earning a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in environmental studies.

Her father is a rice and crawfish farmer in Lake Arthur, which is where her passion for environmental law was born.

"Some of my favorite times were spent having family crawfish boils in Lake Arthur. Sometimes we would have them every week," she said. "Growing up on a farm gave me an understanding of how things like soil and water contamination can affect our farmers and all of our livelihoods."

From personal injury law to property damage claims, Roché can help with any of your general civil litigation needs. She explained what the



Elizabeth Roché

process looks like when you call her office for help.

"First we will set up a free strategy session where you will meet with me to discuss the problem you may be having," Roché said. "We will discuss the different outcomes that could happen with your case and talk about a plan for how to get your medical bills paid or property damage repaired — whatever you may need."

At the law firm of Elizabeth Roche, affordability is a priority. That's why you will not pay a fee to have a strategy session meeting with Roché.

"We try to make it affordable for anyone," she said. "A lot of people don't have expendable income to

pay for legal services, but they still need legal assistance."

Her firm offers a variety of fee structures and reduced rates to suit her clients' needs, including some cases that are on a contingency basis, which means if they do not recover, she does not take a fee.

"If I can't help them, I will help them find an attorney that can or direct them to the right resources," Roché said.

She is currently assisting clients who have been underpaid for their hurricane property damage. If you are having issues with getting fair payments from your homeowner's insurance company, she advises that it is worth talking with an attorney.

Many of these insurance cases can even be resolved without the need to file a lawsuit. In Roché's case, she and her team do not take a fee on any funds already paid or offered by your insurance. And, if no funds are recovered, you will owe nothing.

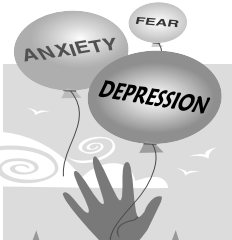
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W.H. Tupper Museum provides a piece of local history

Behind the walls of what used to be West Brothers Department Store, lies a beautiful hidden jewel in Jennings, Louisiana ... the W.H. Tupper General Merchandise Museum. Tupper opened the general store in 1910 in China, La., near Hathaway and closed its doors in 1949 with the improvement of transportation.

Visiting “the Tupper,” to which it is fondly referred, is the perfect place to reminisce. The museum will tickle your fancy as you see items that were used by families and farmers prior to 1949.

“Almost every time I give a tour, I see something new,” said Director Lin Fake.

The museum creates a nostalgic appeal to visitors who remember their own general store experiences during their early years. It also provides a piece of history for younger generations.

Willis Harvey Tupper moved south from Wisconsin and settled in China, near Hathaway. He was an entrepreneur. Not only did he farm 1,400 acres and establish his own general store, but also he created an oil related business, farmed timber and opened a sawmill. In fact, it was timber that Tupper farmed and milled that was used to build

the landmark Jaenke Bridge and Miguez Funeral Home.

Tupper passed away in 1936 and his daughters, Agnes and Celia, took over the store until it closed in 1949. All items remained in place for twenty years. When the building became worn, Celia pristinely packed all of the store’s contents and put the belongings in a storage building located behind the store. When Celia passed, she left all of the store’s merchandise to her nephew, Joe

Tupper, who is now a realtor in Jennings, donated the contents to the City of Jennings for others to get a glimpse of what a rural Louisiana general store was like.

“Please come and take a tour and check out the merchandise from the early twentieth century still on display,” said Fake.

The Telephone Museum teaches visitors about the science of communication and the development of telephone technology and is centered around a number of communication and historical telephone exhibits.

“The Louisiana Telephone Museum is the only one of its kind in Louisiana. The museum contains numerous visually ap-



The Tupper Museum staff is happy to inform visitors about the collections they oversee. From left: Connie Hebert, Jackie Millican, Elaine Stackhouse and Debbie Patterson.

pealing exhibits, which trace the interesting history of telephone communications in Louisiana,” said Fake. “It includes exhibits of antique telephone equipment, tools and telephones spanning more than 100 years of telephone service.”

Visitors can also take a walk back in time through the history of Jennings in the museum’s newest exhibit, which includes Jennings High School and Strand Theatre memorabilia, along with the original doors from the historic Heywood Building, a collection from local artist Sean Kirk and more.

The museum is available for group tours and school field trips.

“Visitors can participate in a scavenger hunt inside the general store,” said Fake. “Children of all ages and adults as well can enjoy this activity.”

The Old Magnolia Gift Shoppe is located next door to the museum. The store features a unique collection of goods including vintage type toys and sweets and certified Louisiana products such as pepper jellies, seasoning, linen towels, jewelry, art and décor.

The Tupper General Merchandise Store Museum and Old Magnolia Store are located at 311 N. Main St. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages 4-17. Children 3 years of age and under get in free.

For more information visit www.tupper-museum@cityofjennings.com or call (337) 821- 5532.



Students and chaperones from De Beau Microschool in Dequincy toured the Tupper Museum on a winter field trip Thursday, Feb. 11.

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ing back for more.

“Jennings Daily News is a business, so we understand staying in the public eye is necessary,” said Jennings Daily News General Manager Paula Bonin. “It’s vital for a business to continue reaching out to its customers, as well as pursuing new clientele, throughout the power of advertising.”

Working with Bonin to promote our local businesses’ services, products and successes is what Advertising Account Executive Danielle Stroder dedicates her skills to, while Composing Director Brigitte Boudreaux designs and builds ads that meet customers’ needs and catch the attention of shoppers. Classifieds Manager Sharlie Badon is also on hand to spread the word about job openings, homes for sale and rent and more.

“Part of advertising is reaching out to the public to inform them of the many offerings your business or company provides,” Bonin said. “We also believe that advertising with a local news source like Jennings Daily News is a way of taking pride in your community, especially since we are in-hand, as well as online at jenningsdailynews.net.

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CSE is offering a multitude of services here in Jennings, where the highest concentration of CSE Members in the parish are located.

“We’re here for our community and our Members,” said Matt Koch, CSE’s new President and CEO.

From financial services such as checking accounts and savings accounts, land and construction loans, personal loans, to credit cards, mortgages and business accounts — CSE has something for everyone.

CSE offers checking accounts with no fees or minimum balance required and no penalties for having a low balance. Their online and mobile banking app gives Members 24/7 access to their accounts.

Debit and ATM cards can be printed on-site, and Members can leave knowing they can access their account that same day, no waiting involved.

“We’ve just rolled out Zelle®, a person-to-person transfer of funds, a couple of weeks ago,” Koch added. “A lot of the big banks have it, and now CSE offers it free to Members.”

In addition, CSE has recently introduced a new credit card to help Members build or repair credit.

“It’s what we call a BlueRoof Solutions Element Credit Card,” Koch explained, “a secured credit card to help Members initiate, repair or reestablish their credit. For example, if you have \$500 in a checking account, you can borrow up to \$500 on your credit card.”

Many new programs were instituted after Hurricanes Laura and Delta last year to help Members during that time of crisis.

“We offered Members low interest personal loans and disaster loans,” Koch said. “We also participated in the Paycheck Protection Program from the Small Business Administration — about \$1.8 million in relief for small businesses.

We saved about 300 jobs across Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff Davis parishes.”

To further help Members, CSE began a financial assistance program and waived NSF fees and courtesy pay fees for a period of time.

“We also deferred loans during COVID and after the hurricanes, which brought relief to people,” Koch said. “We did \$145,000 in disaster loans to help our Members on a short-term basis. It goes a long way in times of crisis.”

To assist Member Businesses, CSE plans to include Clover devices and other Merchant Services to help small businesses, such as restaurants and salons, take card payments.

“We’re excited to offer new products that meet the needs of our small business accounts,” Koch said.

CSE has a convenient location at 1715 Elton Rd. in Jennings, as well as offices in Lake Charles, Sulphur and Moss Bluff.

The credit union is now in its 78th year of service and has been recognized by Lagniappe Magazine as the Best of Southwest Louisiana’s credit unions for over a decade.

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