



John Guidry Jr.

CPPD seeks suspect

Staff Report

The Church Point Police Department is searching for a Branch man following an Oct. 21 incident on MLK Drive.

John Guidry Jr., 40, of Branch, is wanted on charges of illegal carrying and discharge of a weapon and convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Church Point Police Chief Dale Thibodeaux stated, in a news release, "Following an on going investigation from a shooting incident which occurred

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CP man arrested by St. Landry Sheriff's Office

LSN Staff Report

A Church Point man is accused of impersonating a detective in order to burglarize a residence in Palmetto on June 24, according to St. Landry Parish Sheriff Bobby Guidroz.

When deputies arrived at the residence in the 100 block of Rideau Church Road in Palmetto, the victim told them a person impersonating a detective from the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office contacted him immediately before the burglary, Guidroz stated.

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Charges against Branch man amended

LSN Staff Report

CROWLEY - Charges against the Branch man who barricaded himself in an attic for two hours last Tuesday have been amended.

Jiveston Antonio Hebert, 34, was charged with numerous offenses, including six counts of attempted first-degree murder of a peace officer after he reportedly shot at deputies as they attempted to enter the at-

tic.

However, Sheriff K.P. Gibson said in a statement released Wednesday night that the attempted murder charges have been dropped.

"Deputies reviewed the evidence and determined that the defendant in this case did not fire shots at the deputies," Gibson said. "Thus, we have requested that the charges of six counts of attempted first-degree murder be declined by

the judge setting bond."

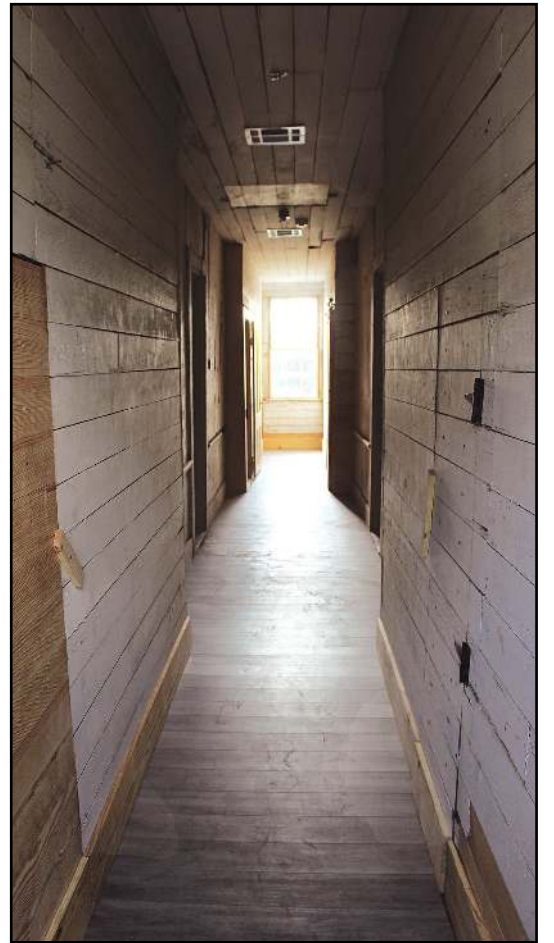
According to initial reports, deputies were investigating a complaint when they discovered an individual — Hebert — believed to have outstanding arrest warrants. As the deputies attempted to confirm the man's identity, he fled.

Deputies chased him to a residence where he entered and was later discovered hiding in

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Jiveston Hebert



(Left) Le Vieux Presbytère Museum Curator Harold Fonte takes a look around the museum's second floor prior to the installation of the new flooring. (Center) Town of Church Point maintenance worker Joe Carriere works on the new flooring. (Right) The finished flooring in the second floor hallway. (All photos by Claudette Olivier/Church Point News)

A makeover at the museum

Second floor at Le Vieux Presbytère to be opened to public

By: Claudette Olivier
Editor

One of the oldest second stories in Church Point will soon be open to the public.

Local Historian Gene Thibodeaux said, "I am not an architect nor did I see the building 100 years ago, but I am familiar with the building and have an engineering background. This is my opinion — when the presbytere was built, there were two bedrooms upstairs, insulated with bousillage. The other spaces (upstairs) were likely never used, being so hot during the Louisiana summer. They were not boarded over — they were never open in the first place.

"The two upstairs rooms were likely no longer used after the porches were enclosed and the bedroom wing added, except maybe for storage. In its original state, the upstairs had a room on each side and a long hallway to reach the other

two windows — remember, no air-conditioning. During the 11-year restoration, when much of the building was torn down to its roots, the upstairs was not slated for renovation. It was left in whatever condition the workers left it in."

One of Church Point's earliest, still standing homes to have an upstairs area, the Le Vieux Presbytère Museum is currently undergoing some major updates, including new flooring on the second floor, an area that has been closed to the public since the building opened as a museum in 2007. The museum is currently closed to the public for the updates.

The building, constructed in 1887 as a home for priests, measures 40 feet by 40 feet, with an eight foot porch all around. The walls are framed in wood and filled in with bousillage, and the structure even originally had a brick wine cellar accessible from the central hall.

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One of several new display cases at the museum.



Gracie Menard

Rayne toddler needs assistance for treatment, heart transplant

By: Lisa Soileaux
Rayne Acadian Tribune

RAYNE - One of our own is in need of assistance, both medically and financially.

Little Gracie Menard, daughter of Nikki and Tre Menard, both of Rayne, granddaughter

of Mary and Windel Boulet, lifelong residents of Acadia Parish, is in critical condition at Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Gracie was taken to Women's and Children's Hospital of Lafayette on October 31, where she was diagnosed with con-

gestive heart failure.

During her stay at Women's and Children's, Texas Children's Hospital was contacted relative to her condition. On November 2, a private jet was dispatched to Lafayette to transport Gracie and her moth-

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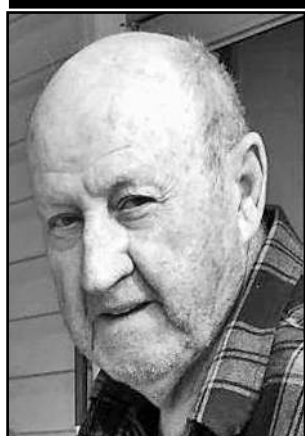
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OBITUARIES



MELVIN A. BOUDREAUX

A Mass of Christian Burial for Melvin A. Boudreaux, 91, was held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point.

Boudreaux passed away at his home in Church Point surrounded by his family on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 10:06 a.m.

Père Rozas, from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point, officiated for the services. Burial was held in the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Old Cemetery in Church Point.

Survivors include three daughters, Robbie and husband, Don Cobb, of Greenville, Mississippi, Cathy and husband, Ricky Guidry, of New Roads, and Judy Boudreaux, of Rayne; one son, Mark Boudreaux, of Church Point; five grandchildren, Beau and wife, Jodi Guidry, of Plaucheville, Alex and wife, Katelyn Guidry, of New Roads, Dana Cobb, of Church Point, Seth Boudreaux, of Rayne, Zack Boudreaux, of Mire; and two great-grandchildren, Amelia and Emma Guidry.

Mr. Boudreaux was

preceded in death by his wife, Marie Boudreaux; one son, Michael Boudreaux; his parents, Ulyesse and Onora C. Boudreaux; and one brother and five sisters.

You may view the obituary, sign the guest registry and express condolences online to Mr. Boudreaux's family at www.duhon-funeralhome.com.

Duhon Funeral Home, LLC, (337) 684-5552, 701 S. Broadway Street, Church Point, LA 70525 was in charge of the arrangements.



EVA DALE ANDREPONT

A Mass of Christian Burial for Eva Dale Andrepont, 76, was held Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point.

Andrepoint, the former Eva Dale Burleigh and a long-time resident of Church Point, passed away Sunday morning, November 15 at Lafayette General Medical Center in Lafayette.

Reverend Mitchell Guidry, a friend of the family, was the celebrant of the Mass and conducted the committal services in the

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Hwy. 35 north of Church Point.

She is survived by her husband, Berlin Andrepoint, of Church Point; her sons, Randy LeBouef and wife, Lee Ann, and Ray LeBouef and friend, Sharma Breau, all of Church Point, and Ronnie Andrepoint and wife, Kim, of Ville Platte; her daughters: Laura Barousse and husband, John, Linda Wills and husband, Michael, and Sharon Treme and husband, Jayme, all of Church Point, and Marlene Hebert and husband, Brian, of Scott; a brother, Leroy Burleigh, of Breau Bridge; her grandchildren: Allison Briscoe and husband, Seth, Katie Bergeron and husband, Alex, Meghan Manuel and husband, Dylan, Caleb Barousse and Abbie Thibodeaux, Nathan Wills and Amanda Clark, John-Wyatt Treme and Shelby Matte, Payton Treme and Ross LaFleur, Shelby LeBouef and Ely Kinman, Devin LeBouef and Mariah Boudreaux, Allison Melton, Kyle Hebert and Morgan Andrepoint; her great-grandchildren: Parker, Presley and Palmer Bergeron; Emma, John-Ross and Caroline Briscoe; and Eli and Ryker LeBouef, Kinley Kinman and Lauren Manuel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Antoine and Uranie Sonnier Burleigh; her first husband and father of her children, Herman LeBouef; two grandsons, Austin LeBouef and Jacob Barousse; a sister,

Gussie Courville; and a sister-in-law, Jean Burleigh.

Pallbearers were Ricky Burleigh, Caleb Barousse, Nathan Wills, John-Wyatt Treme, Phillip Nelams, Devin LeBouef and Ronnie Andrepoint.

Devoted to her family, Mrs. Andrepoint was truly loved and will be missed.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.guidry-funeralhome.com. Guidry Funeral Home, 219 N. Broadway St., Church Point, LA was in charge of final arrangements.



LEROY J. GUILLORY

A Mass of Christian Burial for LeRoy J. Guillory, 89, was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point.

Guillory passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 8:52 p.m. at St. Joseph Carpenter House in Lafayette.

Fr. Patrick Broussard, Pastor of Our Lady of the Catholic Church in Church

Point, officiated for the services. Burial was held in the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart New Cemetery Mausoleum in Church Point.

The family and friends of LeRoy J. Guillory are mourning the loss of their loved one, who was called from this life on Sunday. He was born in St. Landry to Lillian Dardeau and John Guillory on August 5, 1931. He attended Ville Platte High School and was employed by the many telephone companies in the Church Point area.

He served his country honorable in the United States Navy during the Korean War. When he returned from the Navy, he returned to work for the telephone company until retirement in 1993.

He enjoyed having the family over for visits and always wanted the family to keep in touch. He was also known as top chef for his bar-b-que.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Leona Venable Guillory, of Church Point; three daughters, Deborah Guillory, of Church Point, Darlene Guillory, of The Woodlands, Texas, Arlene and husband, Houston Frazier, of Church Point; one son, Kirk J. Guillory, of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, Summer Frazier of Denver, Colorado, Chase and wife, Mandy Frazier, of Alexandria, Sean Guillory, of Austin, and Ryan and wife, Kathryn Guillory,

of San Antoine; five great-grandchildren, Sydney, Ruby, Owen, Holden Guillory and Chaselynn Frazier; one sister, Carolyn and husband, Jamie White, of Liberty, Mississippi; two brothers, Kenneth and wife, Denise Hebert, and Gene and wife, Nance Hebert; one brother-in-law, Michael Willingham, one sister-in-law, Bonnie Venable; five nephews, Jon and wife, Michelle White, Jared White, Lucas and wife, Jacqueline Hebert, Casey and wife, Rhonda Hebert, and Matthew Hebert; two nieces, Amanda and Rachelle Hebert; and several great nieces and nephews.

Mr. LeRoy was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Lillian and Alton Hebert; his father, John Guillory; one brother, Nerell Guillory; and sister, Linda Guillory Willingham.

Pallbearers for the service were Houston Frazier, Chase Frazier, Kirk Guillory, Ryan Guillory, Kenneth Hebert, Lucas Hebert and Jon White.

You may view the obituary, sign the guest registry and express condolences online to Mr. Guillory's family at www.duhon-funeralhome.com.

Duhon Funeral Home, LLC, (337) 684-5552, 701 S. Broadway Street, Church Point, LA 70525 was in charge of the arrangements.

Local arrested on narcotics charges

Staff Report

A Church Point man was arrested on narcotics charges following a vehicle accident on South Broadway Street.

On Nov. 13, the Church Point Police Department Patrol arrested Joshua Guidry, 30, of Church Point, on charges of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of alprozalam, driving under suspension, careless operation with accident, no proof of insurance and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Church Point Police

Chief Dale Thibodeaux stated, in a news release, "Upon arrival, officers observed the driver of the vehicle to be disoriented, and (he) was under the influence of possible illegal narcotics. Following further investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under suspension and careless operation. A search of the vehicle revealed several baggies containing marijuana along with a scale and several items indicating drug sales. Also located on the suspect was a container with Alprozalam pills (for) which the suspect ad-



Joshua Guidry

vised he did not have a prescription."

The suspect was booked into the CPPD jail and later transferred to the Acadia Parish Jail.

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er to Texas Children's Hospital.

Upon arrival in Houston, it was determined Gracie was born with a congenital heart defect. It was determined she had Fifth's Disease (similar to parvo in animals) which manifested into significant heart problems. Ultimately, the left half of her heart is now non-functioning, meaning a heart transplant is necessary.

In the interim, doctors will place a VAD (ventricular assist device) into Gracie's heart to provide the proper blood flow to her body. She will remain hospitalized while on the VAD awaiting a heart for transplantation.

The hospital stay also means that her parents will have to relocate to Houston, as they are an essential part of the medical team for Gracie.

Her dad is the only working member of the family and is unable to work, because his presence is necessary in Houston at this time.

The parents also have two other children, Sydnee and Ava, who have been placed with other family members during this ordeal.

Donations are being provided by family members, but is limited. In addition, the bulk of what the family will need is yet to

come.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist this family is asked to contact Rayne State Bank (334-3191), account under the name "Saving Gracie's Heart." Any amount, large or small, will assist this family who is in dire need or financial assistance.

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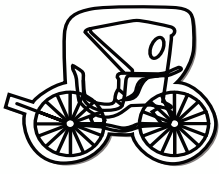
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VIEWPOINTS

1918 brought good news amid epidemic

At Thanksgiving 1918 the Spanish flu epidemic raging across the world still had south Louisiana in its grip. The Crowley Signal, for example, reported that it was “very prevalent throughout this section,” and newspapers across the area carried reports of prominent citizens suffering from the illness.



Jim Bradshaw

But good news outweighed the bad: World War I, then called “the greatest war ever,” had finally ended. Tyranny was defeated, our soldiers were coming home.

In his Thanksgiving proclamation, President Woodrow Wilson said “the American people have special and moving cause to be grateful” because “complete victory has brought not only peace but the confident promise of a new day.”

The war’s end, he said, was “cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history.”

Louisiana governor Ruffin G. Pleasant shared those sentiments.

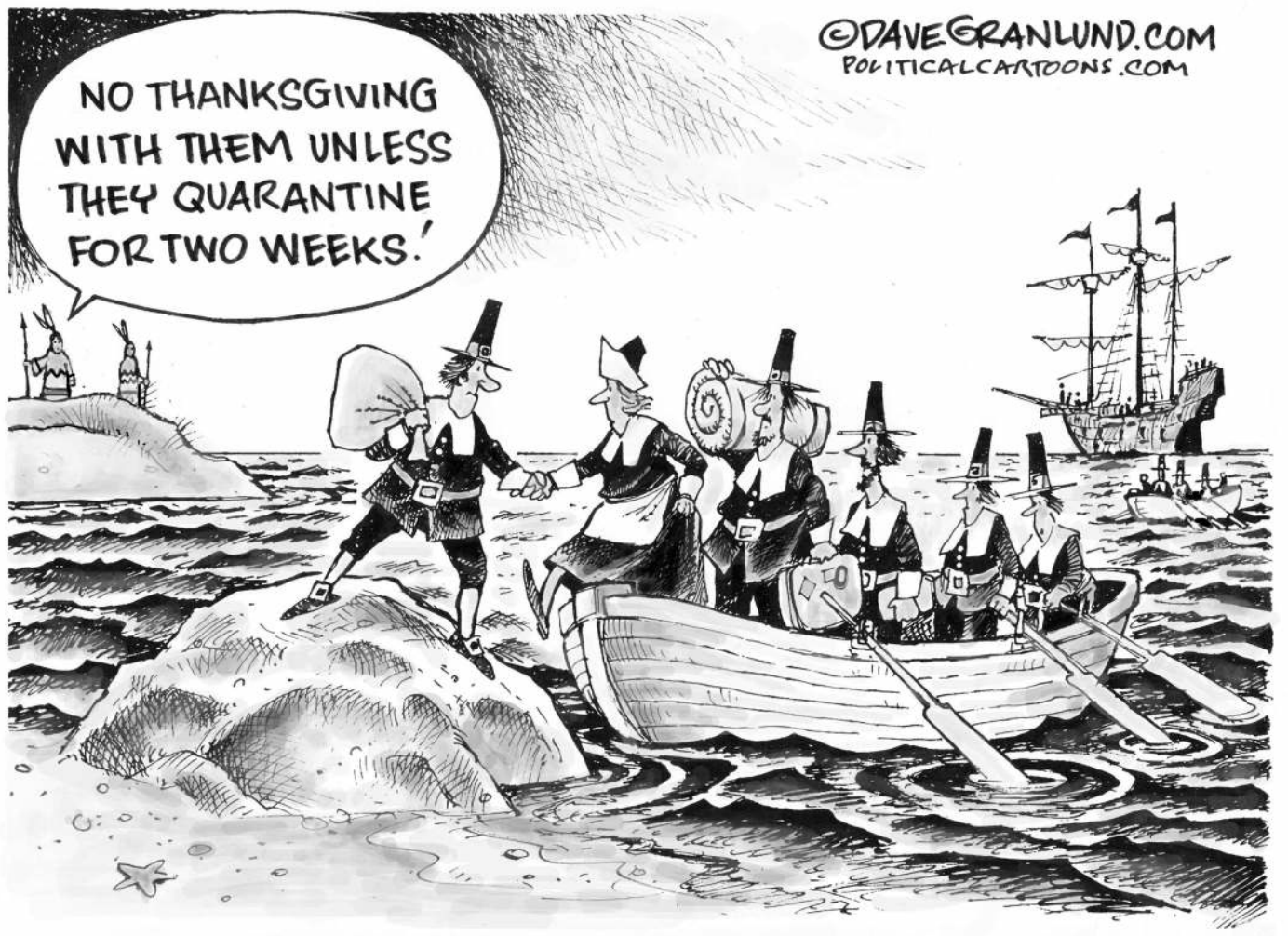
“In this Thanksgiving month liberty has been given its greatest impetus since the beginning of time,” he said. “We have cause ... to rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God for the crowning events of this year. There is a sun that is rising to its zenith and it will never set.”

It was time to offer thankful prayers, both leaders said, and time to feast again from our bounty.

Unfortunately, the deprivations caused by the war and pestilence made that feast more expensive than ever. Many people could remember the good old days when a turkey cost less than a dollar and another quarter would buy “all embellishments necessary to dress up the bird in real Thanksgiving style,” one news story said. But those days were probably gone forever.

The federal food administration, for reasons known only to bureaucrats, ruled that any turkey offered for sale had to weigh at least eight pounds, meaning that it would cost \$2.80 “for the smallest bird you are allowed to buy,” according to one consumer report. That was nearly a

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Obama makes unwelcome return

Former President Barack Obama is back in the public eye after spending the last several years in the shadows. During the Trump presidency, Obama has not been in the spotlight, preferring to make high paid speeches and enjoy the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

In recent weeks, the former President turned his attention to politics again, starting with his prime-time speech at the Democratic National Convention. Since then, he has been very vocal in his support of former Vice President Joe Biden, his running mate in two national elections.

Interestingly, the former President made a rather late endorsement of Biden after the nomination contest was already completed. If he were genuinely excited about Biden becoming President, Obama would have given him an early and enthusiastic endorsement.

Clearly, Obama was not the only one who was not excited about Biden. In the campaign, he did not generate any euphoric support because he is a politician with a lackluster 50-year history of loathsome deal making and repeated plagiarism. He only won the nomination because Democrats chose him to prevent a socialist takeover of their party by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

It was not Obama who delivered the so-called election victory to Biden. In the general election against President Donald Trump, Biden received every type of advantage from a huge fundraising edge to a press willing to overlook his scandals and continue their negative coverage of President Trump. Biden was also given tremendous favors from the “Masters of the Universe” who control social media and censored President Trump’s message.

One of the many unfortunate consequences that

will occur if Biden is eventually inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States is that Americans will see much more of Barack Obama. He will be heavily involved in shaping a Biden administration. Since Biden is obviously dealing with diminished mental capabilities and is compromised by many scandals, such as those revealed on his son’s laptop, he will be easily manipulated. Therefore, Obama will play a very prominent role in advising and guiding his former Vice President.

In recent days, the former President has suddenly become more accessible to the media. In an interview with Gayle King on CBS News, Obama said it was “disappointing” for Republicans to call for an investigation into the 2020 election. Not surprisingly, he said there was “no legal basis” for the lawsuits challenging the election results in numerous states.

Obama hates Trump and wants him to exit the White House at the end of this term, if not sooner. While Obama might not view the lawsuits as credible, the proof of election fraud is growing each day. From questionable election software to affidavits of voting irregularities to state officials not allowing GOP observers to watch the ballots being counted, Trump lawyers have assembled a massive amount of evidence. It is unknown whether it will be enough to award President Trump another four years in the White House; however, at the very least, it should lead to a bi-partisan groundswell of support for substantial election reform

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Jeff Crouere

Thoughts post election day!

Winston Churchill once said the democracies and the election process are messy, sometimes chaotic, and inefficient. But, he also pointed out, that no one has devised a system that is any better. The recent presidential election was a nail biter with a small percentage of voters being the deciding factor in four key states. With numerous lawsuits having been filed, it may be weeks before the final counts are completed.

In this new day of instant information being available over the internet, Americans are understandably impatient at not being able to receive election results shortly after the polls close. I recall back in the 1980s when I served as Louisiana’s chief elections officer that the clerk of courts offices were not even open election night. All results were unofficial gathered by the press, and the final results we’re not even tallied until three days after the election. I changed the reporting system as part of a new election code written by my secretary of state’s office and adopted by the legislature.

Remember that under our national balloting system, each state runs its own election procedure. For example in Louisiana, the secretary of state’s office coordinates all state wide activity. Ballots are printed at one location, and voting machines are handled and distributed by the secretary of state. In many other states, each county overseas their own individual election process. There is no uniformity.

Some so-called election reformers are advocating a centralized national system, similar to what is found in countries like Canada and many European countries. Under such a system, there would be uniform elections procedures in every state. But that’s not how our founders envisioned the election process. We are not one nation, but we are a unity of states. The United States of America. Therefore, under the 14th amendment of the Constitution, the election procedures are handled on a state by state basis. Some may say it is inefficient and slow in the workings, but that’s how the process was envisioned when the U.S. Constitution was written.

Others have suggested that election results should not be released until all votes have been counted and the results are completed, rather than releasing numbers as they are available, often in a random manner. What? Hold back election figures until the entire pro-

cess is over? What fun would that be for all of the election groupies who hang on to every report from CNN, Fox News and MSNBC? Some would argue that the releasing just a few of the result numbers would, according to The New York Times, “distort the results, frightening their voters or sowing discord.” Does anyone really care? I want to see election results as soon as they become available.

Louisiana has the voting and counting process down pretty well. The legislature and the governor suggest some fine tuning, but here’s how the whole process should evolve and be put into place. First of all, we should let Louisiana citizens vote early. They made it clear that’s what they want to do. In a 2008 election, 254,000 voters cast their ballot before election day. In our most recent election on November 3ed, this total jumped to 964,000. In fact, this total was an 81.3% increase from the early voting total in the 2016 presidential election. So why stand in the way of those who want to cast their ballot before election day, whatever the reason?

Absentee voting should be allowed three weeks before election day and run for two weeks, six days a week. If you want to vote by mail, just be able to request a ballot from your local registrar of voters. I keep hearing about all this election fraud. Bunk! It rarely if ever happens. Don’t put in place a system that limits a citizen’s right to vote.

Whatever the final totals in this unconventional and cantankerous election of 2020, one thing is certain. Although this campaign may be over, politicking for 2024 will shortly begin.

Peace and Justice
Jim Brown

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Buses allowed at 75 percent capacity

By: **Desiray Seaux**
Crowley Post-Signal

CROWLEY - School bus capacity has been upped to 75 percent, members of the Acadia Parish School Board learned Monday night.

During the monthly report from DS Bus South, the parish student transportation contractor, Troy LeBouef, transportation manager, told the board's Budget and Finance Committee the new capacity limit means that about 53 students are allowed on a bus per route.

The new capacity will reduce the number of times a bus is forced to "run a route" from three to two in order to pick up students.

LeBouef also reported that four drivers have recently "graduated" from the driver program and are currently learning or actually driving bus routes. Three additional drivers are currently being trained.

LeBouef added that the company has not lost any drivers since the October board meeting.

Justin Carrier, chief financial officer for the district, reported "everything looks good now" and that the board has expended 26.31 percent of the allocation for the current fiscal year. Collections are at about 28 percent.

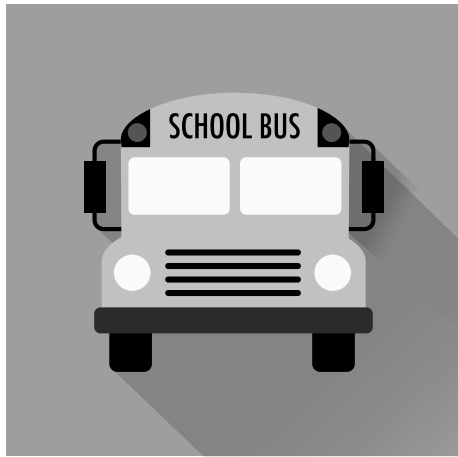
"We'll have a better idea of where the district is when we do our mid-year budget adjustments in February," Carrier said.

The committee also voted to recommend that the full board accepted the substantial completion of the Iota High School Field House renovations.

Board member Milton Simar said he had visited the facility and "it looks good."

The full board is scheduled to meet Monday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m.

Superintendent Scott Richard told the Personnel, Insurance and Curriculum Committee that Head Start operations "are going on de-



spite setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

It was reported last week that the Head Start Program in Church Point had been shut down for two weeks because of a COVID outbreak.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students returned to full-time in-person classes on Monday, Nov. 9, and the district hopes to do the same with high school students beginning Dec. 7.

A request from the Iota High School Golden Girls Dance Team to travel to and perform at Walt Disney Works in Orlando, Florida, was approved after some discussion.

The trip is planned for Feb. 27 to March 5, 2021.

Committee members voiced concern about the travel arrangements. They were assured that each team member will be traveling individually with a parent and will stay in a room with that parent. Team members will not be allowed to share room.

It was also pointed out that Disney has been taking additional steps to mitigate the pandemic, such as reduced park capacity and the addition of sanitary stations.

Even is the board approves the request, the group's travel and competition will depend upon the COVID situation at that time.



OMP's Do You Know Science Fact

By: 7th grader Maddie Stelly

Gold (Au) is a precious metal that made prospectors very rich. In parts of the Amazon region in South America, there are tiny particles of gold in the water. These can be obtained by combining them with the metal Mercury (Hg). In doing so, the unwanted or used Mercury is extremely poisonous and washes away which kill fish and other water life for hundreds of miles downstream. It is a deadly price to pay to get gold.

Don't forget to "focus in" on next week's DYK science fact!

CPE announces Principal's and Honor Roll lists

Church Point Elementary School has announced its Principal's and Honor Roll lists for the first nine weeks:

Principal's List

First Grade: Londyn Benoit, Tristian Carrier, Ethan Carter, Surinatie Chelette, Bethany Coleman, Greysen Doucet, Paris Fontenot, Camille Garden, Asher Godeaux, Andres Gonzalez, Katie Granados Hernandez, Javion Guidry, Princeton Hebert, RYanne Hoggatt, Teagan Jackson, Cloee Johnston, La' Caden Lautzenheiser, Layla

Matte, Michael Matte, Neva Ann Molinazzi, Abdiel Reyes, Kayden Roy, Tynslee Senegal, Amiyah Sonnier, Malaysia Taylor, Courtney Traylor, Christian Vargas and Jaxson Venable.

Second Grade: Lola Dejean, Abigail Garrick, Landyn Hopkins and Noah Miller.

Third Grade: Sabrina Adams, Abrielle Chavis, Matias Guerrero, Luther Guillory, Elliot Henry, Laini Lejeune, Mayte Netro-Reynaga and Rhy'Lee Rose.

Fourth Grade: Lucas Clavier and

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UL Lafayette student vies for American Pops Orchestra spot

LSN Staff Report

LAFAYETTE — The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Madison Russell is among 30 college singers chosen to compete in the American Pops Orchestra's "NextGen: The Voices of Tomorrow" contest.

The virtual event will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. CST on Saturday, Nov. 21. Performances will be judged by a panel of Broadway singers, recording artists and contest viewers who cast votes.

Russell is a junior from Zachary majoring in vocal performance. She earned a spot in the semifinal round of the competition by recording a video that she sent to the American Pops Orchestra last month.

Russell said she is relishing the opportunity to compete against students from some of the best music programs in the country,

including the Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, and New England Conservatory of Music.

"If I win it would give me a huge opportunity. I'd get to perform in Washington D.C., with a really well-known orchestra."

Ten finalists will be chosen as part of the competition. The finalists are tentatively scheduled to perform with the American Pops Orchestra sometime this spring, depending on COVID-19 considerations. An overall winner, a male runner-up, and a female runner-up will earn scholarships and a paid performance with the orchestra.

It's the sort of role Russell has been preparing for since kindergarten. That's when she joined her church choir — and found an outlet for singing that began as a toddler. "My mom always jokes that I could sing before

I could talk. She would hear me babbling musically."

As she grew up, Russell sang in school choirs, performed in musical theater shows, and attended music conferences. She didn't start thinking about making singing a career, however, until she was in high school.

"I never really knew music was the path I was going to take until I got older. I kept auditioning for things and getting more and more opportunities. That made me realize music might be something I could actually pursue," Russell said.

She's continued honing her craft at UL Lafayette. Russell is a member of the School of Music and Performing Arts' Chamber Singers, Chorale, and Ragin' Cajun Women's Choir. She is president of all three ensembles.

The affiliations have provided opportuni-

ties to work with — and learn from — guest musicians who have visited the University's School of Music and Performing Arts. Russell has also performed with conductors from other countries when the UL Lafayette Chamber Singers perform with the Acadia Symphony Orchestra.

"I can't even count the number of cool opportunities we get to work with musicians from around the world. It's been really great," Russell said.

She also values — and plans to use — what she's picking up in the classroom. She's learned how to write music, for example, and is studying pedagogy, which is the method and practice of teaching.

Russell plans to earn graduate and doctoral degrees, and eventually teach at a college or university. But first she has other ideas.

"I want to stick with

performance while my voice is still young and healthy. Once I graduate, I'm going to move to New York to start gigging," she said.

Learn more about the American Pops Orchestra's "NextGen: The Voices of Tomorrow" competition and how to register to watch.



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How to approach hosting Thanksgiving during the pandemic

Courtesy of MetroCreative

Much like the holidays that preceded it in 2020, Thanksgiving figures to be different this year. An ongoing pandemic has changed the way much of the world lives their lives, including how holidays are celebrated.

As the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread across the globe beginning in the winter of 2019-20, the World Health Organization recommended a host of behaviors designed to prevent the spread of the virus and protect those who are most vulnerable to it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also noted the importance of keeping distance from others, especially for those who are most likely to get seriously ill if they're exposed to COVID-19, such as the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions.

The WHO and the CDC continue to recommend social distancing, which means Thanksgiving in 2020 will be unlike any other. Families must make their own decisions about getting together this holiday season, but hosts who intend to welcome guests into their homes this Thanksgiving can take certain steps to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Scale back the guest list. Families accustomed to large Thanks-

giving gatherings can scale the festivities back this year in an effort to keep everyone safe. Consider hosting a meal for immediate family members only, as the Environmental Protection Agency notes that COVID-19 may spread more easily in indoor environments via airborne particles. Extended family members can visit each other over the long holiday weekend to ensure everyone still sees each other, but keep such visits outdoors when possible.

- Consider eating Thanksgiving dinner outside. If the weather permits, consider eating Thanksgiving dinner outside this year. Doing so may limit everyone's exposure to the respiratory droplets that researchers say can spread the virus when inhaled. If necessary, serve the meal earlier than you normally would so everyone can eat in midday when it's still warm outside. Hosts also can consider serving something more convenient than turkey, which takes a long time to cook, and limiting side dishes to one or two items.

- Assign seats. If the meal will be served indoors, then hosts can assign seats to protect those most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19. Instead of cramming everyone in at one table, set up temporary tables and have guests sit in every other seat rather than next to



Thanksgiving will be different in 2020. Hosts need to adjust their normal Thanksgiving routines to ensure the safety of their guests. (Photo courtesy of MetroCreative)

one another. Isolate the vulnerable as much as possible while still ensuring they can engage in conversation.

- Discourage guests from attending if they feel sick. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.cdc.gov. In the days prior to Thanksgiving, hosts can share that list with guests via email or social media and discourage guests who are feeling ill on or around the holiday from attending the festivities.

If necessary, make a to-go plate for ill relatives and drop it off at their homes so they can still enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

- Stock up on hand soap and hand sanitizer. Hosts should make sure hand soap and sanitizer is readily available throughout their homes. When guests arrive, make sure everyone washes their hands immediately, and encourage guests to continue doing so throughout the day.



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Stock the pantry with holiday baking ingredients

Courtesy of MetroCreative

Many holiday traditions begin with family and friends gathered in the kitchen or around the dinner table. Food is an integral part of celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah, and key components of each holiday are tied exclusively to food.

Come the holiday season, many people gather to make delicious desserts for holiday dinners or even as gifts. The right ingredients are necessary to produce a bounty of baked goods. It's also essential to ensure those ingredients are fresh, as age can compromise the taste of some spices, and leavening ingredients like yeast, baking soda and baking powder may lose efficacy over time.

• **Flours:** All-purpose flour is versatile and useful in many recipes. In addition, bread flour, cake flour and pastry flour have attributes that make them better suited for their respective jobs than all-purpose flour. Individuals who follow certain diets, including gluten-free diets, can find alternative flours that can be substitut-

ed in many different recipes.

• **Baking soda:** This leavening agent is activated when it is combined with acid and heat. That is why it is often paired with citrus juice, buttermilk and sour cream.

• **Baking powder:** This leavening agent is baking soda mixed with a powdered acid and cornstarch. If baking soda is the only leavening agent, it will not require the addition of another acidic ingredient. "Double-acting" means carbon dioxide bubbles will form during mixing and again during heating.

• **Yeast:** Yeast takes more time to metabolize and cause doughs to rise than other leavening agents.

• **Sugar:** Granulated sugar is the most common sugar found in recipes. Confectioner's sugar (powdered sugar) is used in frosting and icings. Brown sugar is refined sugar with molasses added, and is used in certain recipes, like gingerbread.

• **Salt:** Granulated table salt is used in everyday baking.

• **Unsalted butter:** Unsalted butter will be the default for baked

goods unless the recipe specifically mentions salted butter.

• **Eggs:** Eggs help to bind ingredients together. Large eggs are most often cited in many baking recipes.

• **Milk:** Dairy adds moisture and texture to batters. Alternative milks, such as soy or almond milk, can sometimes be substituted, but the resulting texture may change.

• **Vegetable oil:** Many recipes call for vegetable oil, which has a neutral flavor.

• **Shortening:** Shortening is a solid vegetable fat used to make tender baked goods. Shortening also has a higher melting point, which helps cookies and other items retain their shape while cooking.

• **Flavorings:** It is helpful to have various spices and extracts on hand. Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, and allspice are some common baking spices. Almond and vanilla extracts are quite versatile and add extra punch to recipes.

• **Additions:** Mix-ins, such as chocolate chips, cocoa powder, oats, nuts, and dried fruits, often turn up in holiday recipes.

What to do with your Thanksgiving leftovers

Courtesy of MetroCreative

Holiday hosts toil for hours to create lavish meals everyone will enjoy. It's not uncommon for Thanksgiving tables to be covered with more food than guests can conceivably (and comfortably) consume. Leftovers are the norm, but without a plan for what to do with leftovers, food can spoil or end up in the trash.

Here are some delicious and waste-conscious ways to put Thanksgiving or other holiday meal leftovers to use.

Wrap it up promptly

Even though you may want to sit around and chat with guests when the meal is finished, leaving food out at room temperature for too long can create a breeding ground for microbes that may lead to food spoilage and sickness. With a few helping hands, all foods can be packaged away in no time, ensuring that drumsticks or stuffing can safely be served another day.

Collect containers

Be sure to have reusable food storage containers, zip-top bags, foil, and plastic wrap at the ready. Before all of the food is put away, encourage guests to make their own doggie bags.

Plan with other meals in mind

Shop for and prepare holiday fare with a nod toward what can

be used in subsequent meals. Turkey is a versatile ingredient that can be made into everything from breakfast burritos to casseroles. Turn potatoes and sausage stuffing into latke patties that can be whipped up for breakfast or lunch. Sweet potatoes, squash and pumpkin can be mashed and reworked into batters for quick breads, pancakes and even doughnuts. Spoon leftover cranberry sauce over hot oatmeal in the morning or use it as a substitute for grape jelly in PB&J sandwiches. Try grinding up stale biscuits to make a breading for turkey slices and turn them into fried cutlets.

Take care of the needy

Find out which organizations accept food donations. Even if you cannot donate previously prepared foods, if you have surplus packaged, boxed or canned items, you can bring them to food pantries and soup kitchens to help others.

Organize a post-holiday pot luck

Turn leftovers into an opportunity to fraternize with friends or relatives who couldn't make it to Thanksgiving dinner. Pool your leftover resources and enjoy the fruits of everyone's labor. A pot luck can be a great place to gather after shopping Plaid Friday sales in the community.



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SPORTS

Notre Dame passes test from 4A Eunice Bobcats in regular season finale

By: Tom Brown
LSN Staff Writer

New surroundings, a renewed series against a nearby opponent and the regular season finale had Notre Dame players excited all week leading up to Friday night's game at Eunice. The Bobcats did not disappoint in a game that seemed a lot more competitive than the 42-14 final score. Notre Dame finished on a high note with its seventh win and Coach Lewis Cook now awaits the seeding announcement for the playoffs.

"It was a little scary coming in with what we saw on film. You could see them flying to the ball and making things difficult for opponents. We figured they would take some chances and pop a few good plays, but I was proud of the way our guys handled it. This was a real good win to end the regular season and we appreciate the chance to play a good team like Eunice. We are blessed to have played all eight weeks and not everybody can say that."

While the Pios were again sharp on offense, it was the defense that helped forge a big early lead. Eunice took the opening kick and was stopped on three downs with gang tackling from Wesley Maze, who led the team with ten tackles on the night, Lance Castille, Caleb Comeaux and Alex Stevens. A third down pass was knocked away by safety Nick Gautreaux and the Pios went to work on their first series of the night.

QB Parker Seilhan connected with receiver Luke Yuhasz for 18 yards down the sideline. On second and six at the Bobcat nine, fullback Ethan Menard powered straight up the middle to the one. Seilhan kept on a QB sneak for the score to cap the 53-yard drive.

"The guys came out and took that first drive down the field to put seven on the board and that was big for us," added Cook. "When you can do that like we did it kind of gets the other guys on their heels and is a boost for the defense also."

The Pios defense converged on Eunice QB Simeon Ardoin on the next snap and jarred the ball from his grip. Karson Broussard recovered at the Eunice 25.

On third and 15 following a penalty, Seilhan looked for Yuhasz

again on a deep out. Yuhasz made the catch and cut around the defender for another 18-yard completion to the Bobcat twelve. Dom Thibodeaux slashed off right tackle two plays later for a five-yard TD run. Lucas Simon added his second PAT for a 14-0 lead.

Eunice found some success with QB Simeon Ardoin running the offense. Ardoin completed a pass to Jeoul Hill for eleven yards and used his speed off the edge for a 13-yard run. On first down at the Eunice 41, Simeon was hit and fumbled with Pios defensive lineman Karson Broussard coming up with his second recovery.

The Pios offense again converted the opportunity to extend the lead. QB Seilhan threw to Christian McNeese down the right sideline and the sophomore receiver accelerated past the defense for a 43-yard touchdown. Simon added the point after to make it 21-0 after the first quarter.

"We just put that play in for Christian this week," explained Coach Lewis Cook. "Luke ran a post and he jumps in behind on a trail route. Parker put it right on the spot and Christian made some nice moves to get to the end zone."

In spite of the score, the Eunice defense made the going tough for the Pios running game. Averaging close to seven yards a carry on the season, Pios runners would total 211 yards for the game, but needed fifty carries to get there.

"They were crowding up and had three linebackers inside on a lot of plays," noted Coach Cook. "We worked all week on seeing where their number 27 was lining up and checking away because he would be the extra guy for our formations. We would line up in strong right and he was over the tight end. So, I said ok we will line up in that and go weak side. Well, we do that, and he is on the weak side. That created some problems at times."

It would be the big play that kept the offense rolling on the next possession.

Parker Seilhan connected with Luke Yuhasz for a 44-yard gain to the Bobcat 39. Lucas ball Simon took a swing pass to the right side and ran over two tacklers for an eight-yard gain. From the Eunice 27, Seilhan looked for a receiver with tight protection for what

seemed like an eternity. The pocket opened up front and Seilhan took the gap and cut to the left sideline for a 20-yard run.

"Parker threw the ball really well and Luke Yuhasz made a couple of big catches early in the game," continued Coach Cook. "He also made some nice runs, and he is a hard guy to get on the ground with his size and speed. He is playing with a lot of confidence now and that has made a big difference in our offense."

Dom Thibodeaux slashed off right tackle for a seven-yard TD run on the ninth play of a 78-yard drive that took 5:05 off the clock. Simon booted the extra point for a 28-0 Pios lead.

Bobcat QB Simeon Ardoin put his team on the scoreboard following the ensuing kickoff. Ardoin cut the corner on the right side for a 32-yard run to get the Bobcats moving. Ardoin led Eunice with 40 yards rushing on 12 carries.

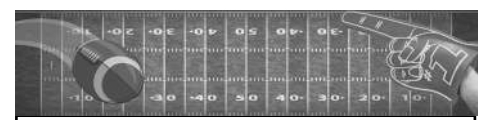
The senior Eunice QB threw for 144-yards in the game and got 28 of those on the next play hooking up with Dylan Guillory. On fourth and five at the Pios twenty, Ardoin threw to Guillory on the left side for a touchdown. The PAT made it 28-7 at the half after the Bobcats stopped a Pios drive at the Bobcat 38.

Notre Dame came up short again on its first possession of the second half. Seilhan ran for 22 yards on first down, but the Eunice defense came up big on fourth and six at the Bobcat eleven with a sack of the Pios QB to take over.

"We felt it was important for us to get a score with that first drive of the second half," explained Cook. "They are athletic and move around a lot on defense. We had the two drives end of the first half and start of the second we could not finish. Their offense is pretty good and we wanted to keep the pressure on because they can score from anywhere."

Eunice picked up a first down on three running plays and then Bobcat QB Ardoin dropped back to pass. Pios end Gabe Leonards beat him to the spot and knocked the ball loose, scooping up the fumble and returning 25-yards for a TD. Simon added the extra point to make it 35-7.

"We had two drives stall which



CPHS Homecoming Court presentation this Friday

The Church Point High School Homecoming Court presentation will be at halftime during the game this Friday, Nov. 27. Tickets are \$10 and may be picked up at Cafe' Maison. For more information, contact Principal Lee Ward Bellard or one of the football coaches.

was disappointing, but our defense was again lights out," Cook continued. "To hold that offense the way they did and give up just a couple of big passes with our cornerbacks depleted due to injury and quarantine was a big effort. The fumble touchdown by Gabe was the big play of the game. It kind of sealed away any comeback."

The Bobcats did not have any quit in them and showed why on the next series. QB Simeon Ardoin went deep down the middle for a 68-yard completion to Jeoul Hill all the way to the Pios three. Hill swept the left side with a handoff from Ardoin on the next play to make it 35-14.

The Pios defense rose to push Eunice back to the Bobcat three with a tackle for loss by Caleb Comeaux and Parker Link and a sack by Wesley Maze. Punting from their end zone, Eunice gave it to the Pios at the Bobcat 31.

It took seven runs highlighted by gains from Lucas Simon and Ethan Menard to find the end zone. Simon got the score from two yards out and the PAT by Cameron Fusilier made the final 42-14.

"Defensively, our guys just made it tough on them and they could not sustain a running game," summed up Coach Cook. We saw on film that they came out of plays with some long gains. Our guys did not let them get any of that in the running game. We will wait to see where we are in the bracket. We think we will be three and off the first week, so we have two weeks to get ready."

Editors Note: Church Point High School's game scheduled for Nov. 20 was canceled.

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in the next session of Congress.

Neither Obama nor Biden will support any type of election reform legislation, as the current systems are rigged to benefit Democrats. Instead, if Biden becomes President, Americans will see higher taxes, open borders, horrible trade deals, more overseas military engagements, an assault on our fossil fuel industry, and the embrace of the most radical legislation in American history, the Green New Deal.

Supporting Biden on the journey toward socialism will be Barack Obama, who is excited about the prospective new administration. Under a prospective Biden administration, Obama will have tremendous influence on policy, appointments and in setting a very progressive agenda.

In his CBS interview, Obama reminded Americans of his great ability to lie. He said that the President and his supporters, "didn't think there was any fraud going on because they didn't say anything about it for the first two days." What a blatant falsehood uttered by a man awfully familiar with deception.

The truth is that President Trump warned Americans for months about the potential abuses with unsolicited mail in ballots. On July 30, 2020 President Trump tweeted, "With Universal Mail-In Voting (not Absentee Voting, which is good), 2020 will be the most INACCURATE & FRAUDULENT Election in history. It will be a great embarrassment to the USA. Delay the Election until people can properly, securely and safely vote???"

President Trump knew that the system in place for this election would be a disaster. He was right, this election has been a total mess. Ideally, Americans should vote in person on Election Day with photo identification. Instead, in this election, voting started earlier and

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ended later than in any election in United States history. The problems that resulted were infuriating, but utterly predictable.

Democrats used the Covid-19 pandemic to force this election monstrosity. It may result in President Trump losing, but, at this point, he has every right to pursue all his legal options and investigate the validity of these votes.

Barack Obama is trying to close the books on this election before the massive amount of voter fraud can be authenticated. In his CBS interview, he said that "We're not above the rules, we're not above the law, that's the essence of our democracy."

Sorry, President Obama, you are being disingenuous once again. America does not have a democracy; we are a constitutional republic. However, he is correct, the rules should apply for everyone, including Democrats.

President Trump and his legal team need to uncover if any election laws were broken. It is imperative for President Trump to pursue this type of investigation because if Joe Biden becomes President, all these investigations will end, and our country will return to politics as usual once again.

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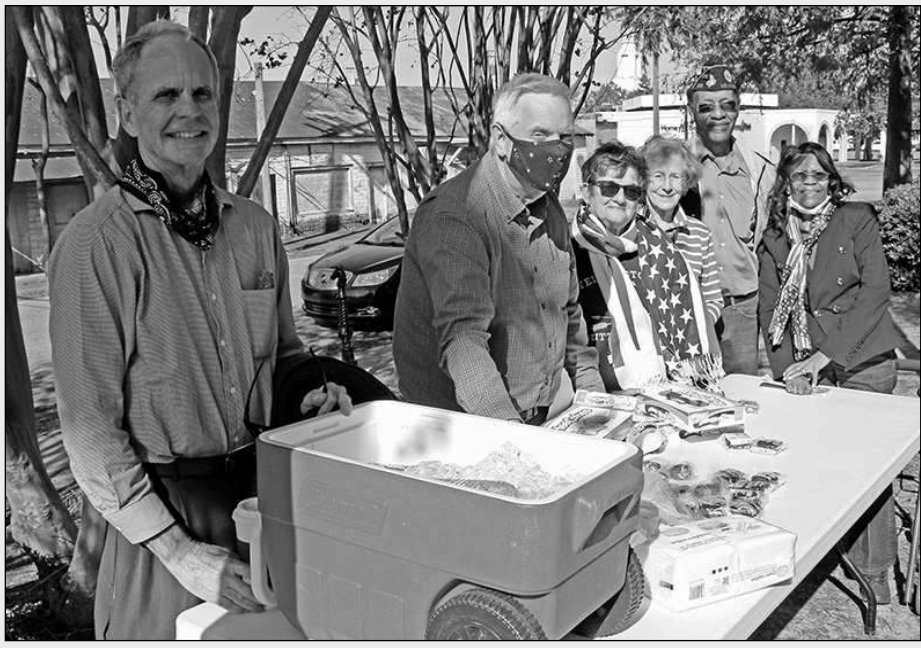
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SOCIETY



Le Vieux Presbytère board serves refreshments at event

Le Vieux Presbytère Curator Harold Fonte, left, and Le Vieux Presbytère Board members Malcolm Sellers, Dianna Richard, Julie Guidry, Nolan Monroe and Jackie Monroe hand out refreshments at the Church Point Veterans Day Commemoration event on Nov. 15. American Legion Post 225 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9903 conducted the event at Le Vieux Dépot. (Photo by Claudette Olivier/Church Point News)

Chamber withdraws APTC management proposition

By: Steve Bandy
Crowley Post-Signal

CROWLEY — The Acadia Parish Tourist Commission is moving forward with seeking a new executive director after a management proposal from the parish Chamber of Commerce was withdrawn.

Fran Bihm, APTC board president, and Amy Mathiew, assistant director, were notified via email Wednesday afternoon of the Chamber board's decision to withdraw the proposal.

The notification from Amy Thibodeaux, who serves as president and CEO of the Chamber and as secretary-treasurer of the Tourist Commission, wrote, "The Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met today (Wednesday). They have decided to withdraw its (management) proposal at this time.

"It is apparent that it was confusing to some and perhaps the intent was misunderstood.

"We look forward to working more closely with the Acadia Parish Tourist Commission leadership in the future."

Bihm, who was the most vocal in opposition to the proposal, thanked Thibodeaux for the decision.

In June, upon learning of the impending retirement of long-time APTC Executive Director Gwen Hanks, the Chamber proposed a cooperative endeavor agreement whereby it would assume marketing and administrative services of the Commission.

Consideration of the proposal was tabled, then meetings were canceled for COVID-19 and hurricanes. It was to have been voted upon Thursday morning.

Had it been approved, Thibodeaux would serve as executive director with a newly appointed Chamber vice president to be named to head up the Commission. This "vice president of tourism" would be selected by Thibodeaux, subject to ratification by the Commission.

Thibodeaux would have resigned her seat on the Tourist Commission board.

"The Tourist Commission would be invoiced only for whatever services it rendered," Thibodeaux explained at the October meeting. "That would not exceed what the Commission is currently paying for its staff."

Bihm, who was appointed to the Tourist Commission by the Rayne Chamber of Commerce, said she saw "no benefit in having another entity manage this commission."

At the October meeting, a large contingency of Rayne representatives also was present in opposition, most saying they feared Rayne "would be left out" since its Chamber is not a member of the Acadia Parish Chamber.

Now, with the operation of the Commission being handled by Mathiew in the absence of an executive director, the board will move ahead with the process of developing an updated job description.

A draft was presented by Commissioner Suzette Leonards Thursday morning with a number of suggestions made by other members.

Leonards said she would incorporate the changes into her draft and send the revised document to all commissioners via email for final approval.

The Commission hopes to begin advertising for the new executive director by the beginning of 2021.

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dollar more than a year before.

Worse, "lettuce leaves, celery and parsley on the outside and oysters and nuts on the inside, with cranberries to smear over the white meat ... will cost no less than \$5 and as high as \$10," the report said.

It would do little good to substitute a chicken for the turkey because chickens also were "higher than ever before." Even pork chops, "which will be the favorite of many this year," were up twenty to forty percent.

Fruit cake, "the added delicacy of the dinner," would also cost more.

"The average cake which you bought from your baker last Thanksgiving for 60 cents per pound, and considered high at the time, will cost you 75 cents and up this year," according to another re-

port. The candied fruit in them was more expensive and shelled pecans were up from 75 cents a pound to \$1.25.

But, one editorial suggested, the feast would be worth every penny.

"Think of the victory attained," it advised, and "the price of everything will drift into oblivion, at least for the time being, and Thanksgiving, observed as it should be, will be one of the greatest days of the year."

A collection of Jim Bradshaw's columns, *Cajuns and Other Characters*, is now available from Pelican Publishing. You can contact him at jimbradshaw4321@gmail.com or P.O. Box 1121, Washington LA 70589.

Turkey winners announced

The winners of the Church Point News Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway are: Taylor Benoit, Main Street Shell; Bailey Briggs, The Church Point News; Shirley Brooks, Rod's Supermarket; David Carrier, Sunny's Fried Chicken; Mark Citizen, The Road Home Therapy Center; Mary Comeaux, Napa Auto Parts; Kathy Darbonne, Anthony's Feed and Farm; Rogers Doucet, Evangeline Brokerage Co.; Theresa Elkins, Kwik Stop; Sable Forestier, Acadia-St. Landry Guest Home; Melba Fruge, Vautort's Mini Mart LLC; Alan Guidry, Rayne State Bank; Jo Ann Harmon, Faul Seasonals & Pool Shop LLC; Ollie Higginbotham, Ronnie's Car Care; Jeff Kidder, Church Point Pharmacy; Darlene

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What is happening with your fire protection?

By: Berl Adams
CPVFD Public Information Officer
Special to The Church Point News

Just a reminder — Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 26.

There will be plenty of cooking and preparing for the gatherings and for the eating. The deep fried turkey is becoming more and more popular. We wish to remind everyone who is planning to use this cooking technique to take a few minutes and make sure everything is in order for safety.

A few main points of safety: make sure the turkey is completely defrosted and at room temperature; make sure the turkey is well drained and free of excess water; and make sure your fryer is not under any overhangs and definitely not inside. The turkey should be lowered slowly into the oil with a handle and a safety mitt that allows safety in case of a flare up. Above all, if this is your first time, take plenty of time

to study what you are doing or get an experienced person to show you the way to do it.

On a similar note which should be pointed out even on regular cooking — never leave things cooking on a stove unattended. We live busy lives, and often we get distracted and forget a few things. A pan left on a stove top burner can quickly become a fire hazard if not watched. I realize this seems like a simple warning, but time and time again we get calls for stove top fires. Most are caught before major damage is done, but the difference between a little smoke and a big fire can be just minutes.

Be aware, be informed, be prepared, and be safe. Non-emergency phone number 684-5429 askcpvfd@yahoo.com Also check out the CPVFD and Church Point Fire Protection District 10 website. churchpointvfd.com Check back next week.



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What does the Bible say?

By: Pastor Berl Adams
First Baptist Church
Special to The Church Point News

Revelation 7:12: "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

Thanksgiving day is Thursday Nov. 26, and there will be a multitude of family and friend gatherings. I would

ask that you consider how much recognition God will get. It is important that we remember that all of the things we are thankful for are made possible and ultimately come from God.

Everything we buy with our hard earned money will that ultimately be made possible by the health, which God gave us. The family which we spent time with was a miracle and blessing from God, from which all life is given. It would be a shame and an

injustice if God is left out of the very day we named Thanksgiving. It is not too late to consider His contribution to your blessings. Remember also God is not confined to days as we are, and He is the God of forgiveness. May God always have a place in your times of "thanks" giving.

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2 Timothy 3:10-17

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Death of a Burglar


You don't have to be a criminal. The jails are full of practitioners of the illegal arts who have made really, really stupid mistakes. But one prospective robber over a century ago made a very injudicious, and very fatal, error: he messed with an ex-sheriff.

At midnight on March 23, 1892, a man entered the Crowley real estate office of W. W. Duson & Bro. The "Bro." in the firm's name was none other than State Senator, and former St. Landry Parish Sheriff, Cornelius C. Duson. And unbeknownst to the burglar, Duson, along with Charles L. Crippen and P. W. Fortier, were lying in wait in the darkened office building.

The story began some fifteen months earlier when a man who called himself Horace Steel arrived in the Crowley area. He lived in an old deserted saloon about two miles from the town. The Crowley Signal described him as "a man of about 160 pounds in weight, six feet high, dark hair, black beard, stooped in walking and usually carried a large stick. He was aged about 45 years. He had brown eyes, usually cast down, paying little attention to any one passing him, often not answering a salutation on the road."

During his sojourn in Acadia Parish, Steel developed a shady reputation. Again quoting the Signal, "Some weeks ago he offered to inform Sheriff [Eldridge W.] Lyons of the whereabouts of the Bennett robbers, who, it is thought, were the parties who had committed the different robberies in this and St. Landry parishes. Mr. Lyons not having faith in his proposals, declined to pay him for the information he offered to give. Some time after he got drunk or pretended to be

Tales of Yesterday



Acadia Parish and Its History

By: Gene
Thibodeaux

drunk, was put in jail by the town marshal, and the night following two of the Bennett robbers, who had been captured by Mr. Lyons and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years made their escape by filing off their shackles, unlocking the cell door, and picking a hole through the wall. It is believed he feigned drunkenness to be confined in jail, and furnished them with implements to escape."

It seems that Horace Steel asked Robert Bell to assist him in robbing the safe in the Duson real estate building and Bell informed William W. Duson. The realtor informed his brother, the ex-sheriff, who was still living in Opelousas. Cornelius Duson came to Crowley and began to spend his nights in the office. Acadia Parish Sheriff Lyons was out of town, tracking down the escaped Elijah Bennett gang.

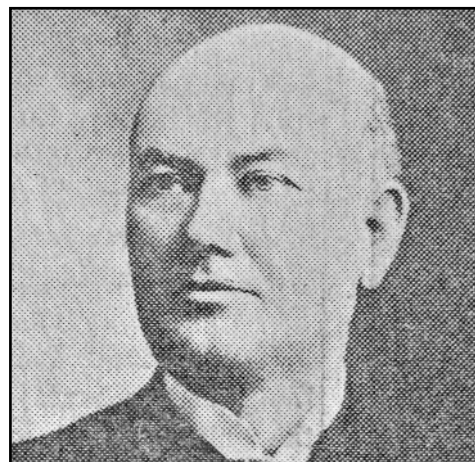
Senator Duson was the right man for the job. His experience as a deputy, and later sheriff, of St. Landry Parish during the post-Civil War era was the stuff of legend. He was first deputized under the administration of Sheriff James G. Hayes in 1866. After Sheriff Hayes was murdered in 1869 by Theophilus W. Evans, the position was filled briefly by John G. Brooks and James M. Thompson until the next election made Egbert O. Hayes, James

G. Hayes' brother, the new sheriff in town. Deputy Duson ran unsuccessfully against his boss in 1872, but beat E. O. Hayes in 1874, becoming sheriff of St. Landry, and he kept that job until 1888. The sheriff ended his reign when he won the office of state senator.

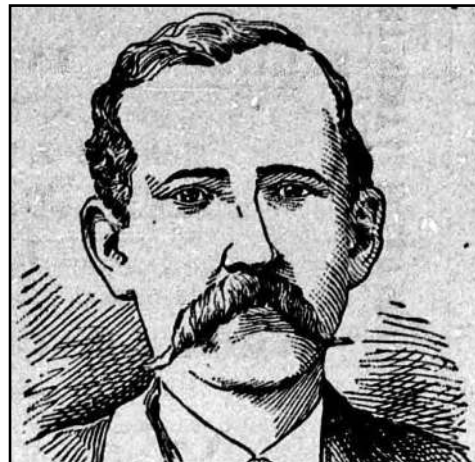
Cornelius Duson gained a ferocious reputation as a crime fighter. He chased down criminals into north Louisiana, Texas and Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). Often these chases erupted into gunplay. Sheriff Duson was reputed to be a crack shot with both a rifle and a pistol. He had shot men in the line of duty and once took two bullets from an outlaw who ended up dead from the encounter. He was more than prepared for when Horace Steel entered the real estate office.

The burglar came into the building through a rear entrance, with a drawn Smith and Wesson revolver. Duson's plan was to stun the intruder with light from a bull's eye lantern, but the lamp failed to work. In the dark, Steel walked directly to the Senator, their guns almost touching. In this precarious position, Duson shot his 44-calibre Colt, striking Steel squarely in the chest. Falling to the floor, the would-be burglar died a couple of minutes later.

An inquest was held



Cornelius C. Duson



Eugene Bunch



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the next morning and the ex-sheriff was exonerated by the jury.

But who was Horace Steel? Senator Duson wrote to a railroad express company asking for a photograph of Eugene Bunch and sending to them a description of the deceased Steel. That was a case of wishful thinking.

Eugene Bunch was the "Jesse James of Louisiana." A Mississippi-born Civil War veteran who made his living as a teacher in Louisiana, Bunch later moved to Texas where, according to statements by his wife, he became heavily involved in gambling. He then abandoned his wife and child and changed careers. His new career was robbing trains.

At the time of the Crowley shooting, Bunch and his gang had been holding up trains across Missis-

sippi, Louisiana and Texas for four years. He often went by the alias of Captain J. F. Gerard and was known for his gentlemanly ways. He spoke softly to the express car clerks, telling them as politely as possible to open their safes or he would have to "blow their brains out." When robbing the trains' passengers, he tipped his hat to the ladies while taking possession of the men's wallets. During his four year crime spree, Bunch was said to have held up six trains and stole some \$30,000 from them. The express company put out a \$1,000 reward for the capture or killing of Eugene Bunch.

Alas, much to the disappointment of Cornelius Duson, the dead Horace Steel was not Eugene Bunch. The ex-sheriff was not going to collect that

\$1,000 reward. The real Eugene Bunch was alive and well, at least for a little while. He was holed up in his Honey Island Swamp hideout near the Mississippi border until August of 1892, when detectives surrounded and killed him.

Horace Steel, or whatever his real name was, was dead, the victim of his own stupidity. He should have known to leave Cornelius Duson and his brother alone.

For information on Gene Thibodeaux's books, "On the Banks of Plaquemine Brûlée; A History of Church Point, Louisiana" and "Rice, Railroads and Frogs; A History of Rayne, Louisiana," contact Plaquemine Brûlée Press, 528 N. Moss St., Church Point, LA 70525, (337) 684-2134, cajunmart@msn.com.

Gibson elected to LSA executive board

LSN Staff Report

CROWLEY — Sheriff K.P. Gibson was recently elected to serve on the executive board of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association as sergeant-at-arms for the 2020-2021 term.

The Louisiana Sheriff's Association recently held its annual con-

ference. During this conference, sheriffs continue their mandated training in management and various areas of current law enforcement training.

Elections are conducted during the conference and voted on by all sheriffs.

La. Wildlife Federation accepting applications for Veillon Conservation Leadership Corps

Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF) is accepting applications for the Edgar Veillon Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC), a leadership development program that provides expert training for future conservation leaders.

The program accepts Louisiana students ages 18 or older that will be enrolled as a college undergraduate in the Spring 2021 semester.

Students can apply online at lawwildlifefed.org, and the deadline to apply is Dec. 10.

Training will be provided by current and former natural resource professionals in the public, nonprofit and private sectors. Students will be presented with real-world issues and experience.

This year's conservation focus is Trash Pollution in Louisiana Waterways. Through the integration of presentations, case studies and collaborative activities, students will increase their knowledge of conservation policy and build skills in leadership and advocacy.

Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, this year's cohort will meet online with the possibility of an optional socially-distanced group activity in the spring, if it is deemed safe to do so. Training will take place during one weekend each month in January, February, March and April 2021.

There is no fee to apply. Upon successful completion of the program, each participant will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment, a letter of commendation and a \$200 scholarship. Students will also receive complementary one-year memberships with Louisiana Wildlife Federation where they can continue active involvement in conservation advocacy.

Louisiana Wildlife Federation is a statewide nonprofit organization representing a broad constituency of conservationists including hunters, anglers, campers, birders, boaters, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The Church Point News

News Briefs

Town of Church Point hosting food drive

The Town of Church Point Holiday Food Drive is underway at City Hall.

Canned goods and non-perishable food items for the less fortunate in the town may be dropped off at City Hall Monday - Friday between regular business hours.

The items will be distributed before Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, call City Hall at (337) 684-5692.

Hospital to celebrate Feast of St. Nicholas

The Acadia St. Landry Hospital plans to celebrate the arrival of St. Nicholas at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

6.

The grounds of the hospital will be decorated with Christmas light displays and a live nativity scene, and the event will be a drive through. Cookies and milk will be provided for children.

The Church Point News Brief Policy told

Due to the limited space in *The Church Point News*, all news briefs will run as space permits. All news briefs will be guaranteed one run, and after that, as space permits. All news briefs must be turned in by noon on Thursday for consideration in the following Wednesday's edition.

•ARREST

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Detectives determined that Rod Mouille Jr., 28, of the 500 block of North Ethel Street, Church Point, knew the victim and did work around the house in the past, giving him knowledge of the residence contents.

Mouille called the victim, told him that he was a detective from the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office and requested that the victim meet with him in Opelousas, Guidroz stated.

While the victim was lured from the residence, Mouille broke into the residence and stole a .22-cal-

iber magnum pistol, 16 gauge youth shotgun, .22-caliber magnum rifle, and a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, Guidroz stated.

On June 29, Mouille contacted the victim through social media and text messages. Guidroz stated Mouille admitted to burglarizing the residence and stealing the firearms. He also stated that he sold the firearms to another individual.

On Nov. 10, Mouille was booked at the St. Landry Parish Jail for simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling, fraudulent personation of a police officer and four counts of theft of a firearm.

Guidroz stated more arrests are expected in this case.

Vieux Presbytere at new location on Rue Ira Lejeune

Mission accomplished - Le Vieux Presbytere built 106 years ago was moved last week to its new location, across the street from where it stood for so many years. The building was moved for the second time last week. It was first moved from its original site in 1951. The structure was located where the OLSH Church now stands.

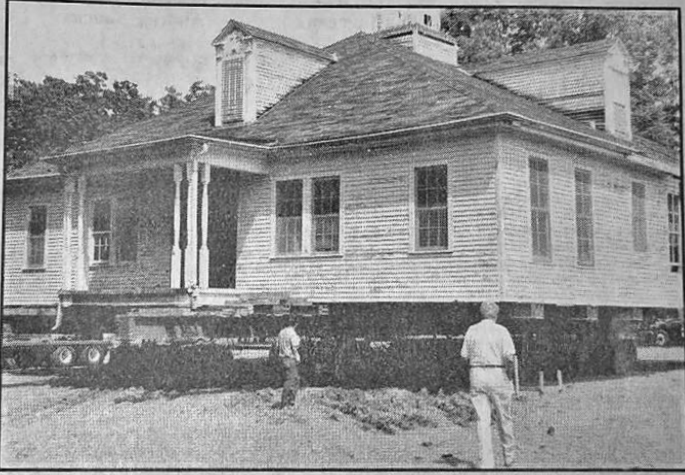
Roy Bernard and Sons moved the old rectory. The moving began on Monday, July 12 and the moving was completed on Thursday, July 15. The building was moved with a set of hydraulic control wheels set up under the building.

The Vieux Presbytere is located behind the Church Point Wholesale at the corner of Rue Ira Lejeune and South Horecky on land donated by the Horecky family.

The preservation of the historic landmark is the Cajun Ladies and the Town of Church Point's project.

Later it should be put on the National Historic Register and will serve as a museum for the town.

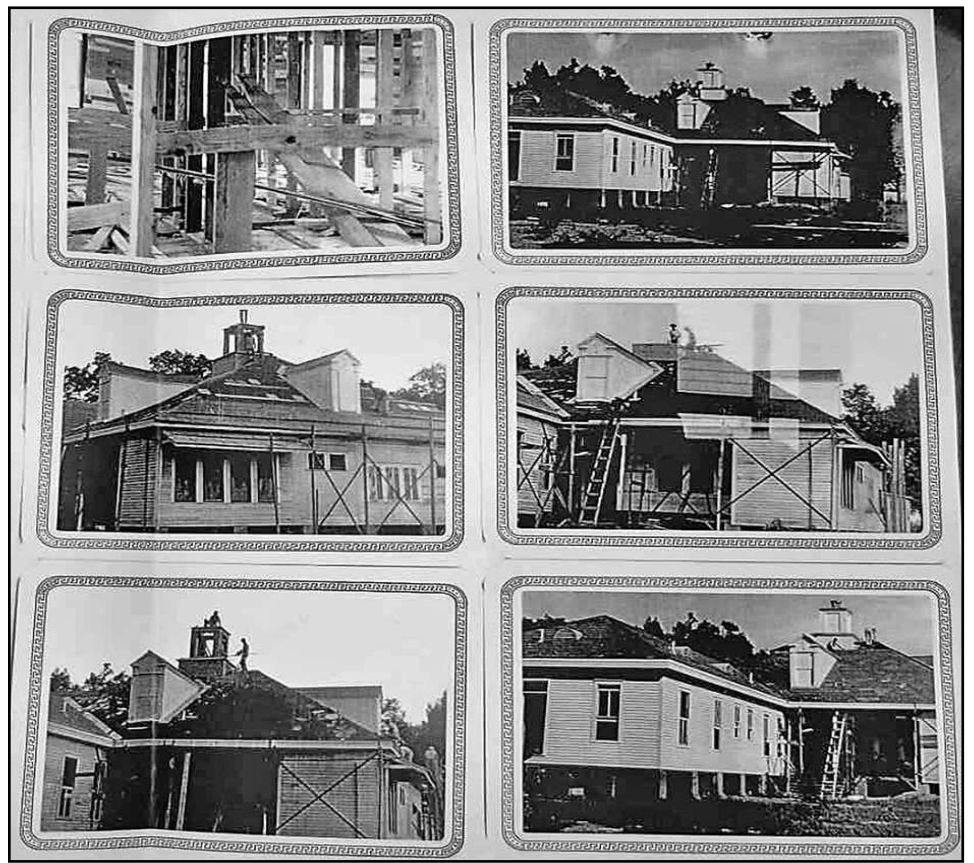
A group of Church Point residents and the Cajun Ladies have sold many benefits, put in many hours of labor and have accepted donations from local people and



AT NEW LOCATION - Le Vieux Presbytere is shown here just as it was placed on its new location behind the Church Point Wholesale at the corner of Rue Ira Lejeune and South Horecky Streets, on land donated by the Horecky family. This is a project of the Cajun Ladies and the Town of Church Point. All went well in the moving which began Monday and ended on Thursday.

fort the old structure would have been torn down. There is still much work to be done, but the biggest job of moving it is completed.

(Above) A photo and story from the July 21, 1993 edition of *The Church Point News* shows the move of the Presbytere to its current location. (At right) A series of photos from when the building was moved in 1951. (Photos courtesy of Harold Fonte)



•UPDATES

In 2007, a group of volunteers collected artifacts, pictures and stories of Church Point and its people, and the building has since served as the Town of Church Point's museum. The museum was originally open for tours once a week and by appointment, and it is also available for special events.

Museum Curator Harold Fonte said the two upstairs rooms were first occupied by family members of Fr. Auguste Vincent Eby who was resident pastor of the Sacred Heart of Mary Parish and spearheaded the construction of the residence. Those family members were Eby's two sisters and a nephew. Eby, a native of Oerigueux, France, lived downstairs. Fonte said the two rooms were likely last used in the early 1960s and at that time were still used as bedrooms.

While the flooring in the second story hallway was redone with a more modern material — plywood and vinyl — wood that needed to be replaced in the bedrooms, which Fonte said appear to be the original floors, was replaced with tongue and groove boards donated by Evangeline Brokerage. Fonte said tongue and groove construction is also how the original floor was made.

The walls of the southern upstairs room will retain the shiplap look, and the northern room will remain as is to display the bousillage.

In addition to the new the new flooring, updates to the museum will also include new display cases, new displays and memorabilia, a gift shop and a second air conditioning unit.

"What's good is that we will have the stories behind all of the memorabilia — who it came from and how it got here," Fonte said. "The museum will be

self explanatory."

The two upstairs rooms will house displays, and the previously unused upstairs spaces will be used for storage.

"We will rotate some of the displays by season, and the storage space will allow more items to be housed at the museum, Fonte said. "There will be 'new' things on display at different times of the year, and hopefully this will generate periodic returns by visitors."

Fonte said items available at the gift shop will likely include key chains and coozies.

"I myself would like to have a Church Point coffee cup," Fonte added, laughing.

Fonte expressed his thanks to the museum's board members as well as L.J. Bellard, Julie Guidry, Linda Boudreaux and Thibodeaux for providing history of the building as the updates are completed.

All of the work is expected to be complete by the end of the year, and the museum is scheduled to reopen in early 2021.

The museum's updates were spearheaded by Church Point Mayor Ryan "Spanky" Meche and carried out by Town of Church Point employees.

"The mayor and the town's workers were able to do what a part time curator and an army of volunteers couldn't have done on their own," Fonte said.

He continued, "Through the years, the town's people have done the best that could what they had to take the museum to the next level. That each item on display will now have a story posted with it is a wonderful thing."

Meche said the update to the museum is long overdue.

"What we are trying to do is get more interest in the museum," Meche said. "The mu-

seum is part of my plan for a central park, and this was just one more piece of the puzzle to do. It was on my list of things to do. There's a lot of loose ends right now, but over the next six months, people will start to see those gaps close."

He continued, "I'd like to get more people interested in the downtown area. Maybe one day the museum can be open every day."

The history of how the Presbytere came to be can be traced back to 1848.

That year, Jesuit priests from Grand Coateau built a chapel to serve those living along Bayou Plaquemine Brulee, and the chapel was located about where the Our Mother of Peace Elementary School gym is today. A small living quarters in the rear part of the church was used for priests who stayed overnight.

The religious house would eventually become part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Sacred Heart of Mary Parish. The new parish's pastor was Fr. Eby.

"When he arrived, he discovered that his church and his living quarters in the back room of it were in a sorry state of repair," Thibodeaux said. "Fr. Eby built a new church in 1885, located at what is now the boulevard between the present church and the graveyard."

With the new church complete, Fr. Eby then turned his attention to constructing a new rectory where the current church building now stands.

Eventually, the time came to replace the 1885 church, and Msgr. Clay Anthony Bivenvenu, pastor of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, had the old church torn down and the present brick church built in 1954.

"The site chosen for this new church was right where the old

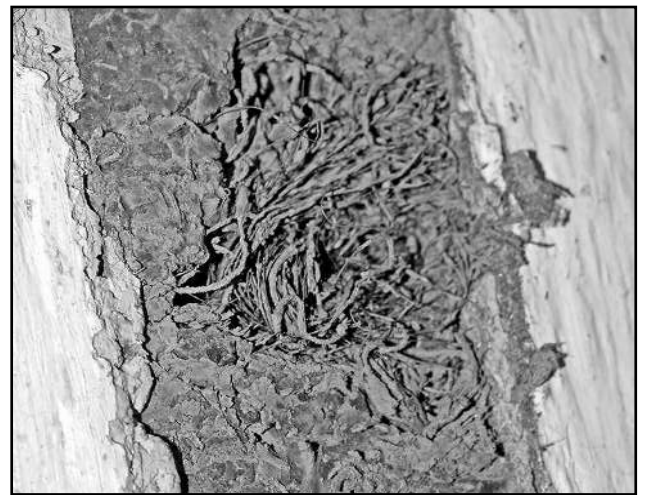
presbytery sat — it had to be moved or replaced before the new church could be built," Thibodeaux said. "It was moved rather than replaced. In 1951, the building was shifted a little down the street, sitting directly across Bienvenu Street from the rear of today's Home Bank."

Thibodeaux said that the building that sat at this site was far different from the one Fr. Eby had built. In 1910, an annex was added by Fr. Auguste Francois Roger, and a kitchen was added in 1928 by Fr. Auguste Mathurin Viel.

"Msgr. Bienvenu also modernized it after it was moved," Thibodeaux said. "The building now had a wing for bedrooms and another for a kitchen, with an imposing cupola above them. The porch had been closed in to make more room."

By 1988, 100 years after it was first constructed, the building was no longer used for its original purpose.

"Plans were made to convert the now-empty rectory into a community center and museum," Thibodeaux said. "It's name was to be 'Le Vieux Presbytere,' French for the old presbytery. A live radio Cajun music show was



The Le Vieux Presbytere Museum, constructed in 1887 as a home for priests, measures 40 feet by 40 feet, with an eight foot porch all around. The walls are framed in wood and filled in with bousillage, pictured above, and the structure even had a brick wine cellar accessible from the central hall. (Photo by Claudette Olivier/Church Point News)

aired from the building. The Cajun Ladies organization unofficially ran the building, which was still sitting on church property. The state of affairs lasted until 1991, when the church decided to demolish the old building due to it becoming a financial burden."

The church then donated the building, to be moved, to the town, but only the original section was able to be moved. Through the efforts of the Town of Church Point, civic organizations and residents, funds were collected, and the building was then moved off the church's property — at a cost of \$20,000, more than 33 times the building's original

construction cost of \$600 — and to a lot across the street donated by Church Point Wholesale. The structure arrived at its new location on the corner of Rue Ira Lejeune and Rogers Street on July 15, 1993. A few years later, in 1997, the presbytere was placed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Following the move, federal and state grants were obtained, and the downstairs area was restored to its original 1887 condition, with the exception of a modern bathroom. The decade-long restoration effort was completed in 2004.

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•CHARGES

the attic.

Working with family members, deputies were able to convince Hebert to surrender without further incidence after a two-hour standoff.

The attempted murder charges were removed by the magistrate Wednesday at the request of the Sheriff's Office.

"Other charges remain in effect," Gibson said.

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Hebert has also been charged with five felony bench warrants, three counts of possession of Schedule II narcotics, and one count each of aggravated flight from an officer, possession of Schedule IV narcotics, possession of controlled dangerous substance in a drug-free zone, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and felony aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.

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New pedestrian bridge complete

(Right) Town of Church Point Sewer Department worker David Adams, left, Ward 4 councilman Chris LeBas, Church Point Mayor Ryan "Spanky" Meche and town Maintenance Worker Joe Carriere stand on the new pedestrian bridge on Guidry Street. Work on the bridge was completed in early November. (Photos by Claudette Olivier/Church Point News)



•LISTS

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Tylor Fitch.

Fifth Grade: Addison Carriere, Sophia Castille, Makaila Cormier, David Jenkins, Kristi'anna Kelly and Ava Matte.

Honor Roll

First Grade: De'oni Andrew, Gavin Andrus, Jaxton Breaux, Avee Brock, Ivory Charles, Za' Niyah Charlot, Arturo Chavez, Bryce Citizen, Karson Cormier, Cortnee Deshotel, Isabella D'heilily, Jaxon Garrick, Elijah Lanclos, Wesley Leblanc, Karson Leblue, Draya Leger, America Netro-Reynaga, Reyd Perez, Mason Plaunty, Braylen Richard, Kyr'en Robinson, Raynna Savoy, Jaxon Semien, D'zya Senegal, Cooper Smith and Elyse Thibodeaux.

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David, Nevaeh Drew, Antonio Guillen, Baylee Leger and Connor Richard.

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lory, Aniya King, Lyla Leatherwood, Brylee Matte, Araceli Mendoza, Laken Miller, Noah Richard, Aja Savoy, Jayden Senegal, Lailynn Stepp, Ambree Treece, Ethan Vargas, Da'Myria Wheeler, Nyla Wheeler and Josie Wolf.

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Labove, Avery Latio-lais, Peyton Leblanc, Alisson Reyes, Raleigh Richard, Kayden Salton, Nathaniel Sherer, Cade-Andrew Thibodeaux, Jose Vargas and Teague Wood.

Fifth Grade: Carter Darby, Leah Fruge, Jayden Garrick, Ky'Len Monroe, Guadalupe Netro Reynaga, Des Hawn Savoie, Caderious Singleton, Annause Vanicor, John Wheeler and Jacob Wiltz.

•SUSPECT

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on October 21 2020 in the evening hours on MLK Drive, a third suspect has surfaced as also firing shots from an AK 47.

"Two suspects were previously arrested and with further investigation, a third suspect was revealed also shooting. The suspect has an extensive criminal history for drug and weapon violations.

The suspect is also a convicted felon."

Thibodeaux asked that anyone with information on Guidry's whereabouts call their local police or sheriff's department. Thibodeaux said that Guidry's information has also been entered in the state NCIC Data Base.

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