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Grant Parish District Performance Scores

The Louisiana Department of Education released the most recent District and School performance data on Wednesday, November 16. Here are some highlights from Grant Parish.

Grant Parish's District Performance score rose by 4.5 points from an 80.5 (B) in 2021 to an 85.1 (B) in 2022. This demonstrates the fifth highest growth in the state and Grant Parish's overall DPS ranks 15th in the state. It is the fourth consecutive time Grant Parish's DPS increased since the current formula was implemented in 2018.

The average District Performance score was 77.1 in the state of Louisiana. The average for growth was 2.3 points for all Louisiana schools. The average growth for Louisiana elementary/middle schools increased by 3 points, combination schools increased 1.4 points, and on average state high schools decreased by .1 points.

We are proud to report that Grant Parish Schools surpassed the state averages in growth. All Grant Parish Schools attained growth in their SPS from the previous year. The average growth for our schools was 5.8 points. Grant Parish elementary/ middle schools increased by 7 points, combination schools increased by 4.9 points and high schools increased by 2 points.

I want to thank the administrators, teachers, and staff of all our schools and the central office for their hard work and dedication to the children of our parish. I also want to say thank you to the parents, guardians and community members for their continued support of our schools. The gains we have made since the pandemic are to be commended and celebrated. We will continue to work together to make everyone proud of the schools in Grant Parish.

Sincerely,
Paxton Teddlie

Fall Window Contest Winner



Thank you to all Grant Parish Businesses who participated in the Fall Window Contest. Grant One Stop pulled out all the stops this year and captivated the customers with a series of Grant Parish events. The windows are perfectly decorated for the fall season and display the whimsical magic of the parish. As you visit Pollock during this festive season be sure to stop by Grant One Stop and pick up your copy of the Chronicle. Congratulations to the Grant One Stop Team for their creativity and team work.

Chronicle Prepares to Deliver Letters to Santa

Parents it is that time of year again when the letters to Santa start with long list and wishes. Please take some time and start those letters to Santa so that Santa will have time to reply to each and every letter sent to him. This year the Chronicle will be helping deliver the letters to Santa so make sure you mail your letters to: Santa Clause c/o The Chronicle 705 C Main Street, Colfax, La. 71417. Please make sure the return address is clearly marked on the envelope for your child's reply. There will also be a mail box outside of the office for any children who wish to drop their letters personally off to Santa.



Masonic Lodge #168 Awards Schoarships

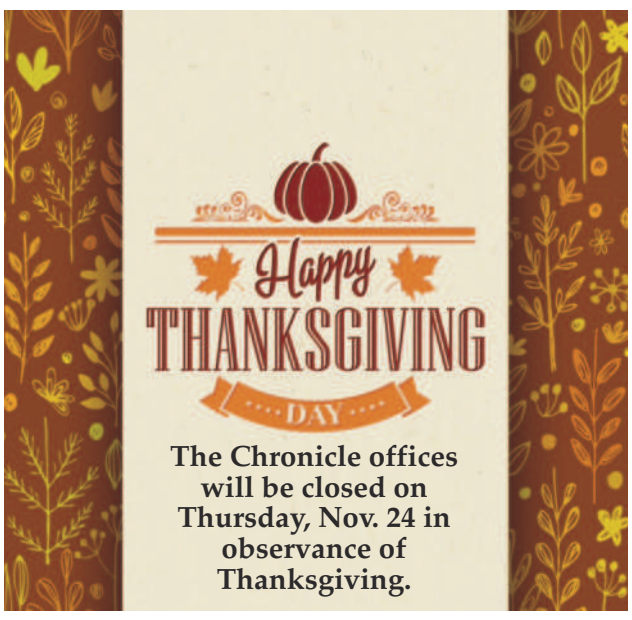




Montgomery Masonic Lodge #168 would like to congratulate the 2022 Honesty and Integrity Scholarship Recipients, Emma Fredieu and Wyatt Fowler. We will you the best in all your future endeavors.

Girls on the Run

This year we had our first ever Girls on the run team at South Grant Elementary! Girls on the Run, is a program to inspire girls to become joyful, healthy, and confidant! We started the running program in September and the girls practiced after school twice a week. Then, on November 12th the girls got to show off their hard work and complete the celebratory 5k. All I can say is, Wow! The girls blew me away with their finish line times. Jasmine Dorthy was the second girl to cross the finish line out of 23 schools! We had several other impressive finish times such as 30mins, 34mins, 36mins, 38mins. These times are incredible! These girls worked so hard and it truly showed, I am so proud of each of them.



The Chronicle offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

CBC Announces Thanksgiving Hours

Colfax Banking Company will be open regular hours Monday thru Wednesday and Closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday November 25th.

Public hearing regarding Clean Harbors Colfax Hazardous Waste Permit to be held at the Grant-Colfax Civic Center on Thursday, December 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm. Citizens are urged to attend and make comments regarding this matter.

Community Input

Many chemicals in waste exploded at Clean Harbors may damage the skin, eyes, airways, and heart, and some may even cause cancer. Here are some examples of waste:

Chemical in waste	Skin & Eye	Heart	Thyroid	Breathing	Stomach	Cancer	Death
Ammonium Perchlorate	x		x	x	x		
Barium	x	x		x			
Charcoal	x			x		?	
Copper	x			x	x	?	
Glue	x	x		x		?	
HMX	x	x					
Lead	x				x		x
Magnesium	x	x		x	x		
Nitroglycerin	x	x			x	?	
PETN	x	x				x	
Potassium Nitrate	x		x	x	x		
Potassium perchlorate	x		x	x	x		
RDX	x	x		x	x	?	x
Sulfur	x			x	x		
Tin	x			x	x	x	
Titanium		x		x		?	
Zinc	x			x	x	x	

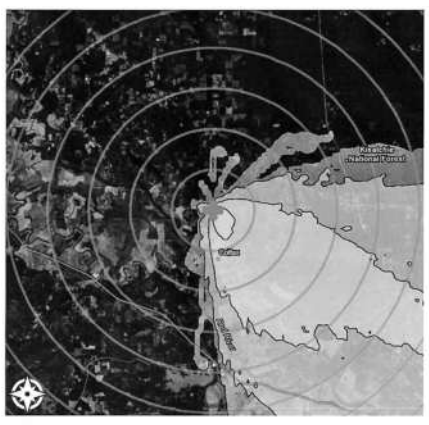
The above chart shows the relationship of certain toxic wastes released by Clean Harbors to certain health conditions.

information courtesy of:

LSU SUPERFUND Research Program

Computer Models

- Clean Harbors has stated many times that the pollution does not leave the facility's property.
- Our computer models for 2020 and 2021 predict that the plume travels at least 20 miles from the facility.



8,941 pounds of waste were burned on February 25, 2020 (the day shown). Waste listed on the burn log included explosive and flammable materials, such as:

- Explosive waste, not otherwise specified
- Fireworks
- Black powder
- Shaped charges
- Liquid, toxic by inhalation
- Air bags

This diagram above, produced by a North Carolina State University computer model, show the probable distribution of airborne pollutants from Clean Harbors based on data from a specific date, February 25, 2020.

Cissy's Chimes: Thanksgiving Cheer



Happy Thanksgiving week everyone, I hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends. This time of years is always hectic and we rush here and there to get everything accomplished. This year let's all take some time to reflect on the memories that were made over the years and make memories for those who we spend time with this year.

I am looking forward to being with my children and carrying on a family tradition my mom passed down to me. It's will take a village to get it done and a village we have. I am looking forward to laughter and story telling along with a few tears of memories. Time with family is important and it's the energy that keeps our hearts beating.

Please remember all the ones around that have lost loved ones this year. The first year is very hard and stings harder than most times ahead. Pray for the ones here whoms hearts are broken that they will find a peace in the months and years to come.

Enjoy your hugs, and the many smiles that will surround you. Enjoy the good food and remember that God has blessed you each and everyday you are here. Give thanks to the gifts and talents HE has blessed you with. Share you love and compassion to those who saddened or in need.

Thanksgiving is a time to give and share your self with others. Let your light shine and guard it with your love for one another. Never let bitterness and darkness cause your light to burn out. Take pride in your hard work and always lend a helping hand. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all we have been given.

I challenge you to allow God to share with you someone you can bless this Thanksgiving season. Someone who deserves a blessing and you can give them love that they may be missing. May God bless you in this challenge as well.

From my heart
to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving,
Cissy



JAY VEE MUSIC REVIEW

by Jeff Vallet

"The American Fiddler"
by Andy Leftwich

He may be one of the most recorded fiddle players of the 21st century, but Mountain Home Music Company recording artist Andy Leftwich qualifies as a musician's musician—widely admired by his peers and colleagues, yet still one of the best kept secrets in and around the world of bluegrass music. With a list of credits that goes on for pages—he's recorded for everyone from superstars like Taylor Swift and Alan Jackson to bluegrass stalwarts such as Dailey & Vincent, Larry Cordle and his long time boss, Ricky Skaggs, to a miscellany of surprise hosts like Keb'Mo'—Leftwich's catalog as a featured artist has, up until now, been sparse.

That begins to change with the release of THE AMERICAN FIDDLER, a jaw-dropping collection of mostly original tunes that makes a compelling case for Leftwich as not only among the very best fiddlers playing today, but one of thevery best mandolin players,too.

From its opening title track, which finds him deftly incorporating strands of bluegrass and Irish music, to the blend of old-time string band and new acoustic music in the closing "Through The East Gate," the set rings a dozen changes on instrumental music that encompass a wide variety of moods and styles while flowing from a singularly unified creative vision. Intertwining echoes of Irish, bluegrass, old time and even classical music into his originals, Leftwich claims a place among the foremost practitioners of modern, forward facing yet traditionally based string music.

ANDY LEFTWICH IS TRULY GREAT!!

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Atlanta Methodist Church.
Sunday school at 11 a.m. and Worship service at 5 p.m.

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8789 Hwy 8, Colfax, La. 71417 (318) 627-3131; Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.; Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study (all ages) 5 p.m. and Evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study & Mission classes at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday Prayer meeting at 7:30

Big Creek Baptist Church
1255 Dyson Creek Rd. Pollock, La. Pastor David Guillot, Sunday School: 10 am - Worship service: 11 am - Wednesday prayer service: 6:30 pm

Colfax Baptist Church
Join the friendly family atmosphere. Sunday school 9 a.m., Worship at 10 a.m. Wednesday Colfax Baptist Church has noon lunch and Bible Study, including Team KID (Pre-K-6th Grade) and Youth Discipleship beginning at 5:30.

Colfax UPC
Rev. Wayne & Sharon Setliff
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Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Christway Church
Sunday School - 10 am Worship 11 am Sunday evening Bible Study - 6 pm. Wed Bible Study - 7 pm. Delbert R Cates, Pastor 899-5006christway-church4u.com email - brodcates@yahoo.com

Colfax Christian Women
Worship Meeting 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. at Colfax Baptist Church, Faircloth St., Colfax; "Where Christian Women enjoy good fellowship and join in prayer for the entire Grant Parish Community." Please come and join us

Colfax United Methodist Church
407 Main Street. Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Sunday Fellowship 10 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 10:30 am (318) 627-3603

Dry Prong Assembly of God
17739 Hwy 167, located just north of Grant High School. Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 10:45.

Fairfield House of Praise
Pastor Kenneth Hyde. Services Sunday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Friday prayer at 7 p.m.

Hope Church of Dry Prong Pentecostal Church
Shane Morris, Pastor; Service times: Wed., - 7pm, Sunday School -9:45am, Sunday Worship Service -11:00 am

Fairfield Baptist Church
108 N. Dogwood Lane. Services: Sunday School 10:am - Worship 11 am. Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 pm. Mike Gremillion, Pastor

Fairfield Pentecostal Church
198 Fairfield Pentecostal Ch. Rd
Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 pm
Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm.

Faith Worship Center
Pastor Willie Beaubouef, Services: Sunday School 10 am, Worship 10:45. Wednesday - 7 pm. 541 Hwy 3098, Georgetown, LA

First Baptist Church of Dry Prong
You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday at 8:50 a.m. Sunday school (Nursery provided); 10 a.m. Morning Worship (Nursery provided); 5 p.m. Discipleship Training; 6 p.m. Evening Worship; Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Children's Activities and 6:45 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting at First Baptist Church Dry Prong, 920 Hwy 167, Dry Prong;
Pastor Kevin Goodman

First Baptist Church Pollock
Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. Morning worship-Children's Church; Sunday evening 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Youth service; Wednesday evening 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Bible Drill (Pre-K – 6th) Sermon videos can be viewed on YouTube. Search "fbcpollock"

Hargis Baptist Church
Hargis Baptist Church, 1313 Hwy 122, between Verda and Montgomery. Sunday school 10 am; Worship 11am; Worship in Song 6pm; Bible Study on Wednesday 6pm.

Hebron Baptist Church
Hebron Baptist Church of Dry Prong invites you to join us for our 9 a.m. Contempory Worship Service. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Traditional Service at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Bible Study at 5 p.m. & Evening Worship at 6 p.m. On Wednesday AWANA & Youth at 5:30 and Prayer Meeting at 6 p.m.
We are located on the Verda Hwy. 899-5449.

Hudson Creek Baptist Church
344 Hudson Creek Rd, Colfax, LA 71417 Pastor: Dr. Calvin Cantrell Music Director: Steve Honeycutt. Meeting Times: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Church 11:00 a.m.

Iatt Baptist Church
Pastor Terry R. Smith, 382 Iatt Church Rd., Verda; Services Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 5 p.m.

New Life Church
Rev. Haley Smith
Sunday 2PM
Wed 7PM
318-229-8618

Liberty Christian Church
At Liberty you will find friendship, understanding and encouragement to you and your family. We may not know all the answers, but we know the One who does. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. . For more information about us, see www.LibertyChristianUS71.org

Montgomery Church of Christ
Montgomery Church of Christ Sunday: Bible Study at 10 a.m. Worship Service at 11 a.m. and Evening Service at 5 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Montgomery First Baptist
Join us for worship at Montgomery First Baptist Church for Sunday school at 9:45 p.m. Church service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening and Children's Bible Drill at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting and Children's Bible Drill Wednesday at 6 p.m. First Baptist Church is located at 739 Old Jefferson Highway, Montgomery, .

Montgomery Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Pastor Andre Haynie, Sr.; Sunday at 10 a.m. Worship; Wednesday night Sunday School Bible Lesson at 6 p.m.; Sunday morning Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m.

Montgomery United Methodist Church
1130 Caddo Street
Montgomery, LA 71454
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM
Rev. Thomas May, Pastor

Mount Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday at 9 a.m. Prayer; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and 11:00 Morning worship; Wednesday at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible Study on Thursday 5 p.m. CommunityOutreach Prayer-HUD Loop; (318)627-5711; Pastor, Elder Walter G. Williams.

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Service at 9:30 a.m. Montgomery United Methodist Church. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.

Nantachie United Pentecostal Church
Pastor Nathaniel Young Sr. Sunday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. (318) 646-2377. 3938 US Hwy 71, Montgomery, La.

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460 Hudson Road
Pollock, La. 71467
Pastor: Bro. Lloyd Whitman
318-481-8471
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Bob Baptist Church
Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Morning Worship - 11:00 AM
Bible Study - 5:00 PM
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Wednesday Services - Prayer Meeting 6:30; Bro Dwayne Irwin - 318-201-6196

New Prospect Baptist Church
Sundays: 9:00 AM
Welcome/Fellowship; 9:30 AM Worship; 10:45 AM Sunday School/Small Group
5:00 PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays: 12 Noon Bible Study/Prayer; 6:30 pm Bible Study/Prayer; Youth Class, GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends
***Nursery provided (0-3 years) for all services

Northside Baptist Church
330 Bienville,St. Montgomery, Ph. 646-2266. Services: SS - 10:00 am , Worship 11:00 am. Prayer Meeting -RA's & GA's. Wed, 6:30.

Oak Grove Baptist Church,
194 Oak Grove Church Rd., Worship services at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
171 Pleasant Hill Church Rd., Pollock, LA 71437.
Sunday School 9:45.
Morning Worship 11:00.
Evening Worship 5:00pm.
Wednesday Worship 6:00pm

Pollock United Methodist Church
1941 Hunter St, Pollock, LA.
Pastor: Rosanne Osborne

Weekly Sunday Worship Opportunity: 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women Thrift Shop open 1st Friday and Saturday of every month.

Rock Hill Undenominated Church
193 Hwy 1241, Sunday service at 10:00 am, Wednesday service @ 6:30 pm. Byron Huntsberry, Pastor 318-541-1760

Serving the Catholic Community
Serving Grant and LaSalle... Fr. Jason Gootee Pastoral Administrator for both St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1515 N. 2nd Street, Jena and St. Edward Catholic Chapel, 2711 Hwy 8, Fishville. Mass Times at St. Mary: Sunday at 11AM and at St. Edward, Saturday Vigil Mass 5PM and Sunday Mass 9AM. Confessions before all Masses. For more information go to www.stmaryscatholicchurch.org or www.stedwardscatholicchurch.org. To contact our office please call 318-992-1019 or email us at stmary1@centurytel.net.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 801 3rd St., Colfax; Masses: Sunday at 9:30 A.M.; Saturday at 5:30 P.M.; and Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. Confessions and Rosary half an hour before every Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 6 p.m. Masson First Fridays; Mass on First Saturdays at 8 a.m. Alternately at each church.
Pastor: Father John Brocoto
Directory is 318-627-3952

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Montgomery
St. Patrick Catholic Church, 624 Rowena Street, Montgomery; Masses: Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Confessions and the Rosary half an hour before every Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 6 p.m. Mass on First Saturdays at 8 a.m. Alternately at each church.
Pastor: Father John Brocoto
Directory is 318-627-3952

St. Margaret, Boyce, La.: Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8:00 A.M.

St. Mary African Methodist Episcopal Church
Sunday Church school at 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. and Sunday Worship service at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer/Bible Revival- 6 – 7:30 p.m. and WMS at 7:30 – 8 p.m. Rev, Curtis Ray Fields, Pastor,

Selma Methodist Church Services, Georgetown
Selma Methodist Church offers Sunday Services every Sunday. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. with Worship following at 10:45 a.m.

Summerfield Baptist Church
Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Morning worship at 11 a.m. and Evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Mission Classes at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Jeremy Brister, 171 Summerfield Road, Colfax, LA 71417

The Small In Yard Church, Montgomery
(John 6:44) Whom he send; Will come; Jesus is sending from all across the USA to The Small In Yard Church, Whispering Pines, Montgomery, Louisiana; Maybe you need a word: Call 318-646-3491 or Come or Email: atneeduGod.aol.com Pastor/Sister Juanita

United Pentecostal Church of Montgomery
Sunday 10 am, Sunday evening 6 p.m. for Praise and Worship and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. If you need a ride pleasecontact Pastor Donald Givens at 646-3877 or 646-2897.

Verda Baptist Church
Located 2688 Hwy 122 Sunday School 9:30 am, Morning Worship 10:30 am. Evenig Worship 6:30 pm Wednesday prayer service 5 pm and Bible study 6:30 pm

Verda Church of Christ
Join us for services at Verda Church of Christ, 2157 Hwy 122, Verda at Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship at 5 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m

Victory Church Services
Preaching services at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Bro. Alan Dick leads our Bible Study; Victory Church is located two miles South of Montgomery on Hwy 71, turn right at the Union Grove Cemetery Sign;

Victory Christian Outreach Center
3335 Jackson Street, Alexandria: Sun. Praise, 6:30 p.m.; Ministers/Brethren Bible Class First & Fourth Mon. each month. Our Weekly radio broadcast air Sat.,12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on KAYT 88.1

Victory Temple Holiness Church
1015 Main Street Colfax, Sun. School, 10 a.m.Sun. noon; Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m.;

We Walk By Faith Church
Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening; We Walk By Faith Church is located off Hwy 8 at 122 Oak Grove Church Road, Bentley; Pastor Ron Denmon

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Williana
Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Sunday school-adults and children; No evening service Sunday night. Wednesday night service at 6:00 pm. Chuck Evans, Pastor. , 3744 Hwy 167, Dry Prong.

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Ask Rusty – How Do I Get My Social Security As Soon As Possible?

Social Security Matters by National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am a few weeks away from my 61st birthday in November 2022. I was wondering how far in advance of my 62nd birthday next year should I file my Social Security benefits paperwork in order to get my first check the same month I turn 62? I usually work a part time job during the winter months - but that job fell through this fall 2022. So, I do not want to waste any time getting that first check arriving the minute I turn 62 in November 2023. I don't want to take any chances of delays in starting my Social Security retirement benefits since I am currently not working. **Signed: Ready to Retire Soon**

***Dear Ready to Retire*:** Unless you were born on November 1st or 2nd, you will first become eligible for Social Security in December of 2023. That's because you must be 62 for the entire month before you can get Social Security for that month. If you were born on either the 1st or 2nd of November, then November 2023 will be your first month of eligibility and your first payment will be received in December. But if you turn 62 after November 2nd, your first month of eligibility will be December 2023 and your first payment will be received in January 2024 (Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned).

Social Security recommends you apply for your retirement benefit about 3 months before you wish your payments to begin, but you can apply as much as four months prior. When you complete the application there will be a question asking when you wish your benefits to start, and you should select the one that says, "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction." Be aware that your age 62 benefit amount will be permanently reduced (your age 62 benefit will be 70% of the amount you would get at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67).

By applying as suggested above, you will get your first Social Security payment as early as possible, but you should also know that the exact date of your payment depends on the day of the month you were born. If you were born between the 1st and 10th of the month, you'll get your payment in your bank account on the 2nd Wednesday of every month; if you were born between the 11th and 20th of the month, your payment will be received on the 3rd Wednesday of every month; and if your birthday is after the 20th of the month, the payment will be in your account on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

You can apply for benefits by making an appointment to do so at 1.800.772.1213 or by calling your local SS office, but the most efficient way to apply is online at www.ssa.gov/retire. To apply online, you'll need to first create your personal "my Social Security" online account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Grant Council on Aging Activities for December

*December 1st thru 30th - Hot meals will be served Monday thru Friday at GCOA between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*December 1st (Thursday) GCOA Bingo @ 12:00 Noon.

*December 6 - (Tuesday) Snap Lady will be at the Grant Council on Aging from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday she can be contacted at the following phone number 318-445-2773 or cell 318-792-4036.

*December 14 - (Wednesday) Colfax Nursing Home will be doing Bingo @ the GCOA at 12:00 Noon.

*December 22 - (Thursday) Christmas Party at the Grant Council on Aging at 12:00 Noon.

*December 23 – (Friday) Grant Council on Aging Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays.

*December 26 – (Monday) Grant Council on Aging Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays and will reopen on Tuesday December the 27th at 7:00 a.m.

*December 30 – (Friday) We will be changing the Bag Days for the next year to the second Tuesday of the Month instead of the third Tuesday.

CENLA AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC. Call us today for more information 318-424-2260 or 800-454-9573.

The Farm Wife

By Julie Murphree



It does not matter if the glass is half empty or half full.

Just be thankful that you have a glass and grateful that there's something in it!

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE!

We can always find something to be thankful for, no matter what may be the burden of our wants, or the special subject of our petitions. - Albert Barnes

For the past few years, we have been inundated with a Pandemic, rising food and gas prices, as well as empty shelves in the grocery stores. A lack of rain in the summer hurts our grass, gardens, and hay supplies.

Life has been difficult. But even in the hard times, there is always something we can find to be thankful for. For me, instead of lamenting the lack of rain, I give thanks to a well that works in order to water my plants. Rather than cry over the heat of the summer, I feel blessed to have air conditioning and fans.

I once read a book in which the writer told of a story. While sitting at the table, the people around it were instructed to look at a glass partially filled. They were all asked it the glass was half full or half empty. Once person commented, 'I'm just glad there's a glass!' Because the glass was there, the liquid in it was contained.

This Thanksgiving don't worry about whether your glass is half full or half empty. Instead, look around you at all the 'glasses' you have – a God who loves you, a family to cherish, friends to enjoy, and a home that is your safe haven in good times and in hard times. And before you know it, you will realize your glass isn't half full or half empty – instead, it is overflowing.

I lift my glass to you, and wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving, and overflowing glasses.

OBITUARIES



LENA JO SMITH MCKENZIE

Mrs. Lena Jo Smith McKenzie, age 88, entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at the Courtyard of Natchitoches. Arrangements for Mrs. McKenzie have been entrusted to Gallagher Funeral Home in Ball, Louisiana.

Graveside Services for Mrs. McKenzie will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Dry Prong Cemetery with Scott Tilton and Chuck LaCroix officiating.

Ms. Lena Jo was born on April 27, 1934, to her parents James and Annie Smith in Colfax, Louisiana. On December 1, 1950, in Jackson Parish she married Clarence McKenzie, and began a life together. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and Nannie. She had an eye for business and owned and operated Floyd's Gas and Grocery and the Country Grill in Montgomery, Louisiana. Ms. Lena Jo also was an Apartment Manager in Houston, Texas. She was an excellent cook and spent as much time as she could in the kitchen preparing meals for friends and family. If she wasn't doing the cooking, she was telling people how to clean after she was finished. She will forever be missed by those that loved and knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Z. McKenzie; parents, James and Annie Smith; brothers, JR and Milton Smith; sisters, Martha Anne McCullough and Lillie Mae Simmons; and in-laws, Lenard and Wydell McKenzie.

Those left to cherish her memory includer her daughters, Lou Ann Shelton of Montgomery, LA and Jacque McIntyre (John) of Cypress, TX; grandchildren, Melissa Turlington (Rick) of Natchitoches, LA, Deanna Adams of Coldspring, TX, Jon Ryan McIntyre (Lindsey) of Cypress, Tx, and Lindsey Jennings (Dustin) of Montgomery, TX; great grandchildren, Auston Turlington, Baden Turlington, Samuel McIntyre, Ellie Jennings, and Molly McIntyre; brother, Mike Smith (Floyce) of Quitman, LA; sister-in-law, Vivian Smith of Carlsbad, NM; and a numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers honored to serve are Auston Turlington, Baden Turlington, Jon Ryan McIntyre, Dustin Jennings, and Von Gilchrist.



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Kennedy-Supported Bill to Protect Children from Online Predators Passes Senate

On November 17, Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) applauded the Senate passage of the PROTECT our Children Act, which he cosponsored.

The legislation reauthorizes funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, which prosecutes child exploitation that happens online.

"Internet predators victimize children too often, and there's more we can do to keep them safe. The PROTECT our Children Act would help law enforcement prosecute these criminals and prevent future crime, and I hope the House sends it to the president's desk immediately," said Kennedy.

"By providing the resources, officers, and technology law enforcement agencies need to counter the threat of cyber-crimes, we can build more barriers between predators and the victims they target. I applaud my colleagues for reauthorizing this task force that prevents the perpetrators of these heinous crimes from committing future abuse, and I urge the House to pass this legislation as soon as possible," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas).

Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) also cosponsored the bill.

$3.1 Billion Settlement with Walmart over Opioid Epidemic Allegations Announced by AG Landry

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry announced today a settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that the company contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the dispensing of opioids at its stores. The settlement will provide $3.1 billion nationally which must be used to provide treatment and recovery services to people struggling with opioid use disorder. It also includes broad, court-ordered requirements, including robust oversight to prevent fraudulent prescriptions and flag suspicious prescriptions.

"Too many of our neighbors have buried their loved ones throughout the opioid epidemic, and too many other families in Louisiana remain devastated by the crisis," said Attorney General Landry. "For these people and all impacted by the opioid epidemic, my office and I will continue working hard to hold accountable companies that have created and fueled the crisis."

In October, states confirmed that settlement negotiations were underway with CVS and Walgreens. Louisiana and other states, together with local governments, continue their efforts to achieve a final settlement with both CVS and Walgreens.

"Walmart has filled significantly fewer prescriptions for opioids than CVS or Walgreens, and they have been proactive for the last few years in trying to monitor and control prescription opioid diversion," explained Attorney General Landry. "Additionally, Walmart has worked with law enforcement in Louisiana and helped to try removing bad actors in our State's medical industry."

The parties are optimistic that the Walmart settlement will gain support of the required 43 states by the end of 2022, allowing local governments to join the deal during the first quarter of 2023.

Attorney General Landry joined the attorneys general of North Carolina, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas as the lead negotiators on this settlement with Walmart.

Louisiana's Steve Scalise, Mike Johnson Give State Rising Power In New GOP House

Republican Louisiana Congressmen Steve Scalise and Mike Johnson will be among the leaders at the seat of power in the next GOP-controlled House after securing wins from their delegation.

Scalise, who represents the 1st Congressional District, will be the majority leader in the new Congress next year, second only to the House speaker, who will likely be Kevin McCarthy of California.

Scalise will be the highest-ranking House member from Louisiana since Democrat Hale Boggs was majority leader in the early 1970s.

Republicans are poised to flip the House from Democratic control with a thin majority. Though the winning margin for Republicans was a disappointment, they will set the House agenda nonetheless.

"By rejecting big government socialism, hardworking people all across America, from Portland, Oregon to Miami, Florida, elected a House Republican majority that will fight for them every day so we can get our country back on track, and we are ready to face this challenge," Scalise, of Metairie, said in a statement. "We will get to work preparing an agenda that is focused on the struggles hard-working families are facing, including passing bills through the House to reduce inflation, lower energy costs, secure the border, and help law enforcement officers get the tools they need to keep our communities safe from rampant crime."

Johnson, who represents the 4th Congressional District, kept his current job as vice-chair of the Republican Conference, or caucus.

"The American people have turned to House Republicans in the 118th Congress to lead on principle and produce results, and I am truly humbled and grateful to my colleagues for putting their faith in me to help direct that effort with a second term as vice



Steve Scalise



Mike Johnson

chairman of House Republicans," Johnson said in a statement. "These are fateful days for our great nation, and now is the time for us to speak and to lead with clarity and conviction. By God's grace, and by standing together, we will succeed."

Louisiana's other House members - Republicans Garret Graves of Baton Rouge, Clay Higgins of Lafayette, Julia Letlow of Start and Democrat Troy Carter of New Orleans - are also expected to advance in the next Congress with influential committee assignments, which will be announced later.

"With my colleagues from the state also in position to secure key roles I think Louisiana is in a better position as a delegation than it ever has been," Johnson told USA Today Network. "We're punching way above our weight."

Scalise also indicated Republicans in the House will go on offense against Democratic President Joe Biden and his administration.

"We will also carry out the important oversight necessary to hold the Biden Administration accountable for their actions that undermine our national security and the rule of law," said Scalise in his statement without being specific.

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"Think Twice, Be Nice" Essay Contest Winner



Congratulations to Alayna McKay of Montgomery High School. She is this year's winner of The Chronicle's Essay Contest. This year's title was "Think Twice Be Nice". Miss Louisiana, Gracie Reichman, presented Alayna with awards for her accomplishment in submitting the winning essay.

Grant High Receives Back Packs



Louisiana's Our Little Miss, Alyssa Altenberger met with Mrs. Slaughter and Officer Murrel at Grant High School this morning and presented the backpacks she received from her backpack drive. She had hoped to receive enough to bring to each school in Grant Parish but the amount she received was only enough to distribute to her home school, Grant High School. She says thank you to those who have supported her in her accomplishments.

Louisiana Chef Launches Online Store & Celebrates 2nd Cookbook Release



Chef Hunter Lee, owner and founder of the Benwood's Surely Southern brand is proud to now share his complete line of "Certified Louisiana Products" online at BenwoodsSurelySouthern.com.

Chef Lee is a true country boy, a 15-year professional chef all over the state of Louisiana has now written down his famous recipes to share with home cooks and foodies in all areas. You can now enjoy his five seasonings, eight sauces, Sweet-Hot pickles and TWO cookbooks: Benwood's Surely Southern presents "Livin' Large in Louisiana"

The second cookbook is a party. Appetizers, dips, sauces and crowd-pleasing drink recipes can be found in 'Livin' Large in Louisiana' along with an in-depth 'how-to' chapter on throwing the perfect dinner party.



Chef Hunter Lee is a Mansfield, La native and before now you could only buy his products in Mansfield. With rave reviews, Benwood's started an online store, you can purchase all his products from his website, BenwoodsSurelySouthern.com.

Go online and pre-register for 'Livin' Large in Louisiana,' everyone who pre-registers for the second book will receive a signed book and a free seasoning!



It Takes A Village – Support Local Businesses in Person and Online

This holiday season, pitching in to support a small business may be easier than you think.

Many small towns are proud to feature a vibrant main street, and rightfully so. Busy storefronts are a sign of activity and growth. They also indicate strong community support.

But not every small business gets their start in a brick and mortar location. With the popularity of online shopping, more small entrepreneurs are learning that their dream of selling locally-produced food, artwork, and handmade items can be achieved from the comfort of their own home.

While home-based businesses have their benefits, they also deal with their own set of challenges. Walk-in traffic isn't practical. The curiosity that comes from filling a storefront isn't going to materialize. Catching the attention of community members with a bright sign or colorful display isn't going to be as effective in a residential area.



Instead, these home-based businesses rely on word of mouth. That's where you come in.

Many new entrepreneurs take to social media to advertise their goods. Give them a follow. This allows you to stay up to date on new products or special sales. It also shows the business owner they have your support.

Consider sharing their information in a post on your own page. Your credibility can carry a lot of weight—when you share a local business with your friends and family, they'll see you as a trusted source and give that business the benefit of the doubt. This can do more to drive sales than any catchy slogan ever could.

Finally, remember a positive review can make all the difference. Many consumers spend time researching a business before making a purchase. Letting others know you've had a good experience can help them feel confident in their investment.

Small entrepreneurs and business owners have been working hard to prepare for the holiday season. Now, it's time to do your part.

GRANT PARISH ARRESTS



11/15/22 HOLDEN, JESSICA, 6743 HWY 8, BENTLEY, White Female, 29, 14:67 - THEFT UNDER $1000.00 (MISD) – Completed. GPSO

11/15/22 GORHAM, DEANNA, 1370 LA HWY 3098 APT# C-7, GEORGETOWN, White Female, 52, CCRP ART 21 - CONTEMPT OF COURT – Completed. GPSO

11/15/22 MAPLES, LINDA, 447 LOUISIANA AVE, WINNFIELD, White Female, 46, CCRP ART 21 - CONTEMPT OF COURT – Completed; CCRP ART 21 - CONTEMPT OF COURT – Completed. GPSO

11/15/22 DODGE, CHRISTOPHER, 1053 TYLER CEMETERY, CENTER POINT, White Male, 50, 40:1023 - POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (MISD); 40:967 C(1) - POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE LESS THAN 28 GRAMS (FELONY) – Completed. GPSO

11/17/22 BRYANT, BRANDON, 4015 LAKESIDE DR, ALEXANDRIA, Black Not, 34, CCRP ART 21 - CONTEMPT OF COURT – Completed. GPSO

11/17/22 LACHNEY, MASON, 285 EDGEWOOD DR, PINEVILLE, White Male, 21, 40:967 C(1) - POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE LESS THAN 28 GRAMS (FELONY) – Completed; 14:130.1 - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - EVIDENCE TAMPERING (FELONY) – Completed; 40:966C2(A)(I) - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 14 GRAMS OR LESS (MISD) – Completed; 40:1023 - POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (MISD) – Completed; 30:2531 - INTENTIONAL LITTERING PROHIBITED – Completed. GPSO

11/17/22 RAMBO, SIMEON, 2714 E HARDTNER DR, URANIA, White Male, 40, 40:1023 - POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (MISD); 40:967 C(1) - POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE LESS THAN 28 GRAMS (FELONY) – Completed. GPSO

11/18/22 CLINTON, ELDON, 180 MALONE RD, COLFAX, White Male, 43, 14:129.1 - INTIMIDATING, IMPEDING OR INJURING WITNESSES/OFFICERS - INTIMIDATION (FELONY) – Completed. GPSO

11/18/22 TOMB, FRANK, 12683 BAYVIEW DR, KNOXVILLE, TN, White Male, 42, 14:79 - VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS (MISD) – Completed. GPSO

Academy Graduate



The Grant Parish Sheriff's Office is excited to announce that Deputy Sarah LaCour graduated from the Police Academy. The academy consisted of 17 weeks of training in Louisiana law, defensive tactics, physical fitness and much more.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Grant Parish Police Jury, 200 Main Street, Colfax, La. 71417 will receive sealed bids until Thursday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud; bids received after the specified closing time will not be accepted. All interested parties are welcome to attend the bid opening.

Specifications may be obtained from the Grant Parish Police Jury, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, by calling 318-627-3157 or emailing sissy@gppj.org.

Bid Envelopes MUST be sealed and marked on outside with company name, item being bid, and time and sate of bid opening. Failure to seal and mark bid envelopes correctly will result in your bid being rejected.

The Grant Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with R.S. 38:2212 & 2214

Equipment to bid:
Motorgrader

The motorgrader must be new, unused, current production, articulated model, and shall be bid with all standard equipment as shown in the manufactures printed literature. A Caterpillar 120LVR was utilized as a guide in writing specifications. Rear mount scarifier/ripper, minimum operating weight should be 35,000 lbs and minimum horsepower of 165. Other functional equivalent machines will be considered. All machine standard and normal equipment necessary for full machine operation are to be included and all standard equipment, options & accessories shall be factory installed. The machine is to be manufactured in the United States. Any deviation/variations shall be noted.

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NOTICE OF USE HEARING

The Grant Parish Police Jury will conduct a Use Hearing on the 2023 Budgets under its control on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse, Colfax, Louisiana.

The Use Hearing on the 2023 Budgets will be open to the public. Opinions on the budget, both oral and written, will be heard, or received from those attending.

The budgets are available for inspection by the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Police Jury Office, Courthouse, Colfax, Louisiana.

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VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN MINUTES FROM MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Official proceeding of the Mayor and Board of Alderman and Alderwoman for the Village of Georgetown were held in a regular meeting on November 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting was held at the Municipal Building.

Alderwoman Bettye Shelton gave the invocation and called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Present were Mayor Danny Olden, Alderman Ray Williamson, Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon, and Alderwoman Bettye Shelton. All members present, quorum is established.

Others present: Chief of Police Georgetown Hinds, Town Clerk Melissa Baum, Utility Clerk Karla Cohea, and Superintendent Ray Baum, and Police Juryman Don Arnold.

Alderman Ray Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda, additions, and deletions; the motion was seconded by Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon; all agreed; motion carried.

Alderman Ray Williamson made a motion to approve the financial statement; the motion was seconded by Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon; all agreed; motion carried.

Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 11, 2022 meeting; the motion was seconded by Alderman Ray Williamson; all agreed; motion carried.

Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon made a motion to approve the Police Report; the motion was seconded by Alderman Ray Williamson; all agreed; motion carried.

Mayor Danny Olden welcomed guests and opened the meeting for public comment at this time.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

1. Alderman Ray Williamson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation; the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bettye Shelton; all agreed; motion carried to move into executive session.

2. Alderman Ray Williamson made a motion to come out of executive session; the motion was seconded by Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon; all agreed; motion carried to come out of executive session.

3. Police Juryman Don Arnold submitted a public records request. Alderman Ray Williamson made a motion to grant the public records request; seconded by Alderwoman Bettye Shelton; all agreed; motion carried granting the public records request by Police Juryman Don Arnold.

Old Business:

1. Christmas in the Park will be held Saturday, December 10, 2022.

2. Village of Georgetown's annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon will be held Sunday, December 11, 2022 at the community center.

Water/Sewer

1. Superintendent Ray Baum gave his report on water and sewer.

2. Village of Georgetown would like to thank Rinker Material for their donation of concrete rings for the sewer department.

3. Superintendent Ray Baum requested his vacation time for the week of Thanksgiving.

Police

1. Chief George Hinds gave his police report.

2. Alderwoman Bettye Shelton made a motion to introduce Ordinance #66-1 for Chief of Police George Hinds an increase in salary of $500.00 per month, motion to introduce was seconded by Alderman Ray Williamson; all agreed; motion carried to introduce Ordinance #66-A. A public hearing, approval, and adoption will be held at the December town meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Jonathan Spurgeon to adjourn town meeting; the motion was seconded by Alderman Ray Williamson; all agreed; motion carried.

Next Town Meeting will be on December 12, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Danny Olden, Mayor

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Melissa Baum, Clerk

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MEETING MINUTES GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY Colfax, LA November 11, 2022

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

The following members were absent: None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded Mr. Johnny Jamison to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeffery Pogue; Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance, gave the monthly call report for the month of October in Grant Parish.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open the agenda to public comments. Motion carried.

No speakers came forth.

Mr. William Jarrell, Morgan Goudeau and Associates, gave the jury an update on the South Grant Sewer Project. A technician from Evoqua will be on site this coming week to assist with some ongoing issues with equipment.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to introduce amended budget for the year 2022 with a budget hearing for December 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to introduce the proposed budget for the year 2023 with a budget hearing scheduled for December 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Chairman of the Personnel Committee, discussed changes to the Grant Parish Police Jury Employee handbook that are needed to accommodate the new pay schedule.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to approve changes to the Grant Parish Police Jury employee handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 20-2022; holding of election for Ward Seven District on March 25, 2023, to authorize a renewal of a special tax. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 20-2022

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 27, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

WARD SEVEN HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of four and thirty-one hundredths (4.31) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $20,800 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purposes of maintenance and the general expenditures needed in the everyday operation of the Ward Seven Hospital and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in the operation of Ward Seven Hospital?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBER	VOTE
Brandon DuBois	YEA
Johnny Jamison	YEA
Cephas Bowie, Jr.	YEA
Arnold Murrell	YEA
Mark Ball	YEA
Winston Roberts	YEA
David Merrell	YEA
Don Arnold	YEA

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of November, 2022.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

(s) Don Arnold
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on November 10, 2022, approving the holding of an election in Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of November, 2022.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 21-2022; establishing boundaries for Fire District #5. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-2022
Fire Protection District #5

WHEREAS, The Grant Parish Police Jury recognizes the need for clear and precise fire district boundaries that will improve the health and welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS, certain actions by the Parish are necessary for these boundaries to be implemented, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has approved boundaries in the past for Fire Protection District #5 and Fire Protection District #5 Zone A and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Policy Jury does hereby set and approve the following boundaries for Fire Protection District #5 to include the original boundaries set forth and approved during the April 13, 2006 meeting of the Grant Parish Police Jury and to include all areas encompassed within Fire Protection District #5 Zone A set forth and approved at the December 10, 1998 meeting of the Grant Parish Police Jury. This entire approved area will be known from this time forward as Fire Protection District #5.

Fire Protection District #5 of Grant Parish Louisiana comprises an area described as follows:

All property within Grant Parish, located West of Little River, South of the North line of Township 8 North, and East of the District's Western boundary line described here: Beginning at the Northwest comer of Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 1 West go South approximately 12 miles to the Southwest comer of Section 33, Township 7 North, Range 1 West; thence go approximately 1 mile East to the Southeast comer of Section 33, Township 7 North, Range 1 West, from that point go South approximately 3 miles to the Southeast Comer of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, thence go due West along the South line of said Section 16 to the intersection of said South section line with the Louisiana Arkansas Railway line. Thence follow said railway in a Southeasterly direction for approximately 4 ½ miles to the Southern border of Grant Parish, Louisiana. The Grant-Rapides Parish common boundary, which is a line projected East from a point where the Bayou Darrow empties into Red River to a point where Little River empties into Catahoula Lake is the Southern boundary of Grant Parish Fire District No. 5.

And:

Grant Parish Fire District #5 Zone (A) Boundaries described as follows:

Zone (A) is a one mile wide corridor - ½ mile either side of the following highways and roads:

U.S. 165 North from Big Creek Bridge South to the Grant/Rapides line.

LA Hwy 8 East from U.S. 165 to Allen Road.

LA Hey 8 West from U.S. 165 to 4780 LA Hwy 8

Pollock Airbase Road from U.S. 165 TO Springhill Road

These boundaries encompass the following roads:

LA HWY 8 EAST:
1. BUD ATES ROAD
2. POLLOCK CEMETARY ROAD UP TO #231
3. LA HWY 366
4. WINDYWOOD LANE
5. HARDWATER LAKE ROAD TO PERRY LOOP INTERSECTION
6. LOFTON ROAD UP TO #175
7. LYNN LAKE ROAD UP TO #325
8. HUDSON ROAD
9. CAMP MARY LEE ROAD

LA HWY 8 WEST:
1. HUGHART ROAD UP TO JAMES RYDER ROAD INTERSECTION
2. CHEV ALIER ROAD
3. JOHNSON LOOP

U.S. 165 NORTH
1. DYSON CREEK ROAD UP #325

U.S. 165 SOUTH
1. WILLS ROAD
2. HOLT ROAD
3. TILEY ROAD
4. PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ROAD
5. WALKER FERRY ROAD UP TO #350
6. SHARP ROAD
7. EAST MEADE ROAD UP TO #325
8. WAGGONER ROAD UP TO #279
9. PRICE ROAD
10. BENJAMIN ROAD
11. GATES ROAD
12. HINDS ROAD
13. HUMPHRIES ROAD
14. CRAWFORD LOOP UP TO EAST MEADE INTERSECTION
15. LENA DRIVE
16. LAURA DRIVE
17. BEESON ROAD
18. BARRON ROAD TO HIRAM BARRON ROAD INTERSECTION
19. ROBERTSON LOOP UP TO SANBURN ROAD
20. LA HWY 3130 UP TO ROBERTSON LOOP
21. FERGUSON LOOP
22. LEMMONS LANE
23. LAVERGNE DRIVE
24. ROBERTS ROAD
25. HOOD ROAD
26. SHIPP LANE
27. HART LANE
28. BILLY JOHN LANE
29. KILLEN LANE
30. DAYLANE
31. GOLDEN LANE
32. THOMPSON LANE
33. MCCANN DRIVE

POLLOCK AIRBASE ROAD
1. CRAWFORD LOOP
2. ALMA DRIVE
3. REECH ROAD
4. KIRBY LANE
5. EDMONDS LANE
6. J.K. SIMMONS ROAD
7. JOINERS LOOP
8. SPRINGIDLL ROAD UP TO #7624

The Fire District contains all property included within the above-described boundaries.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of November, 2022.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

(s) Don Arnold
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on November 10, 2022, approving the holding of an election in Ward Seven Hospital Service District of Grant Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of November, 2022.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

A discussion was held regarding removing Paradise Point Road in the Nantachie Acres Subdivision from the Grant Parish Police Jury Road Maintenance System and transferring maintenance to Mr. Richard Crain. After concerns were voiced, it was decided that more research was needed on the matter. Motion may be introduced this month and if all legalities can be addressed, it will be brought forth on the December Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to introduce removing Paradise Point in Nantachie Acres from the Grant Parish Police Jury Road Maintenance System and transferring maintenance to Mr. Richard Crain. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, gave an update on the Landfill and Roads departments.

The Jury discussed the letter received from Mack regarding the $4,000.00 dollar surcharge for the Heavy-Duty model 2024 trucks. The issue has been deferred to legal counsel for review.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to enter executive session to discuss litigation with Bank of Montgomery with Mr. J.R Whaley, and also to discuss litigation with Ms. Rebecca Boyett regarding McClung v. Grant Parish Police Jury and a separate case regarding Reservoir Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to enter back in to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend agenda to take the recommendations from legal counsel to move forward on litigation concerning McClung v. Grant Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to take the recommendations from legal counsel to move forward on litigation concerning McClung v. Grant Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bills as funds are available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried.

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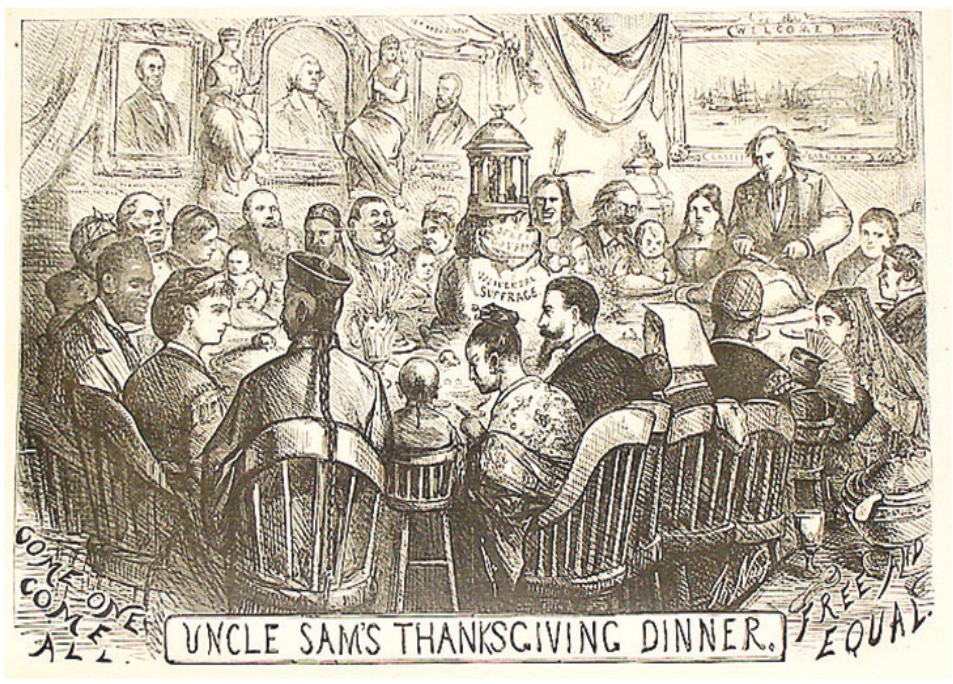
The Civil War Thanksgiving Holiday Proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863

Sarah Josepha Hale, the 74-year-old magazine editor of Godey's Lady's Book, wrote a letter to President Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." She explained, "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritive fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, mainly in New England and other Northern states. President Lincoln responded to Mrs. Hale's request immediately, unlike several of his predecessors, who ignored her petitions altogether.



Here is President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation:

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increases of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon an may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth."

After you have read the great words of President Lincoln, let us all be thankful for what we have. And, let us not forget those who are less fortunate during this Thanksgiving season.

Another interesting note about Sarah Josepha Hale…she also wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb".







