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City settles lawsuit  
with former  
JPD employee

*(Editor's Note: A lawsuit represents one side of an issue.)*

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A lawsuit has been settled between the city and a former employee who claims he was subjected to racial discrimination, whistleblower retaliation and deprivation of constitutionally afforded rights. According to public filings, in 2016 Christopher Lehman, a former Jennings Police Department (JPD) reserve officer who served as the agency's community services coordinator, filed suit against the city and

then-police chief Todd D'Albor. Lehman alleged he was wrongfully terminated and that the loss of his employment was, in part, racially motivated. According to the suit, Lehman requested that the defendants pay reasonable attorney's fees, compensatory damages to be determined by a jury of his peers after a jury trial and back pay from the date he last worked, Sept. 9, 2015. A request for a summary judgment was filed with the court by the city in mid-November 2018, requesting that all claims asserted by the plaintiff be dismissed.

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Fire district selling reflective  
address signs

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During an emergency, first responders need to make it to scenes as quickly and safely as possible. Jefferson Davis Parish Fire District 2 is creating reflective green address signs that are available for purchase at its Hathaway station. "The signs will help first responders locate homes quicker when needed," said Fire District 2 Chief Tim Landry. "They are much more visible at night, especially in the fog." Landry said it is difficult to see small numbers posted on homes when responding to emergencies in the dark. The signs will greatly enhance visibility for emergency personnel to locate an address.

Landry said the house number will be displayed in reflective numbers on both sides of the metal signs, enabling responders to see the numbers no matter from which direction they are driving. The signs are \$25 each. Proceeds from sales will be used to support the Hathaway Firemen's Association. "We will use the money to support our guys for things not already covered by the department," said Landry. "In the future we are looking to purchase a thermal imager." He said the thermal imager is a camera used to detect hot spots inside walls. "The camera is quite expensive and our department could really use this piece of equipment,"

said Landry. "We could locate the hot spots much more quickly, which could possibly prevent unnecessary structural damage." For those who would like to purchase a sign, Landry advised interested parties to notify the department on its Facebook page. "They can private message us the address along with their phone number and we will get back to them," said Landry. "They can also come by the station located at 5396 Pine Island Highway." Landry said when the department has drills from 6-8 p.m. on certain nights, the public can stop by to either order or pick up their sign. "One of our firemen will

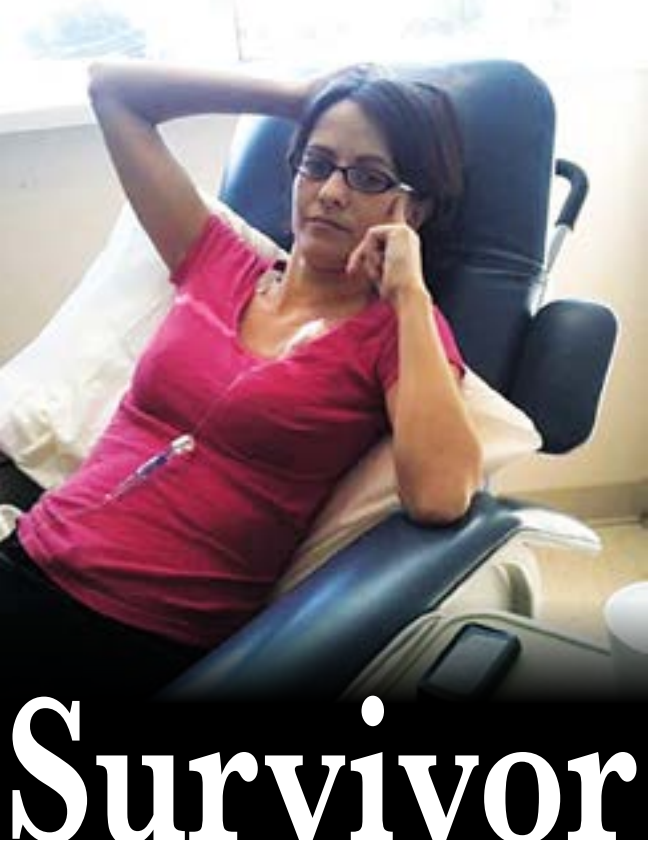
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Daily News photo by Stacey Fontenot

Perfecting Projects

Students at Jennings Elementary School have been working on science and social studies fair projects. Winners from the school-level fair received advice from judges on how to improve their presentations for an upcoming regional fair.



Survivor

Local woman beats  
stage III cervical cancer

*(Editor's note: January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.)*

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Out of every 100 women diagnosed with stage IIIB cervical cancer, 32 are predicted to live at least five more years. In December, Lake Arthur native Kim Neal celebrated living six. She was 32 when she received her diagnosis. In 2012 she began experiencing back and hip pain as well as bleeding for several weeks at a time. "I went to an emergency room once and was advised to just to see my gynecologist," Neal said. "When I did see a gynecologist, they began trying several different birth control medications to try to stop the bleeding." Six months later, she was still suffering. She returned to the gynecologist but refused more medication. Instead, she wanted a hysterectomy or other procedure that would stop her symptoms. A Pap smear was conducted and the doctor said they would see Neal in about a month. She demanded an appointment as soon as the results were available. "I was able to see the nurse practitioner in the same office about a week or two later," Neal said. "She decided to examine me herself. She asked me, 'Kim, did anyone tell you anything during your exam a few weeks ago?' She asked that because she could see what she called a full-blown tumor." By that point, Neal was at stage IIIB. Neal was sent to the emergency room of a Shreveport hospital so that she could immediately be further examined. "The gynecologist there could not see me for another three weeks but the nurse practitioner called and insisted I get in as soon as possible," Neal said. "The next morning, I was in the doctor's office."

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CERVICAL CANCER STAGES

- STAGE 0** - Abnormal cells that may become cancer are found in the innermost lining of the cervix. 5-year survival rate: 93%
- STAGE 1** - Cancer is found in cervix only. This stage is divided into stages IA and IB based on the amount of cancer found. Furthermore, IA is divided into IA1 and IA2 and IB is divided into IB1 and IB2 based on the size of the tumor. 5-year survival rate: 93% for IA, 80% for IB.
- STAGE II** - Cancer has spread beyond the cervix but not onto the pelvic wall or the lower third of the vagina. This stage is divided into stages IIA and IIB based on how far the cancer has spread. In IIA, cancer has spread beyond the cervix to the upper two thirds of the vagina but not to tissues around the uterus. Stage IIA is divided into IIA1 and IIA2 based on the size of the tumor. In IIB, cancer has spread beyond the cervix to the tissues around the uterus but not onto the pelvic wall. 5-year survival rate: 63% for IIA, 58% for IIB.
- STAGE III** - Cancer has spread to the lower third of the vagina and/or onto the pelvic wall and/or has caused kidney problems. This stage is divided into stages IIIA and IIIB based on how far the cancer has spread. In IIIA, cancer has spread to the lower third of the vagina but not to the pelvic wall. In IIIB, cancer has spread to the pelvic wall and/or the tumor has become large enough to block the ureters, the tubes that connect the kidneys to the bladder. 5-year survival rate: 35% for IIIA, 32% for IIIB.
- STAGE IV** - Cancer has spread beyond the pelvis or can be seen in the lining of the bladder and/or rectum, or has spread to other parts of the body. Stage IV is divided into stages IVA and IVB based on where the cancer has spread. In IVA, cancer has spread to nearby organs such as the bladder or rectum. In IVB, cancer has spread to other parts of the body, such as the lymph nodes, lung, liver, intestine or bone. 5-year survival rate: 16% for IVA, 15% for IVB.

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## When in ROME

Jennings youth, chaperone experience trip of a lifetime

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One youth member of Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) Parish Youth Group recently experienced the trip of a lifetime. Jennings High School (JHS) graduate Abby Richard, along with OLHC Youth Minister Melody Trahan, who sponsored and chaperoned the trip, joined 20 other youth from throughout the Lake Charles Diocese on a 10-day trip to Rome, Italy. "This is the first year a member of our youth group attends this trip," said Trahan. "It's coordinated by the Diocese of Lake Charles, and is only offered every two years to seniors and high school graduates who have been members of Core Teen. Core Teen is a group of teen leaders who meet in Lake Charles monthly, where they prepare retreats for younger kids in the parish. Every parish in the diocese picks two Core Teen members to represent the parish."



Above: The Basilica

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The defendants’ summary stated the decision to suspend Lehman was made in order to “avoid having an employee representing Jennings PD in a neighborhood dispute because Jennings PD prohibits employees from being involved in disputes and/or conflicts with neighbors.”

In response to the city’s summary judgment, Lehman’s lawyers, James Sudduth, III and Jim Morris, filed a memorandum in opposition to the defendant’s motion for summary judgment on Dec. 4. It contended that their case had enough evidence to support a jury trial.

Lehman told *Jennings Daily News* that during the last week of December a confidential settlement was reached, however, the terms of that agreement are not being released to the public.

In January 2016, Lehman filed a complaint on the matter with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), followed by a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Lake Charles on June 7, 2016.

Lehman was originally recruited by the city in June 2013 to serve as JPD’s community services coordinator, a position which included overseeing neighborhood watch programs. However, his commission with the department was suspended in December 2015.

In the suit Lehman, both a retired military veteran and federal government civilian, claimed that in 2011 he began noticing what he felt may have been illegal activity on the street where he and his family resided in Jennings. He claimed some of the suspicious activity included trespassing, property damage, sex offender presence, illegal zoning practices and possible illegal activity, about which he notified JPD. His reports on suspected illegal activity in the area continued after a couple moved into a mobile home Lehman had already reported to the city for not complying with applicable zoning ordinances. The suit states the area was not zoned for mobile homes used as permanent dwellings.

“I never wanted or expected a dispute with the city,” Lehman said. “On the other hand, I do expect and you should expect that if rules and policy exist, they should apply to all, not a chosen few, and that the laws of our community, state and nation are to be equally applied — regardless of race, creed or color.”

The suit claimed D’Albor and then-mayor Terry Duhon “were so impressed with (Lehman’s) tenacious observance of suspected crime and active pursuit of activities to better the local neighborhood” that he was offered the community services coordinator position. Lehman continued his efforts to report suspected crime, the suit further claimed, with the encouragement of the chief and mayor.

Lehman said in the EEOC complaint that “both the mayor and police chief knew my persistence to fix things was not liked by the neighbors in question at the time of the job offering.”

However, in early 2014, the suit continued, Lehman “began to experience resistance with the JPD and from his own chief to enforce anti-drug laws, as well as zoning ordinances,” specifically as they related to the couple residing in the mobile home. Lehman continued his personal investigation, stating that between April and September of 2015, he documented high vehicle activity on his street that he felt possibly indicated drug activity.

Since 2012, Lehman claimed in the EEOC complaint, the situation continued to escalate. He stated that the couple

residing in the mobile home on his street tried numerous times to bait him into physical conflict and trespassed on his property, along with numerous other offenses, including placing Confederate flags and plate emblems on their vehicles to intimidate him.

Lehman also stated in the EEOC complaint that he felt his neighborhood watch reports were not taken seriously, yet he was never reprimanded or told he was doing anything wrong.

“I was encouraged by the mayor, police chief and city attorney to continue my efforts even under complaints to my neighbors,” Lehman stated.

On Aug. 31, 2015, the couple residing at the mobile home made an informal complaint to the chief, alleging they were being “hassled” by Lehman. In an email dated the same day of the couple’s informal complaint, a copy of which was included in Lehman’s EEOC complaint and filed as Exhibit 3 in the lawsuit, D’Albor acknowledged Lehman had not violated any laws but also stated there was no proof the couple had committed any wrongdoing. D’Albor commended Lehman’s work but asked the officer to consider “backing off a little so that we can take another look at them.”

On Dec. 11, 2015, while on call to assist an animal control officer, Lehman stated in the memorandum, he reported observing utilities attached to an unauthorized camper sitting next to the mobile home. He stated that a city inspector was sent out to the mobile home and informed the couple that the plaintiff had complained about the trailer.

Three days later on Dec. 14, 2015, the couple residing in the mobile home filed a formal complaint against Lehman. Lehman said he was never provided with an official copy of the complaint despite requests.

In an email to Duhon on that same date, included in the EEOC complaint and identified in the suit as Exhibit 4, Lehman wrote, “I had no problem conforming with the requirement and I don’t feel our department did anything wrong.” He added that he had not broken any laws and wanted the couple charged for making a false claim once the investigation concluded.

Two days later on Dec. 16, 2015, the police chief sent an email, included in the EEOC complaint and identified in the suit as Exhibit 5, informing Lehman his commission with JPD was being suspended. The chief’s email referenced Lehman’s Dec. 14 email to the mayor, specifically the line in which Lehman stated “...I don’t feel our department did anything wrong.” D’Albor expressed concern that Lehman was representing the department in the “ongoing dispute” with the couple “and in essence, the City of Jennings.”

He then instructed Lehman to meet with another JPD officer and turn in “any and all items belonging to the City of Jennings (badge, commission card, uniforms, etc.),” then thanked Lehman for his service with the department and its neighborhood watch program.

Lehman received a separation notice from the Louisiana Workforce Commission on Dec. 31, 2015.

The suit further stated that Lehman was terminated though he had no prior disciplinary action on his record and complied with the chief’s order to “back off” regarding the couple living in the mobile home.

The accusation of racial discrimination comes into play in the suit when Lehman, who is black, names a white JPD officer who was said to have

been “recommended and promoted to become a full-time officer” by the chief despite “numerous egregious complaints filed against him.”

To the contrary and against the department’s operating manual, Lehman claimed he was fired without being given the opportunity to defend himself.

Additionally, during the discovery process of the case, witness testimony

presented claimed D’Albor commonly referred to the plaintiff using a racial slur, calling Lehman the department’s “token (expletive deleted).”

The defendants asserted in their motion for summary judgement that they “investigated the plaintiff’s reports of illegal activities in his neighborhood by directing officers to investigate the areas identified.”

OBITUARIES

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Lloyd Ryder, Jr.

LAKE ARTHUR - Mr. Lloyd Ryder, Jr., 72, of Lake Arthur passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, in Jennings American Legion Hospital.

Friends and family will gather at Miguez Funeral Home in Lake Arthur today, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, from 1-4 p.m. Following this visitation, they will gather at St. Anthony Cemetery to lay Mr. Ryder to rest. Services and burial are under the direction of Miguez Funeral Home.

Mr. Ryder was born in Lake Arthur on July 12, 1946, to Lloyd and Lorina O’Blanc Ryder, who preceded him in death. He was a 1965 graduate of Lake Arthur High School. He enjoyed playing music and in his younger years was a member of several bands including Nomads, Soul Trippers among others. He was a former member of the Lake Arthur Fire Department and Jeff Davis Sheriff’s Office. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a grandson, Robbie Benoit.

Those left to cherish his memory are his companion, Darlene Leger; daughter, Toni LeJeune; sister, Lois Spell and brother, Jerry Ryder; one grandchild, Krystal Benoit; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at [www.miguezfuneralhome.com](http://www.miguezfuneralhome.com).



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Frances Marcantel Planchard

Graveside services for Mrs. Frances Marcantel Planchard, 90, of Jennings will be held Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum in New Orleans. Services and burial will be under the direction of Miguez Funeral Home of Jennings.

Visitation for Mrs. Planchard will be held at Miguez Funeral Home in Jennings on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, from 2:30-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. rosary led by Deacon Mike Tramel.

Mrs. Planchard worked in the communications industry as a manager, moving here from New Orleans in 1991. She enjoyed crocheting, going to the casino and traveling on vacations. She also loved spending time with her numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Darcourt Planchard; her parents, Madison and Gladys Richard Marcantel; two sisters, Patricia Richard and Lou Anna Binkley; and one brother, Hillary “Pete” Marcantel.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at [www.miguezfuneralhome.com](http://www.miguezfuneralhome.com).



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the need for renal replacement therapy, otherwise known as dialysis. Renal replacement therapy is made up of outpatient hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, or referral for kidney transplantation. We also are trained in the care and follow up of patients after transplantation.

When I started my practice here around 2001, there were no other Nephrologists here and patients who needed hospitalization and dialysis had to be transferred to either Lake Charles or Lafayette hospitals. In addition, inpatient acute kidney failure is a very common event, where we provide comprehensive kidney consultation and dialysis services if needed so patients may remain at their hospital close to their friends and families.

Dr. Dwayne Bergeaux is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hypertension, and Nephrology and is accepting new patient appointments now.

*Dwayne J. Bergeaux M.D.*

Dr. Bergeaux is a board-certified Nephrologist, who specializes in the treatment of diseases of the kidney and difficult to treat hypertension (blood pressure). He has an office in Crowley and Jennings, where he and his Reach Kidney Care (Real Engagement Achieving Complete Health) team see, evaluate and treat patients at any stage of chronic or acute kidney disease.

First off, what is a nephrologist? Simply put, it is a physician specially trained in the treatment of kidney diseases and hypertension. We are able to treat any kind of renal diseases no matter how simple or complicated. As well, we are specially trained to treat hypertension, especially from genetic causes or simple essential hypertension, which is the most common form of blood pressure. This type of blood pressure may be difficult to treat and require multiple blood pressure medications but we try to minimize the number of medications and simplify the treatment for the patients.

I feel compelled to put together this information because as time goes by, I am seeing local patients, as well as patients from the surrounding area, who are new to me and are unaware that we have these services in Crowley and Jennings. Some of these patients have advanced kidney disease and should have been under the care of a Nephrologist for years, but were unaware that the services were provided locally. In addition, many patients with these problems may also be incapable or unable to travel out of town for these services. It is essential that these patients are seen early in the disease process so that we may be able to push back or prevent









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House number vital in emergencies

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency minutes matter, so be sure that fire, ambulance and police personnel can easily and quickly find your address.

Though officials and emergency personnel often ask the public to make sure their house numbers are visible from the street, many homeowners ignore this request. Most municipalities have ordinances requiring the proper display of those numbers but that does not mean all homeowners follow that rule.

Spending a few dollars and a few minutes to put up house numbers could one day save your life or the life of someone you love. While responders have access to GPS, it is not always correct or precise. It's also common to see several homes on the same road without visible house numbers, so responders cannot always depend on looking at surrounding houses to determine which home reported an emergency.

If the numbers on your house are not visible or easy to read, it will take emergency personnel longer to reach you. Those extra minutes spent trying to locate a property can mean the difference between life and death, so take the time now to be sure your house numbers are able to be seen from the street to help emergency responders find you faster.

A few tips property owners should follow when displaying their house or business numbers are as follows:

- Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly from the street.
- Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see. Use numbers that contrast with the background.
- If the house is located more than 45 feet from the street, the numbers should be displayed on a fence, mailbox or other appropriate place that will make it visible for approaching vehicles.
- Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by shrubs, trees, or decorations such as flags.
- Numbers should be clearly seen when approaching from either side of the house.

Jeff Davis Parish Fire District 2 out of Hathaway is currently hosting a fundraiser that provides green reflective address signs to residents. See page one of today's edition for details on a simply way to add a little safety to your home.

The bad guys are already here

I'M JUST SAYIN'  
by  
SHEILA SMITH



Then you should let us make it 100 times harder for law-abiding people to access weapons."

Republicans are currently using the scare tactic to get a w\*\*\* or fence made of popsicle sticks and Elmer's glue, whatever the plan is now. A "wence."

"Do you want illegal immigrants coming into this country with millions of pounds of heroin before raping everyone? Then let's build a w\*\*\*."

Ironically, as the president and Congress continue to do their best to keep the government shut down, there are discussions of taking billions from the Department of Defense to fund the w\*\*\*. Transportation Security Administration employees are quitting or calling in sick because they are not getting paid. Many Department of Homeland Security workers who investigate everything from terrorism to illegal narcotics are not getting paid.

The president is telling me that it is so imperative to keep our country safe, he is willing to veto or circumvent any proposed spending plan that doesn't support a w\*\*\*, even if that means weakening national defense and security? That makes sense. Who needs Homeland Security or Transportation Security? It's not like we've ever been attacked by an enemy on American soil or from the skies above it.

I know not everyone shares my train of thought or concerns. But I more often worry about protecting myself from the government and fellow Americans than I do foreigners.

In the 2010 film "Devil," a group of strangers become trapped in an elevator. As the hours stretch on, unexplained violence and death begin taking place inside the elevator. Eventually it becomes obvious that the devil himself is in the elevator, masquerading as one of the trapped strangers.

More often than not I report on crime. Over the past year this has included homicide, domestic violence, rape and drug trafficking. Over 99 percent of the offenders in the cases I have reported on are red-blooded Americans, born to and raised by families whose roots here go back 100 years or more. A lot of the drugs listed in these articles are marijuana and prescription drugs. The marijuana is being flown, driven and mailed in from where it is legally grown and processed in the USA. The prescription drugs are compliments of American pharmaceutical companies. Morphine, dilaudid and fentanyl? It's accessible without the help of illegal immigrants and Mexican cartels.

With any crime, violent or not, it's always a gamble as to whether justice will actually be served. Even when law enforcement, prosecutors and judges dot every I and cross every T, some loophole in the law or figurative brick w\*\*\* allows dangerous people to serve little to no time in prison. Then our fellow Americans are back on the street, back on the prowl.

I understand both sides of the w\*\*\* debate. Obviously a nation, like a homeowner, should not leave its doors and windows unlocked to be freely accessed. But doors and locks are ultimately weak deterrents. If a bad guy wants to get inside, he's getting inside. I find it hard to believe that with all the violence and injustice that exists in America thanks to Americans, a w\*\*\* or stricter gun control will provide more security.

To be honest, I don't fear people entering the country illegally. But my fellow Americans? Many of those people are quite scary.

Cooking with cats

VILLAGE IDIOT  
by  
JIM MULLEN



just opened a refrigerator on Ultima Thule, it would have taken a cat around three seconds to get there. We should be seeding all these distant rocks with refrigerators. A refrigerator is what we should be building on Mars. It would save a fortune in rocket fuel. All we would have to do is figure out how to attach the equipment to a cat.

This gave me something to think about while I cleaned up the eggy mess.

It will be tricky to make another meal without opening the fridge, but I am up to it. After all, I'm a human. I have opposable thumbs, and I have close to a three-digit IQ. Take that, Mensa! I decided on instant oatmeal. What could be simpler? What could be quieter? Open the box and push away the cats that have instantly appeared again on the countertop. All I have to do is add some hot water and stir. Which would be easier if two cats were not now in the sink. They are fighting over who gets to lick the faucet. The third one has his face in the bowl with the dry oatmeal. This time, I do not fall. I do not stumble. I grab the sink sprayer and aim it at them. They disappear again.

Opposable Thumbs 1, Cats 0.

While carrying the steaming-hot bowl of oatmeal to the breakfast table an excruciating, sharp pain makes me scream. A cat is crawling up the back of my leg the way a lineman climbs a telephone pole. The claws that I forgot to trim are long and needle-thin. He is using both the front and back legs. Hot oatmeal is now dripping from the ceiling.

The good news is that my extra pounds are melting away. As a diet, I highly recommend the Multiple-Cat Weight-Reduction Method. You don't have to worry about snacking on leftovers; you won't have any. And you can forget about ever eating seafood again. Actually, NASA should look into putting fresh shrimp on Ultima Thule, too. Just to see if a cat can actually go faster than the speed of light.

Stepping barefoot into cat vomit first thing in the morning will put you off eating breakfast; listening to a cat cough up a hairball for five minutes may be the best appetite suppressor ever devised. It certainly worked at our last dinner party. And it turned out to be our last dinner party. Now everyone seems to have "other plans" whenever I invite them over.

Sheesh. I guess some people just don't like cats.

(Contact Jim Mullen at [mullen.jim@gmail.com](mailto:mullen.jim@gmail.com).)

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into exile, leaving his deputy Philip Effiong to surrender to the Nigerian army, unofficially ending the Nigerian Civil War

**2000** - Microsoft chairman Bill Gates steps aside as chief executive and promotes company president Steve Ballmer to the position



# Lady Bulldogs drop match-up with Lafayette Christian

Special to the Daily News

LAFAYETTE – The Iota Lady Bulldogs stepped out of district play Thursday evening and ran straight into a buzz saw.

Two-time defending Division IV state champion Lafayette Christian (22-4) gave the Lady Dogs trouble defensively for the better part of three quarters en route to a 46-30 victory.

The loss sent Iota to 14-9 on the season.

“We just couldn’t get anything going on offense,” said IHS coach Meghann LeJeune, whose team didn’t score its first point until just over six minutes remaining in the second quarter.

“Everybody talks about a zone (defense) and how it’s lazy, but that’s the best zone I’ve ever seen. They (LCA)

got a tip on every single pass ... It was more effective than most people’s press.”

The Knights’ 3-2 zone forced Iota into eight turnovers in the opening frame as the Lady Dogs fell behind 11-0.

The hosts then hit a three-pointer to start the second quarter and added another bucket in the paint before Kendall Miller connected on a shot from beyond the arc for Iota’s first points of the game.

Colleen Johnson added another bucket from long range for Iota and Avery Young had a put-back later in the frame for the Lady Dogs’ only bucket in the paint of the half.

“It was tough,” said LeJeune of the first half. “I mean, they started four girls that were bigger than my

center.”

Iota added seven more points in the third quarter, mostly from the perimeter. Miller hit a jumper, Johnson added another long ball and Young drove the lane for a rare bucket in the paint that brought the score to 43-15.

With the Knights shuffling players in and out the entire fourth quarter, the Lady Dogs had their best offensive production of the night.

LCA scored the first bucket of the quarter and Iota then reeled off 15 straight points. Miller and Johnson combined to score 11 over the final eight minutes.

“In the fourth, I left my starters in there for a little bit just so we wouldn’t end on a negative note,” said

See IOTA Page 11



# Gueringer named WHS head coach

By PAT DESHOTEL  
Daily News Sports Writer

WELSH - The Welsh Greyhounds have a new head coach. Welsh High principal Chris Humble announced Tuesday that Welsh offensive coordinator Cody Gueringer has accepted the position of head coach. “Cody has taken care of his business in order to put himself in this position,” commented Humble. “He does what he is supposed to in the classroom and on the field and in his relationship with other faculty members. He will help us make a smooth transition from John Richardson to the way he wants to be in charge. I am excited for him and the players and our very supportive community.”

“I am so proud to be selected to be the next head coach of the Welsh High Greyhounds,” Gueringer said. “It is a great honor to lead such a storied football program. I am a Greyhound through and through. In the third grade, I would sit in class and draw plays in my notebook. This weight room is the same one I worked out in when I was in high school. I chose to stay at Welsh High because of the kids. It is always so exciting to see them come in and ready to do what they have to do in order to continue the success at Welsh High.”

Gueringer was an All-District center for the Greyhounds during his sophomore year. He was All-Southwest Louisiana as a guard in his junior season and then played tight end his senior year. “You know I have to change my expectations now. I will never ask the kids to do something that I myself am not willing to do. I want us to have a change in that part of our mentality that caused us to have so many unnecessary penalties this past season. I told the players that what I expect from them is what I expect from myself.”

Gueringer plans to keep the same basic principals that were used in the past two seasons that made the Hounds so successful. “We will continue to use the spread offense and operate out of the gun. We will adapt to the personnel we have when we can make ourselves better by doing so. The expectations will remain the same; compete for championships. It’s the little things I want us to work to change that will make us more accountable. It begins with a new attitude that I believe will lead to no more 15 yard penalties for doing something stupid.”

Gueringer will continue to call the offensive plays while he looks for another assistant coach. He will welcome back Gavin Richard, a sophomore who started at center, and Gavan Guillory who will be a senior next season. Guillory will be in a battle with current sophomore Landin Broussard for the quarterback position next year. “That spot is wide open for either one of them to either win or lose,” Gueringer noted. Also returning for next season on the offense will be junior Garren Hebert and sophomore running back Jaheim Simon. Simon rushed for over 1,000 yards this past season behind a very strong offensive line. “We have a lot of work to do to fill the other positions, but I am really looking forward to it,” Gueringer stated. Guillory has just one word to describe his new coach: “smart.”

Defensive coordinator Aaron Trahan also applied for the head coach position and was very gracious to Gueringer when he was announced as the new coach. “Coach Trahan called me and congratulated me and I was very grateful to him. The best thing he told me was that he was



Cody Gueringer

going to stay on at Welsh High. I would not have stayed if he had left. We just get along so well together and our philosophies are so much alike. He will continue to be the defensive coordinator and he is just awesome with the kids. They respond so well to him and they know what they are doing because he spends so much time preparing them. He makes them smart on the football field,” Gueringer said.

“I didn’t put my name in to lose,” commented Trahan. “I am very competitive in just about everything I do. But I know Cody and he and I work very well together. We are going to stay the same in our philosophy and that’s to do all the preparation necessary in order to be successful on Friday nights. We want our kids to be physical, but even more, we want them to play fast. You can’t play fast if you don’t know what you are doing. It is our job to get them ready to play fast and smart,” Trahan said.

Trahan will continue to operate out of the 4-2-5 alignment because it allows him to make necessary adjustments to his defense predicated on the next week’s opponent. “We lost some quality people that we have to replace, but the main thing we have to replace is the leadership. By both Cody and I staying at Welsh High, we have created an atmosphere of stability and continuity to move forward. We will continue with our philosophy of building the man from within so that he is successful in this world and not just football. We want to play strong, fast and smart. I tell our defensive linemen all the time that we don’t make tackles, we make plays.”

Trahan will welcome back some key players who saw action this past season. Junior defensive end Darren Benoit will return, as well as junior lineman Keegan LaBouve. Junior linebackers Jevin LaBouve and Kadence LaBouve will also return, as well as defensive backs Austin van Ness and Landon Watkins. “We are going to have several players who will have to go both ways to help us on both sides of the football,” Trahan noted. “I think you can look for Garren Hebert, Gavin Richard and maybe even Gavan Guillory to see action on both sides of the football. We also expect players like Ethan Theriot, Will Green and Dylan Igness to

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# Spring-flowering trees add interest to landscapes

By **DAN GILL**  
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

The third Friday in January is Arbor Day in Louisiana, a day we set aside to celebrate and appreciate the role living trees play in improving our lives and our environment. Many people plant trees to celebrate the occasion. Spring-flowering trees will add so much color and beauty to our landscapes over the next few months, and now through early March is an excellent time to plant these and other types of trees in the landscape.

At 40 feet tall, the largest of the spring-flowering trees is our native swamp red maple (*Acer rubrum* var. *drummondii*), which is coming into bloom now. This tree species separates the sexes into individual plants, so there are male swamp red maple trees and female swamp red maple trees. It is the females that



The native swamp red maple is coming into bloom now. LSU AgCenter file photo by Dan Gill

put on the more attractive display in the spring. Not only are their flowers more showy, but they turn into attractive fruit. You may notice trees in your

area which have deep red, burgundy or rusty red boomerang shaped fruit clustered all along their leafless branches. The swamp red maple makes an excellent shade tree. Although it grows in swampy areas, it adapts readily to well-drained urban landscapes. It is a deciduous tree with an upright oval shape and a moderate to fast rate of growth.

The Taiwan flowering cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) produces deep pink in great abundance before the leaves emerge. Flowering generally begins in mid to late January and extends over two to three weeks. This is one of the few flowering cherries that grows and blooms reliably this far south. They prefer to grow in a sunny to partly sunny location with excellent drainage. The Okame flowering cherry (*Prunus x incamp* Okame) is another type that will grow successfully in Louisiana. Pale pink flowers are produced in March or April.

The Oriental magnolia (*Magnolia x soulangeana*) is one of the most spectacular of the spring-

flowering trees because its flowers are so large. Unlike the evergreen Southern magnolia, the Oriental magnolia is deciduous and loses its leaves in winter. Appearing before the foliage in January and February, the fragrant flowers are tulip shaped, 4 to 6 inches across and may be flushed pale pink to purple on the outside and white on the inside. Long lived and reliable, Oriental magnolias grow 15 to 20 feet tall and need a sunny location with good drainage.

The related star magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*) is smaller, growing 10 to 12 feet tall, and is more shrub-like. The white or pale pink flowers are star-shaped and wonderfully fragrant. Blooming in late January or February before the foliage emerges, the star magnolia is an excellent choice for small spaces.

The native silver bell (*Halesia diptera*) is a lovely tree often recommended as a substitute for dogwoods and is less fussy about its growing conditions. The trees do not really resemble each other that closely, but the silver bell does

bloom at about the same time with small, four-petaled white flowers that hang down in large numbers from the branches. The thin leaves allow light to filter through creating a lovely effect under the tree.

They grow well with light shade or in full sun, and mature at about 25 to 30 feet.

The hawthorns are a wonderful group of native trees that provide spring bloom as well as fruit for human or wildlife consumption. One of my favorites is the parsley hawthorn (*Crataegus marshallii*). Growing 15 to 20 feet tall, it is an excellent choice in patio or small space plantings. The clusters of white flowers appear in March or April and are soon followed by the foliage which looks like flat Italian parsley, hence the tree's name. The small red fruit that ripen in fall are relished by mocking birds. Parsley hawthorn is tolerant of poorly drained soils and grows in full sun to part shade. When the trees are young they possess thorns.

Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) is a delightful native tree that thrives in well-drained locations with full sun to partial shade. The flowers are green-

ish white and are produced in masses all along the branches. The narrow petals and hanging habit give the flowers a fringe or beard-like appearance. In the wild you usually see them growing on the edge of the woods and The Chinese fringe tree (*Chionanthus retusus*) also grows well here and is even showier than our native species.

Another excellent spring-flowering tree is the redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), which usually blooms in late February or March. Small, pinkish purple pea-like flowers are produced in unbelievable profusion along the branches (and even on the trunk!) before the leaves appear. This habit of blooming before the leaves grow out is fairly common among the spring-flowering trees and really adds to the impact of the flowers. Redbuds are relatively fast-growing once established and prefer full sun and a well-drained location.

Finally, a tree you are not likely familiar with and you are not likely to find in area nurseries. But it is a really wonderful and much underutilized tree for Louisiana landscapes. I'm talking about the Japanese apricot (*Prunus mume*). Single or double 1-inch flowers in shades of red, pink and white are produced in great profusion in late winter or early spring.



The American fringe tree is a native tree that thrives in well-drained locations with full sun to partial shade. LSU AgCenter file photo by Dan Gill

## La. rice industry gives \$1M to fund research chair in LSU AgCenter

JENNINGS — The Louisiana Rice Research Board has given \$1 million to fund an academic chair dedicated for rice research in the LSU AgCenter.

The presentation was made on Jan. 9 at the annual joint meeting of the Louisiana Rice Council and the Louisiana Rice Growers Association.

The board has pledged to provide an additional \$500,000 later this year for the Louisiana Rice Research Board Chair for Excellence in Rice Research with the hope of more allocations in the next few years to growing the chair over time.

The money is coming from funds obtained through the Colombian Free Trade Agreement. Interest from the funds is dedicated solely for research purposes.

Board chairman Richard Fontenot said planning for the chair began in 2015.

"The research that has come out of the LSU AgCenter over the years has certainly helped the Louisiana rice industry, but it has also supported and fed the world," Fontenot said. "This endowment has been in the works for a long time, and now that it is official, I feel good knowing the rice industry will continue to benefit from world-class research that will come out of LSU thanks to this strengthened research program."

Rogers Leonard, LSU AgCenter associate vice

president, said the chair will provide a reliable funding source for research.

"This perpetual funding source will help make sure that the LSU AgCenter's world-class rice research will continue uninterrupted," Leonard said.

Also at the meeting, Gov. John Bel Edwards addressed the gathering of about 250 people. The governor said funding for higher education in Louisiana has been stabilized. "That's the first time that's happened in a decade," he said.

Edwards said he recognizes that tuition increas-

es have not provided any additional funding for the LSU and Southern University ag centers.

"I'm so thankful for the work the ag centers have been doing for the state," he said.

The governor said he has voiced farmers' concerns about the trade war's effects, and he has urged President Donald Trump to resolve trade issues quickly.

Betsy Ward, USA Rice president, said sales of U.S. rice to China appear likely after more than a decade of work, although currently a

25 percent tariff would be imposed.

Trade officials from both countries recently met. "They are very optimistic that this is the real deal. This is one time that there's a brand new market for U.S. rice," Ward said.

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# Theriot, Conner recognized by Legion

During the January meeting of James O. Hall Post 19 of the American Legion from Jennings, Donald Conner (right) was selected as the 2018 Police Officer of the Year for and Hulin Theriot (second from the right) was selected as the Firefighter of the Year for 2018. Presenting the awards were (from left to right) Jennings Police Chief Danny Semmes, Post 19 Commander Horace Naquin, interim Jennings Fire Chief Bobby Vasseur and Jennings Mayor Henry Guinn.

Theriot recently retired from the after 39 years of service, with the last 10 years being spent as fire chief. As a firefighter he was trained in pump operations, rescue training, fire extinguishers, farm extraction, survival techniques, pipeline emergency response and big-box store firefighting. He is a trained emergency medical technician and is an expert in hazardous materials operations. He has served as captain of both the JFD Rescue Squad and the JFD Dive Team. He is an accomplished firefighting instructor who has served as a guest speaker at LSU.

Conner returned to work with the Jennings Police Department (JPD) in March 2018. Since then he has answered over 775 calls for service and made over 110 arrests in the course of only eight months. Semmes



described Conner as one of the hardest working officers in the department, fillings shifts when needed and displaying professionalism and integrity when responding

to calls.

Theriot and Conner are being recommended by Post 19 for Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year awards and recogni-

tion at the American Legion Department of Louisiana 7th District level. The 7th District is comprised of 35 American Legion Posts in eight southwest Louisiana parishes.

## A new year at the library

"As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world ... as in being able to remake ourselves." - Mahatma Gandhi

LIBRARY LINES  
by  
CLARE COLEMAN



Happy 2019 everyone! This new year has brought much change to our library, including a new director. While 2018 was a time of reflection for us, 2019 is going to be full of new ideas, new or improved services, more community outreach and so much more. What will never change, however, is our genuine love for this community and our commitment to providing high quality service to everyone.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Clare McNally Coleman, daughter of Ed and Flo McNally and sibling to James, Matthew, Kathleen and Aimee. I am a proud graduate of Jennings High, McNeese and LSU. I live in Moss Bluff with the love of my life, Eric - a chemical engineer who is way too smart for his own good and is the most amazing chef! We've been married for 15 years and before moving to Moss Bluff, we lived in Victoria, Texas, and Bear, Delaware.

When I'm not at work, I am traveling the world, hiking, reading a trashy romance novel, spending time with family or belting out Broadway musicals. I love to discuss current events, politics, history and world religions. I lead a local group of women called the No. 1 Ladies Hiking Society, who act as a support group for women interested in active travel. I share my own travel stories and thoughts on my personal blog, Planes Terrains & Avocados.

I have rheumatoid arthritis, and this is important to know in order to understand what influences many of my decisions. When your body unexpectedly stops working in your early 30s, it acts as a wake-up call. I have learned not to take my health for granted, to find joy in everything, and to travel as often as possible NOW (rather than waiting for retirement). I have learned to love ebooks because it hurts to hold a print book. Audiobooks have become a treat for me, as they give me something to enjoy on really bad days.

I am passionate about building better communities and believe this is one of the most important roles of a public library. We are the safe place where all are welcome and all can receive the tools they need for a happier life and better future.

Knowing this about me should explain why in 2019 we will be focusing on the following:

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- Providing more services to after-school kids, promoting healthy habits and fun learning.

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**Left:** Addie Guidry is pictured with Rotary President Patsy Richard and Rotarian Vera Abraham.

**Below left:** Rick Parker presented a donation to Vera Abraham, who accepted the check on behalf of the ASSIST Agency.



## Rotarians welcome speaker, present donation

Addie Guidry, corrector of the Jennings American Legion Hospital Cardiology Department, was welcomed as the guest speaker by the Jennings Rotary Club at its Jan. 8 meeting. Guidry spoke about coronary disease causes, detecting and monitoring symptoms and treatments.

In other club news, Rotarian Richard Parker made a \$1,500 donation to the ASSIST Agency to benefit its summer feeding program. The donation was made possible through proceeds raised from the sale of orange t-shirts at Parker's Department Store that cheered on Jennings native Travis Etienne and Clemson University ahead of the College Football Playoff National Championship on Jan. 7.

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COVE ROAD - Bring your money to buy this Two Bedroom Two Bath 1,500 sqft Home in Progress. Building with cement floor and studded in walls. Wiring and plumbing has been roughed in. Kitchen and bath fixtures are included but not yet installed. Completion would be the responsibility of the purchaser. Call us for more details. Priced At \$ 88,000 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 312 Johnson Street Elton - This frame on piers home is ready for you to move in. With 3 Bedrooms and two baths, kitchen, a den & living room everybody can find a space to enjoy. Located on two city lots with a hurricane fenced in yard for your pets and a cement floored shop with for all your work projects. There is covered parking for your RV or extra vehicles. This one even has a generator, so you are never without power, even during the storms. Priced to Sell at \$ 45,000.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I don't think there are many other businesses where you can be paid good money and not know what you're doing." — Sterling Hayden

TODAY'S CLUE: n yanbe s

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Byrne's Mudbugs, LLC seeks 10 workers for seasonal, temporary work in Jennings, LA; 01/26/2019 to 11/15/2019; 40 hrs. per week, overtime hours may be offered; 7am-3pm; M-Fri; Job duties include placing/checking traps; washing, grading, unloading trucks, preparing farmland; planting rice; field prep; water mains.; planting/harvesting; apply fertilizer; keep field road and levees in good condition; repair/maintain farm vehicles, equipment and other structures; all tools furnished; Job involves frequent stooping; lifting, standing for extended periods of time; exposure to extreme temps; must have one month experience in similar position; \$10.73/hour; work guaranteed for 3/4ths of period; tools, supplies, equip. provided; housing made available at no cost to workers; transportation and subsistence provided by employer or paid by employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract; Louisiana Workforce Commission Job Order: 850852; Contact Louisiana Workforce Commission, Order Holding Office, 2424 Third Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 721-4010, Ext. 5018

FARMWORKERS, FARM, RANCH, AND AQUACULTURAL ANIMALS (Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana). Seeking 1 full time employee to assist and supervise other crawfish and farm laborers. Duties will include operating farm equipment such as large tractors and combines; field preparation; water maintenance, fertilizing, planting and harvesting crops; Repairing and maintaining equipment, farm, fields, levees, roads, and shops; manual shovel work, hoeing of weeds, spot spraying treatments, and general farm labor. Job involves exposure to extreme temperature, frequent stooping, and lifting and carrying up to 70 pounds. Crawfishing, draining and preparing crawfish ponds, fixing levees in crawfish ponds; seeding crawfish ponds and flooding crawfish ponds; manually cutting up fish bait, baiting and checking traps, grading, washing crawfish for shipment, making and repairing traps as needed. Full time work requiring at least 50 hours per week. Send resume to El Arroz Farms, LLC, Attn: Cheryl, 1711 Highway 90 W, Jennings, LA 70546

TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 912 N. MAIN ST. - Numerous possibilities exist for this spacious Commercial Building with 5,479 sqft of room for your business. Brick side walls, Glass front for advertising and metal warehouse w/ loading dock in rear. Located on Main street in Jennings with plenty of on street parking. Take a tour of this great location and see how it can fit into your business plans. Priced At \$ 49,900 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 742 E. Plaquemine Street - Investors Special with plenty of parking. This 7,735 sqft office building is looking for a new owner to renovate, restore and rejuvenate this classic building into their dream project. Office Building, mini mall, or storage center, you buy, you decide. Priced to Sell \$ 95,000. 430 Roberts Avenue - If you are in business, let your business happen in this new home for you

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**Homes for Sale**

1316 E. SECOND ST. ELTON - Feel right at home in this four bedroom two bath brick on slab home. Plenty of room for everyone to sleep and plenty of room to work and play. Large living room off of the foyers allows guest a place to visit. Kitchen area opens up to Dining room and then overflows into spacious Den Area. Utility room has plenty of room for your appliances. Outside patio and carport has plenty of room to park your cars, trucks and toys, with plenty of room left to lounge and enjoy a Bar-B-Que or social event. All situated on a corner Lot with an additional 20

**Homes for Sale**

X 12 Storage Building. Plenty of electrical and water outlets for all of your outside needs. Take a look at this one! Priced At \$ 185,000 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 8011 HWY 190 ELTON - 32 X 76 Platinum 2013 Modular Home On Concrete Foundation. 4 Bedrooms 3 Baths, 2,432 sqft of Living, Office, Laundry, Large Living Area with wood burning fireplace for those chilly winter nights. Tuscon Kitchen is ready for your holiday meals. Enjoy the many benefits of country living on the 5 Acre Tract of land. Not in a Flood Zone. Priced At \$ 139,000. TUPCO REALTY

**Homes for Sale**

337-824-2790 411 SIXTH ST. LAKE ARTHUR - Ideal corner location --- Three bedroom, two bath, with kitchen, living room, Utility room and Large den for your family and friends to enjoy! Plenty of covered outdoor space to enjoy the afternoon breeze or sip on an early morning coffee. Double garage with abundant outdoor storage in two enclosed buildings. Screened in front porch, on 100 X 150 lot. Priced At \$ 109,000 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 110 COMMERCIAL ST. LAKE ARTHUR - 2 bedroom 1 bath home near the park in Lake Arthur. This home has a newly installed roof and the potential to add a large master suite in the attached storage area. Great purchase for a do it yourselfer or an investor looking for a good rental property. Priced for a quick sale at \$ 29,900. \*This one is so close to the lake, you might even want it for an urban camp. TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 3508 RIVERSIDE RD - Enjoy the many benefits of country living in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2100sqft modular home on solid concrete foundation. Open floor plan with plenty of storage lets you visit with everyone when you are cooking that special meal. Large master suite with private bath, soaking tub, and walk-in closet. 3 additional bedrooms, allows everyone to have their own space.

**Homes for Sale**

This home is fully skirted with cross ventilation. 2017 home is like new and includes an aluminum handicapped access ramp. 10 x 24 storage building for all of your extras. Located on your own 1.3 acre lot. Don't miss out! Priced At \$ 215,000 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 523 N Lake Arthur Ave. Imagine the enjoyment of living in this 2,200+ sqft vintage home. This charmer has three bedrooms and one family bathroom. Cozy kitchen with full dining room and butler's pantry. Living room with gas fireplace for those chilly winter evenings and family holidays. Office room for all of your business activities. Plenty of room to expand your living space upstairs in the open attic. This home is on three lots, so you have plenty of room for expansion or parking. This fine residence is also zoned commercial, so that it could be utilized for your business needs. Priced at \$ 99,500. 713 Second Street in Elton This is a great 2 bedroom, 2 bath starter home for the young couple or a retirement place for those wishing to downsize. This affordable home could be a wonderful option for a rental home used to generate a second income. Check it out today. Priced at \$ 45,000 TUPCO REALTY 337-824-2790 311 N. Lake Arthur Avenue - Colonial charmer with 5 bedrooms and 2 and a half bathrooms

**Homes for Sale**

means that everyone can have their own space. Rear den for relaxing and stowing away daily supplies. Cozy kitchen for churning out delicious meals. Dining room for those formal meals or family get togethers. Large downstairs master suite with full bath. Entrance foyer and staircase adorn the front of the home. Huge Living/Family room for the TV and all of your friends. Separate bedrooms and bath upstairs for the young ones. Ten foot wide front porch for sitting and watching the world go by. Large oak trees shade this landscaped home. Fenced in yard on large 2/3 acre lot. Make your appointment now. Priced at \$ 145,000. 105 Greenwood Drive - Solid built 3 bedroom 2 bath home with large living and dining areas for entertaining friends and family. Kitchen, breakfast area and pantry will keep the family cook happy. Master suite with private bath and walk-in closet. Two full size bedrooms with bath located between them in the hall, there is a built-in bookcase and telephone nook. Two vehicle carport with separate storage and utility rooms. Covered patio in the backyard is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a beverage. Priced At \$ 144,900 111 Market Street, Elton- Lots of room and storage in this classic charmer. 3 bedroom 2 bath home with indoor laundry and drive in garage. 2 bedrooms have more than ample storage and a large master bedroom has 3 separate closets for all of your belongings. 2 full size bathrooms. Cozy Living room and full size kitchen, ready to whip up some delicious meals. Front porch for those lazy evenings. Metal roof. Located on a 75 X 150 tree shaded lot with separate outdoor storage building. Priced at \$ 85,000. 2422 Hines Road- Shed the hustle and bustle of city life and head for this quite country place. 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 872 sqft of Vinyl Log Cabin, on 4.47 Acres. Time to relax and enjoy cozying up to the wood burning fireplace on those cold, damp nights. Located in Hathaway School District with front and back porches, and plenty of covered parking. Priced At \$ 179,000.

**Public Notice**

Jefferson Davis Parish Sanitary Landfill Commission Adopted 2019 Budget Beginning Fund / Balance- Jan 1 2019 unreserved: Designated for Post-closure Contingencies \$2,430,773 Undesignated 1,686,000 Anticipated Fund Balance- January 1, 2019. \$4,116,773 Anticipated Revenue 2,945,000 Total available \$7,061,773 Expenditures: Landfill Operating Expenses \$740,455 Transfer to Governing Bodies 2,100,000 Transfer to Governing Bodies Special 40,000 Transfer to JD EDC 175,000 Total Expenditures \$3,055,455 Ending Fund Balance- December 31, 2019 Unreserved: Designated for Post-closure Contingencies \$2,430,773 Undesignated 1,575,545 Total Ending Fund Balance- December 31, 2019 \$4,006,318 Budget adopted December 17, 2018 in Welsh, LA at the regular meeting following a public hearing. Published in Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on January 10, 2019 and January 13, 2019.

**Legal Notice**  
Jeff Davis Fire District #2 Board Meeting. 12-3-2018 Present for the meeting: John Berken President. John Bolles, Glenn Hetzel, Chief Tim Landry, Absent Dave Heinen, Randy Davis. Mr. Berken called meeting to order. Read minutes from 11-5-2018. Motion made Mr. Bolles to approve minutes as read Second by Mr. Hetzel. Motion carried. Chief Landry presented bills to be paid. Motion made by Mr. Hetzel to approve all bills presented second by Mr. Bolles. Motion carried. Discussed Financial Report. Discussed repeater radio system. Being no other business. Motion made by Mr. Bolles to adjourn. Second by Mr. Hetzel. Motion carried. Published in Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on January 13, 2019.

**Public Notice**

Duson Street, Eunice, Louisiana 70535 or will be forwarded to the prospective bidder upon deposit with the Engineers of \$100.00 for one (1) set of plans and specifications. The full deposit for one set of plans and specifications will be refunded to each general contractor who submits a bona-fide bid. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. For additional sets of documents and for documents issued to subcontractors or material suppliers, the cost of reproduction and mailing of each set will be deducted and a balance of \$50.00 refunded. Said refunds will only be made for a complete set of documents in good condition returned within 10 days following bid opening. Partial sets of documents will not be issued. Bids must be submitted on Bid Forms furnished for this purpose by the Engineers. The bidder must execute all blanks in the bid proposal or the bid will not be considered. Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, forms, and subject to the conditions provided for in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570. The Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements. Minority, female, and Section 3 participation is hereby encouraged by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Any person with disabilities requiring Special Accommodations must contact the Town no later than three (3) days prior to bid opening. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Davis-Bacon Act, the anti-Kick-back Act and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. Such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. **THIS THE 21 DAY OF February, 2018.** DONALD WOODS PRESIDENT ATTEST: REBECCA GARY SECRETARY Published in Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA on January 13, 2019 and January 27, 2019.

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**Legal Notice**  
Jeff Davis Fire District #2 Special Meeting 1-2-2019 Present for the meeting John Berken President, John Bolles, Glenn Hetzel, Randy Davis- Dave Heinen and Chief Tim Landry. Mr. Berken called meeting to order. Motion made by Mr. Davis to dispense reading minutes till next Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Heinen. Motion carried. Chief Landry presented bills to be paid-motion made by Mr. Davis. Second by Mr. Bolles. to pay bills motion carried. Being no other business motion made by Mr. Bolles to adjourn Second by Mr. Davis Motion carried. Next Fire District #2 Board will meet on February 2, 2019 Located at 5396 Pine Island Highway Jennings, LA 70546 at 6:00 pm. Published in Jennings Daily News Jennings, LA on January 13, 2019

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD DECEMBER 20 2018**  
The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in regular session at Elton Elementary School, 614 Powell Street, Elton LA 70532, on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., with the following School Board members in attendance: President Phillip Arceneaux Vice-President, David Troutman, Members, Jason Bouley Charles Bruchhaus Donald Dees, David Doise, Malon Dobson, Vickie Hernandez, James Segura and Jody Singletary Absent: Greg Bordelon, David Capdeville and Robert Menard. The meeting was opened by, President Arceneaux, with an invocation by Elton Elementary Student, Mr. Jacsyn Martinez, in the Coshatta language followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Elton Elementary 5th grade student of the year, Miss Isabel Carbalan. Motion by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the regular meeting on November 15, 2018 Motion by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried that the Board call for a vote to take care of items of business not listed on the original agenda or to change the order of topics to be addressed. **RECOGNITION OR PRESENTATIONS:**  
1. Welcome by Elton Elementary Principal, David Harper.  
2. 4th and 5th grade students sang Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.  
4th grade students Nina A., Clayton B. Kaya F., Ariana F. Sophie G., Genesis H., Kelby I., Liam L. Olivia L., Quincey L. Graisyn M., Carmen M., Nevaeh R. Samuel R., Ariel S. Presley S., Sadie V. Gracie B., Anaiyah B., Daylen B., Lainey C., Joseph F., Zack-

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Harper.  
2. 4th and 5th grade students sang Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.  
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5th grade students: Dylan B., Derrian B., Ramsey B., Madelyn F., Tori G., Jamyra J., Alexis L., Kaley L., Trenton L., Katie M., Jaczyn M., Jazelle S., Jaylin T., Samuel U., Alana A., Olivia A., Brianna B., Isabel C., Kellan C., Jeramiah F., Emerald H., Jeremiah H., Hayden L., Miah M., Quentin M., Derek R., Carrie R. and Ayden S.  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
The following motions were made by Mr. David Troutman, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board: **JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** **DECEMBER 20, 2018**  
Grant permission to JWES to purchase 48 security cameras from CTI Security Solutions at a cost of \$13,632.86. Other quotes received from Total Quality Services, Inc. (\$16,677.21) and Life Safety Source (\$17,195.80). To be paid from Ward II Maintenance. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hernandez and unanimously carried.  
Motion by Mr. Segura, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to amend motion to add cameras in all rooms (approximately 40 more). Original motion unanimously carried as amended.  
Grant permission to Welsh High School Football to accept a \$400.00 donation from BWT Farms. Funds to be used to purchase supplies. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.  
Grant permission to Danielle Simien, CTE Supervisor to purchase 6 site renewal licenses for ACT WorkKeys Curriculum at a cost of \$9,000.00 (\$1,500.00 each), for each of the high school campuses. **ACT WorkKeys Curriculum** is used at each high school in the Career Success Skills course to adequately prepare students to be successful on the Workkeys test which directly affects School and district performance scores. To be paid from General Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried.  
Grant permission to JHS Basketball program to accept a donation of \$1,500.00 from Jennings Girls Little Dribblers Organization. Funds to be used to help out the Basketball Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried, with Mr. Arceneaux recused from voting.  
Grant permission to JHS Band to accept a donation of \$2,846.00 from Band Boosters of Jennings, Inc. Funds to be used to help out with expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried.  
Grant permission to

JWES to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from the Jennings Girls' Lil Dribblers. Funds to be used by SWPBIS to issue rewards to students. Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried. with Mr. Arceneaux recused from voting.  
Grant permission to FES to accept a \$100.00 donation from Fenton PTC. Funds to be used for CAI lab and for student incentives. Motion seconded by Mr. Singletary and unanimously carried.  
**POLICY COMMITTEE:**  
The following motion was made by Mr. Jody Singletary, Policy Committee Chairman, that the School Board: **JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** **DECEMBER 20, 2018**  
A. Behavioral Health Services for Students File: JGCF (New)  
Private behavioral health service providers are allowed to have access to students at school during the school day if the parent or legal guardian has requested such services. Procedures and forms for this policy have been developed. Effective January 1, 2019  
B. Dismissal of Employees File: GBN  
Act 238 amends this policy addressing the dismissal of tenured bus operators by following the same procedures as tenured certificated personnel. These procedures are included in Employee Discipline File: GBK.  
Act 634 also amends this policy calling for the dismissal of an administrator, teacher, or substitute teacher submitting fraudulent documentation to BESE or LDOE in an application for a teaching certificate and/or cheating on a state assessment as determined by BESE. Act 634 became effective July 1, 2018.  
C. Employee Discipline File: GBK  
Act 238 revises this policy providing bus operators with the same hearing procedures as tenured teachers. A sub-heading in this policy has been added to identify the location of the hearing procedures.  
Act 238 became effective May 2018 upon signature of the Governor.  
Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.  
The following committees had no reports to present:  
Insurance - David Doise, Chairman  
Building & Grounds - James Segura, Chairman  
Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman  
16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman  
Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman  
Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman  
Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman  
The Sales Tax report was given by Mrs. Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.  
**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Motion by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mr. Troutman and unanimously carried to approve the following Out-of-State travel request:  
1. WHS Dazzlers, teachers, parents and chaperones to travel to Houston, TX from January 25-26, 2019 for a dance

competition. At no expense to the Board.  
Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to grant permission to the child nutrition program to surplus the following items and send to the next available public auction: **JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** **DECEMBER 20, 2018**  
1. Beverage Air Double Door Reach In Refrigerator (Model Number KR48-1AS)  
2. Cres Cor Warmer (KAC-J21653-222)  
Motion by Mr. Singletary, seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution regarding Board Member Robert Menard: **RESOLUTION**  
**WHEREAS**, Robert Menard has faithfully served the public as a member of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board from April 20, 2000 to December 31, 2018, and  
**WHEREAS**, his service and dedication to fulfilling his responsibilities have been inspirational to his fellow Board Members and to the administrative personnel with whom he has worked, and further, his spirit of Public Service has been in the finest tradition of democratic government;  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session of the 20th day of December, that said Board recognizes and commends Robert Menard, School Board District 4, for a job well done.  
The above Resolution, having been put to a vote and having passed, was duly declared adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this Board.  
Phillip Arceneaux  
Kirk Credeur  
**P r e s i d e n t**  
Superintendent  
Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Singletary and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution regarding Board Member Vickie Buller Hernandez  
**RESOLUTION**  
**WHEREAS**, Vickie Buller Hernandez has faithfully served the public as a member of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board from September 21, 2017 to December 31, 2018, and  
**WHEREAS**, his service and dedication to fulfilling his responsibilities have been inspirational to his fellow Board Members and to the administrative personnel with whom he has worked, and further, his spirit of Public Service has been in the finest tradition of democratic government;  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session of the 20th day of December, that said Board recognizes and commends Vickie Buller Hernandez, School Board District 10, for a job well done.  
**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** **DECEMBER 20, 2018**  
The above Resolution, having been put to a vote and having passed, was duly declared adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this Board.  
Phillip Arceneaux

Kirk Credeur  
**P r e s i d e n t**  
Superintendent  
**P E R S O N N E L C H A N G E S :**  
The following personnel changes are an Informational Item:  
A. Personnel changes:  
**APPOINTMENTS**  
1. B. Lopez, WES Pre-K Paraprofessional, 12/14/18, re: new position.  
**TRANSFER**  
1. S. Doucet, JWES Principal to WEIC Homebound Teacher 09/24/18.  
2. C. Warden, JWES Sped Ed Para to JWES CAI Lab Manager 01/07/19.  
**LEAVE**  
1. N. Reed, WAR Cafeteria Tech, 12/03/18 to 03/26/19.  
2. E. Kershaw, LAHS Custodian, 12/17/18 to 12/21/18.  
3. C. Young, JES Teacher, 11/07/18 to 12/4/18.  
4. R. Maples, LAES Teacher, 12/01/18 to 01/07/19.  
**S A B B A T I C A L L E A V E**  
1. R. Maples, LAES Teacher, 01/07/19 to 05/25/19.  
**MATERNITY LEAVE**  
1. S. Thibodeaux, WES Teacher, 03/23/19 to 04/21/19.  
2. A. Valdez, EHS Clerical Aide, 12/16/18 to 02/11/18.  
**RESIGNATION**  
1. L. West, WHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/27/18.  
2. L. Monceaux, Jennings Schools Bus Driver, 01/01/19.  
3. J. Richardson, W H S Teacher/Coach, 01/06/19.  
President Arceneaux turned the meeting over to Elton Elementary Staff.  
1. Counselor, Mrs. Kim Edwards sang Jesus Born on this Day.  
2. **ELTON ELEMENTARY** -  
1. Music selection by Counselor, Mrs. Kim Edwards  
2. Acknowledgements by Principal David Harper  
A. Junilla Byrne - Teacher of the Year  
B. Natalie Courville - Support Person of the Year  
3. Music selection by Principal, David Harper  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**  
**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** **DECEMBER 20, 2018**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
It was moved by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mr. Singletary and carried to enter into executive session to discuss Tax Department External Audit or Contracts. President Arceneaux and Superintendent Credeur asked the following individuals to remain for executive session:  
Board Members  
Superintendent Credeur  
Executive Secretary, Debbie Abshire-Sonnier  
Tax Collector, Amber Hymel  
Attorney Michael Cassidy  
It was moved by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Bouley and carried to return to regular session.  
It was moved by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Bouley and carried to grant permission to Superintendent Credeur and Legal Counsel, Mr. Cassidy to take any necessary legal action necessary to collect and enforce External Audit Contracts.  
There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Segura, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried, to adjourn.  
Phillip Arceneaux, President  
**ATTEST:**  
Kirk Credeur, Secret-

ary/Superintendent  
Note: Items purchased by quotes or bids may be reviewed at the School Board office during normal business hours. All policies can be reviewed at any facility under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board.  
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IOTA from page 5

LeJeune. “And we had a little success there, mainly because we started attacking more, which we should have done in the beginning.”  
“I think we were very timid and we were fearful of that defense. I saw girls changing shots, shuffling their feet and doing things out of character for them.”  
LeJeune was pleased, however, with her team’s defensive performance against a much taller team.  
The Lady Dogs forced 16 turnovers of their own and held LCA forward and Alcorn State signee Bre Porter to just six points.

GUERINGER from page 5

step up and help us this year. The last two seasons we have played nine extra games in the playoffs. That has certainly been a help to our substitutes in seeing what it takes to reach that pinnacle,” Trahan said. “I am excited for Cody and I am ready to help him in any way I can to be successful and continue that rich Greyhound tradition.”  
“I want our players to see the relationship between Coach Trahan and myself and know that the stability at Welsh High is the same and together we will move forward with everyone doing his part. I am thankful to the administration for their support and to the community that gives the greatest support ever. Now it’s time to go to work,” Gueringer concluded.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar Guidelines

Items for Community Calendar must be submitted during regular weekday business hours at least two weeks prior to the day of the event. Events run in the order of their posted dates and ONLY AS SPACE ALLOWS. Events more than two weeks away may not run until closer to the event. Community Calendar is offered as a public service bulletin for Jeff Davis Parish community and non-profit events. Send entries to editor@jennings-dailynews.net. To publicize your event in a specific format on a specific day or date, call (337) 824-3011 to speak to an advertising representative.

Food Drive

Non-perishable food items are being collected throughout the month of January to be distributed to local food banks. Items can be doped off at Jennings Tire Center, 1239 N. Cutting Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

January 16 COA Membership Meeting

The Jeff Davis Council on Aging will host its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at 210 S. State St. in Jennings. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect board members, who will be replacing outgoing board members. Only current members are allowed to vote.

January 21 Welsh MLK Celebration

Bethune and Richmond Park LTD will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in Welsh Monday, Jan. 21. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with a parade to

“I know the girls feel like they just got whipped up on, and they did. But defensively, I couldn’t have asked for a better showing from them,” said LeJeune. “We were well prepared and we made the adjustments we needed to make.”  
Johnson and Miller each scored 11 points for the Lady Dogs and Young had six. Andriana Curtis and Brooke Andrepont rounded out Iota’s scoring with two and one point, respectively.  
Tamera Johnson and Zoe Wiltz were the leaders for LCA with 10 points each.

follow at noon. A brown bag lunch will be held after the parade at St. Joseph’s Hall. For more information, call Eddie “Bruiser” Achan at (337) 370-9988.

RUMC Pancake Supper

Roanoke United Methodist Church will host a pancake supper from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at 1604 First Ave. in Roanoke. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs with milk, juice and coffee for a donation of \$10 per person. Children 12 and under eat free with an adult’s donation. For more info, call (337) 661-1165.

January 26 SWLA Jam

The Southwest Louisiana Acoustic Cajun Music Jam meets from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Green’s Cafe, located on State Street for a Cajun music jam session. Players of all ages and proficiencies are invited. The group gathers every other Saturday to carry on the tradition of Cajun heritage through the love of Cajun music. The event is free and open to the public.

February 2 Walk for a Cure

The Jennings Optimist Club will sponsor a “Walk for a Cure” fundraising event on Saturday, Feb. 2. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Founders Park on Main St. The registration fee is \$15 per individual and \$25 for a family of walkers. All proceeds will go towards helping families with children affected by cancer. Shirts are now on sale for \$10. For more information, contact Optimist Club President Lenor Cox at (337) 329-3883 or Lenzie Dupuis Fontenot at (337) 329-0983.

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## ASTRO GRAPH

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

Stick to your plan to the end. This year isn't about a race; it's about getting things done properly. Refuse to let anyone talk you into cutting corners. If you don't feel comfortable with your actions, stress will set in. Have patience, eliminate excess and get things done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Suggestions are only guidelines. When it comes to getting things done, don't lose sight of the rules, schedules and the importance of details. Organization and preparation are fundamental if you want to succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Opportunities are all around you. Don't try to do everything at once. Choose what will bring you the greatest return physically and emotionally, and do your very best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep the ball rolling and help everyone who needs it. If you offer aid, suggestions and kindness to others, you will enrich

your life. Someone from your past will want to reconnect. Proceed with caution.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Double-check everything before you make a move. Consider whether a change is in your best interest. Focus on personal improvements, not on changing others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Learn all you can and finish what you start. You have great potential, and if you apply your skills, expertise and knowledge, you will reach your target.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't believe what you are told just because you want to. Ask for verification before you make a mistake. Anger will not solve anything. Nurture important relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Look for original ways to overcome problems. If you work alongside people who share your beliefs, you'll form new alliances and boost your chances of success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A change will do you good, but make sure your reasoning is sound before you get started. Personal opportunities are apparent, along

with romance and creative projects that will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll discover a new interest if you socialize. Discussing your opinions will draw both negative and positive responses, which will prompt you to do something that will make a difference in your community.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take physical action and make improvements to your appearance, how you deal with relationships and how you effect change. Procrastinating will not solve problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- The results you get will be directly linked to the way you handle others. Stick to the truth, take a unique approach and back away from anyone who is extravagant or misleading.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Make adjustments at home that will lead to an easier life. Personal improvement is favored, as long as you don't go over budget. Don't let a smooth talker take advantage of you.

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.



# Birth announced

Jody and Heather Thibeaux of Iota announce the birth of their daughter Renley Jules, born Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at Jennings American Legion Hospital.

Renley weighed six pounds, nine ounces at birth and was 18 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Revyn.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Charlene Neal of Hathaway and paternal grandparents are Kathy Thibeaux of Roanoke and the late Larry Thibeaux.

Great-grandparents are Joyce Crochet and the late Olen Crochet, Esther Clement and the late Hubert L. Clement, Sr., the late Patty Barnett Clement, the late Minus and Gustavia Thibeaux and the late Robert and Bernice Neal.

Godparents are Dylan LeJeune of Lake Arthur, Caitlyn Compton of Hathaway and Misty Dupuis and Matt Thibeaux, both of Jennings.



Renley Jules Thibeaux



## JD Republican Women Donate Books

Jeff Davis Republican Women President Mary Landry presented the book “One Flag, One America” to Bethel Christian School, Jennings Elementary School and Our Lady Immaculate School libraries in September.



# Ardoin, LaFosse wed

Christopher Ray LaFosse and Lauren Jayne Ardoin were united in Holy Matrimony Nov. 3, 2018, at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. Father Charles McMillin officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dwain and Peggy Ardoin of Jennings. Her grandparents include Amos Ardoin of Jennings, the late Jayne Ardoin, the late Lawrence Ardoin and the late Delores Ardoin. She is a 2006 graduate of Jennings High School and a 2010 BSN graduate of McNeese State University. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Lafayette General Health and Calcasieu Urgent Care.

The groom is the son of Stephen and Brenda LaFosse of Jennings. His grandparents include Ray and Flora Benoit of Jennings and the late Clifford and Helen LaFosse. He is a 2006 graduate of Jennings High School and currently employed at Metalplate Galvanizing, L.P.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and looked radiant in her champagne and ivory lace gown. The floor length ball gown was romantic and timeless, featuring a striking train, sleeveless with scalloped edging and an empire waist accent. The ensemble had a chapel length lace train completed with a jewel hair pin.

In keeping with tradition the bride had something old, a family heirloom, a rosary once owned by her great-aunt Elena Ardoin; something new, her wedding dress; and something borrowed, which included jewelry from her new sister-in-law, Lacey Leprete, and lastly something blue, her bridal shoes.

The bridesmaids wore wine-colored floor-length mesh dresses with a v-neck and beaded waistband. The waistband featured tiny pyramid beads which sparkled at the waist.

Matron of honor was Sarah Jayne Ardoin of Houston, Texas. Bridesmaids were Lacey Leprete of Jennings, Stephanie Gary of Sulphur, Malina Lavergne of Jennings and Heather LeDoux of Jennings. Junior bridesmaids included Addison Gary



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ray LaFosse

of Sulphur and Miyah Lavergne of Jennings.

Best man was Dustin Richard of Jennings. Groomsmen included Joshua Breaux of Lake Arthur, Kenny Gary of Sulphur, Justin Lavergne of Jennings, and Darin LaFosse of Lake

Arthur. Junior groomsmen was Riley Gary of Sulphur. Ushers included Jordan Ardoin of Jennings and Kolby Gary of Sulphur, who was also a reader.

Following a honeymoon trip to Barbados, the couple resides in Jennings.



## Young Celebrates 100th Birthday

Alicia Young of Basile turned 100 years old on Tuesday Jan. 8. Young celebrated with her family including her children, Jane Kittler, of Bossier City, Judy Fontenot, of Basile and Hubert Young, of Lake Charles. Unable to attend was son Harry Young, of Basile.

She is also blessed with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great- grandchildren.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Why is Valentine’s Day celebrated on February 14?

Sweethearts who want to keep their relationships running strong know that Valentine’s Day is celebrated each year on February 14. But even the most ardent Valentine’s Day enthusiast might

not know just why this day designed for lovers to express their affections for one another is celebrated in mid-February. According to the Library of Congress, it’s hard to pinpoint exactly why Valentine’s Day is celebrated on February 14, though the date might have ties to the ancient Roman celebration

of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a spring festival celebrated each year on February 15. The holiday was moved to February 14 after the spread of Christianity. The Christian faith had several early martyrs named Valentine, and each of them were celebrated with a saint day on February 14. But the unique history of Valentine’s

Day and its association with February 14 as well as its romantic sentiments does not end there. The Library of Congress also notes that, in the Middle Ages, people believed birds selected their mates on February 14. As a result, it was not uncommon for lovers to recite prose to one another on this date.

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