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Aerial, extra spraying helps reduce mosquito infiltration from frequent rains

The region has experienced a very wet September, leaving the ground saturated and standing water in many ditches. That's the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, and the proliferation has impacted Pointe Coupee and all of south Louisiana.

Parish President Major Thibaut said an extra aerial spraying was completed in late September and October by specially equipped planes with software and meteorological equipment specifically designed for mosquito control. In addition, extra truck and four-wheeler spraying is ongoing throughout the parish to fight the infiltration.

Residents can request mosquito spraying of their property by completing a brief request form located on the bottom of the home page of the parish website: pccparish.org. Once the request is made, service will be provided within 72 hours.

"Since the parish contracted with VDCI to provide our mosquito control program two years ago, we have seen great results," said Parish President Thibaut.



Mosquitos are trapped throughout the parish and tested for diseases, so that spraying is targeted and effective.

"We have had a recent problem because of all the daily rains and

the hurricane. VDCI is spraying by truck and by off-road vehicle, and the additional aerial spraying was added to try to get a handle on this influx." The aerial spraying was conducted in September and October, covering 160,000 acres. All sprayings are with EPA-approved pesticides.

President Thibaut noted that the company also uses traps set throughout the parish to track mosquito numbers and to test the mosquitoes for West Nile and other diseases. This helps determine where spraying needs to be intensified and also the correct chemicals to use. In addition, the company also sprays strategic areas for mosquito larvae elimination. This integrated mosquito management program is considered the latest and most effective mosquito treatment program.

The parish gets monthly reports and tracks spraying by VDCI via GPS reports, which show areas sprayed and dates of spraying.

Residents pay one \$1.85 per month for mosquito control. "The fee does not cover the cost of this service for residents, but they can be assured taxpayer money is being used wisely and effectively on a mosquito abatement program," said Parish President Thibaut.



Pointe Coupee Parish President Major Thibaut

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Beautiful Pointe Coupee artwork up for raffle!

The Chamber is excited to announce a very special fundraiser! Working with local artist Stan Routh, an original art piece featuring Pointe Coupee historical landmarks was created (shown below). Enter to win this amazing piece of artwork through the Chamber's banquet raffle. Tickets are \$50 each, and only 150 tickets will be sold! To reserve your tickets, or inquire about a sponsorship, please contact Les Cantrell (ed.director@yahoo.com), Board President Amanda Stanley (amanda.r.stanley@gmail.com), or any board member.



This beautiful artwork is being raffled by the Chamber! Only 150 tickets to be raffled! See above for information on how to get a ticket.



Presented with Co-sponsor Cleco

- Cash bar/Complimentary beer & wine
- Music by Konner James
- Food by Morel's
- Silent Auction & Print Raffle

Everyone is welcome! You do not need to be a Chamber member! \$50 per ticket. Available from emails below or any Chamber board member. Sponsorships available! Contact:

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Helping neighbors in need

Employees from ARCOSA LIGHTWEIGHT, locally known as the "dirt plant," teamed up with the Pointe Coupee Assessor's Office to prepare and serve over 300 pastalaya meals to hurricane victims in the Luling area of St. Charles Parish on September 22.

Parish Assessor Jimmy Laurent stated, "The devastation we witnessed in that area was unbelievable. Those residents have a long, difficult road ahead of them to recover. We were honored to be able to serve some hot meals to people in such great need. Our state Assessors' Association started collecting donations right after the hurricane and have been assisting in several of the impacted parishes. ARCOSA LIGHTWEIGHT really stepped up to the plate to assist in this effort. As soon as they heard about our plans to feed hurricane victims, they wanted to be a part of that! We are very grateful to them."

Assessors and their employees who were spared from the storm have been preparing meals and serving them in hard-hit parishes. In addition, teams of Assessors' Office employees are assisting with duties such as gathering information on damaged properties, reviewing assessments, granting reductions to values, and getting local office operations up and running. Many assessor's offices have been damaged, making it difficult to complete the tax roll for this year. Most of their employees suffered damage to their homes as well. With such widespread devastation, it will require a tremendous amount of work to make the necessary adjustments and produce an amended tax roll before the end of the year.

Donations to this effort can be sent to the non-profit organization "Assess & Serve, LLC" at P.O. Box 771, Clinton, LA 70722 or by Venmo to @Jeffrey-Gardner-35. For more information about these hurricane recovery efforts, please contact our office at 225-638-7077 from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday thru Friday, or by email at pclassessor@bellsouth.net. Our website is www.ptcoupeeassessor.com.



Scenes from the pastalaya distribution in Luling on Sept. 22.

Parish gets \$850,000 for Courthouse upgrades

The parish has secured almost \$850,000 in state funding for much needed upgrades of the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse. Parish President Major Thibaut said the parish received a \$317,000 grant, and will also receive \$530,000 in Priority II state funding by early 2022. In addition, the parish has been tapped for \$1 million in Priority 5 funding, with no time frame on that funding.

The \$850,000 in funding will be used for heating/air conditioning (HVAC) system replacement, termite repair and lighting/electrical work. The parish had already spent \$800,000 on waterproofing, re-roofing, and painting the exterior of the historic courthouse. The long-neglected building houses several parish offices, including the Clerk of Court, Assessor and Sheriff's Office, along with parish courtrooms and judges offices.



Canal, bridge projects underway

Work to clean out the parish's major watershed canals in the Bachelor area is continuing, as is shown in the photos above. Meanwhile, repairs have begun on Bridge Road (the bridge across from Livonia High School that connects La. Hwy. 77 and Hwy. 78). That project is expected to take about a month. Replacement of the Pecan Island Bridge will go out for bid in November by the La. Dept. of Transportation and Development. Repairs on the weirs at the M-2 canal are underway, and include removing silt and debris and restoring the channel bank.

American Queen riverboat brings visitors to Pointe Coupee this fall



The Parish, City of New Roads Main Street program and Pointe Coupee Parish Tourism Office have combined forces to entice the American Queen Riverboat Co. to make Pointe Coupee one of its stops of the Mississippi River cruise. The American Countess boat will dock at Pointe Coupee and bring passengers here for sightseeing. Hop on-hop off buses will bring visitors to historical homes, churches, and other local attractions with the ability to dine and shop between stops. Other riverboat companies are interested in expanding their tours to our area and the agencies are working to get them here next year. American Countess stops here are set for Oct. 26, Nov. 3, 17, 23, and 30, and Dec. 1 and 29. The boat docks at 8 am and departs in the afternoon.

RECREATION REPORT:

Soccer draws over 200!



Registration for the parish's soccer league has exploded, with 202 players signing up to play. That resulted in a whopping 18 teams! League play has begun and will continue through November.

Registration for the parish basketball league will begin November 1, and is open to boys and girls age 4 to 12. Games will begin in January and run through February.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website (pcparish.org), or can be picked up at the PC Recreation Office at 14000 Major Parkway, New Roads.

On-line registration is also available at <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=890205>. Anyone interested in coaching a basketball team should call Paul Armand at 225-638-3870 or note it on a registration form.

Meanwhile, a number of events are scheduled for the parish Multi-Use Center in October. They include the 4-H Pet Show, Pointe Coupee Parish High School Rodeo, and Joni and Friends Barn Dance for Disabled Kids.

Companies being courted to bring broadband to PC

Pointe Coupee Parish officials are meeting with representatives of internet companies to expand broadband into the Pointe Coupee area. Federal grant money has been made available for this expansion, but Pointe Coupee must partner with a provider to get the grant funds. A local broadband commission has been established, with representatives of a number of local agencies on the commission. The parish will select companies it will work with, and they must submit applications to the state by November 1.



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PCP Sheriff's Office works to combat juvenile crime, help of community needed

Juvenile crime is an increasing crisis not only in our parish, but nationwide as well. The events of the past month have triggered many emotions throughout our close-knit community. The severity of the crimes that our community has witnessed lately has escalated from burglaries and trespassing to gun violence.

"When tragedy hits close to home, we are inclined to react," said Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux. "Now is the time for us to channel our energy as a community, and start making changes to circumvent juvenile crime. This type of change doesn't happen overnight."

First off, early intervention starts at home. Parents pave the path that their children take. Parental involvement is crucial. Children need structure, guidance, and love. They need to consistently go to school and they need someone in the home to provide them with accountability.

Schools play an extremely important role in intervention as well. Keeping kids in school and engaged is key to the success of keeping our youth out of trouble and giving them a positive outlet. The Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Department is looking into different programs to enforce truancy laws in our parish.

In addition, the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office, the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office, and the 18th Judicial Court are coming together to establish the FINS program, which helps rehabilitate youth by providing a variety of services and resources for the family of the juvenile in trouble. Law enforcement, the District Attorney, and the judges would be able to come together to provide these children with both individual and family counseling. This service is crucial because it provides families with the tools that are needed to handle children offenders.



Some of the guns and drugs confiscated in recent arrests by the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office.

Ultimately, we need a state-of-the-art juvenile facility to house and rehabilitate juvenile offenders as well. Many facilities have been toured and it is our goal to eventually build one in our tri-parish area. However, the expense of not only building, but roperating this type of facility is high.

"The Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office will continue to strive to decrease juvenile crime," said Sheriff Thibodeaux. "Any community involvement and support is appreciated. Schools, churches, and local organizations can come together to help our department keep our kids on a promising path. We hope that in the future we can make big changes, but for now we are taking the first steps."

Sheriff Thibodeaux unites residents with One Community event

On Thursday, September 30th, Sheriff Thibodeaux hosted his first ever Community outreach event as the Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish. Two years ago, Thibodeaux ran a campaign on a hope and vision of "One Community". This vision entailed a community that would gather together, support one another, and ultimately the unity would help to deter crime within our great parish.

The night was a success. The event was held at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads. Over 250 people gathered in support of our community and of this vision. Measures were taken to comply with social distancing guidelines. Supper was provided, door prizes were given out (some were available for deputies only and some were for the whole community), and The Dale Sellars and the Back Roads provided music. Parish President Major Thibaut was the guest speaker. President Thibaut spoke about the progress and growth of our community. Pastor Rodney of The Place of Refuge Church in Livonia blessed the food and spoke about "One Community."

Sheriff Thibodeaux would like to thank all of sponsors who made this night possible. Over 50 businesses donated gifts to be given as door prizes. The Thibodeaux Cook Team worked hard to provide a meal and many community members donated desserts, drinks, and their time and efforts. Sheriff Thibodeaux hopes that he can make this an annual event.



Sheriff Thibodeaux speaks at the One Community outreach event.



Scene from the One Community outreach event.

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Library branches ramps up activities as fall festivities begin

All Branches

DEAR SANTA LETTERS! Come by and pick up a "Letter to Santa" for your kids to complete, and then drop off in one of our Santa mailboxes located at all Pointe Coupee Parish Library branches.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE - The Christmas Village is presented this year in memory of Cynthia Morgan.

DIGITAL BOOK CLUBS - The Library offers new and exciting digital book clubs for adults and students. Come get more info!

FIND POKE MON - Check out your local library to find Poke Mon!

E-BOOK COLLECTION - A massive collection of e-books are available to library patrons through Libby. Contact your local library for more information on Libby!

ACT PRACTICE TEST - The Library offers ACT practice testing through its database. Check it out for help with the ACT test!

TICKET TO THE WORLD - Your library card is your ticket to the world via its many databases, book and magazine collections, movies, software training, hobby information and so much more!



Storytime with Miss Happy

Ms. Happy is conducting Story Time for 3 and 4 year olds at all branches of the Library. She is also reading at daycares and schools. Check with your local library to get her Storytime schedule.

Innis Branch

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: Just in time for Halloween - A Pumpkin Carving Contest is set for the Innis branch. Drop off of a carved pumpkin is October 26, and judging will be October 28.

SMART PORTIONS PROGRAM: The Innis Branch Library began a Smart Portions program with the help of LSU Extension Services, on September 30. The program will run for 8 weeks on Thursdays from 11 am - 12:30 pm.

Smart Portions is a weight management program taught by the LSU AgCenter nutrition agent Breanna Staab, with the sponsorship of Pointe Coupee Parish Library and Pointe Coupee General Hospital.

Participants learn about the risks of being overweight and associated health consequences, and they are given the tools to be successful in overcoming their weight struggles. Throughout eight weeks, the class will tackle serious topics like good nutrition habits, bad habit breaking and good habit formation, emotional eating and body image, dining out, a personalized exercise plan, and how to make sustainable changes.

This is not a diet plan, which can deprive the body of nutrients and connote feelings of restriction and frustration. Instead, participants focus on setting realistic, achievable goals for overall better health.



GINGERBREAD CONTEST - A Gingerbread House Making Contest is set in December. Drop off the completed entry between Dec 20-22, and judging will take place on December 22 at 11am.

Livonia Branch

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Library Board Member Lucy Boley, who recently passed away from complications of COVID.

Libby - a ticket to the world

Libby is a free app in which you can borrow e-books, digital audio-books, and magazines from our public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for off-line use so that you can read anytime, anywhere. All you need to get started is a library card.

If you would like to learn how to download Libby, join us in New Roads location on November 23 at 10:00 am for an instructional Libby class.

Julian Poydras Branch

PICK IT, TRY IT, LIKE IT! The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank program Pick It, Try It, Like It! is underway at the Julian Poydras Library! Each week our presenter focuses on a fruit or vegetable, noting interesting facts while preparing a dish with the featured food as an ingredient. Attendees get to taste the dish and also receive a copy of the recipe.

Morganza Branch



HALLOWEEN CRAFT FUN - Make fun Halloween decorations in this session on Thursday, October 28, at 4 pm. Supplies are provided.

THANKSGIVING HEADPIECE AND TURKEY MASK MAKING FUN - The Library will provide all supplies to color and decorate headpieces and turkey masks on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 4 pm.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DECORATING - Come color and decorate your own wooden ornaments to take home on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 pm. All supplies are provided.



POINTE COUPEE PARISH LIBRARY

New hours for some branches!

Pointe Coupee Parish Library
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Friday & Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
Sunday Closed
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Innis Branch Library
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Phone: 225-492-2632
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Friday 9 am - 1 pm

Morganza Branch Library
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Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Julian Poydras Branch Library
4985 Julian Poydras Lane, Rougon
Phone: 225-627-5846
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Livonia Branch Library
3100 Hwy. 78, Livonia
Phone: 225-637-2987
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 6 pm
Friday 9 am - 1 pm

PCGH administers almost 3,000 vaccines in COVID pandemic

Beginning in December 2020, PCGH organized a team of staff members to begin administering the COVID-19 vaccines to the public. Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine and meeting the criteria stated by the CDC and the Louisiana Department of Health could call a specific hospital phone line or visit the hospital website to register to receive it.

Nursing Director Valerie Jarreau, Pharmacist Lori Lacombe, and Infection Control RN Kelly Barker, with the help of many others including the Health Information Department, organized the vaccine clinic. The vaccines were sent to PCGH from the state to be administered free of charge.

In all, over 2,900 vaccines were administered by the team, including PCGH staff members, local law enforcement, and the local medical community. Approximately 80% of the PCGH staff have been fully vaccinated.

PCGH's last vaccine clinic was held at the end of September, in which only second doses of the vaccine were administered to complete the 2-dose series. Once vaccine boosters are approved for the general public, PCGH will not be administering those since availability of the vaccine has increased at local medical clinics, doctors' offices, and pharmacies.



Shown from left are Health Information Department Manager Dana Wells, Chief Nursing Officer Valerie Jarreau, RN; Infection Control Director Kelli Barker, RN; Director of Pharmacy Lori LaCombe, R. Ph; and Operating Room Manager Rhonda Glaviano, RN.

Monoclonal antibody infusions administered to fight COVID

The PCGH Emergency Room saw a drastic increase in the number of COVID positive patients with the Delta variant in July and August, as the 4th surge of the pandemic raged. Due to the increasing numbers of COVID positive patients who met criteria to receive the monoclonal antibodies, the PCGH administration was forced to repurpose inpatient rooms to administer them. This action was necessary to free up the ER patient rooms.

In all, over 500 infusions of the Monoclonal Antibodies were administered to patients who came to the ER and tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, or who tested positive at their physician's office and were sent to PCGH to receive an outpatient infusion of the antibodies. Administration of the monoclonal antibodies will continue as long as necessary.

A monoclonal antibody is a laboratory-produced protein that functions like the antibodies made by the immune system in response to infection. By binding to a specific molecule on a virus or bacteria — known as an antigen — a monoclonal antibody can enhance or restore the immune response against these pathogens.

Monoclonal antibodies can be effective at decreasing hospitalization rates and progression to severe disease and death for patients with mild to moderate COVID-19. In addition, the monoclonal antibodies have been shown to improve survival rates in patients hospitalized with COVID-19 who have not mounted their own immune response.



Comfortable 3D mammography available at PCGH

PCGH Radiology invests in the most accurate and comfortable mammogram available using 3D technology and The SmartCurve system.

3D mammography can help doctors detect breast disease earlier and more accurately than traditional mammography scans. This most accurate scan also reduces call backs.

PCGH's Mammogram Suite provides patient-focused care to everyone in a safe environment designed for optimal patient experience, comfort, and privacy. PCGH also offers the most comfortable experience possible with the SmartCurve system.

The SmartCurve system features a proprietary curved surface that mirrors the shape of a woman's breast to reduce pinching and allow better distribution of force over the entire breast. In a recent clinical study comparing the SmartCurve breast stabilization system to traditional flat paddle compression, the SmartCurve system improved comfort in 93% of women who reported moderate to severe discomfort with standard compression. In addition, 95% of those surveyed would recommend facilities that use the system.

To schedule a Genius 3D Mammography™ exam using the SmartCurve system, or if you have questions about this important breast health procedure, please contact the PCGH Radiology Department at (225) 638-5703.

PCGH Environmental Services steps up to assist National Guard after Hurricane Ida

In September, PCGH's Environmental Services department was contacted to assist the National Guard by providing laundry service for the Guardsmen and women who were providing hurricane relief in the area following Hurricane Ida.

Myra Normand, Department Head, stated, "When our department was asked to do laundry for the National Guard, members of our staff didn't hesitate to assist." Department staff members Dana Fields, Connie Joseph and Janet Marks eagerly volunteered to help and got the job done.

Special thanks to the National Guard members for their service and to the PCGH employees for volunteering their time.



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City of New Roads makes power switch to LEPA

Mayor Cornell Dukes and the City Council finalized an agreement with LEPA, Tuesday, September 21, to provide electrical power to residential and commercial customers of New Roads. This will allow everyone an opportunity for cost-saving. A recent analysis provided by LEPA revealed CLECO usage over five years compared to its own would have saved the city over \$2 million.

“Residents will see a monthly reduction in usage rates,” stated Mayor Dukes. “We will continue to generate momentum in New Roads because we understand that customers want affordable rates, especially amidst a pandemic.” The change will become effective in December 2021.



Shown after execution of the LEPA Full Requirements agreement are, from left, LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm, LEPA Vice Chairman Buz Craft, Mayor of Vidalia; LEPA Chairman Chuck Robichaux, Mayor of Rayne; New Roads Mayor Cornell Dukes, New Roads Mayor Pro-Tem Theron Smith, New Roads City Attorney John Wayne Jewell, and New Roads Public Works Director Paul Seawell.

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Harvest Festival cancelled due to COVID Delta variant

Given the COVID-19 delta variant outbreak, the City of New Roads has announced the cancellation of Harvest Festival 2021. The cancellation of the three-day celebration scheduled October 16–18 was not an easy decision, but the health and safety of the public remain paramount.

“It’s the most responsible thing we can do for the public,” stated Mayor Dukes. “We waited as long as we could to see if the trend in COVID-19 cases in the state would look more positive. We feel it is best to postpone the event another year out of concern for the health of our guests, entertainers, staff, volunteers, and vendors. See you guys in 2022.”

City of New Roads would like to thank the thousands of faithful festival goers who have supported this event.

Stay abreast of upcoming happenings with Harvest Festival 2022 and future events in New Roads by visiting www.newroads.net. Stay connected to the city’s Facebook page (@CityofNewRoads), Instagram, and Twitter (@MayorCornellDukes).





School Board begins new literacy initiative

The Pointe Coupee Parish School Board has launched a new literacy initiative for the 2021-22 school year. The initiative supports improved literacy outcomes for students designed around pillars of instructional improvement that target literacy goals, high quality curriculum and interventions, professional growth, and family engagement.

As part of the literacy initiative, the district has added a new literacy team to facilitate each of the pillars of improvement. The PCPSB Literacy Team consists of a district-based literacy coordinator and four school-based literacy coaches. Each school-based literacy coach is assigned to two schools where the coach works directly with teachers to empower students. As part of the initiative, literacy coaches directly impact student achievement by supporting administrators and

teachers in: creating and monitoring literacy goals based on data from student groups; providing high-quality core instruction with explicit literacy interventions based on student need; facilitating ongoing professional growth in literacy development; and promoting a network of student support between school and family by providing families with tools and resources to work with students at home through our school-based Family Academy.

The additional resources and positions were made possible through CLSD and UIN grant funding from the Louisiana Department of Education.



Literacy Coach Yolanda Jones supports teachers and students at Rosenwald Elementary School and Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary School.



Literacy Coach, Chandelar Chavis, supports teachers and students at Valverda Elementary School and Rosenwald Elementary School.



The Pointe Coupee Parish School Board is proud to introduce its District Literacy Team. Shown from left are: Yolanda Jones, Literacy Coach; April Davis, Literacy Coach; Brandi Forbes, District Literacy Coordinator; Chandelar Chavis, Literacy Coach; and Dr. Rosie Courville, Literacy Coach.



Literacy Coach April Davis supports teachers and students at Rosenwald Elementary School and Rougon Elementary School.



Literacy Coach Dr. Rosie Courville supports teachers and students at STEM and LHS.

THANK YOU TAXPAYERS!

Shorter bus rides, activity bus purchase help students

A portion of the property tax passed in 2019 was dedicated to transportation. The tax money collected has enabled the system to add additional routes, which have shortened bus rides for all students of the parish. In addition, for the first time in over 20 years, the district was able to purchase an activity bus, which will be utilized for transporting students to field trips and athletic events. Thank you for supporting the Pointe Coupee School System. #pointecoupeproud

Schools, First Student Bus Co. help hurricane victims in LaPlace

Pointe Coupee Parish teachers, paras, and bus drivers were featured on "Good Morning America" on September 30 to highlight the virtue of "giving back." The group collected donations for victims of Hurricane Ida and delivered them to LaPlace a few weeks ago through the true Louisiana spirit of generosity!

Thanks to all who organized the effort and to those who donated.

