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A quarterly publication for
Pointe Coupee Parish residents
by your public agencies

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BEFORE



AFTER



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Before and after photos along portions of Bayou Grosse Tete.

\$4.9 million drainage project underway

The first phase of a \$4.9 million project to clean out Bayou Grosse Tete and Bayou Cholpe, both critical drainage waterways for Pointe Coupee Parish, is well underway.

The contractor, Dynampic Group, LLC, is removing fallen trees, logs, storm debris and woody vegetation along a 14.5 mile stretch of Bayou Grosse Tete and 3.5 miles of Bayou Cholpe in Phase 1, which should be completed next summer. Phase 2, at a cost of \$1.8 million, will continue clearing the waterways in West Baton Rouge and Iberville in partnership with the Upper Delta Soil & Conservation District. It will also include Johnson Bayou.

Parish President Major Thibaut noted that these waterways have not been cleared of vegetation and debris in decades, and this project will result in better drainage for approximately two-thirds of the parish.

The entire project is being funded with state capital outlay funds, thanks to the efforts of Senator Caleb Kleinpeter and State Rep. Jeremy LaCombe.



Bank of Bayou Grosse Tete is cleared of vegetation.

GYM

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 18** Hunter Safety Field Day, Pg. 2
- Oct. 24-26** PC High School Rodeo, Pg. 3
- Oct. 26** New Roads Boo & Brew, Pg. 7
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Sheriff's Office moves back into Courthouse

After more than a year of extensive renovations by the parish, the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office has officially moved back to its historic location at the Courthouse on 215 E Main St. in New Roads.

This transition marks a significant milestone for both the Sheriff's Office and the community, highlighting a commitment to improved public safety and enhanced service. The renovations have transformed the Courthouse into a state-of-the-art facility while preserving its historical charm. Community members who visit the Courthouse will be greeted by a beautifully restored building that maintains the integrity of its architectural roots, while incorporating modern amenities. This blend of old and new represents a dedication to honoring the past while preparing for the future.

Sheriff's Office officials expressed their excitement about returning to the Courthouse, noting the importance of this location for community engagement and accessibility. The new facilities are designed to provide a more efficient working environment for law enforcement personnel, improving their ability to serve and protect the residents of Pointe Coupee Parish.



sugar cane
GRINDING SEASON HAS BEGUN

BE MINDFUL OF CANE TRUCKS
PLAN FOR EXTRA TRAVEL TIME
USE CAUTION
•DON'T PASS IF UNSAFE
•WATCH FOR MUD AND DEBRIS
•KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

SUGAR CANE AND FARMING ARE BIG PARTS OF THE ECONOMY AND CULTURE IN OUR PARISH. PRAY FOR OUR FARMERS.




HUNTER'S SAFETY FIELD DAY

OCTOBER 18, 2025
8:30AM-12:00PM

PCPSO COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
7011 MITCHELL LANE
MORGANZA, LA 70759

HOSTED BY: CHIEF JAY MAYEAUX, DET. SHAEL STRINGER, AND DY. LUKE BEGNAUD

MUST COMPLETE ONLINE PORTION PRIOR TO FIELD DAY
Register Here:
<https://louisianaoutdoors.com/events/194164>



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

- Trick or treating should only take place when accompanied by an adult.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't let kids run.
- Motorists should be on high alert during trick or treat since children could cross the road unexpectedly.
- Only trick or treat in well lit areas.
- Candy should be inspected by an adult before it is eaten.

HAPPY Halloween
TRICK OR TREAT




WE'RE HIRING

Start a career in law enforcement

225.638.5400 pcpsso.org

RECREATION UPDATES...

The Pointe Coupee Recreation Department's football leagues are underway and will end by November. Meanwhile, soccer season started in October and will end in early November. Registration for the winter basketball leagues will begin in late October. For more information on registration, go to the parish website: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=890205>

Numerous events are lined up at the Multi-Use Center through December, including these big events:

- October 24-26: Pointe Coupee Parish High School Rodeo
- November 2: Special Needs Rodeo
- November 9: LA Ag Clinic
- December 5-6: Pointe Coupee Parish 4-H Country Christmas
- December 13: Sheriff's Posse Wild West Show



Ball field renovations are complete at False River Park, and a new 30 ft. X 30 ft. pavilion, donated by Friends of False River Park, is almost complete. Work is shown in the above photos. In addition, the renovation of both entrances to the Multi-Use Center is complete. That project involved replacing old culverts and adding concrete aprons at the entrances.

Road project out for bid

The parish's \$2 million road improvement project is expected to be contracted out in October, with work beginning in late October or November. The project was being advertised for bids in early October. The work is based on an independent road assessment and study, so that roads in the worst condition are repaired first. The parish will follow this project up with another \$2 million road project in the Spring of 2026.

Meanwhile, marketing materials are being developed for the parish's economic development efforts. They include a promotional video, website and more. The materials and a strategic plan will be rolled out in early 2026.



Shown in the top photo is the beautiful new main courtroom of the courthouse. The photo above shows a portion of the newly-paved concrete parking area in front of the courthouse.

Courthouse renovation complete, agencies, judges move back in

The \$4.7 million renovation of the historic Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse building by PC Parish Government is over 90 percent complete, and the agencies housed there have now moved back into the building. The front parking lot has been re-paved and a parking lot with security lighting has been added on the side of the building. The years-long project included waterproofing the building, new roofing and windows, a new A/C system, renovation of all offices in the building with new lighting, ceilings, floors and painting, renovation of restrooms, increased security, and American Disability Act improvements.

The 123-year-old building houses the Pointe Coupee Clerk of Court, Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office, Pointe Coupee Assessor's Office, judges offices and courtrooms. It is on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places.



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18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Victim Assistance Coordinators assure DA communication with crime victims

Those arrested for crimes face a hard road, but the crime victims and witnesses often face many hardships too - pain, sadness, anger, financial difficulties, and confusion on how the court system works.

District Attorney Tony Clayton has appointed Victim Assistance Coordinators in each parish of the 18th Judicial District (Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee) specifically to help crime victims and witnesses through this difficult time. Their job is to explain the court process to victims and witnesses, keep them informed of court hearings and trial dates, and answer their questions on their case.

"We meet some of the best people at the worst time of their lives," said Director and Pointe Coupee Coordinator Lisa Jarreau. "People don't understand the workings of the justice system because they've never had to deal with it. We make a real difference because we provide empathy and understanding, and help them through this process."

In many cases, the coordinators build relationships with the victims and witnesses because it takes some time for major crimes, like murder or rape, to go to trial. Investigation, hearings and case preparation, along with inevitable delays, all take time. "It's a 24-7 job - victims and witnesses call us at night and on weekends, but it's very interesting and fulfilling," she added.

"DA Clayton made it clear to us that our program is a priority in his office - we are the most valuable resource to these victims and witnesses at a time when they are very vulnerable," noted Coordinator Vincel Simpson. "We make sure their voices are heard."

"Sometimes it can be a heavy burden but our job is to listen to them and make sure we are answering their questions and are assisting them in every way we can," Simpson said. "And every victim and witness is different. We have to meet them where they are because so much about the judicial system is unfamiliar to them. We often serve as mentors and teachers, and hopefully, give hope for



Victim Assistance Coordinators Vincel Simpson, Lisa Jarreau and Lori White.

healing through this process."

Iberville Coordinator Lori White noted, "We serve as liaisons between the victims and the District Attorney's Office, someone they can easily reach out to with their questions and concerns. We schedule meetings with the victims and the Assistant District Attorney handling the case when needed, and attend court hearings and trial to keep them informed."

"Some cases, like murders, child abuse, and domestic violence cases, can be very difficult and emotional, but we walk our victims through the process," White said. "We also try to assist them with victim reparations whenever it applies."

White noted that they also discuss possible pleas with victims. While the District Attorney's Office has the final say in plea offers, DA Clayton wants to make sure the victims have a voice before any plea agreement is made. The coordinators also explain the victim's right to present a victim impact statement during sentencing, giving them an opportunity to tell the court how the offense has impacted their lives.

"It's an honor to help them through this and to be the expression of kindness at such a hard time," added Simpson.

POINTE COUPEE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor's Office now in modern offices in Courthouse



Shown in the photos above is some of the new office space of the newly renovated Assessor's Office.

There are a lot of things taking place here in Pointe Coupee this fall. Area schools are midway into football season, harvest season has begun on area farms, and outdoor enthusiasts will soon head afield for hunting season.

Here at the Assessor's Office, we have moved back into our regular office at the newly renovated, historic Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse. We are happy to be back in a more modern, efficient workspace.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS?

In the coming weeks we will be working to finalize the 2025 Property Tax Roll for approval by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

There are still a couple weeks to call or come by the office to see if you qualify for Homestead Exemption, Special Assessment Levels for Disabled Veterans, First Responder exemptions, or those over age 65 who meet income criteria. Owners of acreage used for agriculture or timber may qualify for a Use Value Assessment.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS:

Forms are available on the Assessor's website to file for your homestead exemption, agricultural use application and annual business filings. They can be found at www.ptcoupeeassessor.com under the FORMS section. We will accept forms via email at pcassessor@bellsouth.net, text message at 225-240-9974, Facebook Messenger or through our message service located on our website.

Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's Office

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Assessor Jimmy Laurent, Jr.

Julian Poydras Branch



HEAD HUGS ARE BACK:
Come to the Julian Poydras Library and pick out a free hat for the cool weather. One hat per person.



TOTE BAG MAKING:
Monday, November 3rd, 10:30 am
Bring six fat quarters of fabric and 60" of cotton webbing for straps to make your own tote bag. Call to register: 225-627-5846

TEE SHIRT QUILTING:
Monday, December 1st, 10:30 am
Bring a piece of fabric the size of the quilt you want to make, ironable/fusable interfacing for each tee shirt you want to use, and the tee shirts. Call to register: 225-627-5846

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pointe-coupee.lib.la.us

Livonia Branch happenings:

PUMPKIN CONTEST
FIFTH ANNUAL
LIVONIA BRANCH LIBRARY
PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST
Judging will be at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, October 29th. Ribbons will be awarded for the following categories:

<i>Most Creative</i>	SCARIEST	Best Overall
smallest	Most Traditional	Best Painted
LARGEST	Cutest	Best Carved

Pumpkins can be dropped off at the Livonia Branch Library starting Monday, October 27th between 9:00 am-6:00pm. Deadline for entries is 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 29th. All pumpkins must be removed before 1:00pm on Friday, October 31st.

- Nov. 6, 4:30 Book Club
- Nov. 11, 10:30 Storytime with Happy
- Nov. 13, 10:30 Medicare 101
- Nov. 3,10,17, 9:30am OLLI-Chair Yoga
- Dec. 4, 4:30 Book Club
- Dec. 11, 10:30 Medicare 101
- Dec. 1,8,15,22 9:30 OLLI-

Livonia Branch Library
CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT
DOUBLE FEATURE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th 5pm
A Charlie Brown Christmas
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

New Roads Branch

LIBRARY STORY TIME
with Ms. Happy
Every Thursday at 9:30 A.M.
NEW ROADS LIBRARY

New Roads Library MOVIE NIGHT
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Starting at 6:00 PM December 5th

Innis Branch



Pumpkin Contest
October 27th-30th
Judging will be October 30th at 11 a.m.



Movie Night
Frosty The Snowman
Saturday, December 6th at 5 p.m.
Wear pajamas and bring a blanket!



Gingerbread Contest
December 15th-18th
Judging will be December 18th at 11



StoryWalk
Check out our StoryWalk!
Our 3rd Book coming in October!

Pointe Coupee Parish Library
201 Claiborne Street, New Roads
Phone: 225-638-9847
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am- 6 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
Sunday Closed
www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us

Innis Branch Library
6444 La Hwy 1, Innis
Phone: 225-618-1070
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am- 6 pm
Friday 9 am - 1 pm

Morganza Branch Library
221 So. LA Hwy. 1, Morganza
Phone: 225-694-2428
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am- 6 pm
Closed Fri., Sat. & Sunday

Julian Poydras Branch Library
4985 Julian Poydras Lane, Rougon
Phone: 225-627-5846
Open: M-F 8 am - 4 pm

Livonia Branch Library
8247 Norwood, Livonia
Phone: 225-637-2987
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am- 6 pm
Friday 9 am - 1 pm

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCT  BER

The best protection is early detection! It is easy to get your annual mammograms right here in Pointe Coupee! Get an order from your physician and schedule your appointment at PC General.

Everyone who gets a mammogram at PCGH during the month of October will receive a free gift as our way of saying thank you for prioritizing your health. But, don't forget - mammograms are available Monday through Friday all year long!

Call today to schedule your appointment and take an important step in breast cancer prevention: 225-638-5703.



Nurse practitioner Caroline Stagg joins St. Joseph Clinic

Join us in welcoming Caroline P. Stagg, FNP-C, to St. Joseph's Medical Clinic of Pointe Coupee General Hospital!

As a Pointe Coupee Native, Caroline is passionate about caring for our community and has been practicing as a Nurse Practitioner for over seven years.

She is now seeing patients for primary care, chronic and acute disease management, wellness visits, sports physicals, and vaccines — including flu shots, which are now available!

St. Joseph Clinic is located at 230 Roberts Dr., Suite B, on the hospital campus in New Roads. It is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 225-618-4590.

Walk-ins are welcome — or call to schedule your appointment today!



Caroline Stagg, FNP-C

Flu shots now available at St. Joseph Clinic! Call or walk-in!



What to do if you get the flu

The 2024–2025 flu season was classified as a high-severity season by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the first since 2017–2018. It saw very high rates of flu activity and pediatric deaths. Health experts have warned that the upcoming season could also be a bad one.

As your first line of defense, get the flu shot. But if you do get the flu, here are steps you can take:

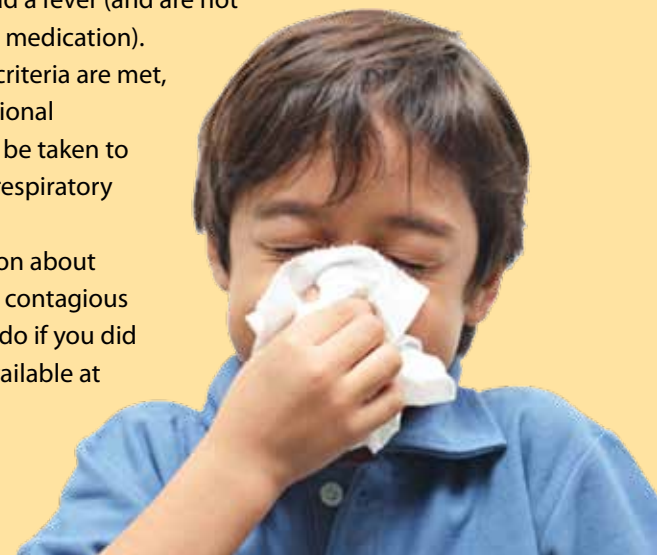
1. Take flu antiviral drugs if a health care provider prescribes them.
2. Take everyday precautions to protect others while sick.
3. Stay home until you are better.

Stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:

- Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
- You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

After these two criteria are met, there are some additional precautions that can be taken to protect others from respiratory illness.

*More information about how long people are contagious with flu and what to do if you did not have a fever is available at www.cdc.gov/flu.



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Pointe Coupee GENERAL HOSPITAL

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- ✓ Personalized quit plan.
- ✓ Assistance with obtaining cessation medications, if necessary, to assist in your quit journey.



QUIT

CALL 225.638.5717 for more information on our program and to begin your journey to QUIT!





City receives Main Street grant for downtown marketing materials

The City of New Roads Main Street Program received a \$11,000 Technical Assistance Grant in September as part of Louisiana Main Street's second round of funding to strengthen its historic downtown and support local businesses.

This grant will be used for branding and marketing in support of revitalization projects aligned with the Main Street Four Points of organization, economic vitality, design, and promotion. The funding helps strengthen historic downtowns, preserving architectural heritage. It supports the creation of a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and helps attract new and existing businesses to the area. The grant also aids in creating vibrant places that attract residents and visitors, boosting the local economy.

City begins to see return on \$5 million sewer improvement project

Mayor Theron Smith said the City is now beginning to see a return on the \$5 million sewer improvement project that began last year. "We have returned \$50,000 worth of rented pumps, so that is \$50,000 in savings, and we will see more in the future," he said. "This project will end our dependence on rented pumps to run our sewer system, providing us with an efficient and modern sewer system and will also allow us to build some cash reserves."

The long needed repairs and improvements on the New Roads sewer plant and lagoon area are about six months from completion. The project is part of more than \$5 million sewer improvements that began last October.

The project includes installation of three new permanent pumps at the lagoon lift station. Aerators and other improvements will also be made at the lagoon.

Meanwhile, installation of equipment to significantly upgrade the city's 13 lift stations is underway. The lift stations are in dire need of repairs, with many not operating. The city has been renting pumps to run the lift stations. The city will save approximately \$480,000 per year on rental fees once this project is complete. "This will more than pay the city's bond issue for this project," said Mayor Smith.

The city received 78 percent of funding for the project from federal grants, and is using federal COVID relief funding, local funds, and some parish federal COVID relief funds for the city match, plus a bond issue to pay the remainder of the cost for the much-needed project.

Boo and BREW
OCTOBER 26, 2025
3:00-6:00 PM
 • \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids (12 & Under)
 200 Block of W Main St., New Roads, LA

Enjoy family-friendly fun, including trick-or-treating, live entertainment, food and brews, kids' activities, and festive booths. This annual tradition helps support the historic preservation and beautification of downtown New Roads through the City of New Roads Main Street Program.
 Every smile, every costume, and every sip makes a difference for our community.

15TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL ON FALSE RIVER
OCT 31 - NOV 2, 2025
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA

Featuring a Halloween Costume Contest for adults and children, and candy distribution on Oct. 31!

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\$100,000 grant provides for single entry, enhanced security at all PC School District schools

The district is proud to announce the successful implementation of a single point of entry at every school facility, marking a major advancement in campus security. The entryways are part of the school board's commitment to providing safe learning environments and highlight the district's commitment to maintaining safe, monitored access for all students, staff, and visitors.

Single point of entry is fully operational across campuses, all individuals entering the schools are directed through a central, secure entrance. This system streamlines access control, supports effective visitor management, and enhances daily monitoring capabilities, ensuring a safer school environment.

In addition, the district was awarded a \$100,000 Louisiana Safe Schools Grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOSEPH), the organization leading statewide efforts for school safety including the Safe Schools Louisiana initiative in August. This funding will enable the district to significantly enhance its security infrastructure with the addition of state-of-the-art surveillance technology. These upgrades will work in tandem with existing single-entry points, delivering advanced camera systems, electronic monitoring, and real-time safety tools to further protect students, staff, and visitors.



Shown above is the single point entry, and at left are security doors installed at all schools.

PC gets computer science grant

For a second consecutive year, the district received a computer science grant from the Louisiana Department of Education. The grant allows the students new opportunities to work on Python computer programming projects in class. This grant enabled the district to purchase software and technology, letting students learn coding skills with hands-on activities. The district is also on target with the new state requirement for all students entering high school in the 2027-2028 school year to take a computer science class before graduating, ensuring every student is ready for a technology-driven future.



Science program enhanced with \$20,000 Shell grant

The Pointe Coupee Parish School District has been awarded the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge Grant, a \$20,000 grant, sponsored by Shell USA Inc. in partnership with the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA).

This national competition honors schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to providing students with high-quality, inquiry-based science instruction. Through innovative teaching practices and dedication to STEM education, the district stood out among applicants across the region.

As part of this distinguished honor, the district was awarded a grant valued at \$20,000 to support enhancement of its science program to improve the science labs.



STEM Magnet Academy's Student Council representatives for the 2025-2026 school year are, from left, Brandon Wright, Reporter; Sanaa Guerin, Treasurer; Tyson Cole, President; Dynasty White, Vice President; and Janiel Porche, Secretary.



The Rotating Visual Arts Program unites schools through creativity.