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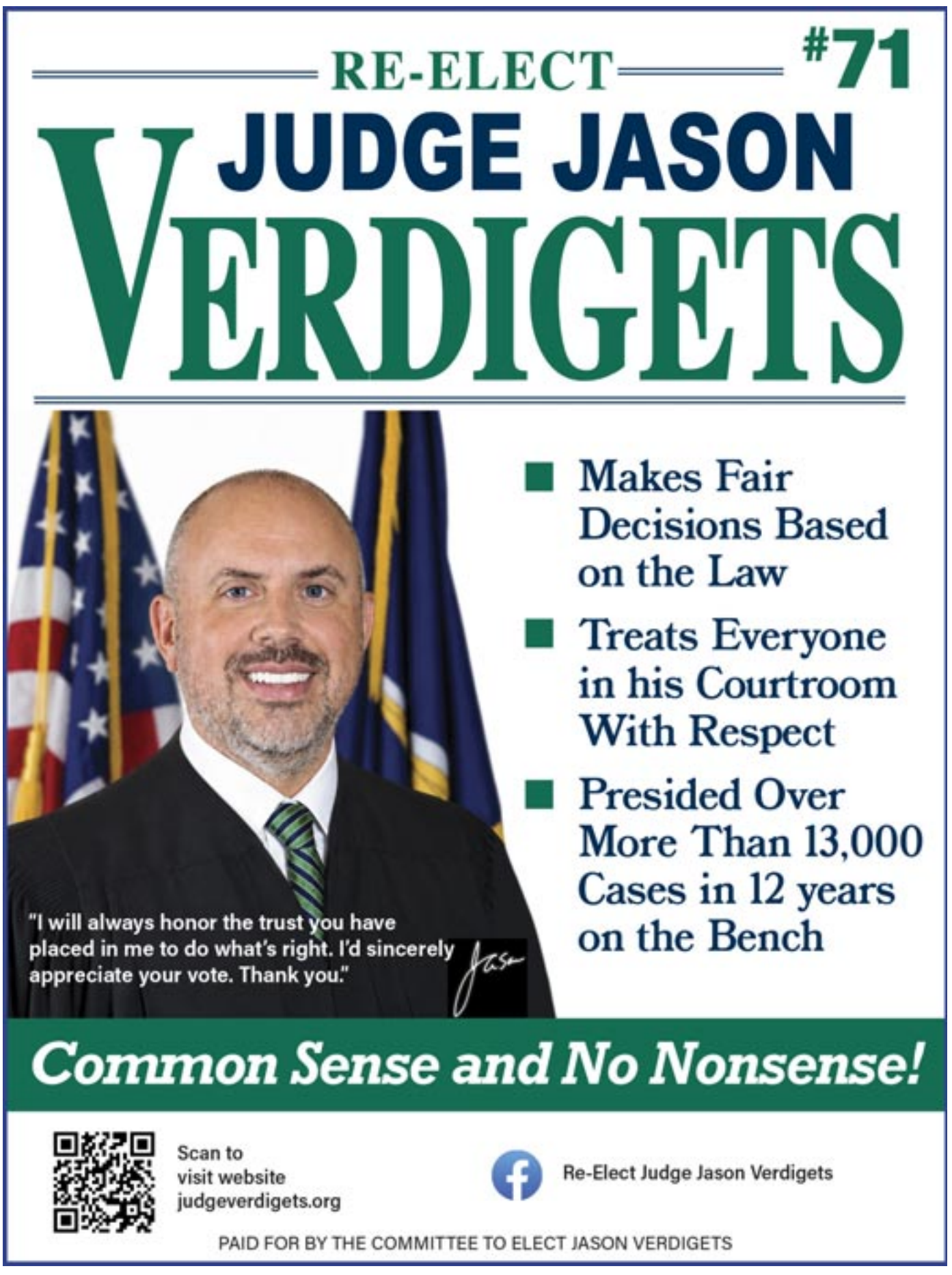
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TWIRLFORCE














From the Gonzales Garden Club

Garden Centers in the Big Easy

The club did not have a business meeting this month; they had a road trip. Sixteen members carpooled to the greater New Orleans area to experience two popular garden centers. Jefferson Feed is more rustic; Perino's is more refined.



The Cheesecake Factory was good to the club.

Jefferson Feed and Garden Center is a favorite source for pet and garden supplies. Outdoors there is a healthy assortment of seasonal plants and pottery. Indoors is a huge warehouse dedicated to pet needs as well as plant supplies. Barbara McCormick marveled at the wall of seed packets suggesting they sell "any kind of seed you want!" Dale Bowman said, "I've never seen so much cat and dog food in my life." Also in this warehouse, the Jefferson SPCA houses adoptable pets. Cats are in roomy cages with fleece hammocks for napping. A few puppies are in comfortable pens, and several rabbits are available in glorified screen closets.

Perino's Nursery is a premier garden center providing a comprehensive selection of quality, locally grown plants and a showroom of home and garden gifts. The business offers outdoor design services, a home décor shop and a candle barn. Everyone enjoyed the displays of scented candles, oils and soaps. Paola DiNatale loved the scent and feel of samplings of hand lotion. There is also a separate "Plant Pharmacy" room stocked with fertilizers and pesticides.

To avoid disappointing anyone with a food allergy or dietary preference, the group of 16 chose to eat lunch at the Cheesecake Factory at Lakeside Mall in Metairie. The staff there accommodated the group of travelers, and



Perino's welcoming entrance leads to an outdoor checkout table.



A Jefferson Feed staffer took this picture of the group on the stairway leading up to the rabbit dormitory.



Perino's plant variety ranges from bedding plant six-packs to tree boxes for landscape design.



Perino's has thousands of blooming plants.

everyone was happy with its extensive menu. Appreciation goes to Zanna Brewer for coordinating the road trip stops. President Flo Hernandez summed it up with "Visiting the plant nurseries in New Orleans was a great treat! We saw beautiful, thriving plants and had a wonderful time visiting with fellow members."

With summer winding down, gardeners are thinking about cool season annual herbs to plant now: dill, cilantro, fennel, parsley, borage, and nasturtium. Next month the club meets a member's home with seasonal pollination as the topic.

The Gonzales Garden Club is federated by National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Hammocks hang in three story cat cages at Jefferson Feed.



The cookies in the Puppy Bakery at Jefferson Feed look good enough for humans to eat.



Jefferson SPCA adoptable rabbits have soft bedding and space to hop around.

Residential Yard of the Month



The October Residential Yard of the Month is awarded to Dale Minvielle at 225 Alexander Ave in Gonzales. The beds include Natchez crepe myrtles, azaleas, coral drift roses, sasanqua camellias, and a magnolia tree. The front door is decorated with fall pumpkins and potted plants (mums, ivy, vincas, rosemary, croton). The front lawn is the "Piece de Resistance" like walking on a plush carpet!

Commercial Yard of the Month



The October Commercial Landscape of the Month is awarded to Don's Seafood at 2405 W. Cabela's Pkwy. in Gonzales. The restaurant is surrounded by towering cabbage palms and hanging baskets filled with garden petunias. The beds are overflowing with garden roses, azaleas, tea oil camellias, and aromatic spearmint.

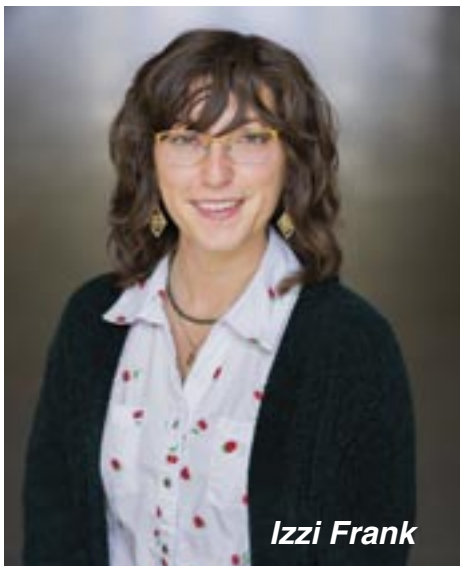
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• Active member of Household of Faith in Gonzales

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Poll Voting: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
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Get Growing, Ascension!


Izzi Frank

By Izzi Frank
LSU AgCenter
Horticulture Agent,

Don’t Let Your Garden Become a Free Buffet

This month I want to talk about keeping large pests out of the garden. I've been asked this question many times during my career with the AgCenter. Whether it's fighting off mice, rabbits, neighborhood cats, or larger animals like deer, this is an age-old problem for gardeners. Here are a few suggestions.

The first step is correctly identifying the culprit. Try setting up a camera if you can. It may tell you who's visiting the garden and where they're getting in. If a camera isn't an option, different animals leave different clues behind. Look for droppings, tracks, teeth marks, or patterns of damage. Rabbits typically feed close to the ground, deer tend to leave larger areas of damage, squirrels dig lots of small holes, and moles leave tunnels. Do some research to help you assess the clues.

Hopefully you've identified your garden thief and can start planning some solutions. Exclusion is usually the most reliable, long-term option. Physical barriers such as fencing, netting, row covers, or even growing in a greenhouse can be very effective. For small animals, wire mesh (often called hardware cloth) is usually a better choice than chicken wire. Mice and small birds can squeeze through chicken wire, and raccoons can reach right through!

For larger pests, taller fencing is often needed. I'm talking at least 8 feet for deer. Six feet may reduce damage, but it won't always stop a determined deer. Bird netting and row covers are pretty self-explanatory, but they can also help reduce insect damage depending on the type you use.

Repellents can help, but they have limitations. Animals can become accustomed to them over time, and most products need to be reapplied regularly, especially after it rains. It can help to rotate products and look for repellents containing ingredients like garlic, hot pepper (capsaicin), blood-based products, predator scents, or peppermint oils for rodents.

Another good strategy is to make the garden less attractive in the first place. Clean up brush piles, remove fallen fruit, protect your compost pile, and secure pet food and garbage cans. If you're providing food and shelter nearby, you're rolling out the welcome mat for unwanted visitors.

My last suggestion is to use multiple tactics. Don't rely on just one solution. Combine barriers, repellents, and good garden sanitation. Rotate products when needed and keep changing things up. The goal is to make your garden more trouble than it's worth. With a little persistence, hopefully the pests will decide to dine somewhere else!

LSU AgCenter

YOUR ESTATE MATTERS



By Linda Melancon

Wedding Bells and Living Wills

Wedding season in the South is almost here. Calendars are filling up with showers, dress fittings, and save-the-dates. It's a happy time. Amid the cake tastings and guest lists, there's one more thing worth adding to your list, though. While it isn't as fun as picking out flowers, it may be one of the kindest things you can do for your spouse.

I'm talking about estate planning.

For many young newly-weds, the thought of estate planning feels unnecessary. Couples believe they don't have an estate yet. But an estate is simply everything you own. A car. A bank account. A retirement plan. A home. Even wedding gifts. Put it all together, and it adds up fast.

Estate planning also isn't only about money. It's about who makes choices if you can't. It's about who is cared for, and it's about making sure your wishes are known.

Our state has its own set of rules. Louisiana is a community property state. In most cases, what either of you earns after the wedding belongs to both of you equally. Things you owned before the wedding usually stay separate. So do gifts and inheritances made to just one of you.

In my line of work, I've heard some tragic tales of what happens when someone who didn't think they needed any planning passed away too soon. If someone dies without a will, Louisiana state law decides who gets what. That may not match what you would have chosen. Your spouse might not receive everything. Parents or siblings could get a share. This can lead to stress and hard choices during an already very stressful time.

Fortunately, a few simple things can prevent that.

1. Check your beneficiary forms. If you have a job that offers life insurance or a retirement account and you had that job prior to meeting your sweetheart, the funds from those accounts would go to the person named on the form. Many people still have a parent, sibling, or an old partner listed. Take a few minutes to update these.

2. Name someone to handle money. A financial power of attorney lets a trusted person pay bills and manage accounts if you become ill or hurt. Many couples choose each other. But without a power of attorney in place, no one has authority to access your money if you are unable. For couples who don't share bank accounts or haven't gotten around to combining finances, this is an important step.

3. Plan for medical choices. A health care power of attorney designates who can make medical decisions for you if you could not make them yourself. A living will documents your wishes about care at the end of life. These are tough topics, but they are a gift to the person who would otherwise have to guess. Lots of young couples don't have these talks before marriage, but in the event that your spouse has to make a decision on your behalf, it's better to have them confident in their choice.

4. Write a will. A will is probably the most known document in an estate plan; it says who gets your things. If you don't have a will, Louisiana law says that the things you owned before marriage will go to your parents and siblings, and only the things you acquire during marriage will go to your spouse (with some exceptions.) Many people want everything to go to their spouse, so a will would be needed to ensure that happens.

5. Talk about your goals. Do you want children someday? Do you own a business? Do you have family members who depend on you? Your answers shape your plan. Some couples also choose to sign a marriage contract. It lets you pick a different way to handle property than the state's default. It is not a sign of distrust. It is simply a clear choice, made together.

Here's an idea. After the honeymoon, set aside one evening. Order dinner, talk through these questions, and write down your answers. Then take them to a Louisiana estate planning attorney.

Your plan isn't set in stone, either. Plan to look at it again when you buy a home, start a new job, or welcome a baby. But know that as life changes, your plan can change with it – and you've got some guardrails in place should anything happen to either of you.

Marriage is about building a life together. Estate planning is one way to protect it. You don't need to have it all figured out. You just need to start.

The information provided is not intended to be legal or tax advice and does not constitute any attorney/client relationship. You should consult with an attorney for individual advice regarding your own situation.

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The 2026 Boucherie Pageant will be held on Saturday, October 24th

Pageant Date: Saturday October 24, 2026
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Ascension Chamber Celebrates 28th Annual Golf Classic at Pelican Point

A little competition, plenty of camaraderie, and 27 holes of golf set the stage for the Ascension Chamber of Commerce's 28th Annual Golf Classic, presented by R.J. Daigle & Sons, on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Pelican Point Golf Club. The annual tournament welcomed more than 200 golfers representing businesses and organizations throughout the region for a day that combined friendly competition withopportunities to connect outside the office. At the end of the round, Chateau D'Ville Rehab & Retirement took home first-place honors, with Parish Engineering finishing second and Percy Law securing third place.

Beyond the competition, 31 tent vendors lined the course, offering everything from food and refreshments to interactive games and activities.“The Chamber Classic Golf Tournament continues to be one of our most anticipated events, bringing together business and community leaders for a day of camaraderie,connection, and friendly competition,” said Ascension Chamber President















and CEO Donnie Miller. “The continued success of this tournament is a testament to the strength of our business community and the unwavering support of our members. We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors, golfers, and volunteers who help make this longstanding Chamber tradition possible year after year.”

The Ascension Chamber thanks presenting sponsor R.J. Daigle & Sons, along with all participating golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and Pelican Point Golf Club for contributing to another successful tournament.

For a complete schedule of events and more information, visit AscensionChamber.com or contact the Ascension Chamber of Commerce at (225) 647-7487.

























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Your financial security is only as strong as your digital security. A single stolen password, convincing scam or fraudulent investment offer can lead to lost savings, damaged credit or hours spent recovering compromised accounts. As our financial lives move increasingly online, protecting your personal information is part of protecting your financial future.

Cybercriminals are getting smarter, and technology like AI is making their job easier. But fortunately, some consistent habits can help protect you from many of today's common threats.

Watch out for phishing. Phishing is a common way criminals break into accounts and steal money. These attacks often arrive as emails, texts or phone calls that appear to come from your bank, employer or another trusted organization. Fake websites can trick you into typing in your password or financial details.

To protect yourself, verify unexpected requests through a separate channel, such as calling a company directly using a number from its official website rather than one provided in a suspicious message. Avoid clicking unexpected links and consider using a password manager which auto-fills your login information only on legitimate websites.

Strengthen your accounts. Stolen passwords give criminals easy access to your email, banking and social media accounts. Try using a unique password for every account and enable multifactor authentication whenever it's offered. When possible, choose phishing-resistant options like passkeys or security keys; they're harder for scammers to bypass than basic text message codes.

Be skeptical of urgency. Scammers increasingly use deepfakes, which leverage AI-generated voices, videos and images to convincingly impersonate trusted people, including company executives, advisors and even family members. These messages often create pressure to send money or share sensitive information immediately.

If you receive an urgent request that feels off, slow down. Hang up and try calling back to the person or organization using a known phone number. Many successful scams rely on emotional pressure rather than technical tricks, so a moment of skepticism can go a long way.

Protect your money and identity. Fraudulent investment platforms and cryptocurrency schemes continue to cost Americans billions of dollars each year. Be cautious of investment opportunities promoted through unsolicited messages or social media contacts, and always verify a platform independently before sending money. If you're unsure whether an opportunity is legitimate, a financial advisor can help evaluate it before you invest.

Data breaches can also put your information at risk, even when you've done everything right. It's smart to check your bank and credit card statements regularly for unfamiliar charges, and to freeze your credit if you suspect your information has been compromised. You may also choose to freeze your credit preemptively.

Keep your devices updated. Software updates often fix security weaknesses that criminals could otherwise exploit. Backing up important files, whether to the cloud or an external drive, also protects you if ransomware ever locks you out of your own data. Small habits matter. Unique passwords, multifactor authentication and skepticism help stop many scams before they start. Take steps to help safeguard your money, identity and long-term financial goals.





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This past year as the 42nd Miss Boucherie & Balloon Queen has been unforgettable! From traveling across Louisiana to represent the Boucherie & Balloon Festival to making new friends and memories, every experience has made this past year special. It has been an honor to promote the traditions of our festival and the mission of the Sorrento Lions Club. I am grateful for every opportunity this year has brought me! Thank you to everyone who followed along on my journey!

Your 42nd Miss Boucherie & Balloon Queen,

Ava Savoy









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Around Town














Congratulations Jeff
for Hole-in-One at Pelican.
A couple of months ago.





CHC Closet and Pantry

The Holidays are Approaching!

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas at CHC Closet and Pantry our need for help is greater than ever. Many families are going to need help with Thanksgiving and Christmas. While we can't accept turkeys, hams, etc. because of very little freezer room we are happy to have gift cards for these items. We also need, along with our regular items, the traditional holiday foods.

While we don't usually accept requests for Christmas toys, occasionally someone will come in who really needs help for their child. We save any new toys that are donated all year for this reason. If we have items that we don't use we will send them to Country Kitchen for them to give away at their Christmas dinner. If you have any new or almost new toys, books or things for teenagers, we would very much appreciate the donation.

We have lots of people to thank this month:
The Gonzales Lions Club is helping with food and hygiene items.

Ms. Connie at Tank Proof brings us food each week from Olive Garden as well as setting it up so we can pick up food from Chick-Fil-A each week. Last week she shared a large donation from Whole Foods of fresh fruit, canned items, cereal and many other items that filled the back of my SUV. Her help is very valuable to us and very much appreciated. We also want to thank Whole Foods for their generousity. The local chapter of AARP blessed us with 250 pairs of socks which will be very appreciated as the weather grows colder.



Several of us were able to participate with Books for Books at a Trunk or Treat event near Cabella's. People were asked to bring a non perishable item for us or a book for Books for Boots. While we didn't collect a whole lot of food we were able to







make some valuable contacts and let people know about the pantry. Thank you to the people who contributed and also to Chad Brown who set up the event. We gave out lots of candy and had a good time.

If you would like to make a donation of cash, food or hygiene items please know that it is much needed and that we and our clients are very thankful.

If you know of a group, church, school or organization who would like to hold a drive, please contact me on our FB page “CHC Closet and Pantry”.

If you have helped in any way in the past or you wish to in the future I would like to say “Thank you and God bless you”

Janell Brent, manager
CHC Closet and Pantry









Re-Elect

#94 JAMES E. “CHIEF” LEBLANC FOR CONSTABLE



James E. LeBlanc is seeking re-election as Ascension Parish Constable - Third Justice Court on November 3.

LeBlanc has served more than four full six-year terms in the role, 26 years in all. In that time, he has worked alongside four different Justices of the Peace, always with professionalism, efficiency and compassion.

For the past 26 years as your Elected Constable, James E. LeBlanc's job performance has never been called into question. Neither has his character. LeBlanc is eager to continue in the job, a role he views as public service.

And who knows public service better than James LeBlanc?

40 years as Fire Chief over the St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department & 5th. Ward Volunteer Fire Department in Darrow, having first been elected by his peers at the age of 19, LeBlanc has been a Reserve Officer with Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office for 34 of those years. Currently, he holds the rank of Captain over APSO Reserve Divisions.

LeBlanc has known no other life here in Ascension Parish, but volunteering for Ascension Parish.

"I have always been called to serve, something that was instilled in me by my parents at an early age," LeBlanc explained. "Ascension Parish has given so much to me and my family, I want to do what I can to give something back."

"It's something I've tried to pass along to my kids," he said.

Three of James LeBlanc's children became deputies with Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office...and he could not be prouder. But they've got a ways to go to match their daddy who has "given back to the community in so many ways.

Currently Ascension Parish Governmental Affairs Director under Parish President Clint Cointment – hired on March 15, 2021, after retiring with 31 years @ Honeywell Chemical Facility in Geismar
40 years as a Volunteer Fire Chief here in Ascension Parish. Was elected by my peers to become a Fire Chief when I was 19 years old. Currently in Ascension Parish, I’m the longest running Fire Chief in the Parish and have been Fire Chief over three communities, Prairieville, St. Amant and Darrow communities.







- *34 years with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office Reserve Division and Ascension Parish Haz-Mat Team, currently I hold the rank as Captain over both these APSO Divisions.*
- *26 years as the Elected Constable here in Ascension Parish – 3rd. Justice Court*
- *Currently 19 Years as the St. Amant High School Booster Club President*
- *Currently 15 years as Chairman of the (CAER Industrial Group) – Community Awareness Emergency Response*
- *Currently 25 years as the Chairman of Ascension Parish Fire Dist. #1 (All the Volunteer Fire Department in Ascension Parish)*
- *Currently Chairman of the Ascension Parish Chief's Association*
- *Currently Chairman of the Ascension Parish Mutual Aid Association*
- *Currently President for the Louisiana Justice of the Peace & Constables Association for the past nine years. Oversees the more than 800 Justice of the Peace & Constables across the entire State of Louisiana.*
- *The youngest Fire Chief to ever serve as President of the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association at the age of 25 years old.*
- *Currently the Sgt. Of Arms for the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association for the past 24 years.*



- *Currently Board Member for the Louisiana Municipal Supplemental Pay Board*
- *Currently Board Member of the Ascension Parish 911 Communications Board*
- *Served nine years as President of Volunteer Ascension*
- *Served four years as President of St. Amant for St. Jude*
- *Currently a Third Degree Knight with the St. Mark Knights of Columbus*
- *Currently as Usher with the St. Mark Catholic Church*
- *2009 – was awarded the Ascension Parish – Volunteer of the Year by Volunteer Ascension*
- *2011 – received the Lifetime Volunteer Award here in Ascension Parish by Volunteer Ascension*
- *2014 – received the MVP Award from the Louisiana Chemical Association*
- *2016 – Awarded the Ascension Parish – "Man of the Year Award" from Outback Steak House*













- *2016 – Awarded a Statewide Raymond Babin Memorial Service Award for Statewide Volunteerism across the State of Louisiana*
- *2017 – Had the honor of winning – Ascension Parish Person of the Year*







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East Ascension Sportsmans League

Letter from president -

Greg Cedotal

I am starting to see cooler weather in the forecast for the middle of October. That gives me hope of catching sac-a-lait along the riverbanks and seeing squirrels and deer moving around. It would be nice to not have sweat getting in my eyes and to feel a cool fall breeze when target shooting. Besides, I can blame a miss on the windage. As a sign that fall is here we have already kicked off the Big Buck contest and held the Squirrel Rodeo.

The Squirrel Rodeo was held October 3rd. Thanks to Cary Gautreaux chairing the rodeo. The winners were: 3rd place Richard Gautreaux with 3.80 lbs., 2nd place Jason May with 6.10 lbs., and 1st place and Big Squirrel went to Raymond "Bam" Fink with 7.95 lbs. and 1.51 lb. big squirrel. We would like to say thank you to the following who helped: Byron Gautreau for cooking a Jambalaya for the hunters on Saturday. Todd Breaux and Caled Melancon for cooking a Squirrel Gravy, white beans, and potato salad on Sunday. Thank you to those who brought other dishes to share. And a special thank you to Merle and Dwain Gautreaux for allowing us to use their facility again this year.

The Big Buck Contest is in full swing. Hunters are lying in bed or snoozing in the deer stand dreaming of that rack that will propel them to a win in the contest. Children 15 years and younger are eligible as long as one parent/guardian is a member. Members will be given a grace period of January 2027, (one month), to renew membership that expires at the end of 2026. Winners must have renewed membership before the prize can be collected.

I have been receiving emails about Colorado's Amendment 83, an amendment to establish a constitutional right to hunt and fish in Colorado. Groups have sought to significantly restrict fishing with live bait and ban fur-sales in the state of Colorado. Because of work by EASL and LWF, to mention a few, Louisianians have enjoyed constitutional protection of the right to hunt and fish since 2004. This is where organizations like the East Ascension Sportsman's League, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Coastal Conservation Association, Ducks Unlimited, and Delta Waterfowl, to name a few, help us maintain the protection of our resources and our rights to hunt and fish. If you are interested in taking part in the effort to protect our rights, email me, let's talk. I am looking for men and women in the 20 to 60 years old range who would be willing to meet as a committee and discuss ways to increase public interest in the East Ascension Sportsman's League and bring the organization into the 21st Century. If you and your children enjoy hunting, fishing and or nature activities, help support an organization that supports your interest. Every year there are bills introduced in the legislature that attack our rights to enjoy the outdoors, join the fight for our rights. Our rights to hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors are easier to defend than they will be to regain after we lose them. Talk to your children, relatives, and friends to see who may be interested in joining this coalition and have them email me at gdced1@gmail.com.

I would like to hear from the members and possible members if you would like to pay dues by Venmo and attend meetings via Zoom. Give me some feedback so I know what you want from EASL.

Now for a little bit about EASL events. You must be a member to participate in these events. The EASL Bass Club will fish a tournament on October 17th and the Classic on November 14th. If you are interested in fishing with the bass club in 2026 contact Jim Hebert at 225-717-6037. The 22 Rifle Silhouette Match will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month, October 24th, at the Sheriff Shooting Range starting at 8:30 AM. Don't forget to weigh your bass for the Monthly Big Bass contest and weigh your specs for the Monthly Big Speckled Trout contest.

If you decide you would like to serve on the board of directors and help move the organization forward, let us know. You do not have to wait until December to become a board member.

Time to go outdoors with family and or friends and enjoy nature. Remember to be safe and conserve our resources for future use. Questions or comments you can email me at gdced1@gmail.com.

EASL's next regular meeting is December 21st at the VFW Hall on Churchpoint Road, starting at 7:00 PM



EASL Bass Club News

The EASL Bass Club held their September Tournament on Lake Concordia. It was held out of Lakeview Lodge on the 26th. There were 12 boats that participated. The weather was nice but it had changed overnight from north wind to no wind at all by Saturday morning. Thankfully, it wasn't that hot throughout the day. The fishing was tough for everyone except the three teams that obviously had the fish figured out.

The weigh in took place at 2.00 PM on the grounds of Lakeview Lodge.



Andrew & Jamie Laiche

The Father and Son team of Jamie & Andrew Laiche really had them figured out as they took first place with a 5 fish limit weighing 17.06 lbs. They also won Big Bass with a lunker that weighed 4.98 lbs. Andrew caught that fish 5 minutes into the Tournament. Second place was won by Julien Day fishing alone. He weighed in a limit weighing 13.20 lbs.

Third place was won by the team of A.J. Jackson & Wayne Edler with a limit weighing 12.98 lbs.



Julian Day



A.J. Jackson & Wayne Edler

Congratulations to the winners of the September Tournament.

Thanks also to Ronald Gautreau and Dirk Anderson who cooked a delicious chicken stew and potato salad for the members on Friday night. Thanks also to Paul, the owner of Lakeview Lodge, who welcomed us and allowed us to check out later on Saturday. He was a great host and If you want a very nice place to stay and do some fishing give them a call. The rooms at the Lodge are very nice.



Jim Hebert & Anthony Bonadonna

Our next Tournament is on October 17th, with a meeting at Dirk Anderson's home on Babin Road on October 8th to sign up. If you want a vote on the location for the November Classic tournament then come to the meeting on the 8th to vote on the site.



Anthony Bonadonna

Re-Elect #91

THOMAS MAYEUX CONSTABLE



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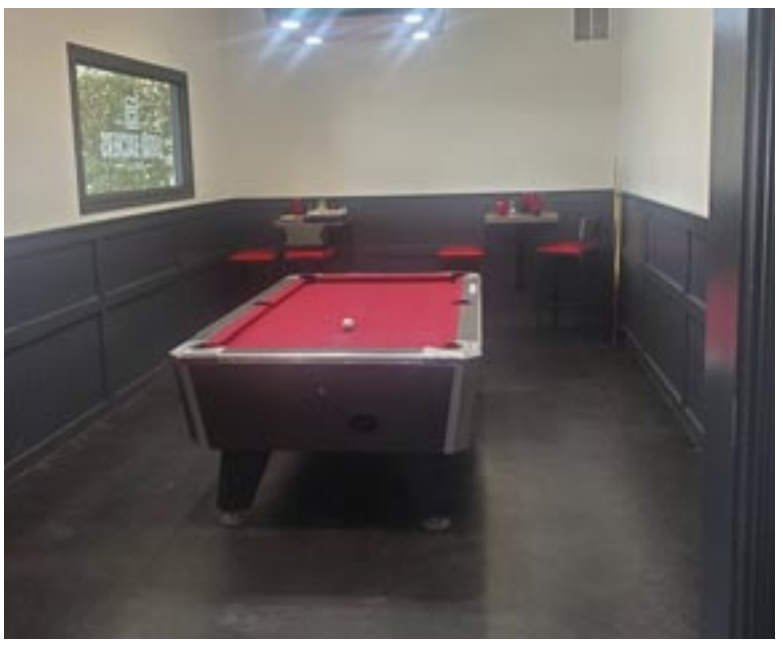




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The Horrors of a Halloween Podcast or Graveyard Smash

by Bill Delaune

"It was Halloween night 1959-but it wasn't the ghosts and goblins that had LSU in trouble. Mostly it was a tough Ole Miss defense that had the Tigers on the short end of a 3-0 score. With 10 minutes left to go in the game, Ole Miss was forced to punt…"



--Every LSU fan worth his purple and gold Tony Chachere's knows what happened next. Tiger great Billy Cannon-disobeying his coach's orders about fielding punts inside his 15-picked up the ball on one bounce and ran 89 yards through the entire Rebel team for the go-ahead touchdown. Then-after catching his breath-Cannon went out on defense and stopped the Rebs on the one-yard line to preserve the 7-3 victory.

Happy Halloween, boys and ghouls, and welcome to Blackcat Bill's special abominable broadcast from Gonzales's own historic spooky spot-the legendary Light Lane, the site of many strange visions back in the 1950's and 60's.

Today, we will be taking calls from our atrocious audience for some suggestions on new tricks to liven up the anemic LSU offense and some treats to help the Saints in any area whatsoever. Let's get right to our first caller, Frank Stein from All Parts, USA. Welcome, Frankie…

--Thanks, Blackcat. I believe I can provide a monstrous upgrade at the Tigers' tight end position. Coach Brian Kelly always talks about using the tight ends in the passing game like he did at Notre Dame and when LSU had Mason Taylor. But lately it seems to be a forgotten position. Being 6-10, 400 pounds, I believe I make a big enough target that even a sore-armed Garrrett Nussmeier couldn't miss me.

As far as speed, I drag my feet a bit but my hands once belonged to an IRS agent and they are known to be able to squeeze blood from a turnip so dropped passes won't be a problem.

--Well, you certainly would be useful in bad-weather games because lightning just seems to give you life. But speaking of blood, we have a doctor on the line-Dr. Acula from Transylvania-What's up, Doc?

--Since I always play for blood, I believe I could help both teams with their red zone issues. I am a devoted disciple of Coach Nick Saban who preached a "step on their throat and go for the jugular" style of play. I really don't care how that reflects on me as a person because I have no reflection at all.

Like LSU and its tailgating fans, I prefer night games when the crowd is going absolutely batty. Just make sure those TV games don't last until Sunday morning when all those churchgoers break out their crosses and holy water and hold the garlic in my gumbo.

--And I suppose you want your steak very rare and not wooden, right Doc? Up next-Lon Chaney from Wolf Breath, Wyoming-you say you're an expert in change…?

--That's correct, Blackcat. I may look like a mild-mannered office worker but on certain nights, I can become a vicious creature. Aren't coaches always looking for the player who is a model student in the classroom and an animal when he gets on the field? Well, as long as the team doesn't have any grooming rules about hair and beards, I'm your man.

Like the previous caller, I really do my best work at night-especially those with a full moon. And no Coors beer for me, please. There's something about those silver bullets.

--And if the Saints get one of those London games, I believe you may have some relatives over there to howl at the moon with you. Let's take a call from Hadddonfield, Illinois-Michael Myers, welcome back to

the show…

--Thanks, Blackcat. As many times as I've been back to my hometown, I don't think I've heard those words-"Welcome back". I believe I can teach both LSU and the Saints a little bit about comebacks.

Don't ever let the fans, the media or even your teammates tell you that you're dead. I've been shot, burned, run over and thrown off cliffs and I survived. And I don't even get so much as a Homecoming parade when I return home to call on relatives. So don't let one loss or a key injury derail your goals. Keep on slashing away at your detractors like an insane person and don't let anyone stand in your way.

--Well, that certainly was an intense gentleman. But you must admit-he's made more comebacks than Richard Nixon and Mike Tyson combined. What's that? We had Jason from Camp Crystal Lake on the phone but all he wanted to discuss was hockey so he was cut off by Freddy from Elm Street. Go ahead, Fred…

--Look, let's get one thing straight-I don't want to be known as just another pretty face around here. You don't have to be a "dreamboat" to get things done. In fact, it's better if you're known as their worst nightmare.

Put me in, coach, and with my special glove, we'll never be accused of being shorthanded.

--Pretty sharp caller if you ask me. But what would Halloween be without a call from New Orleans's legendary late night horror host Morgus the Magnificent, What do you think of the lineup so far, Morgus?

--Hey, Blackcat, if you ever need some sucker to whip that bunch of creeps into shape, give me a call. Look what I've done coaching my assistant Chopsly. He used to dismember everything in sight and last year he only took one guy's arm off in an unfortunate doubloon incident at Mardi Gras.

But I've been campaigning for change in New Orleans for years. First of all, we have to change the Saints' nickname. This holy name ain't working in a city of sin. Now what is the toughest, meanest critter in the city-I mean an animal that can survive in water unfit for human use? Why the New Orleans nutria, of course.

Even Harry Lee's crackshot deputies couldn't put a dent in that rugged rodent's routine. Plus we're talking about a state where road kill is a staple and still the nutrias thrive.

When that's; done, then we get that flower off the helmets. Replace the fleur de lis with a pair of those scary orange teeth-oh, the colors will be black and orange now for Halloween. Just look what happened in Tampa Bay when they replaced that gay blade with the skull and crossbones-instant contender.

Then we need a new stadium at a different location. They built that Superdome right on top off the Poydras Street Graveyard and the team has been cursed ever since. Didn't anybody see "Poltergeist?"

--Great ideas, Morgus, but we're out of time. But if we need someone to coach a team with a monstrous tight end, a couple of slashing runners and some never-say-die wackos –well, you're first on the list.

Oh, and can you ask your friend Anne Rice if she has an extra tomb for Dr. Acula at Halloween? He's visiting fiends and needs a crypt to crash.



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Jammin' with Goosie

It Ain't All About Killing And Catching



A friend of mine and I were having a business discussion some time back when I interrupted those thoughts with the question of "Have you killed anything this year?" He answered "No I haven't but I had a very enjoyable hunt the other day. One of which I'll remember for a long time. There was just something about it he stated. It was how the colors came together that evening and the graceful weather of the day along with a peaceful, easy feeling of the thoughts in my soul that made it so special. He then said "As I climbed from my stand at dusk I heard a deer spook and run off. To tell you the truth I'm glad that I didn't kill that day because I didn't really feel like messing with all that stuff at the time". I replied, "Yeah I know that feeling all so well".

I've had many days in which I did not catch or kill anything for my effort and I still truly enjoyed that day afield anyway. But every now and then for some unknown reason you may have a day that just stands above most of the rest of your unsuccessful events. I recall a turkey hunt some years ago of which was very special to me for whatever reason. I had nursed a hernia throughout the season and my thoughts ventured off to an upcoming surgery that I was not looking forward to. The quietness of that two hour sit seemed to comfort those thoughts in a special way. It was the last day of that season and it was a beautiful spring day. I did not hear or see any turkeys that morning. While sitting there that morning my thoughts wandered off to how well a group of friends of mine were doing on their fishing trip to Grand Isle that was taking place at the time. The silence of the beautiful morning led me into prayers in which I gave thanks for my success and failure's of a wonderful safe hunting season that was now about to come to an end. It was the way that my mind had processed things that morning that made it such a great experience. Each time I pass where I was hunting that day, and that's fairly often, I reflect back to that morning s everal years ago.



I guess that I should say that I do expect to have success each time I go hunting or fishing. But on the other hand, success of a kill or catch should not by any means have a negative effect on the enjoyment that you may have had on that outing. In many cases at some point of the game you may decide that you, for whatever reason or the other, don't really care to succeed at that moment.

This thought brings me back to a moment some years ago with my, then six year old, granddaughter's first deer hunt. Shortly after getting the young girl up the sixteen foot high deer stand a doe deer appeared in the foodplot. She excitedly viewed the magnificent animal while looking through a hole in the canvas skirting and with those big beautiful dark eyes she looked up at me and whispered "Shoot that deer paw paw". I quickly replied "I aint shooting that deer". She then came back with "Then why are we here"? I kinda had trouble answering that statement.

We all want to be successful outdoors men and women from time to time but it's important to remember that all outings in the great outdoors count in one way or the other.

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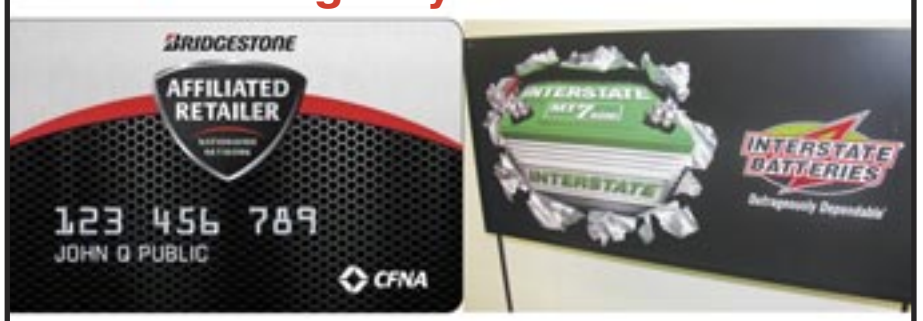
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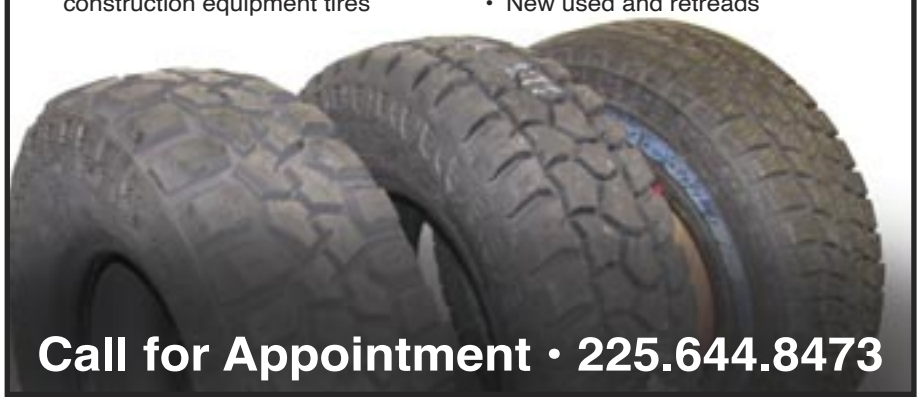
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Useless Random Facts with Kellie

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One, habit of intelligent humans is being easily annoyed by people around them but saying nothing in order to avoid a meaningless argument.

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There were two AI chatbots created by Facebook to talk to each other, but they were shut down after they started communicating in a language they made for themselves.

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A single strand of Spaghetti is called a “Spaghetto”

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To leave a party without telling anyone is called in English, a “French Exit”. In French, it’s called a “partir à l’anglaise”, to leave like the English.

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The scientific name for Giant Anteater is Myrmecophaga Tridactyla. This means “ant eating with three fingers”.

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Iceland does not have a railway system.

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The largest known prime number has 17,425,170 digits. The new prime number is 2 multiplied by itself 57,885,161 times, minus 1.

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Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest in the Rocky Mountains worth over 1 million dollars. It still has not been found.

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There is a company in Japan that has schools that teach you how to be funny. The first one opened in 1982. About 1,000 students take the course each year.

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The Lego Group is the world’s most powerful brand. There are more Lego Minifigures than there are people on Earth.

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The first service animals were established in Germany during World War I. References to service animals date as far back as the mid-16th Century.

Thoughts from Bully

This article was written 10 years ago!!

Stories from the Woods

It's that time of the year when men get to be men. This past month I spent nine glorious days in the woods in North Louisiana. Our deer season was beginning and I seized the opportunity to do whatever the hell I wanted. After getting permission from my girlfriend to go to the camp I was ready for some fun. The weather cooperated with some cool temperatures and my 15lb. batch of cracklin's popped and tasted great.

Now, around a camp fire you are going to hear some tall tales. This year, this old boy from Tennessee came down and he was a chatter box. He told me of a story about a man in Tennessee driving his truck through the hills and when he got home a dead deer was in the back of his truck. The man swore that the deer must have, while running, jumped off a cliff and landed head first in the truck and broke his neck. Yea Right!!!!! Sounds like moonshine to me.

He then told another story about this man climbing his deer stand. The gun strap slipped off his shoulder, dropping the rifle to the ground, and the gun went off. The sun came up about 30 minutes later and he looked into the field in front of him and there was a deer laying dead. He then proceeded to tell me that the guy believed that the young deer had been killed with the stray bullet from his earlier morning accident.

What can I say. They are from Tennessee.



Our Boat Disappeared or We Lost It?

The very next day after hearing these ridiculous tales, I had an encounter of my own. After returning from a fishing trip with my compadre, the Ram, something strange happened to us.

We had been hunting for many days and during the time of an approaching weather front, we decided to try chunking a lure.

I have to admit a few cold, brewski beverages had passed by our lips on this fishing trip.

We drove up dragging the boat back from the lake on the dirt roads and backed it up to the shed.

We removed and blocked the boat up and thought we would enjoy another cold, brewski beverage. We watched the full moon rise and decide it was time to get to the camp up the road.

We sat in the truck and Ram pressed the clutch and the truck rolled back ever so slightly and a small thump was felt. So we drove the truck in a big circle to shine the head lights on the boat to make sure it was still blocked up. As the lights shined on the boat, we discovered that is was gone. Right in front of us the boat we just off loaded was not there. Now I am thinking my buddy has pulled off a great goof on me. Then I looked at him and his faced showed me that he was just as mystified as I was. We looked at each other in shear disbelief and realized that the boat had not disappeared, but had dropped, and it was still attached to the back of the truck. After we laughed our guts out for 10 minutes, we then put the beers down and walked to the camp.

The Truth About Deer Hunting

On the way home while getting gas a young female college student saw me in my camo and asked the question, "How can you kill Bambie's Dad?" I simply asked back, "Do you know how Bambie was born." She said "I think sooooo!" Seeing her condescending expression, I decided to set the record straight.

I told her, One frosty morning Bambies dad woke up, put his nose to the breeze and smelt Bambie's mom off in the distance. He decided then, I have to have her and set out to find her. When he arrived he didn't bring her flowers he jumped right on her. She resisted and ran off, but he wouldn't stop and wouldn't leave her alone. He followed her and ran her until her Tongue was hanging out. She ran and ran until she could run no more. He proceeded to violate her over and over until she was pregnant and then he left not even looking back. Now she was left to deliver and raise Bambie all alone. After about 6 months Bambie's spots stop showing and it is now hunting season and that Dad, that beautiful Dad, starts nudging, with his horns, Bambie's Mom and Bambie himself out in the meadow to see if there is danger awaiting. If they don't get shot then he comes out and feeds.

I looked at her close and realized she was starting to tear up so I layed it on thick and said, "Oh by the way... he violated dozens of beautiful does and left them all to the same fate.

Including having his way with his own daughters."

She looked at me and said, "Kill the Bastard!"





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Community Comes First



I'd like to introduce the people who inspire and support me every single day – my family.

I met my wife, Selena, while we were in college, and we have now been married for nearly 23 years. Although she was not raised in Ascension Parish, her love for this community has grown deeply over the years. Selena has worked as a pharmacy technician for almost 25 years, dedicating her career to helping others. Outside of work, she gives her time to many local nonprofit organizations and enjoys cooking alongside me as we compete together in jambalaya cook-offs across Ascension Parish.

Selena and I are blessed with two wonderful daughters. Our oldest, Gabby, is a sophomore at St. Amant High School and stays very involved both in and out of the classroom. This year, she joined the Allied Health program, served as manager for the volleyball team, and participated in Beta Club, FCA, and FFA, where she serves as an officer.

Our youngest daughter, Avery, is a seventh grader at Lake Middle School. She enjoys art and has become a leader within FCA. Both girls are active in the youth group at Fellowship Church, volunteer at community events and benefits throughout the area, and are excited to begin showing livestock in the upcoming school year. Selena and I are incredibly proud that our daughters have developed the same heart for service and community that means so much to our family.

My family's love for this community and our schools is one of the biggest reasons I decided to run for the Ascension Parish School Board. I truly believe we can continue moving our schools in the right direction and create even greater opportunities for our children and families.

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Alligator Jalapeno

Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Duck Breast
stuffing choices:
Mac n' Cheese
Jalapeno & Cream Cheese
Brisket & Pepper Jack Cheese
Boudin & Pepper Jack Cheese

Boneless Pork chops
Stuffed with Boudin

Partial De-boned Stuffed Chicken
stuffing choices:
Brisket & Pepper Jack Cheese
Rice Dressing
Red Beans & Rice
Mac n' Cheese
Pulled Pork & Pepper Jack Cheese
Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Smoked Sausage
Pepper Jack Cheese
Jalapeno & Cheese
Green Onion
Cajun Green Onion
Regular
Andouille
Pineapple & Brown Sugar
Alligator
Crawfish
Duck

Lagniappe
Regular Boudin
Pepper Jack Cheese Boudin
Hoghead Cheese
Smoked Andouille
Shrimp Burger Patties
Jalapeno Chicken Patties
Green Onion Chicken Patties
Boneless Chicken Tenders
Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs
80/20 Ground Beef
Pre Cut Jambalaya Pork
Meatloaf
Hamburger Patties
Pepper Jack Hamburger Patties
Crawfish Cornbread

Gumbos & Stews
Seafood Gumbo
(gallon or quart)
Chicken & Sausage Gumbo
(gallon or quart)
Shrimp Stew
(quart)
Shrimp Etouffee
(quart)
Chicken Sauce Picante
(quart)
Pork Sauce Picante
(quart)
Crawfish Stew
(quart/seasonal)

Cooking Instructions

Bacon Wrapped Chicken Thighs
Completely thaw and place on a sheet pan. Do not cover. Preheat oven to 350. Cook for approximately 60-90 min or until internal temperature is at 155.

Boneless Stuffed Pork Chops
Completely thaw and place on a sheet pan. Do not cover. Preheat oven to 350. Cook for approximately 45 min or until internal temperature is at 155.

Crawfish Cornbread
Completely thaw and place in oven. Do not cover. Preheat oven to 350. Cook for approximately 30-45 min or until golden brown.

Bacon Wrapped Tenderloins
Bacon Wrapped Duck Breast
Completely thaw and place on a sheet pan. Do not cover. Preheat oven to 350. Cook for approximately 60-90 min or until internal temperature is at 155.

Partial De-boned Stuffed Chicken
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Bacon Wrapped Chicken Thighs
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