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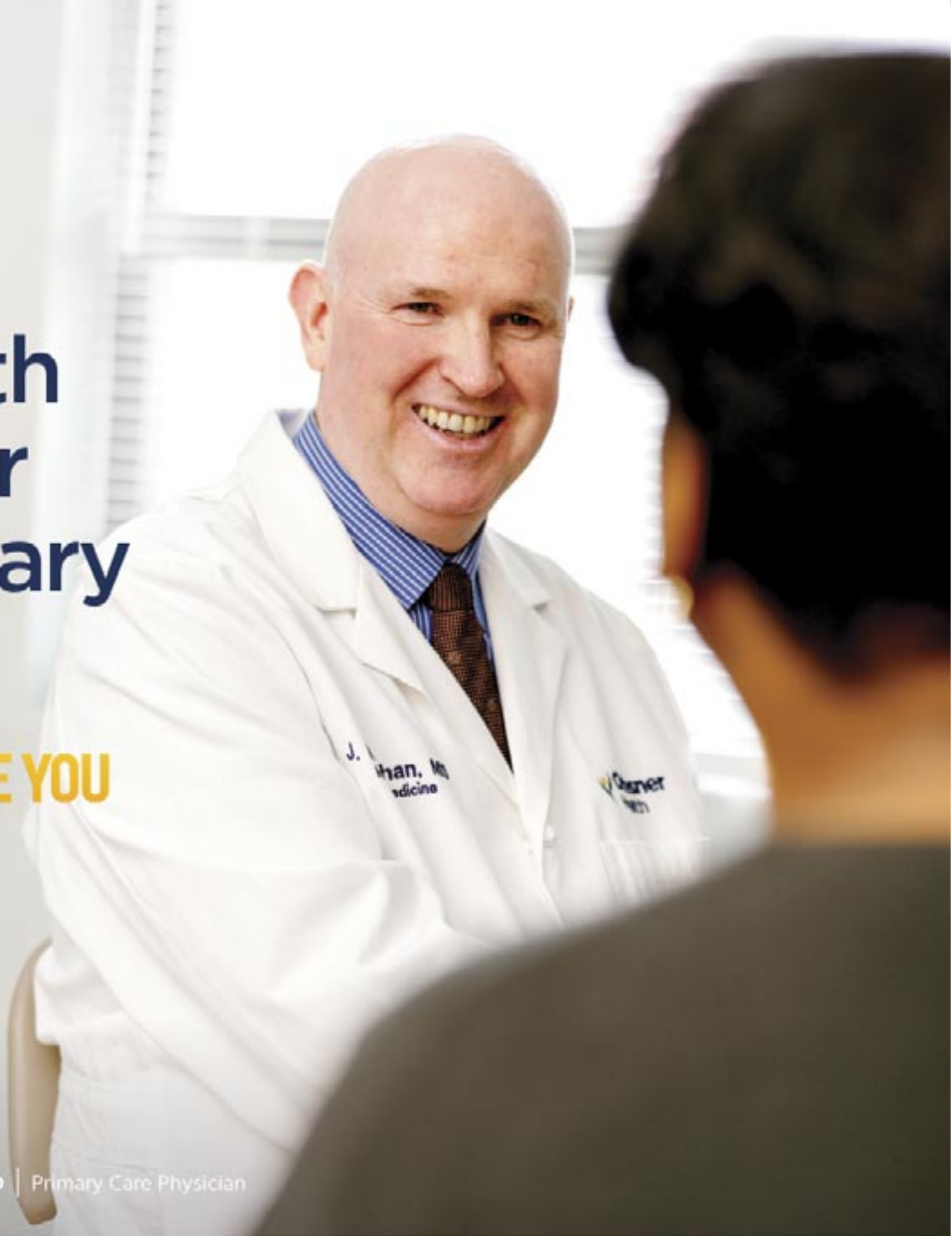
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Connections, Collaboration, and Community Shine at 2025 Ascension Chamber Business Expo

The Ascension Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2025 Business Expo on Thursday, August 14, at the Lamar-Dixon REV Center, presented by Cardiovascular Institute of the South. The annual event once again proved to be one of the largest networking gatherings in the area, attracting more than 800 business professionals, community leaders, and decision makers, and showcasing 140 local companies and organizations.

The Business Expo kicked off with a luncheon highlighting business growth, education partnerships, and leadership insights. The luncheon opened with remarks from U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, who

voiced his support for Ascension Parish's business community. Ascension Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edith Walker highlighted the Partners in Education program, aimed at creating valuable partnerships between schools and the business community. Dr. Walker presented awards to two outstanding partners: Hero's, named 2024–25 Small Business Partner of the Year for supporting eight schools with over 3,200 volunteer hours and \$12,000 in contributions, and VeraPro, named Large Business Partner of the Year for providing STEM resources, professional development, and technology

support to five schools. Keynote speaker Julio Melara, President and CEO of Melara Enterprises, closed the event by challenging attendees to embrace growth, abundance, and positivity in business and leadership.

After lunch, the Business Expo Showcase opened its doors to hundreds of attendees who explored exhibitor booths, built connections, and discovered new opportunities to collaborate. The Passport to Prizes, sponsored by Williamson Eye Center and powered by Black Tie Auctions, added an element of fun by encouraging participants to engage with exhibitors and win prizes.

The finale of the event was the Taste of Ascension Happy Hour, sponsored by HMC Generators, that featured local food, dessert, and beverage favorites and great networking.

"The Business Expo reflects the strength and vibrancy of Ascension's business community," said Donnie Miller, President and CEO of the Ascension Chamber of Commerce. "Every handshake, every booth, and every conversation builds momentum for our local economy. This year's event once again highlighted the spirit of collaboration that drives our parish forward."

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A Look Back and a Glimpse Ahead

Newly inducted Gonzales Garden Club President Phyllis "Flo" Hernandez presided over the club's first meeting of the 2025-26 season on September 3 at the First Baptist Church on Burnside. Eighteen members and one guest attended. The program, "A Look Back and a Glimpse Ahead," was presented by President Flo and Vice President Janis Poche. Flo previewed the year in month-by-month fashion referencing the substance of the current club yearbook. Janis read and discussed a

summary of club's history written by Mrs. Inez Hathaway, an original 1961 GGC founder. Inez wrote the history for the club's 25th anniversary in 1986. Conchita Richey exhibited covers of past club yearbooks; past presidents displayed ten of the club's annual scrapbooks compiled by club historians.

Guest Pat Brussack, Janis Poche's sister, gave a short presentation on various types of hydrangeas, noting their sensitivity to soil pH and propensities for blooming on old wood versus new wood.

As Garden Inspirations, Dale Bowman brought a loofah flower, a fresh loofah fruit, a dried fruit and a layer of the fibrous sponge held within.

Barbara McCormick brought a succulent ice plant that blooms red (bought at Pierre Part Store whose motto is "If we don't have it, you don't need it.") Kathy Guidry spoke about a design she created with a cypress knee. Dana Teepell organized a road trip to Destrehan Plantation. Gwen Heck announced Yard of the



Barbara McCormick likes the ease of caring for this "ice plant" succulent.



Member Janis Poche and Guest Pat Brussack enjoy the meeting.



Kathy Guidry and Angelle Croman browse through a collection of garden books donated by the family of the late Lorraine Gautreau.



Newest members Joan Cox (left) and Angelle Croman (right) receive their club tote bags from Ellen Posey (center).



Hosting the meeting are Joan Cox, Patti Mouton, Paola DiNatale, Janis Poche, Zanna Brewer, Pat Brussack and Dale Bowman.



Scrapbooks and a photo display depicted the club's historical events.

Month winners. As club seamstress, Ellen Posey presented two new members with club tote bags, each embroidered with the club name, a red rose and the member's first name.

Lead hostess Janis Poche had decorated the tables with sage green tablecloths, lemon motif place settings and yellow napkins to complement her centerpieces of goldenrod, daisies and marigolds. The menu entailed Harlan Poche's award-worthy jambalaya along with grandma recipes of smothered okra, squash casserole and an old-world Italian marination of fresh grape



Dale Bowman explains where loofahs come from.

tomatoes. Carrot cake, banana bread pudding and Mississippi Mud Pie were dessert choices.



Members listen to Janis Poche's retelling of the history of the garden club.

The horticulture hint of the month is plan for cool season plants while maintaining strong warm season plants. The horticulture in floral design tip is acidic water is taken up by flower stems more readily than neutral water or alkaline water. Next month the club meets at Dale's house for a presentation on propagation by former Ascension Parish Extension Agent Mariah Simoneaux. There will be a plant exchange.

*The Gonzales Garden Club
is federated by
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Garden Club Yards of the Month



GGC Yard of the Month Winner for September

The winners of September's Residential Yard of the Month are Joey and Jamie Jusselin on Peridot Dr in Stonegate Manor Subdivision. This is such an attractive front bed with plants chosen to wisely

take our long hot summers. Foundation plantings of large sage plants and a sweet magnolia set up the bed. A large planting of hidden ginger acts as a focal point. Beds are filled with coleus, white vinca, Mexican heather, yellow lantana and red and white celosia plants.



September Commercial Landscape of the Month Award

The Commercial Landscape of the Month for September is Benny's Car Wash at 1112 S. Burnside Ave. This business surprises you with

the multitude of flower beds sprinkled throughout the complex. Included are grasses, yellow lantana, blue daze, Angelonia, pink drift roses, foxtail ferns, and more. The main building is surrounded by neatly clipped boxwoods. All the plants can handle our very hot summers.

A Pipe Collection of a Lifetime!



The Great River Road Museum on the Houmas House campus is proudly displaying one of the largest private antique smoking pipe collections in the world - the collection of over 6000 pipes recently appraised at over \$5 million dollars was donated To the museum by local collector Douglas A. Diez.

The age of the pipes in the



Doug Diez

collection range from pipes made in the 1500's to all the way through World War 2 and are made of clay, meerschaum, porcelain, and wood. The pipes were manufactured and smoked in France, The United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Brazil, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, as well as the USA.

There was a time in history when much of the population

smoked cigarettes, and before cigarettes there was a time that the majority of people in both the USA and Europe smoked pipes daily.

The majority of antique pipes were made in thousands of different shapes, sizes, and forms such as heads of presidents, victorian ladies, military men, indians, animals, famous people, historical figures, kings, queens, devils, demons, snakes, alligators, birds, civil war figures, cartoon characters, erotic figures, and numerous other shapes of interest.

In the 1800's a typical person would make a statement about themselves by the type of pipe that they smoked similar to the way tatoos, clothing, hats, glasses and jewelry are used in todays world.

Douglas A. Diez the Pelican Point

developer/builder and golf course owner began collecting antique pipes at the age of 15 years old when he discovered the campaign clay pipe of President Millard Fillmore at the bottom of a well that had been filled in on Magazine Street in New Orleans in the 1800's - and in the same month he unearthed two pipes. These rare pipes were made by the Houmas Indians near to the Houmas House property



off of Highway 22.

Diez began practicing amateur archaeology at the age of 15 working with his grandmother to unearth old antique glass and stoneware bottles when he actually stumbled on the pipes

That peaked his interest to a high degree.

Beginning at age 17, Diez traveled the world to 80 different countries viewing pipes and purchasing small to large pipe collections. In 1976



Kevin Kelly amused at the Chamber Maid pipes



Diez purchased the largest collection of antique Clay pipes in America and in 1999 purchased a closing museum of pipes in Bristol England - but over the years Diez purchased hundreds of small pipe collections around the world.

Kevin Kelly and the Great River Road Museum created an awesome display and in turn organized the pipes for easy and interesting viewing. The pipe display has already been viewed by thousands and to many the pipe collection is one of the outstanding highlights of the museum.

Diez states, "Since 1976 The Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. has requested that I donate my collection to them, but is an honor to work with Kevin Kelly and the Great River Road Museum where the donated pipes will always be on display and near to my home in Pelican Point"



Houmas Indians pipe



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By Linda Melancon

Don't Let Succession Sink the Camp: Planning for Your Family Property in Louisiana

When my client, Marie, and her husband bought a small fishing camp on the banks of Lake Verret thirty

years ago they never imagined how important it would become. Their children grew up spending weekends there, fishing off the dock, catching crabs with cousins, and gathering to hear the LSU games on the porch radio.

For Marie, the camp was more than a building on the water. It was the heartbeat of her family's traditions.

Marie told me she began to wonder what would happen to the camp when she passed away and thought it would be best to meet with an attorney to see what her options were. She wanted her three children to continue making memories there, but she worried about what might happen if they all inherited it together. Like many Louisiana families, she discovered that leaving a camp to multiple heirs without a plan often causes more problems than it solves.

The trouble begins because Louisiana has unique law regarding co-owned property, which is

called owning property in indivision. Each child owns a share, but no one person has complete control nor the right to keep the others from using the property. That might sound fair, but it can create challenges. Every decision, from paying insurance premiums to repairing the roof, must be made together. If one child wants to sell and the others do not, the one who wants out can demand what is called a partition. In practice, that often means the entire camp is sold, even if some family members want to keep it.

The emotional weight of a camp makes this especially painful. Children who grew up with the property may see it as part of their identity, while others may view it only as a financial asset. This clash of perspectives can turn siblings against one another.

Disagreements about who pays for maintenance, who gets to use the camp on holiday weekends, or who is responsible for property taxes can quickly escalate. What began as a treasured place of togetherness can turn into a source of resentment.

Marie wanted to avoid that outcome, so she sat down with me to explore her options. One possibility I told Marie about was a written family agreement that explained how the camp would be used, how expenses would be shared, and how scheduling conflicts would be handled. This would at least give her children some guidance to follow after she was gone.

Another approach was to place the camp into a trust. A trust could allow a trustee, either a family member or a neutral third party, to manage the property according to rules Marie set in advance. She could specify who had the right to use it, how repairs would be funded, and even what would happen if one child wanted out. A trust may also mean the camp would not have to go through succession after her death, making the inheritance process smoother for her children.

I also explained the option of transferring the camp into a limited liability company, or LLC. In an LLC, each child

would receive shares in the company rather than direct ownership of the camp itself. The LLC agreement could spell out all the same rules as a trust, such as how costs are divided and what happens if one child wants to sell their share. The advantage is that no child could force the sale of the camp through a partition. Instead, they would have to follow the buyout provisions in the agreement.

Finally, Marie considered how to keep things fair. She knew her oldest son loved the camp and wanted to keep it for his children, but her daughters lived out of state and did not use it much. We discussed leaving the camp to her son while balancing her daughters' inheritances with other assets. That way, no one felt left out and the camp stayed in the hands of the child who valued it most.

Ultimately, she chose a plan that gave her children clarity and preserved the camp as a gathering place. For her, the peace of mind came not just from knowing the property was protected, but from knowing her children would continue to laugh and share meals under the same roof where she and her husband had built a lifetime of memories.

If you own a family camp, you may find yourself in the same position as Marie. These properties carry deep sentimental value, but without careful planning they can easily cause division. By exploring options like trusts, LLCs, and written agreements, and by considering Louisiana's unique succession laws, you can protect both the property and the relationships that matter most. A thoughtful plan ensures that the camp remains what it was always meant to be: a place of joy for generations to come.

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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Car Culture

Some get their kicks on Route 66 but all this crew needs for a good time are friends and backroads. The Alternate Route Cruisers (ARC) have spent the past 19 years traveling to car shows in Ascension parish and beyond, supporting benefits and undoubtedly turning heads. Perhaps most importantly, they've built a community of friends and family to share their hobby with.

Jay Horton and Steve Landaiche founded the group in 2006 around the simple idea of taking the path less traveled. Unlike other car clubs, ARC doesn't have club politics or formal requirements. The group includes cars of all makes and models - Ford, Dodge, and Chevy alike. There are no dues or meetings, just fun. Though the hot-rods are certainly a focal point, most members of this group will tell you that the best thing about the car scene is

the people.

"Every time we go somewhere we run into people that we know... I guess you could call it a good family hobby," said Horton.

Jon Bagala, member of ARC and owner of a candy red '57 Chevy Belair, says his favorite thing about the car scene is "meeting up with friends and also meeting new ones... It is good fellowship and everyone you meet is always so nice and friendly."

To watch this group interact is like seeing childhood friends reunite. Some of them have known each other that long, others only a few years but they fit in none the less. It's clear that ARC isn't just a car club, it's more of a band of best friends taking the long way around and stopping to smell the roses.



Jay Horton with his 1940 Dodge COE that used to be a concrete truck



Clinton "Dusty" Schouest with his 1978 Ford F-100 "Sonic"

"The camaraderie we have is just the best: laughing, joking - if one has trouble, everybody has trouble," said Rodney Savoy, the group's PR man and owner of a Dodge Lil Red Express. On longer trips, members call to check in with one another to ensure no one gets left behind. If something does go wrong, everyone stops to help.

When they aren't cruising the backroads, the members of ARC often spend time helping each other, working on the cars and even going on group vacations with their wives who have also found community with one another. Lisa Laurent explained that though she didn't know any of the other ladies prior, they ended up having a lot in common.

She described that after getting to know everyone better "It was like we're all the same... same kind of background, we have a lot of the same interests, we're in the same area too."

The ladies always invite everyone to join in on any plans they make separate from the guys.

Several members mentioned the value of using their hobby to make a difference. Many car shows benefit good causes from cancer research to helping someone who is facing a health crisis. This way of giving back and connecting with the community is



Steve Landaiche's 1969 F-100



Brent and Lisa Laurent with their 1973 Dodge Challenger

certainly close to the hearts of many of the members.

"A key to the whole thing is being able to give to others," Lisa Laurent said.

Although many may see a caravan of brightly colored classics, what they can't always see is the bond that their drivers share with their cars and with each other. Beyond restoring rusty motors and rims, car culture is about helping people and connecting with others. In the car world, it seems there's no such thing as a stranger, only a friend you haven't met yet.



Rodney Savoy with his 1979 Dodge Lil Red Express



Brother Babin - 1968 Chevy C-10



Jon Bagala with his 1957 Chevy Belair

Meet Some of the Members:

Jay Horton, one of the group's founders, turns heads everywhere he goes with his 1940 Dodge COE. Horton first saw his truck at a friend's house who was moving and looking to sell some things. Only problem was, Horton was supposed to be building his wife her dream car next.

While trying to figure out how he could get the truck home, he was told that someone had already bought it

even has one of his first hot-rods, a Dodge Demon, still to this day.

Clinton "Dusty" Schouest, a member of ARC, bought his 1978 Ford F-100 because it brought back fond childhood memories, but now his truck is creating childhood memories for the next generation.

"This truck took me back to a simple time as a kid — my grandfather had one, the same color and interior. Cruising around in this old Ford reminds me of riding the backroads on the bayou and brings back memories of the time spent with him," Schouest said.

younger grandson, and the ARC group."

Steve Landaiche, co-founder of ARC, has been fascinated by cars all his life. He recalls sitting in a tree at his grandparents' house as a kid and naming every car that went by on Airline Highway.

Landaiche explained that he bought his 1969 Ford F100 because it reminded him of his dad's truck that he recalls driving on the family farm as a kid.

"You don't have to be rich to enjoy the hobby," Landaiche said "Find something in your price range that is halfway dependable and cruise and don't worry about others' opinions as long as you're enjoying the ride and have a big smile on your face!"

Brent Laurent's 1973 slime green Dodge Challenger is proof that dreams can come true... yes actual dreams. After pursuing hobbies of rodeo and hunting, it was time for a change. Laurent woke up around midnight from a very specific dream.

"I basically had a dream that I wanted-don't ask me why- but I wanted a '70 Challenger: orange with a white interior and white top," Laurent said. The next morning he called his car-loving brother and asked him to help him find this dream car.

Laurent's brother and friends thought he had lost his mind since he never had interest in cars prior, but ultimately they found a car that was close enough to his dream which was

the green Challenger he drives today.

"So you can follow your dreams, and they do come true!" Laurent's wife, Lisa said of the wild adventure.

"Yeah, I'm living proof," he replied.

Rodney Savoy's 1979 Dodge Lil Red Express truck actually isn't his first Lil Red Express. He bought his first one in 1983 when he worked at a Plymouth dealership, which is also where he first met Jay Horton. They worked together for a couple of years then lost touch. Savoy sold the first Lil Red Express because he found himself using it as a work truck so much that he feared messing it up. 10 years ago he bought his current



Alvin Hebert with his single owner 1976 Dodge Warlock

and hauled it away. As it turns out, his wife is the one who bought it as a surprise for him. Now, the Hortons make memories in the old Dodge together.

"Me and my wife have taken trips in it all over the United States, putting over 100,000 miles on it," Horton said of the old concrete truck.

When asked where he got his love for cars, Horton said "My grandfather was a mechanic, that's probably where I got it from." Horton bought his first engine in a box when he was about 14 and never looked back, he

When Schouest first brought the bright blue truck home his grandson, Andrew Golden, took a liking to it, naming it Sonic after the blue video game character. Now a custom "Gotta Go Fast" license plate, autographed by Andrew hangs proudly at the front of the truck as they create a new generation of memories together. These memories include everything from trips to the doughnut shop to special birthday rides to school.

Schouest says he is "looking forward to more memories with him, the



Matt Lea & daughter Avery Lea holding their award from the Cow Bag Nationals car show.

Lil Red Express and at his second car show Horton happened to be there and the rest is history.

Savoy said his favorite thing about his truck is that "it's different, there's not many left." As far as someone looking at getting into the car scene, Savoy highly recommends buying a car that is turn key. Even though his



A few members of ARC at their Friday lunch



Wayne Wimberley - 1953 Ford F-100



Mark Loupe - 1965 Ford Econoline

truck was road ready, he expressed that it wouldn't be the same without knowledgeable friends to help you fine tune it.

"If it wasn't for Jay I wouldn't enjoy mine as much," Savoy said.

It is clear that Savoy is passionate about his truck, and even more-so the car club that he is part of. He described the club as being friendly and a place where everyone is welcome.

"It doesn't matter what type of car you got, if you want to jump in, jump in line," said Savoy.



Mike Bourgeois 1984 C-10



Ross Bravata - 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe



Dewayne Guedry - 1968 Ford F-100



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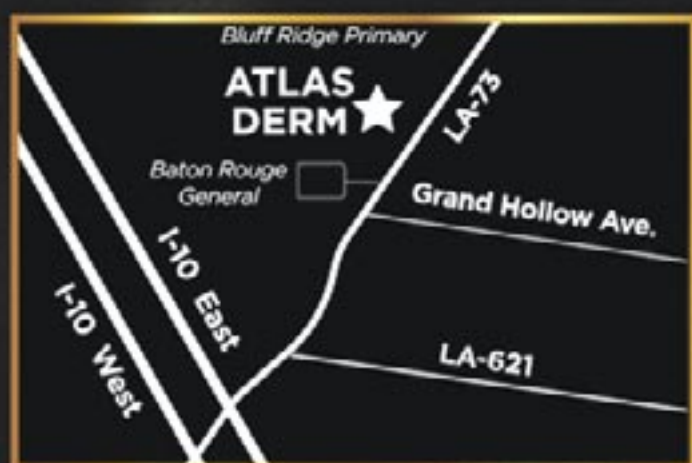
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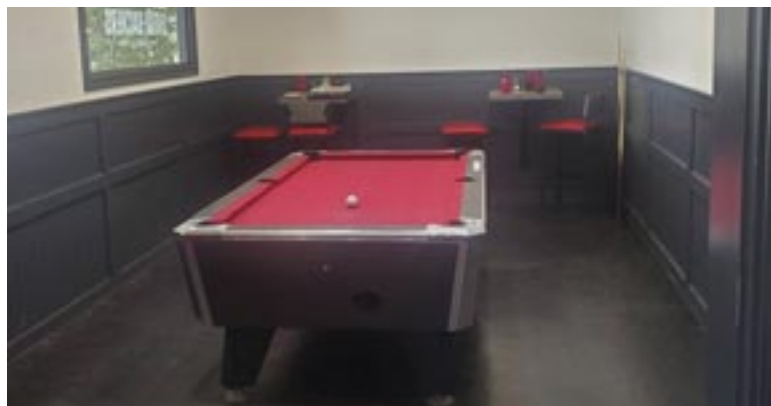
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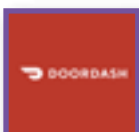


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A retiree's guide for National Financial Security Month

If you're retired, it's easy to let your finances go on autopilot. Since October is National Retirement Security Month, it's a good time to revisit some areas that can impact your long-term financial security and help your money last a lifetime.

Consider these suggestions:

- Manage your withdrawal rate. You'll likely need to tap into your retirement accounts — your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But think carefully about

how much income you withdraw every year. If you take out too much, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You have the option of withdrawing from these accounts at age 59½. Once you turn 72, you'll be required to take out at least a certain amount each year based on your age and account balance.

- Estimate health care costs. When you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan, both of which will require premium payments. You'll probably also incur a variety of other unreimbursed expenses for doctor visit copays or deductibles, prescription drugs and vision, hearing

and dental care.

Additionally, about 70% of adults ages 65 and older will need some form of long-term support, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. This may include a paid home health aide (average cost of \$77,792 per year), an assisted living residence (average cost of \$70,500 per year) or nursing home care (private room average cost of \$127,750 per year). (Cost estimates are from Genworth 2024 Cost of Care Survey.) Over the course of your retirement, these can add up, so be realistic when budgeting for health care expenses in retirement.

- Consider when to take Social Security. You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks at age 62, but your payments will generally be larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age of 66 or 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) If you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may well be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.

- Avoid investing too conservatively. Once you're retired, you might think you should take as few chances

with your investments as possible — after all, you have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to consider keeping a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

- Keep your generosity in check. If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do what you can to assist them. However, the hard truth is that they have more time than you to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford — but try not to go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family as well.

Retirement is ideally an enjoyable time in your life, especially if you feel financially stable. So, take time to check in periodically to keep that stability on track.

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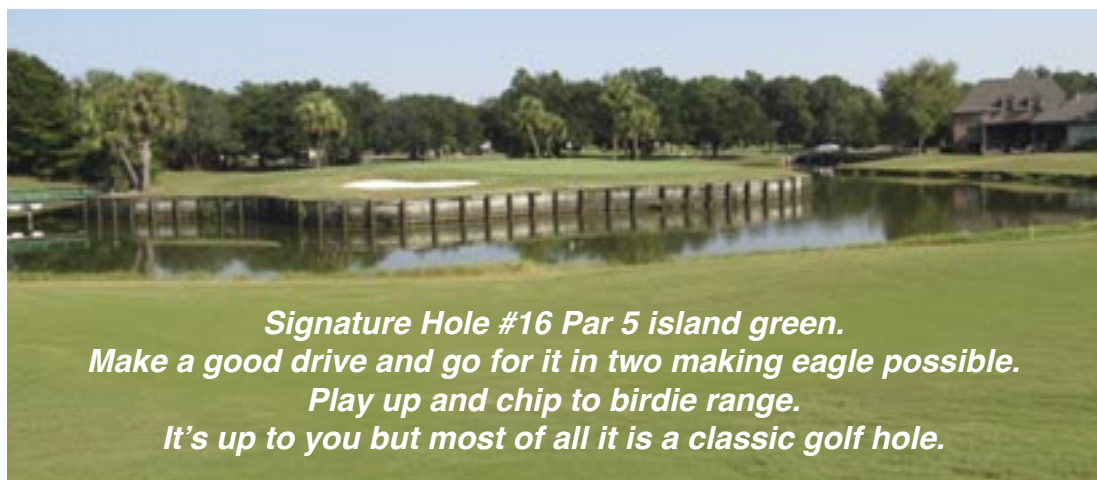


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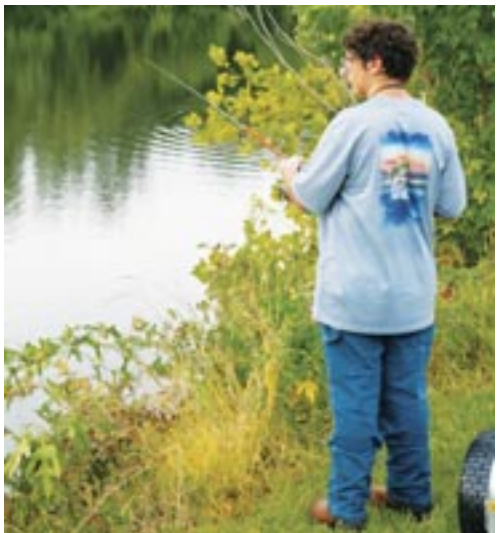
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East Ascension Sportsman's League

Letter from president -
Greg Cedotal

Early this morning it occurred to me that hunting season is upon us. I remember when I would be thinking about the next hunting season while fishing in June. My, how age changes our priorities. The first split of Dove season is in full swing. Deer hunters are getting ready for deer season. But first is the start of squirrel season.

With the start of squirrel season comes the Annual Squirrel Rodeo. The rodeo will be held on Saturday October 4th, starting at one half hour before sunrise. The location is Merle Gautreaux's shed, located at 12400 Fernand Road off Hwy. 74, the second to last house on the left. To compete, a hunter must be licensed with the LDWF and a member of EASL prior to weighing in. The weigh-in will be from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Prizes for the Heaviest Bag will be 1st place, \$25.00; 2nd place, \$15.00; 3rd place, \$10.00. The prize for Heaviest Individual Squirrel will be \$10.00. There will be a youth category for hunters under sixteen years of age. Prizes will be awarded for this category. These young hunters must be accompanied by an adult member in good standing to compete.

There is still time to renew your membership to be eligible for the Big Buck Contest. See the website for the rules.

EASL's next meeting is September 15th in the meeting room at Cabela's on the second floor. The guest speaker will be Murphy Painter giving his presentation 'Bayou Manchac & Amite River Thru the Ages'.

EASL would like to thank Charlie Moore for going to the Amite River Wildlife Sanctuary to hang plaques on the foot bridges that EASL donated money to help build.

Now for a little bit about EASL events. You must be a member to

participate in these events. The next two EASL Bass Club tournaments will be on September 13th and October 11th. If you are interested in fishing with the bass club, contact Jim Hebert at 225-717-6037. The 22 Rifle Silhouette Match will be September 27th at the Sheriff Shooting Range starting at 8:30 AM. Members, 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 get on the board.

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.



Charlie Moore with the plaque at the Amite River Wildlife Sanctuary

EASL Bass Club News

The East Ascension Sportsman's League Bass Club fished their latest Tournament on August 16th. The event was held at the Belle River Public Landing in the Atchafalaya Spillway. There were 13 boats signed up to fish this one.



Tim Fatheree with 3.60 big bass



Murray and Corey with winning stringer

The fishing was pretty good despite the heat of the day and abundance of lilies restricting access to a lot of areas. There were 8 limits of bass weighed in.

The winners were Murray Alexander & Corey Guitreau with a limit weighing 12.80 lbs.

Second Place team was Julien & Chris Day with their limit that weighed 9.32 lbs. The big winner was actually Tim Fatheree, who took third place and also won "Big bass" with only 3 Bass weighed in that totaled 9.12 lbs. His largest Bass weighed in at 3.60 lbs. Congratulations to the winners of the August Tournament.

The next Tournament is scheduled for September 13th. The meeting for this event will be held on September 4th at Dirk Anderson's home on Babin Road at 5:30 PM.

EASL's next regular meeting is September 15th in the second-floor meeting room at Cabela's, starting at 7:00 PM.



L-R): 3rd place Tim Fatheree, 2nd place-Chris Day and Julien Day and 1st place Murray Alexander and Corey Guitreau.



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achieve their goals with reliable equipment. Parish will only be able to accomplish this because of the strong foundation of community that the Robert family has already



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The addition of the Gonzales location will enhance Parish Tractor's ability to serve the agriculture and construction communities in the southeast, offering an extensive range of equipment and services to meet their diverse needs. Parish Tractor looks forward to building strong relationships



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Kendall Shaffer Inducted into Louisiana Music Hall of Fame at 2nd Annual River Jam

Prairieville, LA — August 30, 2025 Louisiana native Kendall Shaffer was officially inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame during a heartfelt ceremony at the 2nd Annual River Jam held at Fred's on the River. The induction was presented by Mike Shepard, Jason Broussard, and Bliss Morris — key figures in promoting and preserving Louisiana's rich musical heritage.

Shaffer's journey in music began early — he picked up his first guitar at the age of 7, setting the stage for what would become a lifelong

passion and career. By 2009, he was performing professionally, quickly gaining recognition for his authentic country sound and undeniable stage presence.

Over the years, Shaffer has made a significant impact on the Texas country music scene, with seven singles charting on Texas radio. His reputation as a standout live performer has earned him opening slots across the country for country legends and rock icons alike, including Travis Tritt, Jamey Johnson, Randy Travis, Bret



Michaels, Craig Morgan, Shenandoah, Frank Foster, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Wayne Tups. Just to name a few.

Currently, Shaffer is collaborating in Nashville with Jimmy Ritchey, working on what he describes as "some of the best music" of his career. His upcoming single, "I Killed a Six Pack," is set to release on September 19, 2025, and is already generating buzz among fans and industry insiders.

Reflecting on his career and this latest honor, Kendall shared,

"I give God all the glory for the blessings and accomplishments I have in my life and career. I encourage everyone to seek Him."

Shaffer's induction into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame marks not only a milestone in his personal journey but also a celebration of the enduring spirit of Louisiana music. With new music on the horizon and a legacy already in the making, Kendall Shaffer's star continues to rise.





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Cole's family is currently facing at minimum \$20,000 in costs associated with the surgery – between their insurance deductible and co-pay. However, that costs could be increased depending upon the extra medical care he required and his stay in the ICU after surgery. Cole and his mother also will have to stay in Houston for two weeks following his release from the hospital. The family also has the costs of travel to Houston and back to Louisiana, lodging after his surgery, and meals for the time Cole has to stay in Houston.

Contact: Jessica Everett 225.773.0207

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The Night Everyone Cheered for the Yankees

by Bill Delaune

With football season going hot and heavy, baseball is forced to take a back seat. After all on the weekend beginning September 11, all local 5-A schools- Dutchtown, Prairieville, East Ascension and St. Amant- won their games and LSU picked off Florida. But those of us who still follow the Major Leagues have some heated pennant races heating up also. I remember a time many moons ago when the World Series was such a big deal that schools would broadcast the day games over the speaker in the main office. Most of those games involved my beloved Yankees, but I digress. That being said, I give you this nostalgic epic called...

The Night Everyone Cheered for the Yankees

When I was growing up long ago in a galaxy far, far away, baseball fans were generally divided into two groups.

You were either a New York Yankee fan or a Yankee-hater. Oh there was scattered support for the Dodgers (because they were the biggest challenge to the Yankee dynasty), the Cubs (lovable losers) and even the Indians (because some of my Cajun friends thought they might be kin to Lou Boudreau), but basically you were either for the Bronx Bombers or adamantly against them.

Personally, I never had a chance. My grandfather was a die-hard Yankee fan and would take on all comers during the lively debates that frequented the porch of his old store.

Following in his footsteps, my father brought me to St. Louis to see the Yankees play the Browns in a double-header (That's when they played two games on the same day, my young friends.) in 1951. I was all of 18 months old when I shook hands with Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto.

I wore pin-striped pajamas. I learned to read from Yankee box scores. I positioned my poster of Mickey Mantle (hitting right-handed) across from a large mirror in my bedroom so I could see the great switch-hitter swinging left-handed in the reflection.



At school it was usually my best friend Randall and me against the world. Randall was also a staunch Yankee supporter even though he had not endured the same brainwashing from his family that I had gone through. We took a verbal beating from the haters when the lowly Pittsburgh Pirates upset the Yankees in the 1960 World Series.

But when the Dodgers swept New York in the '63 Fall Classic-well, I don't think child abuse is a strong enough term for the harassment that was thrown our way.

But kids will be kids and things change as we all mature-right?

Wrong. In the mid 70's-after we'd all grown up to be bigger kids- the legions of Yankee-haters seemed to grow in size and intensity. Whether we gathered at the Fish-N-Pic bar or Diez's Lounge to watch a ball game, there was always violent opposition to our beloved Yanks often resulting in a war of words and

sometimes worse.

We almost won a few converts when Lafayette native Ron Guidry signed with New York. But basically the feeling was, "I'll pull for those bastards when Guidry pitches but not one inning more."

As if battling the outsiders wasn't bad enough, the Yankees celebrated their World Championships of '77 and '78 by fighting among themselves.

There was tyrannical owner George Steinbrenner (whom nobody liked) hiring an firing hard-drinking, two-fisted Yankee legend Billy Martin on half-a-dozen different occasions.

There was egotistical Reggie Jackson proclaiming that he was "the straw that stirred the drink" and then stirring up more than that when he went after Martin in the dugout after being pulled in the middle of an inning for not hustling.



There was the always-quotable Graig Nettles telling the New York papers, "When I was a kid, I didn't know whether to run off and join the circus or become a baseball player. With the Yankees I got to do both."

But the one consistent that held the team together in those volatile years, the one guy who kept the entire big tent from

collapsing was catcher and team captain Thurman Munson.

Munson was a direct contrast to Jackson's ego trip. A blue-collar worker behind the plate, Munson led by example-not by quotes to the media. At the plate he was one of the most feared clutch hitters in baseball, asking no quarter and giving none in return.

Even in the Yankees' humiliating sweep at the hands of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine in 1976, Munson batted over .500 for the Series.

His personality was well suited to his position. He was a throwback to another era-gruff and a little bit nasty. But he was Yankee through and through and we loved him.

"Was Thurman Munson moody?" relief pitcher Sparky Lyle wrote in his book aptly titled "The Bronx Zoo".

"No, he wasn't moody. Moody people are happy some of the time," joked Lyle.

None of us were happy none of the time on August 2, 1979, when word reached us that Munson had died in a plane crash, flying home to spend a precious few moments with his family. Just like Tom T. Hall did in his song when he heard that his idol Clayton Delaney had died-I walked back in the woods and I cried.

At 10 years old we think of our heroes as being bulletproof. At 20, we're stupid enough to believe that we might be heroes and we could be bulletproof. At 30, we realize that no one's bullet-proof and we cling to any sign of a hero before the cynical reality of the world takes over completely.

I was 30 years old. Thurman Munson was my last hero-and now he was gone.

Ironically, the Yankees were on TV the night of the funeral. The club decided to play the game even though most of the regulars understandably chose to sit out.

Randall and I assumed our regular places at Diez's but not without an announcement from my Yankee bud.

"Pull for who you want," began the Bronze Star decorated Viet Nam vet, "but there will be no Thurman Munson jokes here tonight," said the most feared person in the bar raising his 5-10, 150 pound frame off his stool for emphasis.

There were none-even though not much was sacred enough to escape the stinging barbs from the unsympathetic mouths of that establishment on most occasions.

Predictably, Baltimore took an early lead but no one chided us in the least. Instead, the idle chatter bounced from Jimmy Carter's inflation policies to favorite son Louis Lambert's gubernatorial race to the local high school's chances in football that fall.

Then a funny thing happened.

The Yankees got a couple of men on in the bottom of the ninth still trailing by just one run. Out of the dugout stepped pinch-hitter Bobby Murcer-one of Munson's closest friends-and certainly one of the regulars who had not been expected to play.

Murcer had been groomed in the '60's as the heir apparent to Mickey Mantle and had not panned out leading to a trade to the Cubs and a later stint with the Giants. But now he was back in pin stripes-where he belonged- albeit in an incredibly tough situation.

Baltimore countered with southpaw reliever Tippy Martinez -lefty against lefty-and the strategy looked solid as Murcer waved feebly at the first two pitches.

"Where's Lou Pinella?" demanded Randall. But we both knew the emotional Pinella was too distraught to enter the game even in a



pinch-hit role.

Two on. Two out. Two strikes. Deuces wild, eh Scooter.

Martinez went with his bread-and-butter pitch-a hard slider on the outside corner. All Murcer could do was reach out to protect himself and poke the ball into left field. Foul ball?

Not on this night. Chalk flew as the tying and winning runs dashed home. Yankees win! Yankees win! Good night. Please drive your plane home safely.

Two images I'll never forget that night. One was Pinella embracing Murcer in the middle of the diamond, both of them sobbing uncontrollably after the game-winner.

And in a Louisiana barroom-a million miles away from Yankee Stadium-everyone in the place standing up and cheering for the Damn Yankees.

It was an unbelievable scene. We laughed. We cried. Randall and I bought drinks for the entire crowd and they, in turn, poured beer on our heads like crazed pennant winners.

The same folks that had cursed the Yankees for decades came by one by one and confessed almost apologetically.

"You know, I always liked Yogi Berra."

"I thought Mantle would have been the best ever on two good legs."

"My cousin's dad played high school ball with Whitey Ford."

We told stories about Berra and Mantle and Moose Skowron well into the night and when those ran out, I embellished my "Ron Guidry and me at USL" tales and everyone pretended they'd never heard them before.



And all because of some walrus-looking grouch from Kent State who was too ornery to be told that he was not good enough to play Major League Baseball.

It was a magical night when everybody pulled for the Yankees. And I think it may have even brought a rare smile to the mustachioed face of Thurman Munson...

The next week the Yankees were on again and when someone cracked that Billy Martin was a drunken lush who couldn't coach Lassie to get a bone, Randall threw a beer bottle in the direction of the comment resulting in a brawl that got us dishonorably discharged from the premises.

I think number 15 might have smiled again at that chaotic scene—perhaps even a little wider.



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Don't Pass Up the Opportunity

I grew up in a period of time in which most of the kids of our locality were introduced to basic hunting, fishing, and camping at a very young age. It was not uncommon to grab a gun or fishing pole and head out the door for some evening activity as soon as we got home from school. Most of our parents, kinfolk, and neighbors of the vicinity in those days had to some extent enjoyed those outdoor activities at one time or another of their lifetime. At some point in my younger days my dad became a member of the Romeville Hunting Club in Convent, La.



The men of that group were a very tough and hardy group of males. Some of those gentlemen had fought in World War Two as well as other conflicts and many had lived through The Great Depression. In those days of the Romeville camp youngsters were not allowed to deer hunt with the group until they had reached the age of sixteen. While the group was out on deer hunts we were allowed to hunt other

game such as squirrels, rabbits, snipe, woodcock, and even camp rats until they would return. I recall hearing several late night conversations while they were cooking and enjoying their evening beverages about which of the youngsters of the group really had it when it came to being a true outdoorsman of the future. My name came about quite often in those talks and to this day I must say that they were right on clue with the conclusion of me being a very seasoned lifelong outdoor enthusiast. Some of the then group of young boys still enjoy the outdoors to some degree while others of that gang do not hunt or fish anymore. The most important part of that equation to me is that those that don't participate anymore still believe in the why's of the sport. They were very fortunate to have had someone in those years of life who took the time to introduce them to the great outdoors as a youngster.

As I grew into my teens I began to meet others of my age who had grown up in more of a city environment than I. Several of those characters had not been involved with many, if any, outdoor experiences in their younger childhood. I can't recall any of those people who were not totally fascinated with some of the outdoor adventures that I was able to introduce them to in those younger days of our life. I very often wonder if they still to this day enjoy some of that kind of activity with their children or grandchildren. Hopefully so. At times I also have to wonder if I would have never taken them along would they have ever had the chance to enjoy what the outdoors has to offer.

My grandson has recently acquired a new friendship with a young man through the BASF Tech Academy. My introduction to the young man came shortly after being told that I had been elected to take



my grandson and he back and forth to the training for a week or so. Fortunately the young man has kin living in a rural area and he had been introduced to firearms, fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities to some degree. It did not take long after our introductions were complete for him to politely ask me if I would take him on a hunt, fishing trip, or if I would let him tag along on any other outdoor activity that I might endure. He said that his dad had done a little bit of that kind of stuff in the past years but as of now his father was busy with his working career. In the past year I have managed to take him fishing twice and hunting once. It's been a pleasure to see the excitement in his face as he enjoys the day out. To tell you the truth I think that it helps me more or just as much as it helps him to see the action of the day unfold.

Hunter numbers are declining. There's no one single reason for the decline but there are several other factors that are involved with the lack of participation. Single parent homes, habitat loss, laws, cost, access, culture change, etc. are all responsible. While having a conversation with an acquaintance of mine recently he made a statement that his grandsons had both harvested their first deer of their young lifetimes this past fall. He explained to me how excited those two young men were to have accomplished that measure of success. I asked him where the kids' father hunted shortly after hearing the story. At that moment he said that the two brothers' dad

did not hunt at all but their uncle did and that he was the one who takes them out from time to time. The smiles from the pictures taken on those kids' faces explain it all. If not for the fortune of the uncle bringing them along those



young men may have never been introduced to hunting in their lifetime. What a missed opportunity that would have been for the future of our sport. The future of conservation and all outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing lies in the hands of not only the men and women of this day and time but of those that will follow us to have any chance of its survival. There's plenty of opportunities for each of us experienced outdoor vets out there to introduce new young and old wanta be's to our sport. Please don't pass up the chance to do so.

Until next time
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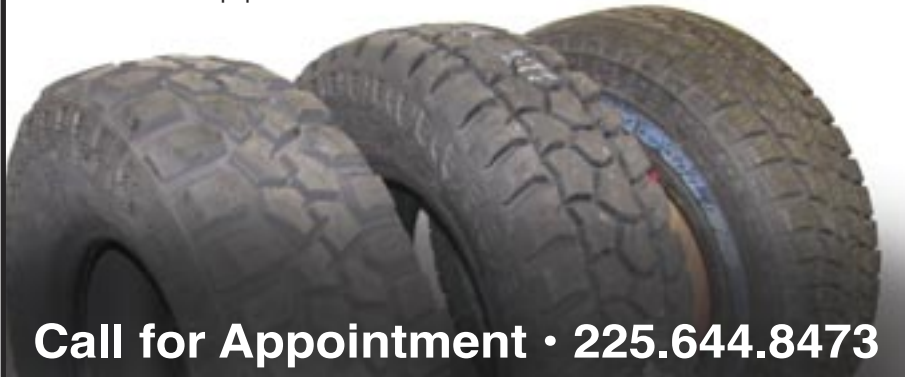


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The average person laughs thirteen times a day.

•
Theodore Roosevelt was shot and then went on to give a ninety-minute speech while covered in blood, the bullet still lodged in him.

•
Tiger sharks embryos fight each other in their mother's womb. The survivor is born.

•
Two percent of Earth's people have red hair.

•
Camels store fatty tissues in their humps, not water.

•
Emperor penguins can stay underwater for as long as 22 minutes.

•
The lethal dose of caffeine for humans is ten grams, or about 100 cups of coffee consumed in four hours.

•
Whale voices are able to travel a whopping 479 miles through the waters of the ocean. They have the ability to communicate with each other for long distances.

•
The spots of lights you see when you rub your eyes are called phosphenes.

•
While in Youngstown, Ohio, it's against the law to run out of gas.

•
Fifty percent of all Americans live within fifty miles of where they grew up.

Thoughts from Bully

Pelican Point triggers golf stories!!

I love talking about golf. Some of my best stories have come from the golf course. When I was in college I loved to skip classes and play golf.

I played many rounds at the Gonzales Country Club. One afternoon I was walking up the 18th fairway while carrying my clubs. I toed the shot pushing it off to the right over the club house into the parking lot. I heard a loud bang!!

My round was about over and I didn't want to have to pay for a windshield. So I slipped around the club house and got to my Volkswagen. As I open the door I saw my Titeliest



balata golf ball on the ground. It was still in good shape. I sat in the car and looked forward. There was a golf ball dent in the hood of my own car. Fortunately I don't have to pay for the damage plus I got my ball back. These balls were expensive in 1976 at least \$1.25 each. Golf is a



The Golf Purest. We must follow the rules. We have to play it down! Unless I need my foot wedge!!

My good buddy Bill has taught me a lot about golf. Good and bad but most of all he believes rules are not to be broken unless you are in clear view of no one and it gives you an advantage.

In the photo above Bill was called out to by a former student. He knew her name and when she said "Coach Bill, your ball landed over here after it hit that tree." Bill consulted the rule book

knowing he couldn't touch the ball, he also knew Pam wouldn't be liking him touching the ball. "The book reads, you must play where it lays." Bill said. "Can you stand still for a second, I'm gonna hit down on the ball with my niplet."

Pam gave me permission to use this photo some 10 years ago. I'm gonna call Falcon and ask him about statue of limitations on verbal agreements.

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The best golf shot I ever made was with Scott Harris. Par 3 at the end of the Gonzales Country Club. I hit the shot over the small pond protecting the green. It hooked into the middle of the green and the middle of the cup. It bounced directly out of the cup and splashed back into the pond. I looked up at Scott and he said, "Looks like you are hitting 3!" What a smart ass! I hit it in the hole in one and Scott's laughing.

Years later I got to reconnect with the noon group from the Gonzales Country Club and play at Pelican Point. The first day I got to meet Hubbie

Lavigne. He's a local sports hero and he actually spoke too me. It just so happened he was an umpire while I was a pitcher in high school. He told me, "I loved umpiring your games because you threw strikes." Hubby Lavigne actually knew who I was. He then spoke up to point out that he wanted to knock the crap out of my curve ball. I spoke up in front of 30 guys. I said to Hubbie, "You'd never have hit my curve ball! A snarl and grown went through the group and I said, "I would of just have walked you and moved to the next hitter!"

We've been best friends ever since. Wow I'm friends with Hubbie. Sam is not bad either!



A photo tells a thousand words!!!

This is my favorite photo of me swinging a golf club. However the real story is my sports professional photographer capturing this moment. My cousin Tootie from Fordoche La. has a great eye for photography but his methods may be questionable. My Uncle Joe had told him I was a pretty good golfer so he wanted a photograph. He

walked 20 yds. in front of the tee-box and laid down. "Hit it about 10 to 14 inches over my head for the best photo." he said. I started to worry about him for a moment. I then tee'd the ball up at least 4 inches. Hoping I can hit it on a tee that high. I took the swing and the photo says the rest." Nice shot, Nice form, Can we try again?" "Nooooooooo!!!! I shouted!!!

Wow!! Thank You Ascension Parish.



Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts. You showed up and surrounded us with love and support, and we will forever cherish this day and each of you. Thank you for standing with us on this journey. Together, we are kicking cancer!

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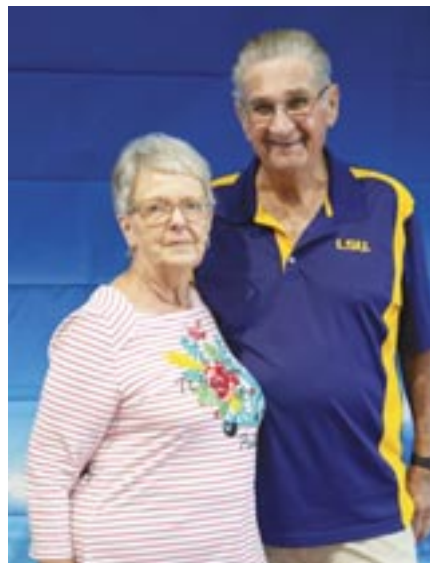


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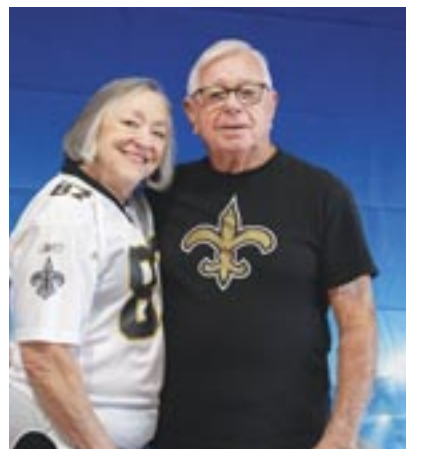
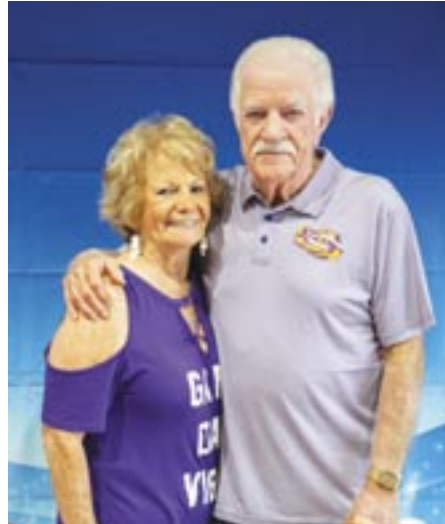
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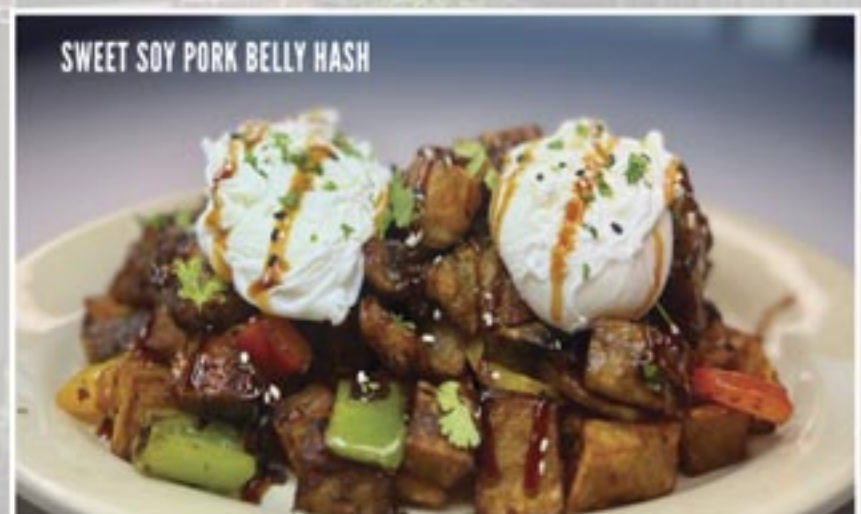
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| 2 tbsp butter | 4 green onions, thinly sliced |
| 8 ounces andouille sausage,
cut into ¼ inch slices | 1 tsp salt |
| 2 tbsp ground paprika | 1 bay leaf |
| 1 tbsp ground cumin | 1 cup uncooked brown rice |
| ½ tsp cayenne pepper | 3 cups chicken stock |
| ½ cup diced tomatoes | 1 pound large shrimp,
peeled & deveined |
| 1 large green bell pepper,
diced | Salt & ground black pepper
to taste |
| 2 stalks celery, sliced
¼ inch thick | |

Instructions:

1. Place butter and sausage in a large stockpot over medium heat; cook and stir for 5 minutes until sausage begins to brown.
2. Stir in paprika, cumin, and cayenne; cook for 1 minute
3. Stir tomatoes, onions, celery, green pepper, green onions, salt and bay leaf into sausage mixture.
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