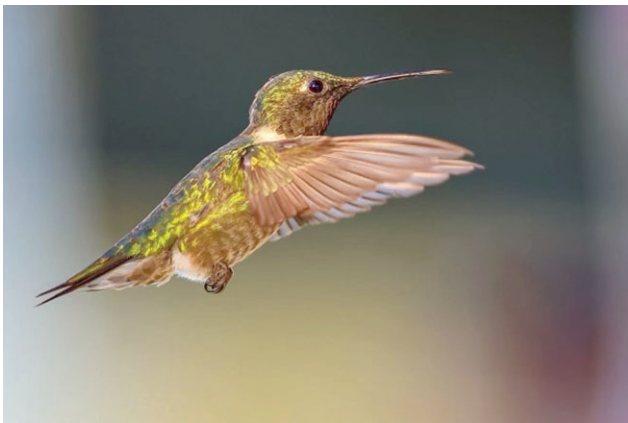




DENNIS DUVAL took a quick break from regular work last Friday morning to spend a few minutes behind the camera capturing some of the hummingbirds visiting his feeders. Fall migration is underway, and September is a busy time for hummingbirds moving south. They're burning a tremendous amount of energy along the way, so reliable food sources are especially important right now. Native flowers are great natural fuel, and clean feeders filled with simple sugar water can provide an additional source of energy during their journey. They've been emptying his four feeders daily so he'll be adding four more around his yard over the weekend. (Photos by Dennis Duval.)



THE PORT of Lake Charles celebrated young culinary talent and the rich tradition of Louisiana rice at the 28th Annual Rice Cook-off! From creative student dishes to supporting local economy, rice continues to be a legacy we're proud to share with the world. First place: Jollof by Kirah Guillory, DeQuincy High, student of Lynn LaVergne.

Vinton Town Council met Tuesday, Sept. 14th

By RITA SHIRLEY LEBLEU

For the first time in more than 20 years, Vinton Public Power Authority (VPPA) customers will see an increase in their electric rates, according to the budget discussion at the Tuesday, Sept. 14, Vinton Town Council Meeting.

The overdue rate increase was just one tough but necessary call made by Vinton administration and Council to help balance a budget that's been operating in the red for a few years. Department budgets have been trimmed. Staff has been cut. Some city personnel will take on added duties, as there will be no new hires. Nor will there be any raises.

Customers will see a 10 percent increase to their electric utility rate, according to Phillip Abshire, Vinton's CPA, who reviewed key points of the new budget with Council.

The 10 percent increase, which will be applied only to the electric portion of the VPPA bill, not the water, sewer or trash pick up services.

The new budget will be voted on at next month's meeting. The new fiscal year begins in November. However, it's important to remember that the VPPA utility bill service "from" and "to" dates are nearly a

Beauregard schools to serve supper

Beauregard Parish Schools will be offering School Supper Meal Program - a free third meal to students in school starting Oct. 1. This will be more of a hearty snack rather than a full meal.

Nutritious and delicious - fueling minds and bodies. Supporting students - so every child has the energy to learn and grow.

No extra cost to families - a healthy meal included at school.

Helping students soar - one meal at a time.

Beauregard Parish is now under burn ban

Beauregard Parish has issued an emergency burn ban effective Monday, Sept. 21.

month behind the date the statement is received. That means the November bill will not show this increase.

Raising electric rates will increase revenues in the coming year by \$308,000, according to Abshire.

One of the department budgets cut for the coming year was the Vinton Police Department's.

Police Chief Scott Spell reported that he is looking into using a third-party service to collect past due citations. The service would not cost the town anything, as this company adds a 20 percent fee to cover their expenses.

Spell also spoke passionately about the need to maintain the current standards for Vinton School Resource Officers (SROs). Spell said a certain pay should be maintained to keep quality staff. The Calcasieu Parish School Board pays a portion of this expense.

HOUSING MORATORIUM AND QUICK SURVEY

Housing was also in the spotlight at the meeting. A temporary moratorium on RV parks, regular parks, mobile home parks and lodging units was introduced for discussion, and the public was asked to complete a 7-minute survey that might help Vinton



LYNN JONES had three photos chosen for the finals in the "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" national bird photography contest. The opening reception and awards presentation is Friday, Sept. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Historic City Hall Arts & Cultural Center in Lake Charles. There will be wonderful photographs from several talented local artists as well as from artists throughout the United States on display until Saturday, Nov. 28.

DeQuincy News' final farewell

By JEFFRA WISE DEVINEY

The digital revolution's impact has placed severe pressure on our small local newspapers to continue, although we recognize our audience and consumers want local news, the rising costs of printing, fuel, postage and daily operations have risen astronomically.

For 10 years since my parents passed away we have valiantly hit the ground running to make our 103 year old newspaper a continued success. We no longer can afford the rising costs and the declining lack of support from local advertising dollars.

Social media platforms have given way to free platforms that businesses choose to use. A majority of people are choosing to search their smart phone and have turned to social

media rather than pay for subscriptions and advertising. In fact, when you go to gather news almost every institution has posted to social media without giving the newspaper the information. We have given it a good run for 10 years!

We have built a solid news team, it's no one's fault. Things change and we know now it's time to retire. It's with such a heavy heart and regret that this decision has been made. No one loves this job more that has given us all a purpose to operate these weekly newspapers, The DeQuincy News and Cameron Parish Pilot.

Respectfully, we do not want it to end but find we cannot shoulder it any longer this is our last issue - Jeffra and Doug DeViney and Wise Newspapers, Inc. Crew.



BEAUREGARD PARISH School Board allowed Junior Leader members to share what 4-H is and what it looks like for Beauregard Parish 4-H members at the September board meeting. Junior Leader officers from Singer High School were Charleigh Zaunbrecher, Junior Leader Vice President, right; and Jolie Franks, Junior Leader Reporter, left. They represented Beauregard Parish 4-H and showcased the opportunities, leadership, and impact that 4-H provides for our youth.

plan for future housing for industry and otherwise.

Council member Dianne Conner wants to see a moratorium on mobile home and RV parks while the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission completes its study to come up with zoning recommendations for Vinton.

The Council passed the Intergovernmental Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SLRPC, including "scope" of work at the July 22 meeting.

Also discussed at the July meeting was the cost to do the study - \$5,000 - and the estimated time frame - six months - to complete it.

Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen noted that a moratorium on housing could be problematic at this time as new industry in the area is gearing up to build.

Vinton attorney Jared Watson told Council that some specifics will have to be added to the moratorium resolution when it is introduced, for example the time frame.

Nicole Miller, with the

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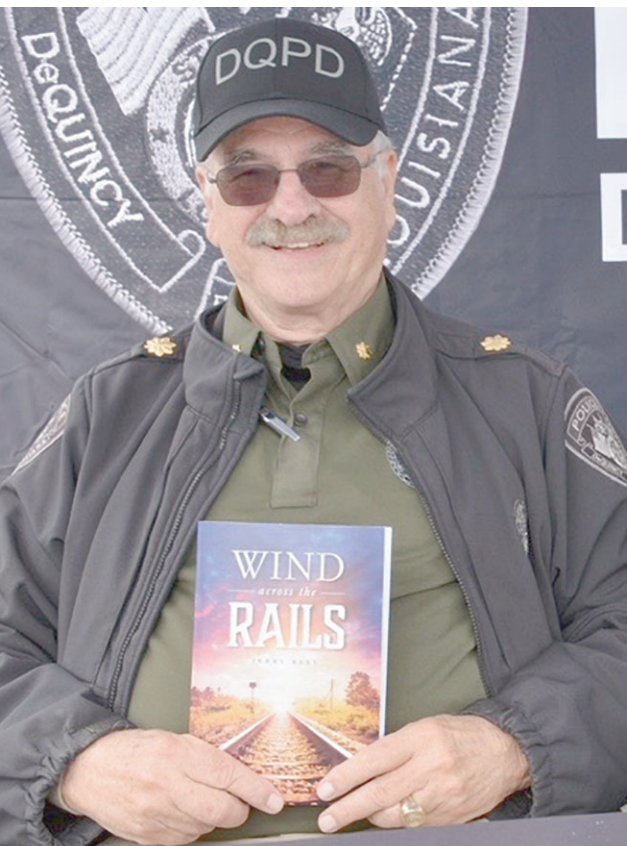
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MAJOR JERRY Bell was hospitalized last week. Jimmy Henagan provided this update on Tuesday, Sept. 22: The latest X-rays did show a slight improvement but he's still on a ventilator. He is fighting the flu on top of pneumonia. He's still fighting though, he's a tough! Please pray for healing.

2026 Fall Fly-In is this Saturday, Sept. 26th

Planes, Trains & Automobiles is back for 2026 on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the DeQuincy Industrial Airport (5R8) for the 2026 Fall Fly-In!

There will be Airplanes and airplane rides, Kiddie Train, Automobiles, Live music, Food trucks, Bounce house and a Movie under the stars.

Festivities kick off at 2 p.m. with plenty to see and do throughout the afternoon and evening!

Spend the day at the DeQuincy Airport, 120 Lions Club Dr.



Parade of Homes & Taste of the Holidays canceled for this year

The DeQuincy Civic Club relies entirely on local businesses and residents volunteering their properties to make the Annual Parade of Homes and Taste of the Holidays successful. Despite the club's best efforts, the event cannot move forward this year

due to an insufficient number of registered homes. The Club would like to extend their thank you to those who did volunteer their businesses for this event.

Next year's tentative event is slated for Dec. 11, 2027.

City of Merryville received lifesaving Automated External Defibrillator donation

Acadian Ambulance met with Merryville leaders recently to support the community and enhance access to lifesaving emergency medical equipment.

Operations Supervisors Cody Leckelt and Carl Gautreaux attended the Merryville City Council meeting to present an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which will be placed at Merryville City Hall to provide access to lifesaving equipment in the event of an emergency.

The AED was accepted by Mayor Fred Walker, Police Chief Cindy Brister, and members of the City Council, who expressed their appreciation for Acadian Ambulance's continued support of rural communities.

"Supporting rural communities and helping ensure lifesaving equipment is readily available is an important part of what we

do," Gautreaux said. "We're proud to partner with the City of Merryville and provide equipment that can make a critical difference when every second counts."

An AED is a user-friendly device that helps restore a normal heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest. Equipped with clear, step-by-step instructions, AEDs give communities a vital lifesaving tool during the critical minutes before EMS arrives. Using CPR and an AED together significantly improves survival outcomes.

Acadian Air Med, Executive Aircraft Charter Service, Acadian Total Security, National EMS Academy, Safety Management Systems and Acadian Health.



CALCASIEU PARISH Police Jury 's Human Services team recently spent some time in Vinton connecting with residents sharing resources available in the community. The team partnered with Vinton Mayor Bahnsen to share information about programs and services that can help with housing, employment, energy assistance, transportation and other needs.



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El Tucan Mexican Grill, a family restaurant is now serving breakfast on from 7 am until 11 am They are always ready to serve your private parties or meetings, another good reason not to drive out of town to dine! Owned and operated by Humberto and Martha DeLeon who have been in the restaurant business for many years, they pride themselves in offering authentic Mexican food.

Some of the specialties include: fajitas, nachos, quesadillas, burritos, chimichangas, enchiladas, and flaming cheese, as well as a variety of Mexican salads and combination dinners. There are seafood entrees, including catfish and shrimp, as well as steaks and burgers. Humberto stresses that they make their dishes from the freshest ingredients down to even making their very own fresh homemade tortillas. Over 10 different items are offered on the Kids Meal Menu, which is only for kids 10 years or under. Come celebrate with us and enjoy a serenade with music and song for any occasion in Spanish or English.

Lunch is served Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Breakfast is now served on Saturday morning from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Health Corner

By Dr. Jalal Joudeh, MD, FACP

Five Things That Can Affect Your Health Without You Realizing It:

1. Plastic Tea Bags

Most people have heard concerns about microplastics in bottled water.

However certain synthetic tea bags can release micro - and nano plastic particles when exposed to hot or boiling water.

Some studies have raised concerns about possible links between microplastic exposure and inflammation, metabolic changes and cardiovascular health. However, the long-term effects in hu-

mans are still being investigated.

2. Artificial Sweeteners

Artificial and low-calorie sweeteners are widely marketed as alternatives to sugar. Ingredients such as erythritol and xylitol are now found in many products, including protein bars, sugar-free gum, cookies and low-carbohydrate foods.

Research has raised questions about whether elevated blood levels of some sugar alcohols may be associated with cardiovascular risk. In particular, studies involving

erythritol and xylitol have suggested possible effects on platelet activity and blood clotting.

3. Antibiotics

Antibiotics can be life-saving when they are needed. But using them when they are not medically indicated can create unnecessary risks.

Antibiotics can disrupt the body's normal microbiome (the good bacteria that help maintain our health) and may cause side effects such as diarrhea and, in some cases, serious infections. Overuse also contributes to antibiotic resistance (super bugs) allowing bacteria to become increasingly difficult to treat.

Some antibiotic classes have additional risks. For example, fluoroquinolone antibiotics, including levofloxacin, in rare cases have

been associated with tendon injuries and, in certain patients, an increased risk of aortic aneurysm and dissection.

Before taking an antibiotic, ask your trusted primary care physician whether it is truly necessary and what the potential risks are.

4. Long-Term Use of Stimulant Medications

Stimulant medications can be extremely important for people with appropriately diagnosed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other medical indications by a specialist or experienced primary care physician.

The concern arises when stimulant medications are used without a clear medical indication, for example to purely improve cognitive and physical performance, and taken at unnecessarily high doses, or continued for many years without periodic reassessment.

Stimulants can increase heart rate and blood pressure and increase cardiovascular risks. Anyone taking these medications long term should have their treatment regularly reviewed with the qualified specialist and trusted experienced primary care physician.

5. Excessive or Extreme Exercise

Exercise is one of the foundations of good health. Regular aerobic activity and strength training can improve cardiovascular fitness, metabolic health, mood and longevity.

But more is not always better.

Repeated extreme endurance exercise, such as frequent high-volume marathon training, can place substantial stress on the heart. Research has explored associations between prolonged intense endurance exercise, changes in the right ventricle, cardiac remodeling and certain heart-rhythm problems in susceptible individuals.

Similarly, lifting extremely heavy weights can produce a powerful Valsalva maneuver, tempo-

Singer News

TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT

Singer High School will be hosting a family fun Trunk or Treat Night on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Community members and volunteers are asked to sign up to give out candy to make the night a success for SHS kids.

The school is located at 153 LA 110 in Singer.

Contact Monica Pharris at 337-476-6871 to sign up.

HOMEcoming

Singer High School's Homecoming has been set for Friday, Oct. 23. The theme is Louisiana Saturday Night.

SHS Homecoming Days 2026 are:

Monday, Oct. 19 - Sportman's Paradise: Pick your favorite outdoor sport and best camp - dress in your best hunter, fishing and outdoor gear!

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Tacky Tourist Tuesday: Everyone comes to our state for the food, fun and hospitality -

break out your best vacation outfits!

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Geaux Team Wednesday: Wear your best baseball, football, basketball or any sports gear - from LSU to the Astors - represent your team!

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Thursday Spirit Day: It's time to bring the green and black - wear your best Hornet gear to show your spirit!

Homecoming events for the week include:

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Trunk or Treat, 5-6:30 p.m.; Homecoming Pep Rally, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23 - Homecoming Presentation 5:30 p.m.; Hornets Game, 6 p.m.; Lady Hornets Game 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24 - Homecoming Dance, 7-9 p.m., 9th-12th grade only.



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Starks News

By EVELYN WHITE



WARD 5 FIRE REPORT

The Ward 5 Fire Department made a total of 24 calls in August and attended two meetings.

The calls they made were 11 Medical; 5 Wrecks; 3 False Fire Alarms; 2 Grass Fires; 1 Free Fire; 1 Service Call; and 1 Structure Fire.

Even though Ward 5 is not under a "FIRE BAN" at the present time, please be careful with any outdoor burning. Drought level is still in the danger zone.

MEET YOU AT THE POLE

Starks High School Faculty, Staff, and Student Body will observe "Meet You At The Poles" for prayer on Wednesday, Sept 23. They will meet at 7:20 a.m.

Starks High School would like to invite the community to this event.

POW/MIA BAKE SALE & SOCK BINGO WAS A SUCCESS

The Starks VFW Post #4759 Auxiliary held a POW/MIA Bake Sale on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Proceeds from this bake sale will be sent to the National Commander's and Auxiliary President's Special Project: "Bring Them Home".

It was a great day to collect funds for this worthy cause. Thank you to all that baked, donated, or helped in any way.

A Sock Bingo was also held on Saturday, Sept 19. There was a great turnout. Everyone had a great time and the kids got gifts and socks.

Thanks again to all that attended and helped.

BLOOD DRIVE AT FPC OF STARKS

On Monday, Sept 28, the

First Pentecostal Church of Starks will host a Life-Share Blood Drive. The blood drive is from 5 until 8:30 p.m. There will be a Mobile Bus set up at the church located at 335 Hwy. 109 S.

Many blood types are dangerously low at this time. Please donate if you are able.

SWEET TREATS FOR OUR HEROES

The Starks VFW Post #4759 Auxiliary is collecting Little Debbie Snack Cakes and Tootsie Roll Pops for the Veterans at the SWLA Veterans Home in Jennings. The VFW and Auxiliary will travel to Jennings for a Veteran's Day Program of Bingo and Sweet Treats on Saturday, Nov 7.

You may drop off your donations at the Starks VFW Post #4759 located at 4402 Hwy 12, Starks. They may be dropped off on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday after 4 p.m.

Deadline is Friday, Nov 6.

If you have a question or need further information, contact any VFW or Auxiliary member.

PAINTING CLASSES AT STARKS VFW

The Starks VFW Post #4759 and Auxiliary will be offering "Painting Classes" for all school ages on Friday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. at the Post Home located at 4402 Hwy 12.

The cost is \$10. All supplies will be provided. The cost includes, all supplies needed, nachos, cookies and punch.

Come and enjoy a special night, creating, learning, expressing, and have lots of fun.

Sign up is Friday night at the event. Don't miss it!

Vinton News

By EVELYN WHITE

HOMECOMING PARADE

Vinton High School Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. with Line Up starting at 3 p.m.

There will be a winner for:

Best decorated car for Homecoming Court

Best decorated Class Floats for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades

Winners will be announced at the VHS Football Game that evening.

Grand Marshal is the Class of 1951

For parade entries, call Vinton City Hall at 337-589-7453.

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VINTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Town of Vinton will be celebrating the Vinton Heritage Festival on Saturday, Oct 10. There will be Live Music, Vendors, Food Trucks, and a Free Kids Zone. This festival will supply fun for the whole family.

The festival will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will end at 6 p.m.

For more information contact the Vinton City

Hall at 337-589-7453 and ask for Juli Allison, or contact the Lake Charles Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau.

BANQUET HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

On Monday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. the VFW AND VMAFC will be honoring the First Responders with a banquet at the VFW Post 9854 Highway 109 in Vinton.

All area First Responders, Sheriff's Office, Police Departments, Firemen, etc. are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Debbie at 337-526-3695 or the Vinton Post.

LITTLE TROOPERS 250

Little Troopers 250 will host an event on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. at 5461 Joe Courville Rd. in Vinton.

There will be a car show, cook off, silent auction, live auction, motorcycle ride, food, sweet shop, karaoke and a Children's Costume Contest.

Proceeds will go to support Christmas for Military Kids.

For more information contact Dennis at 337-309-1096.

"I'll Stay With My Friend"

By CURT ILES

The soul-touching story of Abe and Ed Beyea is gleaned from the excellent book, 102 Minutes by Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn.

World Trade Center
North Tower
New York City
Sept. 11, 2001

Stairway 27C of the North Tower of the World Trade Center was a space of both life and death on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, after the first hijacked plane struck this tower. As terrified office workers, many burned or injured, hurried down, courageous firefighters passed by on their way up to the impact zone around the 98th floor.

Many of those coming down recalled the faces of two men who were at this stairwell of the 27th floor: Ed Beyea, an employee of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, sat in his motorized wheelchair awaiting the assistance of firefighters or rescuers to carry him down. Beside him stood co-worker and friend, Abe Zelmanowitz.

Exhausted firefighters, weighed down with heavy equipment and safety clothing, assured the wheelchair-bound man that help was coming up soon. As Ed Beyea patiently waited, he understood that these passing firefighters must get to the top to rescue anyone trapped near the scene of the impact.

Later, as the unending flow of workers coming down became a trickle, a concerned firefighter, stopping to catch his breath, pulled Abe away from standing beside his friend and whispered to the office worker, "Why don't you go?"

"No, I'm staying with my friend," was Abe's quiet but sure reply.

2,749 people died in the New York attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. They each had a story and a life. Large numbers don't stay with us. But when those numbers were changed into names and faces, each came to mean someone personal.

This is the memorable story of two of those thousands who were in the Trade Center on that day—one who could not escape—and one who chose not to escape.

Ed Beyea was on the 27th floor when the first plane hit his building at 8:46 a.m. He was a quadriplegic who had become paralyzed in a diving accident twenty years earlier. He was escorted to work each day at Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield by his aide Irma Fuller. She had hung up his jacket and set him up with the mouth stick he used to type. Irma then left and rode up to the

47th-floor cafeteria to order breakfast.

As Irma came down after the initial plane crashed into their building, she found Ed in his wheelchair at the stairwell for the 27th floor. By now the mass evacuation of the North Tower was in full force. With the elevators evidently being out of service, the stairs were the only way out.

With Ed's size (he weighed 280 pounds due to kidney problems) and his heavy motorized chair, it would take four or five big men to carry him down.

Irma saw another co-worker standing by Ed Beyea's chair. His name was Abe Zelmanowitz, another Blue Cross employee. He worked one cubicle over from Ed, and they shared a very close friendship. These two men had worked together for twelve years. In spite of great differences—physical, cultural, religious, and age-wise—they shared a special friendship that extended beyond work hours.

Ed Beyea was Catholic, and Abe Zelmanowitz was an Orthodox Jew. Beyea was thirteen years younger and twice the size of the thinner Zelmanowitz. While the wheelchair-bound Beyea talked and laughed loudly, his friend Abe was soft-spoken and unassuming.

As is so often the case in life, their friendship extended across these differences, and the bond of their relationship was strong. This connection they shared was to be tested and sealed in the coming hour.

Irma Fuller came upon these two men as she walked onto the stairwell landing at 27C. Everyone was moving in the stairwell—all those above getting out and a now-steady stream of rescue workers coming up, headed for the impact zone far above. By now everyone began to sense how serious the situation was.

This included Ed, Abe, and Irma. Abe Zelmanowitz told Irma to go, "I'll stay with Ed." Beyea also insisted that she leave. They both told her to find someone downstairs to come up and help.

As Irma Fuller rejoined the long procession of workers snaking their way down, Zelmanowitz holered, "Irma, we are on 27C."

In the coming hour, hundreds, if not thousands, passed by the landing at 27C on their way down to safety. Many told of passing the wheelchair-bound Ed with his friend Abe standing beside him.

As you've probably guessed, both Ed Beyea and Abe Zelmanowitz died when the North Tower collapsed at 10:28 a.m.

Class of 1996 reunion plans told

DeQuincy High School Class of 1996 Reunion events are:

Thursday, Oct. 15, Decorate float at 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16, Parade and Game

Saturday, Oct. 17, Bonfire at 5 p.m.

Float decorating and Bonfire will be at the home of Heather Stampley.

For more detailed information follow Facebook Group "DeQuincy High School Class of 1996" or contact Heather Stampley at 337-802-6452.



IN THE end, it's always about relationships. Regardless of race, geography, or background, our interactions with others matter most. Curt Iles is shown here with a South Sudanese friend in 2014.

No one carried Ed Beyea down to safety. He probably could have begged rescuers to stop their upward climb to bring him down, but evidently he didn't.

Even more remarkably, Abe Zelmanowitz could have easily walked down the 27 flights of stairs to safety and gone home that day. But he didn't.

Instead, he chose to stay with his friend. He made a conscious choice to remain with his friend—win, lose, or draw. It would be easy to say he lost. But I'm not so sure that is how he would define his decision. An earlier Jewish philosopher named Solomon stated it this way:

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

Abe was that kind of friend to his Gentile friend. He lost his life that day, but no man who demonstrates that kind of friendship can ever be called a loser.

The words of another Jewish teacher come to my mind. Jesus, whom I follow as Lord of my life, stated,

"Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

That great love is the type that was exhibited on that horrible day on floor 27 of the North Tower.

We'll never know about the last minutes of conversation between these two men—one who couldn't escape and the other who chose not to. Reading the details of the last minutes of both towers (the South Tower, although struck second, fell twenty-nine minutes before the North Tower) informs us that those inside knew something terrible was occurring as the building shook, groaned, and vibrated in its death throes just previous to total collapse.

I can see Ed Beyea telling Abe Zelmanowitz to

leave... run... flee... He still might have time to get out. The stairways were now clear, and a man Abe's age, flooded with adrenaline, could quickly cover many flights of stairs going down.

But Abe had decided to stay with his friend—no matter what. No matter the cost. I'm sure that Ed eventually realized that Abe would not, and could not, leave.

It is not too far to imagine these two friends calmly talking at the end, reliving work stories and meals enjoyed together. I can hear Ed Beyea saying, "Abe, thanks for staying."

And his soft-spoken friend's reply, "Don't mention it. You're welcome."

A friend named Abe, who tied a tight rope on his friend Ed and refused to let go of the rope—who kept a tight grip on his friendship when he could have instead fled and saved his own life.

Two men,
Friends in life and work.

Two men,
Joined together by the tight rope of friendship.

Joined together even in death, To always be remembered.

Greater love has no man...

This comment was left on my blog post concerning Ed and Abe:

My name is Gregory Samuel. I was a trainee with Ed Beyea. I moved around with Ed and Irma prior to Abe coming to Blue Cross. When Abe came, Ed, Abe, Irma, and I went out to lunch. Sometimes we went with our entire group. Mr. Yim, Kit Lee, and others. I left Blue Cross in 1998; if not, I would have been with Ed. In fact, I visited Ed on Roosevelt Island the weekend before 9/11.

Readers have permission to copy and pass on this story of two men who should not be forgotten on 9/11.

Calling all ready writers!

Do you write poetry, short stories, or are you writing a book? Then come and be a part of our group! We are here to share and encourage all writers. Bring some of your writing!

Next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Beauregard Museum 120 South Washington St. in DeRidder.

For more information call Nelda Blanchard at 337-375-4816. No children please

With Sincerest Gratitude

Amber Louise Wylie

01/10/1929-07/14/2026



The family of Amber Louise Wylie acknowledges with sincere gratitude the many acts of kindnesses expressed following her passing on July 14, 2026.

We deeply appreciated the outpouring of prayers, visits, calls, cards, donations and memorials, food, flowers, and compassionate words.

Amber Louise Wylie set a wonderful example. Her love was unconditional. She loved the Lord with all of her heart. We feel humbled, honored, and richly blessed to have been her family. Our mom, grandmother, aunt, friend ... was a true Proverbs woman.

The families of: Bonnie Burge
Cindi Franks
Fran Barrett
CP - Scott, Lanty, Cloys & JuliAnn Wylie
and Lou Joyce Wylie

Proverbs 31: 29 - "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all."

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Funerals



MARGARET FOSTER

Margaret Foster was born Aug. 19, 1946, and passed away at the age of 80. Margaret Foster was a loving and selfless woman whose life was centered around her family and her faith. She was a God-fearing woman with a nurturing spirit and a heart that was always open to those she loved.

Margaret cherished her family and found great joy in spending time with them, especially her great-grandchildren. Those precious moments brought her tremendous happiness and created memories that will be treasured for generations to come.

She was also known for the love she put into the simple things, including making her homemade French fries and biscuits. Her cooking was more than food, it was an expression of love, warmth, and family.

Margaret's gentle spirit, selflessness, faith, and devotion to her family touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Though she is deeply missed, her love and the beautiful memories she created will live on in the hearts of her family and loved ones.

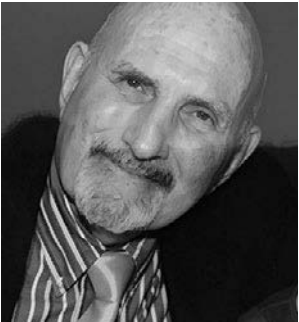
Her legacy is one of love, faith, family, and a life devoted to caring for others. She will forever be remembered and forever loved.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Foster; children, Robert "Booter" Foster and wife Sheila, Londale Foster, and Cathy Michael and husband Dale; grandchildren, Morgan Foster, Megan Foster, and Clayton Michael and wife Brittany, Brittany Pickering and husband Jordan; great-grandchildren, Kycen, Kingston,

Harlow, Garrett, Owen, Jaxon, Cash, and Jasper; and siblings, Carolyn Marcantel and Sonny Brister. She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover and Eller Brister; and siblings, Pasty Frazier, Lois Parker, Roger Brister, Linda Warden, and Roma Jean Brister. Pallbearers were Dale Michael, Bean Frazier, Hank Frazier, Blane Frazier, Shane Frazier, and Chad Tremere.

A private visitation was held from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home in DeQuincy. Graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at Oretta Cemetery in Singer.

Arrangements were handled by Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 1810 W. Fourth St., DeQuincy. (Paid Memorial)



JAMES ANDREW "JIMMY" SCHIRMER

James Andrew "Jimmy" Schirmer, 84, of Vinton, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, in Sulphur. He was born on July 28, 1942, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to James and Margaret Schirmer.

Jimmy is survived by his son, Wesley Schirmer and wife Risa; grandchildren, Faith Snyder (Joseph), Cheyann Fontenot (Tadyn), and Kenneth Schirmer; great-grandchildren, Alissa Snyder and Ellie Fontenot; and nieces, Kelley Fitzgerald and Dionja Dyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Schirmer; his son, Wendell; and his sister, Marcy.

The family is especially grateful to the caregivers at Holly Hill Rehab for their compassionate care,

and to Jimmy's friends at the Vinton Senior Center for their years of friendship, support, and well wishes.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Crossroads Baptist Church in Vinton. Pastor Rob Tibbitts will be officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 1810 W. Fourth St., DeQuincy. (Paid Memorial)



THELMA JOYCE WILLIAMSON "SINGLETON"

Thelma Joyce Williamson "Singleton," born Sept. 17, 1940, ran into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, in Lake Charles at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, surrounded by a family that loved her. She devoted her life to being a faithful warrior of Jesus. In her last hours, she would raise her hands to Heaven in prayer, praying to someone that only she could see. We know that she fought the good fight. She kept the faith, finished the race, and gained her heavenly reward. She was a member of First Pentecostal Church of DeQuincy, where she resided.

She is survived by her sons, Chad Singleton (Veronica), Carter Singleton, Neal Singleton (Kathy), Larry Doyle; daughters, DeeDee Derouen (Scotty), Lelia Lyles (Dewey); sister, Evelyn Moore; sister-in-law, Kathy Williamson; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Shorty" Singleton; her parents, Joseph and Mertie Daugharty Williamson; her sisters, Eloise Caskey, Myrtle "Marie" Gotte; brothers, Robert (Thelton) Williamson and Dewey "Pete" Williamson; and her in-laws, Walter and Leah Singleton. Her family has peace in knowing that she is free from pain and is back with their

Dad in Heaven. A funeral for Thelma will be held Friday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home of Moss Bluff. Burial will follow at Dry Creek Cemetery in Dry Creek. Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. and will resume Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. and last until the start of the service. (Paid Memorial)



EDGAR H. STANLEY

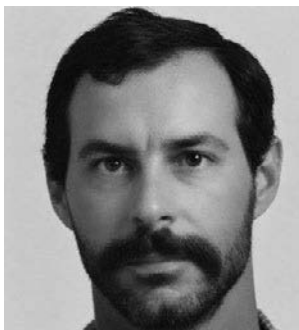
Edgar H. Stanley, 95, was born Oct. 24, 1930, and passed away Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.

He is survived by his children, James Stanley, Keith Stanley (Jeanette), and Greg Stanley (Kristen); grandchildren, Rhonda Ship, Candace Stanley, Misty Chester (Charles), Jessica Stanley, Blake Stanley, Cull Stanley (Melissa), and Cray Stanley; great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Suchanek, Ethan Montrand, Bowan Beltcher, James Beltcher, Madeline Ship, Molly Gordon, Chayla Chester, Emma Chester, Wynn Chester, Cecile Stanley, and Violet Stanley; one great-great-grandson; sisters, Frankie Brandon and Karrie Williams; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Ann Stanley; children, Ronnie Stanley and Charlotte Ship; grandchildren, Jason Ronald Stanley and Meagan Stanley; parents, Willie and Pearl Bass Stanley; brothers, Charlie Satnley, Shorty Stanley and Jasper Stanley; sisters, Martha Johnson and Gladys Perkins.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, and continuing from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at First Pentecostal Church in Starks. Pastor Karl Smith will be officiating. Interment to follow at Miller Annex Cemetery in Starks.

Arrangements are being handled by Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 1810 W. Fourth St., DeQuincy. (Paid Memorial)



ALLEN JOHN TERRO

Allen John Terro was born on Apr. 10, 1960, and passed away on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, at the age of 66.

He is survived by his sister, Anna Terro Anderson; niece, Misty Anderson Spivey (Aaron); nephews, Earl Anderson III (Courtney), Eric Anderson (Brooke), and Shane D. Anderson (Micah); great nieces and nephews, Ashlynn Spivey (Koby), Daltyn Spivey, Devyn Anderson, Elliott Anderson, Kenli Anderson, Korben Anderson, Kipp Anderson, and Aubrie Anderson.

He was preceded in passing by his father, Winfred A. Terro; mother, Clara Lavergne Navarre; brothers, Martin Terro, Milton Terro, and Adam Terro.

Cremation was entrusted to Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 1810 W. Fourth St., DeQuincy. (Paid Memorial)



JEFFERY "JEFF" AROLD YOUNG

Jeffery "Jeff" Arnold Young was born July 2, 1976, and passed away Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, at the age of 50.

He is survived by his wife, Brandi Young; daughter, Randi "Maddie" Young; father, Jimmy Young and wife Sherry; mother, Phyllis Young; siblings, Robert "Bobby" Jordan and wife Natalie, Darlene Goins and husband Darren, and Angie Frazier and husband Randy; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Austin Caide Young; brother, Jimmy "Jimbo" Young Jr.; and grandparents, Arnold and Jamie Young, and CJ and Velma Reneau.

The family received friends from 5 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, with the funeral service being held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home in DeQuincy. Interment to follow at Oretta Cemetery in Singer.

Arrangements are being handled by Riley Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 1810 W. Fourth St., DeQuincy. (Paid Memorial)

Hyatt Workday

Saturday, Sept. 26, Hyatt Cemetery, located in Fields, will hold their bi-annual workday. Workers are asked to bring your weed eater, lawnmower or any tools necessary for cemetery cleanup. Reminder that Hyatt Cemetery is maintained by volunteer workers and monetary donations. For more information please check Hyatt Cemetery Facebook website.

VINTON COUNCIL

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Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, urged Vinton administration, Council and the public to complete a 7-minute housing survey that will help Region 5 plan for economic development as it pertains to housing needs, for example the type of housing needed and where that housing should be located.

"This is something that you need to map out how you address those housing issues in the way this community wants to happen, not in the way that Joe Millionier wants it to happen," Miller said.

Miller also recapped the results of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Human Services community outreach initiative at Vinton City Hall on Sept. 12.

She said 100 families walked through the doors to access services. Utility assistance was offered to 72 families and one individual inquired about the Human Services Department pay for food for the children in day care programs, including in-home daycare programs.

In other business, Council approved a mobile home "age" variance. Generally, mobile homes brought into the city limits can not be more than 10 years old, unless a variance is requested and approved. The Council also approved a variance for Bayou Boom Fireworks.

Jurors called

OCT. 19, 2026

The list of jurors drawn and called to serve for Regular Jury Session for the term beginning Oct. 19 are:

Jason D Bailey, Alicia Von Bennett, Timothy Lane Brunson, Max Nathanael Burgess, Ramona Maria Cuppy, Jada Janees Decloutte, Cassie Perry Dowden, Jennifer Lynn Doyle, Ruby Carr Ducote, Laura Holland Haley, Christopher Allen Ivey, Carolyn Stains Langley, Joseph Larvadain, Clinton Cade Marcantel, Marissa Lucia McDade, Clayton Patrick Miller, Kamryn Beasley Richard, William Gregory Smith, Jaron Rashard Snell, Troy Wayne Stampley, all from DeQuincy.

Called from Starks are: Josie Lee Berry, Alex Reed Bonin, Genna Lee Gibson, Lyndsi Annette Granger, Jessica Berry Walter, Timothy Tracy Welsh, Edith Irene Wise.

Called from Vinton are: Thomas F Berry, Susan Gail Burch, Shawna Denise Ceaser, Richard Keigh Clement, Kane Anthony Courmier, Victoria Olier Coyle, Cory Wade English II, Hollie Elizabeth Heinen, Harvey J Istre, Ethan Kiser, Larry McBride II, Deborah Ann Robin, Jannie West Vaclavik.

OCT. 26, 2026

The list of jurors drawn and called to serve for Regular Jury Session for the term beginning Oct. 26 are:

Teresita Diane Beaugh, Kelly Lacombe Burnworth, Sarah Rae Bussell, Kristen Brooke Cole, Maria Elena Devito, Sara Ann Esquivel, Amanda Marie Green, John W Jones, Charles Andrew Kibodeaux, Brianne Elizabeth Perkins, Anna Noel Tolbert, Joshua Lynn Trahan, Jill Poole Whatley, all from DeQuincy.

Called from Starks are: Mrs. Delferd Douget, Donald Lynn Foster, Mary Frances Johnson, Joshua Caleb Martinez.

Called from Vinton are: Ivan Reed Appleton, Syon Bernard Black, Stephanie K Bordelon, Keelan Scott Hebert, Janet Faye Keeling, Rebecca Lynn Pippin, Samuel Simien Sr, Margie Marie Walter.

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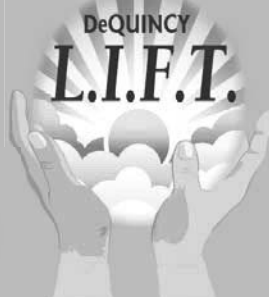
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Southwest Louisiana is joining Catholic Charities agencies across the United States to host People of Hope: Faith-Filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a nationwide storytelling museum designed to amplify the profound impact of Christian service. Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana will host the People of Hope Museum Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19-20. The museum will be located at the Lake Charles Event Center parking lot (Gill St. area) and will be free of charge and open to the public between the hours of 12 and 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, and between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Catholic Charities of SLWA will host People of Hope Traveling Museum

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The People of Hope Museum is an initiative of Catholic Charities USA, the national membership organization for 168 independent Catholic Charities agencies around the country. Collectively, last year, the Catholic Charities network of agencies served more than 16 million people, regardless of faith, addressing needs ranging from food insecurity and housing to disaster assistance, health care and family support.

Housed in a retrofitted tractor-trailer, the People of Hope Museum is an immersive experience that brings to life more than 40 professionally produced video stories featuring staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities agencies across the country sharing their meaningful, memorable encounters with families and individuals in need.

The museum also includes a recording studio where visitors can share their own stories of hope and service. In addition, visitors can experience an interactive poverty simulator, gain a greater understanding of poverty in Louisiana and across the United States and listen to recordings of book excerpts about poverty, social isolation, bridgebuilding and community action.

"I hope people from throughout Southwest Louisiana will come and enjoy the People of Hope Museum," said Sister Marie Josepha Kluczny, RSM, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. "I think all of us could recall a moment in our own lives when a few words of encouragement, a hug, or a resource— just when we needed it— gave us courage and hope. The stories and interactive exhibits remind

Get Out and Fish

An area youth Catfish Tournament for ages 12 and under will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Purple Heart Memorial Park at 6775 Hwy 190 E. in Ragley.

Come fish with the South Beau Fishing Team: Cast, Tie, Bait a hook, Set a hook, Set a reel and much more!

Prizes for the biggest catfish and the most catfish; learn from SB Fishing Team, along with Door prizes and free drinks.

us that each of us has this ability to make a difference in the life of another. Acts of love are always powerful, even when they seem small. Residents of Southwest Louisiana have a lot of lived experience helping one another through times of suffering; we hope the museum inspires our community to continue building upon this culture of compassion and service."

Because some of the content addresses sensitive themes of poverty and stories of past trauma, the museum experience is intended for people 14 years of age or older.

For many years, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana has supported individuals and families in need throughout Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis Parishes offering guidance, resources and compassionate care during difficult times.

In 2025-2026, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana dispersed over 749,016 pounds of food throughout the region, assisting 3,050 households facing food insecurity. Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana also ministered to over 450 unsheltered individuals and families struggling with homelessness.

This spirit of accompaniment is reflected in the work of Catholic Charities agencies nationwide, which include 168 independent agencies and 3,900 service locations across the United States and five territories. Though the services offered by each local agency differ, Catholic Charities agencies are united by a shared commitment to honor the dignity of every person and answer the Gospel call to come to the aid of those most in need.

The People of Hope Museum launched its tour of the United States in March and will travel the U.S. for two-and-a-half years. The initiative is made possible thanks to a 2024 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through an invitational round of its National Storytelling Initiative on Christian Faith and Life.

To learn more about the People of Hope Museum, visit www.peopleofhope.us.

To explore volunteer opportunities or to learn more about Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana programs and its impact in the region, visit www.catholiccharitiesswla.org, or call (337) 439-7436.

Sam Houston Jones State Park Shoreline Clean Up

Sam Houston Jones State Park is inviting community groups, volunteers, families, friends and neighbors to join them in a Shoreline Clean Up on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8 - 10 a.m. at the Park for the waterways clean, beautiful and enjoyable for everyone.

Calcasieu Parish Library schedule told by branch

Calcasieu Parish Public Library Programs for Sept. 25-Oct. 3 are:

ADULTS
DeQuincy Library, 102 N. Pine St., 721-7087, 786-4213
Chair Yoga: 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 25. Spend an hour with us at the DeQuincy Branch, where we will be learning adjustable, gentle exercises through chair yoga! If this is your first time doing any yoga, no worries; each session is designed to be beginner-friendly for those new to yoga.

Laptop Petting Zoo: 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 1. Take your first steps into digital literacy at the DeQuincy Branch! This beginner-friendly, hands-on class covers laptop basics like easy navigation, typing with confidence, and simple file organization. Learn at your own pace and get comfortable with technology. Registration is required.

Chair Yoga: 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 2. Spend an hour with us at the DeQuincy Branch, where we will be learning adjustable, gentle exercises through chair yoga! If this is your first time doing any yoga, no worries; each session is designed to be beginner-friendly for those new to yoga.

Starks Branch, 113 S. Hwy. 109, 721-7107 or 743-6560
From Scratch-Handmade Pasta Workshop: 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29. Join us for a hands-on culinary experience where you'll master the art of crafting fresh pasta from scratch. We'll guide you through every step, from mixing and shaping the dough to cooking the pasta. Afterward, come together to enjoy and share the delicious creations you've made. Registration is required.

CHILDREN/FAMILY
DeQuincy Library Mini Makers-The Art of Printmaking: 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29. Step into the world of art and art history as young artists discover the fun of printmaking! Using Styrofoam, pencils, and paint, kids will learn how to design and create their own unique prints inspired by famous artists and printmaking techniques. Registration is required.

Story Time: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30. Join us each week for stories, songs, movement, and playful activities designed to support early literacy for children ages 0-5. With a focus on "read, sing, talk, write, play," little learners build vocabulary and social-emotional skills while caregivers pick up tips they can use at home.

Coffee and Crochet: 10

September is National Library Card Month

The Calcasieu Parish Public Library is inviting residents to discover all the benefits of having a library card during National Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. Throughout the month, library patrons can enjoy exclusive giveaways, community partnerships with local businesses, and family-friendly events designed to celebrate the value of libraries and lifelong learning.

Library card holders will have the opportunity to collect a series of limited-edition stickers designed by Calcasieu Parish Public Library staff. A new sticker design will be released each week and will be available while supplies last to patrons using curbside pickup or drive-thru services at participating library branches.

In addition, limited-edition bookmarks featuring original artwork created by library staff will be available at all library branches throughout the month.

The library has also partnered with several local businesses to offer special incentives for library card holders. Customers who show a valid Calcasieu Parish Public Library card at participating businesses can receive exclusive discounts and offers. A complete list of participating businesses and incentives will be available on the library's website and social media channels.

The month-long celebration will conclude with a Community Block Party on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Central Branch, 301 W. Claude St. in Lake Charles.

The free event will feature food and drinks donated by local businesses, games, prize raffles, face painting, balloon animals, and a special performance by Mitch the Magician. Prizes for the raffle have been generously donated by local business partners.

National Library Card Sign-Up Month is the perfect time to celebrate all that your library has to offer. A library card gives access to so much more than books, said Gay Cain, the Executive Director for the Calcasieu Parish Public Library. "From digital resources and educational programs to technology, community connections, and opportunities to learn and grow, your library has something for everyone. We're excited to celebrate the many ways our library serves and connects our community, and we invite everyone to join us at our Library Card Sign-Up Month Block Party!"

A library card is free and provides access to books, eBooks, audiobooks, online resources, educational programs, public computers, Wi-Fi, and services available throughout the Calcasieu Parish Public Library system.

For more information about National Library Card Sign-Up Month activities, participating business incentives, or how to sign up for a library card, visit calcasieulibrary.org or follow the Calcasieu Parish Public Library on social media.

a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3. Whether you're an experienced crocheter or have never picked up a hook before, Coffee & Crochet is the perfect place to learn, create, and make new friends. Bring a project to work on or use the supplies provided as you enjoy coffee, conversation, and hands-on crochet instruction.

Ragley Heritage & Timber Annual Festival is Oct. 17

The Ragley Historical Society's 26th Annual Ragley Heritage and Timber Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Ragley pavilion. The festival will begin at 10 a.m. with the opening ceremony. There will be an unveiling of the Ragley High School portrait during the ceremony.

Entertainment will be Anthony Kennon, Alfred Gibson, Marshal Fontenot, Ryan Clanton & Western Swing Band, Lauren Hodges & Band, Amber Rippey and Cajun Strong Band.

There will be demonstrations on quilting, spinning, wood working and making of apple cider.

There will also be a Silent Auction; sometimes with the economy as it is, businesses are not able to donate items. If you can donate an item for this auction, let Linda Burnett know at 337-661-3657. There will be "Buy Now" Tables of neat items, Fun Jumps, Balloon Animal Making, Train Rides and a Petting Zoo.

They hope to have some Antique Cars and Tractors on display. Stop by the craft booths and try lots of good food. Representatives with Dutch Oven cooking will be available to answer questions and help others get started in this rapidly growing hobby. A Dutch Oven Cooker will be given away.

Louisiana State Police will have a police car on site and will raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. Help spread the message: Never drive under the influence of alcohol.

There is no gate fee; donations are appreciated.

Corn Maze at Burden

For another year, the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden will host the Corn Maze at Burden.

Every Saturday and the first Sunday in October, there will be multiple two-hour sessions full of family fun. Guests can traverse the maze, take a hayride, explore the corn crib, visit the petting farm, pick a pumpkin in a pumpkin patch and see the iconic sunflower field.

The schedule is as follows:

Morning session: 9 to 11 a.m. Available Oct. 3, 4, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Afternoon session: 12 to 2 p.m. Available Oct. 3, 4, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Evening session: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Available Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24

Tickets are free for children 2 and under, \$15 for children 3 to 12 and \$17.50 for ages 13 and up. Tickets can be bought at <https://bit.ly/Corn-Maze26>.

There also will be a special Night Maze at Burden on Oct. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors can explore the maze by moonlight with marshmallows by the campfire, games, local vendors and food available for purchase. Live music will be provided by SwampLand Revival, and visitors are welcome to come jam with the band.

This night also will feature a hay mountain, corn crib, giant games and more. Tickets are \$20 per person and free for children 2 and under.

For more information, contact the Botanic Gardens at botanicgardens@agcenter.lsu.

Starks Branch
Story Time: 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30. Join us each week for stories, songs, movement, and

South Beauregard Homecoming events are announced

South Beauregard High School Homecoming "A Knight in New York" events has been announced.

Community Event: Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Ragley Recreation Center from 4:30 - 7:45 p.m. Parade will be at 6 p.m. Homecoming King Presentation following parade.

Football Game: Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Bruce "Pop" Brown Memorial Field.

Homecoming Court presentation and queen crowning will be at half-time

Homecoming Dance is Saturday, Oct. 3

VENDORS

Want to set up a booth and showcase your business?

This year, vendors are welcome to sell goods and merchandise!

Please note: Food and beverage items may not be sold by general vendors. Fill out the form using this link <https://forms.gle/7oS7z65Xh3iKfVfy7>

ALUMNI

Calling all alumni classes! Any alumni class is welcome to ride in the parade. Email: southbeauehomecoming@gmail.com for more information.

OFFICIAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS

Interested in being an official food and/or beverage vendor? You must submit a ServSafe certificate and email southbeauehomecoming@gmail.com for more information.

ROADS TO CLOSE

This press release is to inform the public that on Thursday, Oct. 1, Hwy. 12 traffic will be closed at 5:55 p.m. from the Purple Heart Walking Track to the South Beauregard Recreation Center Driveway at the Ragley Overpass and will reopen by 6:30 p.m. Detour Hwy.12 westbound traffic to Hwy.71 N and eastbound traffic to Bill Gilbert Rd.

The road will be closed the annual South Beauregard High School Community Homecoming Event and Parade at the Ragley Recreation Center.

DHS Homecoming is set for Oct. 16; events are told

DeQuincy High School Homecoming Tiger Town in Rio - A Night of Carnival!

The Homecoming Game is Friday, Oct. 16. The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, Oct. 17 at DeQuincy High School.

DRESS UP DAYS

"Tiger Town Goes to Rio" Homecoming Week "Dress Up Days have been announced."

Monday, Oct. 12 - Fall Break - No School

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Fall Break - No School

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - Soccer Mom vs BBQ Dad

Thursday, Oct. 15 Safari Day - We are on a Lion Hunt

Friday, Oct. 16 Tiger Town Spirit Day - Wear red, gray and white



playful activities designed to support early literacy for children ages 0-5. With a focus on "read, sing, talk, write, play," little learners build vocabulary and social-emotional skills while caregivers pick up tips they can use at home.



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GARAGE SALE
GARAGE SALE: Saturday, Sept. 26th, 7a.m. till 1p.m. 468 H. Hollie Rd. DeQuincy, (off of Dougharty Rd. - Eastern Heights). Downsizing entire household. Womens clothes, purses, shoes, and jewelry. Household/craft items, Seasonal Decor Galore and much much more. Cash Only 09/23p.

NOTICES
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DeQuincy Police Beat

By CAPTAIN RANDY HENRY

On Wednesday, Sept.16, Corporal Amanda Morrison was assisting Probation and Parol at 610 Yoakum Ave. Joshua Cormier, 42, DeQuincy; was arrested with Possession of drugs, and drug paraphernalia and was booked into DeQuincy Police Dept. Jail.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Corporal Morrison observed Camron Doyle 19, Singer; at the corner of E. Center and N. Front St. Doyle was arrested on 2 active warrants and booked into DQPD Jail.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, Corporal Morrison observed David Boyer 60, Channelview, Texas walking east on Fourth St. and Oak St. Boyer was arrested on an active warrant and booked into DQPD Jail.

CAPTAIN’S NOTES:
DQPD is asking for continued prayers for Major Jerry Bell. He is still in ICU in critical condition. He has pneumonia and inflammation in both lungs and also has the flu. They currently have him sedated and have intubated him to help him breath.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET HEARING
TOWN OF VINTON, LOUISIANA

The proposed budget for the year the September 30, 2027, of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana, has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act and is available for public inspection at the office of the Mayor, Town of Vinton, 1200 Horridge Street Vinton, Louisiana, from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to Noon on Friday (except holidays). A public hearing on the Proposed Budget is scheduled for:

6:00 P. M. - City Hall
Sept 30, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE:
OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$11,928,080
Total Revenues	\$9,492,660
Total Expenditures	\$9,374,405
Transfers and Loans	\$(340,725)
Estimated ending fund Balance	\$11,705,610

S4 Runs 9_16 & 9_23 2026 Cost of ad per run is \$90

DeQuincy Legal Notices

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF SPECIAL SALES TAX ELECTION
To the qualified electors of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th day of June, 2026, the Council of the City of DeQuincy, acting as the governing authority of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana (the "City"), ordered that a special election be held in the City on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

SALES TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall The City of DeQuincy, Louisiana (the "City") per Louisiana law continue to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (½%), for a period of 15 years beginning August 1, 2027, with collections estimated at \$362,976.24 for one calendar year, upon the sale at retail, use, lease or rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the City, as presently or hereafter defined in La. R.S. 47:301 to 317, inclusive (the "Tax"), with the avails of the Tax (after paying reasonable costs of collecting and administering the Tax) dedicated for constructing, acquiring, operating, maintaining, or improving Public Safety, Fire Protection, criminal Justice facilities, operations, equipment, and other operating expenses of and works of public Improvement within the City, title to which shall be In the public; and, authorization to fund avails of the Tax into bonds In various series at various times, to fund capital costs of the City, including the purchase of Fire Trucks or other public safety equipment, per Louisiana law?

Said election will be held at all polling places which are situated within the boundaries of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana. The City resident registered voters in each of the following precincts shall be eligible to vote on the proposition:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
600 P	DeQuincy High School, 207 North Overton, DeQuincy
601 P	DeQuincy City Hall, 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy
602 P	DeQuincy Library, 102 N Pine Street, DeQuincy
603 P	Sheriffs Sub-Station, DeQuincy Branch, 618 Center Street, DeQuincy (formerly The City Health Unit, DeQuincy Branch)
660 P	Ward 6 Fire Protection District, Co. No. 1 Station, 1271 Hwy. 27, DeQuincy
661 P	Ward 6 Fire Protection District, Co. No. 2 Station, 108 Marcantel Road, DeQuincy

The polls will be open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and shall remain open until not later than eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. The said special election will be held substantially in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except that the election is called and shall be conducted, canvassed, and promulgated, and notice thereof given in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The officials appointed to hold the election or such substitutes therefor as may be selected, designated and sworn in compliance with Sections 1286 through 1289 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, will make due returns thereof to the City Council of DeQuincy, Louisiana, governing authority of the City. Voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. All qualified electors of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana will be entitled to vote.

No voter shall be required to sign a ballot or vote assessed valuation of property.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of state based upon the provision of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similia elections is \$500.00.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 14th day of December 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the Council of the City of DeQuincy, governing authority of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session at the regular meeting place of the Council of the City of DeQuincy, the City Hall, 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, and will, then and there, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in DeQuincy, Louisiana, by authority of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of DeQuincy, acting as the gov-n ng authority of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana, on the 8th day of June 2026.
/s/Riley Smith
Riley Smith, Mayor

/s/Sherri Breaux
Sherri Breaux, Clerk of the Council and City Clerk

/s/Cameron Smith
Cameron Smith
Council Chairman
Run Date: Sept. 09,16,23,30th 2026 (S-2)
Cost of Notice: \$66.00

CITY OF DEQUINCY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeQuincy met in regular session on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, with the following members present: Scott Wylie, Jim Smith, Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, and Bobby “Eddy” Dahlquist. Absent: None. Council Member Cameron Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Smith gave the invocation, and Scott Wylie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026, regular meeting. All approved; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT
The August 2026 Budget-to-Actual Comparison Reports for the General Fund, Street/Sales Tax Fund, Utility Fund, Airport Fund, Public Safety Fund, and Public Service and Safety Building Fund were included in each council member's packet. There were no questions from the Council.

REPORTS
Fire, Police, Public Works, Sewer, Maintenance, and Airport reports were included in the Council files. There were no questions or comments from the Council.

CITY REPORT
Mayor Smith reported the following:

Kim Rainwater gave her official resignation and provided the council with a list of the projects they have accomplished since being in office. Council thanked Kim for her years of service and all she did for the city.

Splash pad will close September 30, 2026

Third annual Fly In will be held Saturday, September 26, beginning at 2 pm

The ½ sales tax renewal will the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Spoke of the money that was received and spent on the splash pad and other recreation around the city

Spoke on the permits and process of restrooms at the walking park

Presented Margaret Brown a award from Louisiana Municipal Leadership Academy

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to approve the September 14, 2026, agenda. All approved; motion carried.

There was no public input for items not on the agenda.

Sherri Breaux addressed findings from the last audit. The city is working on policies and procedures to make the corrections that are needed. Also, we received expected revenue early. Since we have already amended the budget for FYE 9/30/2026, just wanted to make you aware.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the change of the date of the October council meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2026, due to a Federal holiday on October 12, 2026. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to approve a variance for James and Meloney Woolford, to place a mobile home on property located at 203 Gill Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to postpone appointment of members to the DeQuincy Historic District Commission and authorization to complete the Certified Local Government (CLG) application until next month and we have the five required members. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution authoring Mayor Smith to sign all documents to hire Garver as Engineering Consultant for the DeQuincy Airport, contingent upon LA-DOTD Aviation approval. All approved; motion carried.

Vinton Legal Notices

TOWN OF VINTON
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana met on September 15, 2026, at approximately 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen called the meeting to order.
2. INVOCATION / PRAYER
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL / Roll call was taken by Brandi Patin, Town Clerk.

Present: Diane Conner, Stephanie Starring, Lindsey Stanley Absent: BB Loyd, Mike Wright. Also Present: Phillip Abshire Town of Vinton's CPA

Total Bills for August 2026 \$160,553.62

Payroll for August 2026 \$183,967.54

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - no public comments

6. MAYOR BAHSEN

Council considered approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 2026. A motion to approve the minutes was made by council member Starring, seconded by council member Stanley and carried.

*Mayor Bahnsen addressed the council that three items needed to be amended to the agenda tonight.

*Nichole Miller with CPPJ housing services department. Motion was made to be added by council member Stanley and seconded by council member Starring followed by a roll call vote. YEAS: Conner, Starring, Stanley ABSENT: Loyd and Wright

*Mayor Bahnsen for Collin Courmier – with Southland Construction for a permit for thirty days on the noise ordinance due to driving pilins in the ground the next few days. Motion was made by council member Starring and seconded by Conner and carried followed by a roll call vote. YEAS: Conner, Starring, Stanley ABSENT: Loyd and Wright

*Mayor Bahnsen tabled the discussion concerning water, sewer, garbage, and electric rates.

7. Donnie Bush was present and addressed the Mayor and Town Council regarding concerns he reported involving properties located at 401, 403, and 405 Highway 90 East, including concerns regarding a neighboring residence. Mr. Bush requested that the Town investigate the matters he presented to the Council. Mr. Bush also directed comments regarding the matter to Public Works Director Terry Vice.

*Chance Reveglia variance for aged mobile home address 1205 East St. Motion was made by council member Stanley and seconded by Starring and carried to grant the variance on aged mobile home.

*Council Member Diane Conner requested discussion regarding the potential establishment of a temporary moratorium on the development of new RV parks and mobile/manufactured home parks within the Town of Vinton. Council Member Conner stated that the Town may, at a later date, consider introducing an ordinance addressing such developments. She explained that the purpose of the discussion was to begin consideration of appropriate regulations and requirements for these types of developments while the Town continues to develop and implement its proposed regulatory program. Mayor Bahnsen stated that the Town is experiencing growth and expressed concern that a temporary moratorium

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authoring Mayor Smith to sign all documents to renew an agreement with Pipeline Integrity Partners, consultants for gas and pipeline safety. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to Introduce Ordinance No. 1012 and set a public hearing for October 13, 2026, for Beauregard Electric Coop franchise renewal. (BECI). All approved; motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown. All approved; motion carried.

ATTEST:
/s/Sherri Breaux
Secretary of the Council and City Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/Riley Smith
Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN:
/s/Cameron Smith
Run Date: 09/23/2026 (S-5)
Cost of Notice: \$60.00

could have the effect of delaying or limiting development within the Town. Mayor Bahnsen further stated that, to her knowledge, no specific duration or timeline had been established for a potential moratorium.

No action was taken by the Mayor and Town Council at this time.

* Council Member Lindsey Stanley expressed concerns regarding the development and implementation of a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Town of Vinton. Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen advised the Council that the Policy and Procedures Manual is currently being developed and that progress is being made toward its completion. Mayor Bahnsen further stated that she has been in communication with the Town of Vinton Magistrate regarding matters related to the development of the Policy and Procedures Manual.

*Nicole Miller with CPPJ wanted to address the Council and let them know about 100 families showed up here for information that was given to them on housing and transportation and much more information was handed out for assistance. It was a great turnout, and thanks for having them.

*Southland Construction will be working on I -10 driving Piland's needing a permit due to the town of Vinton's Noise Ordinance 8.5-130 6pm -7pm will be issued a permit for a noise ordinance for thirty days. Workers will start working this weekend.

*Celeigh Fontenot addressed the Council regarding the closure of Bayou Boom Fireworks and requested clarification on the requirements necessary to allow the business to resume operations, noting that all required permits have been issued.

Town Attorney Jared Watson advised that the owners request a variance to allow the business to remain open until the ordinance could be corrected.

A motion was made by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Starring to grant a variance for Bayou Boom Fireworks, located at 908 Center Street, to allow the business to continue operating pending correction of the ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Phillip Abshire CPA- arrived late at the meeting and a motion was made by council member Stanley and seconded by Conner to add him to the agenda to speak about the budget that will be adopted on September 30,2026.

8. Terry Vice, Director of Public Works, presented the Public Works Report.

9. Chief Chris Vice was not present at the meeting but had his reports for the council.

10. Chief Scott Spell presented the Police Department report and addressed the Council regarding the department's staffing needs. Chief Spell requested approval to hire two additional police officers. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by council member Starring and seconded by Council Member Stanley to hire Mr. Ford as a police officer with the Vinton Police Department. The motion carried.

A second motion was made by Council Member Starring and seconded by Council Member Stanley to hire Garret Dosir as a police officer with the Vinton Police Department. The motion carried.

11. Jared Watson, Town Attorney presented the Attorney Report and updates.

12. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Starring and seconded by Council Member Conner. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned
/s/BONNIE JO BAHNSEN, Mayor

/s/BRANDI PATIN, Town of Vinton Clerk

Run Date: Sept. 23, 2026 (S-6)
Cost of Notice: \$96.00

LHSC Child Safety
Seat Check set

On Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m - 12 p.m., Louisiana car seat technicians will be available in greater numbers to celebrate National Seat Check Saturday.

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's goal is to check every seat in the community. Let's go.

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MERRYVILLE HIGH School's 2026 Homecoming Court shown, left to right, are: Sophie Cooper, Demi Farris, Khyla Lott, Piper Robberson, Kassidie Wing, Kenli Anderson, Karis Fortenberry, Avery Cournoyer, Carrie Jarrell, and Brooklyn Rainwater.



2026 Merryville High School Varsity Football Team



2026 Merryville High School Band



2026 Merryville High School Varsity Cheer Squad

MHS Powderpuff Football Game

Merryville High School's Powderpuff Football Game is set for Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m. at the Merryville Football Field. Admission is \$5.

Powderpuff Court will be presented at half-time. Concessions will be available.

The PowderPuff is sponsored by the Merryville Girls Basketball.

Maroon Denim & Diamonds Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 26th

Merryville High School's Maroon Denim & Diamonds Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 7 - 10 p.m. at the MHS Cafeteria.

Dress Code is Jeans to Suits - Dress Your Style! Midriffs, buttocks and excessive cleavage must be covered.

Tickets and attendance

will be \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. Tickets will be on sale the week before the dance. MHS students in grades 8-12 are invited. Guest forms are available in the school office.



Day full of fun at Port Wonder

The Children's Museum at Port Wonder will host a day full of fun on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be STEM and art activities to DIY slime, games, a photobooth, food trucks, and so much more, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Stay tuned for more details! We can't wait to have a day full of fun with you! Bring the whole family and come Play, Create, Explore, and make some unforgettable memories.



MERRYVILLE HIGH School's Class of 1956 recently observed 70 years as MHS Grads! Shown, left to right, front row are: Lillian Karr, Marie Bennett, Liz G. Cooley, Isabella M Eaves, and Margaret J. Sibley; back row: Jerry Mason and Dale Young. 56 persons graduated; making it the largest graduating class of Merryville High. They have bought a bench and plaque to place at school to celebrate 70 years.



2026 Merryville High School Jr. High Football Team



2026 Merryville High School Jr. High Cheer Squad

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THE DEQUINCY Tigers football team and cheerleaders are shown singing their alma mater following their win over the Westlake Rams last Friday!
(Photo by Jake McCoy.)



SPORTS

BY JAKE MCCOY

jacobmccoy43@yahoo.com

TIGERS BEAT WESTLAKE IN A WILD COMEBACK!
Tigers beat Westlake in a wild comeback in what was shaping up to be a long night for the DeQuincy Tigers going into halftime down 21-10. However the Hometown Tigers came out in the second half with a never say die attitude scoring 14 unanswered points and completing one of the most memorable comebacks in program history. They defeated the Westlake Rams for the first time since 2016 by the final score of 24-21.

Those teams played extremely hard and laid everything out there on the field on Friday night!

Scoring Summary:
DQ: Chris Contreras 27 yard field goal.
WL: Dax Duhon 6 yard run (Duhon pass from Derrick Thompson)
WL: Thompson 63 yard punt return (Alicia Cuppens kick)
WL: Duhon 5 yard run ;kick failed)
DQ: Killian Denton 17 yard pass from Sley Gardner (Contreras kick)
DQ: Anyja Roy 20 yard run (Contreras kick)
DQ: Kahle Miller 2 yard pass from Gardner (Contreras kick).

Stats:
Rushing: Anyja Roy 21-82, Landon Joyce 11-52, Grant Rainwater 3-34, Sley Gardner 2-6.

Passing: Sley Gardner 10-27-0 for 106 yards.
Receiving: Anyja Roy 2-38, Jeremy Gatlin 2-25, Grant Rainwater 4-24, Killian Denton 1-17, Kahle Miller 1-2.
Final Score: DeQuincy 24, Westlake 21

DEQUINCY & ELTON MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME
For the first time ever, the DeQuincy Tigers and Elton Indians will officially meet on the gridiron this Thursday Sept. 24, in Elton.

Many folks have wondered throughout all these years that have passed why these two have never seemed to play each other with both schools being within reasonable proximity from each other. DeQuincy and Elton have played each other on multiple occasions in basketball, but that seems to be the only sport that the Tigers and Indians are familiar with each other.

DeQuincy is coming off of a crazy 24-21 comeback victory over Westlake while Elton survived a wild shootout on the road at Montgomery last week 44-40.

The Indians are led by their strong senior running back Makelin Lemoine who is currently committed to McNeese. Lemoine is a bowling ball when he has the ball in his hands and at times can be

very hard to contain. The DeQuincy defense is going to have to dig deep and find different ways to slow down Lemoine and hopefully limit him to minimal yardage. If they can do that, then it could be a long night for the Indians.

DeQuincy is aiming to even their season record to 2-2 and gain some momentum before heading into District play in a couple of weeks.

We encourage the community to head down Highway 190 to Elton on Thursday and support your Fighting Tigers!

SWLA WEEK 3 SCORES
Barbe 48, Cecilia 19
Rosepine 50, Basile 6
DeQuincy 24, Westlake 21
Newton 52, DeRidder 29
Many 31, East Beauregard 6
Elton 44, Montgomery 40
Grand Lake 32, Oakdale 8
Lake Arthur 21, Iota 19
Vidor 45, Iowa 42
Jennings 47, Welsh 28
Eunice 27, Kinder 12
St. Louis Catholic 42, LaGrange 16
LCCP 45, Sam Houston 31
Leesville 46, Tioga 36
Merryville 39, Northwood-Lena 8
Centerville 36, Oberlin 6
Delcambre 54, Pickering 0
Buna 37, South Beauregard 21
Sulphur 45, Pineville 42
Vinton 55, Washington Marion 12

SWLA WEEK 4 GAMES
Lafayette at Barbe
Port Barre at Basile
DeQuincy at Elton
Washington Marion at DeRidder
Lakeside at East Beauregard

Vinton at Grand Lake
Church Point at Iota
Iowa at Jennings
Kinder at LCCP
Peabody at LaGrange
Oakdale at Lake Arthur
Pineville at Leesville
Many at Catholic-Pointe
Coupee
Pickering at Merryville
Oberlin at Rosepine
Sam Houston at Sulphur
South Beauregard at St. Louis Catholic
Vermilion Catholic at Welsh
Westlake at South Terrebonne

DMS & LEBLANC GAME CANCELED
The DeQuincy Middle School football game scheduled for last week at LeBlanc was canceled due to severe weather. However, it was noted that the game will be rescheduled for a later date.

The DMS Tigers played the Molo Indians on Tuesday Sept. 22, during the time of publication. We will have stats on that game in next week's edition.

LSU LOSES HEARTBREAKER TO OLE MISS
Last Saturday in Oxford, Mississippi, the LSU Tigers took on the Ole Miss Rebels. One of the most anticipated games of the decade fueled by drama when former Rebels head coach Lane Kiffin decided to leave the program in November to take the LSU job. You can imagine how angry the Ole Miss faithful are right now and it will probably remain that way for quite some time.

LSU went into the game 2-0 coming off of blowout victories over Clemson and Louisiana Tech. However Heisman hopeful quarterback Trinidad Chambliss and his Ole Miss Rebels made an early statement against the visiting LSU Tigers with a huge half-time lead. LSU managed to make a valiant comeback tying the game 24-24 in the third quarter as the Tigers defense seemed to play jam defense. Unfortunately Ole Miss made some adjustments and found the end zone once more and then made the



DEQUINCY QUARTERBACK Sley Gardner is shown throwing a pass in the 4th quarter against Westlake.
(Photo by Dennis Duval.)

DHS Baseball schedule

The 2027 DeQuincy High Baseball Schedule has been announced. Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. *Indicates district games

Thursday, Feb. 4 at Westlake (Scrimmage) (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13 at Leesville (Scrimmage) (Away) TBA
Monday, Feb. 15 vs. Welsh (HOF Game) (Westlake) 6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18 at Sam Houston Jam. (Away) TBA
Monday, Feb. 22 at Pine Prairie (Away) 6 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27 Westlake Tournament (Home/Away) TBA
Tuesday, Mar. 2 vs. Westlake (Home) 4 & 6 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 4-6 DQ Tournament (Home) TBA
Monday, Mar. 8 at South Beau. JV Only (Away) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 9 at Pitkin (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 11-13 Rosepine Tournament (Away) TBA
Tuesday, Mar. 16 vs. South Beau. (Home) 4 & 6 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 18-20 Glenmora Tournament (Away) TBA
Monday, Mar. 22 vs. Merryville (Home) 5:30 p.m.
*Tuesday, Mar. 23 at East Beau. (Away) 5:30 p.m.
*Thursday, Mar. 25 vs. Vinton (Home) 4 & 6 p.m.
*Tuesday, Mar. 30 at Pickering (Away) 5 p.m.
*Thursday, Apr. 1 at Anacoco (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 2 at Grace Christian (Away) TBA
Monday, Apr. 5 at Lake Arthur (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
*Tuesday, Apr. 6 vs. Rosepine (Home) 4 & 6 p.m.
*Thursday, Apr. 8 vs. East Beau. (Home) 5:30 p.m.
*Tuesday, Apr. 13 at Vinton (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
*Thursday, Apr. 15 vs. Pickering (Senior Day) (Home) 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 16 at Zwolle (Away) 5 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 19 at Grandlake (Away) 5 p.m.
*Tuesday, Apr. 20 vs. Anacoco (Home) 4 & 6 p.m.
*Thursday, Apr. 22 at Rosepine (Away) 4 & 6 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 23 vs. Fairview (Home) 5 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 26 vs. Bell City (Home) 5 p.m.

McNEESE FALLS TO UTRGV
The McNeese State Cowboys traveled to deep south Texas this past weekend to take on Southland conference foe UT-Rio Grande Valley.

The Cowboys fell behind early and never could really catch up dropping their second conference game of the season by the final score of 27-10.

Now McNeese will turn their focus to the East Texas A&M Lions who will be coming into Navarre Stadium this Saturday with a similar 1-3 record but the Cowboys will be looking to grab a win and gain some momentum before traveling to Baton Rouge the following week to take on LSU.

Kickoff between the Cowboys and Lions is set for 6 p.m. in Lake Charles. Geaux Pokes!

REGIONAL NFL SCORES
Saints 24, Ravens 17
Bengals 20, Texans 6
Cowboys 37, Redskins 20



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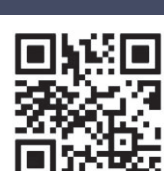
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