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LWFC Moves Forward with Monthly Commercial Menhaden Reporting Requirements

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At the September 1 meeting, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) passed a notice which will require commercial menhaden reduction fisheries to include fishermen's vessels, location and date caught, estimated harvest volume and length measurements monthly.

Menhaden are small silvery fish that possess a black spot behind their gill opening. According to the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, menhaden are harvested to develop Omega-3 human and animal supplements as well as fertilizers and blue crab and lobster bait.

Currently, the commercial menhaden reduction fishery summarizes their landings data to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) by monthly trip tickets and the NOAA Fisheries through captains' daily fishing re-

ports.

LWFC stated the proposed rule is mandated by the Louisiana Legislature's 2022 Regular Session's Act 759, allowing them the authority to enact such regulations in order to receive the information as an electronic spreadsheet. The reporting is anticipated to begin in May 2023.

In addition, the Act then directs LDWF to annually disclose the accumulated statistics to the Senate and House's Committees on

Natural Resources commencing on February 10, 2024. As per the state directive, confidential data will not be made public.

Those interested in expressing their concerns or commentary regarding the rule are asked to contact Jason Adriance, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, or via email at jadriance@wlf.la.gov prior to noon on Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Fundraiser for Phoenix High Band Director a Success

A fundraiser organized for Nicholas Wood, the Spanish teacher and Band Director at Phoenix High School, on August 27, was a huge success. Jambalaya and fish dinners were sold along with donations.

Mr. Wood was involved in a car accident recently in Belle Chasse that left him in critical condition. He is still hospitalized and fighting to get better.

"On behalf of the organizers, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unselfish contribution to the Nicholas Wood benefit dinner," said Dalon Bienemy, one of the organizers of the event. "Your donation helped us raise over \$5,000. This would have not been successful without your support. It's great when a community comes together to help one another in this time of need. Blessings!"



Nicholas Wood (far left) is pictured with some of his students.

Mr. Wood was recently in bad accident that left him in critical condition. A fundraiser was held on Aug. 27 for him and all money collected was donated to the family of Mr. Wood. Pictured on the right is one of the many supporters who helped to make this benefit a success.



2022 Orange Teen Queen & Orange Queen to be Crowned on Sept. 10

The 76th Annual Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival Teen Queen Selection will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 4 p.m. in the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium. The Orange Queen Selection will follow at 7 p.m. Entry fee: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. Teen Selection entry allows for Queen Selection entry with a wristband.

Best of luck to all participants in the selections! The 2022 Orange Festival royalty will be featured in the September 13th edition of *The Plaquemines Gazette*.



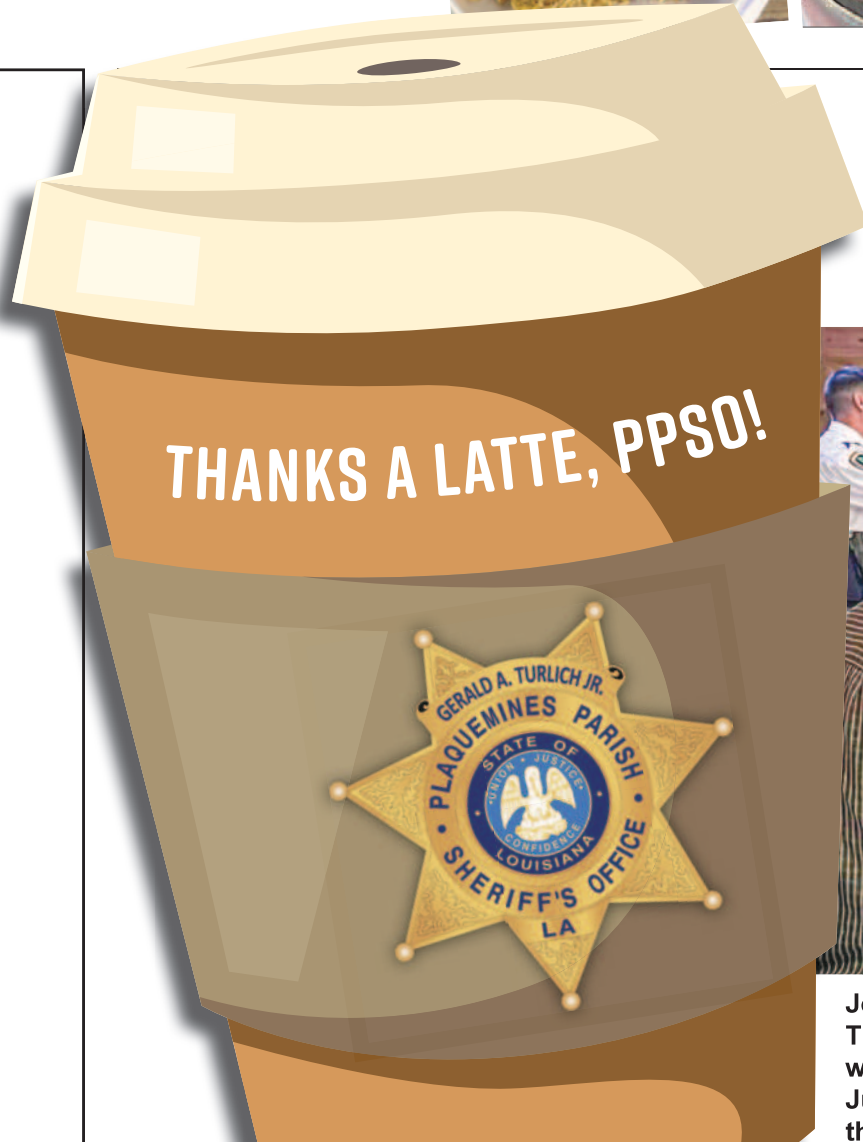
TC Energy Fnd. Contributes to Forest Restoration at Woodlands Conservancy

Woodlands Conservancy is thrilled to announce the addition of a new partner in forest restoration. Woodlands Conservancy recently received notice of their successful grant application during a conference call with representatives of the TC Energy Foundation. The grant of \$39,000 for "Forested Wetland Assessment and Restoration" will be used for forest restoration and citizen science monitoring at Woodlands Preserve.

Woodlands Conservancy actively works to preserve and restore 840-acres of forested wetlands in the Greater New

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Coffee with a Cop Set for September 8



Join the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office for "Coffee with a Cop" on Thursday, September 8, at the Fill-a-Sack (Pink Store) located at 12753 Highway 23 in Jesuit Bend from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. No agendas or speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers that serve our community.

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Orleans region. These forests protect local residents by serving as a natural sponge to absorb storm water run-off, provide a wind buffer to protect our homes and businesses, serve as a habitat corridor for resident wildlife and migratory birds and a recreational venue for the community.

"With the recent acquisition of the 650-acre Woodlands Preserve property," said Katie Brasted, Executive Director, "we are excited to move forward with major restoration activities knowing the property will be protected in perpetuity for the benefit of current and future generations." The grant from



Woodlands Conservancy was organized as a nonprofit land trust organization in 2001 to preserve and restore remaining forested wetlands and other ecologically or historically significant lands in Louisiana.

the TC Energy Foundation will partially match funding from Louisiana Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority and increase funded elements of Woodlands Conservancy's Forest Manage-

ment Plan. The project will focus on improving habitat for birds and enhancing public understanding of the benefit of land protection and restoration to the surrounding community. Outreach

and education via public engagement in citizen science and restoration activities will provide both habitat improvement and local involvement in forested wetland restoration.

BVES Welcomes all "Whoos Ready to Learn!"

Open House for Boothville-Venice Elementary School (BVES) took place on Thursday, August 25.

Maria Prout, principal of BVES, gave an introduction to faculty and staff as she welcomed parents and guardians to the 2022-2023 school year with the theme "Whoos Ready to Learn." She gave a brief overview of expectations and activities for the school year.

Parents visited various grade-level displays, school clubs, and parent organizations. Teachers shared daily schedules, an overview of the curriculum that will be implemented, homework tips, and helpful information.

Parents, students, and teachers were enthusiastic and eager to begin the 2022-2023 school year.

Save the date!

If there's an event or meeting you would like to include in this column, please call 504.392.1619 or email copy@plaqueminesgazette.com. Entries are limited to 100 words and some restrictions do apply.

**September 6
Plaquemines Historical Association Meeting**
Joanna Robinson with the Historic New Orleans Collection will make a presentation on historic artifacts on Plaquemines Parish in their collection at the Plaquemines Historical Association meeting on Tuesday, September 6, at the American Legion Hall located at 104 Hunt Street, Belle Chasse, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free, and the public is always invited.

**September 7, 14, and 21
Wonderful Webinar Wednesdays**
Join Families Helping Families in September for "Wonderful Webinar Wednesdays." They will be providing two training sessions each Wednesday on topics that are important to families with a child who has an IEP or 504 plan in school. Each live webinar is about one hour, either from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., or from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and covers a host of relevant topics:

- Sept. 7 - All About Tests and Assessments, and Special Education FAQ 1.0
- Sept. 14 - Accommodations v. Modification, and Special Education FAQ 2.0
- Sept. 21 - IEP v. 504, and Special Education FAQ 3.0

For more information or to register, call Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans at 504.888.9111 or visit their website at FH-FofGNO.org and click on the calendar under the training tab. The registration links are found on the calendar for each Wednesday.

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**September 10
Plaquemines Parish Recreation Football Evaluations**
Plaquemines Parish Recreation Department will hold Football Evaluations for Belle Chasse players only on Saturday, September 10, at Cypress Park Football Field located at 499 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse. Football evaluations will be held at 10 a.m. for 5/6 and 7/8-year-olds, and at 10:45 a.m. for 9/10 and 11/12-year-olds. Team selections will be held on Tuesday, September 13. For more information, call the Recreation Depart-

ment at 504.934.6960.

**September 10
Orange Festival Teen Queen and Orange Queen Selections**
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**September 10,
Oct. 8, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10
Youth Pokemon League Meeting**
The Bad Wolf's Youth Pokemon League is open to all Pokemon Masters ages 6 through 16 and at all levels of experience. Attendees are asked to bring their card decks. They will teach newbies how to play, and loan out decks to those who don't have their own. Meet new friends and play Pokemon together. The League will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10. The Bad Wolf is located at 1454 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse.

**September 13
Mass for Peace, Justice, and Healing at OLPH Church**
On Tuesday evening, September 13, at 7 p.m., Fr. Kyle Dave, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8968 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, will celebrate a special Mass for Peace, Justice, and Healing. Our communities continue to feel the effects of violence and its aftermath. This will be an opportunity to come together in worship and peace, to pray for those touched by violence, and to thank those who put themselves in harm's way in order to keep our neighborhoods safe and who tend to their needs every day. The liturgy will close with an Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Friends of all faiths are welcome to attend. Hospitality will follow afterward. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 504.394.0314 or email churchoffice@olphbc.org.

**September 14
4-H Chicken and Rabbit Club**
Are you interested in learning how to raise chickens or rabbits? Are you already raising them and want to learn more about their care? Then this is the club

for you. Plaquemines 4-H is starting a chicken and rabbit 4-H club. Youth in grades 2nd through 12th are invited to participate. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Belle Chasse Library located at 8442 Highway 23, Belle Chasse. For more information, email dlan-drum@agcenter.lsu.edu or call 504.934.6975.

**September 15
Exam Review: Private Pesticide Applicator**
A review for the Private Pesticide Applicator exam will be held on Thursday, September 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Docville Farm located at 5124 E. St. Bernard Highway, Violet. This is a review of the National Pesticide Applicator Core Manual. Perfect for those in need of a study session before taking the Private Pesticide Applicator Exam with LDAF. This is NOT the exam, merely a review of the material for new and returning licensed applicators. This event is being put on by the LSU AgCenter. The cost is \$30. This covers the price of the study manual and lunch. This fee does not cover the exam, which needs to be scheduled separately from this event at your convenience. Please register by September 10. To register, please send the following to atimmerman@agcenter.lsu.edu: name, address, phone, and dietary restrictions (if any).

**September 17
BUNCO Fiesta at the Buras YMCA**
Holy Guacamole! It's a Fiesta! The South Plaquemines YMCAs will be having BUNCO on Saturday, September 17, at 5 p.m. at the Buras YMCA located at 36342 Highway 11, Buras. Fiesta Facts: There will be a Taco Bar, 3 chances to win, win up to \$250, a 50/50 raffle, and a parade of prizes. Tickets are \$35 if pre-paid or \$40 at the door. Must be 21. For tickets, call 504.394.3775 or visit www.neworleans.recliqueeore.com/programs/93095/bunco

**September 29 - October 2
OLPH Fair**
The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fair is returning September 29 through October 2. It's going to be a "rocking" time! Stay tuned for more details.

**September 30
Hocus Pocus 2 at Bad Wolf**
The movie we've all been waiting for is FINALLY here! Join us on Friday,

September 30 starting at 7 p.m. for a very special movie premiere in our upstairs room. Enjoy themed cocktail and mocktail specials, unique movie snacks, or "dinner and a movie." Tickets: \$3 per person (and will be applied to any food or beverage purchases made the evening of the screening). Visit checkout.square.site/buy/6W7WVRKAVN-FVN6NVPZ2ZDN4V. If the ticket price is a barrier for you to attend, please reach out to alicia@thatbadwolf.com and arrangements will be made. Space is limited so reserve your seat now! Please be respectful of everyone who will be in attendance. Basic movie theater etiquette will be expected of all attendees. Children are welcome as long as they can sit still and watch the full movie without needing a distraction. Bad Wolf is located at 1454 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse. For more information, call 504.613.4887.

**October 1
BHS Coffee Meet**
All alumni of Buras High School Classes of 1928 to 2005 are invited to the annual Buras High School Coffee Meet on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. at the Lakeside Mall Food Court in Metairie. Come pass a good time and meet old friends and classmates.

**October 4
Plaquemines Historical Association Meeting**
A Plaquemines Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at the American Legion Hall located at 104 Hunt Street, Belle Chasse, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free, and the public is always invited.

**October 4
National Night Out Against Crime**
This year's National Night Out Against Crime will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 4. More information will be released

when made available.

**October 12
PABI to Host Candidates Forum**
The Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry (PABI) will sponsor a Candidates Forum for those vying for the office of Plaquemines Parish President and all council districts on Wednesday, October 12, at 6 p.m., at the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all PABI members and the general public. For more information, please call PABI at 504.393.2999.

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Owner

Kim Turlich-Vaughan
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Clerk of Court's Office, Plaquemines Parish Courthouse
18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache
Wednesday, August 10 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 8 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 22 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Clerk of Court's Office, Courthouse Annex Bldg., 301 Main St., Belle Chasse
Tuesday, August 9 - 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 11 - 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16 - 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 6 - 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 15 - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Plaquemines Parish Government Complex
28028 La. Hwy. 23, Port Sulphur
Wednesday, August 10 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 17 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14 - 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

THIS INSTRUCTION AND TESTING IS AVAILABLE ONLINE
Go to www.clerk25th.com/elections/poll-commissioners to take the class and sign up today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (504) 934-6610 or E-MAIL info@clerk25th.com.