

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Oct. 1 - Swamp Life Expo
Iberville Visitor's Center at I-10 in Grosse Tete
Oct. 8 - KC's Water Ceremony
Presentation of Evangeline and Indian Princesses, 6:30 p.m., Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park
Oct. 14-16 - Acadian Festival
Mike Zito Multipurpose Center
Oct. 16 - Acadian Festival Parade 10:30 a.m., Plaquemine
Oct. 22 - Election Day
Please vote!
Oct. 29 - 2nd Annual Fall Fest & Gumbo Cook Off
Mike Zito Multipurpose Center
Oct. 31 - Halloween
Nov. 6 - Daylight savings time ends - move clocks back 1 hour
Nov. 11 - Iberville Salute to Veterans 3 p.m., Iberville Veterans Memorial
Nov. 12 - Art in the City Weekend, Plaquemine Historic District

Site assessments underway for local medical facility

Iberville Parish is moving forward with federally required environmental and geotechnical impact assessments on the site chosen for a new parish emergency medical and ambulatory care center.

Iberville Parish signed a purchase agreement to buy 27.55 acres of property off La. Hwy. 1 near Senator Gay Boulevard in Plaquemine for construction of the new medical facility.

Ochsner accepts 47 insurance plans, including the major insurance plans in this area, so residents will not have to switch their insurance carriers to be able to get Ochsner services locally.

"This is a great step forward on this project," said Ourso. The parish is purchasing the property from Edward J. Gay Planting and Manufacturing Co., Ltd. for \$1,080,000.

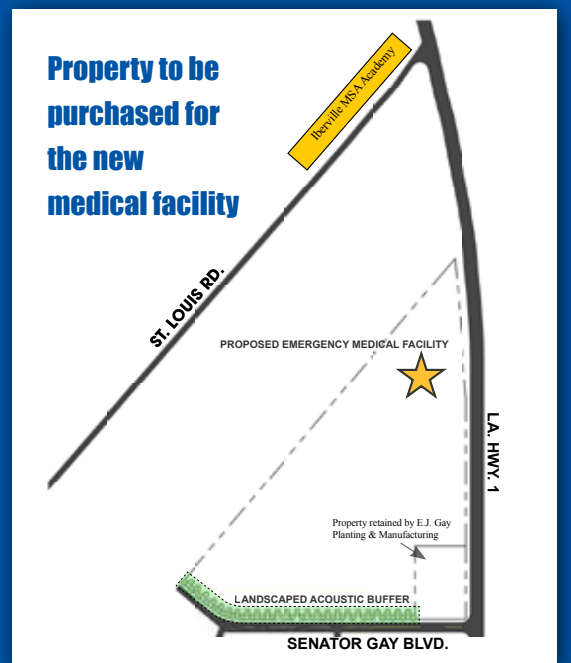
is in place, and because of its location on a high traffic highway, easy accessibility and adequate acreage.

Once the assessments are complete, the Louisiana Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit must approve the property and the project.

ville Parish Council's share of the \$44 million Hurricane Gustav recovery funds was \$22 million, with the rest going to the municipalities. The parish will use its \$22 million in funding, plus a \$3 million state appropriation, to build and equip the emergency medical facility.



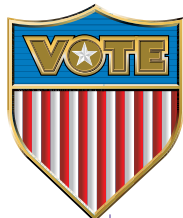
EMERGENCY FACILITY SITE GETS SIGN... Officials stand in front of the new sign at the site of the future emergency medical facility. Shown are, from left, Parish Council members Louis "Pete" Kelley and Ed Reeves, Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish Council Chair Matt Jewell, Ochsner CEO Mitch Wasden, and Parish Council members Henry "Buckett" Scott, Warren "T-Notchie" Taylor, Tim Vallet, Wayne Roy, Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr., and Terry Bradford.



October 22 election heats up

Iberville voters are urged to make their voices heard by voting in the October 22 election, which includes several hotly contested races. Absentee voting in the election will be held October 8 and October 10-15 at the Iberville Registrar of Voters Office in the Iberville Parish Courthouse on Meriam Street in Plaquemine.

Parish President: J. Mitchell Ourso Jr. Eugene P. Stevens Jr. O'neal "Elmo" Bosley



Clerk of Court: Ferante Dominique J. G. "Bubbie" Dupont Jr.

Assessor: Randy Sexton Therman E. Arnold Demetrius "Coach" Franklin Linda M. Johnson Glenn Patrick

Sheriff: Sheriff Brent Allain is retiring: Candidates include: Kevin "Butchie" Ambeau, Harold Brooks Jr. Michael "Coupella" Garvin Kevin Q. Goins Lionel Johnson Wyatt Neely Aubrey St. Angelo Jr. Brett M. Stassi Glynn Stassi

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October 22 election

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Iberville Parish Council district contested races:

District 1, White Castle area:
Kipp V. Knight
Glenn Sanders
Warren "T-Notchie" Taylor
Larry "Bubba" Williams

District 3, White Castle, Bayou Goula, Plaquemine areas:

Thomas E. Dominique Sr.
Henry J. "Bucket" Scott

District 4, Eastside, Carville area:

Joseph "Little Joe" Allen Jr.
Sunny Green
Leonard "Buck" Jackson

District 6, Plaquemine, Seymourville area:

Salaris Butler
Michael W. Jackson
Courtney P. Lewis

District 7, Plaquemine area:

Ty Arnold
Brandon Troy Mellieon
Councilman Howard Oubre Jr.

District 8, Plaquemine area:

Rob "Lil Soup" Kember
Hunter Markins
Guy Ruggerio

District 9, Plaquemine area:

Terry J. Bradford
David P. LoBue

District 10, Bayou Sorrel area:

Hubert Lynn Jones
Louis "Pete" Kelley
Keithen R. Pugh

District 11, Grosse Tete area:

Paul E. Kleinpeter
Tim Vallet

District 12, Maringouin area:

Matthew H. "Matt" Jewell
Garrick Scott
Sam W. Watson

District 13, Eastside:

Bart Morgan
Wayne M. Roy

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) District 3:

Lottie Polozola Beebe
Glenny Lee C. Buquet

BESE District 8:

Russell Armstrong
Jimmy "Jim" Guillory
Caroline Hill
Domoine D. Rutledge

La. Legislature:

Iberville is split among two senatorial districts and three House districts

New Senate District 2:

Elton M. Aubert
Michael "Mike" Bell
Troy E. Brown
Alfred "Al" Carter
George L. Grace Jr.
Zaine "The Queen" Kasem

Senate District 17:

Larry Thomas
Rick Ward III

House District 58, includes southern and eastern parts of the parish:

Dwayne "Gully" Bailey
Gail Holland
Ed Price

House District 60, includes central Iberville:

Jason A. Morris
Karen St. Germain

Governor:

David Blanchard
Leonard "Lenny" Bollingham
Ron Ceasar
Cary J. Deaton
Tara Hollis
Bobby Jindal
William Robert "Bob" Lang Jr.
Scott Lewis
Niki Bird Papazoglakis
Ivo "Trey" Roberts

Lieutenant Governor:

Jay Dardenne
Billy Nungesser

Secretary of State:

Tom Schedler
Jim Tucker

Attorney General:

James D. "Buddy" Caldwell
Joseph Cao

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry:

Belinda "B" Alexandrenko
Jamie LaBranche
Mike Strain

Getting better with age



Some companies considered Donald Thymes past his prime, but The Dow Chemical Company recognized his skills and hired him. Donald respected that culture so much that he encouraged his son, Derrick, to apply with Dow. Now the Thymes family is among the many families who are proudly providing generations of great chemistry at Dow.



Amerchol, ANGUS, Grand Bayou Operations, Louisiana Operations, St. Charles Operations, Weeks Island

Also on the ballot are 5 constitutional amendments. For information on the amendments, see www.la-par.org

Increasing pet adoptions



It took a 12-year-old and Craig's List to offer a little hope for dogs and cats at the Iberville Animal Shelter. St. Gabriel resident Cecile McClure was told about a woman who found two puppies and got them adopted quickly by putting them on Craig's List. She decided to try the same thing with animals at the parish

shelter.

Photos are taken of several animals each week, and she posts them on Craig's List, with a description of each animal. It helps that the animals are spayed or neutered and vaccinated prior to adoption, so it costs nothing to adopt a pet through the program. Six animals were adopted in the first month since the program began.

The Iberville Animal Shelter euthanized 1,635 animals over the past year, so this effort by Cecile to save some of the animals is commendable. Cecile is the daughter of Dr. Ray McClure and Dr. Angie Samson of St. Gabriel, and the grand daughter of Madeleine Samson of Plaquemine.



COMMUNITY CENTER ON SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER COMPLETION...

Construction of the North Iberville Community Center is about 50 percent complete and is expected to be completed by the end of December. The 10,000 square foot building, costing \$3 million, is being constructed in Rosedale and will serve the north Iberville communities of Maringouin, Grosse Tete and Rosedale. The parish obtained \$2.25 million for the project from the state through the efforts of State Sen. Rob Marionneaux and State Rep. Karen St. Germain, and the parish is funding the remainder of the project. The facility will include a raised stage, commercial kitchen, restrooms, office, two meeting rooms and a covered entrance, along with 200 parking spaces.



Hurry!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF VETERAN PHOTOS FOR THE IBERVILLE WALL OF VETERANS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!

Go to www.ibervilleparish.com for more information!

IBERVILLE SALUTE TO VETERANS — Veterans Day — Friday, November 11, 3 p.m.

Choctaw sewer project complete, Bruceville project underway

Construction on the \$1.2 million sewer improvement project in the Choctaw Road (La. Hwy. 1148) area south of Plaquemine was completed in July. And, a \$650,000 project to run sewer lines to some 45 homes in the Bruceville area, near the Mike Zito Multipurpose center south of Plaquemine, is underway.

CHOCTAW ROAD PROJECT:

The parish funded this sewer improvement project, which included upgrades of two existing sewer pumping stations, one mile of new force main piping, and the installa-

tion of a new 80,000 gallon sewer treatment plant with tertiary filter to eliminate the outdated sewer oxidation ponds in the area.

These sewer improvements, as outlined in the parishwide sewer study, will provide the capacity for proper sewer treatment of all existing residential development, as well as treatment plant expandability for future growth in the area.

Approximately 80 existing customers in Timberlanes Trailer Park and 186 new customers in the Choctaw Trailer Park were impacted by the sewer improvement project. The

new customers will be serviced by the Iberville Parish Utility Department. Existing oxidation ponds will be closed and properly rehabilitated as part of the project.

BRUCEVILLE PROJECT:

The parish obtained a \$500,000 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for the sewer improvement project in Bruceville, and is adding approximately \$150,000 in parish funds for the project. A new pump station and sewer lines will be run from the sewer treatment plant located near

the Mike Zito Multipurpose Center to approximately 45 homes in the Bruceville area on the following streets: Bruce, 1st, 2rd, 3rd, 4th, Folse and Dublieux.

The project began in July and is expected to be completed in March, 2012. The sewer lines will be run to residents' property and they will be responsible for connecting to the system; but residents who meet low income guidelines will be connected through the grant funds. The engineering firm for this project is Forte & Tablada, Inc.



Saturday, October 1 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Iberville Parish Visitors Center • I-10 at Grosse Tete

- Swamp Art including Local Oil Paintings, Woodworking, Handcrafts, and Taxidermy
- Local Fishing Techniques and Demonstrations
- Vintage "Putt-Putt" Boats
- Ecological Awareness and Education
- Samples of Local Cuisine and Dessert
- Live Music

The official kickoff of Louisiana's "Experience Atchafalaya Days"

Plaquemine

Customers seeing benefits of electrical system improvements

Plaquemine City Light & Water has spent well over \$1 million in the last three years making numerous improvements to the electrical system, and customers are now seeing the benefits in improved reliability and better system operation, noted Mayor Mark “Tony” Gulotta.

Gulotta and Utilities Director Ronnie Rockforte said the city has spent more than \$500,000 over the last two years cutting back tree limbs around power lines and taking down numerous troublesome trees. This work has significantly helped reduce outages from crashing tree limbs knocking out power lines.

In addition, the city has an ongoing program of increasing the capacity of circuits and providing the city with the capability to switch circuits in emergency situations. A major part of this program is increasing the wire size of electrical lines in numer-

ous areas of the city.

In the spring of 2011, a project to increase the capacity of circuits was completed in north Plaquemine. This project increased reliability of electrical power, and also allows the city to get most customers back on line very quickly after an outage, even when repairs are being made in the area. Another project to increase wire size and provide the capability to switch circuits is underway now in the Orange Street/Iberville Motors area in north Plaquemine.

Another \$2.5 million will be spent in the south Plaquemine area, which includes St. Louis Subdivision to the Iberville Math, Science and Arts Academy, to upgrade lines, increase capacity, and also to tie in the city’s proposed new sewer treatment system and the proposed new medical facility off La. Hwy. 1 in south Plaquemine. This project is expected to begin in early 2012.

The city will also begin another project soon to add lighting and

electrical power on the new extension of Enterprise Boulevard near Wal-Mart.

“We have worked very hard to improve the electrical system for customers, and customers are now seeing fewer electrical outages, and

more reliable power,” noted Mayor Gulotta. “Having local control of our electric system means we can address specific area needs better and quicker, and that is what we are doing.”



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\$15 million road improvement project to be completed by end of September

The last of the streets in Plaquemine’s \$15 million road improvement project are now being completed, with work on Railroad Avenue now underway. By piecing the project and requiring separate, set prices on asphalt and concrete early in the project, the city was able to save significantly and add roads to the project. One example was the additional asphalt overlay of Railroad Avenue. The original project called for just repair of the cement where necessary. Once the project is complete, the city will have improved and overlaid almost every street in Plaquemine.

St. Gabriel

Mayor Johnson brings different vision to St. Gabriel

New St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson Jr., who took office in July, has been busy with new initiatives. “It’s always been a personal goal of mine to be in a position where I could help my people,” the St. Gabriel native said.

An educator at heart, Johnson came to his new position from the Louisiana Department of Education, where he was an educational

technology consultant and program administrator of the Louisiana Educational Leaders’ Induction Program. His background, which also includes stints as a teacher and principal, gives him a unique perspective in guiding St. Gabriel into a purposeful and progressive future.

The 36-year-old Johnson wants to see “deliberate growth” for his

community with its close proximity to Baton Rouge. He would also like to improve St. Gabriel’s infrastructure, utilizing grants and collecting a 1-cent sales tax that will be implemented within the next few months to complete road repairs and to improve the wastewater system.



Lionel Johnson addresses an Iberville Chamber of Commerce meeting held in St. Gabriel

of area business and industry, the Iberville Chamber of Commerce and religious leaders.

He practices an “open door” policy, and welcomes citizen input. During the month of October, he will hold town hall meetings every Monday morning for constituent input.

In August, Johnson organized a retreat for the St. Gabriel City Council and administrative staff to establish goals and empower employees to participate in leadership.

“We’re still in the transition stage,” he said. “I’m only the second mayor in St. Gabriel’s history, and the first served for 17 years. One of the challenges is showing our citizens my perspective and that there is more than one way of leading.”

“We must be cautious and deliberate about how we grow, but still bring the human services conveniences to our city,” he said, adding that he would like to entice businesses like grocery and drug stores, dry cleaners and construction companies to the bedroom community.

In the few months since taking office, Johnson has already begun building relationships with heads

Mayor Johnson and his assistant Constance Barbin review his initiatives and plans for the City of St. Gabriel.



The model of a great school partner — East Iberville-INC

Schools across this region may be clamoring for businesses to get involved with their programs, but that is not the case in East Iberville. For many years, East Iberville School has enjoyed the active involvement of East Iberville-INC (Industry Neighbor Companies), including both volunteer work and donations to numerous programs.

East Iberville-INC has contributed significantly to advances at the school and to programs that help students; and now that the Iberville Math, Science and Arts Academy East campus has opened, it is also receiving the attention of the organization.

East Iberville-INC is made up of industry companies in East Iberville, including Mexichem Fluor, Olin, PCS Nitrogen, Syngenta Crop Protection, Taminco, TOTAL, and Williams Olefins. Its mission is to develop, coordinate, and enhance good neighbor relationships to improve the east Iberville community.

One of the most significant of its many donations has been to Career Compass for career counseling of all high schools students at both East Iberville High and the Iberville MSA Academy East campus. The Career Compass program, which educates and empowers high school students to pursue post-secondary education and training, is funded by the parish for seniors. East Iberville-INC provides funding for the program for 9th through 11th graders.

Another of its big projects is funding PTEC (process technology) scholarships annually, which provide local seniors with an opportunity to end up working at a local industry.

Other contributions include the purchase of commercial grade kitchen equipment for its student-run Tiger Paw Café, special projects, training students to help residents with simple tax returns, purchasing Character books for kindergarten and first graders to promote reading, purchasing student planners for older students, supporting the Quiz Bowl, sponsoring a positive behavior program, providing a defibrillator for the school, school supplies and supplies for fund-raisers, hosting Parent Night events, and more.

In addition, East Iberville-INC has provided volunteer assistance to East Iberville School for years in the form of tutors for students, sessions on job and interviewing skills for students, hosting an annual teacher appreciation luncheon for teachers and Parent Night events, and other programs.

“We are now also getting involved with Iberville MSA Academy,” said East Iberville-INC Chairman Trudy Myers.

“We believe one of the most significant ways to do that is to assist in educating our students and helping them understand the importance of further education after high school in order to obtain a good job,” said member Kit Janis.



CHARACTER BOOKS... Kindergarten and first grade students love receiving their Character Books because the books include the students' names. The books are designed to promote reading and are given annually by East Iberville-INC.



YOUNG LEADERS... Shown on the front row from left are Iberville students selected for the Youth Leadership program. They are Natalie Orcino, St. John; Tarra Poor, Plaquemine High School; Marlana Stewart, East Iberville; Shetamian Wilson, White Castle High; and, Kenli Doss, MSA West. On the back row are Superintendent P. Edward Cancienne, PetroLogistics Midstream President/CEO Allen Kirkley, Kal Laviolette of PetroLogistics, and Brian Willis.

Students gain from LSU program

Five student leaders from Iberville Parish public and parochial schools participated in the award-winning LSU Louisiana Youth Leadership program this past summer, an experience that the students say changed their lives.

Only 200 students throughout Louisiana are selected to participate in this program. PetroLogistics Midstream, an Iberville Parish oil and gas services firm, expressed an interest in supporting education to Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., who connected them with Iberville School Board Member Brian Willis and Academic Officer Elvis J. Cavalier. Willis and Cavalier recommended that PetroLogistics sponsor the students in the program.

“PetroLogistics Midstream President and Chief Executive Officer Allen Kirkley, said “We are committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate and believe LYS was an exceptional opportunity, as it focuses on developing leadership skills in our youth,” said Kirkley.

Community Stakeholders getting involved in East Iberville School

East Iberville School is involving the community in its goals for student success. Its outreach program now has community advisors who play a part in supporting the school's goals of promoting academic success for its students.

The first meeting of EI Stakeholders was held recently, said Dr. Michael Eskridge, principal. The members are Howard Georgetown, Office of East Iberville and pastor; Jessie Thomas, Kiwanis; Eveline Mellieon, community leader; Melvin Lodge and Nancy Broussard, Iberville Parish School Board; Victor Kirk, St. Gabriel Health Clinic; Lora Weathersby, leader; Emma Smith, Iberville Bank; Rev. Alex Robertson, minister; Melvin Hasten, councilman; Kristi LaMattery and Caylyne Mack, Big Buddy;

Flora Danielfield, Councilwoman; Joseph Meynsse and Bobbie Remble, Southern University; Catherine William, St. Gabriel Health Clinic board; Deborah Alexander, Councilwoman; Leman Raphael and Shantel Zanders, City of St. Gabriel; Constance Barbin, Office of Mayor; Kevin Ambeau, Chief of St. Gabriel Police; Lionel Johnson, St. Gabriel Mayor; Kit Janis, East Iberville-INC.; David Roshoto, St. Gabriel Truckstop; local pastors Reverends E. Harris, J. Wilson; Wayne Brown, Club 220; Debra Jones, YWCA, and Councilman Freddie Frazier.

“These leaders are volunteers who provide on-going and focused assistance by enhancing our students' achievement.” said Dr. Eskridge.

Maringouin

Town honors 9/11 responders

An inspiring and patriotic memorial was erected on Sept. 11 in the Town of Maringouin to recognize firefighters and first responders who perished 10 years ago in the terrorist attack of New York City.

Maringouin Fire Chief Mickey Gaudet said the 24-member fire department unanimously opted to participate in the memorial “to honor our fallen comrades.”

The display featured 50 outdoor pewter frames bearing the names of individual firefighters who died during the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The frames, which cost \$250 total, were mounted on stakes, and assembled in seven rows across and seven rows down. A lone frame was situated in the middle.

“No matter how you view it, it looks like soldiers lined up,” Gaudet added. Proceeds from the program, initiated by a Minnesota fire department, will benefit a

scholarship fund for the children of the 343 fallen firefighters and first responders of the New York Fire Department.

The memorial also included two small American flags with yellow ribbons honoring Shanna Robertson and Carson Trusclair, Maringouin firefighters who died in the line of duty.

A specially designed American flag, made using a 200-year-old spun cotton technique, was donated by Harriet Lard of Maringouin, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Iberville Parish Chapter. The flag was designed to honor first responders who perished on 9/11 and bears the names of all 343. It was flown near the memorial and will remain on permanent display in the Maringouin Fire Department.

Next year, the Fire Department intends to purchase another 50 frames to honor additional first responders who were lost on 9/11.

Shown at a ceremony on 9/11 at the site of the memorial are, from left: Sam Watson, Fire Chief Michael Gaudet, Asst. Chief Sam Robinson and Julie Gaudet.



The Daughters of the American Revolution presented a flag to the Town of Maringouin in memory of those who perished in the 9/11 attack in New York City. Pictured at the flag presentation are, (sitting) Mayor John Overton Sr.; and, from left, Harriet Lard and Beryl Glaser, representing the Iberville Parish Daughters of the American Revolution; and Fire Chief Mickey Gaudet.

Grosse Tete

Residents to see beefed up patrols

With the addition of a new part-time deputy to the Village of Grosse Tete Police Department, citizens and visitors will see a ramped up emphasis on law enforcement.

“We want to address areas of concern in the community and provide a renewed emphasis on traffic and safety,” according to Police Chief Tommy Dardenne.

In addition to Dardenne, the Police Department includes Assistant Chief Lansing Snell, part-time officer Eric Tankersley and now James Lewis. The addition of another part-time officer is also being considered.

“We’ll be stepping up patrols,” said Mayor Michael Chauffe. He added that village officials have recently added speed bumps on Bayou Road as a result of complaints about speeders. Drivers should also be aware of school zones and other laws, like those related to hunting

season, all-terrain vehicles and selling scrap metal.

Effective on Aug. 15, a new state statute requires more documentation for individuals attempting to sell scrap metal. “The law basically requires more documentation and makes it easier to enforce and track,” Chauffe said.

Although the issue hasn’t been a critical one, Dardenne said law enforcement officials are seeing the sale of scrap metal across Iberville Parish and want to prevent it from worsening.

Dardenne and Chauffe agreed that the increased enforcement should be seen as a means to protect citizens and create a safe environment for their families. “We want the public to know that we’re their friends. If they issue the call, our Police Department will be there,” Chauffe said.



The Grosse Tete Police Department officers are shown above. They are, from left, Chief Tommy Dardenne, police officers James Lewis and Eric Tankersley, and Assistant Chief Lansing Snell.

White Castle

New programs come from involving community leaders

This summer, the Town of White Castle initiated new programs, including the Summer Enrichment Program that serviced 92 students at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic School building. The mayor & The Rev. Joey Angeles met in January to tour the school, Father Joey met with his parishioners and from there the

Summer Enrichment Program came to fruition. More than 40 teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers and citizens volunteered their time for the 4-week summer program.

Mayor Williams also met with all pastors, ministers, and evangelists of the area for a community leaders meeting. The meeting focused on

discussing concerns, issues, and future plans to improve the town. Some topics included renovations

to downtown, recruiting more businesses, education, and ways to obtain more revenue for the town.



Pictured at the Ribbon Cutting for the new White Castle Town Hall are (front row, from left) Iberville Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso Jr., the Rev. Marcus O'Bear, State Rep. Elton Aubert, (back row, from left) Donaldsonville Mayor Leroy Sullivan, Alderman Jonathan Greene, Mayor Jermarr Williams, Alderwoman Dionne Lewis, Chief of Police Mario Brown, Alderwoman Barbara O'Bear, Alderman Garnell Young, Alderman John Barlow and former Alderman Erick Batiste.



Participating in the Community Health Fair sponsored by the WCHS Class of 1984, held at White Castle Community Center in August, are (bottom row, from left) Gregory Washington, Rachelle Johnson, Michael Morris, (middle row, from left) Dolly Thompson, Cordealia Brooks, Josie Thomas, (top row, from left) Malessa Young, Marko Dellock and Stacey Adler.

Rosedale

Grants funds progress in Rosedale

A three-year construction program is coming to a close as the Village of Rosedale completes the restoration of two public buildings. But officials are already implementing more community improvements.

Mayor Lawrence "Football" Badeaux says the village is funding the projects with about \$2.6 million in grants. Included among the projects are the completed restoration of a former grocery store as a community center on Highway 77 and its

neighbor, an old fire station which will become a museum.

The project was paid for with about 90 percent grant funds, including a \$25,000 grant from the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP). Two previous grants totaling \$85,000 were also tapped to repair the community center's roof, restore its foundation and install new doors, windows, flooring, electrical wiring and air conditioning. A kitchen and restroom were also added.

The fire station, built in the late 1950s, sustained damage from Hurricane Gustav, and received a new roof and other repairs thanks to a FEMA grant. It now houses a circa 1958 fire truck and will eventually include

antique fire equipment and memorabilia from the village's extensive historical archives.

The Village Hall has also gotten



The old firehouse, built in the late 1950s, has been repaired and will soon become a museum housing fire memorabilia and village archives.



The Village of Rosedale's Council Chamber was recently updated with a fresh coat of paint and a new dais where councilmen can conduct their business.



Renovations at a former grocery store, located on Hwy. 77, are now complete and the building is ready for use as Rosedale's Community Center.

a facelift, with a freshly painted council chamber and a new dais where council members will conduct meetings. An unused jail cell has been converted to an office for Rosedale's police chief.

Badeaux says upcoming projects include a \$900,000 water tower, which will soon be put out for bid.

A \$25,000 Community Water Enhancement Grant will be allocated to water line enhancement along Highway 411, another \$520,000 grant will be used for housing rehabilitation; and a \$363,600 grant plus \$121,000 in village funds are set for the Hurdle Road drainage project.



Sheriff Allain taps St. Angelo as Chief of Operations

When Sheriff Brent Allain announced his retirement after 40 years in law enforcement, he wanted a right hand man to help ease the transition to new leadership.

So, he appointed his Narcotics Task Force Commander Capt. Aubrey St. Angelo to the role of Chief of Operations. "Aubrey exemplifies all of the qualities that I hold in high regard," Allain says. "He has been in law enforcement for 14 years and he has excelled since day one."

The 33-year-old Iberville native joined the Sheriff's Office with an auxiliary commission as a teenager. While attending the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana-Lafayette) he discovered that he had a love for law enforcement and decided to join the Sheriff's Office full-time.

"My dad had worked in law enforcement and discouraged me," St. Angelo says. "But, I don't have to make a lot of money to be happy or rich. I found my passion in this career."

He quickly rose up the ranks

from a uniform patrolman to lead the Highway Interdiction Team, and then was named Task Force Commander for the Narcotics Task Force in 2008.

St. Angelo, the father of two children, was recently accepted to the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy, but turned down the appointment to run for sheriff of Iberville Parish.

"It says a lot about this young man that he chose to stay here," Allain notes. "Only 45 out of thousands of applicants are accepted. And he turned it down because of his honor and loyalty."

St. Angelo made the decision to stay in Iberville Parish shortly after Allain announced his retirement. The Sheriff had invited St. Angelo to his house to break the news.

"I figured he needed help moving something. When he told me he was going to retire, I felt the blood rush right out of my body. He told me that I've always been the guy he could go to when he needed it and that



Chief of Operations Aubrey St. Angelo with Sheriff Brent Allain

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Capt. Aubrey St. Angelo



he wanted to leave the parish with someone the citizens could count on," St. Angelo says. "Sheriff Allain holds a sense of security for our residents and strives for professionalism. I admire his leadership."

St. Angelo says Allain is his role model, which is one reason he's turned down offers to leave the parish for other law enforcement positions.

Qualified as an expert witness in criminal court, St. Angelo also has undertaken extensive training and continuing education, including subjects like counter terrorism, drug asset forfeiture and hazard material

awareness.

St. Angelo has received commendations from Acadian Ambulance for life-saving assistance, as well as citizen commendations for burglary solving. In 2005, he was named Citizen of the Year by the local American Legion Post. He is also a member of the Iberville Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Program.

When he is away from his job, St. Angelo enjoys spending time with his wife, Destiny, who works in the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division, and children, 16-year-old Alexis and 3-year-old Aubrey Joseph.