

Cadets Graduate on January 31st

Eighteen cadets graduated from the Lafourche Parish Regional Training Academy on January 31st. We wish these new law enforcement officers our best as they embark on their new careers.



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CRAIG WEBRE, SHERIFF



Webre Wins Re-election by Wide Margin

By Larry Weidel

On Saturday, October 20th, Sheriff Craig Webre won a fifth term by garnering more than 65% of the vote against four opponents. He defeated his nearest challenger by almost a three to one margin and the second challenger was behind more than ten to one.

The local election process was somewhat marred by attack ads paid for by a group from Lafayette that called themselves "CLAW" (Citizens of Lafourche Against Webre). "The margin increased because I had to face so many unscrupulous and inaccurate attacks," Webre said. "I was inundated by people telling me 'We're not going to let someone

from Lafayette come in and corrupt the election process."

The group failed to report to the Election Commission who their contributors were. This is a violation of the ethics code.

A large group of supporters, employees, family and friends gathered at a hall in Raceland to celebrate along with the Sheriff. This is where votes were tallied and periodic reports were made to the excited crowd as the results drifted in. After the votes were counted and Webre's re-election was confirmed, everyone relaxed from the long campaign and had a good time.

65%
VICTORY

Christmas Bicycle Giveaway, Another Success

By Larry Weidel

This year we were able to distribute 237 Christmas bikes throughout Lafourche Parish, Grand Isle, and even a few in Terrebonne Parish.

Trustees work on repairing and refurbishing bikes for several months before Christmas. All the work is done at the South Lafourche Sub-station. Piecing together parts of old bikes, fixing kick stands & chains, painting and pumping air in tires are the chores the trustees take on

in a good spirit. They work on their time off the regular jobs they have and most seem to appreciate the opportunity to "give something back" to the community.

In Grand Isle, Chief Dill and Mayor David Comardelle delivered bikes to kids on the island, on a cold windy rainy day. Everyone got soaking wet but enjoyed the experience. In Thibodaux, Sgt. Elliot Day and his Explorers helped give out the bikes.

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Spotlight on our WONDERFUL Tax Collectors

By Larry Weidel

Contrary to the image portrayed in books and movies, the "Tax Collectors" in the Sheriff's Office are some very nice people. The chore of collecting over \$60 million in ad valorem taxes falls on the shoulders of three people. During the crunch, help arrives, but for the most part, Annette Every, Wayne Foret, and Becky Chabert are responsible for collecting the majority of the taxes paid in Lafourche Parish.



Annette Every

Annette Every, a veteran of 19 and a half years in the Thibodaux office, is the Deputy Tax Collector for the Sheriff's Office. She started in the tax department and never left. "I really enjoy what I do," said Annette. "Besides collecting property taxes, we collect traffic fines & cash bonds, issue liquor licenses, issue tax certificates, and disburse payments to taxing bodies throughout the parish," she added. "Last year we collected approximately \$57 million and will take in about \$62 million this year."



Wayne Foret

Wayne Foret, who has been on the job for the past 3 years worked in the Sheriff's Office before and then left for greener pastures He is from Raceland but now makes his home in Thibodaux. Besides collecting taxes, Wayne had experience as a bailiff and process server when he worked for the Sheriff's Office before leaving for about 20 years. After collecting property taxes, Wayne works on delinquent notices and the tax sale that takes place in June. The most frequent complaint is that citizens don't like receiving their tax notices before Christmas. "But, these same people would probably complain no matter when the tax notices went out," he said. Wayne likes to help out with charitable causes even to the point of shaving his head to raise over \$500 for the Relay for Life a couple of years ago.



Becky Chabert

Becky Chabert has been with the Sheriff's Office for 23 years now, working in the South Lafourche office, collecting taxes, fines, etc. The South Lafourche Sub-station is the only other place to pay ad valorem taxes besides Thibodaux. This year it looks like she will collect over \$9 million in property taxes. "I like my job," Becky says. "It's like visiting with old friends when they come in to pay their taxes every year." Becky is a lifelong resident of Cut Off and working for the Sheriff's Office is the only job she has ever had. The Assessor's Office is in the same building and if anyone comes in with a tax problem, Becky points them in that direction. "We don't get many complaints," she said. "But sometimes the people just want to have someone they can talk to." "I especially enjoy working with the older citizens."

Scuttlebutt

By Christie Pepper

Baby Bragging News

Dty Chris Guidry and Communications Shift Supervisor Dty. Cammie Boudreaux became the proud parents of **Ace Jacob Guidry**, on December 27th. Ace weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Baby Ace's godparents are our very own **K-9 Dty. Angela Scott-Guillot** and **Narcotics agent Josh Barbera**. Wanna guess what he will want to be when he grows up?



Booking officer Mandy Naquin became the proud mother of **Cayden James Chiasson** on January 23rd. Cayden weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.

SRO Brandon Percle and his wife **Brandy** became the proud parents of **Karleigh Alexa** on January 6th. Karleigh weighed 7 lbs.

Detective Christian Eagan and his wife, **Jami** became the proud parents of **Sophie Elizabeth** on January 22nd. Sophie weighed 6 lbs. 8oz. and was 18.5 inches long.

Kitty LeBlanc (Civil Processing) welcomed her first grandchild on 9-11-2007. **Berlynn Duran Granier** is the daughter of her oldest son, **Brady** who lives in California. Kitty, the proud grandmother, spoils her beautiful new granddaughter every chance she gets. Little Berlynn's godfather is the one and only **Ryan Seacrest**, and we are sure that one day she will be "The Next American Idol."

Our very own **PIO, Larry Weidel** became a grandfather for the 8th time to little **James** on the week before Thanksgiving. James was born 5 weeks early weighing only 4 lbs. We are happy to say that James is now weighing 11.5 lbs. and already kicking field goals. Hmmm, Larry do we have a future Martin Anderson on our hands?

Sgt. Dennis Gordon became a grandfather for the 5th time this year to **Callie Raiford**. Little Callie was chosen by WYNK's Scott Innes to be on numerous billboards for an advertising campaign. Callie's older brother **Connor** is also going to be on a few Saturday morning kid shows this season produced by Warner Brothers.

On the Move...

Lt. Jeremy Granier moved to the Training Academy to become the director of training, he is also still in charge of the homeland security section. He is left to carry on the "Granier Boys" legacy all on his own here at L.P.S.O.

Dty. Nichole Boura is now the supervised visitation coordinator. Things are well on their way with this project.



Since **Kathy Lagraize** is retiring this year, **Dawn Lamkins** was promoted to supervisor of the Records Section.

Capt. Brown, Lucy Morvant, and Gretchen Toups will also be leaving our agency soon. All will be missed.

The traffic division would like to welcome **Barry Hebert "BT"** who just recently joined their division.

Communications would also like to welcome **Daniel Grimes** and **Kayla Granier** to their section. They also wanted to let everyone know that **Dianna Rousse** is recovering well at home after her surgery on December 27th.

Did You Know?

Relay for Life will be Friday, April 4, 2008 at NSU beginning at 7 PM. If anyone would like to join our team they can contact **Nancy Comardelle** (449-4458) or **Angela Stewart** (449-4422). Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers.

Best of luck to **Captain Aaron Arabie, Lt. Detective Chad Shelby, Gary Plaisance (Motor Pool), Doug Foreman, and Sgt. Detective Todd Charlet** are all scheduled to run the New Orleans Mardi Gras Marathon on Sunday, February 24, 2008. Lt. Shelby will be running 26 miles and Capt. Arabie, Gary, Doug, and Sgt. Charlet are running 13 miles. We know you will all do great.



COC was buzzing, people were thinking that **Lt. Danny Eschete** installed a toilet in his office. Be advised that you should not be scared, it's just his phone ringer! Way to keep people out of your office Danny.

Over the Christmas holidays, **Dorothy Mire** (Tickets & Fines) got engaged to **Bronson Guidry**.

Bicycle Program, Continued

By Larry Weidel

Members of the Water Patrol and deputies throughout the parish assisted with the program. Misdemeanor Probation Officer Christie Pepper helped go around the parish with us giving out the bicycles and posing for pictures with the kids.

In South Lafourche we provide bikes to the Angel Tree program each year. They do great work here. A couple of family service centers in Thibodaux and Houma get bikes for some of the families they serve. The bulk of the bikes in Thibodaux are distributed to the families whose names are given to us by the folks with the Thibodaux Toy Drive. In Raceland the cafeteria workers at Raceland Lower Elementary give us a list to fill each year and they present the bikes at a school Christmas program. More than 100 people throughout the parish called in for bikes again this year.

The Sheriff's Christmas Bicycle Program has been going on for about 14 years now. During that time we have given out over 2000 bikes to needy kids. This has become one of the best public relations activities the Sheriff's Office is involved in.

The Christmas Bike Program is a self sustaining project as we receive many contributions from businesses and members of the community that cover the expenses we incur. This year we received \$1,700 in cash contributions and over 40 new bikes (some new bikes were donated by deputies who wanted to see that every kid get a bike for Christmas.) Galliano Walmart also donates new bikes with minor repairs needed.

So, thanks for all the help again this Christmas. 2007 has been a great year and, once again, Sheriff Webre has come through with a program that benefits those who need it the most.



ABOVE: Christie Pepper helped give out bikes this year
BELOW: Bud helps the mayor give out bikes in Grand Isle



How to Call the Police When You're Old

Provided By Larry Weidel

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

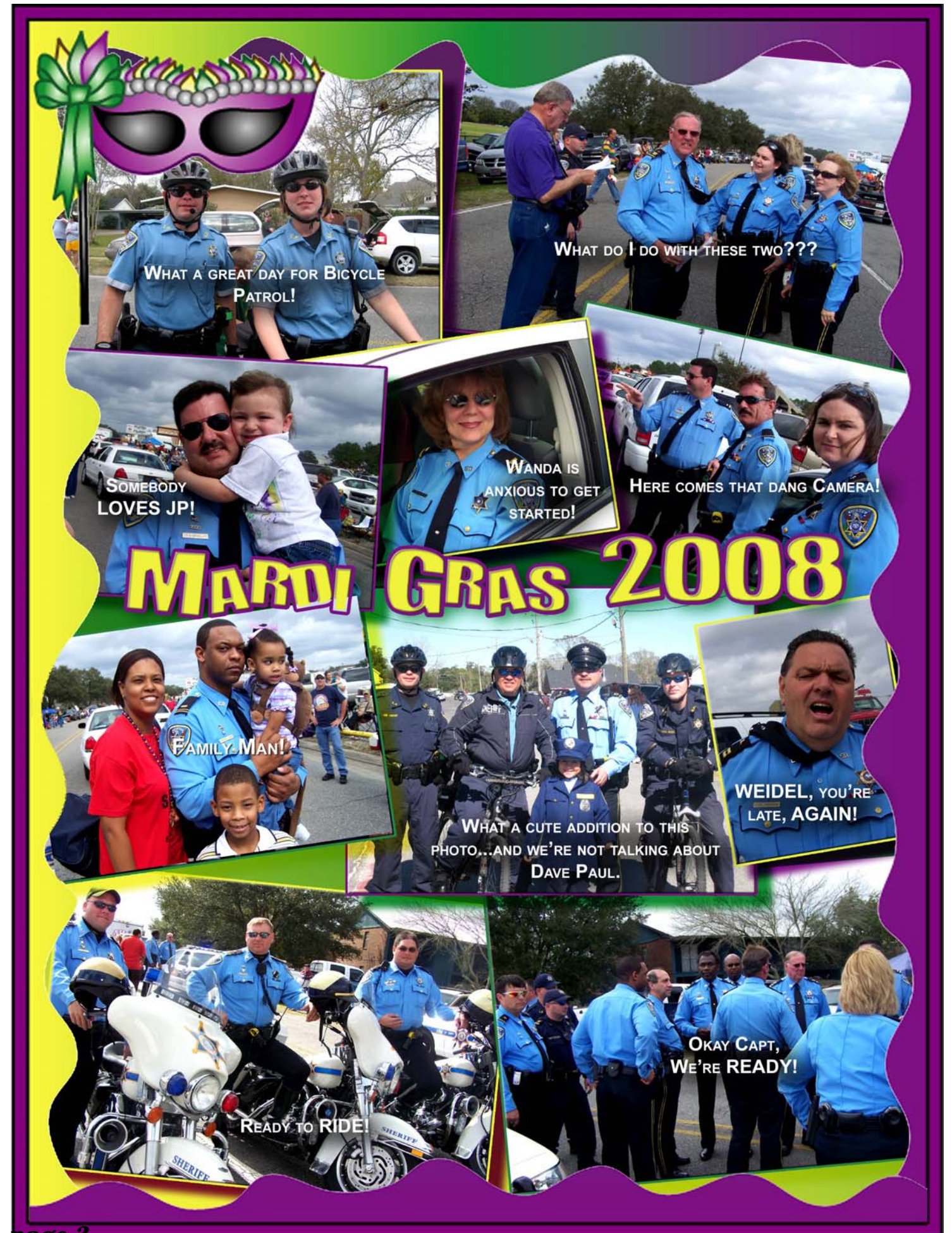
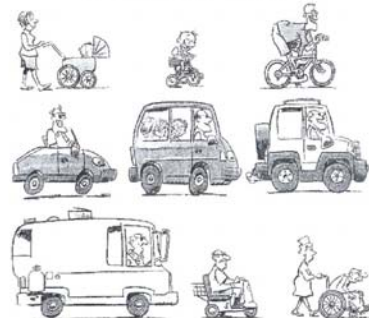
George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just

shot them and then he hung up.

Within five minutes six police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, two fire trucks, a paramedic and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Moral of the story - Don't mess with old people.

The Wheels of Life



JANUARY

Shooting Suspect Enters Plea of Insanity - Robert Power, 18, is accused of shooting two deputies...
Serial Killer Suspect Tells Judge He's Not Guilty
Webre Receives Community Service Award from NAACP
One of Texas' Most Wanted Captured in Lafourche Parish
Mathews Wal-Mart Makes DARE a \$5,000 Donation to Lafourche Sheriff

APRIL

Two Arrested For Dog Fighting Training and Animal Cruelty in Montegut
Deputy Hurt During Arrest - Guillot gets nose broken in scuffle
Teen Drowns Near Lafourche Crossing
Boating Safety Classes Offered at LPSO Shooting Range
Taser Training - Sheriff's Office Breaks In New Weapon
The Sheriff Gets His Dream Car
Sheriff's Office Holds Open House Expo
Nicholls Police Chief to Vie For Sheriff's Seat
Police Say Sex Offender Molested Girl - Paul Edward Dufrene arrested again
Post Fight Heart Attack Fells City Man
Police Search CLHS After Report of Gun
Deputies Take it On the Chin & Everywhere Else in Rape Defense Course
Gun Scare At Central Lafourche Causes Lockdown
"We Always Take It Serious" - Paint gun handle leads to gun search, 16-year old arrested
Drug Task Force Makes 150 Arrests in Six Weeks
Hitt Marries Bilbo April 22

2007 in Review

EDITOR'S NOTES

Sometimes we wake up and say where did the year go? In case you've forgotten, here are some of the headlines of 2007:

FEBRUARY

Man Dies After Standoff and Blaze - Sidney Tabor had barricaded, armed himself inside his home.
LPSO Deputies Mount Up for the Mardi Gras Season
Pop Squad Officers End "Ladies Night Out" With Arrest
Sex Offender Pleads Guilty - Darrell Guidry gets 35 year sentence
Work Release Residents Receive Welder Training

MAY

Lafourche Deputies Are "Cops in Shops" Over Prom Weekends
Speed Demon For A Day - Weidel reaches finals at No Problem Race Track
Man Accused of Murder Still Waiting For Mental Hospital Bed - Bryan
Vanacor, Jr. is among 161 people on waiting list
Raceland Area Drug Dealers Receive Stiff Sentences
Infant's Autopsy Inconclusive in Galliano Shooting
Sheriff: "Shootings Are Unprecedented" - I don't know if there has ever been a time in history where we've had situations where officers were fired upon three times in a six-month period...
Hammond Man Killed In Leeville After Boat & Seaplane Collide on Takeoff

MARCH

Keeping Things Close to Vest Pays Off for Deputy - Roland Guillot promised his wife he would always wear his vest...
Father, Son Face Charges After Thibodaux Raid - Lafourche Drug Task Force arrested a man neighbors labeled a "nuisance"...
Bulletproof Vest Was Difference Between Life & Death For LPSO Deputy
Sex Offender Working For Youth Center Arrested
Murder Trial of Lockport Man Begins - David Polkey charged with beating Raceland man with baseball bat...
Sheriff's Office Seeks to Make Room at Jail
Mississippi Domestic Violence Suspect Arrested in Lafourche Parish

JUNE

Seven Arrested For Drug Activity in Larose
Bayou Blue Seniors Nabbed With \$20,000 Worth of Pills
Former Coach Always Got His Message Across - Remembering James Noah
Training Pits Lafourche Authorities Against School Shooter
Sheriff's Office Conducts Roundup of Sex Offenders
Vandals Pick Wrong Car to Hit - Sheriff's car hit with paint balls & rocks
Body Found On Roadside in Lockport - not a homicide believed
Metal Thieves Arrested, One Remains At Large

JULY

Douglas Declares Candidacy For Lafourche Sheriff
Vandals Ransack Galliano Funeral Home - Teen charged with burglary
Contractors Charged With Victimized Homeowners
Theft of Utility Trailers Increasing Nationwide
Notorious Drug Dealer Arrested by Lafourche Agents - Daniel Barrios nabbed
Lafourche Parish's Webre to Head National Sheriff's Association
Doing The Right Thing - Lafourche jail officer credits trustees with saving his life
Nicholls Student Faces Drug Charges - Arrested for dealing drugs on campus
Trespassers Warned - Stay Out Of Cane Fields
Birth Mother Kidnaps Child From Mississippi - Two sisters arrested in Golden Meadow
Lafourche Parish Police Department Cracks Down on Multiple Criminals - six arrested for various crimes

AUGUST

Baby Tests Positive For Cocaine - Parents Arrested
Night Out Against Crime to be Celebrated in Area Neighborhoods
Shipyards Worker Arrested for Copper Theft
Accomplice To Testify Against Alleged Cop Shooter
Storage Shed Burglars Arrested
Three Arrested in Copper Thefts at Local Shipyards
Drug Distribution Suspect Dies From Ingesting Cocaine
LPSO To Sponsor Hunter Safety Classes
Double Murder, Attempted Suicide Rocks Community - Mother suspected of killing her two children
Mother Will be Charged With Two Counts of First Degree Murder
Two Who Skipped Court Arrested in California
Few Violators Found At Checkpoint
Hebert Transferred to St.

SEPTEMBER

Webre Seeking Re-Election - Four term Sheriff cites service with dignity, character, and integrity
Sheriff Initiates New Clean-up Program in Waterways
Throwing a Line - Sheriff's Office hopes new discs will help save lives
Georgia Man Says He Shot Two Deputies - 19 year old pleads guilty
Sheriff's Office Awarded Grant for Supervised Visitation Centers
Arrest Made in Priest's 1992 Slaying
Narcotics Agents Recover Guns & Drugs From Convicted Felon
Max Charter School Inks Deal For LPSO to Offer DARE
Grand Jury Indicts Hebert & Odomes

NOVEMBER

Lafourche Crisis Unit KO's Domestic Violence One Case at a Time
Sheriff Gets Grant For More Technology
Sheriff Launches Christmas Bike Giveaway Program
Inmate Dies Enroute from Detention Center To Hospital
25 "Deadbeat" Parents Arrested For Non-Payment of Child Support
No Suspects - Investigation continues into teen's shooting death in Raceland
Alidore Residents Say Recreation Could Decrease Crime
Man Gets 30 years For His Role in Shooting - Daniel Rhodes sentenced

DECEMBER

Teen Gets 60 Years For shooting Deputies - Robert Power sentenced
Christmas Cheer - Lafourche Parish inmates refurbish bikes, turn them into gifts
Anti- Webre Group May Have Violated Campaign Law
"Exploring the Possibilities" - LPSO Explorer Scouts fingerprint students
Unexpected Discovery - Casket found on Thibodaux roadside

OCTOBER

Sheriff Touts Stability in Bid For Fifth Term
Cut Off Women Arrested For Felony Theft
Candidates Settle Dispute Over Ads
"It Wasn't My Time" - Deputy's quick thinking gets him out of burning car
Teen Arrested After Kidnapping Ex-girlfriend at Knifepoint
Political Debate Heats Up Among Sheriff's Candidates
Court Order Stops Ads Against Sheriff
Randolph, Webre endorsed by Daily Comet
Sheriff's Star - Lt. Shannon Delatte wins high honor at annual banquet
Sheriff Webre Wins Another Term - Landslide victory for 46 year old Republican
SOAP Keeps Tabs on Sexual Predators



July through December

January through June