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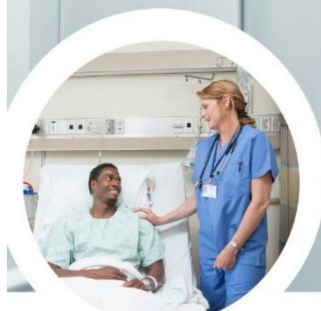
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BANQUET EVENTS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JUSTICE JAY B. McCALLUM

Welcome	Claudia Wade, ITT Chairman
Parade of Nations	Justice Jay B. McCallum
National Anthem	Lily Davis
Pledge of Allegiance	Noshaba Shahid
Invocation	Father Al Jost
Performance by Red River Pipes and Drums	
Michoacan Alliance Dance Group	
Flowers “Tsitiski”	
Performance by the Dance Studio of Union Parish students, led by Angela Cusimano Russell	
Break	
End – Announce Silent Auction Winners	

SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 8:30PM

BID SHEETS WILL BE REMOVED

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JUSTICE JAY B. McCALLUM



Justice Jay Bowen McCallum, who now lives in Farmerville, is a lifelong resident of Union Parish. Born and raised in the Pisgah Baptist Church community, near Bernice, Louisiana, Jay is the first in his family to receive a college education, having graduated from Northeast Louisiana University in 1982 and LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1985.

Upon admission to the Bar, he returned home to Union Parish and joined Armand Rabun in the general practice of law. The offices of Rabun and McCallum, located at 205 East Jackson St., Farmerville, were situated between a funeral home and a bank. Thus, it was said, in jest, that they "got clients coming and going." Jay's wife, Deanna Dunham McCallum, subsequently joined Jay in his law practice after becoming a lawyer herself.

Prior to serving as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives for 11 years (1992-2002), Jay also worked as an Assistant District Attorney. He worked as a trial court judge for 15 years (2002-2018) on the bench of the Third Judicial District Court.

In 2018 Jay was elected without opposition to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in a district that was comprised of Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Caldwell, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, Webster, and Winn Parishes. On November 3, 2020, he was elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court for District 4, which is the largest district in terms of geographic size and number of parishes. Jay took office as an Associate Justice on November 13, 2020.

Judge Jay, as he is known to many of his constituents, is a much sought after motivational and inspirational speaker for various religious, civic, business, and trade groups. He is best known for using humor to instruct, inspire, and motivate his audiences. Jay is frequently found speaking to students in, and out of, the classroom. He has been honored to have been the commencement speaker for numerous high schools and universities, including Louisiana Tech University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Jay is in demand for continuing legal education presentations on behalf of such groups as the Louisiana State Bar Association and Louisiana Judicial College. He has also lectured at various law enforcement academies, including for the Louisiana State Police and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. His speaking engagements have carried him to every parish of the state and to multiple states in the Deep South.

Jay and Deanna are members of the First Baptist Church, Farmerville, Louisiana. In addition to Jay serving as a deacon and teacher, they are both active in the various ministries of the church.

In 2021, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, Cedar Creek School named him as its outstanding Alumnus.

Jay is the recipient of numerous awards and recognition for public service. Jay has served on the Louisiana State Law Institute, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission (by gubernatorial appointment) and sundry other commissions and boards. However, he is most proud of being the husband of Deanna, the father of John and Sarah Katherine, and the grandfather of Cato Theodore McCallum.

Pledge of Allegiance

NOSHABA SHAHID

I was born in 15 SB, Sargodha, Pakistan. It is renowned for its orange farms that harvest 2.5 million tons of kinnow, a juicier and sweeter type of orange. I grew up picking oranges every winter and playing in the green fields.

After marrying my husband, Malik Shahid, I joined him in New York with our first born, Hassan. We soon added three more wonderful children into our lives: Rabia, Amina, and Dawar. We made our way down to Farmerville in 2009.

I love to share my culture through my love of cooking; each dish I prepare has a unique story behind it. I am proud to be a Pakistani-American and I am excited to be a part of the “International Tasting Tour.”



NATIONAL ANTHEM

LILY ELIZABETH DAVIS

Lily Elizabeth Davis is from Downsville, La. She resides there with her father, mother and brother. Lily is 11 years old and attends Downsville Community Charter School. She is a part of the music program at her school and also actively sings in her community church Piney Woods Christian Church. In her spare time she enjoys playing her guitar and keyboard along with spending time with her friends and family. Lily has always had a strong love for music and has been singing since she was very young. As she continues to grow and learn, she hopes that one day she will be able to use her passion for music and share it with others.



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Red River Pipes and Drums



Pipe Major James Parker and two of his lifelong friends founded the group, years ago. James and two other musicians, Robert Davis and Ronald Fielder, first met in middle school band before joining the ROTC at Shreveport's Woodlawn High School. Once in the ROTC, they learned the school was starting a new military music program – this time, centered around an instrument none of them knew, but were all fascinated by: the bagpipe.

After that, their lives would change. The group would march in parades, compete across the country, and even take their talents abroad, all the while, keeping their main headquarters, far away from the Scottish Highlands, but a short drive from Shreveport's Highland neighborhood.

Training new pipers is their latest passion. On average the band has about 10-12 players per week, consisting of new and experienced alike. They love to train, because great players once trained them. "One of the best things about the bagpipes are that the greatest pipers in the world are willing to teach you," said Parker at a band practice session. "The guy that taught me at my first piping school was a world class piper named Seamus McNeal. After training me, he would go on to start a piping college in Edenborough."

If you've ever been interested in learning to play the bagpipes, check out their Facebook page. According to Parker, entry-level instruments are relatively cheap. A 'chanter,' or a bagpipe without the bag, (why it's not just called a pipe, we don't know) starts at around \$70.

Nearly every Friday night, you can find the "Red River Pipes and Drums" band practicing and training new members. They're a group of highly experienced bagpipe players that have traveled and trained on their instruments around the world. If you happen to be in the neighborhood, you might just stumble across them performing on the front porch of their practice studio.

You may see the "Red River Pipes and Drums" band around town performing in full Scottish attire. They perform across the Ark-La-Tex at fairs and festivals, The Highland Games, churches and memorial services, as well as the occasional front porch concert.

THE DANCE STUDIO OF UNION PARISH



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The Dance Studio of Union Parish is bringing a piece of Asian culture to Union parish with its own rendition of a traditional Chinese Dragon Dance.

The Dragon Dance, which originated during the Han Dynasty, is performed at nearly every Chinese special festival. Because dragons are seen as symbols of life and prosperity, the performance is believed to ward off evil spirits and bring luck and good fortune to all.

Throughout the performance, the dragon, brought to life by the dancers, moves to the rhythm of cymbals, gongs, and drums and follows a sphere called the mystical Pearl of Wisdom. This symbolizes the dragon's hunt for knowledge, wisdom, and truth.

The piece, choreographed by studio owner and primary instructor Angela Cusimano Russell, is based on this longstanding and beloved piece of Chinese culture. The DSUP dancers performing Russell's version of the Dragon Dance are Elizabeth Hodge, Khloe Tucker, Lemley Grace Ewing, Helen Ewing, Bralyn Grice, Sophie Gautreaux, Emily Green, Destiny Rose Archie, Olivia Strahan, Giuliana Hargraves, and Morgan Roberson, who are all members of the studio's 2022-23 competition team.

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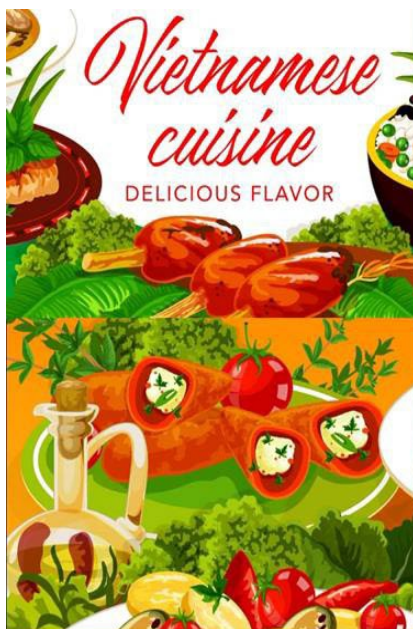
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GIAI BYRNES



I was born in Da Nang Vietnam, and married Don Byrnes when I was nineteen years old. We moved to Farmerville, LA fifty-one years ago. Together, we are blessed with three children and eight amazing grandchildren. We all attend Antioch Baptist Church.

GIAI BYRNES

Farmerville, Louisiana

With that being said, I have never been a professional chef, but I enjoy cooking. I have chosen to participate in this fundraiser to give back to my amazing community. I am excited to be a part of the International Tasting Tour in support of the Union Museum of History and Art.

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RAFAEL & MICHELLE AYALA



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Rafael and Michelle are residents of

Farmerville, Louisiana, and have been for several years. Rafael has been serving hot Tex-Mex food from El Jarrito for quite some time in Farmerville. Michelle has worked for a variety of restaurants in Farmerville while actively working at Couture Tee Company.

Michelle and Rafael have a passion for making authentic Mexican food. Reyes Tacos and Catering has been in business for two years and has participated in several community events such as Christmas in the Park, among others. It is not only delicious street-style tacos but also burritos, quesadillas and tortas.

Michelle and Rafael are very excited for the opportunity to bring traditional authentic Mexican food to you!



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“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step” – Lao Tzu

My name is Wendy Comfort. I stepped into beautiful Union Parish in 1994. I work in Adult Education (GED); I am located at 300 West Boundary St, Farmerville, 71241. My telephone is (318) 243-4160.

WENDY COMFORT

Bernice, Louisiana

My birth country, Costa Rica, is a rugged rain forest located in Central America bathed by emerald coastlines from the Caribbean and Pacific oceans. Its capital, San Jose, is home to cultural institutions such as the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum. Costa Rica possesses immense volcanoes, and extraordinary biodiversity. A quarter of its area is protected jungle land, teeming with wildlife such as spider monkeys and quetzal birds. Five facts about Costa Rica. It is one of the happiest countries in the world. ...

There are over 500,000 species of wildlife. ...

Of the 500,000 species, 900 of them are birds. ...

Gallo pinto is a breakfast staple. ...

There are over 200 volcanic formations.

I am most proud Costa Rica possesses no army, in today's world that is a rarity.

SILVIA OROZCO



SILVIA OROZCO
Farmerville, Louisiana

Silvia was born and raised in San Salvador, El Salvador. She has lived in Farmerville, with her husband Juan Colchado and son Alejandro Colchado since 2007.

From a young age, she learned to cook from her mother, grandmother, aunts, and friends. Silvia's cuisine is the best.

Silvia has taught Salvadoran cooking classes at her home, for her friends and family.

Silvia knows of Salvadoran food history, and traditions. Silvia has always celebrated and recognized the rich legacy of Salvadoran family recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Silvia loves hanging out with family and friends, tending to her

garden and cooking.

“God gave me the passion for cooking and I appreciate the opportunity to share this passion with my community and be a part of the International Tasting Tour,” she says.



LOU LARA
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FRANCISCA D. SCHAAD



My name is **Francisca D. Schaad**. I am 38 years old. I was born in Guatemala, and I learned to cook with my grandmother on my father's side. She taught me to make a variety of dishes.

I moved to the United States 18 years ago, got married, and I am the proud mother of two beautiful children. It was in the United States that I met my husband's aunt, Mary Barrios's mother, and it was with her that I learned to prepare other dishes. She taught me how to make traditional tamales from Guatemala (meat tamales). I love to cook especially for my loved ones. Nowadays with access to the internet, I can find other recipes even if they are not from my country of origin. I like to experience the diversity of flavors from around the world.



**ROSY SCHAAD DE
REQUENA
GUATEMALA**



MARY BARRIOS

MIGUEL BARRIOS R.I.P



My name is **Mary Barrios**. I am first generation born in the United States. My parents, Miguel and Oralia Barrios, and my two older siblings, Miguel and Brenda, arrived in the United States from Guatemala in 1970, I was born shortly thereafter in San Marcos, Texas . My parents ministered to Spanish speaking families in Texas, Illinois and eventually Northeast Louisiana where I graduated from West Monroe High School.



MARY BARRIOS

MIGUEL BARRIOS (RIP)

GUATEMALA

In Union Parish, they together worked to start several local churches. In 2008, I moved to Farmerville to be closer to my father after my mother passed away, and I never left.

My mother was a great cook who loved people through food. She never let anyone leave our house hungry. I am very fortunate that Francisca (Rosy as we call her) has a love for cooking, and if I close my eyes when I taste some of her food, it is as if my mother is still here. While I did not take

advantage of having a great teacher, my mother, in my own home, I did learn to help prep and do as I was told to help. So in that great tradition, I will be assisting Francisca to prepare dishes that are native to our country, Guatemala.



Alice & Rachel Whitman

PHILIPPINES



Alice Whitman and her husband Glen Whitman live in Bernice with their five year-old daughter, Rachel. Rachel loves to do baking with her mom. Since she was two, she makes her own homemade playdough mix and bakes her favorite Filipino versions of rolls (“pandesal”), chocolate cookies, banana bread and her most favorite rice cake (“puto”).

Alice grew up in the Philippines. With her desire to help support her family, she left her initial

career as first year college IT instructor, for greener pastures. A year after graduating from college in 1999, she went overseas to work and manage logistics, purchasing, and accounting for oil and gas industries. She traveled across Asia, the Middle East and six countries of West Africa. Working abroad at the age of 22 and being away from family for many years taught her to live in full-blown independence. She had no choice but to cook for herself, and, over time, she also cooked for all the staff on weekends.

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Her love of food and passion for cooking has been passed on to her son, Paul. In 2012, Paul, with Mamoo's help, formed Mamoo's Kitchen, catering and frozen food line.

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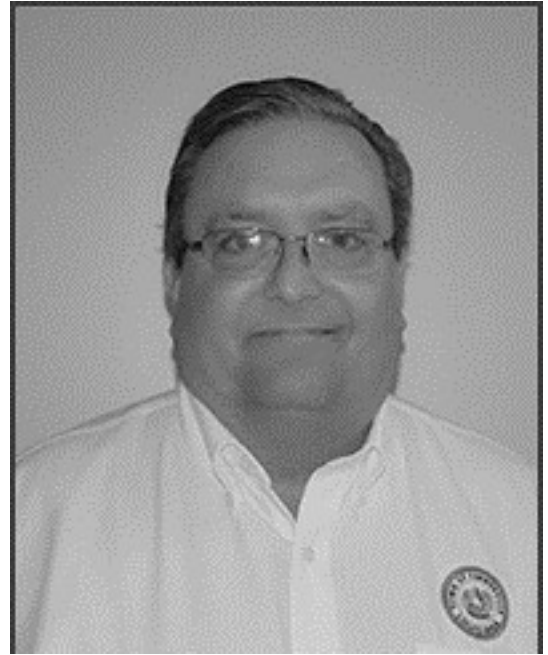
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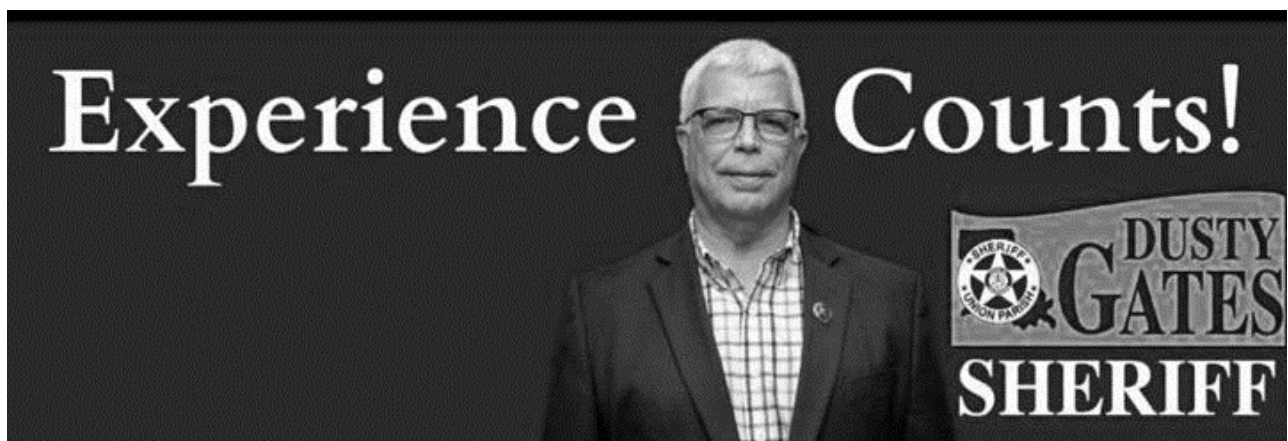


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Prior to taking office on December 7, 2018, he practiced law in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for 37 years. He established a private practice in Farmerville in 1991 and practiced general civil law until elected. During that time, he also served 9 years for the 3rd Judicial District Indigent Defender's Board and 18 years as an Assistant District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District handling felonies, juvenile, misdemeanors and serving as legal advisor for the Union Parish Police Jury.

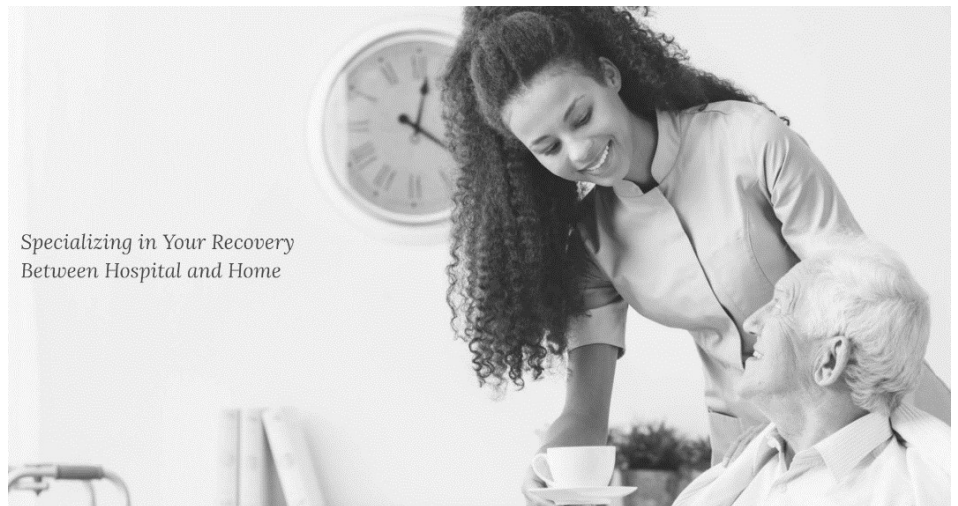


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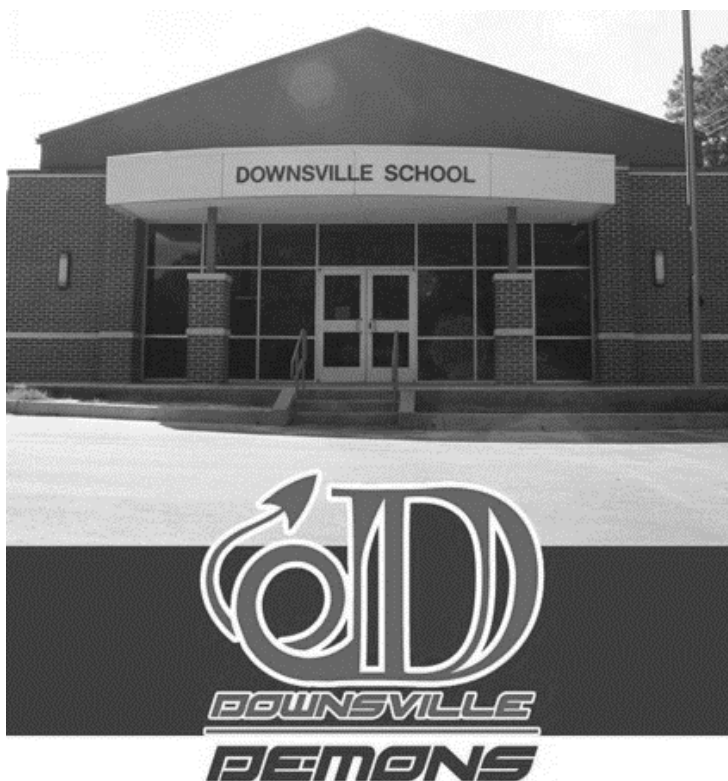
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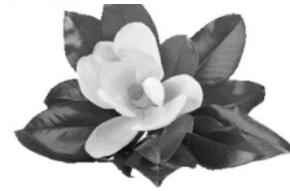
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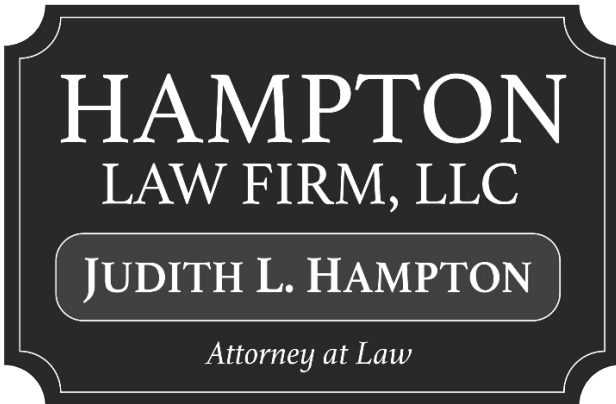
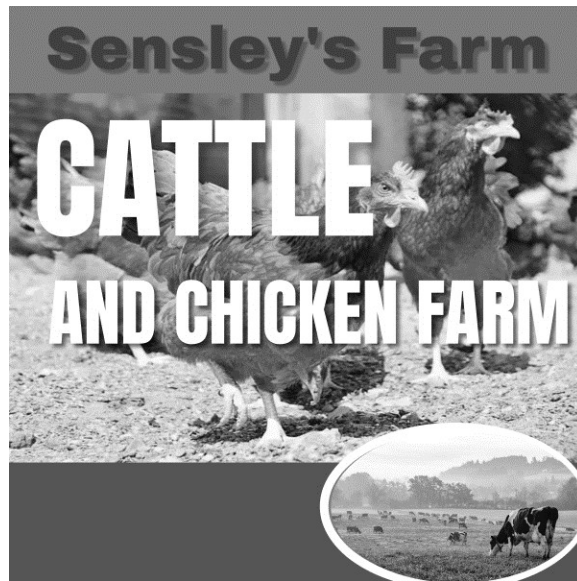
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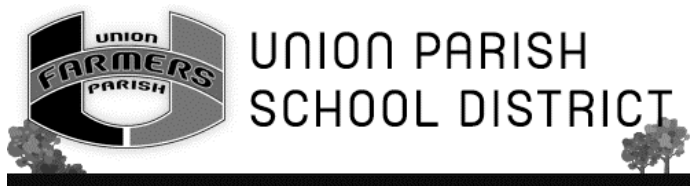


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Oct. 10, 5 p.m. – Opening night reception for “American Visionary: The Life and Times of John F. Kennedy,” with lecture by Ralph W. Brown, Ph.D., University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Oct. 10-Nov. 30—Photo exhibit, “American Visionary: The Life and Times of John F. Kennedy,” from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, Illinois

October 17, 5 p.m. -- Talk and presentation by Gary Savage on JFK assassination.

November 11, 1 p.m. – Oratory competition for youth ages 13-21, featuring John F. Kennedy speeches. Entrants must pre-register. Cash prizes for winners.

November 16, 5 p.m. – Archaeology talk by Dr. Diana Greenlee, Poverty Point station archaeologist, on Watson Brake.

December 5-22 – Christmas Traditions: exhibit of Pam Hallman art “It’s All About Jesus,” and demonstrations of El Niño Dios customs of Mexico

December 23-Jan. 6 – Museum closed for Christmas/New Year’s break

January 13, 2024, 12 to 2 p.m. – Folkcraft Class: Hide Tanning, led by Kelsey Mardis

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