

Terrebonne Council on Aging

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April Events:

- National Poetry Month
- 1st- Market at the Marina- Downtown Marina
- 1st- Southdown Marketplace- Southdown Plantation
- 7th- Good Friday - Closed
- 8th- Luminare Houma Lumiere Jazz Bistro (free concert)
- 11th- TCOA Parish Wide Social- Municipal (BINGO)
- 20th - TCOA Board Meeting- Main Office
- 22nd- Pirates and Boots Festival- Downtown Marina
- 23rd- Main Library 20th Anniversary



TCOA Clients supporting the Hache Grant at the 3rd Annual Bayou Boucherie.

Betty Diggs

Employee Spotlight



Ms. Betty Diggs has been a dependable employee at TCOA for the past 21 years. She works as a Dispatcher/ Scheduler in the Transportation Department. If you have called for a ride you have probably spoken to her at some point. Ms. Betty loves her job, especially scheduling. For fun she loves to dance, walk, and decorate.

Jeanette Billiot

Client Spotlight



Ms. Jeanette is 82 years old and has been a client in Montegut for almost 14 years. She helps serve meals and washes dishes after lunch. Her favorite Senior Center activities include: BINGO, Pokeno, and the various games they play. She really enjoys attending the center daily as well as the monthly socials.

LOCAL TRIVIA

1. What year was Terrebonne Parish established?
2. What does "terre bonne" mean?
3. Prior to 1834, where was the parish seat held?
4. Why did the parish seat move to Houma?
5. What does "Houma" mean?
6. Who are the "Fathers of Houma?"
7. Where was the first settlement of Houma Indians?
8. Who founded Southdown Plantation?
9. Who was Terrebonne Parish's first Republican Parish President?

April

Client Birthdays

**Gwendolyn Adams
Leonardine Allemand
Rachel Ayo
Sidney Babin
Betty Benson
Joseph "Jess" Bergeron
Doreen Bertrand
Russell Boquet
Diana Bourg
Marvin Bourg
Mona Bourg
Douglas Brunet
Esther Cenac
Rosemary Chaisson
James Chandler
Margaret Chauvin
Nadine Cheramie
Eva Chouest
Michael Coco Sr.
Janice Cooley (90)
Pamela Coyle
Ardeth Dailey
Gloria Darcey
Theron Dixon
Janie Dugan
Edward Evans
Emma Fitch**

**Gerald Giroir
Dolas Glover (93)
Onelia Gregoire
Pamela Guidry
Barbara Hazelton
Audrey Hebert
Kathy Hill
Lillian Johnson
Paula Johnson
Barbara Klingman
Elaine Lapeyrouse
Janice Lecompte
Geraldine Lewis
Dorothy Lirette
Shirley Lirette
Iris McCleskey
Esperanza Mejia
Paula Millhollon (90)
Patricia Monaghan
Curtis Moore
Ethel Moore
Paul Naquin Sr.
Roland Naquin Sr. (90)
Alida Naquin (96)
Emery Naquin
Eugene Neville Jr.
Robert Palmer (93)**

**Merlin Pellegrin
Sally Pellegrin
Richard Pierce
Rose Pinto
Chris Pitre
Zula Pitre (90)
Calvin Rodrigue
Gerdie Rodrigue (92)
Theresa Rogers
Sharlene Saunders
Ruby Savoie (100)
Janell Scott
Shirley Scott
James Sublett
Alma Sullivan (90)
Patsy Templeton
Judith Terrebonne
Micheal Thomas
Roland Van Buren Sr.
Betty Van Buren
Dorothy Verdin
Huey Vice
Betty Wallace (96)
Grace Wallace
Janice Windham
Elise Wise
Margaret Yerena**

LOCAL TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 1822
2. Good Earth
3. Williamsburg, LA (present day Bayou Cane)
4. Bayou Cane sits at the junction of 2 bayous, while Houma sat at the convergence of 6 bayous and would provide better access for commerce.
5. The native word "ouma" or "houma" means Red.
6. Richard Grinage and Hubert Belanger donated the land which is now Downtown Houma, and are now considered the "Fathers of Houma."
7. Ouisi Bayou
8. The Minor Family (1858)
9. TCOA Executive Director Michel Claudet

Employee Birthdays

**2nd- Shantell Johnson
4th- Robert Biggs
24th- Lorenda Howard
27th- Reginal Ghoram
29th- Willis Young
Dawn Callahan
Jasmine Patterson**

Become a Tourist in Your Hometown

The weather is beautiful outside. Take advantage of it and plan a local outing to visit what our community has to offer. Plan something amazing such as: swamp tours, the Gator Farm, visit local museums, or attend one of Houma's many festivals. Maybe you can try out a new restaurant or start a new Geocache adventure. The sky is the limit.

Enjoy Terrebonne Parish!

