

DSC Dredge fortifies leadership team with VP of operations Josh Louviere

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RESERVE — Over the last few months DSC Dredge has been redefining its team by investing in them, promoting from within and adding fresh perspectives. On April 23, 2023, DSC Dredge, a leading manufacturer of dredging equipment, introduced Josh J. Louviere as vice president of operations. In his new role, Josh will lead and oversee all aspects of the company's operational activities.

With over 16 years of experience in manufacturing and industrial equipment automation, Josh brings a fresh perspective to the dredging industry. He has spent the majority of his career leading operations in the manufacturing sector, including serving as the general manager of CPL Systems & Plant - N - Power, where he successfully scaled both businesses in growth and profitability.

Josh is a veteran of Operations Iraqi Freedom and was awarded the "Distinguished Leadership Award" after returning from deployment as a Staff Sergeant. Josh holds a BA in Systems Management from the University of Arkansas (Grantham).

"I judge my success on the success of others, and I take great pride in the growth and development of the people around me," said Josh.

Bob Wetta, president and CEO of DSC Dredge, said, "We are excited to welcome Josh to the DSC Dredge team. His extensive experience in operations management and his commitment to employee development makes him an ideal fit for our company culture."

As part of the Acadiana Veterans Alliance, Josh is passionate about supporting and serving his community. He is also an Ironman Certified coach and multiple-time Ironman finisher who has coached over



Joshua "Josh" Louviere, VP of Operations, DSC Dredge

100 people to their own finish lines. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Tiffany, for over 10 years and is the proud father of two sons, Connor and Colton, aged 9 and 6.

Bill Wetta, senior VP of product development and chief technology officer of DSC Dredge, added, "We are confident that Josh's expertise will help us continue to grow and improve our operations, ultimately benefitting our customers and the industry as a whole."

"I am excited to join the team at DSC Dredge," said Louviere. I look forward to working with the talented team here and helping to drive growth and success for the company."

Please join us in welcoming Josh J. Louviere to DSC Dredge.

DSC Dredge specializes in customizing dredging equipment to meet the exact requirements of your unique application. DSC employs one of the largest in-house dredge design/engineering team among all North American and most global manufacturers. This fully self-sufficient team encompasses a blend of Mechanical Engineers, Structural Designers and Automation Engineers who are responsible for all aspects of the project from generating

fabrication drawings to performing structural analysis and designing dredge hydraulics to programming dredge control systems. Our roots go back to over 30 years as a family-owned and operated dredge manufacturer. And during that time, we have built hundreds of dredges. Our six standard dredge models are world-class. But our strength lies in our ability to modify or custom design any dredge to fit almost any application.

DSC is a global leader in the dredge manufacturing industry, engineering superior customized dredging solutions to meet specific application needs, while continuing to exceed customer expectations. DSC Dredge designs and manufactures high quality, durable cutter suction dredges. At DSC Dredge, we help customers make THE RIGHT CHOICE.

Quality, Innovation, Service, Commitment and Customization are key DSC attributes which explain why customers choose to work with DSC. DSC Dredge operates from two manufacturing facilities located in Reserve, LA, and Poplarville, MS. For more information about the company and its products, services and customized solutions, please visit www.dscdredge.com and follow us on social media.

Senior Citizen Food Bank phone line opens Monday

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LAPLACE — St. John the Baptist Parish residents ages 65 and older may register for a community program that will provide free meals Monday through Friday. Spots will be scheduled and assigned via phone bank on Monday, May 15, starting at 9 a.m. until all spots are filled. Spots are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The phone bank number is 985-536-1024. The following information is required:

- Income for one month or four consecutive check stubs
- Social Security cards for everyone living in the household
- Self-employed applicants must provide recent federal income tax return and attached schedules
- Termination records: If applicant is recently terminated or laid off
- ID picture/driver's license - If ID does not match energy service location address, you must submit another utility bill and another bill including

lease agreement or rent receipt to show vulnerability

Meals on Wheels program recipients and SNAP recipients are not eligible. Monthly income guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$2,430
2	\$3,287
3	\$4,143
4	\$5,000
5	\$5,857
6	\$6,713
7	\$7,570
8	\$8,427
9	\$9,283
10	\$10,140

Rebels sweep the floor with journalism awards

BY JESSIE WEILER
THE REBEL EXPRESS
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RESERVE — The Rebel Express won six first place awards and one second place award in the 2023 Loyola Tom Bell Silver Scribe Awards announced on Monday, May 9.

The Rebel Express won the award for Best Publication Website, beating out the St. Paul's School's The Paper Wolf.

Rebel Express editor Kallie Bourgeois won first place in Sports Writing for her story on Riverside swimmer MaKayah LaRose, who qualified for all eight events at the State Swim Meet in November.

Mason Meyer won first place in Feature Writing for his story on Riverside students' after school jobs.

Jessie Weiler won first place in Editorial

Writing for her article "Prom Problems," about her problems finding a prom dress.

The staff won both first and second place in Headline Writing. The second place winner was "Cajuns Fit The Bill" on a story about Riverside running back Elijah "Bill" Davis signing with the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. The first place winner was "Byrd Soars To Hall Of Fame" on a story about former Rebels basketball coach Timmy Byrd being elected to the LHSAA Hall of Fame.

The student podcast "Ramblin' Rebels," hosted by Noah Trepagnier and Lee Meyers, won first place in Entertainment Podcast. The winning podcast was No. 12, which featured RA student Ethan Henry.

The Silver Scribe Awards is an annual competition for high

school journalists under the direction of the Journalism Educators Association and Loyola University's School of Mass Communication. Awards are given for news writing, sports writing, feature writing, editorial writing, headline writing, yearbook production, photography, broadcasting and podcasting, as well as best news website and best printed publication. The contest is named for longtime journalist and Loyola journalism professor Tom Bell.

The 2022-2023 Rebel Express staff included Bourgeois, Meyer, Meyers, Trepagnier, Weiler, Alainah Felton and Zoie Gray, with an assist in design from Emile Graugnard III. The Advisor is Lori Lyons. This is the first time the Rebel Express entered the annual contest.

See all the winners here: 2023 Tom Bell Silver Scribe Awards

Free webinar shares tips on preventing 'summer slide' over school break

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HARAHAN — What exactly is the "Summer Slide"? Well, it basically means a loss of academic skills and knowledge over the summer break. This loss in learning varies across grade level and subject matter, but it can be hard for students to

come back from when school resumes in the fall, especially for students with learning differences.

This free webinar explains five things parents and kids can do each day to help prevent the summer slide. This webinar will be Monday, May 22 from 12 to 1 p.m. This training opportunity is FREE, but registration is required.

For more information or to register, call Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans at (504) 888-9111 or visit their website at FHFofGNO.org and click on the calendar under the TRAINING tab. The registration link is found on the calendar for May 22.

St. Charles Parish Hospital awarded Spring 2023 'A' Hospital Safety Grade

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LULING — St. Charles Parish Hospital received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. This national distinction celebrates St. Charles Parish Hospital's achievements in prioritizing patient safety by protecting patients from preventable harm and errors. The new grades reflect performance primarily during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we know, all hospitals and medical systems were challenged in unimaginable ways throughout the pandemic. Patient

safety and high-quality healthcare remained at the forefront of patient care during the pandemic. This award can be attributed to the practitioners, providers, and staff at SCPH and their efforts in keeping patients safe during an unprecedented time. We are especially proud to receive this recognition," said Keith Dacus, chief executive officer, St. Charles Parish Hospital.

The spring 2023 'A' Hospital Safety Grade marks the fourth 'A' grade for St. Charles Parish Hospital since 2021. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" grade to general hos-

pitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see St. Charles Parish Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION WILL CONVENE ON FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1811 W. AIRLINE HWY., LAPLACE, LA TO RULE ON THE FOLLOWING:

D. Triche - HD-1037 - Requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a new commercial structure in the LaPlace Historic District, which has municipal address of 601 Main Street, LaPlace, LA.

Marcel Madere - HD-1038 - Requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of a contributing structure in the Reserve Historic District, which has municipal address of 148 West 2nd Street, Reserve, LA.

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