# Westbank Oil Patch



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Pam Lauckner	May 5
Linda Loftin	May 15
Kathy Denley	May 29

2021	
BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 20	January 27
February 17	February 24
March 17	March 24
April 14*	April 28
May 19	May 26
June 16	June 23
August 18	August 25
September 15	September 29**
October 20	October 27
November 10+	November 17++
moved due to *scheduling conflicts and +Thanksgiving	moved due to **Convention and ++Thanksgiving
No meetings in July and December	

#### **May Meeting**

Our May meeting will include covering the reports and business that were deferred in April due to the presence of guests.

Angie Duplessis, 2021 ADDC Convention General Arrangements Chairman, will conduct a Convention Planning Meeting. Angie will be organizing the Westbank Club members to see who will be able to help with hospitality, registration, field trips, etc. Even if you don't plan to attend, you may still be able to help with donations of snacks for hospitality suite or with putting together registration packets.

#### Club President's Newsletter

#### Judi Adams President

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Letter 5

Dear Westbank Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day, either being celebrated as a mother, celebrating with your mother and/or your mother figure, or remembering the women that passed before.

We had a really great meeting last month, our first in-person meeting in over a year. It was truly grand to see so many of our members and our guests in person. And, we all enjoyed our guest speaker, Steve Sears.

What a treat it was to have Morgan City Club President Val Blanchard there! Our 2019 Region Director, member Evelyn McCurley-Ingram, came in from Mississippi; member Glenda Gaither also came from Mississippi and brought her sister Brenda as her guest. The cherry on the sundae was 2021 Region Director Margie Steed and her assistant Dorothy Semon, who came down from Shreveport. Margie thanked everyone for the support she's gotten this year and invited us to attend the 2021 Region Meeting – although it's mostly virtual, the Red River Club is holding an in-person meeting at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We all **hope** that several Westbank members are able to attend and represent the club. We hope to have details very, very soon.

We have some really super things to do at the May meeting: handling the reports and business deferred in April; voting on honorary membership for three charter members; and planning for 2021 ADDC Convention. Please plan to attend and participate.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting in May!



Judi Adams



#### What's happening with the Westbank Club?

#### Secretary—Theresa Adams

The March and April meeting minutes are sent out by email; they will be reviewed and corrected/approved at the May Membership Meeting.

#### Treasurer—Debbie Brazeal

The March and April Treasurer's reports are sent out by email; they will be reviewed and corrected/approved at the May Membership Meeting. Maggi Franks is almost finished auditing the 2020 Treasurer's books.

#### General Arrangements—Elaine Lesnak, Chairman

Elaine will send out the May meeting notice with menu as soon as she receives it from Boomtown. We need 20 attending, buying dinner to meet the contract.

#### Membership—Susan Miller, Chairman

The deadline to get new members and guests approved is May 19th. Contact Susan Miller. Any new members will pay \$70 dues.

#### **Scholarship**

Mark your calendars for the Bunco Fundraiser scheduled for August 7, 2021.

**Social**— Angle is planning for the White Elephant Lunch on July 10th. See page 6 for the flyer and page 7 for the menu. Guests are welcome to attend!

#### Community Service—Angie Duplessis, Chairman

Susan is still collecting items and money to buy them for the residents of the St. Joseph Apartments. Bonnie is in Mississippi a good bit with her greatniece but she's still busy coordinating Cards for Soldiers; Grace Bankston and Susan Miller can help out if you have cards ready or need more cards to sign. See flyers on pages 8 and 9.

Dorothy Semon, Red River Club Margie Steed, 2021 Region Director, Red River Club Judi Adams, 2021 Westbank Club President



# A Great Big To All of You

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one of the best in Region but also

Shark you Judi for litting other know at out my illness. Shork you all again for your all your support. Low your all

#### Victoria Miller 504 Royal Palm Ct Madisonville, LA 70447

4/6/2021

Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank PO Box 2875 Gretna, LA 70054

I was honored to be the recipient of a scholarship last year in 2020 and wanted to provide an update on my progress.

After my first semester at Southeastern Louisiana University, I have maintained a 3.625 GPA and made the President's List. Also enjoyed my time on the SLU Lionette's Dance team and active with the Tri Sigma sorority. Currently in my 2nd semester and doing well so far. I hope to continue at least 15 hours per semester to stay on track.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Victoria Miller



Welcome to our new member Ellouise Arnold!



The club celebrated our 45th Anniversary on April 28th. Cake, bubbles were part of the celebration. A founding member, four charter members, and 12 past presidents, as well as former and current region directors, were recognized for their many years of leadership and dedication to the club and to ADDC. We toasted the forethought of our founders and to the many years of success behind us and many more years ahead!





Susan Miller (1984, 1990, 2014, 2017); Elaine Lesnak (2004); JoAnn Brown (1991); Theresa Adams (1988, 2012, 2013); Angie Duplessis (1999, 2005, 2006, 2018, 2019, 2020); Judi Adams (1993, 2001, 2021); Gaylen Guillory (2008, 2016); Alice Gros (1989); Cheryl LeBoeuf (2009); Vera Ledet (1987, 2000); and Zelda Gillan (2003).





Founding /Charter Member: JoAnn Brown

Charter Member: Sylvia Hohmann

Charter Member: Judy Guillot

Charter Member: Kori Allemand (not shown)

(historic photo)



50/50 Winner Sigrid Vedros (historic photo)

#### **Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank**

## White Elephant Brunch

Saturday July 10, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Gretna Depot Café
326 Huey P. Long Avenue
Gretna, LA 70053
Deadline June 26th<sup>th</sup>
RSVP to Angie Duplessis
aduples1@p66.com or 504-656-3221

Bring a re-gifted item valued at \$15-\$20 for a gift exchange/steal. Nothing broken or unusable... it should be something people would actually want. You might even leave with something <u>you</u> need or like! Guests – family & friends - are welcome!

Everyone will order off the menu (separate file attached) with separate checks.

Name	Name
Name	Name
Name	Name



#### **APPETIZERS**

CAJUN HOT TAMALES	(6)	8.99	(12)	15.99
STUFFED ARTICHOKE				10.50
FRIED SPINACH ARTICHOK	E BALLS	w/F	ETA	7.99
BACON WRAPPED SHRIMP	(6)	8.99	(12)	16.99
CHIPS & SALSA				4.99
CRAWFISH QUESO W/CHIPS				7.99
CATFISH NUGGETS	IT ATTE OR	MADUNIA	D.A.	6.99
CHICKEN STRIPS (GRILLED, FRIED OR BUFFAIN) COCK				7.99
FRIED MUSHROOMS (8) W/ F	REMOULAI	E		6.99
FRIED PICKLES W/ REMOULAD	E			6.99
FRIED OR GRILLED ARTICE W/MARINARA	ноке н	EARTS	5	6.99
CRAB CAKES 1 oz. (4) W/ REM	MOULADE			8.99
BOUDIN BALLS (4) W/REM	OULADE			7.99
SPINACH & ARTICHOKE DI	P W/CH	IPS		7.99
BUFFALO SHRIMP W/RANCH OR BLEU CHEESE	(10)	8.99	(20)	15.99
JALAPENO POPPERS (6) W/	RANCH			5.99
EGG ROLLS (4) W/ SWEET CHII	LI SAUCE			6.99

#### **SOUPS**

(\*Bowls of soup or gumbo served with potato salad)

\*SOUP OF THE DAY

CHILL w/ Cheddar Cheese & Onions cup 4.99 - bowl 7.99

\*CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO

CARCAR CALAR

cup 5.99 - bowl 8.99

\*SEAFOOD GUMBO/BISQUE cup 6.99 - bowl 10.99

#### SOUP & SALAD COMBOS

four choice of any soup and house or caesar salad \$8.5 A cup of gumbo with a piece of fried fish \$9.99

#### SALADS

Dressings: Ranch, Italian, Bleu Cheese, Caesar, Balsanic Vinaigrette, Rasoberry Vinaigrette Honey Mustard, Remoulade & Thousand Island

CAESAR SALAD Romaine lettuce, Caesar dressing, grated parmesan & cro	8.99 outons.
SHRIMP REMOULADE SALAD Boiled shrimp over iceberg salad mix w/ tomato wedges	10.99
TABLE WEDGE SALAD Iceberg lettuce wedges topped w/ bleu cheese dressing, bacon bits & bleu cheese crumbles	9.99
CHEF SALAD Iceberg salad mix w/ tomato wedges, cucumbers, egg, ham, turkey, cheddar cheese & croutons	10.99
ALLEGRO SALAD Sliced Genoa salami, pepperoni, olive salad mozzarella cheese, croutons on top of Romaine Lettuce	10.99
HOUSE SALAD Iceberg lettuce mix w/tomato wedges, cucumbers, chedic cheese, bacon bits & croutons	8.99 lar
TACO SALAD	9.99

TACO SALAD
Deep fried taco shell filled with lettuce, groundbeef, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, black olives, sour cream & green onions Add Guacamole \$1.00 Jalapenos \$.50

Add: Chicken \$2.99 - Shrimp \$3.99 (Grilled, Fried or Buffale)

\*All Seafood Locally Sourced

#### <u> 10oz. BURGERS</u>

Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle & Onion & side of Garlic Parmesan Fries Make any burger a double for 3.99 / French Bread add \$.50

Our S	ignature	9.99	
BOX C	AR BUI	RGER	
Our signature pr	emium ground beef	burger cooked to perfection	,

VOODOO BURGER
11.99
Premium Ground Beef with bacon, topped w/ grilled onions, jalapeno
peppers & pepper jack cheese.
SDICY MAC-N-CHEESE RUBGED
12.99

SPICY MAC-N-CHEESE BURGER
Premium Ground Beef topped w/pepper jack cheese, generous portion of mac-n-cheese, spiced w/ jalapenos and bacon.

The HANGOVER BURGER
13.99
Premium Ground Beef infused w/ Worcestershire & tabasco topped w/2 fried eggs peppercom bacon, colby jack cheese & green chili sauce.
CHICAGO BURGER
11.99

CHICAGO BURGER

Italian seasoned ground beef with garlic spread, giandiniera salad & mozzarella. Served on ciabatta with Au Jus for dipping.

EL JEFE LOCO 11.99
Taco burger patty with grilled onions, bell peppers & jalapenos topped with Colby Jack cheese, shredded lettuce & tornatoes.

THE JOHNNY BURGER
Premium Ground Beef topped sauteed onions, american & swiss cheese and our house cream cheese/ja lapeno spread

THE BRAKEMANS' SPECIAL 12.49
A 50/50 burger, Half Maple Cured Bacon & Half Premium Ground Beef

THE DESPERADO 12.49
Premium Ground Beef with grilled ham, cheddar cheese & an onion ring

THE JAMAI CAN EXPRESS 11.49

Premium Ground Beef with Caribbean jerk sauce, pepper jack cheese, mango chutney & banana peppers

MUSHROOM SWISS
Premium Ground Beef with grilled mushrooms & Swiss cheese

CAJUN BURGER
Premium Ground Beef with grilled peppers, onions & jalapenos w/ wing sauce & pepperjack cheese

CORNELL'S VELVET ELVIS
Premium Ground Beef served between 2 bacon grilled cheese sandwiches
Make it a double: \$15.99 Make it a triple: \$19.99

WESTERN BURGER
Premium Ground Beef with grilled jalapenos & onions w/ cheddar cheese
TINDER BOX BURGER (50/50 Baf ⊕ HOT Sassage)

TURKEY BURGER
10(% Ground Lean Turkey served /Sweet Potato Fries
BURGER SLIDERS (3)

PULLED PORK SLIDERS (3)

VEGGIE SLIDERS (3)

8.99

"BIG" JOHN BURGER 20.99
320Z. of our premium ground beef served on a muffaletta bun (add ples \$2)
IN HOUSE ONLY- 39 MIN. BURGER CHALLENGE

#### **PANINIS**

Served on Gabatta Bun w/ Garlic Parmesan Fries

WEENIE PANINI	7.99
Chuck Roast Chili, Hot Dogs, American Cheese	
CUBAN PANINI	8.99
Roast Pork, Grilled Ham, Yellow Mustard, Pickle & Swiss C	
POPEYE PANINI	7.99
Fresh Spinach, Artichoke, Feta, Mozzarella Cheese, and	Pesto
PIZZA PANINI	7.99
Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella & Pepperonis w/ Marinara for o	lipping
CAPRESE PANINI	7.99
Basil Pesto, Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Balsamic Vinaigrette	. 00
MUFFA-"LITTLE" PANINI	8.99
Ham, Salami, Mortadella, Mozzarella, Olive Salad	-
ITALIAN BEEF PANINI	8.99
Italian Seasoned Roast Beef, Giardiniera Salad, Mozzarella,	55
Garlic Spread. Served with Au Jus for dipping.	
NEW GRILLED CHICKEN PANINI	9.99
Spinach, Pepperjack & Cream Cheese Jalapeno Spread	

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

#### DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank will be collecting items for the residents at the St. Joseph Apartments in Gretna.

We can make a difference in the lives of these senior citizens with just a little donation of the following items:

Men's/Ladies' socks, books, combs, brushes, shower caps, tissues, travel soaps, shampoo, conditioners, pens, stationery, games, small food items, or any other items you think they may need.

The residents of the St. Joseph Apartments will appreciate it.





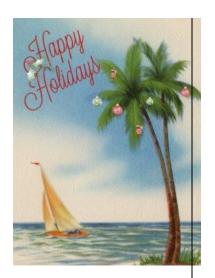


Susan Miller <a href="mailto:smiller7451@yahoo.com">smiller7451@yahoo.com</a> 504.908.6131









## 2021 CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

# DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK
RETURN HOME, GOD'S BLESSINGS, AND THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR
FREEDOMS

### We have set our goal of 2,021 cards for 2021!

CONTACT BONNIE - 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C) EMAIL bonnierwall@gmail.com.

Let Bonnie know if you need cards to sign; if you have some left from last year, sign them and drop them off at her house. Let's beat the goal!

#### Sunniland—April Meeting Speaker Recap (by Judi Adams)

Our guest speaker, Stephen O. Sears, spoke to us about his recent novel, Sunniland. Although it was fiction, it had a basis of fact. It was inspired by the discovery of the U-166—a German submarine—by the Shell/BP team that was doing sonar studies of the Gulf of Mexico floor 5,000 feet below the surface. Steve was called into a meeting by some very excited team members who wanted to share their findings. At first, he wasn't too excited, until he realized the magnitude of this historic discovery. Furthermore, the team had also discovered the sunken Robert E. Lee, a U.S. passenger/freighter that had been sunk by the U-boat on its way to New Orleans from Trinidad in July 1942.

The team was doing a survey on the GoM floor in preparation for the pipeline linked to the Na Ki-ka joint-venture platform. Things had to stop while studies were done with remotely operated vehicles to determine if these were actually the U-166 and Robert E. Lee. The U-166 is considered a war grave as it still contains the remains of the 52 German crewmembers who were aboard when it was destroyed by a depth charge that caved a portion of the deck. Fortunately, all but 25 of the Robert E. Lee's passengers were safely rescued after being torpedoed on July 30th. The ship still sits on the floor of the Gulf, a ghost ship that holds a piece of history that our government tried to shield the American citizens from during the war.

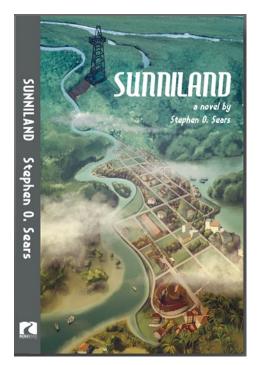
The Germans wanted to do as much as possible to interfere with the supply of crude oil from the refineries in Texas and Louisiana—oil that was headed to the northeast coast refineries to make fuel for airplanes and tanks. So, they sent U-boats along the Atlantic coast and into the Gulf and successfully sunk over 100 ships in the Gulf and Caribbean. The impact on the oil industry was the loss of over 742,000 gross tonnes—or over 13 million barrels of oil. That was the equivalent of four days' production in 1942. It also effectively shut off the main exporter to the US, Venezuela.

The US became the chief supplier of fuel to the British—and of course American—military armed forces during the war. President Roosevelt appointed Harold Ickes Secretary of the Interior (aka Oil Czar). Under this administration, a pipeline was constructed from Texas to the northeast refineries; US oil production increased from 3.7 to 4.7 million barrels/day. New fields were discovered in Texas, Louisiana, and Michigan. And, in 1943, the Sunniland Field was discovered in the Florida Everglades. This provided not only additional production, but it also provided product that did not have to cross the Gulf—and it provided the backdrop for Dr. Sears novel.

During the Cretaceous period, Florida was part of a sea that divided the North American continent, 100 million years ago, with warm, clear water. Oil formed in the Sunniland reefs on the edge of the shallow water. Although offshore drilling is off the books, there has been onshore production since the first well was drilled in the 1940s. Steve's book is a fictitious account of an oil-well drilling operation in 1943.

The story is about a couple, Jerry and Maria, who move from Manhattan, NY, to Everglades City, FL in 1943. Jerry is put in charge of the drilling operations of a speculative well, with many challenges—technical, cultural, and financial. And, challenges develop from the war as the well is threatened by a U-boat crew determined to destroy the well and the flow of oil to the allied forces.

After several questions from the members and guests, we took a short break, while we purchased copies of the book, which Steve signed for us. We presented him with a certificated of appreciation and a thank you note informing him of a donation to the club scholarship fund. And, we anxiously await the sequel that is currently being printed.

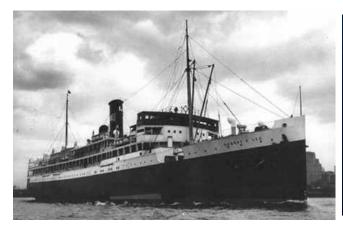




U-166 on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico









SS Robert E. Lee - passenger freighter - sunk by the U-166 on July 30, 1942



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May, 2021

Spring is in full motion now! Today's high 91 degrees, yikes. The snowstorm of the South seems like yesterday. There are plenty of memes out there that describe our weather moods quite well!

Congratulations to the Westbank Club for 45 years of clubdome. Dorothy Semon and I had the pleasure of joining the Westbank Club for their celebration. 34 members strong says a lot for our industry right now and I find it very encouraging. Thank you Judi Adams and the Westbank Club for your wonderful hospitality.

Who is ready for a Region Meeting? May 22, 2021.

Red River Desk and Derrick Club is gathering at the Petroleum Club in downtown Shreveport with the hopes of sharing the experience! The hope is because with technology, you never know and the experience, well, sign on and see. If anyone would like to join us please know you are certainly welcomed. We will have a continental breakfast available and lunch about 12. Your costs would simply be \$20 for lunch. We would appreciate advance notice of course for venue meal prep.

Now, I am fairly transparent, so know that I am working towards something I know nothing about, "technology". I do know that a couple regions have had their virtual meetings and call it a success. An agenda is coming I promise.

Putting several restrictions from COVID behind us, let's have fun, laugh and enjoy each other. I declare May 22<sup>nd</sup> our "off to the races" moment, our "opening the gates" moment. In keeping with the Kentucky Derby held in May, show us your hats. What horse are you pulling for? Make it up! Send me a picture so we can share and VOTE. Yes, somehow we will vote and there will be a winner and a prize!!! Dorothy Semon has already completed hers and will be entering the race as Mrs. Daisy. She has way too much enthusiasm.

Look out for a good number of emails coming through in May. Information overload but electronic information is our lifeline. Read read!

Margie Steed 2021 Southeast Region Director

"Do one thing every day that scares you." — Eleanor Roosevelt.

#### **SOUTHEAST REGION MEMBERS**

Please join us at our 2021 "Virtual" Southeast Region Meeting

Saturday - May 22, 2021

Delegates sign in 9:00 am

Members sign in 9:30 am

"Celebrate life - Kentucky Derby Style"

We will show off our Derby hats after the business meeting.

Buy, scavenge, glue or borrow...take a picture

and send to me and maybe you will win the secret prize!

The Red River Desk and Derrick Club will be gathering at the Petroleum Club. If you want to come to Shreveport and join us, cost is \$20 for lunch. RSVP asap to <a href="mailto:Margieasteed@gmail.com">Margieasteed@gmail.com</a>





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May 2021

The April showers in Texas have brought the May flowers. It appears that even after our "deep freeze" earlier, many yards are alive with beautiful flowers in bloom. Spring is definitely in the air.

Two of the virtual Regional Meetings are in the books. There are two meetings still to be held – May 14, 2021 the Central Region Meeting and May 22, 2021, the Southeast Region Meeting. We all know that a virtual meeting isn't the same as being able to give friends big hugs, but because of the technology to have to Zoom meetings, we have been able to see many friends and their smiling faces.

There have been two Regional Director for 2022, who have been elected. Congratulations to Ingrid Burton, Midland Club – West Region Director-Elect and Sam Thomas, Tri-State Club – Central Region Director-Elect.

As mentioned in my April Letter, due to not being able to have our Regional Meetings in person, the Certification Committee moved forward with having three (3) Certification Classes by Virtual Meetings.

April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Geology course was taught by Heather Woods April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Drilling course was taught by Philana Thompson June 5<sup>th</sup>, will be last class, Land & Leasing with Ramon Hancock as the Instructor (Rescheduled from May 8<sup>th</sup>)

The Accounting Certification class will be held at Convention on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be taught by Sheryl Minear.

Mark your calendars - ADDC is moving forward with the 2021 ADDC Convention to be held in New Orleans, LA – *September 21-25, 2021*. The Registration Packets will be sent out in the near future. The Crown Plaza New Orleans French Quarter will be the site of this year's convention. Room rates will be \$169 for a single, double, triple or quad.

After not being able to see each other in person for this past year, we are looking forward to having time to be together. The Southeast Region will be the host for this year's convention.

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The Nominating Committee Chairman, Christina Forth has called for Nominations for Association Officers for 2022. The Nomination Forms were sent to Regional Directors, to be forwarded to Club Presidents. Nominations for the office of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer are open. The deadline for Nomination forms to be returned is June 15, 2021. Nominees for any Association Office must have served as a Regional Director or have served on the Association Board. Remember – **YOUR** Association needs you.

Membership – At the close of 2020, we ended with 959 members and our current membership stands at 708, as of April 28, 2021. With the difficulties that we have all dealt with last year, I feel that our Association can still gain new members. Many companies have reduced their staff but we can still increase our membership throughout this year. Many clubs still have not held in-person meetings. I remain hopeful that before long this will change and we can be together, have monthly speakers again and be able to invite prospective members to these meetings.

We may be down in our membership, but we are never out! We can do this together – onward and upward.

Have a wonderful month and hugs to all,

#### Evelyn



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out"



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2021 ADDC President Elect 2021 Education/Certification Chair 610 Reilly Ave Farmington, NM 87401 Cell: 505-486-1171 pthompson@merrion.bz

March 25th, 2021

Dear fellow Members of ADDC,

At the February board meeting the education/certification committee presented a possible outline to host virtual certification courses for 2021. The virtual certifications listed below were arranged so that no conflicts would occur with the virtual regional meetings that are being hosted. This proposal was suggested due to the fact no in-person regional meetings occurred in 2020, and now 2021. We wanted to provide this opportunity so that members could stay on track. The board also recommended that we needed to charge a \$25.00 fee to cover the costs for certificates and any other operational expenses. These courses are open to any member of ADDC. The classes will be held on a Saturday and will last 4-5 hours.

4/10/2021 Virtual Geology Instructor Heather Woods 4/24/2021 Virtual Drilling Instructor Philana Thompson 5/8/2021 Virtual Land & Leasing Instructor Ramon Hancock

Accounting will be offered at convention this year in New Orleans at a cost to be determined.

If you are interested in participating in any of the virtual courses please send an email to me at <a href="mailto:pthompson@merrion.bz">pthompson@merrion.bz</a>. Once you have emailed me we will provide the link for the virtual invite and payment options. As we get closer to the certification date more detailed information will be provided i.e. handouts, slides, etc. Please note that the test and class survey will be done electronically through Google docs/forms.

Also, I was asked to put on a short seminar on how Zoom works. You are welcome to sign up for one of those classes as well, but it is not mandatory. If you would like to sign up for one of the classes below please email <a href="mailto:pthompson@merion.bz">pthompson@merion.bz</a> and let me know which class you would like. This will be a basic "How To" and a tad bit of etiquette of virtual zoom meetings.

4/9/2021 4:00 PM Mountain Time 5/7/2021 4:00 PM Mountain Time

Thank you, Philana Thompson



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May 2021

TO: ADDC Members

FROM: 2021 Rules Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to ADDC Bylaws

And/or Standing Rules

The 2021 Rules Committee has presented four (4) proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and seven (7) proposed amendment to the ADDC Standing Rules. The club delegates will vote on these proposed amendments during the business meeting at the 2021 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference to be held in New Orleans, LA, September 21-25, 2021.

If any club proposes an amendment to any of these proposed amendments, they must submit the proposal on the attached form prior to Convention. This will ensure it is reviewed for accuracy (wording, parliamentary standards, etc.) prior to presentation at Convention. This will save time during the meeting if we clean things up before it is submitted to the body of the meeting.

The proposed amendments and all forms are posted on the ADDC website under News & Publications - Committee News. If you need help getting the amendments or form on the website or need help with preparing a proposed amendment to those submitted, please contact me – <a href="mailto:dandd.judi@gmail.com">dandd.judi@gmail.com</a> or (504) 407- 7443 – and I will assist you with wording in conjunction with Parliamentarian Sheryl Minear.

Thank you to the Rules Committee, ADDC Board, and ADDC Parliamentarian Sheryl Minear for their ongoing assistance with this committee.

Regards,

Judi Adams

Cc: Evelyn Green, Cindy Krebs, Sheryl Minear attachments

# Texas Freeze Exacted Even Worse Toll Than Estimated on U.S. Oil

By SHEELA TOBBEN on 5/2/2021 (SOURCE: WORLDOIL.COM)

(Bloomberg) — An Arctic cold blast that swept through the U.S. South in February caused a much bigger loss in oil supply than previously estimated, with output falling to a three-year low, according to U.S. government data.

Drillers cut oil production by almost 1.2 million barrels a day, the biggest decline since May and far more than the 800,000 barrels a day officials had estimated in early April, according to figures released Friday by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Scores of wells were forced to shut after extreme cold triggered power outages across Texas, the nation's energy capital. The historic wintry blast at one point curtailed about 4 million barrels a day of U.S. crude oil supply, traders and executives said at the time. The low temperatures also froze oil and gas output at the well head, along with pipes that were transporting that supply.

Texas alone contributed about 70% of the monthly loss, while declines in New Mexico accounted for almost 9%, according to the EIA. In North Dakota, output slipped to about a million barrels a day.

U.S. crude output declined to about 9.9 million barrels a day in February from just over 11 million in January. Producers have since managed to restore most of the supply, with weekly production averaging almost 11 million barrels a day.



# New Report Shows Toll of Civil Court Costs on Louisiana's Economy

**Baton Rouge, LA** May 3, 2021 — Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch (LLAW) released the *2021 Impact of Tort Costs and the Potential Economic Benefits of Tort Reform,* an assessment measuring the impact of excessive civil court costs on Louisiana's economy. CitizensAgainst Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) commissioned John Dunham & Associates (JDA) to conduct analysis on these impacts and the potential economic benefits of tort reform in Louisiana. View the Louisiana report here.

Findings once again showed that Louisiana continues to lose jobs and revenue to the tune of billions annually. The current total impact of these costs results in\$3.87 billion in lost economic activity, 22,550 in job losses and losses of\$1.12 billion in lost wages for hardworking Louisianans. This translates to an annual hidden "tort tax" of \$451 currently being paid by every single Louisiana resident. Were Louisiana to enact additional reforms, the resulting savings to residents and businesses would be an estimated\$2.1 billion.

As a result, all major industry groups are negatively impacted. Business and personal services tops the list with job losses totaling more than 7,700, lost wages in excess of \$446 million and \$951 million in lost output. The travel and entertainment sector is the next hardest-hit with more than 5600 in lost jobs, lost wages in excess of \$163 million and more than \$545 million in output losses. Coming in third is finance, insurance, and real estate with more than 2600 job losses, nearly \$97 million in lost wages and more than \$644 million in lost output.

The report also looked at the costs of Louisiana's civil justice system resulting in specific losses in the largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), as outlined below.

#### **New Orleans MSA**

- o Jobs: 2900+; Wages: \$126+ million; Economic Activity: \$405+ million

  Baton Rouge MSA
- Jobs:1580+; Wages:\$76+ million; Economic Activity: \$254+ million
   Shreveport MSA
- Jobs:1000+; Wages:\$54+ million; Economic Activity: \$172+ million
   Lafayette MSA
- o Jobs:600+; Wages:34+ million; Economic Activity: 109+ million

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Though significant legal reforms were passed by the Louisiana Legislature last year, it will take time for these changes to take effect. Significant legal cost savings to the state and its residents would result from implementation of comprehensive legal reform. Louisiana would experience a spurt of economic growth resulting in jobs gained, increased wages and benefits, as well as a significant expansion of economic activity. State government would also benefit from additional tax revenues. All of these are needed more than ever, as the state continues to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

"These findings clearly show that civil justice reform must continue to be a priority in Louisiana. Frivolous lawsuits and exorbitant plaintiff awards impact all sectors of our economy – especially the critical energy sector. These job-killing lawsuits hurt Louisiana families, and in addition, economic opportunities are driven away while resulting costs are passed down to all Louisianans in the form of higher prices for goods and services," said LLAW Executive Director Lana Venable.

While providing access to the civil justice system for truly injured parties to be fully and fairly compensated is the bedrock of the American judicial system, civil justice reforms aim to discourage filing of nuisance lawsuits or limit the types of damages that can be received. They are designed to relieve the court system from an abundance of frivolous lawsuits, prevent hurtful and abusive practices against businesses and other defendants, and prevent lawsuits that are overly costly.

"A healthy legal system should ensure fairness for both truly impaired individuals and small and large businesses operating in Louisiana. Imbalances in the system lead to unpredictability for consumers and businesses, costing jobs and resulting in constrained economic growth," according to Louisiana Coalition for Common Sense Executive Director Karen Eddlemon.

Louisiana earned the number five ranking in the American Tort Reform Foundation's 2020-21 Judicial Hellholes Report based on systematic application of civil laws and court procedures. The state was also ranked49th in the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform's 2019 Lawsuit Abuse Climate Survey, which measures the reasonability and balance of each states' tort liability systems.

Source: loga.la



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- 1. Platform information report with details on the platform structure
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#### AND MUCH MORE!

Hurricane season begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. I encourage all of you to have an evacuation plan. Once your plan is in place, tell your family and friends and advise them of the importance of preparing their own evacuation plan so they too can be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season.

Remember, the safety of you and your family comes first, so please make your plans today.

	ARE YOU READY TO EVACUATE? <u>CHECK LIST</u>
DIS	ASTER SUPPLY KIT
	A three-day supply of both non-perishable food and drinking water (one ga llon per person per day)
	First-aid kit with your family's medications
	Change of clothing and footwear, one blanket/sleeping bag for each person, sanitation supplies, extra batteries, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, an extra set of car and house keys, cash or traveler's checks and credit cards.
	Any special items needed for the care of infant, elderly or disabled family members and important papers, such as property inventory and insurance records.
EM	ERGENCY CAR KIT
	A battery-powered radio
	Flashlight
	Extra batteries
	Blankets
	Booster cables
	Maps, bottled water
	Shovel, a tire-repair kit and pump
	Fire extinguisher and flares
	High energy non-perishable foods
	REMEMBER
@	When a hurricane threatens, listen to your local radio and television reports for evacuation orders from local government officials, Red Cross shelter locations outside of the risk area, and information on available evacuation routes.
@	Don't forget to take along your Disaster Supply Kit and your Emergency Car Kit.
@	Remember to take important papers like personal identification documents, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, banking statements, wills, deeds and family heirlooms and mementos.
0	Your evacuation plan should include where you are going and what route you are taking to get there.
0	Alert your out-of-state contact of your departure time and destination.

#### **Disaster Supply Kit**

There are six basics that you should stock for your disaster supply kit: water, food, clothing and bedding, first aid supplies, tools, emergency supplies and special items. Keep these items in a waterproof container that can be easily transported from your home, to your car and to your safe place. Assemble your kit now to allow for immediate action during an emergency. Your family's disaster supply kit should include at least a five-day supply of:

- Water One gallon of water per person per day.
- Non-perishable food Select food items that are compact and lightweight. Include the following items:
  - Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables, canned juices, high energy foods, vitamins, comfort foods, condiments, food for infant or special needs family member
- Clothing and bedding Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person and the following weather-appropriate items:
  - Sturdy shoes or work boots, rain gear, blankets or sleeping bags, hat and gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses
- First aid supplies
- Tools and emergency supplies
  - First aid supplies, flashlight and extra batteries, non-electric can opener, utility knife, tube tent, tape, matches in a waterproof container, plastic storage containers, paper, pencils, medicine dropper, whistle, sanitation supplies, Louisiana Citizen Awareness and Disaster Evacuation Guide. battery-operated radio and extra batteries, cash or traveler's checks, change, fire extinguisher: small canister ABC-type, plyers, compass, aluminum foil, signal flare, needles & thread, shut-off wrench to turn off household gas and water, plastic sheeting, Official DOTD Travel Map, mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Special Items Infant/special needs family member and medical supplies
- Entertainment Games and books
- Important family documents
  - o Wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
  - o Passports, social security cards and immunization records
  - Bank account numbers
  - Credit card account numbers and company addresses
  - Inventory of valuable household goods and important telephone numbers
  - Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version of the supply kit in the trunk of your car. Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh. Replace your stored food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

#### myrecipes

# Pork Chops with Roasted Apples and Brussels Sprouts



For the zestiest flavor, rub the chops with the brown sugar mixture the night before, and let them chill overnight. Hands-On: 15 mins

Total: 40 mins

Yield: Makes 4 servings



Alison Miksch

#### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ⅓ teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar, divided
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary, divided
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 4 (1-inch-thick) bone-in, center-cut pork chops
- 3 tablespoons plus 2 tsp. olive oil, divided
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 Gala apple (8 to 9 oz.), cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1 pound fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed and cut in half

Vegetable cooking spray

#### Directions

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 425°. Stir together first 5 ingredients, 1 Tbsp. brown sugar, 1 tsp. rosemary, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. black pepper in a small bowl. Rub each pork chop with 1/2 tsp. olive oil; rub both sides of each pork chop with brown sugar mixture (about 2 tsp. on each chop).

#### Step 2

Whisk together apple cider vinegar and remaining 2 Tbsp. brown sugar, 1 tsp. rosemary, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. black pepper in a small bowl; slowly whisk in remaining 3 Tbsp. olive oil until blended. Place apples, Brussels sprouts, and 1/4 cup vinegar mixture in a large bowl, and toss to coat.

#### Step 3

Place pork chops in center of a lightly greased (with cooking spray) heavy-duty aluminum foil-lined sheet pan; place apple mixture around pork chops.

#### Step 4

Bake at 425° for 12 minutes; turn pork chops over and bake 10 to 14 minutes more or until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest portion registers 140°. Transfer pork chops to a serving platter, and cover with foil to keep warm. Stir apple mixture in sheet pan and spread into an even layer.

#### Step 5

Increase oven temperature to broil, and broil apple mixture 3 to 4 minutes or until browned and slightly charred. Transfer apple mixture to a medium bowl. Toss together apple mixture and remaining vinegar mixture. Season with kosher salt and serve with pork chops.

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