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From the Sheriff

Larry C. Deen

Keeping a growing parish safe and secure

Everywhere you look, the population of Bossier Parish is exploding.

It has grown to approximately 105,000, which means we have more traffic, and the Sheriff's Office has more calls for service.

With that in mind, we are always looking for ways to better serve Bossier residents

That's why we have a training facility to hone the skills of our deputies.

Now that it is fully operational, we are training not only our own deputies, but also police officers from other agen-

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Inspector General Don Rittenberry and Deputy Roy Rawls joined area peace officers on Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 11. Officers who died in the line of duty were remembered and honored.

THE PEOPLE PAGE



Deputy Reagan Malmay was honored by Sheriff Deen for his selfless action during a house fire in January. Malmay kicked in the door to search for possible victims with no regard to his own safety. He was unable to locate any victims and was able to back out of the house successfully.



Deputy Joshua Cordell was recognized by Sheriff Deen for his swift action in saving a heart attack victim by providing CPR to her before medics arrived on the scene. EMTs credit Cordell with her survival.



Leighton Becker, a recent graduate of the North Louisiana Criminal Justice Academy Class 003, was commended by Sheriff Deen for winning a lengthy battle with cancer and going on to complete the demanding P.O.S.T. training.



Sheriff Deen recently promoted Norman Craig to the rank of sergeant. Craig administers the Bossier Sheriff Young Marines.



Clinton Robins, a retired major in the U.S. Marine Corps, was sworn in as a Bossier Deputy. In addition to his assigned duties, Robins volunteers with the Young Marines



A.D. "Doc" Basham, a Bossier resident, was awarded with a citizen's certificate yesterday for his help in locating a drowning man last December. He reported a man screaming for help near a bridge on Sligo Road. Deputy Harlan Dredge checked the area, Dredge went back to Mr. Basham to tell him that he didn't find anything. But Basham insisted, and Dredge pulled the man to safety.

Training, enforcement, corrections included in master plan

cies. In the years to come, thousands will be trained at the North Louisiana Criminal Justice Academy.

The academy is part of an infrastructure designed to continually enhance the quality of life in Bossier Parish.

We have a 550-bed maximum security jail, a 600-bed medium security facility and a 250-bed minimum security facility. Our parish has the capacity to hold approximately 1,400 inmates at any given time.

Having enough space to incarcerate people who have broken the law is a part of a master plan to make sure Bossier Parish continues to be one of the safest parishes in Louisiana.

The crime rate is low and we want to keep it that way. I have always made the prevention and reduction of crime my highest priority. We have been able to do that because of the dedication and skill of our deputies on patrol, our reserves, our Posse, our detectives and our narcotics agents.

And now, thanks to the wonderful residents of Bossier Parish, we have another weapon to add to our anti-crime arsenal, plenty of space to lock up offenders.

In addition to the our corrections facilities, we have also implemented some major programs to help reduce and prevent crime and

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The Bossier Maximum Security facility is one of three prisons that are part of a master plan to keep the parish safe despite rapid growth.



Six D.A.R.E. graduations in May included Waller, Princeton, Benton, Carrie Martin, Stockwell and Legacy elementary schools. The D.A.R.E. program was instituted by Sheriff Deen in Bossier Parish schools in 1989. The D.A.R.E. curriculum is taught over a period of 16 weeks by Bossier Sheriff's deputies and is designed to help young people build self esteem, teach them how to deal effectively with unwanted peer pressure and encourage them to find healthy alternatives to violence, drugs, gangs and alcohol.



Record turnout in Torch Run

Bossier deputies joined other area law enforcement personnel in a Special Olympics Torch Run, a statewide event that raises money and awareness for the Louisiana Special Olympics. Bossier Deputy Daniel Tally and DeSoto Deputy Kyle Martin (inset photo) ran all the way to Natchitoches. Bossier deputies who did the local run from Bossier City to Shreveport are, from left, Scott Dillon, Leighton Becker, Robert Thompson, Daniel Talley, Erik Wikstrom, Alex Ware, Jonathan Colgin, Jesse Tallant, Jason Jenkins, Mike Edmunds, Corey Maclsaac and Stephen Hoff. Not pictured are Michael Basco, Joshua Knighten, Kenny Loftin and Gary Roberts.

Bailey to retire from Bossier Sheriff's Office in June

The young American soldiers never gave a second thought to the little Vietnamese peasant woman squatting placidly in a field near the road, watching the convoy pass. One of the soldiers remarked that "she looked like she was 100 years old."



Bailey

The soldiers in a Jeep passed her, and behind them, there was a fierce explosion. An ammunition truck was struck with an improvised explosive device. The device exploded under the engine, destroying it, but not detonating the cargo of ammunition. Sandbags on the floor of the truck protected the men, and no one was hurt.

Amid the shouting and confusion, the old peasant woman quietly walked the length of the convoy and disappeared. *Later, the soldiers found wires leading from the scene of the blast to the place in the field where she had sat.*

Lt. Col. Richard Bailey, who will retire from the Sheriff's Office in June, was one of the soldiers in the Jeep. He was a battery executive of-

ficer, then a battery commander, in charge of six howitzers and 120 soldiers on the border between North and South Vietnam. He was with 12th Marine Regiment with army artillery attached.

Bailey was born in Ithaca, N.Y. in 1939, the son of an Army horse artillery man. He went to high school in Anchorage, Alaska, and San Antonio, Texas, then graduated first in his class at Yale, on a National Merit Scholarship.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962 as a private. *His performance and academic record won him a presidential commission as a second lieutenant by 1964.* He led a distinguished and varied military career for 30 years, serving in various command and teaching roles, including teaching at West Point. During that time he earned a master's degree in English.

At Ft. Benning, Ga., he met Dee Chapman, who taught at the elementary school at Ft. Benning. They married 11 weeks later, on his 30th birthday, Sept. 28, 1969, in a grand formal military wedding, "with swords and all."

They raised two sons. At that

time, Richard was commander of the 6th Battalion, 10th Field Artillery at Bamberg, Germany, so they enrolled the boys, Richard Jr. and Christopher in German schools, where they completed 13 years in the highest of three levels of German public schools.

After raising the boys, Dee went to work for the Air Force Libraries. In 1994, Richard came back to the States to care for his terminally ill mother.

Dee was finishing up Christopher's last year of school and working as a library technician at Rammstein Air Base.

Dee rejoined him in the States in 1996. She earned her second master's degree in library science at Texas Women's University.

They bought their retirement home in Kansas. Dee worked for the Manhattan, Kansas, City Library, then for Kansas State University. Richard first volunteered for, then directed a public transit system for the elderly.

Dee and Richard volunteer for the American Red Cross. He has been deployed in disasters from Portland, Ore., to the Florida coast. Among the hobbies they will be returning to are skiing and sailing.

Homeowner: 'I would have lent him a gas can if he'd asked'

Alex Ryan Tuminello, 22, of the 6700 block of Jefferson Paige Road in Shreveport, was arrested for simple burglary. He ran out of gas on La. Highway 3. He walked up to a home and grabbed a small gas can from the garage. He then took the can back to his vehicle to fill it up enough to get him to a gas station, less than a mile away.

Tuminello was spotted by Posse members Harry Stern and Pat Dixon as he was walking back to his vehicle.

As they continued down the road, Stern and Dixon heard over the radio that someone on Rebouche Road had just called to report a stolen gas can from her garage. They turned around and followed Tuminello to the gas station and called deputies.

Tuminello denied any involvement in the theft, but the Posse members and the homeowner positively identified him as the thief. Tuminello was also unaware that the gas can he had taken was filled with a gasoline and oil mixture, often used for lawn equipment.

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Continued growth will require continued perseverance

to maintain the quality of life in Bossier Parish

Among these are Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), the Posse and work buses to help keep the parish roadways free of litter.

In August 1989, the Bossier Sheriff's Office was the second law enforcement agency in the state to institute the D.A.R.E. program parish-wide. In the 19 years since, thousands of students have graduated from the D.A.R.E. program in the parish.

It is extremely important to reach kids early with the D.A.R.E. message of saying, "No," to drugs and violence. Our D.A.R.E. officers have been doing that consistently over all these years, and we believe it has helped our children live happier, healthier and more productive lives as they grow into adulthood.

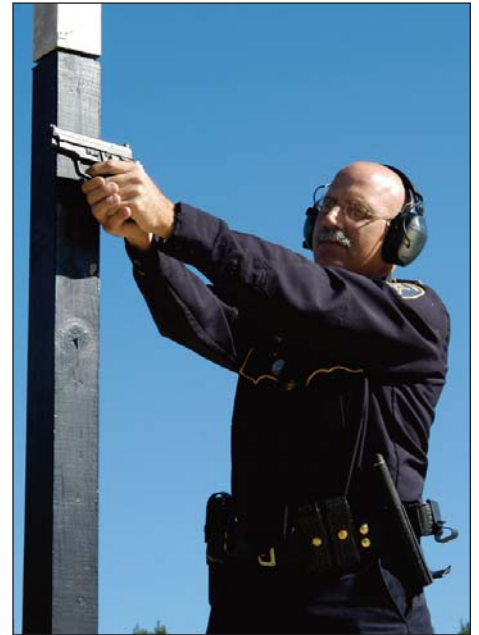
In 1995, we traveled to Maricopa County, Ariz., and liked what we saw there, a program in which retired residents acted as an extension of law enforcement. We brought the idea back to Bossier Parish, and in April 1995 the Bossier Sheriff's Posse came into being. Today, the Posse is a force of approximately 275 patrol volunteers, who assist the regular and reserve Bossier Sheriff's deputies in patrolling the parish.

Visibility is the number one purpose of the Posse, and since we instituted the program, the number of burglaries and thefts has remained

low.

With growth expected to continue in the parish, it is absolutely essential for the Bossier Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies in the parish—the Bossier City Police Department, the Houghton Police Department, the Benton Police Department, the Plain Dealing Police Department, the Bossier City Marshal's Office and the Louisiana State Police—to prevent and reduce crime, so the residents of this parish can live in an environment of safety.

I receive great satisfaction serving our wonderful residents.



Bossier deputies train constantly.

Deputies supervise shooting match



Charley Bright instructs competitors in the Senior Olympics marksmanship competition in May. Bright and Mike Bankston served as range officers and scorekeepers.



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Air Force career took Oar around the world, then to Barksdale

Al Oar grew up in Erie, Pa., on the southern shore of Lake Erie separated from Canada only by 21 miles of water. He was one of five children.

His father, like so many of his generation on the then-heavily industrialized Great Lakes, worked in a foundry.

In 1962, when he graduated from East High School, Al saw little opportunity in Erie, other than working in a factory, so he joined the Air Force.

Initially, the Air Force planned to train him as a boom operator in a KC 135 tanker, performing air-to-air refueling. Instead, they sent him to school to learn about air conditioning and refrigeration at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas.

He was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base as an air conditioning technician.

A fellow airman, Ellis Sams, introduced Al to Linda Ross, of Shreveport. During his busy military career, Al and Linda raised two children, Rodney, now 44, and Janet Brown, now 41. Rodney has two daughters, Lindsay and Laura. Janet has two boys, Ryan and

Jason.

Linda is a bookkeeper. When they met, she was working for McGoldrick Co. in Shreveport.

Three months after Al and Linda were married, Al was deployed to Vietnam.

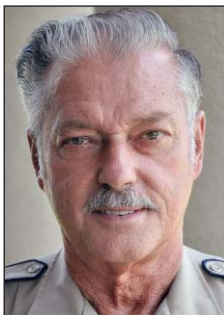
There, he was a liquid oxygen technician. He manufactured liquid oxygen for high-altitude use by the pilots.

Like most career military people, Al was moved around the world quite a bit.

The family moved to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. After that, Al was sent back to Vietnam twice.

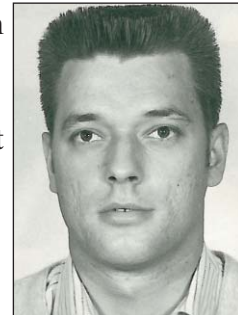
In 1972, he came back to the States and was sent to Arizona, in the field of electronic security command. This was the technology of listening to and jamming enemy communications.

As a first sergeant, he found supervising personnel to be rewarding work. "If somebody was doing something wrong, I didn't just discipline them," he said, "but I also offered them the guidance they needed to get back on the right



Oar

track. I'd explain to them what a court martial involved, and what happened to a person then. Then, I'd say, 'But we're not going to do that.' And they'd be happy to receive a less serious penalty."



1962

In 1980, Al came back to Barksdale as a first sergeant for an avionics maintenance squadron. Then he was deployed to Korea in 1984. He came back in 1985 as a first sergeant in the 46th Communications Group at Barksdale.

After supervising 150 people at Barksdale, overseeing all the utilities, in 1992 he retired and went to work at Overton Brooks Medical Center until retiring in 2008.

Now he serves on the Board of Directors at Barksdale Federal Credit Union and does volunteer work, including the Posse, volunteering at the medical center and various activities with Shady Grove Baptist Church.

He said he especially enjoys serving in the Posse, because it provides such a benefit to the community.

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8-year-old girl sells lemonade to feed the hungry

It's not every day that you hear of an 8-year-old raising money for charity or having interest in feeding the poor.

Halle Lou Southerland is the granddaughter of Posse member Carl Southerland.

Halle and her friend, Haley Spate, had a lemonade stand in Halle's front yard. They took the money, placed it in an envelope and gave it to Southerland to give to the Sheriff. Halle told her grandfather that it was "to buy food for

the poor people." The two girls raised approximately \$16 for Operation Blessing. She said the effort "was hot, but lots of fun!"

Halle goes to Sun City Elementary School.

Halle was adopted by Southerland's daughter, Candi, from China at the age of 4. She was in an orphanage in Yan'an City in the Shaanxi Province. The day she was brought to America, she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Halle knew absolutely no English when she came, and her new family didn't know any Chi-

nese.

Now, four years later, Halle speaks English with ease.

Halle and her mother celebrated "Gotcha Day" May 15.

"Gotcha Day" is their day to celebrate the day they "got" each other, when Halle became part of the Southerland family. Halle said that they celebrate with a cake and dinner with their family.



Halle