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4th OF JULY FUN FACTS

As America approaches her 245th birthday, here are some fun facts to share with family and friends while celebrating Independence Day.

- ***The designer of the 50-Star Flag was 17***

In 1958, a history teacher, in Lancaster, Ohio, gave a class assignment to redesign the national flag as Alaska and Hawaii neared statehood. Robert Heft designed a new flag using the old 48-star flag and \$3 worth of blue cloth and white iron-on material. His design earned him a B-minus. Heft challenged the grade by sending his flag to D.C. to be considered by President Eisenhower. Although thousands submitted a flag design, Heft was the only person who stitched together a flag and shipped it to Washington. Once his flag was selected, Heft's grade was rightfully changed to an A. His design became the official flag in 1960.



- ***Hot dogs are on the menu for the 4th***

According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council, Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. As astronomical as this volume of hot dogs sounds, it is a mere 2% of the estimated 7 billion hot dogs that will be consumed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In contrast, about 700 million pounds of chicken will be eaten for Independence Day.

- ***NJ Lawyer the only signee to recant the Declaration of Independence***

Richard Stockton recanted his support after being captured and jailed by the British in November 1776. After years of abusive treatment, and recanting his loyalties, Stockton was released to find all his property destroyed or stolen by the British. His library, one of the finest in the colonies, was burned to the ground.

- ***Bizarre Presidential Anniversaries***

On July 4, 1826, both Presidents Thomas Jefferson, 82, and John Adams, 90, died within hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which they signed. Additionally, President James Monroe, who helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase and issued the Monroe Doctrine, died on July 4, 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was the only president to be born on July 4 was born in Plymouth, Vermont, on July 4, 1872.

Hope these fun facts help spur some lively discussions during your Independence Day celebrations. Please fly your flags and please be safe. Happy 4th of July!

JUNE'S DELUGES

Magnolia Forest, like much of the local area, endured torrential rains starting with Tropical Storm Claudette and then endured another round a few days after.

Claudette was upgraded to a Tropical Storm after landfall, which is rare. Nearly all tropical storms form over the ocean, where warm waters and ample moisture help to generate the cyclones. Claudette began its journey as a tropical disturbance in the southern Gulf of Mexico and was designated a Potential Tropical Cyclone as it moved closer to the Louisiana coastline.

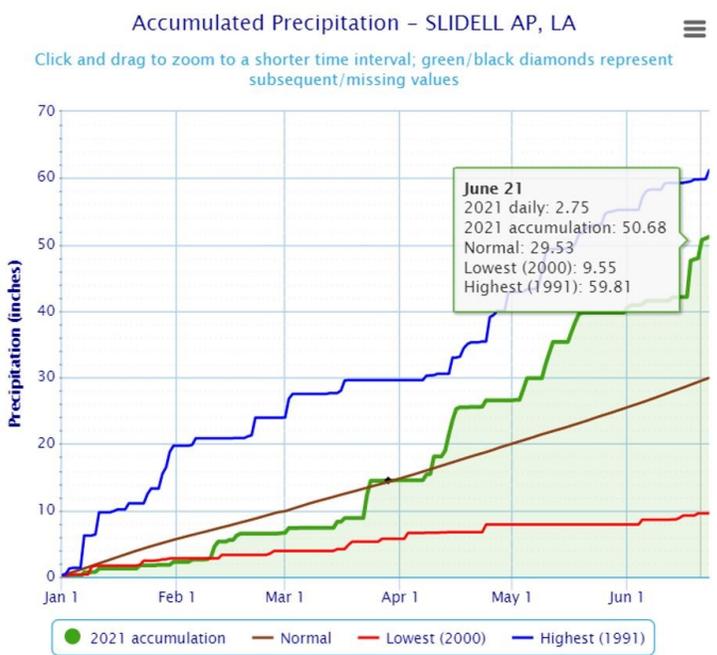
However, Claudette did not obtain a well-defined circulation until it moved over land, something that is extremely unusual. Some tropical systems can maintain or gain strength over land due to the Brown Ocean Effect, a meteorological phenomenon studied by NASA scientists. Louisiana's wetlands provided enough moisture to mimic an ocean environment that can sustain or grow a tropical storm. The friction effects of land may have caused Claudette to tighten up enough to have a closed circulation as she continued to strengthen. Only a handful of storms have ever been recorded forming over land. From 1851 to 2015, only 2% of all Atlantic tropical cyclones formed over land.

On June 17th, a Hurricane Hunters reconnaissance aircraft investigated the system and noted it was rather lopsided, with no identifiable closed surface circulation. However, due to the system's imminent threat to land, the National Hurricane Center designated the disturbance as a Potential Tropical Cyclone and began issuing advisories of tropical storm-force or higher winds to the Gulf Coast.

On June 19, the disturbance developed a circulation that was well-defined enough to be upgraded to a tropical storm, receiving the name Claudette while over southeastern Louisiana. Claudette brought a significant amount of rain to the local area and caused widespread flooding. Claudette produced a sharp rain-gradient where rainfall amounts ramped up eastward over coastal Mississippi. The eastern side of Slidell received over 10" of rainfall for Claudette storm total and 12.3" for the rain gauge on the East Pearl at Stennis Space Center. Slidell's average annual rainfall rate is just under 62 inches. (Average annual rainfall for the US is 38.1") The NWS's accumulation of rainfall, as of June 22nd, showed Slidell at over 57 inches and we have had more rain since! The Gulfport Airport exceeded the record, set in 2017, by over 12.5 inches!

Slidell Police deployed high-water rescue vehicles due to widespread flooding, rescuing multiple people from their flooded cars, including a woman in route to Slidell Memorial Hospital to deliver her baby. Over 40 vehicles were flooded in Slidell.

Claudette formed ahead of schedule. Typically, the third-named storm of the Atlantic Hurricane Season forms around Aug. 13th. However, Tropical Storm Cristobal, last year's third-named storm formed on June 2, 2020, becoming the earliest-forming third named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season ever. Still, Claudette's formation puts the Atlantic basin way ahead of schedule, and the National Weather Service Hurricane Center predicts another active hurricane season.



KEEP ST TAMMANY BEAUTIFUL SALUTE AWARD

Magnolia Forest received the Keep St. Tammany Beautiful (KSTB) Salute Award for our attractive, well maintained and litter free entrances. The presentation took place on Saturday, June 26 at the Fischer entrance with the festive, patriotic decorations courtesy of **Barbara & Ed Burgueno** and the **Magnolia Forest Garden Club**.

Thank you to **Bob Owen** for facilitating the litter pick-up by state prisoners recently on Military Rd. KSTB is our local chapter of Keep America Beautiful's network of state and community-based affiliates which carry out our shared mission at the state, county, and municipal levels.



Left to right: Paul Rao, Pete Giuffria, Barbara Burgueno, Bob Meltz, Parish Councilman Mike Smith, KSTB Board members Carroll Knowles and Sharon Snowdy, and former Parish Councilman Gene Bellisario. Not pictured is State Representative Bob Owen.

GARDEN CLUB MAY MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Members of Magnolia Forest Garden Club recently held their officer installation luncheon at Keith Young's Steakhouse in Madisonville, LA. Member **Sandy Solar**, a knowledgeable butterfly enthusiast, presented each officer with a beautiful butterfly image depicting the roll and personality of each officer. Members also said farewell to **Margo Ncaise**, a long time, highly active member with the Magnolia Forest Garden Club and Homeowners Association, who is moving out of state.



Left to Right - Nancy O'Bryan, President; Suzanne Robinson, Parliamentarian; Tammy Artalona, Historian; Lynda Donaldson, Treasurer; Carroll Knowles, Secretary; Janet Bernard, 2nd Vice President; Beryl Deris, 1st Vice President.

EDITOR'S NOTES

- A huge thank you to **Tracy Sheffield** for joining the MFHA Board as our new Secretary.
- Have you recently moved to Magnolia Forest and are a veteran? If so, or we missed including you in last year's Veteran Day article, please email funkyjunkgal@yahoo.com your name, dates of service, branch of service.
- The Properties & Covenants position is still available on the HOA board.
- Remember that dogs should be walked on a leash and that you should clean up your pets' waste!

The Association has 199 members

Adams, L & L	Braun, J & L	Dupuy, G & A	Hanley, D	Lacourrage, J & D	Ostericher, C & T	Smith, C & L
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Bennett, P & A	Clatterbuck, N & K	Gallacher, P & D	Houser, M & J	Marquand, A & S	Rao, P & C	Vernon, W & K
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Benson, C & L	Cooney, M & T	Gerace, J & J	Johnson, L & E	Martino, D & S	Riedie, L & D	Voiselle, R
Bentson, M & E	Coote, D & B	Gernon, E	Johnston, S & F	Mavor, D & D	Rispoli, T & B	Wagner, E & J
Berdine, F & B	Corbin, J & P	Gille, J & J	Kaehrie, B & Barbero, J	McDowell, D & K	Robinson, C & Juliax, R	Wallace, B & L
Birmingham, M & P	Courseault, P & J	Girod, J & H	Karem, R & H	McGee, L & S	Robinson, S	Walls, J
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Black, N & M	Dawson, C & M	Goodson, F & M	Karl, T & H	Melancon, F	Round, C & J	Wilbourn, J & C
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