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# what's up doc?



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Hello, Everybody:

Thank goodness it's Friday. I know you have all had a busy, busy week and you are ready for the weekend. You know what would make the weekend even better? FOOTBALL. It's almost that time....No more fishing on a "lazy" weekend, but a whole lot of tailgating coming on. Who has time for a lazy weekend anyway? Mine are always go-go-go, almost as busy as a work day. But, no suit and heels required.

Well, we have just wrapped up our P&P Week itinerary. It was whirlwind trip across the state in three weeks. This Monday we were in Hammond in the morning and in Baton Rouge in the afternoon. Wednesday we went to Thibodaux and today, we traveled to New Orleans for the final event. I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling the state to visit everybody in each office, to express my appreciation to all the PPOs in the field and thank our supporters for joining in the recognition of the contributions that our PPOs make to the youth and families they serve, and to the well-being of the citizens of our state. The food, the staff and the events were all a treat, in every office, and I want to commend everyone who had a hand in putting them all together.



*Foghorn Leghorn*

One of the highlights of the trip around the state was our introduction to a new staff member who greeted us as the door of the Thibodaux office. I understand his name is Foghorn Leghorn. He's certainly a handsome, well-fed guy, and he was pecking in the front door when we arrived. He did not come inside with us but waited patiently outside for his snack. I hear he's been around for a little while and the Thibodaux staff is rather fond of him. (For those of you old enough to remember, Foghorn Leghorn was a beloved cartoon character from the 1940s-1960s era...a rooster who was also a Southern politician, fond of saying, "That's a joke, Ah say, that's a joke, son.")

Welcome aboard, Mr. Leghorn, you give our Thibodaux staff something to crow about. Note to RM Angela Koenig: please let us know how our new staff member handles his caseload.

Tomorrow marks a year since the Bayou Corne sinkhole started forming, and it's still an unsolved mystery. It started out with weird smells in the air, bubbles in the bayou and earth tremors where earthquakes do not occur. This every-growing sinkhole started out 200 feet square and is now 24 acres and volcanic in nature. You would think the best engineering minds in the world would be here in Louisiana to figure this thing out and fix it. So far, not so much – the Texas Brine Company staff appears to still be scratching their heads, guessing what caused the mess and trying to figure out about what to do about it. So, today, the state filed suit against Texas Brine to hold the company accountable for the environmental disaster in Bayou Corne. Can't wait to see how this one plays out.

Just a reminder – today and tomorrow it's time to shop 'til you drop time, for school supplies, hurricane supplies, and any big ticket items you've been putting off buying. It's the state tax holiday weekend, so don't forget to take advantage of this little tax break (Friday and Saturday only) – after all, four percent is four percent!

Well, I'll close now so you can all break for the parking lots and head off to Wally World or wherever you choose to save that four percent state tax. Have a wonderful weekend, with my sincere thanks, as ever, for all you do in every OJJ office and facility, to meet the mission.

Sincerely, "Doc" *Dr. Mary Livers*

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