

# ELECTION

From 1-A

Orgeron, prior to his appointment as president, served as parish administrator (chief administrative officer) from 2020 until his appointment to complete Chaisson's term.

Prior to government service, he had a career in the oilfield industry, starting as a deckhand and roustabout, advancing to director of safety and human resources for a marine company in Lafourche Parish. He also started his own company, Waypoint Advisors, LLC, based in Lockport, to assist small-staffed companies in obtaining Quality, Health, Safety, and Environment (QHSE) certification.

A native of Cut Off, Orgeron currently resides in Lockport. He

graduated from South Lafourche High School and earned an associate's degree in safety technology and a bachelor's degree in management from Nicholls State University.

He later completed the Nicholls Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Nicholls.

Day spent 33 years with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office in various capacities, including correctional officer, patrol, detective, volunteer coordinator, range master, and as DARE officer.

He also has led the Lafourche Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy, training new law enforcement officers to meet the requirements of the Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council.

In 2021, he was promoted to major, super-

vising the patrol, criminal investigations, the narcotics section, and the South Lafourche Sub-Station. In 2024, Day was awarded the Beyond the Badge Heart of Law Enforcement Award for his work with Bless Your Heart Non-Profit in helping provide shelter for a homeless elderly handicapped couple.

That same year he was also inducted into the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Hall of Fame for over 30 years of service to the Hunter Education Program of Louisiana.

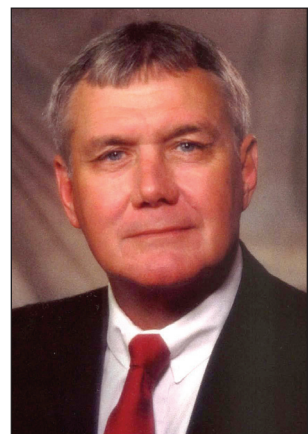
A native of Plaquemine, LA, Day has family roots that trace back to Thibodaux, as his grandfather and great-grandfather were both carpenters in the bayou region. He graduated from Brusly High School in West Baton Rouge parish, attended



Orgeron



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Lasseigne

LSU from 1988 to 1991, then transferred to NSU.

Lasseigne is a native and lifelong resident of Thibodaux. He graduated from Thibodaux High School and then attended Nicholls State University, where he was a member of the first football team.

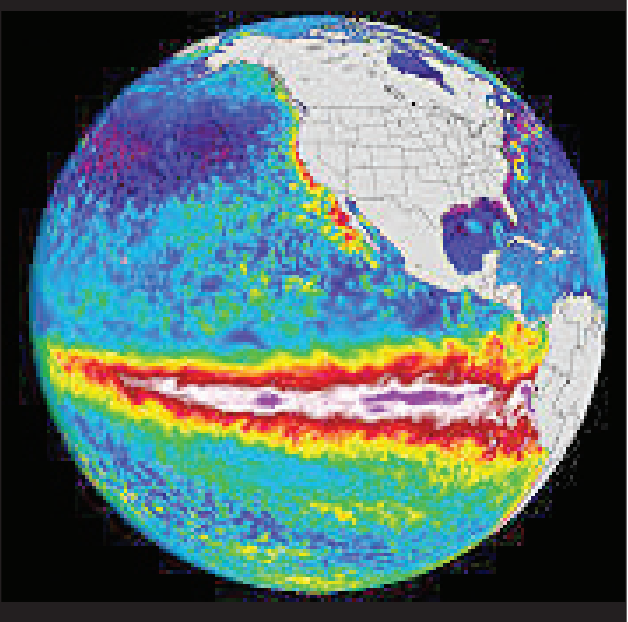
He earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Louisiana State Univer-

sity. He received a Master of Science in Management from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from Florida State University.

He has taught upper division business administration courses at Nicholls, Texas A&M and Florida State and has also taught at Fletcher Technical Community College.

Lasseigne has served in Lafourche Par-

ish Government as parish administrator, finance director and director of human resources. He previously served on the Lafourche Parish Council and sought the parish president's office in 2007 and again in 2011. He ran for parish council in 2023.



COURTESY PHOTO

It may not seem like much of a photo but this map showing extremely above average water temperatures in the Pacific could be a massive help to our area as it means El Niño is forming. The weather phenomenon almost always comes with hurricane seasons that struggle to be active due to increased shear in the Caribbean and Atlantic.

# EL NINO

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Official 2026 Hurricane Season forecasts are expected in the coming weeks, but prominent Louisiana-based meteorologists said this week that they would be highly sur-

prised to see forecasts for above-average storm activity in 2026 due to the El Niño year.

"If we develop a strong El Niño, which is looking likely, this could be one of the slowest hurricane seasons in recent memory," said Fox-8 Meteorologist

Zack Fradella. "Good news continues to be the trend for the upcoming hurricane season."

So what does it all mean?

We explained above exactly what El Niño is – a weather period that occurs when Pacific Ocean waters are abnormally high.

Those warm Pacific waters cause warm air to rise, which sends highly active thunderstorm patterns across the Caribbean and Atlantic. Those waves of moisture create wind shear, which make conditions extremely hostile for tropical development.

A report issued this week said that there is a 62% chance of El Niño forming from June-August, which are the early stages of the storm season for us and then an even greater chance of Super El Niño forming in the fall, which would be when Louisianans would want to see it – in the peak of storm season.

The report in Drought.gov said this week that the transition to El Niño is taking place right now and modeling is consistent and uniform in showing that it is highly likely to be an El Niño year.

And history shows that when that happens, the hurricane season struggles to get its footing.

There have been 4 recorded El Niño years in the past 36 years.

In 1991, it was an El Niño year and there was next to no storm activity in the Gulf with 12 named storms but most of them curving out to sea.

In 1997, Hurricane Danny made landfall over Louisiana in an El Niño year – one of just 9 total named storms that year – far below the annual average of 14. That year had just one major storm and it did not impact land.

In 2015 and 2023 both, the Gulf was again mostly closed for business during an El Niño year.

2015 had no Gulf hurricanes, while 2023 had just one.

Weather experts say that residents should still create a hurricane plan. A below active season is nice, but all it takes is one storm to hit an area to cause chaos and damages.

What else comes

with El Niño?

While El Niño does thwart storms, it does also greatly change our day-to-day weather pattern when it develops.

El Niño years are usually marked by above average heat, but also above-average rain with the report in Drought.gov saying that the El Niño pattern should limit hurricanes, but should also alleviate a lot of the drought issues being experienced in the south as a large uptick in rainy days historically come with that weather pat-

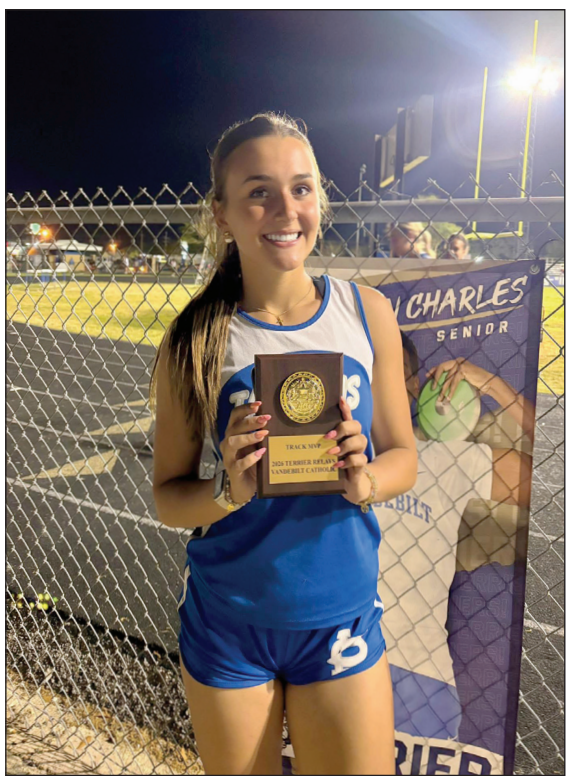
tern – sometimes even flooding rains.

In a Super El Niño, the warmth usually sticks around even to late fall and into the winter, which could mean that while we may get good luck with hurricanes, we are very likely to have a far rainier than normal pattern once it takes hold.

Hurricane Season forecasts are expected in the coming weeks.

The average storm season has 14 named storms.

# PLAYER OF THE WEEK



## Jolie Callais

School: South Lafourche • Class: Junior  
Sport: Track & Field • Event: Hurdles & Sprints

South Lafourche High School Junior Jolie Callais is doing it all this school year. She started as an All-District volleyball player for a team that made the State Semifinals. Now she's onto track where she won Track MVP at the Terrier Relays after earning 2 golds and a bronze, winning the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles and taking third in the 4x400 meter relay team.

# We're Adding To Our Family Medicine Team!



Nurse Practitioner

**Kevin Bankson, APRN, FNP-C**  
is now a full-time healthcare provider at  
**Lady of the Sea Medical Clinic - Larose**

He is practicing Family Medicine by appointment during our regular business hours effective March 30, 2026.

Mr. Bankson is a licensed, certified Nurse Practitioner who has been providing healthcare services at LOSMC-Cut Off After Hours.



To schedule your appointment with Kevin Bankson, contact us at:

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