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WHEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, WE ARE THERE WITH YOU.

As the United States faces the worst public health crisis in a generation, we want you to know we are here for you — and with you.

Whatever happens, whenever it happens, the West Side Journal will be there for you. We'll be there to let you know how our community is managing through this crisis — from business to government to the health care system and schools to the drastic impact on individuals and families.

We'll be there to let you know about the good and extraordinary things happening in the midst of this crisis — local restaurants rallying behind the school meal program, members of the community coming together to sew masks for first responders, the annual Relay for Life deciding to go virtual instead of postponing and Shell Corporation donating gallons of hand sanitizer to local law enforcement officers.

Amidst the sadness and anxiety, there are uplifting moments that remind us of the resilience of the human spirit, and we'll be there to document those too.

We are here to help you make sense of the situation and to help you navigate it.

Having fact-based, reliable reporting that provides public scrutiny and oversight is more important than ever. Together, across the decades, this newspaper and its readers have navigated horrific events — levees breaking, financial downturns, terrorism, periods of extreme political and societal division.

This challenge is greater than any of those, but, rest assured, we'll be here for you. West Baton Rouge is where people come together to build and rebuild. Let's stick together, and we will come through this, too.

We are West Side strong.

Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Port Allen reports coronavirus cluster

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The Louisiana Department of Health added Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation to its statewide list of the 28 long-term care facilities with identified COVID-19 clusters on Monday, March 30.

A cluster is defined as two or more cases that appear to be connected.

Last weekend, a 73-year-old resident died of COVID-19 after being admitted to the hospital and testing positive for the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

On March 23, the day after the resident's death,

Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation released a statement saying, "we have no confirmed or suspected cases in our facility at present."

On Friday, March 27, Holyfield reported no additional cases of coronavirus among the staff or residents of the facility. However, in an email Monday, Myles Holyfield of Legacy Management Group confirmed that an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

"Today, we have had one resident and now have one employee to test positive," Holyfield said Monday.

According to Holyfield, See CLUSTER on Page 2

Local restaurants, volunteers rally behind school meal drive-thru program

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West Baton Rouge Schools passed out 900 meals at three campuses on Friday, March 27 after a four-day hiatus due to a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) and volunteers.

Local restaurants rallied behind the efforts of the school system to provide meals to students while the stay-at-home order is in effect.

The chefs at Bergeron's Cajun Meats, Court Street Cafe and Walk-Ons are

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Photo by Hannah Swarner
Lisa Herring passes meals out in the drive-thru at Caneview K-8.

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