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## Taylor receives PR Association's highest award

On Jan. 26, the Public Relations Association of Louisiana presented Delia Adams Taylor, A.P.R., president and owner of Taylor Media Services, with the most prestigious honor it can bestow upon one of its members - the First Circle Award. Each year, PRAL honors one professional who has exhibited an effective and successful career in the professional field of public relations. Nominees must have a minimum of 15 years in public relations or a related communications field; be recognized for high standards of professional and personal integrity; show service to the profession through public service, volunteer work, and/or work with students, interns and young professionals.



Delia Adams Taylor

Taylor, a resident and prominent member of the Denham Springs community, has worked with federal, state and local agencies, school systems, businesses, commercial and non-profit organizations and individual political candidates throughout her career to successfully develop and implement effective communication campaigns.

She has owned her own public relations firm since 2000. And during that time, her accomplishments have been recognized at the state, regional and national levels. In 2002, Taylor became the youngest and only the second PRAL member (at that time) to earn the Southern Public Relations Federation's most distinguished Professional Practitioner of the Year Award. She also is a winner of SPRF's Best of Show Award, which recognizes the best public relations campaign of the year in a four-state region. SPRF represents public relations professionals in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

## IberiaBank reports record 2009

IberiaBank capped off a record 2009, reporting net income that was nearly four times higher than what was earned the year before. The Lafayette-

based bank reported annual earnings of \$151.25 million, compared with \$40 million in 2008. IberiaBank earned \$8.03 cents per diluted share for the year, compared with \$2.96 in 2008. IberiaBank was boosted by a stock offering and by the acquisition of three failed banks in Alabama and Florida. IberiaBank officials say they plan to continue to boost their presence in the Capital Region and are looking at adding as many as three locations

## Bond-Wroten Eye Cliniiic announces name change

After 14 years of serving the residents of Tangipahoa, Livingston, East Baton Rouge, and St. Helena Parishes, the Bond Eye Clinic, Inc., is changing its name to the Bond-Wroten Eye Clinic, effective immediately. The name change reflects the promotion of Chris Wroten, O.D., to partner in the practice with its founder Hunter Bond, O.D. All other operational aspects of the clinic will remain unchanged.



Chris Wroten, O.D. and Hunter Bond, O.D.

Bond-Wroten Eye Clinic has office locations in Amite, Denham Springs, and Hammond. The clinic has a support staff of 37 plus 5 primary eyecare doctors (Hunter Bond, O.D.; Chris Wroten, O.D.; Daphne Richardson, O.D.; Adam Paddock, O.D.; and Sarah Wroten, O.D.) and 3 eye surgeons (Richard Bessent, M.D.; Barbara Noguchi, M.D.; and Scott Nelson, M.D.). The doctors and staff are able to provide cutting-edge, comprehensive family eyecare services.

The clinics diagnoses, treats and manages diabetic eye disease, cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, red eyes, dry eyes, eye injuries, nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and more, in addition to fitting prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hard-to-fit contact lenses. They accept all major medical insurances and vision plans, including Medicare and Medicaid, and is open Mon.- Fri., 8:00am to 5:00pm. Twenty-four hour

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## Pelican State CU Merges with Pinekraft FCU

With the unanimous support from both Boards of Directors, Pelican State Credit Union has successfully merged with Pinekraft Federal Credit Union of Pineville, LA. Pinekraft FCU served the employees of Pinekraft Paper Mill, which permanently closed down before the holidays.

Following the merger, Pelican has retained all Pinekraft employees and members. Pinekraft members will now have access to products and services that were not previously available to them, such as debit cards and online banking.

Pinekraft Federal Credit Union had approximately \$2 million in assets and more than 300 members. With more than \$171 million in assets and more than 30,000 members, Pelican is the larger of the two credit unions. Originally chartered as the Department of Hospitals Credit Union in 1956, Pelican continues to serve state hospitals, as well as many private companies and the residents of Rapides Parish. Pelican has successfully merged with Kaiser Federal Credit Union and Chalmette Refinery Credit Union in the past.

## LP school performance score recalculated higher

Livingston Parish Public Schools will be awarded a higher District Performance Score (DPS) than originally reported by the State Department of Education after concerns were addressed with the state's calculation formula.

In October, Livingston's score for the 2008-2009 school year was said to be 101.3 - denoting a two-tenths of point drop from the previous year. However, the district's score will be higher than 104.4 after the corrections are input into

the state's calculation, reflecting more than 3 points of growth overall and restoring Livingston Parish back among the state's top 10 performing districts, said.

School officials identified two errors in the state's scoring process that incorrectly and adversely affected Livingston Parish's overall score. One of the errors has been corrected, and has been input into the system, currently boosting Livingston Parish' score to 104.4. The other recalculation will take longer, but once it is corrected, the score will go even higher.

## LEDC honors Ware for years of dedicated service

LEDC  
Board Chair  
Mary  
Broussard and  
LEDC Vice  
Chair Steve  
Stein present  
former LEDC  
Executive  
Director John



Ware with The Bob Easterly Award for outstanding contributions to economic development. The award was presented at the annual meeting Thursday at Forrest Grove. From left to right are: DEMCO Board Member Leslie Falks, Broussard, Ware, Stein, DEMCO CEO & General Manager John Vranic, DEMCO Board member Richard Sitman and DEMCO Board member Dennis Lott. Ware retired from LEDC this year and will head the DEMCO Dixie Business Center in Denham Springs.



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## Sonya Allen becomes realtor

Sonya Allen is a recent graduate of Burk Baker Real Estate School In Baton Rouge. She is a sales associate, realtor working for Caldwell Banker Mackey Co. in Denham Springs, and is a member of the Livingston Board of Realtors.



Sonya Allen

## Holiday Inn starting construction at Satsuma



The ground was symbolically broken Feb. 15 signaling the start of construction of a Holiday Inn Express at the northeast corner of the Satsuma Road exit of Interstate 12 in the Satsuma One development. Those participating in the ground-breaking pictured above were, l-r, Gary Lewis, Gary Lewis Properties, developer; Brian Hannah, developer with North Oaks who is constructing a medical clinic on the south side of the interchange; Sam Wright, managing partner of Satsuma One; Parish President Mike Grimmer; State Sen. Dale Erdey; Sherman Messer, Messer Real Estate, leasing agent for Suma Crossing; Walker Mayor Bobby Font; and Livingston Mayor Derral Jones. Actual construction of the three-story 80-room hotel is slated to begin March 1.

## LEDC announces 2010 Board of Directors

The 2010 Board of directors was announced at its annual meeting Jan. 28. Officers are: Mary Broussard, Entergy Customer Service Manager, Chairman of the Board; Steve Stein, Hancock Bank Community Market President, Vice Chairman; Don Murphy, Bercen COO, Secretary; and Fernand Genre, Hannis T. Bourgeois Partner, Treasurer. Other board members are Will Clark, Triumph Investment Group; Gregory Gilmore, Northshore Concrete Products, LLC; Mike Grimmer-Livingston Parish President; Stuart Litvin, LEDC, Inc. President & CEO; Turk Tynes-DEMCO; Cindy Wale, Capital One Bank; Buddy Wells, All Star Ford of Denham Springs; Jeff Woods, Shaw Sunland Fabricators, Inc.

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