

# ATCHAFALAYA CHATS

City of Patterson

November 2015

## PSB Celebrates 90 Years

Persevering through the Great Depression of 1929, World War II, the oil crash of the early 80s, and the recent Great Recession, Patterson State Bank has earned the well-deserved recognition as a cornerstone of strength and stability in the banking industry, and has operated successfully for four generations. In addition, PSB has been a local pioneer of technology by being first to offer ATMs in 1978 and Internet banking twenty years later in 1998.

Today, with assets totaling \$217 million, they are still proud to be considered a small community bank, offering personal service when making loans; and where long-time and prospective customers are still welcomed to their offices as their founders did 90 years ago. Partnering traditions of the past with today's great service is what PSB does best, as they ended last year with their highest net income in the bank's history; and once again earned Bauer's best 5 star rating.

President Pete Lipari and Chairman Bill Marin pledge that PSB will continue to be trailblazers in banking technologies. PSB online, mobile and tablet banking are great examples of current technology trends, as well as online loan applications on its website. They are also rolling out PSB credit cards with EMV chip technology for the highest standard of protection, and supporting the ApplePay smartphone payment system. Honoring the past; while embracing the future, is the trademark of Patterson State Bank.

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*"Congratulations on 90 successful years in the banking industry. Patterson State Bank is my personal bank of choice and I am proud to be a customer."*

*- Mayor Rodney Grogan*

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90 YEARS  
OF  
PIONEERING  
LEADERSHIP

Harry Williams, one of Patterson State Bank Founders

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Patterson Jr. High School Groundbreaking

## PJHS Breaks Ground

On September 30, 2015, Patterson officials conducted a ground breaking ceremony commemorating the start of the construction of the new Patterson Jr. High School. This project has special significance to the citizens of Patterson because it replaces a much older facility and is their first newly constructed school in over 70 years.

The new facility will be constructed in the center of the city next to the remaining parts of the existing school. The oldest portion of the existing school will be demolished, while the existing gymnasium section will be utilized by its new owners, The City of Patterson, who through a “property swap” with school board officials, acquired that portion of the property. The new 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school is to be constructed at a cost of \$16,822,500, will contain approximately 80,000 square feet of new space, plus complete renovation of an existing 16,800 square foot two story classroom building for a total of 96,800 square feet of space. The new school will be wired for new teaching technology and will contain 45 classrooms, a library, cafeteria, and physical education facilities. Specific areas for special education and flexible and collaborative teaching will also be included.

Construction on foundations for the new complex is currently underway, and the initial phase is expected to be completed by early spring of 2017. The total project should be completed by the end of 2017. Architects for the school are Jim Firmin Architects of Morgan City, Louisiana who are associating with PBK Architects of Houston, Texas.

Featured in the photo are school board officials, the principal and vice principal of PJHS, city officials, architects, and loyal citizens of Patterson.

## Patterson 5k Color Run Date Corrected

PEDSCO's 5k Color run will commence on January 9, 2016 (corrected from the September issue of ATCHAFALAYA CHATS). The run will begin at 8:00 a.m. in front of Patterson City Hall.

## Patterson Safest City in State

According to Value Penguin, who analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report; with a crime score of 580, Patterson is the safest city in Louisiana. Of the 51 cities evaluated, Patterson's crime score was 74% lower than the state's average. Crime scores ranged from 580 to 5,366, with an average of 2,243. The score took into account both the amount of violent, and property-related crimes. To further quantify the city's ranking, the crime score metric was adjusted for population size.

Chief Patrick LaSalle said, “Proactive police work has led to the reduction of violent crimes and curtailed drug-related crimes.”



## City Hall Holiday Office Closings

**Thanksgiving**—Nov. 26th & Friday, Nov. 27th

**Christmas**—12 noon Thursday, Dec. 24th & All day Friday, Dec. 25th

**New Years**—12 noon Thursday, Dec. 31st & All day Friday, January 1, 2016

## Remembering the Past at PSB

Pictured is the original PSB building that was located on Main Street in the mid 1920s. The re-modeled building remains in the same location directly across from Dad & Lads store.

Partners Harry Williams and E. F. Marin, along with local investors purchased the assets of Union Bank to found what is now known as Patterson State Bank. Marin was the first cashier, and Williams became its first president.



*E. F. Marin, Founder of PSB*



**Original Patterson State Bank Building on Main Street**

## CITY OPERATORS FULLY CERTIFIED

Operators of water and wastewater facilities are required to meet requirements set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, Louisiana Committee of Certification, DHH and Louisiana State certification laws. The City of Patterson is required to have a State Level 3 rating certification in water treatment, water production, water distribution and waste water collection.

The following operators are fully certified with level 3 or higher in their respective fields:

Employee	Certification
Distribution Supervisor Dale Provost	Water Distribution - 3 Wastewater Collection - 4
Distribution Operator Claude Piziani	Water Distribution - 3 Wastewater Collection - 3
Water plant Supervisor Sharon Gillum	Water Distribution - 4 Water Treatment - 4 Water Production - 4 Wastewater Collection - 4 Wastewater Treatment - 4
Water plant Operator Jacob Stevens	Water Distribution - 3 Water Treatment - 3 Water Production - 3
Water plant Operator Lionel Stackhouse	Water Distribution - 3 Water Treatment - 3 Water Production - 3



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Patterson Garden Club Veterans Day Program**—Friday, Nov. 6th at 11 a.m. City Hall Parking Lot

**Community Center Senior Thanksgiving Feeding**—Friday, Nov. 13th at 11:30 a.m. Patterson Civic Center

**Lighting of the Tree**—Sunday, Nov. 29th at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Parking Lot

**Community Center Senior Christmas Feeding**—Friday, Dec. 11th at 11:30 a.m.

**Main Street/Cultural Christmas Lighting Judging**—Saturday, Dec. 11th after dusk. Contact Ryan Aucoin at City Hall.

**PEDSCO Boat Parade**—Saturday, Dec. 12th at 6:00 p.m. Begins at Cajun Jack & ends at Haynes Boat Landing

**Christmas Parade**—Sunday, Dec. 13th @ 2 p.m. Place Norman Shopping, line up is at 12:30 p.m. Call Kim Guarisco at 985-395-5205 or Sylvia May-Fields at 985-395-4422 for more information.

**4-Legged Friends Christmas Parade**—Sunday, Dec. 13 at 12:00 noon. Line-up at 11 a.m. at the Patterson Community Center. Call Marvin "Joe" Lewis or Sylvia May-Fields at 985-395-4422 for more information.

**Patterson Garden Club Christmas Judging**—Sunday night, Dec. 20. Leave lights on from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.