

LOFTON LAGNIAPPE

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWS



COVID-19 Employee Update

We recognize that our most valuable asset is you, so keeping you informed and safe is a high priority during this unique situation. We want everyone to know LOFTON is open and here to service the community as we have been for the past 40 years. We have evaluated many aspects of this situation and have developed the following procedures for the protection of all Lofton employees.

Due to State and Federal Guidelines, LOFTON offices are closed to the public, but remain operational. Call your local branch office for specific questions.

- We have closed the offices to the public. Only internal staff are allowed entry.
- Within our office, we are cleaning public areas, and adhering to all the precautions administered by the CDC.
- Although our doors are closed for most public traffic, we continue to service our clients remotely and, as usual, maintain contact through our 24/7 services.
- If you have any symptoms, please let your Lofton representative know as soon as possible and stay away from others until checked out.
- We advise you stay informed of all federal, state and local authority updates.
- Here are a few steps in protecting yourself and others from the virus:
 - * Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - * Avoid close contact.
 - * Stay home if you are sick.
 - * Cover coughs and sneezes.
 - * Wear a facemask if you are sick. If you are not sick, no need to wear a mask.
 - * Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- For any additional information feel free to visit the following website for more helpful information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Our management team is continually monitoring the many news sources to adhere to many changes impacting our lives on a daily basis from the effects of COVID-19. Please feel free to contact any of the Lofton offices with any questions you should have concerning this situation.

Lastly, we will get through this unimaginable event together, and these experiences will make us all stronger and better prepared to handle the next event that life throws at us. We would like everyone to know that LOFTON will be there to help our clients and employees persevere through this situation.

Worried about your healthcare options during the COVID-19 pandemic? Check out the latest news on your benefits with Lofton Services @ www.loftonstaffing.com or on Social Media.

HOW LONG IS COVID-19 DETECTABLE ON SURFACES?		
	AIR	3 HOURS
	COPPER	4 HOURS
	CARDBOARD	24 HOURS
	STAINLESS STEEL	2-3 DAYS
	PLASTIC	3 DAYS

- APRIL 2020**
- APRIL 1
April Fools Day
 - APRIL 5
Palm Sunday
 - APRIL 8
Passover
 - APRIL 10
Good Friday

Lofton offices will be CLOSED on Friday, April 10th in observance of Good Friday

APRIL 12
Easter



APRIL 22
Administrative Professionals Day





“Finding Peace, Love, and Happiness in a Troubled World”

By: Glenda Lofton, Ph.D.

I tend to be a collector of things (much to Tommy’s dismay), and so I have been using my “quarantine time” in our current “troubled world” to complete scrapbooks on a variety of topics. Among my collection was the October 2018 issue of the Baton Rouge Christian Life Magazine which featured on the cover former LSU basketball coach, Dale Brown, and the title “Legendary Coach Dale Brown...on Faith and Family.” Inside, Coach Brown elaborates on his “Memories of Family and Faith” as well as his view on “True Leadership...”

Dale Brown served as the men’s head basketball coach at LSU for 25 years, 1972 to 1997. During that time the Tigers won 448 games, appeared in 13 NCAA Tournaments and earned Final Four appearances in 1981 and 1986; Although he is retired as coach, he still attends home games and cheers on the Tigers. On February 29 at the LSU/Texas A&M game, I was happy to see Coach Brown on the court again, this time to “retire the jersey” of #35, one of the greatest players he ever coached: Chris Jackson, now known as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf. Coach Brown referred to him as a great basketball player who still holds the Collegiate Freshman Scoring Record of 965 points, but an even greater person!

I understood because I see Dale Brown as a great coach, but an even greater person, and I

love his views on true leadership: “With all the greed, dishonesty, selfishness, evil, and bad things going on in the world,” he writes, “we need good leaders”—leaders with a vision of the future who can relay that image to others, and most important, get everyone to work together as a team! “However, working together is only a beginning. The world needs leaders who find their strength in faith



Glenda Lofton and Coach Dale Brown at the 1986 SPUR Conference.

and character.”

As I read those words, my mind travelled back in time to May 1986. At that time I was part of a highly successful state-wide school improvement project known as SPUR, Louisiana’s Special Plan Upgrading Reading, which began in 1979, and used a research-based “team approach” to the improvement of instruction and learning. At that time, 182 schools had achieved “model school status” and were presented flags of achievement by McDonald’s Corp., who examined the research data on the schools before purchasing the flags. Another 251 schools were working

toward model school status. At our annual meeting of team leaders/coaches throughout the state, we celebrated the success of school teams and invited a guest speaker to “spur” us on in our quest for excellence. I suggested Coach Dale Brown who shared our vision of a team approach and coaching others to higher levels of effectiveness to be our speaker, and thankfully he agreed. I also told him that due to budget constraints, the legislature currently in session had omitted funds for the project from next year’s budget! Dale Brown’s speech on May 16 not only reinforced the “team approach” to improving schools, but also urged supporters to rally at the legislature to get the program reinstated. (He even offered to provide buses to bring supporters.) Large headlines on page 4A of the Morning Advocate the next day stated: Dale Brown urges citizens to fight for SPUR program! The attached picture of Dale and me accompanied the article, and the legislature funded the program for two more years!

In next month’s article, I’ll cover not only the rest of Dale Brown’s story, but the best of Dale Brown’s story—his life growing up in Idaho with his mother and two older sisters in a “little one room apartment” where he never slept in a bed for the first 21 years of his life, but had a mom who took him to Mass and Communion every day, and followed the advice of St. Francis of Assisi when he said, “Preach the gospel every day, and if necessary, use words.” What a great reminder as we deal with COVID-19, encourage one another, and grow stronger together!



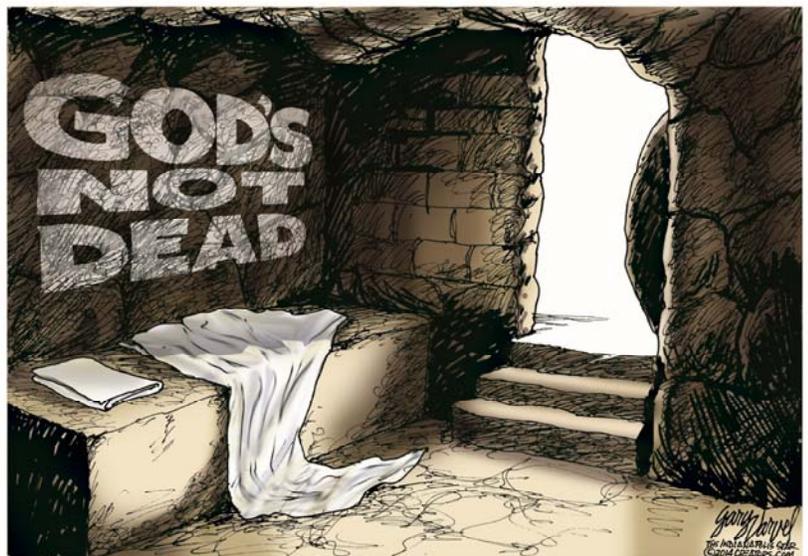
Officer Kudos

Congratulations **Officer Abigail Ellcey, Lake Charles**, for outstanding service. She is always very respectful and detailed in her work. Even before she was made Site Supervisor, she was already on her way to success. She has always been available to cover any shift no matter when, which caught the eye of Lt. Col. Jaran Sonnier, who recommended her personally for the job.

“I have commented on her skills as a leader and an organizer on multiple occasions. One that stands out the most about her dedication is the site binder she created. She took the initiative to create it front to back with all the relevant information from the site phone numbers to the specific procedures to follow. When I pointed out to her how impressed I was by it, she stayed humble stating that she was only doing the best job she could. In my eyes there is dedication and initiative and then there is going above and beyond assigned duties. Officer Ellcey is the very definition of leadership initiative.”, Capt. Paul LeBeu.

Congratulations Officer Abigail Ellcey. Way to be a servant leader to our officers assigned to your site.

HAPPY EASTER!



HE IS RISEN! DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.