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#### **Decorate Your Soul With Shop Soul Boutique**



Tucked into the side of St. John's Coffeehouse on Boston Street is a bright Covington gem, a place full of fun and pizzazz. At Shop Soul Boutique you can find the best of local - hand crafted naturalistic jewelry, eclectic local art, unique vintage clothing, accessories, and so much more! Reina hand picks all of the items in her shop to bring you the most soulful outfits around, sure to start a conversation or two. Stop by today at 529 E. Boston Street, and follow "Shop Soul Boutique" on Facebook and Instagram to see more of their retail!

#### **Covington Events Bring Awareness To Fracking**

Frackstock: Free Concert Aims To Educate The Public On Fracking

Live music with great local bands, speakers, informative literature and more at the Covington Trailhead this Saturday from 1 - 5 pm! This is a free, locally organized community event to promote awareness of what fracking is and to help inform concerned citizens on what they can do to prevent it from coming to St. Tammany Parish. Various involved organizations will be available to talk; free t-shirts, posters and bumperstickers will be given out as supplies last. Refreshments will be available, and free iced tea will be provided by The English Tea Room. There will be a nature themed kids art table and free popcorn! Come out for a great time and learn the latest on what we can do to protect our community. Follow the event on the Facebook event page "Frackstock at the Covington Trailhead on June 21st!" for more updates! See flier on bottom right.

Scenic Bike Ride Tours St. Tammany's Beautiful Natural Landscape The Sierra Club Delta Chapter will host a bike rally along the St. Tammany Trace for Louisiana residents concerned about fracking in their community. The ride will begin at Brooks' Bike Shop in downtown Covington and will follow the scenic St. Tammany Parish Trace to the Abita Trailhead and back, Free bike rentals will be available in both Covington and Abita. The ride will conclude at the Covington Trailhead at 1 pm for the Frackstock concert! Check the flier on the back of this paper for more info or email andy.zellinger@sierraclub.org.

### The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

Concerned Citizens Of St. Tammany Engages CELDF, Parish

In the last two weeks, Covington Weekly has outlined the process of economic development in St. Tammany Parish, indicating an undemocratic and self-serving system established by bad legislation. Covington Weekly is thrilled to introduce an organization that may help with a solution to our problem. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund operates on the principle that as a society, we are in the midst of an escalating ecological crisis as the result of decisions made by a relatively few people who run corporations and government. Sustainability will never be achieved by leaving those decisions in the hands of a few, both because of their belief in limitless economic production and because their decisions are made at a distance from the communities experiencing the impact of those decisions. Therefore, a right to local self-government must be asserted that places decisions affecting communities in the hands of those closest to the impacts. That right to local self-government must enable communities to reject unsustainable economic and environmental policies set by state and federal governments, and must enable communities to construct legal frameworks for charting a future towards sustainable energy production, sustainable land development, and sustainable water use, among others.

In doing so, communities must challenge and overturn legal doctrines that have been concocted to eliminate their right to selfgovernment, including the doctrines of corporate constitutional rights, preemption, and limitations on local legislative authority. Inseparable from the right to local self government - and its sole limitation - are the rights of human and natural communities; they are the implicit and enumerated premises on which local self government must be built.

CELDF was formed in 1995 in Pennsylvania by Thomas Linzey, Executive Director, and Stacey Schmader, Administrative Director, to provide free and affordable legal services to community groups. Over the first few years, CELDF assisted hundreds of communities in Pennsylvania facing unwanted corporate development projects such as incinerators and quarries. CELDF assisted these communities to try to stop the projects by appealing corporate permit applications through the state's environmental regulatory system. CELDF was very successful at appealing permits, finding the holes and omissions that would render them incomplete. As such, the state Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Hearing Board would toss out the permits, and the communities would celebrate their "victory," believing the system of law had worked. Continued Below

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However, the corporation could and would simply file another permit,

this time filling in the holes and omissions cited. Once the corporation

filed an administratively complete permit application, the state was

automatically required to approve it. The communities asked CELDF

to appeal the permit again, but there was nothing left to do. The law

in Pennsylvania, as in every other state, works the same way. The

state legalizes an activity, such as mining, or commercial water

withdrawals, or factory farming, and communities are legally

After experiencing how the regulatory system operated over several years and watching communities lose time and time again, CELDF determined that they would need to take a different approach. Beginning in 1998, they began to assist communities to draft legally binding laws in which they asserted their right to self-govern. Initially, the work focused on communities facing corporate factory farms and later the application of sewage sludge to farmland. Communities across Pennsylvania adopted their anti-corporate

To accommodate the growing interest, with calls coming in from across the country, CELDF launched the Daniel Pennock Democracy Schools in 2003, which have become a critical tool in grassroots organizing. Communities facing other corporate threats, such as uranium mining in Virginia and commercial water withdrawals in

The Legal Defense Fund has now become the principal advisor to activists, community groups, and municipal governments struggling to transition from merely regulating corporate harms to stopping

those harms by asserting local, democratic control directly over

corporations. CELDF has taught nearly 200 Democracy Schools

across the country and over 100 communities have adopted Legal

The Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany Legal Team and CCST

President Rick Franzo recently met with representatives of the

Parish, including a St. Tammany Parish attorney, to discuss

cooperating on legal efforts going forward. As of Monday, the Parish

has filed a "Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief,"

demonstrating a positive direction by the newly hired attorneys.

Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19. CCST is also

proud to announce a partnership with the Community Environmental

Legal Defense Fund, considered to be a tremendous asset.

Quote of the Week

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

prohibited from saying "no" to it.

farming and anti-corporate sludging laws.

Defense Fund-drafted ordinances.

- Thomas Jefferson

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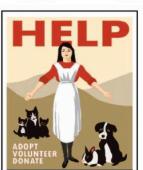
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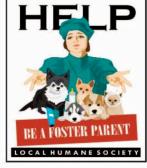
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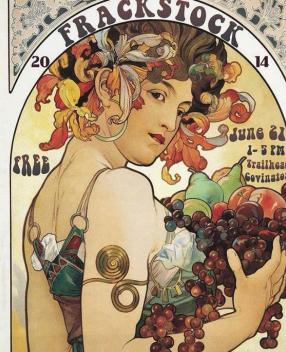
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**Jerry Hess** 

**Timothy Gates** 

**Special Guests** 





#### Introducing Yvette Brion Photography

Yvette Brion graduated in March of this year with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Photography with a minor in Sociology from Louisiana Tech University. She studied abroad in summer 2012 at Kyoto, Japan with the University of New Orleans and in 2005 through the People to People Ambassador program. Her work has been included in the exhibitions City Streets | Country Roads, the North Dakota State University and Louisiana Tech University Art Exchange and Art from the G.U.T. She has been published in Photographer's Forum magazine's 2012 and 2013 Best of College and High School Photography and in Hammond, Louisiana's The Daily Star newspaper. Now living in Covington, Louisiana Yvette covers the Greater New Orleans area. She is



photography. See her full resume and portfolio on her website www.yvettebrion.com and like her Facebook page "Yvette Brion Photography".

#### **Adoption Special**

For the whole month of June, felines 9 months and older are only \$9 to adopt. Kittens 4-8 months old are \$50, and kittens less than 4 months old are \$75 to adopt. STHS is proud to be a Best Friends No More Homeless Pets Network Partner.

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Covington Farmer's Market - Wednesdays, 10 am - 2 pm @ the Covington Trailhead

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Covington Farmer's Market - Saturdays, 8 am - 12 pm @ the 600 block of Columbia St. Music this week by Farmer's Market String Band in the gazebo. The Lola Deux Food Truck will be at the market. - 600 block of Columbia St.

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Sometimes things get poured into sinks that can cause severe plumbing problems. Avoid pouring insecticides, household paint, gasoline, acids, kerosene or any toxic chemicals down the drain. They are hard on your drains and pipes, and make the treatment of sewage more difficult. Harsh chemicals may also damage your water treatment system, which will increase operating costs.

Other clog causes include: kitchen grease, rags, paper towels and sanitary napkins. Excess hair clogs drains and pipes. Use a strainer in the tub, shower and bathroom sink to keep hair out of your drains and pipes. Large clumps of tissue paper dissolve too slowly, causing clogs.

Stay away from liquid drain cleaners (Liquid Plumber, Drano, etc.). The acidic ingredients are trapped in your pipes, and it can cause severe damage to them. The best method to relieve a clogged drain is with a plumbing snake. If you can't snake the drain yourself, be sure to call a licensed plumber.

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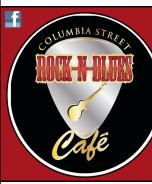
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