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Ascension Parish to honor Vernon ‘Coon’ Schexnaydre at Aug. 19 Council Meeting

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish officials will honor life-long resident, veteran, coach and educator Vernon “Coon” Schexnaydre at the Aug. 19 Parish Council meeting, declaring Aug. 20 as a day in his honor in Ascension Parish.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. at the Ascension Courthouse East in Gonzales. It will be televised live on Cable Ch. 21.

A native of Burnside, Mr. Schexnaydre graduated from Donaldsonville High School in 1942 before serving several tours of duty in World War II with the U.S. Army at Normandy, elsewhere in France and in Germany. He returned to receive a pair of degrees from LSU, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1948 and a Master’s of Education in 1962.

Mr. Schexnaydre served as a teacher and coach at Donaldsonville, old Dutchtown and St. Amant high schools before becoming athletic director and eventually principal at East Ascension High School. He retired from the Ascension Parish School System in 1978 and is the owner and operator of Kno Jac House Movers.

Mr. Schexnaydre and his wife Barbara have nine children, including Parish Councilman Kent Schexnaydre (District 2), 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He is a member of the LSU Alumni Association, the Gonzales Rotary Club, the Retired Teachers Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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