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President-elect seeks top staff

Includes director of Public Works, Parish & Recreation



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St. Charles Parish President-elect Matt Jewell has begun his transition into office by advertising key positions he wants to fill in parish government.

There also will be changes to the organizational structure with more positions directly answering to the parish president. Jewell declined to specify

those changes at this time, although he did say he would rely on the expertise of those hired, and find ways to streamline these positions.

“We will be changing the structure to find what best fits our priorities and is most efficient,” Jewell said. “We already have a really good draft of what

we’d like to see.”

Jewell is seeking candidates for several important positions in government that include chief administrative officer, director of Parks and Recreation, public information officer,

STAFF on 8A



Round 2

SEE SPORTS 1B

‘Ton of participants’ ready for Norco Christmas parade

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There’s something for everyone among what Stephen Weber calls an eclectic group of participants in this year’s Norco Civic Association Christmas Parade, likely one reason the annual tradition has been so popular among community members as a family attraction.

The parade will roll on Dec. 1, fresh on the heels of Thanksgiving Day and an especially early start for what’s annually been an unofficial kickoff event for the Christmas season. The theme for this year’s event is “Norco Through the Years,” with participants each encouraged to represent a decade of their choice.

NORCO on 5A



Santa in action at the Norco Christmas Parade.

Political newcomer wins at-large seat

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Republican Holly Fonseca won the St. Charles Parish Council’s At-Large Division B seat on Saturday.

Fonseca received 10,676 votes over Terrell “T-Bone” Wilson’s 7,648 votes in complete, but unofficial results.

Fonseca beat Wilson, a Democrat who ran for the seat after he termed out the District 1 seat on the council. The two knocked out Division B incumbent Paul Hogan in the primary.

Shortly after learning about her victory, Fonseca said she looked forward to going to work on the council and thanked Wilson for his service.

“I am humbled, honored and most of all thankful tonight,” she said. “I’m



Holly Fonseca with her husband, Clarence; son, Blake; daughter, Blaire, and son-in-law, Hayden.

thankful for my hardworking campaign crew and supporters who helped make my campaign a success and for my opponent and his years of dedicated public service. As we celebrate tonight, I know that my work has just begun.

“I look forward to representing all St.

FONSECA on 6A

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Seasoning**
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Sauce - 14 oz. 2/\$3.00

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Crackers - 13.7 oz. 2/\$5.00

Southern Cane Sugar
4 lb. \$1.99

Domino - Light or Dark Brown
Sugar, 10X Confectioners Sugar
16 oz. 5/\$5.00

Bounty - Double Roll Paper Towels 4
Rolls \$6.99

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- MEAT
- USDA Bottom Round Steaks
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- PRODUCE
- Farm Fresh Extra Large Bell
Peppers 2/88¢

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Guidry's Cut Seasoning
16 oz. 2/\$5.00

Farm Fresh Celery 99¢

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- DAIRY
- Pillsbury Sweet Biscuits
12.4 oz. 2/\$4.00

Pillsbury Pie Crust
14.1 oz. 2/\$5.00

Velveeta Cheese - 32 oz loaf. \$6.99
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Cheese - 76 oz. \$9.99

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Today’s Car Care seeking nominations for annual holiday giveaway

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As festive as it may be, the holiday season can be a trying one for those struggling financially. And for those dealing with car troubles, the road to a Merry Christmas can feel close to impossible.

But every year, a group of Good Samaritans at Today’s Car Care come together with community members to lend a hand to those in need. The Luling shop is holding its annual holiday giveaway contest, in which community members are asked to nominate a person or family in need to receive car repairs and a safety inspection free of charge.

Those offering nominations are asked to detail the reasons as to why they believe their candidate is the best fit for the honor. The business is accepting nominations through its website, email (service@todays-carcare.com) and in person at the shop, located at 90 Mimosa Ave.

“We ask they tell us a bit about the person and that they can list the kind of repairs that would be needed, if they know,” said Bailie Bourg of Today’s Car Care. “It’s something we started as a way to give back because we have amazing customers who support us. We do donate to several organizations throughout the year, but we wanted to find a way to do something that really uses our skill set to help someone in our community.”

The shop has held the giveaway in all but one year since 2016, the one year without coinciding with the its move from Boutte to Luling. That year, Today’s Car Care held a car show fundraiser. Coupled with the repair giveaways, it’s added up to nearly \$20,000 for local



Mericka Hill and family with car repaired via holiday giveaway.

people in need. “Especially around the holidays, finances can get tight for everybody,” Bourg said. “For people going through job losses, medical bills ... people need their cars to get to work.” For example, in 2017, Mericka Hill of Boutte was chosen, a mother of three who suffered serious injuries in an accident three years earlier when she was struck by a car in Des Allemands. Hill was walking with her two children from her residence to church when she suddenly noticed a truck driving toward them at a high rate of speed.

GIVEAWAY on 8A

Des Allemands man forces audit of entire postal system after theft

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Since the arrest and conviction of Ryan Cortez of Des Allemands, the lingering question has been: How did he pull off “one of the largest internal postal thefts” in the system’s history?



Ryan Cortez



A report by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG) addresses the question, as well as outlines

how Cortez’s case has prompted recommendations on system changes to avoid repeating it.

“Postage stamps, records manipulation and a clandestine call to report suspicions” exposed Cortez stealing more than \$630,000 in stamps and pocketing the cash when he sold them on eBay to support his gambling habit, according to the OIG account of the case.

“It started with a call to our hotline to report suspicious transactions involving stolen stamps from a Louisiana postal station,” says the report. An initial investigation confirmed Cortez had access to stamp inventory and exploited a loophole in how the system accounts for seasonal stamps.

“We discovered the unit’s [post office] stock

STAMPS on 8A



Expansion construction underway at the Bayer plant in Luling.

Luling plant expansion delayed

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Completion of Bayer’s \$975 million expansion of its Luling facility has been delayed nearly 15 months.

“Bayer has made the decision to shift back the completion date to the first half of 2021 based on multiple factors, including an unusually wet year, the overall size of this expansion, and being well prepared to meet dicamba grower needs for the 2019 and 2020 seasons,” according to Bayer Crop Science representatives.

Bayer Crop Science is a division of the multinational Bayer that acquired Monsanto Co. in April of last year with U.S. Department of Justice approval.

In 2016, Monsanto broke ground for the expansion, which is planned to produce dicamba, a herbicide that will be included in a new product line called Roundup Ready XTend System.

The project is 50 percent complete.

The completion delay also required the company seek an extension on meeting provisions of a \$5 million performance-based Modernization Tax Credit and \$1.7 million Economic Development Award Program grant for infrastructure costs.

The Louisiana Economic Development (LED) board approved the request.

LED granted the incentives in return for an expansion worth \$975 million and 100 jobs, as well as 20 contractors.

Bayer, then Monsanto, employed 665 workers at the Luling plant at the time the incentives were granted.

Bayer Crop Science has hired 100 employees at the site and expects to hire another 30 workers when the plant opens. There are an estimated 1,000 construction workers daily at the location.

According to Bayer Crop Science representatives, Bayer remains fully committed to the dicamba expansion and the benefits it will bring to the local community and farmers globally.



Bayer Expansion

- » A \$975 million expansion to retool the Luling plant to produce dicamba, a key ingredient in Monsanto’s Roundup Ready Xtend Crop System.
- » The state of Louisiana provided Bayer (then Monsanto) a performance-based Modernization Tax Credit of \$3.75 million, along with a performance-based \$1.7 million Economic Development Award Program grant.
- » In 2010, Monsanto completed a \$196 million expansion at Luling that boosted production of agricultural herbicides by 20 percent.

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Farmers Market

Saturday, November 23rd
Singer
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(9am - 11am)

Saturday, November 30th
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1:00pm - 5:00pm
Winnwood Shopping
Center - Luling

STAMPS on 8A

Firefighter recounts 40 years of service

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It was a Halloween night when Jack Crais was at a party and his pager went off concerning an accident that he still struggles with today as a firefighter.

“There were four young people going to a concert in New Orleans and an 18-wheeler flatbed made a U-turn that night,” said Crais of an accident on U.S. Highway 90 near the St. Charles Parish line. “Their vehicle basically went under part of the flatbed ripping the roof kind of back. All four of them were killed. It was just hard to deal with. They were attractive young people.”

In his many years with the Luling Volunteer Fire Department, the

81-year-old firefighter can recall responding to many accidents and fires. In January, the Luling resident will celebrate his 40th year with the department and considers it time well spent.

“The joke is you don’t have to be crazy to do this, but it helps,” Crais said.

In his time, he recalled witnessing “big time” changes in firefighting.

When he first started training, how they fought fires was very different.

“We were told to attack the fire from the inside out ... put in some water in a circular pattern, close the shutters to damp the fire down and

then go outside to attack the fire,” Crais said.

The generally accepted approach has shifted.

“Opening the doors and charging in might not be the way to do it,” he said. “Tests revealed that fire goes to where the oxygen is so opening a door makes the fire come toward you.”

Although firefighting is more scientific, Crais said the old idiom still stands, “Put the wet stuff on the red stuff.”

Equipment is more advanced, too. Personal protective equipment or bunker gear has become impressively fire resistant, as well as



Jack Crais being recognized as Firefighter of the Year.

FIREFIGHTER on 8A

NORCO from 1A

It begins at 2 p.m. at River Road and Apple Street, travels east to Good Hope Street, and turns north on Sixth Street. It will then head south on Apple Street before disbanding at River Road.

“We have a ton of participants this year,” said Weber, the chairman of the Norco Civic Association Holiday Committee. “We’re really early this year, and we’re ready for it. We’ve been so lucky the past few years. I’m just amazed at the number of people who come out. It was packed last year ... it’s a great family event and it’s all about celebrating the upcoming Christmas season.”

Weber estimates there will be between 10 and 15 floats in the parade this year. The Destrehan, East St. John and Riverside marching bands will be among those marching, as well as several cheerleading and dance team groups from community schools. Pageant queens will take the route as well. Some costumed characters will be in the mix: children eager to see, say, Batman and Robin will have their opportunity to do so, as well as the Star Wars 501 Legion for those hoping to see a glimpse of the Force in action.

As always, Santa Claus will be on hand for the festivities, making an entrance by helicopter and landing on the levee. That will happen approximately 30 minutes before the official start of the parade, at 1:30 p.m., at the intersection of River Road and Apple Street. Following the parade, Santa will be available for those wanting to take a photo with him, free of charge, at the Community Christmas tree located next to the old bank building on Apple Street.

In addition, for the first time this year, Santa will be throwing special commemorative parade doubloons.

It’s a lot of moving pieces to organize, but Weber said there’s a lot of helping hands, including event sponsors Shell and Valero and ranging to others throughout the parish, from law enforcement and government to the community members who bring great energy throughout the route.

“Everybody is on board to make it possible,” Weber said. “You think about what the police department does for us, the parish government, public works, the sheriff and parish president, what they do to help us and make it a success ... I think this event epitomizes what a community can do when they work together.”

Christmas time is near

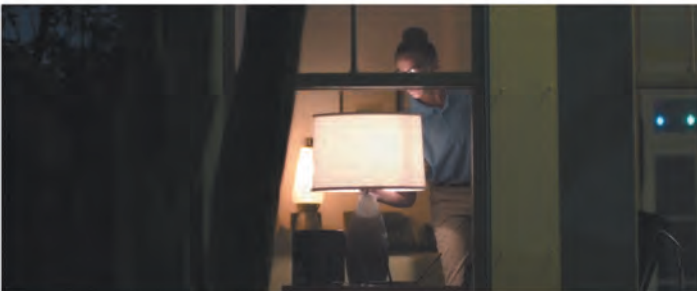
- » Norco Civic Association Christmas Parade was discontinued in the 1980s after first being established in the 50’s; it was resurrected in 2001 by a group of residents.
- » This year’s theme is Norco through the years.
- » Santa Claus annually makes a grand entrance by helicopter, landing on the levee before the parade’s official start time.



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Ockman

Mary Muller Ockman passed away peacefully on Oct. 14, 2019 at the age of 90. She is beloved wife of the late Clifford P. Ockman; devoted mother of Butch Ockman, Edmond Ockman (Mary Lee), Rickey Ockman and Cynthia Hymel (the late Davis). Grandmother of Clint Ockman (Valerie), Brant Ockman (Nina), Dwayne Ockman (Tessie), Dawn Anaya (Johnny), Ryan Hymel (Sheree), Jared Hymel (Heidi), and Miranda Ockman Randazzo (Fiance Jeremy). She is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and another expected in January; her sister, Geraldine Champagne; brother, Donald Muller (Betty) and sisters-in-law, Theresa and Rea Muller.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rosama Sarrah Muller and Alfred E. Muller; her twin sister, Maria Champagne and sister, Corinne Guillot; brothers, Edmond, Ernest, Rene, Jerry and Richard Muller and her great-grandson, Brandon Ockman.

Mary was a native of Killona and resided in Hahnville for the past 22 years. She loved to talk and never met a stranger. Although she never drove, she



was always on the go, enjoying trips to the casino and dining out. She was always the life of the party. The constant flow of visitors during her illness was a testament that she was loved by so many. Although her passing is sorrowful, her life and legacy will be celebrated.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Egan Hospice for the wonderful care over the past 15 months. Special thanks are given to her CNA, JoAnn who attended to her daily.

Services were held Oct. 18 followed by a Funeral Mass and interment at Holy Rosary Cemetery in Taft, La.

Francis

Margaret Powell Francis “Sadie” on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Ochsner Medical Center, Kenner, LA

Daughter of the late Rev. James and Cecile Powell

Wife of the late Isreal Francis, Sr.

Mother of Isreal Francis, Jr., Emanuel Francis, David Francis (Eleanor), Demica Williams (James) and



Lynnair Francis (Darryl)

Sister of Albertha Gullage (Phillip), Alma Theodore, Ernest (Belinda), James (Favavola), Dianne and Barbara Powell, the late Leona Lee, Thelma Harris, Ophelia Young and Betty Lewis

Also survived by 6 grandchildren, 3 great grand-children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Age 82 years. A native of Killona, LA and resident of Hahnville, LA

Relatives and friends of the family, also pastors, officers and members of Canaan Baptist Church, The Historic Bethlehem Baptist Church and all neighboring churches are invited to attend the funeral service at The Historic Bethlehem Baptist Church, 14989 Highway 18 (River Road), Hahnville, LA on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Rev. Rodney Johnson, Sr., Pastor, Officiating

Interment Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Boutte, LA

Visitation at the above named church from 8:00 AM until Service Time

Wake service (Life Celebration) at the above named church on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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St. Rose man sentenced after murder

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A St. Rose man was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter, a charge connected to the Jan. 12 murder of 54-year-old Pablo Villa of Avondale.

Duvell London Sr., 59, is serving the sentence, which went into effect immediately with no part of it suspended,

at Nelson Coleman Correctional Center. He received credit for time served.

Police said London shot Villa twice, once in the head and once in the shoulder, according to court records, and admitted to doing so in two separate interviews with officers.

Records indicated a verbal altercation between London and Villa began to escalate when Villa arrived on the scene of the incident, at 184 2nd St. in St. Rose. London and others were inside watching a football game when Villa knocked on the door and asked London for \$29 Villa said was owed to him for an auto



Duvell London Sr.

repair job. London, according to witnesses, told Villa he did not have the money, and an argument ensued.

London told police that it became physical after Villa allegedly punched London, knocking him down, then hit him again as the latter was on the ground. The fight was broken up by bystanders.

A short time later, London retrieved a handgun and fired two rounds of a semi-automatic pistol at Villa, according to police. London called police to turn himself in, noting he was involved in an incident and thought the other man to be dead.

ATTENTION Residents of St Charles Parish



Pelican Waste & Debris

Pelican Waste & Debris will not be operating on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th, 2019. All residents that have a Monday/Thursday pickup schedule will have their service resumed on the following Monday. However, we will be back to our regular schedule on Friday, November 29, 2019. Therefore we ask that you continue to put your garbage cans out the night before your service day to prevent missed pickups.



Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

COUNCIL from 1A

Charles Parish residents with integrity. I pledge to keep your concerns at the forefront as we move our parish forward.”

In early voting, Fonseca took the lead with 56 percent of the 5,813 votes cast compared to Wilson’s 2,532 votes. In complete results, she also took 56 percent of the vote. By precinct, her strongest support came in Luling and Destrehan.

Parish voters showed at the polls with 13,372 Democrats, 12,461 Republicans and 9,491 other. Overall, turnout in the parish was 51 percent.

Both candidates told voters they brought considerable experience to the office.

“My 10-plus years of parish government experience as a civil servant, grants officer and executive staffer throughout which I gained knowledge of the inner workings of parish government, as well as experience working across local, state and federal levels of government, is my biggest advantage that will allow me to hit the ground running on Day One,” said

Fonseca.

Fonseca, 49, said her platform was built around flood protection, fiscal responsibility and getting results.

“I believe my reputation of being an experienced, results-driven leader with integrity precedes me,” she said. “I am ready to serve the people of St. Charles Parish.”

She wants to continue working on 100-year hurricane protection on both sides of the river, maintain and improve existing levees, use all available funding efficiently, and work with Congress and federal agencies to ensure flood insurance remains affordable.

Fonseca said she will strive for budget responsibility to fund infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements, and monitor spending to avoid tax increases. Additionally, she will work with fellow council members to provide oversight with a focus on efficient, cost-effective capital projects.

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True unconditional love requires much work and is a lifetime labor

A group of professionals posed this question to 4 - 8 year-olds: "What does love mean?" The answers were broader, deeper and more profound than one could have imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love." (Rebecca, age 8)

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe



BY WILMER L. TODD

in their mouth." (Billy, age 4)

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." (Karl, age 5)

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you anything of theirs." (Chrissy, age 6)

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." (Terri, age 4)

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure it tastes okay." (Danny, age 8)

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents

and just listen." (Bobby, age 7) (Wow!)

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with someone you hate." (Nikka, age 6) (We need a few million more Nikkas on this planet).

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." (Noelle, age 7)

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." (Tommy, age 6)

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."

The Solo 401(k): A retirement savings vehicle designed for the smallest businesses

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RYAN LEBLANC

401(k). The yearly limit is \$25,000 if you are 50 or older, for catch-up contributions are allowed for these plans. (Your annual employee contribution cannot surpass your earned income or salary.)

- As an employer, you can have your business make a tax-deductible, profit-sharing contribution of up to 25 percent of your compensation as defined by the plan. If your business isn't incorporated, the annual employer contribution limit is 20 percent of your net earnings rather than 25 percent. If you are a self-employed individual, you must calculate the maximum amount of elective deferrals and non-elective contributions you can make using the methods in IRS Publication 560.
- Total employer + employee

contributions to a solo 401(k) are capped at \$56,000 for 2019.

- The annual employer contributions you make are tax-deductible, up to IRS limits.

Are you married?

If your spouse earns income from your business, then he or she can also make an employee contribution to the plan in 2019, and you can make another profit-sharing contribution on your spouse's behalf.

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When Louisiana picked the president

Even though this is our gubernatorial election cycle, and despite Bayou State enthusiast President Donald Trump not appearing on a ballot until 2020, things around here are still getting downright presidential.

That was also the case down here in 1876, although the District of Columbia was and still is roughly 1,100 miles away. That's when our homeland found itself pulled into — and not for the last time — the orbit of national politics as a disputed presidential election hinged on ballots that cast in Louisiana.



BY JEREMY ALFORD

With incumbent President Ulysses S. Grant plagued by scandals and looking to retire after eight years in the White House, the GOP nominated then-Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio as their standard bearer. The Democrats nominated Gov. Samuel J. Tilden of New York, a popular reformer who made a name fighting the power of the infamous Tammany Hall.

When the votes were counted, Tilden had won the popular vote, leading Hayes by nearly 300,000 ballots out of eight million cast. But the count in the Electoral College was too close to call, and the returns were disputed in Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida. So tight were the numbers that all Tilden needed was just one electoral vote to claim his prize. Hayes needed the votes of all three states.

Louisiana politics were a mess in 1876, according to historians Jack McGuire and Walter Cowan. Two different Louisiana governors were inaugurated due to related disputed returns, and each claimed to be the duly elected chief-executive.

Federal troops, still occupying the state under Reconstruction orders, regularly clashed in public with supremacist groups. Distrust was the order of the day, and uncertainty ruled the roost. Against this troubled backdrop, a group of Louisiana Democrats, led by state Treasurer E.A. Burke, sought to cut a deal with Washington Republicans. They promised to deliver Louisiana's 10 electoral votes to Hayes as long as their candidate, Francis T. Nicholls, would be recognized as the state's legitimate governor. Plus, the new president would have to withdraw all occupying military units and officially end Reconstruction.

Hayes and his supporters agreed to the deal, which led to Hayes taking office as the nation's 18th president and Nicholls winning control state government.

A Republican would not carry Louisiana in a presidential election for another years — until Dwight D. Eisenhower won a second term in 1956.

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STAFF from 1A

chief operating officer, executive assistant to the parish president and grants officer.

Jewell said his overall goal in advertising these positions is to find high-quality applicants with good experience and vision.

Billy Raymond, who currently holds the chief administrative position and was a Cochran appointee, said he will not reapply for the position.

“Should there be a role that the incoming administration feels would fit my skill set, I will remain open to having that discussion,” he said.

Clayton “Snookie” Fauchaux, director of Public Works and Wastewater,

and Duane Foret, longtime director of Parks and Recreation, could not be reached for comment on whether or not they will reapply for their current positions.

Jewell said they plan to advertise the positions through the end of November.

“I hope to be done by the first or second week in December and enter January with a full staff and fill on an interim basis if needed,” he said.

Jewell said more positions could be posted online.

“Our main focus is these critical positions, and if other jobs come available we’ll post them accordingly,” he

added.

In the meantime, Jewell is working with a seven-member transition team as he prepares to take office on Jan. 13.

“I believe it’s going well,” Jewell said. “The transition team works really well together and they’re giving me a lot of good insight with their respective areas of interest and experience. I look forward to working with them as we fill these positions, but, overall, everything is going smoothly.”

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FIREFIGHTER from 5A

a self-contained breathing apparatus. Crais said it has improved so much that “sometimes it gives you a false sense of security to the point of going into places you shouldn’t in that gear.”

Communications have also improved with the arrival of the 911 system. Crais recalled the early fire phone system where people dialed a listed number that rang at 20 different locations. It evolved to radio equipment that set off firefighters’ pagers with a call and later dispatchers came on board that worked for years. But the system had issues, such as in one call from a woman who kept saying, “Jesus Christ, my house is on fire” but didn’t provide her address. They got it and arrived, but precious time was lost trying to locate the woman.

The 911 system centralized emergency calling to one number, which he said was a drastic improvement to get help.

The development of the emergency operations center or EOC is another advancement, Crais said. It came about for St. Charles Parish as a requirement that came with construction of Waterford III.

“It really helped bring us to modern times with emergency operations in the parish,” he said.

For Crais, being a firefighter requires dedication, recounting the many times his pager went off.

“You drop everything and respond,” he said. “We put in a lot of time.”

There are meetings, training that can include weekends, checking trucks and equipment, and considerable technical knowledge that ensures they continue putting the wet stuff on the red stuff, too.

At 81 years old, Crais can’t run into burning buildings anymore, but he still helps the department in a supportive way because firefighting runs in his blood. His grandfather was a paid firefighter in New Orleans and his father helped start fire departments in Reserve, LaPlace and Gramercy, and he later served as civil defense director in St. John the Baptist Parish.

When Crais came to Luling, he knew what he was going to do.

“It seemed the right thing to do,” he said of becoming a firefighter. “Most of us joined because we wanted to do some sort of public service, but it’s exciting.”

GIVEAWAY from 4A

In a split second, Hill reacted pushing her children to safety — but she was hit by the truck. She struck the windshield with such force that it fractured her left ankle and right foot, as well as injured her spleen, bladder and kidneys. Complications from the injuries had compromised her ability to pay to have some much needed repairs done on her vehicle. Her mother, Connie, called the repairs “a godsend.”

It’s the kind of case that makes continuing on with the tradition so rewarding, Bourg said.

“We started off thinking we’d

address a few things here and there, but every year when you start doing it, you just want to fix everything you can and you can’t stop. You want to help as much as possible. Our mechanics get behind it, they give their time and effort.”

NAPA and Advance Auto Parts donate parts each year to make the giveaway possible.

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The deadline for entries is Friday, Dec. 13. The winner is set to be announced Friday, Dec. 20.

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STAMPS from 4A

reserve was abnormally large for an operation of its size,” according to OIG.

Cortez manipulated the post office computer to fraudulently represent they were Christmas stamps, which he knew were not monitored and avoided detection, states the report. As the former manager of customer service operations at the North Kenner Post Office, he knew the postal rules and that taking Christmas stamps would not trigger red flags or internal control alerts.

From January 2017 to September 2018, Cortez accepted numerous stamp shipments without the required witness to confirm the contents. He got away with it by getting a supervisor’s password that allowed him to falsify shipments in the post office computer. In nearly the same time, stamp orders rose from \$50,000 to

more than \$630,000.

By the time the anonymous call came about the thefts, Cortez had taken and sold \$630,000 in stamps, the report states. EBay and Paypal both notified OIG about significant quantities of U.S.

How did he steal more than \$630,000 in stamps?

- » Accepted stamp shipments without a witness as required.
- » Conducted 27 stamp shipments when only one was required annually.
- » Got the manager’s password to the post office computer and falsified the shipments.

Postal stamps being sold by Cortez.

Confronted by OIG agents, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 months in prison and ordered to pay \$856,801.41 in restitution.

Cortez’s case prompted an OIG audit for all 35,000 post offices in the nation.

OIG agents identified another \$4.2 million in questionable stamp levels at other post offices, which are being investigated.

David Wilsey, assistant special agent in charge and OIG public information officer, said, “The U.S. Postal Service employs more than 625,000 employees and is the largest civilian federal workforce in the country. This type of behavior within the Postal Service is not tolerated and the overwhelming majority of Postal Service employees, which serve the public, are honest, hardworking, and trustworthy individuals who would never consider engaging in any type of criminal behavior.”

“We found the controls were not always adequate or used effectively,” the report states. “Management did not thoroughly monitor and manage units [post offices] with excess or excludable stamp stock (stamps greater than the post office’s authorized limit and excludable means Christmas stamps).”

According to OIG, management was not reviewing orders that exceeded the limits as required.

“USPS agreed with our recommendations focused on tightening existing controls and instituting new ones, such as requiring approval for stamp stock orders that exceed authorized dollar and number limits and requiring witnesses to verify stock shipments,” according to OIG.



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Hahnville faced with recent nemesis, defending champion Zachary, in round two

Teams faced off in 2017 state championship game

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It might sound familiar, even unwelcome for Hahnville football's community of supporters.

Defending state champion Zachary awaits the Tigers this Friday night, a statement that has stood as a prelude to "the end" for Hahnville, and virtu-

"It's the benchmark of 5A football, having to play them," said Hahnville coach Nick Saltaformaggio. "The good news is if you're playing Zachary, it means you're winning in the playoffs, because you know they are. When

win. Both teams, then, have shown the capacity to stack long winning streaks in the tough 5A ranks, something only the state's elite programs do with regularity.

Both of these programs would fit the description. Saltaformaggio said, however, the Tigers still have something to prove when separating the true best of the best.

"Friday was our 55th win in six years. I think most people look at Hahnville as an elite program and I think we are. We've accomplished a lot," Saltaformaggio said. "But year in and year out, for people to rank you in the top 10 and pencil you in for those long playoff runs, you have to beat the Destrehans and the Zacharys of the world."

Hahnville earned a share District 7-5A championship honors along with East St. John this season and had the best start to a season in the Saltaformaggio era -- and the best in a long time for any HHS team.

But two goals he'd

you're on their side of the bracket, it becomes inevitable ... you'll have to go through them."

Zachary (9-2) defeated Live Oak decisively last week, 39-7, to advance to round two. Hahnville (9-2), meanwhile, bested No. 21 Chalmette 28-6, controlling that game throughout.

The Broncos began the season 0-2, but have piled up nine wins in a row coming into this week. Hahnville began this season 8-0 and found its groove -- and Saltaformaggio says, its ground and pound identity -- in the Chalmette

"(Zachary is) the benchmark of 5A football ... you have to go through them."

— HHS coach Nick Saltaformaggio

ally all other 5A playoff opponents, over the past few seasons. The No. 12 seeded Tigers will make a road trip to face the 5th seeded Broncos in the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs, trying to reverse a trend that's seen the ZHS eliminate Hahnville in three of the past four years.

Each of those Zachary wins over Hahnville came en route to a state championship, including a state championship final between the teams in 2017. Zachary is aiming for its third straight crown and fourth in the past five seasons.



Offensive lineman Peyton Taranto at the snap against Chalmette Friday night.

hoped to reach eluded the Tigers in regular season play. He looked at games with Jesuit and Destrehan as benchmark

games, and HHS came up short in both, dropping the Tigers to 1-6 against Destrehan and 1-6 against select schools in the Saltaformaggio era.

Likewise, the team is 0-3 against Zachary.

"We've come up to another crossroad," Saltaformaggio said.

Hahnville fans know Zachary's quarterback well: Keilon Brown, now a senior, is one of the most dangerous offensive players in the state.

"This is our fourth time facing him," Saltaformaggio said. "And, thankfully, the last."

Brown beats teams

by throwing to a receiving corps rich in talent, including top wideout Chris Hilton. But he may be even more dangerous when he runs with the ball.

"It's not the zone-read stuff or the sprint out passes that concern me the most. It's when you cover everyone and he pulls it in and tucks the ball to run, he's got 53 and a third yards of field to work with," Saltaformaggio said of the Memphis commitment. "He's probably the best skill player in the state and it's been that way for

HHS to 3B



HHS coach Nick Saltaformaggio speaks to his team after defeating Chalmette, where he served as head coach 15 years ago.

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Lions’ stout defense will test DHS

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More than most classifications, 5A playoff football can be quite the treacherous path, filled with lower seeded landmines even in round one. This year, in fact, saw five first round upsets with seeds of 19, 20, 23, 24 and 27 moving onto round two.

No. 7 seed Destrehan avoided such fate by besting No. 26 Ponchatoula, 48-34, in the opening round, but it will travel round two to face one of the aforementioned “Cinderellas”, in the form of No. 23 Covington, which took down No. 10 Sam Houston, 42-28, last week to advance. The teams square off at 7 p.m. Friday night.

Like many classic lower

seeds to advance in the 5A playoffs over the years, the Covington (7-4) team that took the field last week appears greater than the sum of its overall record and resume. The Lions began the season 1-3 before winning five of their last six to close the regular season. Defensively, Covington hit a peak level in that run, allowing 10, 6, 0, 13, 3 and 14 points to their respective opponents.

Covington’s red-hot defense is led by Oklahoma committed linebacker Edgerrin Cooper, a 6-foot-3, 225 pound linebacker who covers ground fast from sideline to sideline – and who undoubtedly will cross paths with Destrehan rusher and



Kyle Edwards (7) and Damarius Jackson celebrate a touchdown scored Friday against visiting Ponchatoula.

Alabama commitment Kyle Edwards on more than a few occasions this Friday.

“He’s got that size in the middle and he can run extremely well,” said Destrehan coach Stephen Robicheaux. “They have

a defensive tackle in the middle of that line that frees (Cooper) up. He runs to the ball ... there’s a reason why he’s headed to Oklahoma.”

Sam Houston can attest to Cooper’s ability. Last week Cooper returned

man fronts if needed.

“They use the same personnel, but you’re never sure how they’ll line up based on that,” Robicheaux said. “They’ll bring a linebacker down to play end on the line, and they’re effective. It

other day ... he accounted for 15 or 16 explosive plays,” Robicheaux said. “He’s been a big addition for them. He’s a smaller back but he can fly ... gets behind those big guys, and he goes.”

Running back Quintez Laurent ran 30 times for 156 yards and a touchdown, handling the majority of work in the Covington win.

Both rushers get rolling behind a big offensive line that has two players listed at 295 and two at 275.

For the Wildcats, the past month of play has seen its own defense hit another level seemingly, particularly in terms of its pass rush. DHS (8-3) recorded seven sacks against Hahnville, and last week, LSU committed passer T.J. Finley on Ponchatoula was under fire several times, particularly in the first half of play.

“(Cooper’s) got that size in the middle and he can run extremely well ... there’s a reason he’s headed to Oklahoma.”

— DHS coach Stephen Robicheaux

two turnovers for touchdowns, including one of his two interceptions on the night and a fumble recovery.

A key to Covington’s success defensively, Robicheaux noted, is the versatility of its players and a flexible scheme to take advantage. The Lions can present several different fronts with the same personnel on the field, seamlessly transitioning from three, four and five

presents a lot of problems when you’re trying to run the football on those guys.”

Offensively, there’s also been a big jump for Covington, one Robicheaux believes can primarily be traced back to the move to shift Chandler Washington from defensive back to running back. Last week, Washington rushed four times for 88 yards.

“We charted him the

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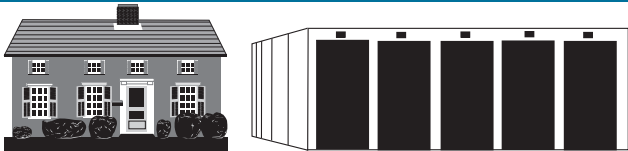
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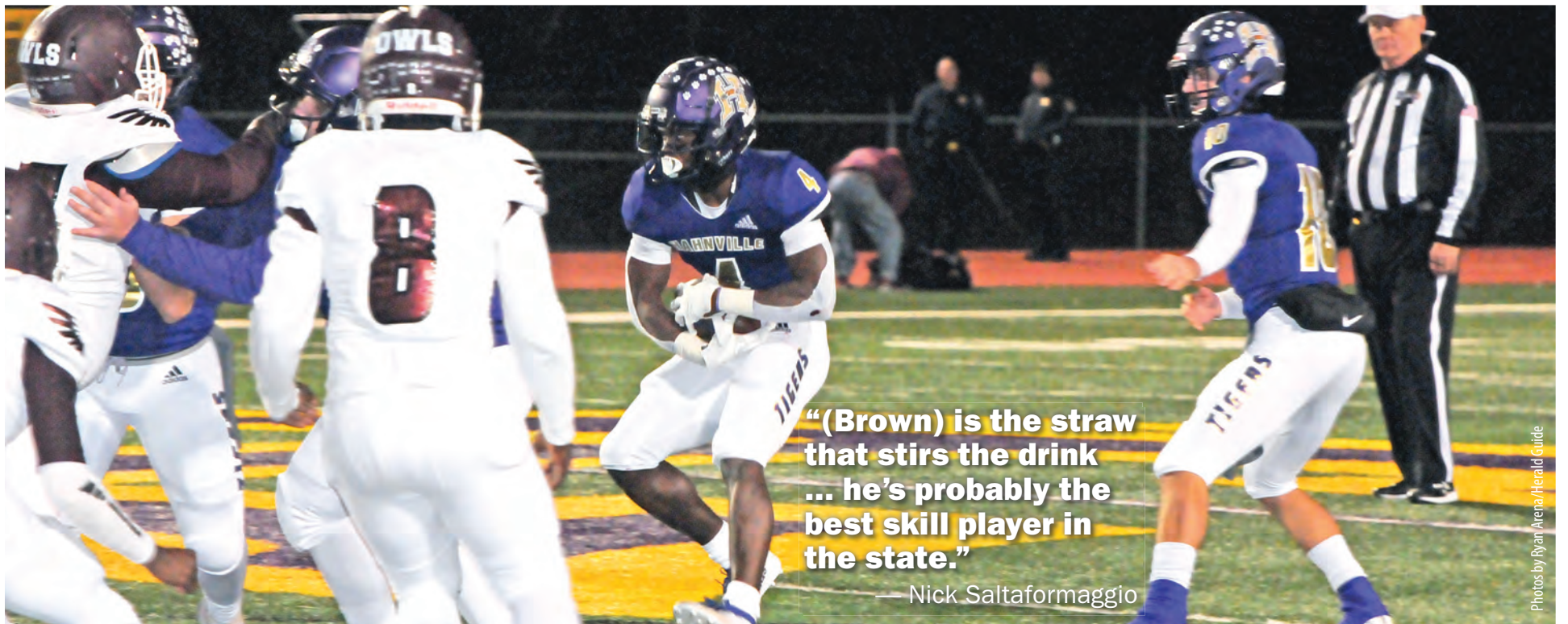


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“(Brown) is the straw that stirs the drink ... he’s probably the best skill player in the state.”

—Nick Saltaformaggio

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Trey Labranch takes the handoff from Drew Naquin in the second half against Chalmette Friday.

two years. He’s the straw that stirs the drink. When the play breaks down, he’s at his most dangerous.”

Saltaformaggio called Hilton a “terror” to deal with.

“He’s burned us two years in a row,” Saltaformaggio said. “You look at Quincy Brown at Destrehan, who we just played, (Hilton) is Quincy Brown all over again.”

Jayden Williams is another of several tough

receivers to deal with, which keeps defenses spread out and allows Brown ample room to operate.

Along the offensive line, Saltaformaggio noted the Broncos’ interior is very strong at guard and center. On the defensive side of the ball, the Broncos aren’t blessed with the same size as the past two championship teams, but still has one of the state’s fastest front sevens. The

secondary is young but there are playmakers in the defensive backfield.

“Those linebackers always arrive in a mean mood,” Saltaformaggio said.

Last week, the Tigers ran for more than 200 yards and scored three times on the ground against Chalmette, mixing in a few passes with a very run-heavy formula. It saw Darryle Evans produce one of his biggest games

of a strong season, while Trey Labranch and Corey Lorio also mixed into a productive rushing attack.

That has to continue, Saltaformaggio said, while quarterback Drew Naquin must deliver another efficient, relatively mistake-free game if the team is to conquer its recent nemesis.

But it will primarily come down to slowing Brown, Saltaformaggio believes.

“We have to be able to control him. If he passes for 150 and runs for 150, they win. It’s simple as that,” he said.

To fell Zachary, Saltaformaggio said the mental game is also vital. The atmosphere can’t overwhelm the Tigers, he said, noting the Broncos’ home field advantage is like few others.

“That Jumbotron looks like it should be in a college stadium,”

Saltaformaggio said. “They have those three signs up there for those state championships. We have to handle it.

“We’ve let ourselves get beat by the letter on the side of the helmet in the past. We need to start thinking about that purple H on the side of ours and what that represents.”

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Kyle Edwards
Running back

Kyle Edwards showed exactly why Alabama wanted the powerful rusher in the fold with his 235 yard, five touchdown effort in Friday night's Destrehan victory over Ponchatoula.



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Dylan Gibbs
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Dylan Gibbs recorded six tackles as part of a Wildcats defensive effort that stymied a powerful Ponchatoula offense until Destrehan was far ahead in DHS' playoff win Friday night.

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Referee's Rules: 1. Guess winner of each game. 2. Guess score of tie breaker. All College games listed by the school name. All pro games listed by the team name, i.e. Saints, Eagles, etc. 3. Find and circle the hidden football. 4. Fill in name, address, and phone number. 5. Mail entry to: FOOTBALL CONTEST, St. Charles Herald-Guide, P.O. Box 1199, Boutte, LA 70039, or bring entry in to the St. Charles Herald-Guide office. 6. Entries must be received by 2pm on the Friday before games start. 7. Contest is open to one per person. Multiple entries will be disqualified. 8. The \$50 will go to the contestant who picks the most winners; an extra \$10 if the winner finds the football. 9. St. Charles Herald-Guide or Louisiana Publishing employees are not eligible to participate. 10. Judges decisions are final.

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St. Charles Borromeo Church's SCB Ministry of Care accepts cash donations that help people twice a week with food and utilities. Call the parish office at (985) 764-3948.

Donate to Dr. K Movement's Toys for Tots - toys, bikes and gift cards at collection boxes from Dec. 9 - 13. Locations include St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning, 14996 River Road, Hahnville; St. Charles Parish Recreational Department, 131 Manor Road, Luling; Edward Dufresne Community Center, 247 Judge Dufresne Parking, Luling; Dollar General location in St. Rose, Paradis and Luling; St. Rose Community Center, 608 Mockingbird Lane, St. Rose; Killona Community Center, 201 Highway 3141, Killona; Boutte Community Outreach, 119 Magnolia Ridge, Boutte; St. Rose Fire Station 123 St. Rose Ave., St. Rose; and Anytime Fitness, 1955 Ormond Blvd., Suite F, Destrehan.

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Norco Elementary School’s September Students of the Month

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Middle Row: Olivia Hebert, Lyla Keller, Emma Lozano, Mallorie Crumb, Greyson McGovern, Aubrey Entremont, Kaden Lingawi, Brennan Eddings, Renee Preddy and Eve Preddy.
Back Row: Jolie Lozano, Carly Vicknair, Ashtyn Weber, Viviana Magana, Alyssa Zeringue, Jelayla White and Reece Surmik.
Not Pictured: Kennedy Hall

R.J. Vial Elementary’s 2019-20 Student of the Year Chayse Smith



Donnie Hills, Barbara Clement, Bertha Hill, Shalonda Hill, Valerie Turner, Herschel Hill, Percy Clement and Chayse Smith



Lakewood Elementary Student of the Year

The 2019-20 Lakewood Elementary Student of the Year, Olivia Julien. She will now move on to the district level to represent Lakewood Elementary.

Valero St. Charles celebrates STEM in local schools

Valero St. Charles Refinery recently celebrated National STEM Day by participating in activities with local schools throughout the first week of November. The acronym STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Nov. 8 was National STEM Day, a salute to all things science, technology, engineering and math.

Valero is an active promoter of STEM programs in our communities, and a proud employee of more than

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, Valero Volunteers visited Hahnville High School and completed four different demonstrations in the Science Labs and also in a common area outside of the classroom.

Volunteers wrapped up the week by visiting St. John Magnet STEM program in Reserve where they completed demonstrations in the schoolyard with the students.

Demonstrations at these schools included “roving on the moon,” where students built propelling cars from



Jim Holsapple, Valero Complex Manager, and Collin Weyenberg, Valero Associate Electrical Engineer, demonstrate how steam works by heating a soda can for Hahnville High School students.

900 engineers, and thousands of lab technicians, maintenance and operations team members fueling STEM across the U.S. Valero’s support of STEM programs demonstrates its integration of skill/ leadership development, recruiting, diversity and inclusion, and employee engagement.

Valero Volunteers attended Family Day at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School on Nov. 2 and made glow-in-the-dark play slime with the students. “Thank you to our partner in education, Valero, for hosting a STEM booth for students to make slime. This activity offered the students a fun-filled learning experience,” said Vanessa Terry, Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School Principal.

cardboard, straws, pencils and rubber bands. Volunteers also taught students about how basic electrical circuits work using LED. Others used soda cans, heat and ice to demonstrate how steam works. Some even put Mentos candy in Diet Coke bottles to observe the reaction.

“I feel that it is important to give students an opportunity to explore different facets of the Science and Engineering disciplines at a young age,” said VP and General Manager Jerry Stumbo. “That’s why, our volunteers work closely with the local school systems. We want to support and help educate local students about the importance of STEM, especially because it is the foundation of the refining process.”

community calender

What’s Happening

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Dec. 1
Norco Parade
The Norco Christmas Parade will be held 2 - 4 p.m. Dec. 1. It will begin at River Road and Washington Street.

Dec. 10
American Legion meeting
The American Legion Post 131 in Luling will hold its monthly meeting 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at the American Legion Hall, 103 Milling Ave., Luling. A light meal will be served.



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Stephen and Michelle Landry, of Luling, visiting the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Cousins Gavin, Cullen, Grace and Amelia at the LaFon Performing Arts Center for A Charlie Brown Christmas.



Drew and Beau Meyer take a train ride to San Juan Capistrano, Calif. with their friend.



Dave busts a move with Santa while shopping for Christmas decorations.



Hunter and Hayden are ready to go deer hunting with their dad, Dustin Mule.



Nah'Jae, Lailah and Nah'Leah are ready for a shopping spree.



Girl Scout Troop 26017 enjoyed Family Day and picked up trash while hiking. The troop took part in numerous games and activities along with their family members.



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Tim Allen, April Ebeling and Christine Hazeltine at the Sheriff's Office Veteran's Breakfast.

Denise Ford and her daughter, Bree, on Bree's wedding day.

Travis enjoys his birthday.

Josiah Digirolamo enjoying the day at Audubon Zoo.

First Graders from Holy Family make Thanksgiving baskets for the needy.

Caden Dillon is ready to play some baseball.

Ryan receives a blessing at St. Charles Borromeo for his upcoming communion.

Gerner, Gail, Glenda and Sybil celebrate their mom's birthday at Sphar's.

Jayce Smith has some fun with a mermaid at the aquarium.

Gerard and Ava Zeringue on her first hunting trip.

Ridge helps with the tree.

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ST. CHARLES PARISH
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The St. Charles Parish, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on November 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, Council Chamber to hear:

2019-47-ZBA Michael Wich to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft. to 20 ft. at **207 Villere Dr., Destrehan**. Zoning District R-1B. Council District 6.

2019-48-ZBA Roland Prestenback to reduce the required side yard setback from 3 ft. to 2 ft. for a detached structure at **317 Monsanto Ave., Luling**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 7.

2019-49-ZBA Bryan Richard for a flood elevation of -4.15 ft. NAVD (1ft. above the centerline of the street) where an Advisory DFIRM AE +6 ft. also applies at **109 Beau Place Blvd., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.

2019-50-ZBA Nathan Bivalacqua to reduce the required rear yard setback from 19 ft. 6 in. to 9 ft. at **470 Pine St., Norco**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 6.

2019-51-ZBA Donald Dufrene for a flood elevation of -4.15 ft. NAVD (1ft. above the centerline of the street) where an Advisory DFIRM AE +6 ft. also applies at **110 Beau Place Blvd., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.

2019-52-ZBA Devin Breaux for a flood elevation of -0.3 ft. NAVD (1ft. above the centerline of the street) where an Advisory DFIRM AE +6 ft. also applies at **3103 Hwy. 306, Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.

2019-53-ZBA Frank Disimone to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft. to 10 ft. and to reduce the required side yard setback from 8 ft. to 5 ft. at **193 Villere, Destrehan**. Zoning District R-1B. Council District 6.

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E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

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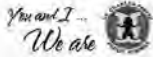
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Public Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Sealed bids are requested by St. Charles Parish School Board from general contractors for construction of:

ST. CHARLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOEFFNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC REPLACEMENT
140 PLANTATION ROAD
DESTREHAN, LA

Bids will be received at the **St. Charles Parish School Board, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070** at **2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, December 18, 2019**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Dufresne Conference Room.

B. BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Complete Bidding Documents which include the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from **GVA ENGINEERING, L.L.C.; 2615 Edenborn Avenue, Suite C; Metairie, Louisiana 70002 (Phone: 504-780-9330)** upon payment of a deposit of **\$150.00** cash for each set of documents. The deposit or a portion of the deposit is returnable as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidding documents are also available at www.stcharles.k12.la.us under Resources select Online Bids & RFPs.

C. BID SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security at least equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if within the budget. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after bid opening except as provided by law.

Bidders must meet the requirements of the State of Louisiana Contractor's Licensing Law, R.S. 37:2151 et seq.

D. REJECTION OF BIDS

St. Charles Parish School Board reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities as allowed by law.

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at **St. Charles Parish School Board Office Dufresne Conference Room** followed by a walk-through of the site on **December 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.** Attendance at this pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**.

F. ADVERTISEMENT DATES

LEGAL AD TO RUN: **1st Advertisement, Thursday, November 14, 2019**
2nd Advertisement, Thursday, November 21, 2019
3rd Advertisement, Thursday, November 28, 2019

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Dennis J. Naquin, President
Dr. Ken Oertling, Superintendent
13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070

Legal notice deadline is every
Friday at 3pm for the following week
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