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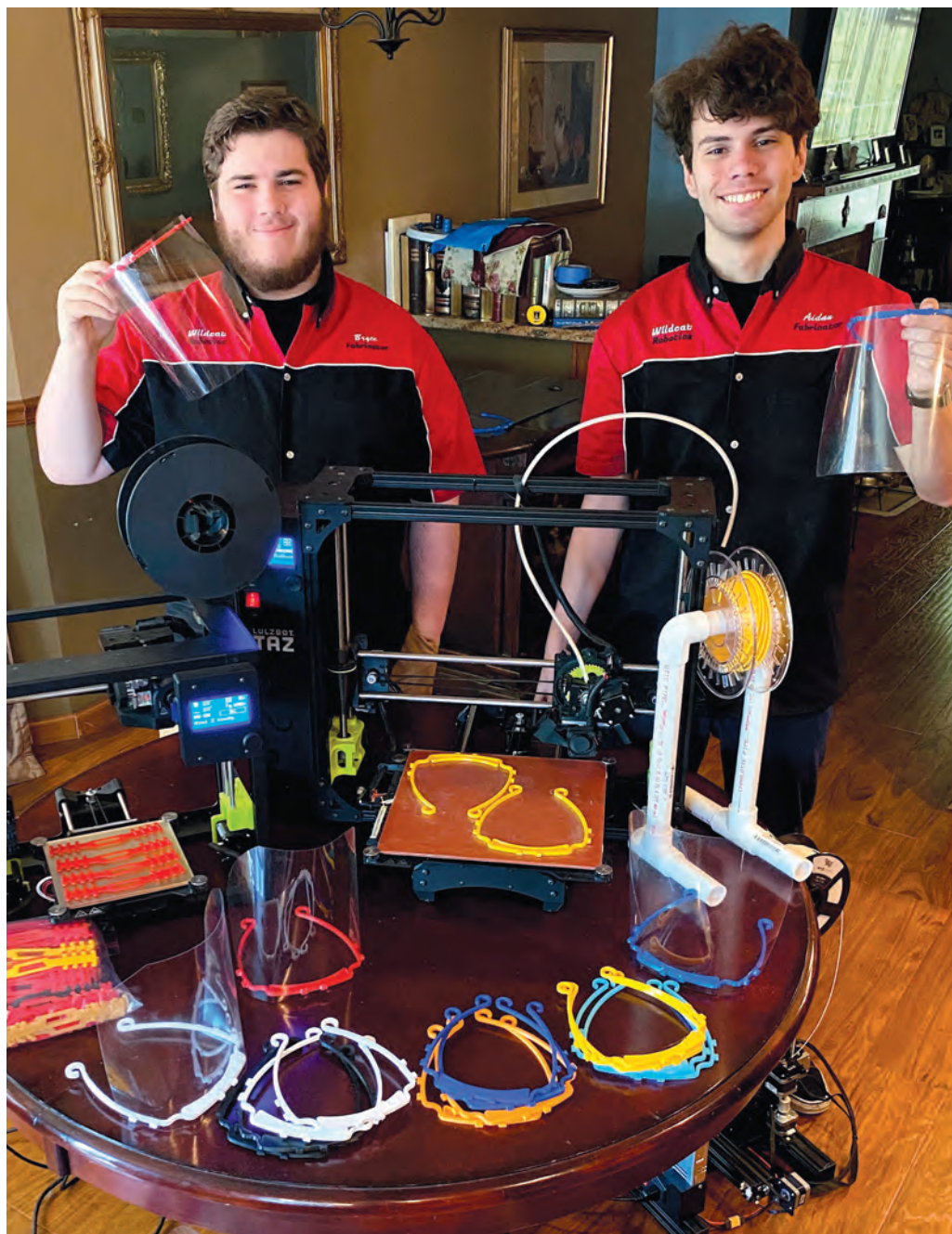
Robotics students apply skills to make safety gear

Shell donation helps them raise the bar

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For upperclassmen on the Destrehan High School Robotics team, what was supposed to be their year of leading the way ended abruptly. But in the face of that adversity, a group of students have pulled together to arguably achieve something even greater.

Seniors Bryce Gough, Aiden Oddlokken and Clay James, junior Savannah McReynolds and DHS alum and current UNO freshman Daniel Floyd have pooled their talents to manufacture face shields and ear savers for those working in the region's medical community. All but Floyd are current DHS robotics members.



Bryce Gough and Aiden Oddlokken display PPE gear made with help of 3D printers.

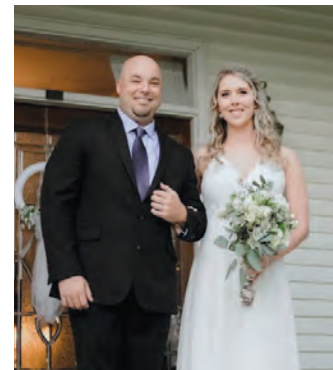
ROBOTICS on 7A

Shoppers surprised by act of kindness



TURN to 2A

500 view couple's online wedding



TURN to 12A

Luling cancer survivor recounts tough battle with coronavirus

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Jude Montet narrowly avoided having his arm amputated in 1987 when cancer gripped his tricep, but he was very clear when comparing that experience with his recent coronavirus battle.

"I'll take that over what I had last month," Montet said. "I'm not exaggerating ... it was bad."

Montet, 53, a Luling resident, said what started March 23 as a dry cough progressed all week to the point of a 102.9 fever March 27. Other symptoms included chest pain, a severe headache,



Jude Montet with his wife, Rhonda.

CORONAVIRUS on 8A

Hospital employees fed by generosity of locals

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Several local organizations and individuals have stepped up to make sure health care workers on the front lines of the coronavirus battle have one less thing to worry about – what to eat.

"During this unprecedented public health crisis, the St. Charles Parish community is showing its support for healthcare workers," Ochsner spokeswoman Erica Burns said. "St. Charles Parish Hospital employees are being treated to lunches throughout the week from generous local businesses,



Hospital employees are treated to lunches by members of the community.

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‘Your total is \$0’ – shoppers surprised with act of kindness

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When Montz resident Susie Bourgeois went shopping at Destrehan’s Winn-Dixie last week, she didn’t expect to leave in tears.

“It was hard for me to hide my emotions,” she said. “The sweet cashier said, ‘Please don’t cry, you are going to make me cry too.’”

As Bourgeois left the store, another emotional customer was also leaving.

“She just looked at me in shock and said, ‘My bill was just paid,’ and I said, ‘Mine too,’ and we both just stood there for a second in amazement,” Bourgeois said. “I then went to my car and cried like a baby ... happy tears of course.”

Media mogul Tyler Perry, a New Orleans native, paid for the groceries of customers at 29 Winn-Dixie stores across

GROCERIES on 8A



Lisa Young received free groceries from media mogul Tyler Perry.



Shell Norco Manufacturing Complex

Plants prioritizing precaution to ward off virus

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While many St. Charles Parish residents are waiting for the green light to return to work – and the world to return to normal – a large number of the community’s workforce are needed, as shut-down of the area’s industrial plants is not an option.

Thus heightened vigilance and safety precautions carry enormous importance, as even one infected employee could create a significant spread if the issue were not quickly detected.

Shell Norco spokeswoman Rochelle Touchard said it commands the bulk of

the company’s attention.

“Shell’s priority is the safety and health of our people and our environment, as well as the continued safe operation of all our businesses,” she said. “We continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure the well-being of our staff and contractors and adhere to the guidance provided by the authorities.”

Shell has taken several measures to protect its employees during the pandemic. A major part of that has been

SAFETY on 10A

No coronavirus cases at parish jail, sheriff reports

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In what he attributes to the excellent and meticulous work of the correctional staff, St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne said not one of the 429 inmates in Killona’s Nelson Coleman Correctional Center have coronavirus.

“The goal is to protect all inmates and correctional officers in the facility from the virus ... we are keenly aware that with inmates living in close proximity, every precaution must be taken to prevent the introduction of the virus into the facility,” Champagne said. “Our staff is outstanding and have been very proactive and aggressive with ideas to keep our facility secure.”

Champagne said even prior to the pandemic, precautions were taken in the booking and screening process to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases into the facility. He added that the Sheriff’s Office has intensified all in-take procedures at the facility due to coronavirus concerns.

“It is not a stretch for me to say that with the movement restrictions and screenings in place, inmates in our facility are more insulated from catching the virus than a member of the general public at this time,” he said.

With very limited exceptions, transfers of inmates from one prison to another were suspended weeks ago by sheriffs, the Department of Corrections and the United States Marshals Service.



Sheriff Greg Champagne said there have been no coronavirus cases at the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center.

Champagne said nearly all state-wide court appearances have been postponed. If needed, appearances are done by video conferencing, which has been the standard procedure in St. Charles Parish for years. The work-release program has been indefinitely suspended as well.

If an in-court appearance by an inmate is required by a judge, Champagne said that inmate is treated as a newly booked inmate upon their return to the facility. Any inmate leaving the facility for court is required to wear a mask the entire time.

“The only new inmates coming into our correctional facility at this time will be those arrested for serious misdemeanors and felonies,” Champagne said. “Deputies have been granted the discretion to issue written summonses for very minor non-violent offenses and other things such as unpaid traffic tickets.”

JAIL on 6A

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Rosalie Smith, Bailey and Hadley Worth and Ryleigh Smith of Destrehan.

All hands on deck: Families finding new schooling, work routines from home

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Once primarily associated with poker games and sitcoms, the phrase “full house” strikes people a little differently these days — for many families, it’s currently the way of life.

Schools are closed and many parents are working remotely or on leave from their jobs, making each residence simultaneously a workplace, classroom and entertainment venue.

Shandi Anderson of Destrehan quipped her three children, ages 9, 6 and 5 respectively, are already missing school.

“They’re not happy with my teaching habits,” Anderson said with a laugh. “They’re not happy that mama is trying her best with the home schooling. They’re excited to not be in school, but I think they’re missing their teachers and most of all that social

interaction with their friends.”

The first week of the statewide school closing, Anderson said she tried her hand at Google classroom on day one. Coupled with the sudden change in circumstances all are facing, it proved to be a bit overwhelming.

“So I made that week our spring break,” she said. “We took it easy. We all need some grace and to set a routine immediately, it was hard to set that bar. So we let them play on tablets, watch movies and had some comfort time with family.”

But when week two came, Anderson returned to the drawing board. She began using free online education resources like Kahn Academy and Lexia Learning to get her children back

HOMESCHOOLING on 10A

FOOD from 1A

industries, individuals and community and religious organizations in the parish.”

Hospital CEO Terrell Neal said the hospital is incredibly thankful for the outpouring of support.

“Our staff is working long hours caring for patients and we have been humbled by the many donations we have received,” he said. “St. Charles Parish is going above and beyond to show they care for our healthcare heroes.”

Kelsey Pollock, public relations chair for the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish, said “People of Action” is the tagline for Rotary International, so a project serving healthcare workers, who are the people of action in this pandemic, was a natural fit.

St. Charles Parish Rotary, along with the Arc of St. Charles and Hope Church St. Charles, recently united to provide 300 lunches for hospital workers.

St. Charles Rotary President Victoria Bryant said providing meals to the healthcare workers was “a great opportunity to say, ‘thank you’ for their commitment, dedication, resilience and most of all their unselfish sacrifices.”

Pastor Thomas Hines, of Hope Church, agreed.

“It’s been our pleasure to assist in providing others, especially our healthcare community, with fresh hot meals during this time of need,” Hines said. “Our church’s motto is to ‘Love God, Love People and Live Generous’ ... giving back to our community is at the heart of who we are.”

Kacy Kernan, co-chair of the St. Charles Women’s Club civic committee, said members are always looking for ways they can help out in the community.

“When it was mentioned to us there was a need to feed local healthcare providers, we immediately acted on it with full board support,” she said. “We can only hope that our contribution made this incredibly difficult time a little easier on those who are working so hard for all of us.”

Many of these individuals and organizations are supporting local restaurants who have been impacted by social distancing mandates by purchasing up to 300 meals from each restaurant, including: Fat Boy’s, River Room, Southern Latte, VooDoo BBQ, The Seafood Pot, River Road Market, Truck Farm Tavern, Catahoulas, Cypress Lakes Country Club, Atchafalaya Seafood Restaurant, Reginelli’s Pizzeria and HoneyDoux Café.

“We see you, we appreciate you and you’re

not on this journey alone,” Bryant said of healthcare workers, adding she encourages groups to join the effort of letting them know they are appreciated.

Any individuals and businesses interested in donating food can contact Teddi Roberts at 504-858-8566 or teddi.roberts@ochsner.org.



St. Charles Parish Hospital CEO Terrell Neal said St. Charles Parish is going above and beyond to show they care.



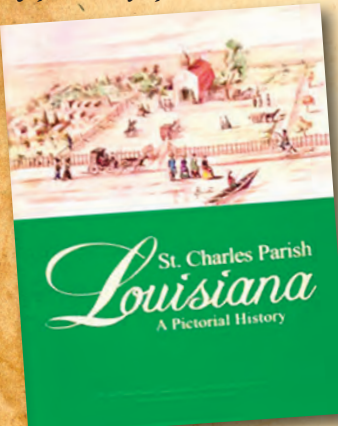
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Schaubhut

Rose M. Cancienne Estay Schaubhut went to her Heavenly rest on April 7, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents Octave Sylvan Cancienne and Josephine Marie Thibodaux and fifteen siblings; husbands John Joseph Estay and Edward John Schaubhut; and son Roy Anthony Estay.



She is survived by her son Johnny Joseph Estay (Tina), daughter-in-law Merrill Estay (Roy), grandchildren Pennie Scott (Curtis), Patty Cortez (Leonard), Rhonda Montet (Jude), Jonni Gonzales (Lee), Jessi Meadors (Kody), Mitzi Fauchaux (Tommy), and Matthew Estay (Megan). Rose is also survived by fourteen great-grandchildren and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Rose and her husband John (1940 – 1979) resided in Paradis, Louisiana. Rose loved gardening and the out-of-doors. She was an avid homemaker who enjoyed cooking, usually huge meals she served to her family and friends. Rose was a devoted wife and mother who loved caring for her husband and children. And later, caring for her many grandchildren. She was a faithful parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Paradis, La. where she was voted “Mother of the Year” in 1970.

Later in her life, she married her childhood sweetheart Edward Schaubhut (1982 – 2010), also widowed, and resided with him in Harvey, Louisiana. In addition to her large family in Paradis, she now lovingly embraced the children and grandchildren of her new family. In keeping with her devotion to her Christian faith, she was a parishioner of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Westwego, La. where her husband Edward was a deacon.

The last years of her life were spent as a resident of Luling Living Center in Luling, La.; where unsurprisingly, she endeared herself to administration, staff and other residents.

Rose would have been ninety-nine years young on May 20, 2020. She spent her years on this earth embracing any opportunity to add love to her life and to give out as much love to others as she could. As a result, her family does not wish to mourn her passing but to celebrate her life. A life devoted to her faith, church, and the love she shared with family and friends.

At this time, the family would like to thank Luling Living Center for the care and affection shown to her while a resident there. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, her family would ask that donations be made in her name to Luling Living Center, 11250 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, LA 70070 to support resident activities.

A private service will be conducted at Falgout Funeral Home in Raceland, La. by Father Joseph Duc Dzien. Interment will follow at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Des Allemands, La.

Boudreaux

Charles “Butter Bean” “Charlie” James Boudreaux, Sr. passed away April 8, 2020 at the age of 90. He was born August 16, 1929 to Charles Felix Boudreaux and Emma Gauthreaux in the family house located on their property which is now part of the Bonnet Carrie Spillway in Montz, LA.



He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Betty Root Clasen Boudreaux. Father of Jodie Dupuy (Tommy), Charles “Butch” Boudreaux, Jr. (Jean), Paul Boudreaux (Trudy), JoEllen Boudreaux, and Anne Ardoin. Stepfather of Judy Sinnott (James), Jill Martin (Rob), Jamie Cacioppo (Larry), Jan Sanders (Mark), and Jennifer Burris (Greg). He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and step grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and step great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife of 49 years, Dolores DeBautte Boudreaux and his siblings, Gertrude Stiles, Owen Boudreaux, Bernice Cockrell, Allen Boudreaux, Rita Mae Boudreaux, and Gladys Zeringue. He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Tommy “Bubba” Dupuy and Cody Martin. Charlie was a carpenter who worked very hard at his trade and he was meticulous in everything he did. He was also very witty and people loved talking and joking with him. He will be remembered for his love of gardening, especially for the greenhouse tomatoes he grew. He will be greatly missed by his entire family and his friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. To share a memory with the family please visit www.HCAlexander.com.

Roussell

Raymond F. Roussell, 76, a native of Des Allemands and a resident of Raceland, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020.



Services will be at a later date. He is survived by his wife, Stella L. Roussell; daughters, Lynn Breaux (Wade) and Denise Collins (Edward); sons. Kevin Breaux (Debbie) and Carl Breaux (Jaime); sister, Jeannette Champagne; 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Gladys Roussell and brother Louis P Roussell.

Raymond was a Vietnam War Veteran and a member of Des Allemands American Legion and Lions Club.

Falgout Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JAIL from 2A

Champagne said the intake process for anyone arrested has been ramped up significantly. When an arrestee is brought into the correctional center, a nurse from the medical staff relocates to the covered, fenced-in area outside of the main facility for a preliminary medical screening. All medical personnel and correctional officers wear personal protective equipment, and the arrestee is also provided with a mask to wear during intake.

Arrestees are questioned about recent travel, symptoms and contact with any sick people, and medical staff takes their temperature, measures their oxygen levels, and monitors their pulse.

If anything appears to be abnormal or of concern, Champagne said the medical director is contacted. If the staff, after consultation with the medical director, has any concerns about the arrestee possibly having coronavirus, the arrestee is not allowed inside the facility and is taken to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

If everything is normal, Champagne said the arrestee is admitted into only the booking area of the facility for the time being. Correctional deputies in the booking area, as well as the arrestee, continue to wear PPE in the booking area throughout the booking process.

After booking, arrestees are held in the booking area cells for up to 72 hours or until they post bail set by the court. After 72 hours, arrestees are transferred to a F-3 pod, which is separate from the general population. Champagne said F-3 is in-effect a secondary holding facility, with inmates closely monitored for any signs of illness. Inmates who are symptom-free after 14 days are eligible to be moved into a general population area.

All correctional center employees are medically screened upon entry to the facility for each of their shifts, Champagne said, adding family and attorney visitation is limited to video conferencing at the jail.

“Traffic in and out of the facility has been restricted to only what is necessary,” he said. “Further precautions will be added if our medical staff professionals require such.”



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ROBOTICS from 1A

They are utilizing their own personal 3D printers as well as several supplied via St. Charles Parish Public Schools to manufacture visor pieces that wrap around the head, allowing for a piece of acetate sheet to be attached to create a full face shield – known as PPE (personal protective equipment).

The students’ goals were modest to begin with, but plans quickly expanded after Shell Norco donated more than \$7,000 to the cause. In the first two days of production alone, the five made 180 visor pieces, assembled 66 face shields and manufactured 140 ear savers. The first face shields were donated to St. Charles Parish EMS.

By Tuesday, they had also delivered 112 face shields to Access Health Louisiana and Tulane Medical Center, and 25 face shields to Ochsner Medical Center in Kenner.

“When (Robotics) season got cut off, we were disappointed,” Gough said. “Then we kind of sat home for two weeks and we’re all getting bored. I’m like, I feel like we can do something. We started talking about using the stuff at our house to start making stuff ... we’re looking things up and seeing all these things people are doing around the world, and it’s like ‘OK, wow ... what could we take this to?’

“I think we all felt like, we have the skills and the know-how to help out, but we’re here sitting on our butts at home while all this is going on.”

Gough’s father, Brian, is the Interactive Media Facilitator at the school district’s Satellite Center.

“I sent it to our district,” Brian said. “I knew we had a lot of filament and 3D printers. (Schools superintendent Ken Oertling) reached out and then he got with Rochelle Touchard at Shell. They asked what we’d need to get it started. And while I’m figuring that out, I spoke to Bryce, and they’re talking about how they could get involved ... and things kind of took off from there.”

“What they’re doing is more important in the grand scheme of things,”

— Brian Gough

Brian spoke with DHS Robotics teacher Brian Young about utilizing the program’s 3D printers. Young gave it the OK, and between those five printers, three more from the Satellite Center and the five personal 3D printers of the students, 13 units were now in play.

It gave them the machine power to produce, but now the issue was supply – you can only produce as much as the materials you have to work from. Shell stepped up from there, donating \$7,250 to go toward those supplies, and suddenly this project took on a much larger scale.

“We were thinking at the beginning of this we might make 400 or 500 of these, donate them, and that’s the extent,” Bryce said.

Instead, the group estimates they can print between 4,500-5,000 visor pieces over the next month, as long as they are able to order 3D filament needed to print the pieces.



Bryce Gough displays a PPE shield he made (top) before donating products to EMT workers.

“We needed a spreadsheet to get all the information down and to keep track of everything,” Bryce said. “I kept looking at it and thinking, ‘Wow, that’s a lot more than I thought we’d make in a day.’”

The PPE will help people in need in several areas of health care, from drive thru testing personnel with Access Health, who have masks but not full face shields, to cleaning crew members at Tulane Medical Center.

“We’re planning to keep going and make as much as possible until the funding runs out,” Brian said.

The cancellation of robotics season due to the coronavirus pandemic was no doubt going to leave team members feeling empty, with an incredible amount of work seeing no payoff in competition.

These students were determined to leave their mark, nonetheless, putting on full display the skills they’ve mastered.

“I’m most impressed at them getting over disappointment and coming together to say, ‘We can do something,’” Brian said. “For these kids, they started robotics in the ninth grade and worked their way up. This was their year to be co-drivers, captains, leaders ... this was their time to be the ones making the decisions.. They were working until 10 o’clock each night, getting it all right ... and it was cut short. They’re very innovative and they know a lot about manufacturing. It’s just what they do. It’s really cool to see them pivot from a

disappointing time to apply their abilities to this situation.”

Said Oddlokken, “I realized how bad of a situation we are in when my mom told me that the mobile testing stations won’t have PPE for the staff. So I’m glad I’m spending my time helping others rather than laying around. People keep on telling me that they feel bad that my graduation ceremony and senior year are on the line, but the way I see it I’d rather be doing this. Everyone who graduates high school gets to wear a cap and gown, how many get to print equipment that can save lives?”

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Arrests

- **Kyrain Kenner, 32**, of 118 Bailey St. in Boutte, was arrested April 12 and charged with simple burglary, hit and run and flight from an officer.
- **Karen Mott, 50**, of 2008 Ormond Blvd. in Destrehan, was arrested April 12 and charged with disturbing the peace and simple criminal damage.
- **Aaron Lefort, 49**, of 2008 Ormond Blvd. in Destrehan, was arrested April 11 and charged with disturbing the peace, domestic abuse battery and simple criminal damage to property.



- **Mikayla Heaney, 25**, of 117 Bayou Estates Drive in Des Allemands, was arrested April 8 and charged with simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling.
- **Adrius James, 32**, of 1824 Short St. in Kenner, was arrested April 8 and charged with obstruction of justice, violation of stop sign and driver must be licensed. He had an attachment.
- **Ashley Earley, 18**, of 3416 West Esplanade Drive in Metairie, was arrested April 9 and charged with possession of Oxycodone, possession of Xanax and possession of legend drug without prescription.
- **Amanda Ross, 18**, of 1842 Ochsner Blvd. in Covington, was arrested April 9 and charged with speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Xanax.



CORONAVIRUS from 1A

weakness and shortness of breath.

“I couldn’t walk from my bed to the bathroom without losing my breath,” he said. “This is not like the flu.”

Montet’s wife, Rhonda, drove him to Ochsner’s Main Campus Hospital March 27, where he was tested for coronavirus and subsequently admitted to the hospital.

“My wife stopped at the curb and dropped me off,” Montet said. “She was waiting in the parking lot and tried to come in to check on me, but the security guard stopped her.”

Diagnosed with coronavirus and pneumonia, Montet entered the hospital with only a 40 percent battery life on his phone and no charger.

“I lost contact with the world,” he said, adding the nurses and doctors did a great job of calling Rhonda with updates. “Luckily my cousin’s wife works there and brought me a charger.”

Montet said to see her bring in the charger, in a fully enclosed and encapsulated suit, was a punch to the gut.

“I lost it then,” he said. “It was bad.”

Confined to a 10x10 cubicle with no television and no visitors, Montet said

the hardest part of the hospital stay was trying to stay mentally strong while being so physically sick and exhausted.

“You’re sick and gasping for air and there’s no one that can be with you and answer questions for you,” he said. “I don’t wish it on my worst enemy.”

Montet spent one night in the hospital before requesting a discharge, figuring he would be more comfortable resting at home. He was given antibiotics and an inhaler and was told to take Tylenol.

Upon his diagnosis, Montet said he was tormented with worry about his family – especially his grandchildren who he had recently spent time with – getting sick. So far, everyone remains healthy.

After a week of rest at home, Montet said he finally felt well enough to walk around and even venture onto his patio. The lack of contact and comradery with his family and friends is hard, Montet said, but he’s learned important lessons throughout this trying time of his life.

“Life is a precious gift,” he said. “Just like that it could have been taken away from me.”

GROCERIES from 2A

Louisiana last week. He also footed the bill at 44 Kroger stores in Atlanta.

“I wanted to do something that got out to people immediately,” Perry told The Hollywood Reporter. “So I reached out to Kroger and I reached out to Winn-Dixie because I remember my mother going to shop at Winn-Dixie every Saturday when I was a kid.”

Bourgeois said as she was entering the store and grabbing a basket outside, a gentleman approached her and handed her a slip of paper that read “random act of kindness.”

“He told me to bring it to the register when I was ready to check out,” she said. “I honestly thought that I was going to receive a cookie from the bakery upon check out or something of that nature ... it wasn’t until I went to put my debit card in prematurely that the cashier asked me to remove it and told me that the bill was taken care of ... I had to ask her to repeat herself because I just couldn’t believe it.”

“I had to ask her to repeat herself because I just couldn’t believe it,”
— Susie Bourgeois

Bourgeois left the store not knowing who the generosity was courtesy of.

“My daughter told me she thought she may know who the generous donor was,” Bourgeois said. “Several posts on Facebook confirmed that Mr. Perry was indeed the kind soul who did this for me and so many others.”

Not only did Perry help Bourgeois and other shoppers, she said, but he also lifted the spirits of everyone reading the stories of what he did.

“My Facebook post has comment after comment filled with hope, love and joy,” Bourgeois said. “I think the people in our community needed something positive and this was it ... I cannot believe how incredibly blessed I am.”

Destrehan resident Lisa Young was also a recipient of Tyler’s generosity.



Tyler Perry

When she entered Winn Dixie, she was greeted by the store manager who gave her a disinfectant wipe and a paper voucher.

“My initial reaction was how nice to be greeted as such, and I was reminded of the sacrifice these grocery employees make each day to serve their community,” Young said, adding after she finished her shopping she was prompted by the cashier to present the voucher and learned her groceries were free.

“I was overwhelmed with gratitude,” Young said. “In the middle of this difficult time, I am seeing daily there is so much compassion from our fellow man ... the feeling I keep having is one of reassurance, that every little thing is going to be alright.”

Richard Abda, a St. Rose resident, also had his groceries paid for.

“I was so surprised and grateful and thankful for a wonderful act of kindness during this crisis that we’re all dealing with the best we can,” Abda said. “It’s so nice that such wonderful people step up when we all need support.”

Bourgeois said she hopes everyone who received the blessing of free groceries decides to pay it forward.

“Just imagine if everyone that was shown generosity by Mr. Perry pays it forward and those that they bless pay it forward and so on,” she said. “So much goodness can come from one person’s random act of kindness.”

Bourgeois said she would also like to thank Winn-Dixie for their part in the blessing.

“They made shopping during a time such as this as pleasant as possible,” she said. “The same gentleman who handed me the paper also cleaned my cart handle, and the cashier was so polite and genuinely happy for me ... God is good.”



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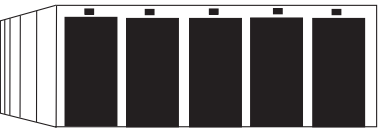
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restricting site access to include only contractors and visitors deemed critical to business, as well as limiting on-site work to business-critical personnel only.

Temperature screening procedures for employees and contractors have been implemented. Social distancing, when at all possible, is also implemented, with CDC recommendations serving as guidelines for scenarios where distancing is not feasible. To that end as well, Touchard said many employees are telecommuting to limit on-site personnel numbers. In-person meetings have given way to virtual conferences. Lunchtimes have been staggered to provide necessary space for workers, and the cafeteria is open for pick-up only.

More frequent and thorough cleaning and sanitation rounds are ongoing, and additional hand-washing and hand-sanitizer stations have been distributed throughout the site.

“We have business continuity plans in place to ensure the safety and sustainability of our business operations and our ability to meet the needs of our customers and partners,” Touchard said. “For example, some teams have introduced split team arrangements to ensure continuity of operations. Where possible, staff are expected to work from home to minimize the chance of carrying the virus on site.”

Valero St. Charles spokeswoman Taryn Rogers echoed similar measures to assure safety for its employees.

“Where possible, staff are expected to work from home to minimize the chance of carrying the virus on site,”

— Rochelle Touchard

“We’re allowing employees to work from home, increased our cleaning on-site, restricted visitors, granted limited access to control rooms, made travel restrictions, among other practices in an effort to minimize exposure to the virus,” Rogers said. “We have sent regular communications reminding them to practice social distancing at work and at home, wash their hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoid touching their face, cover their cough/sneeze and to frequently clean and disinfect.”

Rogers said communication with site personnel is constant, as minimizing risk at this time is so vital. She noted the procedures are followed as per CDC recommendations.

HOMESCHOOLING from 4A

on the learning track. She said those have aided her and also credited the St. Charles Parish school district for their constant communication with parents through phone calls and emails as the COVID-19 situation progresses.

“We moved back here from Florida a few years ago. I’ve told my husband, I would not live anywhere but Destrehan because of the school district,” Anderson said.

“It’s daunting at times, but we’re making it on our own,”

— Shandi Anderson

There are challenges, but she keeps it in perspective.

“The toughest part has honestly been being away from (extended) family,” Anderson said. “We’re a very close knit family so not being able to see them is difficult. And home schooling is difficult as well ... some parents really took to it. They’re doing science projects and really getting at it, but a lot of us are kind of keeping our heads above water.

“It could be so much worse though. We’re blessed ... our family is healthy. We have electricity and water. It’s daunting at times but we’re making it on our own.”

Megan Hammitt of Destrehan said her two children began missing school early on in the process.

“They’re very emotional in the sense of ‘I want to be back at school. I miss my teachers and my friends,’” Hammitt said. “Nothing you’d expect from children at that age. I wouldn’t think they’d have this high anxiety about it, but I guess for them, the safety of being at school feels better.”

Hammitt works remotely from home, so she says when it’s time for an important call or assignment for work, she communicates that openly with her children.

“I try to give them a heads up. They’ve each kind of picked up a book or started some quiet activities,” she said. “Sometimes it’s a challenge. You just try and balance them having some fun learning activities while you’re taking care of what you need to.”

It can be a bit overwhelming at times. Like Anderson, Hammitt looks around and is sometimes floored with how coordinated the efforts of some families seem.

“I see other moms with their routines and it feels like I’m failing a bit,” Hammitt said. “But everyone is honestly doing what works best for them. For us, I didn’t want to put too much on my kids at first. It’s kind of, this is what we’re dealing with, this is what we’re going through, and this is how we’re going to approach it today.”

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New Destrehan coaching hire speaks on guiding Wildcats program, goals for the future

Excited for new challenge

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Marcus Scott fondly remembers Friday nights during his first tenure at Destrehan.

“The first thing that comes to mind is that student section,” said Scott, the Wildcats’ newly hired head football coach who served as defensive coordinator for the 2016 and 2017 seasons. “They’re so enthusiastic. And it’s not just them ... the parents, the supporters from all over, it’s a combination that makes it a special atmosphere.”

Scott will get to take it all in from a different perspective this fall, walking the sidelines as head of one of Louisiana’s longtime gridiron powers. He was announced as the St. Charles Parish School Board’s choice last month, selected from an interview pool of nearly 30 applicants for the highly-sought position.

As defensive coordinator under predecessor Stephen Robicheaux, he helped spur Destrehan to a Class 5A state semifinal appearance in 2016. John Ehret took notice, and hired Scott to be its new head football coach in 2018.

In his first year with the Patriots, he led Ehret to the 5A semifinals – and on the way, Ehret felled Scott’s former team, the Patriots besting Destrehan in a classic regular season shootout, 37-35. In that game, Ehret passer Travis Mumphy connected with Jacoby Windmon for the eventual game winner with 2:03 left.

Robicheaux had high praise for his former assistant following that contest.

“The biggest thing is the guy they hired over there on that sideline,” Robicheaux said of Scott, moments after the game’s final whistle. “That’s a completely different team. He’s got them playing hard and got them playing disciplined. They made a hellava hire. And this was a great high school football matchup and it delivered.”

Ehret went 20-5 over Scott’s two years as head coach.

Now, he’s excited for a new challenge, though he noted it wasn’t easy to leave Ehret, where he quickly established strong relationships within his locker room and the community.

“It’s always tough when you’re faced with leaving somewhere so supportive

of you, from the kids and parents alike ... I had some great relationships, and it’s tough to say goodbye,” Scott said. “But in terms of what Destrehan and St. Charles Parish have to offer my family and I, it’s a no brainer. We live here, my children go to school here ... it’s such a great fit.”

While the coronavirus pandemic has put numerous things on hold, the Destrehan coaching search stayed on schedule.

“It was smooth,” Scott said. “They had a plan and a timeline in place for what they wanted to have accomplished.”

Scott follows in the footsteps of a legend. After overseeing one final signing day class among his players, Robicheaux retired in February after leading Destrehan to a state runner-up finish in 2019. Robicheaux was the architect of two undefeated state championship runs, in 2007 and 2008, several unbeaten regular seasons and an overall won-loss record of 186-41.

Scott called it an honor to be chosen to lead a program that has enjoyed a rich coaching tradition.

“I’m extremely humbled and excited,” Scott said. “Just thinking about so many great coaches who have preceded me here. I was fortunate enough to work for two of those guys in Coach Robicheaux and Coach (Tim) Rebowe (at Nicholls State). It’s truly a privilege.”

An Algiers native, Scott’s tenure at Ehret was his second head coaching position on the West Bank of New Orleans, his first coming at West Jefferson from 2008 to 2013 where the Buccaneers won two district championships and qualified for the state playoffs six times.

The move to Destrehan brings him back to his current home. He resides in St. Charles Parish with his wife Jarelle and three children Jackson, 13, Chandler, 9 and Ava, 6.

While he’s coached several members of the Wildcats who were freshmen during his assistant coaching tenure at DHS, he said he’s taking it as effectively starting over with everyone – people change,



“To produce upstanding members of community, first and foremost, is the goal.”

— Marcus Scott

and he won’t take those relationships for granted.

“We don’t have that true connection just yet. I’ll be walking through that process of introducing myself to them all over again. My job is to establish those relationships,” he said.

As a coach with a strong defensive background, he believes the success his teams have enjoyed on that side of the ball come down to old school, tried and true fundamentals.

“The effort has to be all the way up. We have to be great tacklers, and we have to take the ball away and provide extra opportunities for our offense. It’s all about technique, execution and tackling ... it’s the same at every level,” Scott said.

But he spoke of off the field success at an even greater standard.

“To produce upstanding members of community, first and foremost, is the goal,” Scott said.

“Our primary goal of coaches is to

help guide young men through these formative years. In terms of what I bring, I think I’m young enough to understand kids ... I listen to their some of their music, stuff like that, and I can identify with kids ... but I also have old school morals and values. I believe in the same core values that have been established throughout the years at Destrehan. Those won’t change.”

It may be awhile before he can begin installing his ideas with players, at least in terms of on-field work. The COVID-19 pandemic leaves everyone in the same boat.

“It’s tough in a way, but our priorities have to remain intact, and that’s human life and safety,” Scott said. “That’s at the forefront and we have to come together to ensure everyone is safe. When that’s the case, we can continue to move forward at all levels, be it playing, coaching or watching.”

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Greg and Katie Prieur have been planning their wedding since shortly after their engagement on November 16, 2018.

"We got engaged right before the holidays so things were kind of put on hold until the craziness of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, end of graduate school semester, and report cards - for me - were done," Katie, a fifth grade teacher at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary school, said. "As soon as January came around we hit the ground running and got all of our big vendors booked within a month ... it was stressful to find a time that worked with my school schedule and all of our vendors, but April 4th ended up being the ideal time."

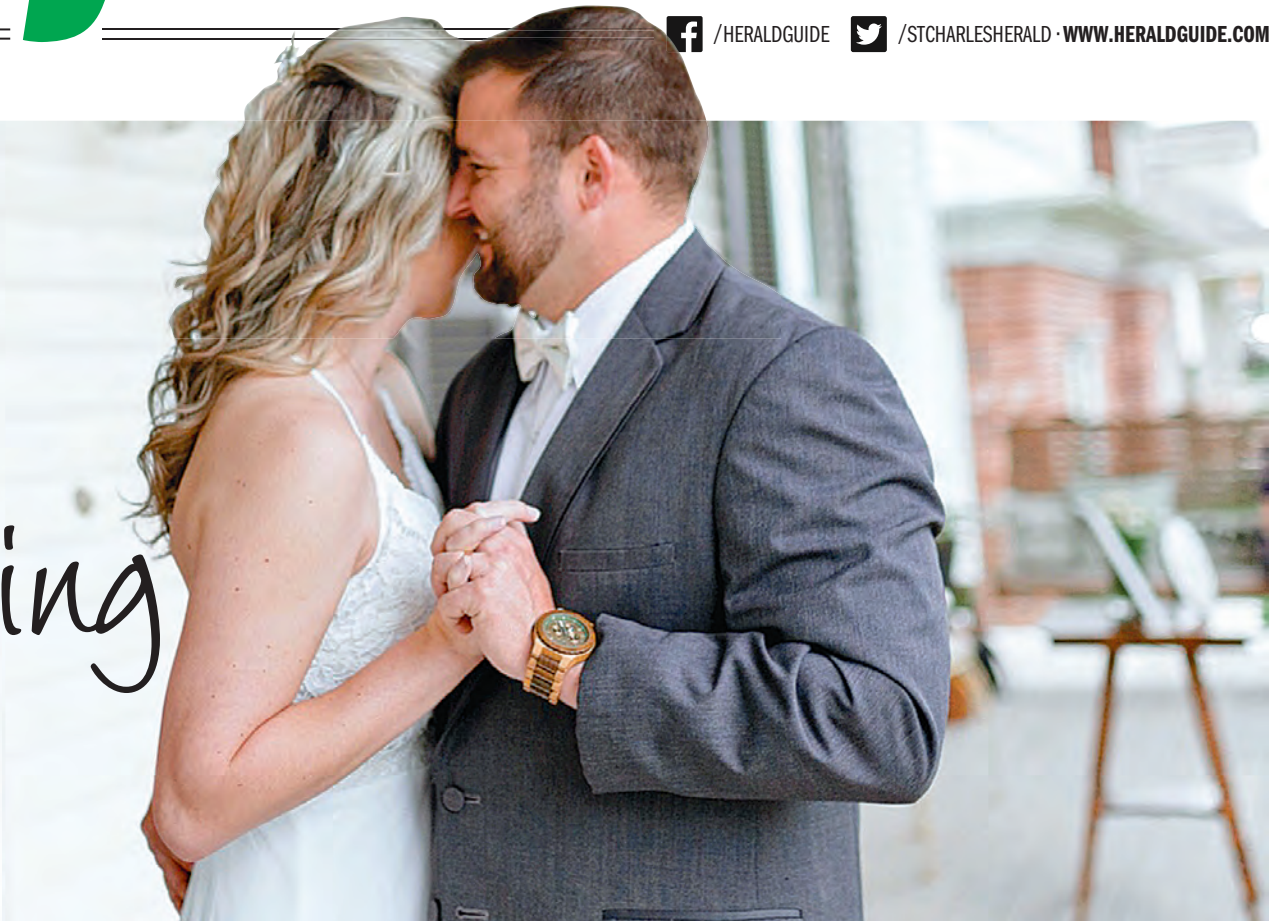
The ceremony site was set for Metairie Ridge Presbyterian and the reception at The Cannery. La Louisiane would bake the cake.

"It gave us time to save up to buy a house, save money to have the best honeymoon in the world, book all of the vendors that we wanted and worked perfectly with my school schedule allowing us to take the honeymoon of our dreams right afterwards," Katie said.

What Greg and Katie could have never properly planned for was the coronavirus pandemic.

"It was horrible," Katie said. "The day that the governor made the announcement that gatherings over 250 people were banned, I was at work ... the students were gone but all faculty were together, and everyone immediately turned to me."

The couple immediately began planning how to keep the total number of attendees under 250, which



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meant no out-of-town guests, limited staff working the event and possibly having to call invited guests to un-invite them.

"Then the announcement came out for 50 people or less ... then it changed to 10," Katie said. "Everything was so uncertain and every time we thought we had a plan, it would change ... it finally hit us that this couldn't happen."

The couple had chosen a New Orleans theme, complete with streetcars, on their favors and original invites.

"So we've changed it to 'roll with it' with the streetcar as a play on words," Katie said laughing.

And roll with it they did. Ready to start their lives together, Greg and Katie chose to still get married on April 4. There was a slight change in venue, naturally, as well as other tweaks. The event took place on the lawn of Katie's mother's house and was streamed online.

"It was magical," Katie said. "Everything worked together beautifully and the whole thing felt so incredibly special."



Greg and Katie Prieur were marred on April 4 in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.



Katie found a dress online that shipped quickly, and one of her co-workers lent the couple a microphone and speaker. Some neighbors lent extra lights to hang and lanterns for the yard, and one of Katie's best friends lent a phone tripod so the whole thing could be recorded.

Immediate family was spaced out in chairs on lawn, and the bridal party parked and watched from the street. Close family and friends drove by and watched from afar, while neighbors stood in their yards to show their support.

"We had the ceremony, did our

first dance and were able to do a toast," Greg said. "We're so happy with how it turned out."

Over 500 people were able to virtually attend the wedding, with even more viewing the video after.

"There are so many people that we would have loved to invite to our wedding originally, but realistically there is always a limit," Greg said. "We've struggled from the beginning with having to leave people out that we would love to have there."

The unique opportunity allowed the couple to have everyone be a part of their special day. The couple said they are looking forward to celebrating at their large ceremony and reception in July.

"That's when I'll wear my wedding gown and our bridal party will participate," Katie said. "It will be more of a vow renewal with all of our friends and family present since we will technically be married already ... of course there is a sense of anxiousness that this virus will still be around and we'll have to move it again... but if it ends up being pushed back again, it'll just be the best one year anniversary party we could imagine."

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The original due date for submissions of Tuesday, March 31, 2020 has been extended.

Interested firms must submit one (1) marked original, three (3) copies, and an electronic scanned PDF file (on either DVD or USB thumb drive) of their submittal to St. Charles Parish Public Works/Wastewater Office no later than 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 30, 2020.

For further information, please contact Miles B. Bingham, Director of Public Works/Wastewater (985) 331-2624. All appropriate forms, Submittal Instructions and Questionnaire, can be obtained from the St. Charles Parish Website.

Submittals are to be delivered in a sealed package and labeled as follows:

St. Charles Parish 2020 Professional Services Request for Qualifications
Name of Firm
License Number
Address of Firm
Contact Name
Contact Phone Number
Contact Email Address

Publish: St. Charles Herald-Guide
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The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate
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Dates: Thursday, April 2, 2020
Thursday, April 9, 2020
Thursday, April 16, 2020

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

St. Charles Parish President, Matthew Jewell, announces that the St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services is applying to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural and Economic Development for a Rural Housing Preservation Grant. These funds will be used within rural St. Charles Parish to repair and rehabilitate low and very low-income owner-occupied dwellings.

A Statement of Activities for this program is available for review from April 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020, online at <http://stcharlesparish-la.gov/> and a hard copy can be requested to be picked up at the following location:

St. Charles Parish
Department of Community Services
14564 River Road
P. O. Box 169
New Sarpy, LA 70078
Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm

Due to social distancing guidelines currently in place because of COVID-19 please call (985) 764-7944 to make arrangements for document pick up.

Interested persons are advised that they may submit their comments in writing to express their views relative to the proposed project on the possible social, economic and environmental effects involved.

Submittal of written comments must be postmarked to the post office address listed above care of Ms. Joan Diaz, Director of Community Services, or by e-mailing jdiaz@stcharlesgov.net on or before May 1, 2020.

St. Charles Parish is an equal opportunity provider and does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.



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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) DIAMOND GREEN DIESEL, LLC / GREEN DIESEL PLANT DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT MODIFICATION

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft modification of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for Diamond Green Diesel, LLC, Green Diesel Plant, P.O. Box 498 Norco, Louisiana 70079. The facility is located at 14891 East Airline Hwy in Norco, St. Charles Parish.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into Bayou LaBranche via local drainage, then to Cross Bayou Canal, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation and propagation of fish and wildlife. Under the SIC Code 2869, the applicant proposes to discharge utility wastewaters, miscellaneous non-process wastewaters, post first-flush and non process area stormwater runoff, and hydrostatic test waters from an existing renewable diesel manufacturing facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

This permit is being modified to add outfall 005 and 006 to the permit and to update the annual fee rating worksheet. **In accordance with LAC 33:IX.3105.B.2, only those permit limitation and conditions pertaining to the draft modifications are open to public comment.**

This permit was processed as an expedited permit in accordance with LAC 33:IX.3105.B.2.

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted via personal delivery, U.S. mail, email, or fax. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Thursday, May 21, 2020.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV and faxes sent to (225) 219-3309. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments.

Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group> or call (225) 219-3276.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The permit application, additional information, draft permit, and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Amy Exnicios, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3501.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list, wishing to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server, or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group>.

All correspondence should specify A1 Number 168018, Permit Number LA0126349, and Activity Number PER20200001.

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Public Notice

ST. CHARLES PARISH



Tuesday, April 14, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

St. Charles Parish

The St. Charles Parish Council will hold a virtual meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. April 20, 2020. The meeting may also be viewed live on Cox Cable Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or <https://www.stcharlesparish-la.gov/interact/scp-tv>.

This notification is to certify that on April 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm, the St. Charles Parish Council meeting will be held via teleconference/video conference in accordance with Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30 dated March 16, 2020 and Executive Proclamation Number JBE 2020-41 dated April 2, 2020. In accordance with Section 4 of Executive Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30 and Section 4(E) of Executive Proclamation Number JBE 2020-41, the St. Charles Parish Council certifies that it is unable to meet the quorum requirements for an in person public meeting. Accordingly, the April 20, 2020 St. Charles Parish Council meeting will be held by conducting a telephone/video conference meeting as authorized by Executive Department Proclamations JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-41, and as further confirmed by Attorney General Jeff Landry on March 19, 2020. The inability to meet the in person requirements in a public meeting is due to the restrictions in place in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, and to ensure compliance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-41.

Public comments will be accepted until 4:00 pm the day of the meeting by:

- Telephone: 985-783-5000/Contact: Michelle Impastato
- Email: scpcouncil@stcharlesgov.net
- Ecomment: <https://stcharlesgov.granicusideas.com/meetings> (available after 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2020, prior to meeting)

(These comments as well as your name and address will be read aloud during the Council meeting.)

*Public comments will also be accepted real time. Join the meeting by dialing 1-888-788-0099 (Toll Free). When prompted, key the Meeting ID: 988 5787 2812 followed by the # key. When prompted to enter Participant ID, dial # (no Participant ID needed). Once on the line, should you wish to speak when public comment has been opened, dial * 9 on your phone. Public comments will be taken in the order received. Listen for the prompt that your line has been unmuted - please state your name and address for the record. You will have 3 minutes to speak.*

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