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Community rallies around husband, father injured in accident

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Ashley Gibbons received the call all wives dread on July 30 - her husband Brad Gibbons, who worked as a bartender at Destrehan's Sports Pub & Grill, was involved in an accident while riding his new scooter.

Brad's initial injuries included a broken rib, fractured skull and two brain bleeds. On Aug. 2 he underwent brain surgery to stop a third brain bleed.

Initially unable to speak or move the right side of his body, Ashley said Brad is making small progresses daily. He is currently in rehab at Touro receiving physical, occupational and speech therapy.

While the accident has greatly impacted their entire family, Ashley said the couple's 10-year-old son Anthony has been the most affected.

“Anthony is his world,” she said. “They are best buds. That’s the most heartbreaking part of this entire situation - a son who misses his father and wants to know when he’s coming home.”

Brad's sister Heather Gibbons said while the family is praying that Brad makes a full recovery, the reality is his future is unknown.

"I truly feel like each and every day a piece of my heart is



ACCIDENT on 5A

Healthy choices during quarantine pay off



TURN to 2A

Councilwoman reflects on 12 years of service



TURN to 2A

Construction approval sought for new Luling subdivision

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The St. Charles Parish Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss Construction Approval for Heather Oaks Phase 1, which includes 90 lots of a 171-lot subdivision off E. Heather Drive in Luling, at its Sept. 3 meeting.



cited many concerns that included a retention pond, traffic flow, school capacity and drainage.

Commissioners unanimously approved the preliminary plat for the **HEATHER OAKS on 5A**

Destrehan man expands on Facebook challenge to help veterans of combat

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It started with a Facebook challenge.

Any social media regular knows them well: someone completes a task and documents it on social media, then tags one or several friends to nominate them to do the same, and so on. Often, a worthy cause is attached to the practice. Such was the case when Josh Schiro was recently nominated by his father to take part in the 22 day, 22 push-up challenge.

The goal is for each participant to complete and document 22 push-ups per day for 22 days. The purpose is to promote awareness for veteran suicide prevention, as well as to honor military service members and veterans. The number 22 is significant because it represents the number of veterans who commit suicide per day, as per a study by the Department



Josh Schiro

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Councilwoman reflects on 12 years of service

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Wendy Benedetto's time as a council member officially ended Tuesday, effectively ending over 12 years of representing the people of St. Charles Parish.

"In 2007, I qualified to run for the council because it was what I wanted to do for my community," Benedetto wrote in her Aug. 18 resignation letter. "I am resigning because it is what I need to do for my family."

After spending years volunteering at parish schools, on PTA

boards, in parish recreation and with the booster club, Benedetto said it was an open council seat in the 2007 election that piqued her interest.

"I thought, 'Maybe this is my next step ... maybe now I can help and make a difference,' and so I gave it a shot," she said. "I said 'yes' and I ran and I won."

Her first year on the council is among her most fond council memories.



WENDY on 6A Wendy Benedetto

Local non-profit aims to open therapeutic group home for troubled youth

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Life-long best friends and St. Charles Parish residents Chyshena Coleman and Alicia Johnson both have backgrounds with troubled youth.

"On my side, I have two siblings who were troubled youth and were in and out of the system and always fighting," Coleman said. "I saw it from a personal point of view. There were some programs that worked and others didn't. Now I'm a nurse, so I can see the behavioral side."

Johnson - who has earned a Bachelor's degree in Child Development, Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and is in the National



Chyshena Coleman and Alicia Johnson at a holiday event.

NON-PROFIT on 8A

Healthy choices during quarantine pay off for local trainer, mom

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For one local woman, quarantine mandates presented a unique set of choices.

"I work part time at the gym teaching group fitness classes and as a personal trainer," Jessica Higgins LeBlanc, a Norco resident and part-time employee at Anytime Fitness Destrehan, said.

"Prior to the pandemic I was working towards my goal weight, but once the pandemic struck and I no longer had access to the gym I knew I had two paths in front of me - I could spiral into a depression and face serious regressions or buckle down on my eating habits and continue working out at home."

When quarantine started in March, LeBlanc became determined to use her extra time and energy on tracking her nutrition and staying on track with her health goals.

"I lost about ten pounds overall," she said. "Even more importantly, I lost visceral fat, which is the dangerous fat. Visceral body fat is the fat you can't see - it's the internal



Jessica LeBlanc said she started on a more serious cycling schedule in February after receiving her first road bike for Christmas.

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Luling family creates, sells low-sodium seasoning and mixes

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One Luling resident’s love of cooking has inspired him to spice things up in kitchens all over the world.

Shawn Ledet created his own spice blend, Cajun Smoke, in 2015. Since then he has perfected the recipe, mass produced his product, worked to get it stocked on grocery store shelves around the country and even shipped some to Germany.

“Being a true Cajun, my mom taught me how to cook when I was 12 years old,” he said.

When he had a family of his own to cook for, Ledet said he grew tired of having to stock and utilize so many different individual seasonings.

“There was a lot of them,” he said. “My whole cabinet was just full of every spice. It kind of got to be a pain, so that’s when I decided to do something just for myself. I started blending ingredients together until I came up with my own special seasoning. I gave it to my neighbor to try, and they said I should bottle it ... so I did.”

That seasoning later became known and sold as Cajun Smoke.

“The main thing is that I didn’t want a lot of salt in it like some Cajun seasonings,” he said. “I was always taught that you can always add salt, but you can’t take it out. With the support of my wife, we made it a business. I created all the labels and the logo.”

Ledet and his family – wife Luciena and three children – worked as a family to create and later market



and sell the low sodium and all-natural product on Facebook and at farmer’s markets.

“When it started selling really good in farmer’s markets, we started selling it in stores,” Ledet said. “The first place was Majoria’s.”

After becoming available in various supermarkets, including Rouses, Ledet said the product took off. It can now be found at many retailers, including River Road Market, Heberts, Frank’s Supermarket, Cajun Fresh Market and Seafood Pot.

“It’s been a long road,” he said. “It took a year just to get into the local Rouses.”

The seasoning company is, for now, a part-time job for the Ledets. Shawn said he would love to continue to grow the company until it is something he and Luciena

can do full-time. In addition to Cajun Smoke, the Ledets has also created complimentary products to go along with their seasoning offering.

“Now we have, on top of the seasoning, two packets we came out with a year ago,” he said, explaining a Cajun BBQ shrimp and swamp dip packet.

“In 40 minutes you’re eating BBQ shrimp like you’re in a restaurant,” he said of the BBQ shrimp packet, adding the couple has also formulated but not yet produced a seasoning they call Sweet and Sassy. “It’s

the same thing as Cajun Smoke but with white and brown sugar ... it’s for pork or anything you want to little sweetness too.”

Ledet said the couple is also thinking about adding a seafood boil and fry mix to their line of products.

While the coronavirus pandemic has halted in-store demonstrations and festival sales for the company, Ledet said word of mouth has played a major role in the spice’s success.

“It’s expensive to advertise, so it’s mainly been word of mouth,” he said. “The kids help with with things ... it’s really a family business.”

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being ripped out of my chest,” Heather said. “He’s 42 years old. He worked out every day and was in the best shape he’s ever been in ... the doctors say that’s really going to help him recover.”

Brad wowed his therapists and doctors last week when he was able to take a couple of steps, and Heather said his speech is slowly improving as well.

Because of coronavirus precautions, only one person can visit Brad each day. Anthony has only been able to Facetime with his father.

“He was the major provider for his family, and needless to say he’ll be out of work indefinitely and the medical bills are surely accruing,” Heather said. “I had someone I’ve never met before offer to do a fundraiser for him ... he’s just loved by so many ... I can’t stress that enough.”

Ashley said numerous community members and local businesses have contributed to funds for the family.

“I am overwhelmed by the outpouring from the community who are willing to help my family and I during this time,” she said. “If you would have told me a few weeks ago that the fundraisers would amount to what they have, I would tell you that’s impossible. It goes to show how much Brad is loved.”

Heather said Brad is an indescribable human being.

“He loves his family with all his heart,” she said. “He’s a great brother, husband and father. My children adore him. My 12-year-old daughter is absolutely crushed. She cried like I’ve never heard her cry after he had his brain surgery. My 9-year-old son doesn’t share his feelings much, but I know he misses him.”

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Brad



Brad, Ashley and Anthony Gibbons.

and his family and can found at www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-brad-gibbons-and-his-family. A Venmo account, @BradandAshleyGibbons, is also available to accept donations.

HEATHER OAKS from 1A

project. Any project that has already received preliminary plat approval is exempt from Parish President Matthew Jewell’s recently approved temporary moratorium on new construction.

At the time of plat approval, St. Charles Parish Planning Director Michael Albert said residents would again be able to comment on the project at the construction phase and again on the final plat.

Lafayette developer Cliff Guidry had reconfigured the project to address residents’ concerns raised in September 2018 - when he initially proposed the 52-acre development that was rejected by the commission.

The Heather Oaks development neighbors Lakewood and Willowdale communities.

“The construction approval is technical/engineering based,” Albert said in an interview this week. “The various parish departments review and recommend approval of their respective elements. Disapproval would be based upon discussion at the meeting and may require the project to be re-designed entirely. The answer depends entirely on why a development would be denied, however, if a project were going to be turned down by the commission, it’s more likely to happen at the preliminary plat phase rather than construction.”

Albert said Heather Oaks’ initial application was denied and was redesigned and resubmitted with the current layout, which was approved at the preliminary review level.

“In short, because of how this phase is reviewed, it’s more likely that the commission would request changes in design specs or engineering calculations than outright deny it,” he said, adding that after the commission takes action the developer has a series of pre-construction meetings with Public Works.

Any site work, including streets and pipes, usually start 30 - 60 days after approval, Albert said, and homes cannot be constructed until the St. Charles Parish Council accepts the infrastructure improvements.

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ENGINE:..... 6.0L V8
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HEALTHY from 2A

fat that surrounds your vital organs. Higher numbers of visceral fat can contribute to insulin resistance, diabetes, heart disease and more.”

Using an Evolt body composition scanner available at Anytime Fitness Destrehan, LeBlanc was able to track her visceral fat loss.

“I don’t even own a scale at the house,” she said. “My only goal in mind is that I was tracking my food and that my eating habits were on track.”

LeBlanc also used the quarantine to start road cycling and training to ride in an October race.

“I had to move,” she said. “I had to do some sort of exercise every day. It was my therapeutic outlet.”

While she had done some trail riding in the past, LeBlanc said she started on a more serious cycling schedule in February after receiving her first road bike for Christmas. Since then, she has cycled over 2,500 miles – most of which she said has been on the levee. She rides three days a week and averages 80-120 miles a week.

“Honestly a blessing during the quarantine is that we had such beautiful weather,” LeBlanc said, adding that almost every

day she and her two children – Kinsey, 12, and Judah, 10 - went on walks or rode their bikes.

LeBlanc said her fitness journey has evolved over the last decade and started after she had her son.

“I would go to the gym two or three times a week, but really wasn’t doing enough,” she said. “At the end of the day you can’t exercise enough for a poor diet.”

After researching and educating herself on different nutritional approaches, LeBlanc said it all boiled down to her ultimately finding what worked for her lifestyle.

“The only goal I have is to see a little bit more of a loss in visceral body fat,” she said. “For some people it’s a weight or a size and that is their goal, but for me it’s never been about a size.”

Feeling nourished, healthy and strong have all been highlights of the journey, LeBlanc said, adding she’ll use her own real-life experience of finding balance in exercise and nutritional health as tools in her work at Anytime Fitness Destrehan.

“When you experience something on a deep level it’ll help you connect with other and related to them,” she said.

WENDY from 2A

“It was all new people,” she said. “It was a new parish president and every council member was new and we all bonded together and grew together and learned together. There were no chiefs - it was all Indians.”

While initial goals included making an impact on parish recreation, drainage and hurricane flood protection, Benedetto said there are many other projects she is extremely proud of.

Guardrails put up on Airline Highway after an accident claimed the life of one family’s four children, for example, was an emotional victory.

“That was huge,” she said. “I wasn’t the only one who did that, but I was a part of it.”

Other important work done during her terms was the completion of the East Bank Levee and financing and construction of the West Bank Flood Protection System.

“In 2013, St. Charles Parish led the fight to save the National Flood Insurance Program and ultimately passed the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, allowing our residents affordable flood insurance rates,” she said of another victory. “We came together and did the unheard of, passing a bipartisan bill through Congress.”

Then there is the Dunleith Stabilization Project, which aided people who live on the Dunleith Canal and were losing their backyards to erosion. Benedetto said she worked to budget the project each year for 12 years because of the high cost of the project - a similar strategy she used on Ormond field.

Benedetto was elected to two terms as the District III council member before being elected to two terms as the At-Large council member for Division A.

While each election cycle presented unique challenges, Benedetto said her last was the most special.

Former council member Marcus Lambert agreed.

“The commitment and passion she gives to her public and private capacities is admirable,” he said. “She was elected several times because these qualities have allowed her to complete many long-sought projects for her constituents.”

Senator Gary Smith said Benedetto has been a valuable and effective public servant.

“It has been my pleasure to work with Wendy to make St. Charles Parish a great place to live, work and play,” he said. “It is also an honor to call her my friend.”

Benedetto said the successes of the council job were contrasted by the valleys – her least favorite parts which included having to deny certain occupational and residential zoning requests.

“In our parish it’s harder than people think, because you’re a part-time council person doing a full-time job,” she said. “Being elected to a local government is different than any other office. We’re close to the people ... people we work with, friends, neighbors, relatives ... you see them in the grocery stores and you have to own up...you’re responsible because you’re the voice of the people and knowing you have to look people in the face - you have to do the right thing.”

Benedetto said being the voice of the people included people thinking she was responsible for things completely out of her control.

“People assume you’re the answer for everything - from garbage can pickups to dead animals in the street,” she said laughing. “It does take a lot of time, but at the end of the day it was about helping people and I love helping people. There was a lot of good done in those 12 years, but there was a lot of good done in the 12 years before that and there will be a lot of good done in the next 12. I know I am replaceable.”

Benedetto said she is anticipating a slower pace of life, which will allow her to spend more time with her family.

“When I lay my head down at night, I can say I’ve done the right thing for the people in St. Charles Parish,” she said. “What I did in my 12 years was for the residents. I worked for them and I fought for them and I hope what I did will benefit generations to come.”

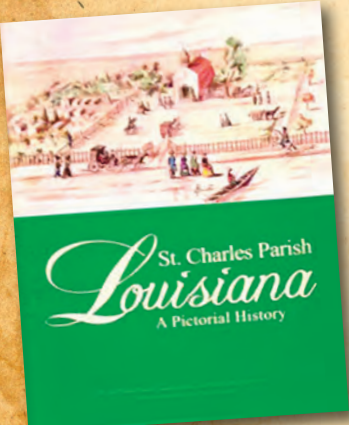
And while she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, Benedetto said she intends to stay informed and aware of everything going on in her community and with local government.

“I am not closing out my campaign account,” she said. “It’s going to stay available. I don’t know what the future holds for me. Let’s just say that it’s in the blood ...I love my parish.”

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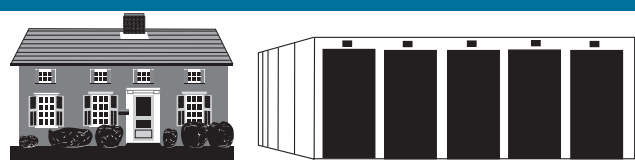
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of Veteran Affairs in 2012. The number in the most recent study has since dropped to 20, but the tradition of 22 has maintained.

For Schiro, a Destrehan resident and alum of Destrehan High, the challenge inspired him to do a bit more for the cause, and he began a GoFundMe page (titled Operation Homefront 22) to raise funds for Operation Homefront, a non-profit offering relief and services for military families in an effort to curtail the challenges they face.

“I liked the idea (of the Facebook challenge) but just had this thought that it wasn’t enough,” Schiro said. “I figured we should start a GoFundMe to help veterans dealing with PTSD ... I spoke with some veterans and worked it out. The fact is, it’s a lot of veterans that struggle, and not a lot of people know it.”

Schiro said he’s seen in others how the aftereffects of combat can affect veterans, and he wanted to be part of the solution.

“We can support them, because they’ve supported us so much,” Schiro said. “With all they’ve done for us, it’s the least we can do. These are people who were so selfless and truly cared about the people here and who loved their country enough to protect it. Nobody knew what they went through, and it takes a special kind of person and a special kind of courage to go out there, where nobody wants to go, and fight.”

Raising awareness of the cause is the primary purpose of the 22 day challenge, which initially found traction in August of 2016 after a number of celebrities took

to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to participate, including names like The Rock, Chris Evans and Chris Pratt. The challenge was actually born almost three years earlier when a Marine veteran, Andrew Nguyen, collaborated with Navy veteran Nicholas Ciolino to find a way to recognize the service and sacrifices veterans make for their country.

Both veterans and non-veterans who supported the cause via participation were able to earn an Honor Ring. The campaign was successful because when the pushups were done in a public setting, it ultimately led to others asking about the act. The eventual combination with social media led to a much broader scale of popularity, similar to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge that went viral in 2014.

Post traumatic stress in combat veterans are sometimes called the invisible wounds of war. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs, about 15 percent of every 100 Vietnam veteran, 12 percent of every Gulf War veteran and between 11 and 20 percent of veterans who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom suffer PTSD in a given year. Symptoms of PTSD can include nightmares and vivid flashbacks in which the subject feels like the event is happening again, intense feelings of distress and extreme physical reactions to reminders of trauma, like a pounding heart or nausea.

“It’s a real thing. It’s not a joke,” Schiro said. “Hopefully we’re doing at least a small part in shining a light on that and can do something to help them.”

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Society of Leadership and Success – serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and student advocate.

“On her side, she was always working in the system,” Coleman said of her friend.

Their unique experiences on the same matter led them to organize Saving Children at Risk Services, or S.C.A.R.S, in 2018.

“Our core business at S.C.A.R.S is to help support, guide and nurture youths to become successful young people,” Johnson said of the nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. “S.C.A.R.S is determined to make positive social changes in the young people of St. Charles Parish.”

Currently the duo is organizing holiday outreaches – including Thanksgiving food drives and Christmas toy giveaways - and other community events aimed at giving back to the community. Their goal is to eventually open a therapeutic group home for at-risk youth.

“We started out doing everything with our own money,” Johnson said. “Then we started fundraising.”

While the coronavirus pandemic has slowed the pace of their fundraising, the two are determined to open a safe environment for at-risk youth who are struggling with issues such as substance abuse, neglect, school problems, homelessness and other scenarios in which care and support are needed to help them stay on track.

Johnson said her goal is to reach young people through the education of life skills and also provide a home-like

environment where young people would become more responsible, productive citizens and enthusiastic life-long learners.

“There are temporary places available, but the negative behavior is still occurring,” she said. “In order to help them with that behavior, the group home would offer them a place to learn different life skills like anger management, setting and reaching goals, financial literacy and other things. I am committed to guiding, supporting, nurturing and teaching youth to make better life decisions and hopefully to prevent them from going into the prison pipeline.”

Coleman said meetings with 29th Judicial District Court Judges Lauren Lemmon and Timothy Marcel about the need for such a facility went well.

“They both believed there is a need in the community,” she said. “One of my brothers went through group homes from 12 – 16 years old. It was a challenge because he was acting out at school because he was bored. Once he got that individualized attention, he graduated high school at 16. It just takes one person to sit down and look at what that child needs.”

Coleman said she hopes the S.C.A.R.S center will provide enough evaluation so that the young people it serves will be able to have their individual needs met.

“You have to be holistic and look at the whole child,” she said. “Not just look at the problem.”

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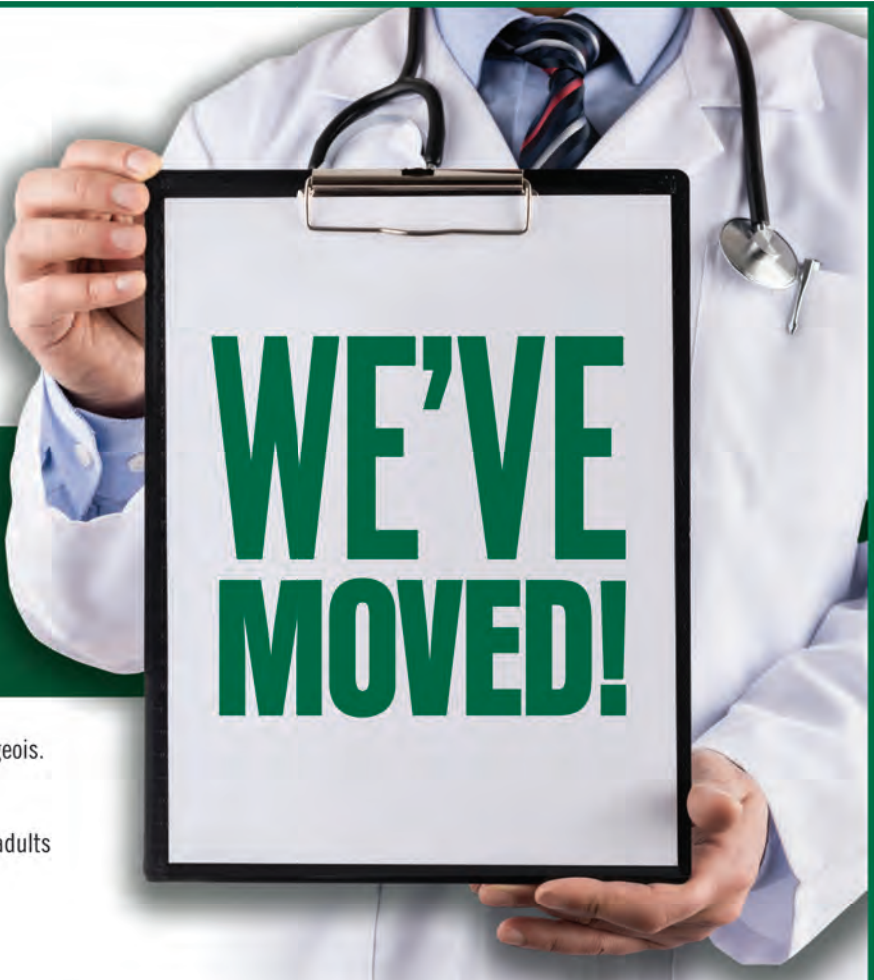
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Ryley Boyne, Destrehan's leading returning hitter, hopes to help lead the Wildcats back to the playoffs.

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Ladycats eager to serve up wins

Destrehan looking for step forward on volleyball court

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The end to the 2019 volleyball season left a bitter taste for Destrehan.

The Ladycats finished 20-20 and were swept in their Division I first round state playoff game at East Ascension. Destrehan found its groove during a mid-season stretch that saw the team win eight of 10 matches, but then came a decline that saw DHS fall in eight of its last nine contests.

An experienced roster led by junior Ryley Boyne and senior Addison Benefield returns this season, and from what DHS coach Edward Borgstede has seen during his team's summer preparation, this group has internalized some hard lessons from a season ago.

"I think last year was a learning experience for these returning upperclassmen," Borgstede said. "I thought we lost focus with about two weeks left and kind of wandered. This group is taking a completely new path and holding themselves accountable. They're very self-disciplined."

Of course, a lion's share of attention currently falls on what will be decided on Aug. 28, when it is expected to be determined whether Louisiana can move from phase II to phase III in its coronavirus reopening plan. If allowed to move forward, volleyball season should be able to start on Sept. 8 as per the LHSAA, just a little over a week later than it's initially scheduled start date. But if Louisiana stays in phase II, the season could be delayed just as football season was, as that sport has been delayed until at least Oct. 8.

Borgstede said the Wildcats have adapted to the safety protocols in place. Utilizing its practice gym in conjunction with its home court to allow for maximum distancing between groups. Temperature checks along

with regular check-ins to account for potential outside exposure to COVID are also part of the day-to-day. Currently, no groups of 50 or more can assemble, but the Wildcats program has split up its freshman, JV and varsity teams to keep those groups small – the largest

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— DHS coach Edward Borgstede

among them is the varsity, with 17 combined players and coaches present for those sessions.

"We're just hoping to get good news on the 28th," Borgstede said, noting his team is anxious to get things kicked off.

The team has lost just two seniors from a year ago. The lineup is seasoned – and tall. Benefield, a middle blocker, is 6'1 while Boyne, an outside hitter, is 5'11. Their height brings obvious defensive benefits at the net, but offensively, the team could see some growth through increased chemistry with setters Alyssa Vicknair, a senior, and Skylar Defrisco, a junior. Both are experienced in those roles.

Passing has been a focus this year, Borgstede said.

"This is one of our bigger teams, if not our biggest," Borgstede said. "The setters are very experienced ... team wide, we wanted to get our passing to the next level. We knew we had to work on that, particularly control off of that first touch. We've kept working at that since we've been back at work."

The schedule is not finalized due to the fluidity of

things in regards to COVID. But if nothing changes, the first parish rivalry contest of the new school year is slated for Sept. 15 as Hahnville is scheduled to visit Destrehan in a non-district contest.

The two teams will not be district foes for the second consecutive year, and Borgstede said he hopes that changes if and when the LHSAA meets to discuss potential re-districting this January.

Hole in one!



Randy Hampton made a hole in one on the sixteenth hole at Cypress Lakes Country Club on Aug. 6. Members in the foursome on this Thursday morning round who witnessed the rare event included Terry Ahern, Ken Dieck and Rich Rogers. Pictured is Hampton collecting his check for the made shot from Cypress Lakes Golf Association President Ken Klein.

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Valero and RSVP team up to surprise senior citizens with cards and letters

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Senior citizens in St. Charles Parish were surprised with a special treat at their monthly bingo gathering – handmade cards, notes and letters from Valero employees and their families.

It all started when Taryn Rogers, Valero public affairs manager, reached out to United Way of St. Charles employees with an idea.

“I called United Way and asked if there was something we could do in terms of reaching out to the seniors in our community,” she said.

Rogers was pointed to the parish’s Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which is an agency funded in part by the United Way of St. Charles.

“I sent all Valero St. Charles employees a letter and encouraged them to get their families involved,” she said.

The result was a bevy of hand-written notes, letters, pictures and prayer cards that were distributed to the parish’s senior volunteers.

“We wanted to reach out and let the elderly know we were thinking about them and wishing them well,” Rogers said. “Volunteerism is a huge part of Valero, and with the pandemic unfortunately we’re not able to go out in the community like we normally do ... all of the community events we usually participate in are unfortunately cancelled.”

RSVP Director Jeanne Arabie said the surprise messages were a hit.

“The seniors really enjoyed it,” she said. “Most of them opened it right then and there and I overheard them saying how sweet it was.”

RSVP, Arabie explained, is a group of senior citizens from all over the parish who volunteer their time and talents to the community in various ways.

The group meets once a month for bingo and movie nights, and a painting class will be the group’s next activity.

“We had so many people sign up for bingo that we had to have two separate rooms,” she said. “We set the tables up where they’re six feet apart and we give out snacks and drinks.”

Even with all social distancing and coronavirus precautions in place, Arabie said the gatherings allow an opportunity for members and guests to visit with their friends while enjoying a fun activity.

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POSTPONED CASES:

2020-4-SPU requested by **Laura Taylor** for an outreach center, a religious/philanthropic institution, in an R-1A(M) zoning district, **123 J.B. Green Road, Des Allemands**, Council District 4.

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2020-8-HOP requested by **Gary Willard Jr.** for a home occupation – “Bayou Boy Customs” – a gunsmithing and firearms sales business at **211 Janet Dr., St. Rose**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 5.

2020-2-SPU an addendum to the approved special permit use for an Accessory Dwelling Unit requested by **William Hamilton** to reduce the required Base Flood Elevation from AE +6 ft. NAVD88 to +4 NGVD29 at **610 Diane Drive, Luling**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 7.

2020-5-SPU requested by **Brad Simon** for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district, **124 Nottaway Dr., Destrehan**, Council District 3.

2020-15-R requested by **Rhino Enterprises, Inc.** for a change of zoning district from R-3 to R-1A on approximately 46 acres on Lots G-1-A and G-1-B, Almedia Plantation Subdivision, Council District 5.

2020-12-MIN requested by **Norman & Robyn Griffin** for resubdivision of two lots into two with a waiver, **17432 Old Spanish Trail, Des Allemands**, Zoning District R-1A(M), Council District 4.

2020-13-MIN requested by **Matthew & Samantha Pearce** for resubdivision of one lot into three at the end of **Anna Street, Ama**, Zoning District R-1A(M), Council District 2.

2019-4-MAJ requested by **Heather Oaks, LLC**, Construction Approval for Heather Oaks Phase 1, 90 lots of a 171 lot subdivision off E. Heather Dr., Luling, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 2.

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The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of an access road and parking lot as follows:

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Luling, LA 70070

Residents must meet these qualifications to be commissioned:

- Be a registered voter in St. Charles Parish.
- Must require no assistance in voting.
- Must not be a candidate for election to a public office.
- Has not been convicted of an election offense.
- Be capable to open and close voting machine without assistance.
- Be capable to fill out election forms.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE CLASSES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ALAINE GREGORY @ (985) 783-6632 OR EMAIL agregory@scpcoc.net

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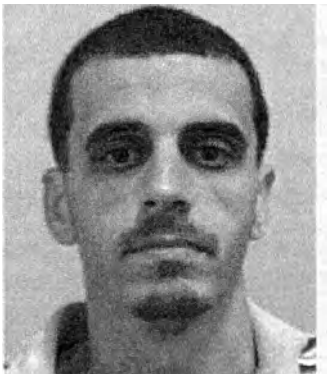
Public Notice

We are applying to the Commissioner of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of **Low and High** alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of St. Charles at the following address:

Mariano's Italian Eatery
12287 Highway 90
Luling, Louisiana 70070
Members: Jacqueline Dufrene Diaz Davis, Owner

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Public Notice

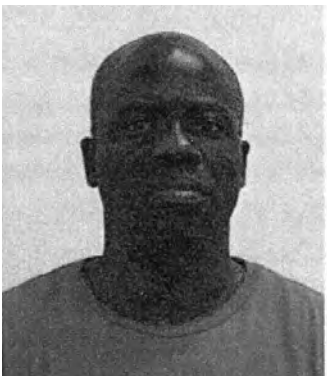


I, **Ronald H. Clement**, have been convicted of **Sexual Battery** Date of Conviction: 08/22/2011 **Oral Sexual Battery** 08/22/2011. My address is: 173 Ridge Rd. Des Allemands, La. 70030.

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 07/21/1998
HGT: 6'2"
WGT: 165
HAIR COLOR: Black
EYE COLOR: Brown

PUBLISH: August 27 & September 3, 2020

Public Notice



I, **Rondell R. Love**, have been convicted of **Indecent Behavior with Juveniles**, Date of Conviction: 05/18/2017. My address is: 656 Killona Dr., Killona, LA 70057.

RACE: Black
SEX: Male
DOB: 02/13/1976
HGT: 5'10"
WGT: 175
HAIR COLOR: Black
EYE COLOR: Brown

PUBLISH: August 20 & 27, 2020

Public Notice

ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT
ADJUDICATED PROPERTY SALE ADVERTISEMENT

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I WILL SELL, AT CIVICSOURCE.COM, WITHIN THE LEGAL HOURS FOR JUDICIAL SALES BEGINNING AT 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M ON THE 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AND CONTINUING UNTIL SAID SALES ARE COMPLETED, TITLE TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES WERE ADJUDICATED TO THE ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT, TO ENFORCE COLLECTION OF TAXES. THE NAMES OF SAID DELINQUENT TAX DEBTORS AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR EACH OF THE PROPERTIES TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ST. CHARLES PARISH
0 4TH ST. LA TAXES OWED ARE WITH
A CERTAIN LOT OR PORTION OF GROUND, SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ABOUT 22 MILES ABOVE THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, SERVITUDES, AND ADVANTAGES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, WHICH LOT OF GROUND MEASURES 216 FEET ON AN ALLEY OR ROAD RUNNING FROM THE PUBLIC ROAD TO THE SWAMP ON THE LOWER LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF WHICH THIS LOT FORMS A PART BY A DEPTH OR WIDTH OF 56 FEET 9 ½ INCHES INCLUDING SAID ROAD OR ALLEY AND BOUNDED TOWARD THE RIVER BY THE PROPERTY OF FRANK ROUSSEAU AND IN THE REAR OR TOWARD THE SWAMP OF THE PROPERTY SOLD TO JAMES LYONS.
LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PORTION WHICH WAS SOLD ON MARCH 20, 1942 BY JAMES WILSON AND LAURA SMITH TO WILLIE BLUE, JR. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A CERTAIN LOT OR PORTION OF GROUND, SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ABOUT 22 MILES ABOVE THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, SERVITUDES, AND ADVANTAGES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, WHICH LOT OF GROUND MEASURES 108 FEET ON AN ALLEY OR ROAD RUNNING FROM THE PUBLIC ROAD TO THE SWAMP ON THE LOWER LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF WHICH THIS LOT FORMS A PART BY A DEPTH OR WIDTH OF 56 FEET 9 ½ INCHES INCLUDING SAID ROAD OR ALLEY, AND IS BOUNDED TOWARD THE RIVER BY THE PROPERTY OF JAMES WILSON AND LAURA SMITH AND IN THE REAR OR TOWARD THE SWAMP OF THE PROPERTY OF JAMES LYONS, AND ON THE UPPER SIDE BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS CRESPO SUBDIVISION.
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ON THE DAY OF SALE I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE SALE WILL BE WITHOUT APPRAISEMENT, FOR CASH OR OTHER PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, IN LEGAL TENDER MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A NON-WARRANTY CASH SALE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE PURCHASER FOR THE PROPERTY.

PUBLISH: August 27, 2020

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
Bunge North America, Inc., Destrehan Oilseed Processing Plant
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, has reviewed a Title V air permit modification application from Bunge North America, Inc., 12442 River Rd, Destrehan, LA 70047 for the Destrehan Oilseed Processing Plant and determined that it is administratively complete. The application was received on June 9, 2020. The facility is located at 12442 River Road in Destrehan, LA, St. Charles Parish.

Bunge North America, Inc. proposes to modify it's Title V air permit.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this application should be directed to Air Permits Division, LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3417.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list 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 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/lhc-public-participatinn-group>.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email_Notifications_DEQ_PN/.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 1738, Permit Number 2520-00010-V9, and Activity Number PER20200002.

PUBLISH: August 27, 2020

Public Notice

Newspaper Legal Notice Publication

Murphy Oil USA, Inc. d/b/a Murphy USA #7777 is applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Saint Charles at the following address: 12953 Hwy 90, Boutte, LA 70039. Officers of Murphy Oil USA, Inc. are:

- R. Andrew Clyde, President & CEO
Mindy K. West, EVP, CFO, Treasurer
Renee M. Bacon, SVP
Robert J. Chumley, SVP
Terry P. Hatten, SVP
John A. Moore, SVP & General Counsel
Jennifer R. Bridges, VP
Keith A. Emery, Regional VP
Robert C. Pikul, VP Investor Relations and Financial Planning and Analysis
Jane H. Roten, Regional VP
Donald R. Smith, Jr., VP & Corporate Controller
Luther W. Stutts, III, VP
Lester Tran, VP
Scott G. Woodward, VP
Stacy A. Young, VP
Gregory L. Smith, Secretary
Kelly A. Halstead, Assistant Secretary
Rachel E. Pickett, Assistant Secretary
James S. Depper, Assistant Secretary
Connie T. Vaughn-Dunn, Assistant Secretary

PUBLISH: August 27 & September 3, 2020

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS & OTHER NOXIOUS MATTER

If the following violations are not rectified within (5) days of this published notice, the parish will proceed in bringing the properties listed in compliance with Chapter 16, Article III Sec. 16-24 through Sec. 16-28. (As amended). The fee for performing these services shall be at a rate of 0.037 per square foot of the lot cleaned. The contractor's fee for performing these services shall be at the rate of 0.029 per square foot of the lot cleaned. In the event a mini-clean up is required prior to performing the above services, a fee of \$58.61 per mini clean up plus actual disposal fees will be assessed, not to exceed then (10) mini-cleanups per property in violation. On property where trash and/or debris accumulation is such that it requires heavy equipment, bulldozer, front-end loaders, etc. a fee of forty-three dollars and eighty six cents (\$43.96) per cubic yard will be assessed. An administration fee of \$36.63 may be assessed on each invoice. The fees in this section shall be increased or decreased on February first of each year by a change in CIP applicable to the US cities average group, all urban consumers, all items published by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the preceding twelve-month period ending each November. The change shall become effective beginning with the period ending November 30, 2000. The department of finance shall notify the department of planning and zoning in writing annually of the revised fees.

The following lots are in violation of parish ordinance Chapter 16, Article III Sec. 16-24 through Sec. 16-33:

- Elsie Kelmell (Bar None Ranch Est.)
Lot 1,2,3,4 (10 Canyon Lane)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris
- Sarah Jacobi Tindall (Smith's Green Acres)
Lot 7B (112 Luke Drive)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris
- Faye M. Dugas (Gabriel Heights)
Lot 34 (318 Lorraine Street)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris
- LLC Stein Management (Gabriel Heights)
Lot 20 (101 Lorraine Street)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris

PUBLISH: August 27, 2020

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, August 17, 2020)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Members present
Ellis A. Alexander, Arthur A. Aucoin, Melinda H. Bernard, Dennis J. Naquin, John W. Robichaux, Clarence U. Savoie, John L. Smith, Alex L. Suffrin

Meeting called to order at 5:26 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

The Board President, C.H. "Sonny" Savoie called the meeting to order.

1.02 Roll Call

All 8 Board members, The Superintendent, members of Executive Staff and the Executive Secretary were present.

2. Risk Management & Insurance Committee

Jay Robichaux called the Risk Management Insurance Committee to order.

2.01 Monthly Legal Update - Executive Session Committee Meeting Only

A motion was made by Mr. Naquin; second by Art Aucoin and unanimously carried to go into Executive session as per L.R.S. 42:16-17.

Risk Manager John Cain and Director of Sales Tax Paula Jeansonne presented a legal update to the Board.

Motion by Dennis Naquin; second by Melinda Bernard to return to regular session.

2.02 Flood Insurance

The Director of Risk Management and Benefits John Cain presented the renewal of Flood Insurance. As part of the National Flood Insurance Program, St. Charles Parish Public Schools is covered by Wright National Flood Insurance Company provided by Eagan Insurance. The District has 96 flood insurance policies with 72 of them renewing in September. The upcoming renewal premiums and policy schedule were reviewed by Mr. Cain. The remaining policies will be renewed as they become due. The District's property insurance policy also provides \$10,000,000 in excess flood and storm surge coverage. A discussion was held.

This item will be on the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Al Suffrin motioned to adjourn;second by Dennis Naquin.

3. Personnel & Policy Committee

3.01 District Reorganization Plan - Committee Meeting Only

John Smith called the Personnel & Policy Committee to order.

Superintendent Ken Oertling and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Administrative Services Tresa Wehre presented a district reorganization plan for the 2020-2021 school year. A discussion was held. The Board directed Administration to move forward with reorganization plans.

3.02 Job Description Revisions

The Superintendent is responsible for recommending job description revisions to the Board. Several revisions are being recommended for the 2020-2021 school year. With no discussion, this agenda item will be on the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

3.03 Personnel Items

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Wehre presented the Personnel notes and a staffing update to the Board.

Ms. Wehre and Executive Director of Equity and Student Support Tamika Green also provided a presentation on hiring and retaining black teachers to the Board. Inquiry was made on Curriculum inclusiveness which is being addressed and a presentation will be forthcoming at a future meeting. The recruiting stipend was also discussed and explained. This Personnel item will be on the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Jay Robichaux; second by Dennis Naquin to adjourn.

4. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee

4.01 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Erin Granier and Director of Instructional Support Colleen Charles presented recommended revisions to its Pupil Progression Plan. R. S. 17:24(g) requires each Local Education Agency in Louisiana to prepare and submit annual revisions by incorporating any changes required by state and local demands. Board approval is required before submitting the document to BESE. This item will be on the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Jay Robichaux ; second by Dennis Naquin to adjourn.

5. Capital Improvements Committee

Dennis Naquin called the Capital Improvements Committee to order.

5.01 Ratification of Substantial Completion-Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School HVAC Replacement

Chief Plant Services and Security Officer John Rome presented the Substantial Completion of HVAC replacement project at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School for acceptance as substantially complete. This item will be moved to the Board table at the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

5.02 Ratification of Change Order Number One-Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/Replacement

Chief Plant Services and Security Officer John Rome and Engineer Danny Hebert presented the Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/Replacement project to be accepted as substantially complete. It is necessary to approve a change order rectifying contract days. This order will be on the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Mr. Hebert also gave an update on the DHS track replacement project which was delayed due to materials being sent late due to COVID-19 and several days of rain.

5.03 Ratification of Substantial Completion-Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/ Replacement

Both items 5.02 and item 5.03 will be moved to the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Jay Robichaux; second by Dennis Naquin to adjourn.

6. Finance & Audit Committee

Al Suffrin called the Finance & Audit Committee meeting to order.

6.01 Consultation Regarding FEMA Disaster Assistance Funding Administered by GOHSEP - Committee Meeting Only

Chief Financial Officer Donna Post introduced Consultant Jason DeCuir who provided information regarding the FEMA disaster assistance funding administered by GOHSEP and options available to the Board for resolution. A discussion was held. Motion by J. Smith;second by Dennis Naquin and the Board agreed to move forward with services provided by Mr. DeCuir (J. Robichaux abstained).

6.02 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire - Fiscal Year 2020

With no objections or discussion this item will be moved to the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

6.03 Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2020

With no objections or discussions, this item will be moved to the August 19, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Jay Robichaux;second by Dennis Naquin to adjourn.

7. Closing Items

7.01 SCPPS Strong Start 2020-21 School System Reopening Update - Committee Meeting Only

Superintendent Dr. Ken Oertling and members of Executive Staff presented a school system reopening update to the Board relative to the start of the 2020-21 school year. Discussions were held.

7.02 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Dennis J. Naquin, second by John W. Robichaux.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A. Alexander, Arthur A. Aucoin, Melinda H. Bernard, Dennis J. Naquin, John W. Robichaux, Clarence U. Savoie, John L. Smith, Alex L. Suffrin

PUBLISH: August 27, 2020

Public Notice

We are applying to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for a permit to conduct the **2020 Gatorganza Fundraiser on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 500 Willowdale Blvd., Luling, La. 70070** in the Parish of St. Charles. Alcohol will be served at this event. The times of the festival are: Friday, September 25, 2020 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Publish on August 27 & September 3, 2020

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 87726-E
Date: Friday, August 7, 2020
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LODGE SERIES III TRUST VS
MELVIN PARKS, ET AL
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
29th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St. Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: ONE CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Section 39, Township 13 South, Range 9 East, Southeastern Land District, Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana in that part thereof known as RIVERWOOD ESTATES, designated as Lot 64, all in accordance with a plan of resubidivion of 40.34 ACRES prepared by Mandle Edwards Surveying, Inc., dated November 4,2001, approved by St. Charles Pariah Council on December 3,2001, under Ordinance No. 01-32-1, registered in the conveyance records of St. Charles parish as Entry No. 261117 in COB 595, folio 709, on December 5,2001, and according thereto measures as follows; LOT 64 measures 80' front on Riverwood Drive, same width in the rear by a depth of 144' between equal and parallel lines. And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of: **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-TWO AND 26 / 100 (\$361,642.26) DOLLARS**, along with interest and attorney's fees and all other costs including my own costs and charges.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK DUE BY 2:00 P.M. DAY OF THE SALE.
GREG CHAMPAGNE-SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR
ST. CHARLES PARISH
PUBLISH ON: August 27, 2020
September 24, 2020
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Cris Jackson
935 Gravier Street, Suite 1400
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-581-9444
SCSO-CIV-209-0402

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting (Wednesday, August 19, 2020)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Thursday, August 20, 2020

Members present
Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

The Board President C.H. "Sonny" Savoie called the meeting to order.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Amber Nicole Driltenkoffler, a 12th grader at DHS, led a prayer before the pledge.

Jay Robichaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Roll Call

Dennis Naquin absent. All other Board members, the Superintendent and Executive Secretary were present.

2. Resolutions/Proclamations

2.01 Resolution in Memory of Wanda Blue

WHEREAS, Ms. Wanda Blue served as a custodian for 33 total years with the St. Charles Parish Public School System; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Parish School Board herein expresses to the family of the late Wanda Blue, its sincere sympathy in this, their time of sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a page in the August 19, 2020 minute book be set aside for the sole purpose of inscribing thereon this resolution and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Blue's family.

Approve the memory resolution for Ms Wanda Blue.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Melinda H Bernard.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

2.02 Resolution in Memory of Robert Smith

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Smith served as a school bus operator for 35 years with the St. Charles Parish Public School System; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Parish School Board herein expresses to the family of the late Robert Smith, its sincere sympathy in this, their time of sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a page in the August 19, 2020 minute book be set aside for the sole purpose of inscribing thereon this resolution and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Smith's family.

Approve the memory resolution for Mr. Robert Smith.

Motion by Arthur A Aucoin, second by John W Robichaux.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

2.03 Resolution in Memory of Kendall Pierre

WHEREAS, Reverend Kendall Pierre served as an assistant basketball coach for 5.5 years in the St. Charles Parish Public School System; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Parish School Board herein expresses to the family of the late Reverend Kendall Pierre, its sincere sympathy in this, their time of sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a page in the August 19, 2020 minute book be set aside for the sole purpose of inscribing thereon this resolution and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Pierre's family.

Approve the memory resolution for Reverend Kendall Pierre.

Motion by John L Smith, second by John W Robichaux.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

2.04 Resolution in Memory of Ogreta Colly

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogreta Colly served as an art teacher for 32.5 years in the St. Charles Parish Public School System; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Parish School Board herein expresses to the family of the late Ogreta Colly its sincere sympathy in this, their time of sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a page in the August 19, 2020 minute book be set aside for the sole purpose of inscribing thereon this resolution and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Colly's family.

Approve the memory resolution for Ms. Ogreta Colly.

Motion by Ellis A Alexander, second by Melinda H Bernard.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

2.05 Resolution in Memory of Lorraine Delk

Motion made by Melinda Bernard to move this resolution to the September Board meeting.

Motion by Melinda H Bernard, second by John L Smith.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3. Business Items

3.01 Minutes, July 13, 2020 Committee Meetings and July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Committee Meetings and July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, as presented to the Board.

Motion by Arthur A Aucoin, second by John W Robichaux.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.02 Flood Insurance

Approve the renewal of flood insurance from Wright National Flood Insurance Company and Eagan Insurance at a cost of \$ 247,568.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Arthur A Aucoin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.03 Job Description Revisions

Approve job description revisions.

Motion by John L Smith, second by Alex L Suftrin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.04 Personnel Items

Approve the personnel items as presented to the Board.

Motion by Melinda H Bernard, second by Arthur A Aucoin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.05 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan

Approve the 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan.

Motion by Melinda H Bernard, second by John W Robichaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.06 Ratification of Substantial Completion-Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School HVAC Replacement

Accept ratification of substantial completion of HVAC replacement at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary School.

Motion by Alex L Suftrin, second by Ellis A Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.07 Ratification of Change Order Number One-Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/Replacement

Accept ratification of Change Order Number One for Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/Replacement.

Motion by Ellis A Alexander, second by Alex L Suftrin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.08 Ratification of Substantial Completion-Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/ Replacement

Accept ratification of substantial completion of Luling Elementary School Cafeteria Structural Beams Repair/Replacement.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Melinda H Bernard.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.09 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire - Fiscal Year 2020

Authorize the Superintendent, Board President and Chief Financial Officer to sign audit documents on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Alex L Suftrin, second by Ellis A Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

3.10 Accounts Payable for the Month of July 2020

Approve the accounts payable for the month of July 2020 as presented.

COST

General Fund	\$2,134,235
Special Revenue Funds	1,398,191
Capital Projects	400,346
Debt Service Fund	<u>799,850</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,732,622

Motion by Alex L Suftrin, second by Arthur A Aucoin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

4. Closing Items

4.01 Standing Committee Reports

Al Suftrin reported on the Finance & Audit Committee 2 items presented tonight.
The Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee report was given by Melinda Bernard.
John Smith presented the Personnel & Policy Committee report.
John "Jay" Robichaux gave the report for the Risk Management & Insurance Committee.

4.02 Superintendent's Report

1. Safety

Parents, if you are sending your child to school, please ensure you take their temperature daily before leaving your care. If your child is sick or experiencing any symptoms of sickness, please keep him/her home. This will help keep a safe environment for all our students and minimize additional impacts on our schools. Also, please ensure your child remembers to bring their face covering daily as is required to be worn throughout the school day and on the bus.

2. COVID -19 Response

Although we have taken and continue to take proactive safety and health measures to mitigate potential spread and exposure of the COVID-19 virus, we recognize that the virus is still active in our community, state, and country. As expected and planned for, we have students and employees reporting confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. This will continue as we operate schools during a pandemic. We communicate with the Louisiana Department of Health daily, follow their guidance, and implement protocols established as outlined in our Family Reopening Guide. Please know that the safety of our employees and students is paramount and any decision relative to schools and/or classroom closures will be made in collaboration with public health officials. In the unfortunate event we must close a school or classroom temporarily or for an extended period of time, we will notify you via phone call, email and text. Each school is prepared to provide continued learning for students in the event of a closure through the use of district-provided technology devices.

3. Transportation

With the restrictions currently placed on buses, new tiers, limitations with staffing, and additional responsibilities placed on operators, our transportation department is working hard to make improvements to bus routes, pick up and drop off times. As a friendly reminder, bus notes and classroom closures cannot be accepted at this time due to new COVID protocols. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we adjust and transition into these new protocols.

4. Opening of School/Welcome Back Video

After many months of preparation and anticipation, we successfully and safely reopened schools this month for our students and families both virtually and in person. While there are noticeable changes, our core business of teaching and learning triumphantly returned across our schools and virtual environments. The Public Information Department was able to capture some special moments from the first days of school. (A video was shown at meeting)

Finally, I'd like to give a special thank you to the Board for your leadership and support, and to our dedicated, hardworking administrators, teachers, bus operators, child nutrition staff, custodians, maintenance personnel, school staff, and all employee for a Strong Start to the 2020-2021 school year. And to our families, thank you. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we continue to implement many new protocols, routines, and practices needed to operate during this pandemic. I am so proud of the way our students, employees, parents, and community have come together to make welcoming our students back to campus and virtually a reality. We know everything didn't go according to plan, and we continue to navigate daily obstacles, but we promise to endure and turn those challenges into opportunities, together, for our students.

4.03 Meeting Adjourn

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Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Arthur A Aucoin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savoie, John L Smith, Alex L Suftrin

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Public Notice

AUCTION

Southern Self Storage will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on all of the goods stored in the below listed units, as described below pursuant of the Louisiana Self Storage Act 4757 to 4759 at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Southern Self Storage. 12231 Hwy 90., Luling, La. 70070 985-331-9390

Danasha Harris- Unit #52- chlds pow-
erwheel toy car, toys, clothes

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Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFFS SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 86914-C
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020
PARTNERS FOR PAYMENT RE-
LIEF DE IV LLC
VS
WENDELL DOWNING
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
29th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St. Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: THAT CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with all the improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in Sections 18 & 22, T 13 S, R 20 E, in that portion thereof known as PHASE 1 of HOMEPLACE PLANTATION ESTATES, all as shown on the Plan of subdivision by J. J. Krebs & Sons, Inc. dated June 18, 1979, revised on October 24, 1979 (to show servitudes) and revised on April 10, 1980 (to show Parcels c-1 through c-6) approved by Ordinance No. 80-11-9 of the St. Charles Parish Council, dated November 17, 1980 registered in COB 256, folio 525, being a subdivision of a portion of Original Lot 5, Home Plantation. And according thereto said lot of ground is designated and measures as follows-to-wit:

LOT 41, SQUARE 5, measures 70.00 feet front on Trail Ways Drivea, same width in the rear, by a depth of 100.00 feet between equal and parallel lines. All in accordance with the survey of Lucien C. Gassen, P.L.S, dated September 20, 1999.

Improvements thereon bear the Municipal Numer 255 Trails Way Drive, Hahnville, La. 70057

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of: FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY AND 41/100 (\$41,420.41) DOLLARS, along with interest and attorney's fees and all other costs including my own costs and charges.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK DUE BY 2:00 P.M. DAY OF THE SALE.
GREG CHAMPAGNE-SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR
ST. CHARLES PARISH
PUBLISH ON: August 27, 2020
September 24, 2020
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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