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## Teacher organizes fundraising efforts for family of 11 affected by house fire

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Chris Johnson only caught bits and pieces of a recent school announcement, but he knew he needed to do something to help.

“I heard some of an announcement during bus duty and it was about a house fire so it caught my attention,” Johnson, a special education math teacher at Harry Hurst, said. “They were asking for \$1 donations for the kids to dress down to raise money for the family.”

Johnson asked around the school for more details so that he could help, and

**FUNDRAISING on 6A**



Donations were collected at a free exercise class.

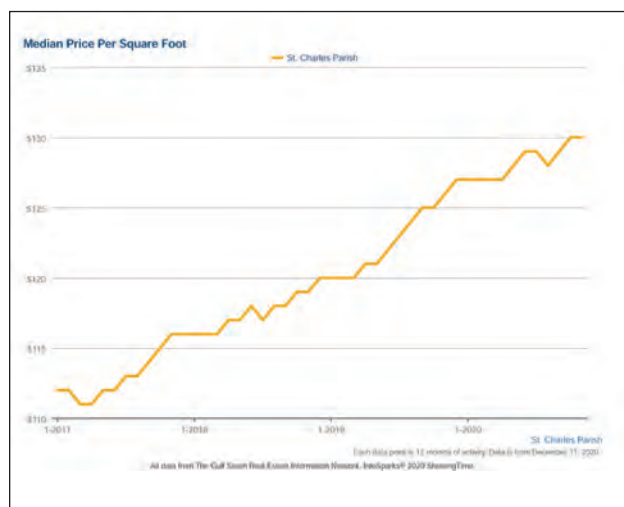
## Luling named the healthiest housing market in the state

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With St. Charles Parish real estate sales remaining steady and price tags increasing in 2020, it seems as though the housing market in St. Charles Parish experienced minimal negative impacts overall in a year rocked by a worldwide pandemic.

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# Fundraiser, raffle will support mother with breast cancer

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Catherine Walter was numb when she heard the news.

“I just heard cancer ... when she told me, that’s all I heard. I don’t remember anything else she said,” Walter recalled.

Walter was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is facing a double mastectomy in the coming year. Doctors have found at least nine tumors thus far and have told her the cancer is rapidly growing, necessitating chemotherapy and potential radiation treatment, the former of which she will begin Dec. 29.

Tim Madere of Destrehan, who has worked with Walter in various capacities since 2016, has organized a GoFundMe page, titled “Be the Reason for Hope (Beat Cancer Cat),” to help the mother of four offset medical



A GoFundMe has been set up to help Catherine Walter, who is battling cancer.

expenses – Walter already works two jobs to make ends meet, and these circumstances have thrown her life into upheaval. Madere and a group of supporters are also holding a raffle for a crawfish pirogue and a 55-inch smart TV set, of which he said details will be released soon.

“I heard this and it hurt my heart,”

**GOFUNDME on 7A**



Justin Jefferson became the fifth player in NFL history to record 1,000 receiving yards in his first 12 games.

## Former DHS receiver among all-time greats in rookie pace

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Once a humble two-star recruit, Justin Jefferson is a shining star at the NFL level, making highlight reel plays seemingly every week – and placing his name amongst some of the best to ever play the game.

He is also on pace for one of the best NFL rookie seasons ever. A wide receiver with the Minnesota Vikings, Jefferson recently became the fifth player in NFL history to record 1,000 receiving yards in his first 12 games, joining Randy Moss, Anquan Boldin, Marques Colston and Odell Beckham Jr.

Jefferson was drafted by the Vikings in round one of the NFL Draft earlier this season in what was considered one of the richest drafts in regards to wide receiver talent in several years.

He was the fifth rookie receiver selected – and ranks first in receptions, yards and touchdowns.

NFL analyst Mike Detillier has watched Jefferson since his days at Destrehan. He said the rookie has blown away expectations, particularly considering the learning curve for wide receivers in the NFL traditionally. That it comes during a year in which the NFL did not hold preseason games and had a truncated preparation period for the season is icing on the cake.

“Watching Justin is just amazing,” Detillier said. “He is putting up unbelievable numbers in a year of no off-season work, no OTAs or

**JEFFERSON on 8A**

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# Entergy Waterford 3, Killona Community Center team up to make it a Christmas to remember

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When organizers at the Killona Community Center realized they may be short on Christmas gifts this year for children in the community, they knew just where to look for help – their neighbors at Entergy Waterford 3.

Joan Diaz, director of Community Services for St. Charles Parish, reached out to the plant for help when she realized some of the children that attended the center may not have a Christmas gift this year because their parents were experiencing additional financial strain from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Waterford 3’s new site Vice President John Ferrick, along with site leadership and the plant’s team, made sure the additional 18 needed Christmas gifts were placed under the center’s Christmas tree moments before the children arrived for their annual Christmas party.

“Entergy has long been a supporter in the communities in which we operate and serve, and the Waterford 3 team and the site exemplifies that,” Ferrick said. “The culture of giving at the site is really strong, and I have just been blown away by our team in the short time I have been down here.”

He said he and his team were really excited to help the Killona Community Center.

“They are practically our next-door neighbor and we are hoping that this act of giving makes the holiday season a little bit brighter for the kids and the community overall,” Ferrick said. “And personally speaking, I am looking forward to joining the community as a new resident of St. Charles Parish.”

The Killona Community Center services at-risk youth



Waterford 3 employees helped make sure Christmas was a merry one for several children.



and also offers adult programming, life skills classes, summer enrichment, after-school homework help and a library outreach program.

“The Killona Community Center is very blessed to have Waterford 3 as a community partner,” Diaz said. “Their generosity and compassion for the youth at the Killona Community Center has a tremendous impact on their lives.”

Matthew Lewis, general manager of plant operations at Waterford 3, said the entire Entergy team was thrilled to donate the gifts.

“We know it makes a difference and we know it’s appreciated,” he said. “We get a real kick out of doing it also for the kids. It brings joy between both our team and the community.”

## Sheriff’s Reports

Suspects are innocent until proved guilty in a court of law

### Arrests

- **Thane Doiron, 20**, of 359 Good Hope St. in Norco, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile (three counts) and pornography involving juveniles (two counts).
- **Starr Nathan, 33**, of 18230 Rose Drive in Ponchatoula, was arrested Dec. 13 and charged with possession of marijuana, operating vehicle with suspended



- driver’s license, DWI, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of stolen things, possession of Adderall, possession of Klonopin and legend drug imprint.
- **Miranda Corkern, 25**, of 107 Vic A Pitre St. in Westwego, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with possession of methamphetamine.
- **Cody Madere, 26**, of 15909 River Road in Hahnville, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with no license



plate, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.

## Real Estate Transactions

- **140 St. Charles Place in Hahnville** sold for **\$132,000** by **Geraldine Falgout** to **Randi Beltz**.
- **101 Savanna Dr. in Luling** sold for **\$380,000** by **Gregory and Debra Lier** to **Belinda and Jason Thorne**.
- **108 Choctaw Drive in Luling** sold for **\$150,000** by **Dipak and Sheela Patel** to **Nicholas and Brandy Nichols**.
- **13523 River Road in Luling** sold for **\$259,000** by **David Dodson** to **Sandi and Shane Babb**.
- **198 Carolyn Drive in New Sarpy** sold for **\$15,000** by **N I C E Housing LLC** to **Oscar and Scarlet Orellana**.

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Bailey Windmann shops for Christmas gifts.

# Third grader donates her savings to help others

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At just 8 years old, Bailey Windmann has already figured out the most important part of Christmas – it’s better to give than to receive.

Earlier this month she shocked her parents Brett and Ellen Windmann when she handed them a note and a stack of money that she had been saving up to buy a new doll with.

“Dear mom and dad, I would like to go and buy toys for kids that do not have toys or a home,” the letter stated.

Ellen was floored.

“Bailey has the biggest heart I’ve ever known,” she said. “She has been saving to buy the new American Girl Doll Courtney, but she brings me and Brett an envelope with this letter and almost \$200 in cash that she’s been working hard for.”

Bailey, a third grader at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary, said she’s been saving the money she’s received for holidays and her birthday to add to her American Girl doll collection.

“But it’s Christmas time and I always get a ton of gifts for Christmas and I know there’s boys and girls that don’t get a lot of stuff for Christmas, so I thought it would be nice to take that money and help them,” Bailey said, adding she was inspired to give everything she had because she sees her parents donate their time and money to lots of different causes.

Ellen said she talked to Bailey about other ways she could help people without giving them all of her money - just in case she would change her mind - but that Bailey was determined.

The Windmanns reached out to a non-profit agency to identify a family in need.

“They are a family we have been told never ask or expect anything from anyone and work really hard to make ends meet for their family,” Ellen said. “Recently they have been affected by a fire in their apartment complex, making life even more challenging for them.”

The family consists of a father, pregnant mother and autistic 8-year-old girl.

Friends and family donated money and items to help Bailey’s efforts after Ellen posted on Facebook about her daughter’s Christmas wish, and the Windmanns

DONATE on 7A

# HHS sophomore wins Christmas card contest

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A snowman wearing a face mask ... it could only make perfect sense - and a perfect Christmas card – in 2020.

The artwork of Casey Smith, a 15-year-old sophomore at Hahnville High School, was recently selected for the St. Charles Parish Public School System’s 2020 Christmas card.

Each year the district holds an art contest in which the winning piece is featured on the school system’s official card.

The Des Allemands resident, who

CHRISTMAS CARD on 6A



Casey Smith poses with her winning artwork.

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FUNDRAISING from 1A

what he learned was heartbreaking – a local family of 11 who has 8 children attending school in the parish had recently lost everything they owned in a house fire.

Johnson posted a message on Facebook asking for help, and he said the community has been extremely responsive. An entertainment center, television, mattress, clothes and hundreds of dollars have been collected so far.

“It’s tough when you think about it from their perspective,” Johnson said. “They’re about to have the worst Christmas ever and they might lose their faith in humanity ... maybe even their faith in God. I just wanted to help restore faith in humanity and restore their Christmas.”

Johnson, who works at Destrehan’s Pulse Fitness after school, led an outdoor workout Dec. 19 at 9 as a fundraiser. At the free class, donations were accepted for the family and totaled over \$5,000.

**“They’re about to have the worst Christmas ever and they might lose their faith in humanity ... maybe even their faith in God.”**  
— Chris Johnson

CHRISTMAS CARD from 5A

has been in talented art classes since fifth grade, said she and her peers started working on the pieces in class in October. She initially had no idea that she’d won this year’s contest.

“I walked in the school building last week and I remember people congratulating me and me being like, ‘Wait ... what happened?’” she said laughing. “I was very surprised. I did not expect that at all ... I didn’t really think I would win.”

Smith was recognized at the Dec. 16 school board meeting, where she was presented with

a framed Christmas card and certificate.

Her winning artwork features a snowman who is wearing a face mask. She said the contest had many parameters, including the guideline that each artist could only use four different colors to create their art.

“I thought about doing a Santa with the mask,” Smith said of her creative process. “I knew I wanted to do something with the mask ... it just was fitting.”



Desiree Luquette



Regina Allemand

REAL ESTATE from 1A

recently named the healthiest real estate market in Louisiana in the sixth annual study from SmartAsset – a study which measures stability, risk, ease of sale and affordability to determine the top markets.

It was the only city in St. Charles Parish to make the top ten.

Regina Allemand, a realtor with Latter & Blum, said as of the second week of December there were 441 residential units sold in the parish. Those units sold for an average sales price of \$245,000 and stayed an average of 38 days on the market.

Those numbers are in contrast to 2019 sales, in which 480 units sold for an average price of \$238,000 and spent 35 days on market.

“It is very similar from last year to this year in the parish as a whole,” Allemand said. “The sales prices have increased a tad - which is probably directly related to the lower interest rates.”

She said Luling continues to be an attractive place to live because of its thoroughfare location.

“It’s between Houma and New Orleans, and with easy access to Metairie and Baton Rouge, it keeps dual-income families working in opposite directions centralized,” Allemand said. “The school system continues to be strong, and great recreation programs make for a great combination for people from all walks of life and age groups.”

Desiree Luquette, a realtor at Latter & Blum, said she is not surprised by the Luling recognition.

“We have steady community growth,” she said. “Our parish has a higher household income than most parishes in the state, and that is combined with great schools and low crime.”

Because Luling has a large number of families with children under the age of 18, Luquette said there are many activities and functions in and around Luling that support community involvement.

“This involvement has a positive social impact on our communities,” she said. “There are many employment opportunities nearby and those jobs are generally higher paying jobs.”

Luquette said she expects the continued, steady growth of the St. Charles Parish market to continue throughout 2021.

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said Madere, whose GoFundMe page has drawn more than \$3,000 in donations to help Walter. “We’ve worked together, she’s been my assistant ... we still keep in touch nearly every day. She’s very, very good at what she does, I’ve always had so much respect for her. I wanted to do as much as I can for her, and a group of us got together to put together a fundraiser (auction).”

Madere said the television and LSU-themed pirogue were donated for the cause.

“I think her seeing the support that’s out there for her is helping ... it’s kind of a way for us to say, ‘We’re gonna get you through this,’” Madere said.

Walter learned of the diagnosis after scheduling her annual mammogram at a routine doctor’s appointment. About a week and a half after undergoing the screening, she received a call asking if she had gone in to do an ultrasound.

“I was confused and said I hadn’t ... they said someone was supposed to call, because the mammogram showed something abnormal,” Walter said. “Radiology called later that day and we scheduled the ultrasound.”

She went in for that, then needed another mammogram, and then another ultrasound. Then she needed further consultation from the radiologist.

“At that point, I knew something was wrong,” said Walter, of Gramercy.

She was told to see a specialist, where she would undergo another mammogram and then a biopsy. Two days later, she received a call and learned cancer was detected.

“There was some talk of chemo, radiation ... it was a blur,” Walter said. “She said mastectomy would definitely



Catherine Walter is a mother of four who works two jobs to support her family.

have to happen because of where the tumors were located.

“I started crying, of course,” Walter

said. “My mind just basically went blank. All I could think of was my kids. They’re grown now, but still ... they’re adults, but young adults ... I don’t know all of my family history. I know my aunts had cancer, but not beyond that.”

She was given the option of when to begin the 12 rounds of chemotherapy she’s got ahead of her. Walter said she chose the end of December to enjoy the Christmas holiday with her children. The rounds will be once every three weeks.

“I’ve been by myself for so long ... I’ve prided myself my whole adult life on being independent,” she said, tearing up. “Thinking I might have to fall back on my parents, or my children, and burden them ... that’s the worst part of this.”

She said the rallying of support from Madere and who she called her “work family” has made things more bearable, and she added she’s been touched by each and every gesture.

“There are people who I know only from work, who we don’t hang out outside of that, and they all come together when this happens to offer support. It means so much,” Walter said. “As much as I know everyone is struggling and going through things with COVID, for them to take their money and donate it ... they’re amazing for that.”

DONATE from 5A



recently went on a shopping trip to pick out items for the needy family.

“Thanks to everyone who donated or purchased items to help with Bailey’s Christmas wish this year,” Ellen said. “This was so much fun and heartwarming at the same time. It will forever be a memory we will treasure.”

And as for the American Girl doll that

Bailey forfeited to make someone else’s Christmas special, Ellen said a lot of people have offered to buy it for her ... but that isn’t necessary.

“We’re sure Santa is going to bring it,” Ellen said. “Bailey’s spirit has made this Christmas the most special yet for us as parents, and we are very proud.”

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

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JEFFERSON from 2A

minicamps and zero pre-season games. You hear coaches and general managers say, ‘Well, first round receivers take two, maybe three years to mature.’ It took Justin about three plays.”

Jefferson’s work ethic, Detillier says, is second to none, and it’s added up to one of the finest seasons by a rookie receiver in NFL history.

“Justin is dedicated to be the best,” Detillier said. “A terrific route runner, he has the ability to set up a defender and gain separation downfield. While he may not be what they label a speedster wide receiver, he’s plenty fast enough. He’s averaging 17 yards a catch. He’s such a smart player and he grasped the NFL so quickly. He’s a difference maker on the field.”

Jefferson blossomed as an upperclassman at Destrehan and went on to sign with LSU, where he quickly found a rapport with quarterback – and future No. 1 overall pick – Joe Burrow. He helped guide LSU to a national championship as a junior, when he recorded 111 receptions for 1,540 yards and 18 touchdowns. As a



Vikings receiver Justin Jefferson helped guide LSU to a national championship last season.

sophomore, he caught 54 passes for 875 yards and six touchdowns.

He was the third of his family to play at Destrehan and the third to play at LSU, after siblings Jordan and Rickey.

Through the first 14 games of his NFL career, Jefferson has posted 1,182 yards on 73 receptions and has scored seven touchdowns. Detillier offered a comparison to the Saints’ Michael Thomas, who had a very strong rookie season himself – Thomas caught 92 passes for 1,137

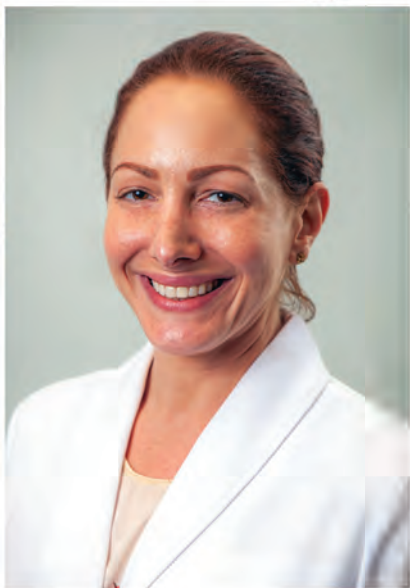
yards and nine touchdowns in his rookie season. Jefferson’s numbers are right there with two games left to play.

“I thought before the season started that Joe Burrow had the best chance to win Offensive Rookie of the Year. He might have won it if not for his knee injury, but Jefferson is the clear cut front runner for that spot today,” Detillier said.

The success both LSU alums have had, Detillier said, offers a reminder as to just how talented LSU’s 2019-20 National Championship team was – the Tigers’ receiving corps shining as brightly as any position group on that team.

“I think about that LSU group last season and we saw Justin, Ja’Marr Chase, Terrace Marshall, Racey McMath, Stephen Sullivan, Jaray Jenkins and Jontre Kirklin and I don’t think we will ever see that talented a group of wide receivers at LSU at one time. That was a special unit,” Detillier said.

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# Acadiana turns back Destrehan in semifinal showdown

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Destrehan took to the road with pay-back on its mind for its Class 5A semifinal matchup with defending state champion Acadiana.

But on this night, it wasn't to be.

The top-seeded Wrecking Rams, which bested the Wildcats a little over a year earlier in the 5A state championship game, are moving on to Natchitoches for their second straight championship game appearance after earning a 23-0 win over DHS, riding a dominant second half to victory.

Acadiana led 3-0 at halftime, but quickly widened their lead in the third and fourth quarters. That forced Destrehan away from its offensive strength and gave an additional boost to a Rams defense that was already playing at a high level.

"It hurts," said Destrehan senior defensive back Jaden Harding, who intercepted a pass to halt an Acadiana drive late in the first half. "We came out here thinking we'd come out and beat them, and get our revenge from last year. But it was just a different ballgame out here."

Destrehan head coach Marcus Scott



Jai Eugene of Destrehan rolls out at Acadiana.

credited Acadiana for its strong performance, noting his Wildcats brought a spirited effort but ultimately couldn't overcome their own mistakes against an elite opponent Friday night.

"The kids gave us everything they had all season," said Scott. "Tonight was no different. Obviously, it had to be over for someone. There can only be one champion and they deserved to win tonight. We have to get better."

Acadiana (10-1), the top seed in 5A,

**"The kids gave us everything they had all season ... it had to be over for someone. There can only be one champion and (Acadiana) deserved to win tonight."**

garnered some early momentum after a trick play gone awry for Destrehan (10-2). Quarterback Jai Eugene got the ball back on a flea-flicker pitch and fired a pass downfield, but it was intercepted by Draï Anthony.

Acadiana took a 3-0 lead thanks to the leg of Jesus Martinez, who booted a field goal to cap an early second quarter drive after the No. 5 seeded Wildcats' defense stiffened to force a 4<sup>th</sup> and 7 after a Dylan Gibbs tackle for loss.

Destrehan began to garner some momentum on a drive midway through the quarter, pushing the ball down the field and reaching the Acadiana 30 yard line, where DHS faced a 4<sup>th</sup> and 3. The Wildcats sent the field goal team on, but then called timeout to regroup before electing to go for the conversion. DHS sent on a power formation, and the scenario was similar to its second round game against Dutchtown, where DHS turned a 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 into a long Razan Keller touchdown with the same personnel on the field.

But this time, a Keller run to the right



Photos by Ryan Arena/Herald Guide

Destrehan defenders swallow up a Rams' rushing attempt.

side was swallowed up by the swarming Rams defense.

Acadiana took over and started to march. A DHS personal foul penalty moved the ball to the 50, and soon it was the Rams deep into DHS territory with

like this, to go down two scores ... it's always tough. There were a few times we had some positive things going on and we needed to cash in."

On Destrehan's next drive, quarterback Jai Eugene looked long for Calvin Bullock, but the ball fell incomplete. Acadiana held firm on a third down run and DHS couldn't convert, and it was forced to punt.

Acadiana scored again with 27 seconds left in the third, this time Omiri Wiggins capping the drive on a 1-yard score to make it 17-0.

The Rams made it 23-0 with 5:10 left on Keven Williams' 14-yard touchdown run.

Destrehan's last offensive gasp was intercepted when Eugene targeted Bullock downfield, Anthony picking it off for his second interception of the night and setting up Acadiana to close the game out.

The Rams' "Veer Machine" option offense generated 22 first downs and more than 300 yards of offense, with Zeno's 105 yards leading the way.

It brought to an end what was a 10 game winning streak for Destrehan, one that began in Week 2 against a St. James team that hadn't lost a game in over a year prior.

It was also the swan song for a senior class of Wildcats that established their team as one of the state's elite defensive teams, backed by a strong running game, and a true championship contender.

"We're a brotherhood," said Harding. "We all came up as freshmen playing together. It's why we played so well. So ... for all the seniors, it hurts. It hurts."

— Marcus Scott

less than a minute left in the half. Rams' quarterback Jerimiah Brown looked to go over the top for a potential touchdown, but with 15 seconds left Harding intercepted the ball to end the threat.

"We were in a cover 3, and my man ran a short route," Harding said. "I saw the tight end come across the middle and Tyler (Morton) come down (to defend), so if I don't make the play on that it's a touchdown. I had to come up and make the play right there and try to change the momentum of the game."

Destrehan received the ball to start the second half. But the Wildcats couldn't muster a drive and were forced to punt. Acadiana took control of the game on its ensuing drive, and did it on a big run by Brown, who kept the ball and raced 52 yards down to the Destrehan 1-yard line. Tyvin Zeno punched it in for a score to make it 10-0 with 8:51 left in the third quarter.

"We couldn't get a drive going to start the second half ... they took advantage of some good field position and put points on the board," Scott said. "Against a team

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Jai Eugene  
Quarterback

OFFENSE

On a tough night for the Wildcats' offense, Eugene led Destrehan in rushing with 27 yards on 10 carries in the Class 5A semifinal round at Acadiana. The promising sophomore will be back to lead the Wildcats again in 2021.

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Jaden Harding

Defensive back

DEFENSE

Harding intercepted a pass just before halftime on Friday that kept Destrehan's hopes alive. Acadiana led 3-0 when the takeaway happened on a ball lofted toward the endzone, but the senior cut off the throw and ended the threat.

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## School system names Students of the Year

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**E**ric Jones from Destrehan High, Saniya Abbas from Albert Cammon Middle and Jackson Porter from R. J. Vial Elementary have been named the St. Charles Parish Public Schools 2020-2021 Students of the Year.

Each winner will move on to compete in the regional contest in 2021.

To be selected as a student of the year, a student must earn a cumulative 3.1 grade point average and be in grade 5, 8 or 12. All students of the year must compile a portfolio, write a biographical sketch and be interviewed by a student achievement committee.

### Eric Jones

Jones, the son of Tiffany Jones and the late Eddie Jones Jr., is a senior at DHS.

He has been active in several leadership roles in high school, including serving as vice president of the National Honor Society, student advocate on the superintendent advisory council, senator on the student council, fundraising vice president for the Beta Club and as a mentor in the wildcat mentor program. Other extra-curriculars include the Interact Club, Tulane Pre-College, the Bayer Community Advisory Panel, Congress of Future Medical Leaders, National Student Leadership Conference, River Ridge School of Music and Dance, Duke TIP and Envision Advanced Medicine and Healthcare at John Hopkins University.

Jones has been a member of the football team during his time at Destrehan, as well as volunteered with several local organizations including Second Harvest Food Bank, Children's Hospital and the Ormond Nursing Home.

He is a National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar, College Prep Scholar and Taylor Scholar. He has earned numerous other awards, recognitions and honors from local and national organizations.

After high school, Jones said he plans on attending college and majoring in biomedical engineering before pursuing medical school to become a neurosurgeon.



has spent time during her winter break to feed the homeless.

She has racked up a bevy of awards and recognitions, including but not limited to the Patrick F. Taylor Award, Duke TIP Talent Search, National Junior Beta Club Award, District Beta Marketing and Communication Award and LA Writes Youth Writing Contest Winner.

In her spare time, Abbas said she enjoys baking and writing. Her future career goal is to become an anesthesiologist.

### Jackson Porter

Jackson Porter is a 5th grader at R.J. Vial Elementary School.

Porter has served as a peer leader, coach, mentor and football team captain. He has also been involved in talented theater and talented art, as well as completed many races as part of fundraising efforts.

He is a St. Mark Lutheran server. Porter has received many academic accolades, including but not limited to receiving first place in several Young Authors and LA Writes contests.

Porter said he enjoys taking care of animals and nature, including the ducks, chickens and garden he has at his home. He also enjoys playing guitar, hunting, fishing, health and fitness, basketball, football and baseball.



### Saniya Abbas

Abbas, the daughter of Athar and Nazish Abbas, is an 8th grade student at Albert Cammon Middle School.

Abbas has served as cheer manager, 4-H president, baking class assistant, art class assistant, soccer coach assistant, student council representative and student council president during her time at Albert Cammon. She has also been a pirate peer mentor and tutor, yearbook club member, GYRL talk member, fall fling dance volunteer, Junior Beta member and on the theatre tech crew.

Abbas has flexed her leadership muscle in 4-H officer and leadership classes, as well as served as a library and Park-A-Boo volunteer. For the past several years she

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# It’s not too late to get your flu shot

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The flu season is still here in Louisiana, but you still have an opportunity to protect yourself and your loved ones by getting a flu shot.

While flu shots have become common practice and have been a truly life-saving innovation of modern medicine, there are still some people who are hesitant about receiving the vaccine due to some misconceptions.

When considering a flu vaccine, it’s important to separate the fact from the fiction. Here are a few common myths associated with flu vaccines and the facts to bust them.

**Myth: I Will Catch the Flu by Receiving a Flu Shot**

This is the myth that seems to be most commonly spread. The flu vaccine cannot infect its recipient because it is made up of dead or inactive strands of the flu virus. Some people may get sick after receiving their flu shot but, in these



cases, these people already had the virus in them before their vaccination. It can take up to two weeks for the vaccine’s protection to take hold so there is a period of time where a shot recipient can still get sick after receiving the vaccine. This doesn’t mean that they vaccine caused the virus.

**Myth: Young and Healthy People Do Not Need a Flu Shot**

Though the flu is most common in

very young and very old people, in addition to those with pre-existing health issues; all people, no matter how young, old or healthy, are susceptible to the virus. In addition to protecting themselves from the virus, by receiving the vaccine, healthy people are protecting those around them whose immune systems are more at risk.

**Myth: Pregnant Women Should Not Get a Flu Shot**

Not only should all pregnant women get the flu shot as early as possible to protect themselves but the vaccine will also protect their baby for the early months of their life when they are not able to receive a shot of their own. The adverse symptoms of the flu, including fever and infection, can also cause potentially serious complications during pregnancy, making receiving the vaccine a must-do for all pregnant women.

**Myth: I Don’t Need to Get a Flu Shot Every Year**

The flu is a constantly evolving virus that can mutate in form from

year-to-year. Considering this, it is important to receive a flu shot every year as the vaccine is updated as the virus changes to provide optimal protection against the flu.

Peak flu season is now through February, and it takes two weeks for a flu shot to provide protection. If you haven’t already done so, get your flu shot as soon as possible. It’s the best way to prevent the flu.

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## Two employees promoted into Administrative Staff positions of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office

Lieutenant Derek Pertuis and Lieutenant Richard Oubre have been promoted to the rank of Captain in the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office.

Lieutenant Derek Pertuis of the Criminal Investigations Division was promoted to Captain over the Criminal Investigations Bureau Nov. 30, making him the Assistant Chief of Detectives. Pertuis is now the commander over the Criminal Investigations Division, Crime Scene Investigations Division, Juvenile Investigations Division, Hi-Tech Cyber Crimes Division, Special Investigations Division and Special Operations Division. He also oversees specialized positions where several sheriff’s office employees are liaisons to federal agencies, specifically the U.S. Marshal’s Service, Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force and the United States Secret Service.

Captain Pertuis has been a Law Enforcement Officer for 21 years, 19 of which have been with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office. He began his career with the SCSO in 2001 as a deputy in the Uniform Patrol Division and was promoted to CID as a Detective in 2006. He became Lieutenant of CID in 2014. He also serves as Team Leader for our Special Response Team’s Hostage Negotiators.

During his tenure as supervisor of CID, Captain Pertuis oversaw countless investigations, ranging from misdemeanor crimes to major crimes. He has attended over 40 specialized training classes, including the National Command and Staff College, which he graduated from in July 2020. He is involved in several professional organizations, including the International Association of Homicide Investigators, Louisiana Association of Crisis Negotiators, International Association of Hostage Negotiators, Louisiana Association of Homicide Investigators and the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 15.

On Nov. 30 Lieutenant Richard “Richie” Oubre of the Uniformed Patrol Division was promoted to Captain over the division, making him the commander of Street Patrol, Canine Division, Marine Division, Traffic Division and the Reserve Division.



Captain Derek Pertuis

Captain Oubre has 23 years of law enforcement experience, all of which are with the SCSO. After starting in Corrections in 1997, he transferred to the Patrol Division in 1998 as a deputy. Captain Oubre rose through the ranks of Patrol and was promoted to Lieutenant of A-Shift in 2015.

During his tenure as a shift supervisor, Oubre responded to and commanded countless emergency calls for service and initial investigations, managed personnel issues and assignments for his shift and properly conducted inquiries into disciplinary complaints. He attended numerous Patrol and supervision-related training courses, and completed the National Command and Staff College, which he graduated from



Captain Richard Oubre

in July 2020, preparing him for a command staff role.

“The promotions of Captain Pertuis and Captain Oubre will surely be an advantageous move, allowing their skills, experience and knowledge to be bestowed upon the rank and file under their command,” Sheriff Greg Champagne said. “Without a doubt, these two key promotions will guide the sheriff’s office in a positive direction. As always, our utmost priority is providing the highest level of quality law enforcement services that the citizens of our community not only deserve, but have come to expect.”





## Fourth grader paints Governor’s mansion ornament

Lakewood Elementary fourth grader Karlee Bernard was chosen to paint an ornament to be displayed at the Governor’s mansion this Christmas.

## Ethel Schoeffner names Student of the Month

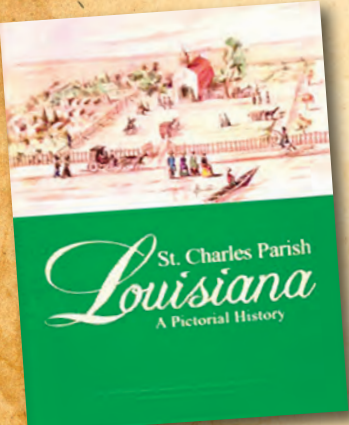


Kamryn Patterson, a 3rd grader at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary in Destrehan, was selected as Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Johnson’s Student of the Month for November. She earned the MAGIC Lamp Award. Kamryn demonstrated all 5 character traits that the MAGIC Lamp stands for. She has been Motivated, Adaptable, Generous, Inclusive and Cooperative.

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Praise Him every day & let it be a good day.  
He gave you another day to pray & pray.  
Give Him your heart & don't ever depart.  
He will give you rest for the rest of your life.  
When the day i gone, the nights has just begun.  
Let Him leave your on & lean on his everlasting arms.  
You will rest day & night when we are in his sight.  
He will never leave you alone, but will carry you on.  
He will walk 7 talk with you in everything you do.  
Let Him have His want, and it will be a happy day.  
He will guide you with His eyes until the day you die.  
Then he'll take you Home & bring you to see His great throne.  
We'll sing & shout the victory, for our souls will be free.  
So thank Him now my friends, until the very end.  
Then we'll be home to stay & it can't be too far away & be ready for that day.  
  
*Edna Matherne*

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ST. CHARLES PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Notice is hereby given that the St. Charles Parish Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing and invite comments on their proposed Five-Year Plan.

The Five-Year Plan will clearly state the mission, goals and objectives of the SCPHA and what they plan to achieve over the next five years, as well as give status report on the accomplishments and progress made during the previous five years. Every program and financial approach will be planned and detailed in the Five-Year Plan, including capital improvements, demolition and/or dispositions, homeownership programs, conversion of public housing, project-based vouchers as well as other housing needs. The Five-Year Plan is now available for review for the next 45 days in the Administrative office of the SCPHA via the agency's website at [www.scphousingauthority.com](http://www.scphousingauthority.com).

Public Housing Residents, Housing Choice Voucher Participants, and the public at-large are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled as follows:

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 5pm**

**St. Charles Parish Court House, Second Floor**

**15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057**

Anyone wishing to speak about the proposed Five-Year Plan is invited to attend the public hearing and voice his/her opinion. Additionally, submission of written comments must be sent to : St. Charles Parish Housing Authority, Attention: Leatrice Hollis, Executive Director/ P.O. Box 448, Boutte, Louisiana 70039

For additional information, assistance, or other accommodations, please call (985) 785-2601.

Publish: November 26, 2020 December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2020

**Public Notice**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

**ST. CHARLES PARISH HOSPITAL**

Sealed bids will be received at the St. Charles Parish Hospital in Luling, Louisiana until 1:00 PM, Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at which time bids will be opened in public in Magnolia Room for the following:

**Sale of used 2009 Philips C-Arm, X-Ray Fluoroscopy Unit**

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked

**"BID ON 2009 Philips C-Arm -DO NOT OPEN UNTIL BID OPENING"**

including bid amount, name, address and telephone number of bidder. Address envelope to St. Charles Parish Hospital, P.O. Box 87, Luling, LA 70070, Attention: Thomas Duplantis.

Any bid received after 1:00 PM – Wednesday, December 30,2020, shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

St. Charles Parish Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities incidental hereto.

The C-Arm may be viewed by **appointment only** at St. Charles Parish Hospital, 1057 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070. Call (985) 785-4255 to set an appointment.

Terms and conditions of sale: C.O.D.

Bidders need not be present for opening of bids.

PUBLISH: December 10, 2020  
December 17, 2020  
December 24, 2020ARM

**Public Notice**

**2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE**

**JANUARY 11  
JANUARY 25**

**JULY 12  
JULY 26**

**FEBRUARY 8**

**AUGUST 9  
AUGUST 23**

**MARCH 1  
MARCH 15**

**SEPTEMBER 7 (Tuesday)  
SEPTEMBER 20**

**APRIL 5  
APRIL 19**

**OCTOBER 4  
OCTOBER 18**

**MAY 3  
MAY 17**

**NOVEMBER 1  
NOVEMBER 15**

**JUNE 7  
JUNE 21**

**DECEMBER 6  
DECEMBER 20**

Publish: December 24, 2020

**Public Notice**

**Announcement of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, St. Charles Parish Courthouse, Parish Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 15045 Hwy. 18 (River Road), Hahnville, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Publish: December 24, 2020

**Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE - - - IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION OF SARAH NICHOLSON BARATTINI, NO. P12,785 DIV. "D" 29<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES STATE OF LOUISIANA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO LIST AND FOR PRIVATE SALE. NOTICE IS GIVEN that ANTHONY BARATTINI, Administrator of the Succession of SARAH NICHOLSON BARATTINI, pursuant to the provisions of La.C.C.P. art. 3281 and 3286, will petition the Court for an Order authorizing the Administrator to enter into and ratify the listing agreement for the sale of the immovable property of the estate and for authority to sell the following described property for the price of \$123,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement executed December 15, 2020:

That certain lot or portion ground, together with all the improvements thereon, and all rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, in Section 11, T-12-S, R-8-E, Being a Subdivision of part of the original Lot 5 of the subdivision of the property of the Schexnayder brother, formerly Ormond Plantation, now known as Carolyn Drive Subdivision, resubdivision of Lot 5 formerly Ormond Plantation, all in accordance with survey of R.L. Schuman, dated March 7, 1966 and revised May 24 and 25, 1966, as approved by the St. Charles Parish Police Jury, designated on said plan as Lots 287, 288, 289,290, 291 and 292, further, said lot numbers 290, 291 and 292 being resubdivision into LOT 291- A, as per resubdivision of R.P. Bernard, Surveyor, dated December 1, 1998, approved by the St. Charles Parish Planning and Zoning on February 22, 1999 per Ordinance No. 84-7-17, recorded at COB 550, folio 203, St. Charles Parish.

Any opposition to the proposed sale must be filed within seven days from the date of the last publication.

Publish: December 24, 2020

**Public Notice**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS  
INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021,  
6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH  
COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD,  
HAHNVILLE:**

**2020-0362** (12/21/20, Jewell, M. Bingham)  
An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), for Parish Project No. P190201 Lakewood Drive Reconstruction State Project No. H.014051, Federal Aid Project No. H014051.

**2020-0363** (12/21/20, Jewell, M. Albert)  
An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from M1 to R-1M on approximately 7.2 acres of Parcel D-2AA, Fairview Plantation Subdivision, St. Rose, as requested by BMB Real Estate, LLC.

**2020-0364** (12/21/20, Jewell, M. Bingham)  
An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with BLD Services, LLC, for Parish Project No. S181201 Lone Star Sewer Rehabilitation, with a Bid in the amount of \$288,254.00.

**2020-0346** (12/21/20, Jewell, M. Albert)  
An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between The Center for Planning Excellence, Inc. and St. Charles Parish. The Professional Services Agreement for \$277,000.00 is to update the Parish Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

**2020-0348** (12/21/20, Jewell, M. Albert)  
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Dedication for River Place Estates Phase 1, Hahnville.

**PUBLISH: December 24, 31, 2020  
January 7, 2021**

**Legal notice deadline is  
every Friday at 3pm for the  
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## Public Notice

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ST. CHARLES PARISH

## LOUISIANA STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REPRESENTATION

The Parish of St. Charles is hereby soliciting the submittal of Statements of Qualifications (General Professional Services Questionnaire) from firms, teams, or individuals interested in representing St. Charles Parish before Louisiana State and Federal Agencies, and to act as a legislative and administrative consultant for St. Charles Parish in Washington, D.C. and in such other places, such as Federal regional offices, as appropriate, for a two (2) year term.

The firm's, team's or individual's submitted Statements of Qualifications (St. Charles Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire) must identify all sub-consultant firms which they expect to use to provide services and submit a Statement of Qualifications for each sub-consultant firm.

Interested firms, teams or individuals may submit their Statements of Qualifications (General Professional Services Questionnaire) to provide the above referenced representation for the following Categories.

1. State of Louisiana Government/Agencies only;
2. Federal Government/Agencies only; and/or;
3. Both State and Federal government/ Agencies

Submittals must clearly identify the Representation Category(s) the applicant is seeking.

State and Federal Services:

The firm(s), team(s), or individual(s) selected for this work shall:

- a. advise and consult on behalf of St. Charles Parish with the Executive and Legislative branches of the State of Louisiana and Federal Governments, and all their departments and agencies, as may be deemed necessary to further the interest of St. Charles Parish;
- b. obtain and furnish to St. Charles Parish such information as may be available on State and Federal programs and regulatory matters in which the Parish indicated an interest;
- c. review, evaluate and advise the Parish of State and Federal government, executive, legislative and administrative proposals, rules, and regulations in which St. Charles Parish expresses an interest;
- d. review, evaluate and advise St. Charles Parish on proposals which are prepared for submission to State and Federal agencies, when requested;
- e. act as liaison with the Louisiana State Legislature and Louisiana Federal Congressional Delegation and keep it informed of the interest and position of St. Charles Parish on pending legislation;
- f. assist St. Charles Parish regarding appearances by Parish officials before Congressional committees and administrative agencies and arrange appointments upon request;
- g. appear and represent St. Charles Parish before State and Federal Congressional committees upon request;
- h. initiate contact with State and Federal agencies to promote the interests of St. Charles Parish when Parish proposals are under consideration by such State and Federal agencies to obtain the most favorable consideration;
- i. advise, consult, and assist with representatives of the private sector who are engaging in, or endeavoring to engage in State and Federally assisted economic development when requested by St. Charles Parish;
- j. appear before the Parish President and/or Council whenever requested to do so by the Parish President and/or Council for the purpose of providing information and answering questions regarding matters covered by this agreement.

Compensation:

Compensation for the required services will be made on an hourly rate basis, or a fixed fee basis, or a combination thereof. St. Charles Parish reserves the right to determine the method of payment (hourly or lump-sum).

Mutually agreeable fee arrangements under this agreement shall be negotiated with the consultant.

Questionnaire:

All firms, teams or individuals must submit a St. Charles Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire bound on the left. Please obtain the updated St. Charles Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire by contacting Michael P. Palamone, Chief Administrative Officer At (985)-783 5000 or via email [mpalamone@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:mpalamone@stcharlesgov.net). Interested firms, teams or individuals must submit the Original, Two (2) copies and electronic version on a Jump/Flash drive of the St. Charles Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire to:

St Charles Parish Government

C/O Michael P Palamone,

Chief Administrative Officer

15045 Highway 18

Hahnville, La 70057

Submittals must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2021. No late submittals will be accepted.

Questionnaires must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the firm, team or individual. Failure to sign the Questionnaires shall result in disqualification of the proposal.

All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. Each subcontractor must provide a complete copy of the General Professional Services Questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. Failure to provide the subcontractor's complete questionnaire(s), applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement shall result in disqualification of proposer.

If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.

All Submittals must be in a binder or be bound along the left edge.

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

### St. Charles Parish Statements of Qualifications (General Professional Services Questionnaire)

Name of Firm

*License Number*

*Address of Fire*  
*Extinguishing*

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address

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