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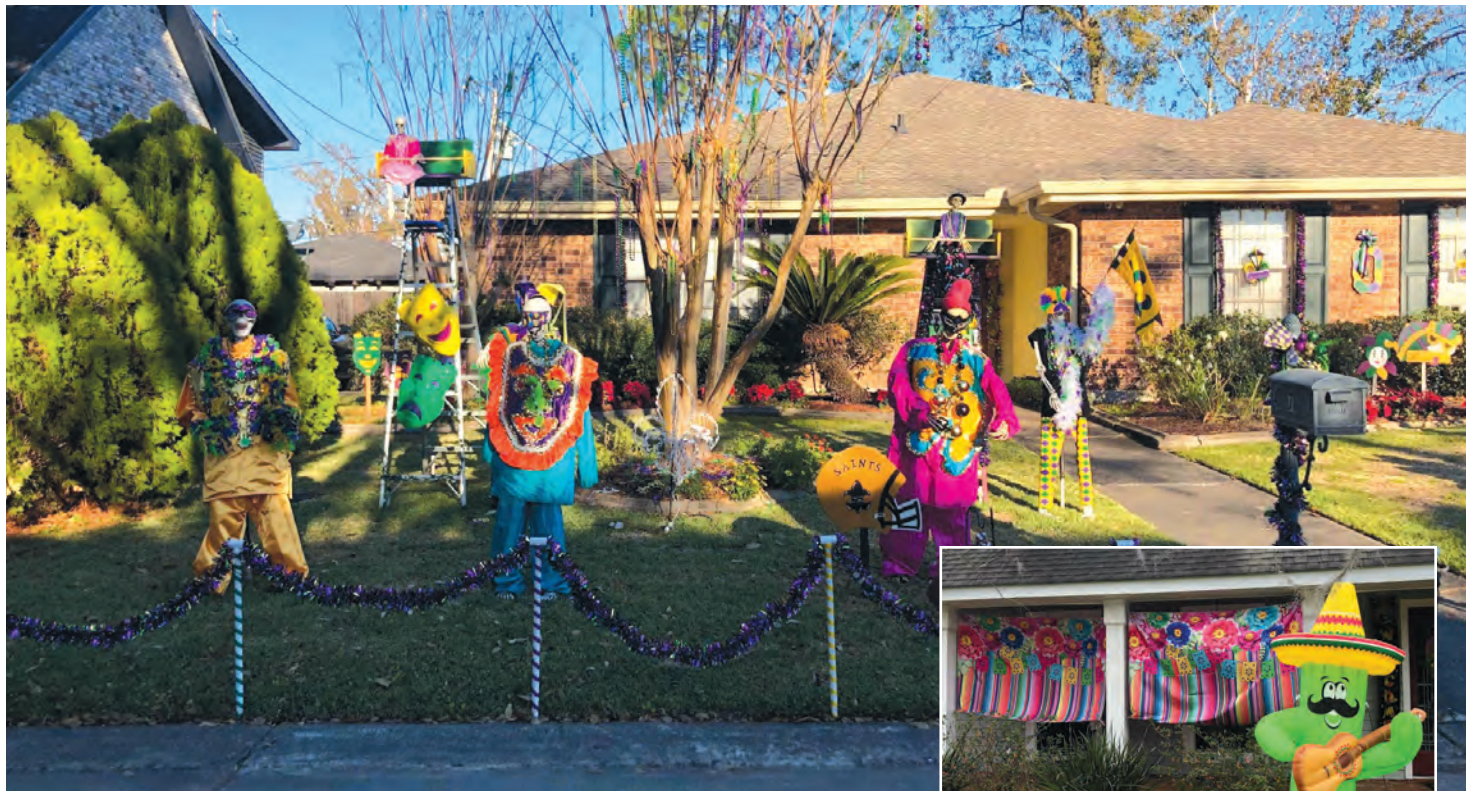
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‘House Floats’ parade route is safe Mardi Gras alternative



Homes in St. Charles Parish are decorated for Mardi Gras as part of the Krewe of House Floats.

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Signature throws, colorful beads, delicious food and a whole lot of fun - these are just a few of the things that make Mardi Gras special. And while the festive gatherings that usually facilitate those things - parades - have been canceled

throughout the New Orleans region for 2021, there is now an alternate plan to still celebrate the holiday.

That plan, the Krewe of House Floats, was created when New Orleans resident Megan Boudreaux posted an idea to

social media. The idea took off and rapidly grew into an organization with more than 7,500 members.

The formation of the new krewe stems

HOUSE FLOATS on 5A

New restaurant opening in Luling



TURN to 2A

Top-ranked Tigers find tough battle in Reserve



TURN to 1B

Video poker took in \$12.5M in parish in three months

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Video poker gamblers in St. Charles Parish slid more money into machines in the last quarter than they did in the entire fiscal year before it.

According to statistics from the Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division,

GAMBLING on 7A



St. Charles Parish included in proposed \$2 billion levee

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More flood protection for St. Charles Parish could be on the way, as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has re-designed and re-released the Upper Barataria Louisiana Feasibility Study.

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Parish employees work on the West Bank portion of the levee.

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Becca’s Bistro set to serve up comfort food in Luling

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When Catahoula’s Restaurant closed in September, Rebecca Zeringue was suddenly out of a job.

“When it closed, this place went up for lease at the same time,” Zeringue said of the spot at 12371 Highway 90 in Luling. “It was a now or never kind of thing, so we jumped at the opportunity.”

This week Zeringue and her fiancé Scott Sirmon opened Becca’s Bistro in the same spot that previously housed Mariano’s Italian Eatery.

“When we first started thinking about doing this, it was like a pie in the sky conversation years ago,” Zeringue said of opening the bistro. “We thought about opening a meat market and then the idea evolved into a full-service restaurant. It kind of evolved into what it is today.”

Becca’s Bistro will feature a steak night, include a kids’ menu and offer up a causal dining experience all in a kid-friendly environment.

“We will have comfort food,” Zeringue



Rebecca Zeringue and Scott Sirmon in the kitchen of the newly opened Becca's Bistro.

said of the appetizers, soups, poboys, muffulettas and fried seafood and more that she will be cooking and serving. “We will start out with a somewhat limited menu with all the basics and add a few items a week until we have the full menu available. I plan on asking customers what they’d like to see on the menu and

BECCA’S on 6A



St. Charles Parish Hospital employees began receiving their vaccines on Dec. 14, and the hospital is now offering them to those 70 years and older.

Grandparents able to see grandkids again after getting vaccine at SCPH

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Health care workers at St. Charles Parish Hospital started to get their own coronavirus vaccinations on Dec. 14, and now they are the ones giving them out as state guidance has expanded administration of the shots to include patients 70 and older, patients who are on dialysis, ambulatory healthcare workers and schools of allied health employees and faculty.

Sharon Beckwith, SCPH clinic operations manager, said the droves of senior citizens coming in to get the vaccines have been emotional about the opportunity.

“They have been so appreciative,” Beckwith said of the vaccine recipients. “When they come in you can sense a sigh of relief. They want to see their grandkids again ... some people haven’t met their new grandkids yet, so they’re just so appreciative and excited to be able to get this vaccine.”

Dr. Victoria Smith, associate medical director at SCPH, agreed.

“Hopefully this is the beginning of the end of the pandemic. There’s just a sense of appreciation ... a sense of relief,” Smith said, adding the

VACCINE on 6A

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Winning lotto ticket bought in Destrehan, prize unclaimed thus far

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Ryan Hymel earned himself quite the unofficial Christmas bonus recently, thanks to a fortuitous stop in Destrehan.

The Hahnville native and Lafitte resident is now \$10,000 richer, thanks to a winning lottery ticket purchased at Big River Food and Fuel at 14190 River Road. The drawing, which was for the

Louisiana Lottery’s Mega Millions game, was held Dec. 18. The numbers were 7, 15, 25, 51, 60 and 5. Hymel’s ticket hit five of the six numbers, four white ball numbers and the Mega ball.

“I buy them pretty regularly. That day, I just happened to stop there on

LOTTERY on 5A

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Annual Martin Luther King Jr. march canceled

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Due to coronavirus-related concerns, St. Charles Parish’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. march has been canceled.

Organizer Lillian August said the annual march, which was scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, usually draws between 200-250 people.

“We had to cancel it because of COVID,” August said. “Hopefully next year we can have it.”

The march, which traditionally takes place on River Road from West Bank Bridge Park in Luling to the Eual J. Landry Alternative Program Center in Hahnville, is held each year to celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

August said no alternate memorials or ceremonies would be held this year in lieu of the march.

LOTTERY from 2A

my way to work to get a drink,” Hymel said. “I figured, let me grab a ticket or two, since both the Powerball and Mega Millions jackpot are real high.”

In fact, the Mega Millions jackpot has since climbed in excess of \$520 million, which was the eighth highest total in the game’s history. It’s resulted in some strong payouts, meaning even the smaller payouts can be very large.

“In a sense, man, I was one number off,” Hymel said with a chuckle. “But no, this is still pretty awesome.”

He learned of his good fortune a few hours following his purchase, during his shift at work.

“I made a joke, let me check my ticket and see if I can go home,” Hymel quipped. “And suddenly, I’m checking and seeing, wait these numbers are matching. This is pretty cool. I saw it was five of the six and my next question was, ‘how much did I win?’”

What he’d won was by far his biggest haul in his time of playing the lottery.

“I think the biggest before was maybe \$100, on a scratch-off,” he said.

Hymel said he gave each of his children a bit of spending money, then put the rest in the bank “for a rainy day.”

It’s the latest instance of a locally purchased ticket hitting in recent memory.

In May of 2018, a Luling couple that asked to not be identified hit the jackpot when they purchased a Powerball ticket worth \$100,000 from the Paradis Time Saver, the ticket matching four of the five numbers drawn. The couple had also added the “Power Play option” to the ticket and the number drawn was two, which doubled the win to \$100,000.

In October of 2017, Des Allemands resident Sylvia Rome hit all six numbers on her ticket to become the sole winner of the Louisiana Lottery’s \$650,000 Lotto jackpot, which was the second largest jackpot won last year.

Rome purchased her ticket from Des Allemands Cheap Smokes on Hwy. 90. The store received a one-time bonus of \$6,500, which is 1 percent of the prize, for selling the jackpot-winning ticket.

In April of 2019, Kenner’s Matthew LaChance bought a winner from Corner Market in Destrehan, scoring a win of \$50,000 that he split with a group of co-workers who pooled together money for a bundle of tickets.

HOUSE FLOATS from 1A

from the desire to still celebrate Mardi Gras 2021 in a safe, responsible way during the era of social distancing.

“It started off as a Twitter joke and now everyone wants to participate,” Boudreaux said of people decorating their homes like Mardi Gras floats. “We look forward to this not only being a way for people to safely celebrate Carnival season, but also as an opportunity to help our city’s culture bearers.”

The decoration of house floats began on King’s Day, Jan. 6 - the official start of the Carnival season. Nearly 40 neighborhood subkrewes have formed throughout the greater New Orleans region, including St. Charles Parish. There is even a subkrewe for NOLA expats in other states who, unable to return home for Carnival season festivities, will be celebrating with house floats from afar.

Luling resident Rosie Young is the captain of the St. Charles Parish subkrewe.

“Each krewe has come up with their own parade theme, and ours is ‘St. Charles Parish Takes A Trip Around The World,’” Young said. “My house’s theme is Venice, Italy.”

Young said she will use paint, cardboard, creations from her Cricut machine and maybe some lights to decorate her home. She first heard about the traditional parade alternative from her cousin, who is an artist living in Gretna.

“They needed a captain for St. Charles Parish ... someone local who knew people and could get people to get involved,” Young said. “So that’s where I come in.”

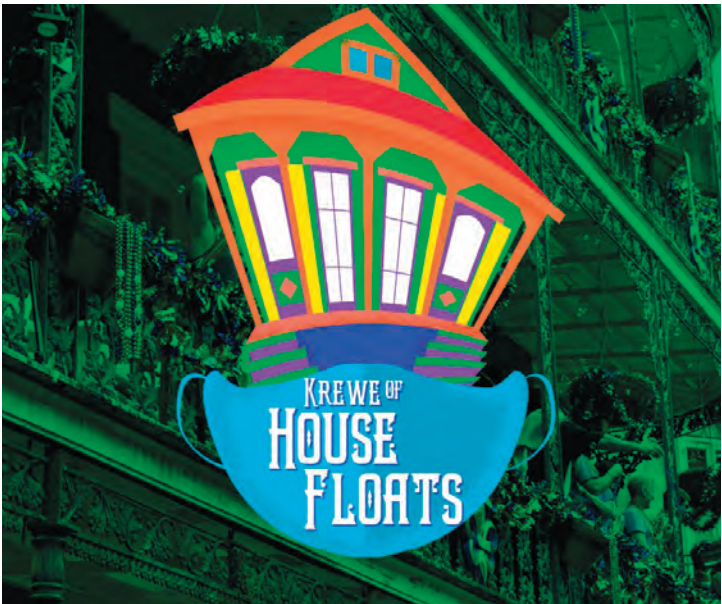
She said the nearly 30 St. Charles Parish residents who signed up to decorate their homes

were instructed to decorate simply as they would for Christmas or as elaborately as to mimic an actual Mardi Gras float.

A map of all local homes, as well as every home in the country participating in the Krewe of House Floats, will be available starting Feb. 1 at www.kreweofhousefloats.org. Harahan resident Charlie Jallans-Daly, who is helping to organize the maps, said a total of 2,400 homes will be included.

Organizers have encouraged all participants to have their decorations up from Feb. 1 – Feb. 16, which is Mardi Gras Day. And while it isn’t a requirement for krewe participants to be home Feb. 16, Young said many of them will be and will be passing out throws, including parish-specific signature throws.

“I love Mardi Gras,” Young said. “My favorite parade is prob the Krewe of Lul because we get to stay home ... we live right off the route ... and have people over. I don’t want to give that up. We’ve had to give up so much already.”



The theme for St. Charles Parish homes is “St. Charles Parish Takes A Trip Around The World.”

BECCA’S from 2A

if I hear a lot of the same thing, I’ll put it on there.”

While Sirmon has been involved in previous restaurant launches, Zeringue said this is her first ownership venture.

“More recently I’ve developed a love for cooking ... I’ve gotten more into it as I have more time. During the last five years I’ve actually had more time to enjoy it instead of just being a short order cook for my kids,” Zeringue said laughing.

The restaurant will utilize both the drive-through and sit-down dining options the building offers. And while the bistro will start off as a restaurant,

Zeringue said she and Sirmon are working on recipes and plan to offer specialty meat products in the future.

All bistro opening and hiring information will be posted on the Becca Bistro’s Facebook page. Zeringue said she will need to hire approximately 10 people.

The plan is to have the restaurant open 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. While the restaurant will not be open to the public on Sunday, Zeringue said she is open to the idea of renting out of the space on Sundays for special occasions.



Spaghetti and meatballs that will be offered at Becca’s Bistro in Luling.

VACCINE from 2A

demand of people calling to schedule appointments or inquire about the vaccination process overloaded the phone system. “That kind of tells you the enthusiasm of our seniors to get these vaccines.”

Beckwith said the senior citizen population has shown little hesitation to sign up for the vaccinations.

“We didn’t see the hesitation with the seniors like with the healthcare workers,” she said. “They are ready and anxious. The enthusiasm is heartwarming. COVID is not going away and you can tell the seniors feel the only way to protect themselves at this point is the vaccine.”

Smith said she is hopeful any hesitation about receiving the vaccine will wane as more information is made available.

“We have people say that we’ve never developed a vaccine this fast, but we’ve also not had a worldwide pandemic since 1918,” she said. “We have to keep that in mind. When you think about COVID-19, its impact was on the entire world. Because it was a world problem and the high death rates and the fact that were having to shut down the economy and all of those things, it means we put concentrated focus, effort, money and time on it.”

The rising numbers of COVID-19 cases may have something to do with the senior citizens’ willingness to get the shots, Smith said.

“With the infection rates going up, there might have been a point where people didn’t know somebody who



hours a day and so does my team ... we’re ready ... we want to do this. I can’t even describe the feeling that the staff has.

“They feel like they’re serving a bigger purpose, which they are.”

Smith said the hospital’s health care workers deserve high praise.

“We’re going into a very interesting time where we are facing this surge ... where we’re getting back to high levels of patients in the hospital and we are doing that well,” she said. “Our hospital teams are stretching again ... and we’re still doing regular care.”

Smith said when case counts were previously this high, clinics and elective procedures were shut down, which gave medical workers the opportunity to focus solely on the care of COVID patients. She said there has been mention of shutting down elective procedures and other non-essential care again.

“But we’re not at that point at St. Charles,” Smith said. “We look at that every day, but we may get to that point.”

On top of all the care being given, Smith said now there is a seven day a week massive vaccine effort.

“We are asking people to really stretch and really do a lot of things at one time,” Smith said. “As bad it was in March and April, it is probably going to get worse. But at the same time our providers, our staff, our patient access reps are also trying to make sure that we can get to the finish line by vaccinating as many people as quickly as possible.”

Smith said the Ochsner system is dependent upon the state to advise which groups will be eligible next for the vaccine.

Ochsner is reaching out to its patients directly via MyOchsner, text messaging or email with information about how to schedule appointments to get vaccinated. You must have an appointment to get vaccinated at an Ochsner facility.

Non-Ochsner patients who meet the criteria can schedule vaccine appointments on a first come-first served limited basis at a retail pharmacy. In St. Charles Parish, that is the Ochsner Pharmacy and Wellness in Destrehan at 13100 River Road.

You can call to make an appointment at 844-888-2772.

had COVID and now that’s kind of hard to say,” Smith said. “Over the holidays people let their guards down ... it could be driving seniors to say, ‘I want to get protected.’”

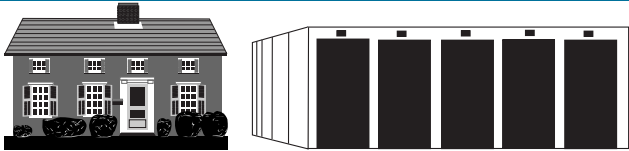
Smith said the seniors’ willingness may also stem from the fact that their population has been shown to be taking social distancing and quarantining very seriously.

“When you think about it, it’s been almost a year that many of our seniors have not left their houses other than to maybe go to a doctor’s appointment,” she said. “They’ve been very strict about it, so getting the vaccine is almost like a feeling of liberation.”

Beckwith said one patient she talked with had tears in his eyes when he spoke of finally getting to meet his new grandchild.

“I’m so grateful for my team,” she said. “I wish we could (vaccinate) 24

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The updated report proposes a 30.6-mile levee built to the current Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction specifications at a project elevation of 14 feet, relative to current ground conditions, from Luling to Raceland.

The complete system outlined in the report, which would cost nearly \$2 billion, would provide a minimum of 100-year level of risk reduction, or a storm surge that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Protection would span across portions of seven southern parishes, including the west banks St. Charles and St. John the Baptist.

The new 7.5 foot elevation levee would extend out from the existing St. Charles Parish Levee and continue south, improving the Sunset Levee and including a vehicle crossing at Bayou Gauche.

The levee system would then cross Bayou Des Allemands just south of Hwy. 90 with a 270-foot barge gate structure, which would be closed during tropical events. The levee system would then parallel Hwy. 90 until high ground near Raceland, and hydraulic control structures would be placed in the section paralleling Hwy. 90 to maintain existing water exchanges.

This isn't the first time the idea of flood protection for this area has been studied. In 2019 the Corps studied and released a smaller study – one that planned for a 50-year levee system spanning 18.3 miles with an elevation of 7.5 feet and improvements to existing levees. That plan was abandoned after modeling



run by the state Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority provided new data used in the development and recalibration of the report to an updated plan of a 100-year system.

The Upper Barataria Basin study area is approximately 800 square miles and characterized by low, flat terrain with numerous navigation channels, drainage canals and natural bayous that drain into Lac Des Allemands. The study area contains a little over 25,000 structures in which 90 percent are residential.

The current plan is in the feasibility analysis stage and, when complete there, will head to Washington-level review.

Parish Councilwoman-At-Large for Division B Holly Fonseca said she is ecstatic the study yielded a proposal from

the Corps to construct a levee system that will protect multiple parishes and Hwy. 90, a critical evacuation corridor.

“Over the past several years our parish, with help from the state, has made great progress on the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee. However, constructing a closed levee system with 100-year level of protection from storm surges remained cost prohibitive without

federal participation,” she said. “The Upper Barataria Basin Feasibility Study represents our opportunity to secure federal participation. It’s the ultimate goal we’ve worked towards all these years.”

Fonseca said the study is a major milestone reached in the parish’s quest for a closed 100-year levee system to protect the West Bank.

“We’ll continue to work towards the next milestones - approval of the study by the Army Corps of Engineers and securing Congressional approval and funding for the project,” she said.

Paul Hogan, a former parish council member, said the project is of the upmost importance to both residents and industries in the areas that surround Lac Des Allemands.

“We’ve been pushing and fighting for this for a long time,” he said. “It’s desperately needed.”

All official documents related to the study can be found at www.mvn.usace.army.mil. Questions or comments on the report may be sent to the study’s Project Delivery Team at UpperBaratariaFS@usace.army.mil, or by text message to 318-467-8350.

GAMBLING from 1A

video poker machines in St. Charles Parish took in \$12,487,565 from July through September 2020 – the first quarter of the 2021 fiscal year.

Of that, \$8,966,394.55 was paid back out to gamblers via winnings.

During the entire 2020 fiscal year, which runs from July 2019 to June 2020, gamblers spent a total of \$9,856,378. Winnings equaled \$7,101,742.90.

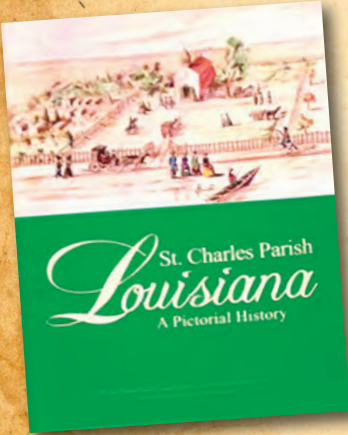
That fiscal year was comparable to that one before it. From July 2018 to June 2019, the 2019 fiscal year, gamblers spent \$9,530,416 and earned back \$6,892,304.20.

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ESJ upends Hahnville

Top-ranked Tigers fall for just 2nd time

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For just the second time this season, Hahnville tasted defeat.

A rising East St. John program held off a furious Hahnville rally in the fourth quarter to emerge with a 70-66 District 7-5A victory at home in Reserve, led by sharp-shooting Kylin Harris' game-high 27 point effort.

Harris sank five 3-pointers in the second quarter (six total on the night) to help spur ESJ out to a 37-34 halftime lead. Robert Ferrygood scored 15 points and Amir Rios dropped in 14 as well to lift the Wildcats.

Kaden Pierre scored 20 points to lead Hahnville (12-2, 1-1), which entered the game as the top-ranked team in 5A. Claudell Harris scored 16 and Tyren LeBeauf added nine for the Tigers.

It represented the first time HHS head coach Yussef Jasmine lost to his former school since arriving at Hahnville in 2017, a seven-game span between the district rivals. Jasmine led the ESJ

program from 2007 to 2016.

"We didn't play well overall," Jasmine said. "We were sluggish from the tipoff, missed a dunk to begin the game ... their best shooter got shots. One of our best players (LeBeauf) fouled out and that was a problem. We'll learn from it."

"We were sluggish from the tip-off ... we have a target on our back. You've got to be your best."

— HHS head coach Yussef Jasmine

While Kylin Harris got rolling from the outside, East St. John (12-3, 2-0) took all avenues in an attempt to ensure Hahnville could not get its own outside shooting clicking from the outside. Claudell Harris hit two 3-pointers in the game and LeBeauf one, all three

shots coming in the first quarter. Hahnville scored one more from the outside in the final three quarters on a Cameron Lumar shot, the rest of its scoring coming inside of the arc.

ESJ took a lead into halftime and carried its momentum into the third quarter, jumping ahead 52-40 after a 15-6 run coming out of the half, and led by as many as 16. HHS whittled it down to 10 entering the fourth quarter.

Back to back baskets by Daquan Price and an inside score by Corey Lorio helped fuel a quick 8-2 run that put Hahnville right back in business, down 58-54. The Tigers' push continued when Claudell Harris made two at the line to give HHS its first lead since the first half at 64-63.

Smith made a pair of key fourth quarter baskets for Hahnville to keep the Tigers in play, but the Wildcats took the lead back after a steal and Amir Rios basket, 67-66.



Hahnville's Tyren LeBeauf drives against ESJ's Bryce Gilyot.

Hahnville missed two at the foul line, and East St. John missed the front end of a 1 and 1 with 30 seconds left – but Ferrygood snatched an offensive rebound to keep the possession alive. Kylin Harris sank two at the line with 12 seconds left to push ESJ ahead by three. Claudell Harris pulled up for 3 for a tying attempt, but the shot was no good, allowing ESJ to ice the game at the other end.

"We have a target on our back ... you can't lack intensity, hang around and rely on trying to make plays down the stretch," said Jasmine. "In district, that's how it is. When you're the No. 1 team in the state, everyone's coming with their best game. You've got to be your best. We just weren't."

The East St. John game

was the Tigers' third since returning from a 22-day layoff due to COVID quarantine. Hahnville didn't miss a beat in its previous two.

Hahnville rolled into the start of district play following one of its most impressive wins of the season, scoring a victory over St. Augustine, 69-62.

The Tigers were led by 22 points from Claudell Harris. Pierre had 16 points, LeBeauf 13 and Jaylon Bush 7 among other Hahnville scoring leaders. St. Augustine (7-3) was led by Michael Coleman's 15 points, while Preston Bax added 14.

It was Hahnville's first action since Dec. 10. That layoff came when the team was playing red hot basketball, but the performance against St.

Augustine showed little apparent rust. The Purple Knight's other three losses this season each came to unbeaten foes.

The Tigers followed it up by scoring a decisive 66-44 win over Terrebonne to open District 7-5A play, led by Harris' 15 and LeBeauf's 14 points.

Jasmine said the team was able to bounce back quickly from the quarantine due to the players' maturity and commitment.

"My guys have been doing individual work, so when we got back to practice after 17 days, we were a little sluggish, but I thought we came back from quarantine in better condition than most teams because guys did the work on their own," Jasmine said.



Hahnville's Kaden Pierre boxes out for a rebound.

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Straight from the White House

Four local senior citizens receive Presidential Awards

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Four local senior citizens who are active in St. Charles Parish's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) were recently honored with Presidential Awards from the White House.

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

"They were surprised because this was the first time RSVP presented the Presidential Awards," RSVP Director Jeanne Arabie said. "Volunteers are special people that come with knowledge and a heart of gold ... to work alongside of them and to learn from them is a great experience that everybody should try once and awhile."

To receive the Presidential Award, which included a medal and letter from President Donald Trump, a volunteer must have at least 25 years of service.

"I want to thank the volunteers who have served decades for their services so to present them with these special awards was an honor," Arabie said.

The four people recently honored as part of RSVP's annual recognition luncheon are Herman Louque, Virgie Naquin, Linton Bergeron and Shirley Gaubert.

Louque has volunteered for the past 27 years, while Naquin has completed 26 years of service. Bergeron and Gaubert have each been volunteers for the past 25 years.

"On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your

service to your fellow Americans and those most in need. Through your dedicated services, you have ensured the continuation of America's unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of others," the letter from President Trump states. "Over this past year, you have served as a model of the American spirit. Your many hours of service have strengthened the bonds of cooperation and trust that bring people together, while helping to address some of the greatest challenges of our times."

The letter continues to say that one of America's greatest strengths remains the compassion of everyday citizens who give willing of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others.

"Each generation of hardworking and kindhearted volunteers helps to write a new chapter of American greatness, and our Nation is proud of your commitment to this honorable tradition," the letter states.

Another highlight of the luncheon was when a check for the amount in which all RSVP volunteers saved the parish by volunteering instead of the parish having to pay for labor was presented to Parish President Matthew Jewell.



Top, Parish President Matthew Jewell accepts a check indicating how many hours of labor RSVP volunteers contributed in 2020. Above, Virgie Naquin proudly displays her award from the White House.

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE HAHNVILLE COURTHOUSE TO HEAR:

POSTPONED CASES:
2020-12-HOP requested by **Charlene Jacobs** for a home occupation – “Follicle Hair Solutions” – a hair salon at **1017 Kinler St. Luling**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 7.
NEW CASES:
2021-01-HOP requested by **Lydia White** for a home occupation – “Roussell Logistics, LLC” – a freight broker at **101 Leigh Lane, Montz**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 6.
2021-01-MIN requested by **Billy & Julie Baker** for resubdivision of one lot into three, **Olivia Drive, Taft**, Zoning District O-L, Council District 1.
2021-02-MIN requested by **Nicole Goodson** for resubdivision to create Lot D on the upper ½ of Lot 23 of Fashion Plantation, located approximately 2000 ft. down **Lee Lane, Hahnville**, Zoning District O-L/R-1A, Council District 1.
2021-01-R requested by **CLDW, LLC** for a change of zoning from R-1A to R-1A (M) on Lot 7-C, Leona Heights, 6,450 sq. ft. **312 Griffin Drive, Ama**, Council District 2.
2021-02-R requested by **Double R&J Trucking Service, Inc.** for a change of zoning district from C-3 to M-1 on an approximately 81,016 square foot site designated Lot No. “B”, Plot 43, Almedia Plantation, **150 Almedia Plantation Drive, St. Rose**, Council District 5.
2021-03-R requested by **Sunset Ridge Development, LLC** for a change in zoning district from R-1B to O-L on approximately 146 acres in Sunset Drainage District #1, south of the northern turn of **Grand Bayou Rd., Bayou Gauche**, Council District 4.
ALTERNATE DATE: None PUBLISH: 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

ST. CHARLES PARISH HOSPITAL

Sealed bids will be received at the St. Charles Parish Hospital, 1057 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, Louisiana until 1:00 PM, Wednesday, January 25, 2021, at which time bids will be opened in public in Suite 200 – Administration/Magnolia Room for the following:

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Any bid received after 1:00 PM – Wednesday, January 25, 2021, shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from www.cityblueprint.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at: YKMH Consulting, LLC, 3500 N. Causeway Blvd, Suite 1500, Metairie, LA 70002, PHONE (504) 264-5112

All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD Friday, January 15 at 1:00 PM in the Plantation Room at 879 Milling ave Luling LA, 70070. Please send an RSVP to Louis King at lking@ykmhconsulting.com at least (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid location may change in response to the latest guidance from the State of Louisiana on gathering sizes during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Contractor shall hold a Louisiana Contractor’s license in Mechanical work. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check or cashier’s check for an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid. An executed affidavit must be submitted prior to bid award. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

Bids may also be submitted electronically by going to www.centralauctionhouse.com. Contractors opting to submit an electronic bid will be required to register on the website and pay a one-time annual service fee for this service.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

Bidders need not be present for opening of bids.

PUBLISH: December 31, 2020
January 7, 2021
January 14, 2021

PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE: January 15, 2021

BID OPENING DATE: January 25, 2021

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**ST. CHARLES PARISH
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The St. Charles Parish, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear:

2020 64 ZBA Roy A. Pierce to reduce the required side and rear yard to the property line at **418 Lakewood Dr., Luling**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 7.
2021 1 ZBA Dale & Ashley Dufrene for a flood elevation of 2.3 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +5 ft. NAVD also applies at **110 Cadow St., Paradis**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 4.
2021 2 ZBA Bradley Hogan for a flood elevation of 1 ft. above the centerline of the street where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **108 Luke Dr., Des Allemands**, Zoning District R-1A(M), Council District 4.
2021 3 ZBA Sheryl Karger to vary the fence height in the required front yard along on 4th St. from the maximum height of 4 ft. to 6 ft. at **524 Sugarhouse Rd., Luling**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 2.
2021 4 ZBA Bruce & Vali Burkenstock to reduce the required side yard to at **415 Wild Rose Dr., Norco**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 6.
2021 5 ZBA Lee Hebert to vary the fence height in the required front yard along the side property line from the maximum height of 4 ft. to 6 ft. at **300 Beau Place Blvd., Des Allemands**, Zoning District R-1A, Council District 4.
ALTERNATE DATE: 1/28/21
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The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of **West Bank Yard Building Project # P190401** as follows:

Owner: **St. Charles Parish**

Project Title: **West Bank Yard Building**

Project No.: **P190401**

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Description of Basic Work: **New building at Public Work Department’s West Bank Yard.**

Bids: Separate sealed Bids will be received by the ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS OFFICE, Parish of St. Charles, 15045 River Road, Courthouse 3rd Floor, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057, either by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or hand delivered, or electronically submitted at www.centralbidding.com, **no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on February 2, 2021**. Promptly thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of the St. Charles Parish Court House. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids in accordance with the Public Bid Law, and to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids.

Bidding Documents: The Bidding Documents (Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings) are available to Contractors who are properly licensed in Louisiana or to bona fide suppliers of materials and equipment for purchase and/or review at the office of the Engineer for the contract, Murray Architects, Inc., 13760 River Road, Destrehan, LA 70047.

A payment of \$ 50.00 in cash or check payable to the Architect will be required for each complete set of the Bidding Documents. This payment is refundable as provided in the La.R.S.38:2212(D).

Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference to discuss the scope of the project and the requirements of the Bidding and Contract Documents will be held on January 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the St. Charles Parish Department of Public Works and Wastewater, **100 River Oaks Dr., Destrehan, Louisiana**. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is **Non-Mandatory**.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check or bid bond. If the bid is submitted electronically and a certified or cashier’s check is used for bid bond, then the actual check shall be delivered to the ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS OFFICE, Parish of St. Charles, 15045 River Road, Courthouse 3rd Floor, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057. Electronic bids shall contain all the same documents that are required in a physically delivered bid.

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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: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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, JANUARY 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: ONE CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, located in Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 7 East, in that part thereof known as COUNTRY COTTAGE ESTATES, PHASE 3C-A AND 3C-B, being a portion of that property previously identified as Tract 3 of the C.L. Bougere Estates, said resub-division is shown on a plan prepared by Mandle Edwards Surveying, Inc., dated August 21, 2006, approved by the St. Charles Parish Planning Department on October 2, 2006 by Ordinance Number 06-10-07 and recorded at COB 679, folio 528, consisting of Lots 71 through 172, Lots 183 and 184. Being further identified as Lot 92, said lot, said lot having such shape and dimensions as shown on resubdivision plan.

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In accordance with La R.S. 38:2212.1, Port of South Louisiana, (herein referred to as the "Owner") hereby solicits sealed bids for a **USED QUARTER BARGE** (hereinafter referred to as "Barge"). It is the intent of the Port to secure pricing on a Used Quarter Barge for use by the Port. The barge will house the Owner's Marine Operations Crew.

Sealed Bids shall be addressed as follows: **Attn: Paul G. Aucoin, Sealed Bid Enclosed – Used Quarter Barge, Port of South Louisiana , Bidder's name should be printed outside of the sealed bid** and delivered to **171 Belle Terre Blvd, LaPlace, LA 70068** not later than **2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February, 2021**. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February, 2021, at the Port of South Louisiana Office** located at **171 Belle Terre Blvd, LaPlace, LA 70068**. Bids may also be submitted at www.centralauctionhouse.com

The minimum specifications for the quarter barge are stated in the Bid Form. Bidders shall furnish ownership documents, documentation of date built, descriptive literature and/or complete manufacturer's specifications, pictures (interior and exterior) and all other necessary data on the proposed barge. Bids must be submitted on the Bid Form furnished for this purpose and must be filled out with ink, or typewritten, and signed in ink or submitted electronically to www.centralauctionhouse.com. Each change or correction must be clearly marked and signed by bidder's authorized representative.

Should Bidder's barge not comply with minimum specifications requirements, Bidder shall provide detailed explanation as to the variances. Failure to explain exceptions to minimum bid specifications shall be cause for rejection of bid.

The barge shall be in operating condition and shall be subject to inspection before acceptance by Owner.

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The purpose and intention of this invitation to bid is to afford all bidders an equal opportunity to bid on all material, operating supplies and or equipment listed in this bid proposal. Items bid must meet specifications or be equivalent thereto, and must include all items listed as standard equipment by the manufacturer.

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In these specifications, there are specified equipment and materials most suitable for the service anticipated. This is not done to eliminate other items as good and sufficient. Where these specifications are definite specifications, it shall be understood that this is for the purpose of conveying the general style, type, character and quality of the used quarter barge and that equivalent products will be acceptable. It is necessary that the used quarter barge be able to dock at a specific location.

The Port reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause. Any such action will be in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 38.

For questions or additional information, please contact Brian Cox, Operations Director, at (985) 652-9278 or bcox@portsl.com.

Port of South Louisiana

Paul G. Aucoin
Executive Director

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Public Notice

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of SPILLWAY ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NUMBER: P190902 as follows:

Owner: **St. Charles Parish**

Project Title: SPILLWAY ROAD REHABILITATION

Project No.: P190902

Principal Work Location: BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY RIVER ROAD

Description of Basic Work: Full depth asphalt rehabilitation and culvert crossing reconstruction.

Bids: Separate sealed Bids will be received by the ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS OFFICE, Parish of St. Charles, 15045 River Road, Courthouse 3rd Floor, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057, either by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or hand delivered, or electronically submitted at www.centralbidding.com, **no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on February 2, 2021**. Promptly thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers, of the St. Charles Parish Court House. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids in accordance with the Public Bid Law, and to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids.

Bidding Documents: The Bidding Documents (Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings) are available to Contractors who are properly licensed in Louisiana or to bona fide suppliers of materials and equipment for purchase and/or review at the office of the Engineer for the contract, Principal Engineering, Inc. 1011 Causeway Blvd, Suite 19 Mandeville, LA 70471.

A payment of \$ 150.00 in cash or check payable to the Engineer will be required for each complete set of the Bidding Documents. This payment is refundable as provided in the La.R.S.38:2212(D).

Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference to discuss the scope of the project and the requirements of the Bidding and Contract Documents will be held on January 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center, **274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling Louisiana** Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is **non-mandatory**.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond. If the bid is submitted electronically and a certified or cashier's check is used for bid bond, then the actual check shall be delivered to the ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS OFFICE, Parish of St. Charles, 15045 River Road, Courthouse 3rd Floor, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057. Electronic bids shall contain all the same documents that are required in a physically delivered bid.

The outside of the bid envelope must contain the submitting firm's name, Louisiana Contractors License Number, the St. Charles Parish Project Number, and the St. Charles Parish Project Title.

St. Charles Parish is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage all small and minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises to participate in this solicitation.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the St. Charles Parish Council Office at 985-783-5000 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

St. Charles Parish Council
Mathew Jewell, Parish President

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Thursday, January 07, 2021
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Thursday, January 21, 2021

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, December 14, 2020)
Generated by Shelly Bobineaux on Tuesday, December 15, 2020

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

Members absent
Clarence "Sonny" Savoie (attended via phone)

Meeting called to order at 5:26 PM

1. Risk Management & Insurance

J. Robichaux opened the Risk Management & Insurance meeting.

1.01 Monthly Legal Update - Executive Session Committee Meeting Only

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

Director of Risk Management & Benefits John Cain provided a legal update to the Board.

Motion by D. Naquin; second by A. Aucoin to return to regular session.

1.02 Selection of Agency for Property Insurance

The School District solicited requests for proposals from four insurance agencies/brokerage firms to represent the School Board for the 2021 renewal of property insurance.

The proposals were received by the Director of Risk Manager and Benefits John Cain. The Risk Management & Insurance Committee met and reviewed the proposals and selected Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers and BRK Insurance Group/Riverlands Insurance, Inc. to present to the Board.

The first presentation was given by Rick Grub and Nolan Louque with BRK Insurance Group/Riverlands Insurance. The second presentation was given by Nancy Sylvester with Gallagher Insurance Company.

A discussion was held on modifiers, claims, adjustors, data points, company size, customer service and commissions vs. flat fees charged.

The insurance committee selected BRK/Riverlands Insurance to represent SCPPS. During discussion, the following board members agreed with the selection: M. Bernard, J. Robichaux, A. Aucoin, A. Suffrin, J. Smith while C. Savoie and D. Naquin disagreed with the selection.

Motion by A. Aucoin second by D. Naquin to adjourn.

2. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee

2.01 Proposed 2021-2022 School Session Calendar - First Reading

Melinda Bernard opened the Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee meeting.

School Board policy mandates that the School Board shall adopt a calendar for the forthcoming school session by March. A committee composed of school board members, a business and industry representative, central office administrators, principals, teachers, a parent, and students prepared a calendar for Board approval in accordance with our policy and procedures. Adoption of the calendar for the forthcoming school year as early as possible allows for the information to be disseminated to all stakeholders in a timely fashion.

The proposed calendar was presented to the Board by Public Information Coordinator Regina McMillan.

This agenda item will be on the December 16, 2020 Board meeting agenda for the first reading.

2.02 2020 Accountability and Academic Progress Update - Committee Meeting Only

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Erin Granier provided an update on accountability and student academic progress and support.

A discussion was held. Another accountability update will be given at the January Board meeting.

2.03 Revised 2020-21 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook

Executive Director of Student Services Jerry Smith reviewed ACT 48 of the Second Extraordinary 2020 Louisiana Legislative Session. A special review of the St. Charles Parish Public Schools Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook was conducted by the Discipline Committee on December 2, 2020 and recommendations for revisions to the handbook were made to include discipline procedures for the virtual learning environment.

This agenda item will be on the December 16, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by J. Robichaux; second by D. Naquin

3. Finance & Audit Committee

3.01 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit FY19-20

Al Suffrin opened the Finance & Audit Committee meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Donna Post introduced (via zoom) Mickey Simon with LaPorte CPAs & Advisors who presented the FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Board.

Ms. Post also informed the Board that a certificate of excellence has been requested.

A discussion was held concerning the fund balance, COVID-19 costs and sales tax revenue.

3.02 Accounts Payable for the Month of November 2020

With no questions or conversations, Mr. Suffrin referred the Board to the Accounts Payable and the Budget Comparison attachments. This item will be on the December 16, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

J. Robichaux motioned to adjourn; second by D. Naquin

4. Personnel & Policy Committee

4.01 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

John Smith opened the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented leave options relative to the expiration of Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). A discussion was held concerning the reduced number of days required to be out and the effects of that on the FFCRA Act.

The Board agreed to extend the 10 days until June 30, 2021 and asked for future data projections for employees expected to be out. This agenda item will be added to the December 16, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Smith requested to consent agenda items 4.02 and 4.03. There were no objections.

4.02 Policy 2.16 Board Meetings, First Reading
4.03 Policy 2.34 Superintendent, First Reading

4.04 Personnel Items

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre reviewed the personnel notes as presented to the Board. This item will be on the December 16, 2020 Board meeting agenda.

A discussion was held on the bus operator shortage and upcoming comprehensive plan that will be presented to the Board in January.

A discussion was held on virtual meetings and if voting is allowed if attending virtually. Virtual vs. Hybrid meetings were also discussed. These items will be confirmed by the Superintendent with attorney Bob Hammonds.

J. Robichaux discussed the upcoming fiscal session this year and the possible phase-out inventory tax.

Motion by M. Bernard; second by S. Savoie to adjourn.

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting (Wednesday, December 16, 2020)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Thursday, December 17, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

The Board Vice President called the Board meeting to order.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Kallie Currigee an 11th grader at Destrehan High led a prayer before the pledge.

Mr. Ellis Alexander led the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 Roll Call

Members present

Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, The Superintendent and Executive Secretary.

Members Absent

C.H. "Sonny" Savoie

2. Resolutions/Proclamations

2.01 Resolution in Memory of Leatha Alexander

Motion by Ellis A Alexander, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Accept the resolution in Memory of Leatha Alexander.

Motion by Ellis A Alexander, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

2.02 Resolution Granting Appointment of Napoli & Shkolnik, PLLC for Special Counsel Services

Accept the resolution granting appointment of Napoli & Shkolnik, PLLC for Special Counsel Services.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Arthur A Aucoin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

3. Recognitions

3.01 Recognition of Christmas Card Winner

The Annual Christmas Card Contest is held for students to compete for the honor of having their design selected as the Board's official Christmas card.

The 2020 winner is Casey Smith, a 10th grade student at Hahnville High School. The Board President and Superintendent presented the framed official School Board card to Casey.

3.02 Board and Superintendent's Recognition

4. Business Items

4.01 Minutes, November 16, 2020 Committee Meetings, November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and November 30, 2020 Special Insurance Meeting

Approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Committee Meetings, November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and November 30, 2020 Special Insurance Meeting as presented to the Board.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by John L Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.02 Proposed 2021-2022 School Session Calendar - First Reading

Approve the proposed 2021-2022 school session calendar for the first reading.

Motion by John L Smith, second by Arthur A Aucoin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.03 Revised 2020-21 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook

Accept revisions to the St. Charles Parish Public Schools 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct; District Handbook.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by John L Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.04 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) - BOARD Meeting

Extend the leave options for employees provided by Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) through June 30, 2021 if the federal government does not extend the current Act.

Motion by Anhur A Aucoin, second by Alex L Suffrin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.05 Policy 1.29 Non-Title IX Sexually Related Student Misconduct, Second Reading and Adoption

Accept the revisions to Board Policy 1.29 Sexual Harassment of Students (Non-Title IX Sexually Related Student Misconduct) for a second reading and adoption.

Motion by Dennis J Naquin, second by Arthur A Aucoin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.06 Policy 1.31 Child Abuse and Neglect, Second Reading and Adoption

Accept revisions to Board Policy 1.31 Child Abuse and Neglect for a second reading and adoption.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.07 Policy 4.30 Employment of Retired Personnel, Second Reading and Adoption

Accept revisions to Board Policy 4.30 Employment of Retired Personnel for a second reading and adoption.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by John L Smith.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.08 Policy 2.16 Board Meetings, First Reading

Accept the revisions to Board Policy 2.16 Board Meetings for a first reading.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.09 Policy 2.34 Superintendent, First Reading

Accept revisions to Board Policy 2.34 Superintendent for a first reading.

Motion by Dennis J Naquin, second by Arthur A Aucoin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.10 Personnel Items

Approve the personnel items as presented to the Board.

Motion by Dennis J Naquin, second by Arthur A Aucoin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.11 Reappointment of Stephanie Gullage and Rosemary Sanders to the Lafon Performing Arts Center Endowment Board until June 30, 2021 (retroactive to July 1, 2020)

Approve the Reappointment of Stephanie Gullage and Rosemary Sanders to the Lafon Performing Arts Center Endowment Board until June 30, 2021 (retroactive to July 1, 2020).

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Ellis A Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.12 Accounts Payable for the Month of November 2020

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

COST

General Fund	\$1,678,237
Special Revenue Funds	738,376
Capital Projects	448,932
Debt Service Fund	0
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,865,545

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Ellis A Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit FY19-20

Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit for FY19-20.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, 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, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.14 Election of President of the Board

Nominate Melinda H Bernard as President of the Board

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

Close nominations for President of the Board.

Motion by D. Naquin, second by A. Suffrin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.15 Election of Vice President of the Board

Nominate Al Suffrin as Vice President of the Board.

Motion by D. Naquin; second by J. Robichaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

Motion by J. Robichaux ; second by D. Naquin to close nominations.

Close nominations for Vice President of the Board.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

5. Closing Items

5.01 Standing Committee Reports

Al Suffrin gave the Finance & Audit Committee meeting report.

The Personnel & Policy Committee report was given by John Smith.

Risk Management & Insurance Committee meeting items were covered by J. Robichaux.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee report was given by M. Bernard.

5.02 Superintendent's Report

Destrehan Wildcats

Congratulations to the Destrehan Wildcat Football Team, coaches, players on making it to the semi-finals in the 5 A State Football Playoffs! Their hard work, determination, and success certainly makes our Triple A School System and community proud and is a true testament to their commitment to excellence. We would also like to thank all the programs that directly support their continued success including band, color guard, dance, and cheer teams in addition to the trainers and medical professionals. We look forward to seeing them beat the Acadiana Rams and advance to the State Championship game. Good luck.

2020 Holiday Programs

Please tune in to Channel 8 over the Christmas break to view Christmas programs hosted by our schools throughout December. These holiday programs feature the outstanding talents of the students in St Charles Parish. The channel 8 programming schedule can be found on the district's website.

Christmas Holidays

On behalf of the St. Charles Parish Public School System, I want to wish all the families, employees and members of our community a wonderful holiday season. There will be early dismissal on Friday, December 18. Holidays will extend from December 21 through January 3. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021. While challenging, it has been an extraordinarily opportunistic year when we have come together to re-imagine services and provide high quality educational opportunities for our students. I'd like to give a special thanks to our teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, custodians, food and nutrition personnel, bus operators, distribution men, maintenance personnel, and all St. Charles Parish Public School staff for your commitment to this organization, each other, and most importantly our students. We appreciate each of you. May all of you have a joyful, safe and blessed holiday season and a healthy, Happy New Year.

5.03 Superintendent Evaluation Update - Executive Session Board Meeting Only

Motion by D. Naquin and second by J. Robichaux and unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session as per L.R.S. 42:16-17.

5.04 Meeting Adjourn

Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by John W Robichaux, second by Dennis J Naquin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, Dennis J Naquin, John W Robichaux, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

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PUBLIC NOTICE - - - IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION OF SARAH NICHOLSON BARATTINI, NO. P12.785 DIV. "D" 29TH 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.

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Public Notice



State of Louisiana
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 3 JBE 2021

**SPECIAL ELECTION – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Rep. Codrie Richmond, effective January 15, 2021, a vacancy shall exist in the office of United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Const., Art. I, §2 and La. R.S. 18:1279 require the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of a member of the United States House of Representatives and to determine the dates on which the election will be held and the dates of the qualifying period for the election.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout Louisiana's Second Congressional District, for the purpose of electing a member of the United States House of Representatives to fill the vacancy in this office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 20, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021.

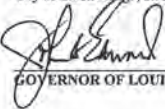
SECTION 3: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

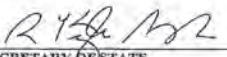
SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Boards of Election Supervisors, Clerks of Court, Registrars of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdictions encompassed by the Second Congressional District of the State of Louisiana, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of January, 2021.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE


SECRETARY OF STATE

Publish: January 14, 2021

Public Notice

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021,
6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH
COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD,
HAHNVILLE:**

2021-0003 (1/11/21, Darensbourg Gordon)
An ordinance to provide for the installation of “ALL-WAY STOP” signs on Shaw Street at its intersection with Pine Street in Hahnville.

2021-0016 (1/11/21, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board for the Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) of the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion Project (State Project No. BA-0001).

2021-0017 (1/11/21, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance to approve and authorize the purchase of the property at 110 Ducayet Drive, Destrehan, Louisiana, for drainage improvements.

2021-0018 (1/11/21, Jewell, G. Dussom)
An ordinance to amend the 2021 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 1, to add expenditures totaling \$180,000.00 for the General Fund Account 001-400610 Planning and Zoning – unspent in 2020 and apply this amount to professional services for the update to the Parish Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

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As COVID-19 spreads, parish adapting to changes
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The spread of COVID-19 has brought on a whirlwind of change nationwide, and that is no different in St. Charles Parish as local institutions continue to implement methods to protect the public.

There have been three positive cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) reported by St. Charles Parish. The high number of cases just outside the parish have been the primary reason for area-wide concern.

The vast majority of these cases in Orleans Parish and the New Orleans metro area as a whole.

On Monday, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced measures to prevent further spread of the virus by limiting the size of gatherings to fewer than 50 people (down from an initial limit of 250), closing casinos, bars and movie theaters and limiting restaurants to delivery, take out and drive-through orders only. Those measures followed his announcement last week that all K-12 public schools statewide would be closed through April 13.

April 13 is also the tentative date for each of the other measures to ease as well, but Edwards warned Monday that the situation would be reevaluated as that date approaches.

COVID-19 on 6A

Over 100 pounds lost, but more gained
TURN to 2A

Decorator accused of stealing \$36,000
TURN to 2A

Local grocers try to keep up with non-stop demand
Monique Roth Editor
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"It's worse than Katrina ... ten times worse."

Barry Najara, of Majoris Supermarket in Houma, didn't mince words this week when he described the scene at his grocery store.

"There's been a crazy amount of business," he said. "We can't keep up and the shelves are bare."

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, Najara said shipments of food and product coming into the store are getting delayed, and what he is getting in is selling extremely fast. As of now, he says the store will continue with normal hours and operations.

It's normal hours for now for Frank's Supermarket in Des Allemands as well, owner Tara Gaudry said. She said the store's crowds have been heavier than

GROCERIES on 12A

Small business owners feeling pandemic's effects
Monique Roth Editor
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As COVID-19 concerns plague the country into the unforeseeable future, small business owners in St. Charles Parish are already feeling the pandemic's effects.

"We have lost a lot of New Orleans convention orders due to the virus," Kristi Brocato, owner of The Basketry said last week.

"In the last two weeks, we have done many refunds and have taken apart several projects or have had to throw away projects that

The Basketry had ordered clothing and supplies for customers, but owner Kristi Brocato eventually decided to temporarily close the shop's doors.

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