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Family credits power of prayer after tumor disappears

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Even as a woman with very strong faith, the words Paula Rechen heard sounded too good to be true.

Rechen was just one week away from a trip to New York with her husband and 14-year-old son Grant, where Grant was set to undergo surgery – just the latest for a child who has had 16 procedures in his life – and learn his next steps in treatment to address a mass found in his brain. In November, doctors found it in an MRI after Grant began feeling ill and it was feared to be connected to the rare illness he's battled in his life since he was just three months of age – Vein of Galen Malformation, a rare blood vessel abnormality.

So it would have been natural for the Rechens to fear the worst. But days prior to leaving, the family attended a special healing mass with their community at St. Anthony of Padua church in Luling, where Father Anthony Odiong prayed over Grant, anointed him with oil and put Grant's hands and head on the image of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, displayed at the church's healing chapel.

HEALING on 7A



Grant Rechen with Dat Dad's Club of Luling after fundraiser.

Tigers finish as semifinalist



TURN to 1B

Crime drama films in Ashton Plantation



TURN to 2A

Meghan's Mission continues in St. Charles Parish

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Hahnville native Meghan Schexnayder Greco passed away from cancer in 2019, but her mission here on Earth lives on thanks to friends and family who are creating opportunities for youth to travel on faith-based pilgrimages in her memory.

The objective of Meghan's Mission is to continue to inspire others through Meghan's faith and spiritual conversion. The organization plans youth pilgrimages and provides an opportunity to fundraise to supplement the cost for each child that joins in on the pilgrimages.



Meghan Schexnayder

Kelly Bourgeois, who currently volunteers with the group, said while many of the volunteers and teens associated

MISSION on 9A

Parish may allow teachers to enroll out-of-district children

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St. Charles Parish's public school district has taken measures toward potentially allowing the children of school personnel residing outside of the parish to attend its schools, starting in the 2021-2022 school year.

At last month's meeting of the St. Charles Parish School Board on Feb. 24, the board unanimously voted to move forward on consideration of two policy revisions that would open the door to allow certificated employees to register non-resident pre-K through 12th grade students in their school of choice, provided adequate space and staffing is available. The two revisions earned the green light to move forward into a first reading.



The revisions will be brought before the board on March 24 for a second reading and, if approved then, the changes will be effective for the next school year.

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Fit for a Queen: crime drama filmed in Ashton Plantation

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Those Luling residents who call the Ashton Plantation community home might have heard a few curious, loud noises in their neck of the woods last week – but though it may have sounded a bit scary, there was nothing to fear.

The area played host as the USA Network crime drama Queen of the South filmed scenes for its upcoming fifth and final season on March 10. Production for the show took place at 117 Lac Sauvage Drive, and from the sounds of it the Ashton scenes could be action packed, as gunfire was simulated for the filming.

The season is set to premier on April 7, though there is no word on when the Luling scenes specifically will air.

Queen of the South is an adaptation of the

Spanish soap opera La Reina del Sur, which itself is based on a novel of the same name written by Arturo Perez-Reverte. The series follows “Queen” Teresa Mendoza (Alice Braga), a woman from Sinaloa, Mexico who had a modest background – for a time, at least. After falling in love with a member of the drug cartel, a series of twists and turns result in Mendoza rising to great wealth – and power - through the drug trade.

That is not the recipe for a peaceful life, of course, and the action and drama surrounding Mendoza only escalates as the series goes on, and she is forced to seek refuge in America

FILMING on 10A



Trailers set up in Ashton Plantation for filming of crime drama Queen of the South.

Corrections nurse lends skills, wisdom to those in need

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Kecia Charles has always had a drive inside her to help others.

The St. Rose native has been a registered nurse for the past 25 years and currently serves as the health services administrator at Nelson Coleman Correctional Center in Killona, where she oversees a staff providing care for more than 400 inmates. Beyond her job there, however, she regularly mentors young women in the community, lending wisdom to help them achieve.

When it came time to choose a career, Charles had two distinct paths in mind, each of them a path to give of herself to others: nursing and teaching, and she was torn between them.

Ultimately, her calling was nursing, noting that decision was something of a natural call. Charles has strong bloodlines in the medical field.

“I come from a long line of nurses in my family,” Charles said. “My oldest aunt was one of the first African-American

nursing administrators at the Veteran’s Administration. I have two sisters and eight cousins who are nurses ... I like to say caregiving is in our DNA.”

It’s a decision she has zero regrets on.

“Nursing is challenging, interesting and allows me to make a difference in people’s daily lives,” she said. “Working in corrections allows me to provide quality healthcare to an underserved population.”

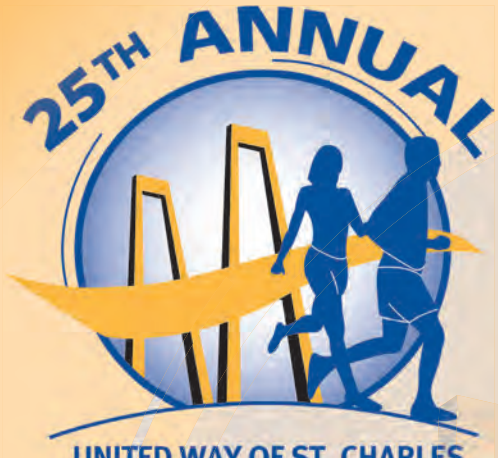
Her last point is a key one.

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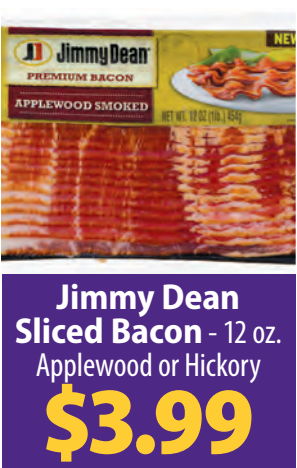
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Local trio’s friendship grows through workouts

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A lot has changed in St. Charles Parish over years, but one thing has stayed remarkably the same – if you want to use an elliptical machine at NDurance Fitness in the early morning hours, you better pick one that isn’t in front of the televisions. That is, if you’re not Pam



Pam Albanese, Mary Clair Hotard and Beth Creed.

Albanese, Mary Clair Hotard and Beth Creed.

The three friends have been gathering in their sacred workout spot each morning between 4:30-5 a.m. for over eight years.

“They have watched each other’s kids grow and talk though the world problems over the news and the elliptical trainer,” Brandi LeBlanc, who owns the gym, said. “Everyone that comes into the gym knows these three ladies. It’s been amazing just to see that relationship flourish ... they’re just there for each other true friends.”

Creed said nearly a decade ago the trio established their one-hour, early morning elliptical routine so that their workouts didn’t interfere with time with their families.

“We take pride in making the mornings at 4:30 a little brighter,” she said laughing.

Albanese said having such faithful workout companions has been a blessing, and that the group is there for each other during life’s good times – like their children’s graduations and the birth of grandchildren – and in life’s tough times - like family illnesses and the death of parents.

“I am very grateful to have them in my

WORKOUT on 10A

Destrehan woman finds creative ways to give back

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When Cheri Fauchaux can’t find a way, she makes one.

During the past year, the Destrehan resident has blazed her own trails when it comes to finding creative and impactful ways to give back to the residents of St. Charles Parish.

“I like to give back,” she said. “I like to show up ... this is where I live and you should do what you can.”

When Fauchaux’s home was spared in the May 2020 flood, she knew she needed to do something to help her friends and neighbors who weren’t so fortunate.

Within days she had collected and organized enough resources to feed several hundred families multiple meals. Her determination to continue to help flood victims and use every dollar that was donated led her to distribute even more food goody bags filled with treats and various home air fresheners to people whose homes had flooded.

Another

hardship

– pandemic-induced gym closures – led Fauchaux to blaze another creative trail.

Because Fauchaux is well-versed in the health and fitness industry - she has worked in gym settings for years and owned the tumbling school on Red Church for 12 years – she knows the mental and physical importance of exercise.

“When the gyms closed down, people didn’t have anywhere to go and even when they opened back up people



Cheri Fauchaux collected food to feed several hundred families after flooding.

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Couple loses barn, 14 goats killed in fire

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For Amber Theard and her husband Mark, it was a horrific night on several levels, starting with a phone call.

“My daughter called me, screaming,” Theard said. “Our barn was on fire.”

Theard, a resident of St. Rose for 30 years before moving to Livingston Parish where the family of six – and really more, with animals aplenty treated like part of the family – made a new farm home for themselves, was out to dinner with her husband on Feb. 13 for a Valentine’s outing, but that ended in a flash as the two hustled home. The road to get there can be treacherous, through a hilly area of town, and in their haste the situation became worse when their vehicle went out of control and wrecked, flipping twice as it was totaled. The car went airborne, and the two were not restrained.

Though neither escaped injury, the couple was able to walk away from the accident. The news did not get better once they arrived home, however: the family’s 14 pet goats were trapped inside the barn during the fire and perished.

“Our kids were very attached to them,” Theard said. “We bought some of them still on the bottle, so we would all get up early and give them



The Theard family’s pet goats

the bottle before school. It was something we kind of did together as a family.”

Some of the goats being brought up were to be showed by the Theard children for the 4-H club. Others were simply family pets. Two of the goats were close to giving birth. All were beloved by the family of animal lovers, which cares for horses, chickens, eight dogs, six cats and a pig on the farm.

One goat was picked by Theard’s son, who fell in love with the animal while visiting another farm. He used his birthday money to buy the brown goat who went on to be named Cocoa, and the two had a special bond, Theard said.

“I couldn’t touch her, but he could walk right

GOATS on 11A

Montz levee path nearly complete, other recreation projects continue

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A paved levee path in Montz that will complete the parish-to-parish connection between St. Charles and St. John the Baptist should be complete within the next 30 days.

“In the previous administration there was a bike and walking master plan, and Montz was a big part of it,” Samantha de Castro, parish director of communications, said. “It will complete the parish-to-parish path on the East Bank levee. The river was so high for so long last year that it prevented some work from taking place, but we hope to be done within the next 30 days.”

This final phase of the multi-use levee path in Montz was awarded nearly \$1 million by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in 2018, and project funding came through the Transportation Alternatives Program for fiscal year 2018-19.



Construction on a walking path in Killona is also underway.

De Castro said the work is part of many recreation projects happening around St. Charles Parish, including continued work on Ed Reed Park in St. Rose, construction of a Killona walking path and assembly of new park equipment for JB Green Park in Des Allemands.



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Sister-owned snowball stand takes off in St. Rose

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Sisters Kala Smith and Shalina Burlak grew up in St. Charles Parish and knew they wanted to open a business there.

“We always wanted to own something together,” Burlak said. “So we thought about a party business and we were working on that for years but decided against it. Then we thought of a place with different types of fries.”

None of their ideas stuck. Then in 2019 they decided to ask about a vacant building at 101 Saint Rose Avenue, and their dreams of entrepreneurship finally started to take shape – in the form of snowballs.

“That building was vacant and abandoned for five years,” Burlak said. “And we said, ‘Well let’s just ask about this.’ We worked on it from February to August. It was the most challenging thing I’ve gone through. When we finally opened, we were excited and happy ... it was such an accomplishment after all that work.”

Sweet Magnolia opened in August of 2019 for the tail end of that summer snowball season. The sisters felt poised and ready for 2020, but the pandemic handed them a less than ideal spring and summer selling season.

Even still, they were able to remain open, which Burlak said they were grateful for.

“We feel good about this year,” Burlak said about 2021. “Last season we had our faithful customers who would come every day, and now with the vaccine people are venturing out more.”

The duo grew up in, and today reside in, St. Rose. Smith said it’s a dream come true to open a business there.

“It’s kind of surreal, because we grew up here,” she said. “When I drive by and see it, I still think, ‘Oh my God, this is mine.’ It’s so amazing to have something in the community and something that contributes to it. I love that this will be part of some kids’ childhood summer memories ... coming to our snowball stand.”

Smith said while the stand offers other food items – like chicken tenders, nachos, and fries – the sisters pride themselves the most in the freshness of their snowball products.

“We are really proud of our fresh products and the quality of the products,” she said. “We make the puree for our strawberry snowballs from fresh strawberries, and we don’t use any preservatives. Nothing stays in the fridge longer than a couple days.”

This summer the sisters will take a

MAGNOLIA on 11A



Sisters Kala Smith and Shalina Burlak



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HEALING from 1A

“(Odiong) told me, ‘Grant is going to be healed,’” Rechen said. “Charlie Bush (a member of Odiong’s healing team) told me the same, that he would be healed. As a mother, you wish for that. You just don’t expect it.”

Understandably: after all, the family was told in November that the mass in Grant’s brain signified a progressive situation.

“We knew he’d have to have a procedure, and then we’re thinking of how many more he’ll need,” Rechen said. “What are the next steps? All of that.”

Only there were no steps to take.

Miraculously, the tumor was gone, and Grant received a clean bill of health.

“He went in for his angiogram. Within an hour, we heard from the doctor ... he said, ‘there’s nothing else I need to do,’” Rechen recalled. “‘The boy is healed.’ That’s what he said. ‘The boy is healed. You don’t have to come back anymore. And we felt like ... ‘what?’”

Nobody was sure what caused the mass to grow again when an MRI revealed it. And nobody is completely sure how it disappeared. Rechen does not hesitate when directing credit though.

“We totally give that to the hands of the Blessed Mother and the healing chapel at St. Anthony,” she said. “This is all to the Blessed Mother, to St. Joseph, to Jesus and to the prayers of our family and our family at St. Anthony. Because that’s what it is: a family.”

Odiong brought the healing mass to the church in 2016 after joining the community as its pastor. The church holds a healing mass on the final Thursday of each month, the relatively new tradition just starting up again earlier this year after a COVID-19 induced hiatus.

Many prayers came true with the news of Grant’s strong health.

“We all had Grant in our prayers leading up to them leaving,” said Kevin Robicheaux, a member of St.



Grant Rechen with community at St. Anthony Of Padua Catholic Church in Luling.

Anthony’s community. “We continued to pray for safe flight, good results and for the physicians, doctors, their staff ... for Grant to come back home safe and in better condition. And he went up there ... it basically became a trip to visit friends and family, because he didn’t need medical intervention after all. It’s amazing”

Rechen fully believes her son is a miracle child, and she’s been given many reasons to embrace that idea.

Grant is one of just two known people in the world to survive bilateral collapsed jugular veins and Vein of Galen Malformation. Most children diagnosed with Vein of Galen Malformation don’t live long enough to even receive the diagnosis, as it causes a hole in the heart because of the disease.

Three years ago, Grant’s neurosurgeon said traditional treatment options had been exhausted and suggested an experimental radiation treatment that would hopefully cure him for good. It seemed to do exactly that, but when the mass was found to have returned in Grant’s brain late last year, the ensuing fears of the family were obvious.

Those fears have been extinguished.

“They told us, ‘He’s done,’” Rechen said. “‘He can live a normal life.’”

Those words also may have sounded too good to be true – maybe even more than those from Odiong and Bush a week prior.

For Grant, more than anyone.

“(After the angiogram) when we told Grant he was healed, he kind of teared up,” Rechen said. “It was like he couldn’t believe it ... it was very emotional.

“He’s so happy now. He’s working on designing his own fishing lures. He loves to fish.”

The healing mass was also emotional. Rechen was able to watch Odiong and Grant pray together from a window outside of the chapel – the healing mass is held outdoors currently due to COVID-19 precautions, while Odiong brings those in need of his help into the chapel for the healing ceremony.

“He took Grant in ... I was outside, and I just fell on my knees and tears started flowing,” Rechen said. “I felt the presence of Jesus and of the Blessed Mother ... I felt love and I felt peace, so much of it, with a community of people around us praying. It’s almost unexplainable.”

Bush called that community “powerful,” and reiterated what he said to Rechen that night.

“We fully expect it. When we go to a healing service, we fully expect it,” Bush said. “We’ve seen it many times, so you have to go expecting it ... having faith. We really expected him to be healed. And we’re very blessed to see it happen.

“The Rechens are wonderful folks and we are just so happy for him and for them.”

The healing mass itself is the culmination of a longer process. Members of the approximately 30 member healing team hold a nine-day novena, reciting prayers with healing intention and fasting. The night prior to the mass, the group gathers and prays as a team.

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Ecroyd

Marvin Lars Ecroyd passed peacefully from this life on March 4th, 2021 to join his wife, Sharon Kay Myers Ecroyd, in the presence of our Lord and Savior. He was at his home in Norco, Louisiana, surrounded by loving family. He was 66 years young. Marvin was born at Keesler AFB in Gulfport Mississippi to Melvin Lars Ecroyd, and Mary Estelle Walker on August 25, 1954. He joined the US Marine Corps as a young man. His MOS was firefighter but he was also commended for firearms/rifle Marksman among other various commendations. After his Honorable Discharge from the Marines, He proudly served as Vice-Commander and Commander at the American Legion Post 195 in Norco, Louisiana. His primary occupation was that of a diesel mechanic. He was passionate about anything with a motor and enjoyed restoring his orange Chevrolet pickup truck. He loved camping and spending time with family and friends. Marvin was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Sharon Kay Myers Ecroyd, his father Melvin Lars Ecroyd, his mother Mary Estelle Walker, and his brother Marcus Lee Ecroyd.

He is survived by his son, Norman A Lord (Jessica), his daughter Tammera Lord, his five grandchildren Jessica Luneau (Adam), Jennifer Freeman (Mead), Antoine Ocmond (Abigail), Krystin Lord and Katelyn Dukes (DJ), 13 great-grandchildren, and his brother Melvin H Ecroyd. Graveside services will be held on March 19th at the Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, LA at 1:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held on March 19th from 6-9 p.m. at the American Legion Post 195, 424 Clayton Drive in Norco, Louisiana. The family invites friends to come and help celebrate Marvin's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation toward funeral expenses (H.C. Alexander Funeral Home). Contact Tammi, (870)302-8840, with questions or for information concerning flowers or donations.



Dawes

Maureen Joan Miller Dawes passed away unexpectedly at her home in Norco on March 11, 2021 due to complications from heart disease. Born in New Orleans on May 20, 1963, Maureen grew up in the "Garden District" of Norco, as she loved to call it. A faithful Christian, Maureen was a wonderful accomplished cook, and a gracious hostess. She was employed as a tour guide at San Francisco Plantation and was a passionate volunteer with Take Paws Rescue, a volunteer animal rescue organization.

Maureen embraced the joie de vivre of all things Louisiana but held Jazz Fest as the crown jewel. Each Jazz Fest, you could always find her at the same spot just a little right of center, inside of the turf track. She especially loved her family, including her cousins, her Maltese, Sadie, and her Yorkie, Rita, and she relished any chance to visit the beach.

Maureen is survived by her twin sister, Maria Miller Earle (Michael Earle), brothers, Ross A. Miller and Gregory A. Miller (Amy Pfrimmer), and nieces, Emma Miller Manson, Kristin Rome Graebert, Candice Miller Catalano, and Brooke Miller Bazile, stepmother, Sue Cutrer Miller, Tante Carol Blanchard Doescher, and numerous cousins.

Maureen was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Ralph R. Miller and Anne Blanchard Miller, godparents, Tante Joan Blanchard Montero, and David "Uncle Jimmy" Miller, and grandparents, Emma Cambre Miller, Homer Faust Miller, Florence Tassin Blanchard, and John Samuel Blanchard.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Maureen's life on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at HC Alexander Funeral Home in Norco, with visitation beginning at 9:00am, services at 11:00am, followed by food and drink at the American Legion Hall.

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• **Gregory Morgan Jr., 37**, of 208 Schoolhouse Road in Killona, was arrested March 12 and charged with theft from a building, domestic abuse battery involving strangulation of a pregnant victim with child endangerment and resisting an officer.



• **Keith Garcia, 50**, of 1 Summerton Drive in St. Rose, was arrested March 14 and charged with domestic abuse battery involving strangulation. He was a fugitive (five counts) with an attachment.



• **Alex Jackson, 38**, of 7231 Yorktown Drive in New Orleans, was arrested March 14 and charged with illegal window tint, possession of marijuana, suspended driver's license and taking contraband to penal institution. He was a fugitive.

• **Christopher Frasier, 22**, of 101 Churchhill Downs in LaPlace, was arrested March 13 and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He had an attachment (three counts).

• **Mardi Brown, 40**, of 529 S. Kinler St. in Boutte, was arrested March 11 and charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

• **Dechris Strong, 28**, of 158 Evangeline Road in Montz, was arrested March 10 and charged with possession with intent to distribute MDMA, illegal carrying of weapon in presence of CDS, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.

• **Breian Thompson, 24**, of 4828 Zenith St. in Metairie, was arrested March 10 and charged with possession of a firearm by convicted felon, illegal carrying of a weapon in presence of CDS, possession of MDMA, possession of drug paraphernalia, switched plate, loud music from vehicle, possession of marijuana (second offense) and illegal possession of a stolen firearm.



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MISSION from 1A

with Meghan's Mission are parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Luling, anyone in the parish is invited to join in.

The first Meghan's Mission trip was in 2019, when a handful of teenagers took the trip to Medjugorje.

"That trip really solidified the desire to found the mission," Bourgeois said. "We said, 'Let's make this a non-profit' ... we want to take the kids at least every two years."

The 2019 trip followed Meghan's own trip there in 2018, when she and her mother Angie Schexnayder and Father Anthony Odiong of St. Anthony of Padua Church, along with friends and other parishioners, made the pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Meghan, at the time, was very ill and diagnosed in her seventh year of bone and lung cancer. During the trip, Meghan stayed as part of a group with the visionary Mirjana Soldo. During her stay, Mirjana and Meghan bonded, and Meghan and Odiong were invited



Meghan's Mission is currently fundraising for 13 teenagers to go on the next trip to Medjugorje.

to kneel next to Mirjana for the Oct. 2, 2018 Apparition. Odiong was also asked to lead the English version of the Rosary before the Apparition started.

Immediately after the Apparition,

Meghan was approached by Stella Mar film crew, who asked if they could document her story. Odiong was invited to be the Main Celebrant for nearly 30,000 pilgrims at St. James Chapel.

Meghan was asked to return to help to lead the 2019 Youth Fest, where an estimated 50,000 to 80,000 youth congregate each year, and share her story of conversion.

Because Meghan died before that trip could happen, Bourgeois and others brought parish youth there, and it was from that trip that Meghan's Mission was founded.

Bourgeois said fundraising for subsequent trips started immediately, but that the COVID pandemic side-lined efforts for a while.

Now, however, the group is back in action to fundraise for the next trip.

"We've done raffles and meals from the church," Bourgeois said. "Those have been hugely successful. Our parish has been so wonderful. Their generosity is beautiful."

Bourgeois said the next trip was originally slated for this June, but because of COVID restrictions was pushed back to at least October, and maybe even into next year.

But no matter when it happens, Bourgeois said fundraising will continue.

"It's so beautiful," Bourgeois said of the community's generosity. "It's wonderful to live in such a community. Our community is so generous and so supportive. The experience teaches the kids fundraising and working together for an end goal."

Bourgeois said 13 participants have signed up for the next trip.

"A few of the kids who went on that original trip are wanting to go back," she said. "It was cool to see that eagerness for them to go back because it had impacted them so much. The kids going on this kind of trip at such a young age has such a huge impact on their lives."

For updates on fundraising efforts and events, visit the Meghan's Mission Facebook page.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT from 1A

The measure was brought for consideration in an effort to bolster recruiting measures for district staff and educators, as well as to effectively retain those within its current ranks. School district spokeswoman Stevie Crovetto said St. Charles Parish has felt the effects of a growing shortage of teachers nationwide.

"Like most districts across the state and the country, the school system is feeling the effects of the growing national teacher shortage and the consequent challenge to hire certificated teachers," she said. "The biggest impacts of the shortage are being felt at the middle and high school level and in the special education area."

Crovetto noted the number of students studying the teaching profession at the university level continues to decline, and that's led to a decreased pool of potential candidates for hire.

Under the proposal, those district employees enrolling their children via the new provision would pay \$1,000 per child to help offset educational costs. Transportation would not be provided, and before and after school child care would be offered assuming space is available. Non-resident students would only be able to participate in face-to-face learning, again provided that space is available.

The estimated cost of the measure is \$280,000.

The employees would be required to seek authorization from the child welfare and attendance office and meet the employee out of attendance zone waiver requirements.

Previously, the requirements for out-of-district students to attend St. Charles schools was that the public school in which the student was most recently enrolled, or would otherwise attend, received a school performance letter grade of D or F for the most recent school year, and that the St. Charles district have sufficient capacity at the appropriate grade level.

It comes on the heels of a study by the school district's human resource department regarding the feasibility of allowing staff to enroll their out-of-district children, estimating potential participation and costs that would be associated with the move. The school board requested the study in the Spring of 2020. Crovetto said the study determined that allowing the practice would be both sustainable and beneficial for the school system, and would create a competitive edge in recruitment and retention efforts.

"It is of benefit to not only those employees, but for all students and families as it enhances our ability to hire and keep

the best and brightest educators to teach our students and prepare them for the future. We are fortunate to be in the position where attending our school system is an attractive offer to potential and current educators," she said.

The study estimated that approximately 75 non-resident students could be added parish-wide under the new format.

The school system receives funding from several different sources, including the federal government, state government, local sales and property taxes and grants. Crovetto noted the \$1,000 fee would help offset some, but not all costs, as it is unlikely Minimum Foundation Program funding would follow the students from out of parish.

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FILMING from 2A



The New Orleans area made its Queen of the South debut in season 4.

when she is targeted by rivals.

The show is filmed by Breakout Kings Productions, LLC.

It was renewed for its final season in August of 2019, but COVID-19 resulted in production being suspended indefinitely in March of last year. April will mark the first airing of a new episode in almost two years, since Aug. 29 of 2019.

In addition to starring as the series lead, Braga also serves as executive producer on the series, which is a co-production between Universal Content Productions and Disney-owned 20th Television.

The series ranked as USA Network’s No. 1 series among adults ages 18-49 and 25-54 during its fourth season.

The New Orleans area made its Queen of the South debut in season 4, when Mendoza made the city her new home base of operations.

NURSE from 2A

Charles has spent the bulk of her career providing her skills to underserved communities, embracing what is the road less traveled for many.

“Most of my career has been in specialty areas where some would shy away from, specifically infectious diseases and in corrections,” Charles said. “I embrace it. Teaching someone how to improve their quality and quantity of life with regards to their health provides me with so much satisfaction.

“I always enjoy seeing former patients in public and hearing them tell me how they have improved their health ... I feel a sense of accomplishment and like my talks and teachable moments weren’t in vain.”

It also keeps her highly motivated on a daily basis.

“I have to be the best me every day because no two days are ever the same,” said Charles, who has worked with the St. Charles



Kecia Charles oversees a staff providing care for more than 400 inmates.

Parish Sheriff’s Office for 16 years.

Her mentorship comes as result of her soft spot for young people, as well as a strong belief that the strongest way to ensure a community grows and remains strong is through its children. She’s offered guidance with choosing career paths and applying for financial aid – for some in need, she has even paid their college application fees herself to help ensure they would be able to secure a college education.

“The strength of our community

is youth,” Charles said. “If we build up our youth, they will in turn build up our community. I’ve mentored several young ladies and that’s provided me with great pleasure ... when I see young people succeed, it warms my heart.”

Charles said these are very important years for college age youths, as decisions are made that can affect their life and career paths.

That offers a bit of a puzzle, at times: it’s also a time when many are not sure at all of what they would like to pursue, career wise.

“Many young ladies have no idea what they want to do for the next 30 years,” said Charles. “I help them explore their likes, their hobbies and things they may be passionate about, and how that can help them find their career.

“My motto to them is education is something no one can ever take from you ... once you have it, it’s yours forever.”

WORKOUT from 4A

life,” Albanese said of Hotard and Creed.

“I look forward to the weekday mornings to meet up, not just for my physical health, but also my mental health. We are there for each other when life throws a curve ball.”

A huge life curve ball came in the form of the pandemic, which threatened to

destroy the group’s exercise regimen.

“When the pandemic started and we received the notification that the gym had to close, we started right away texting each other trying to figure out what we could do in order to continue our daily workout together and still follow the COVID guidelines,” Albanese said.

“That very next morning we started meeting up in front of my house right before daybreak and started walking and jogging on the levee in the neighborhood. I’m not sure I would have made it through the lockdown without having them to talk to.”

Creed said she and her friends were adamant to find a way to still see each other and get an early morning workout in.

“We were determined,” she said. “We would put lights on our heads to see any alligators or snakes, but Mary Clair always promised to save us.”

Hotard said working out with Creed and Albanese over the years has enhanced her life in the best possible ways.

“Getting to the gym at 4:30 a.m. every morning may seem crazy to others, but to us it is the time we can do something good for ourselves,” Hotard said. “When our workouts are over, we feel accomplished, confident and strong to face whatever the day has in store for us. Knowing that they are there every morning keeps us accountable in our workouts, which is important. Consistency is key to anything in being successful.”

Hotard said each of the trio brings



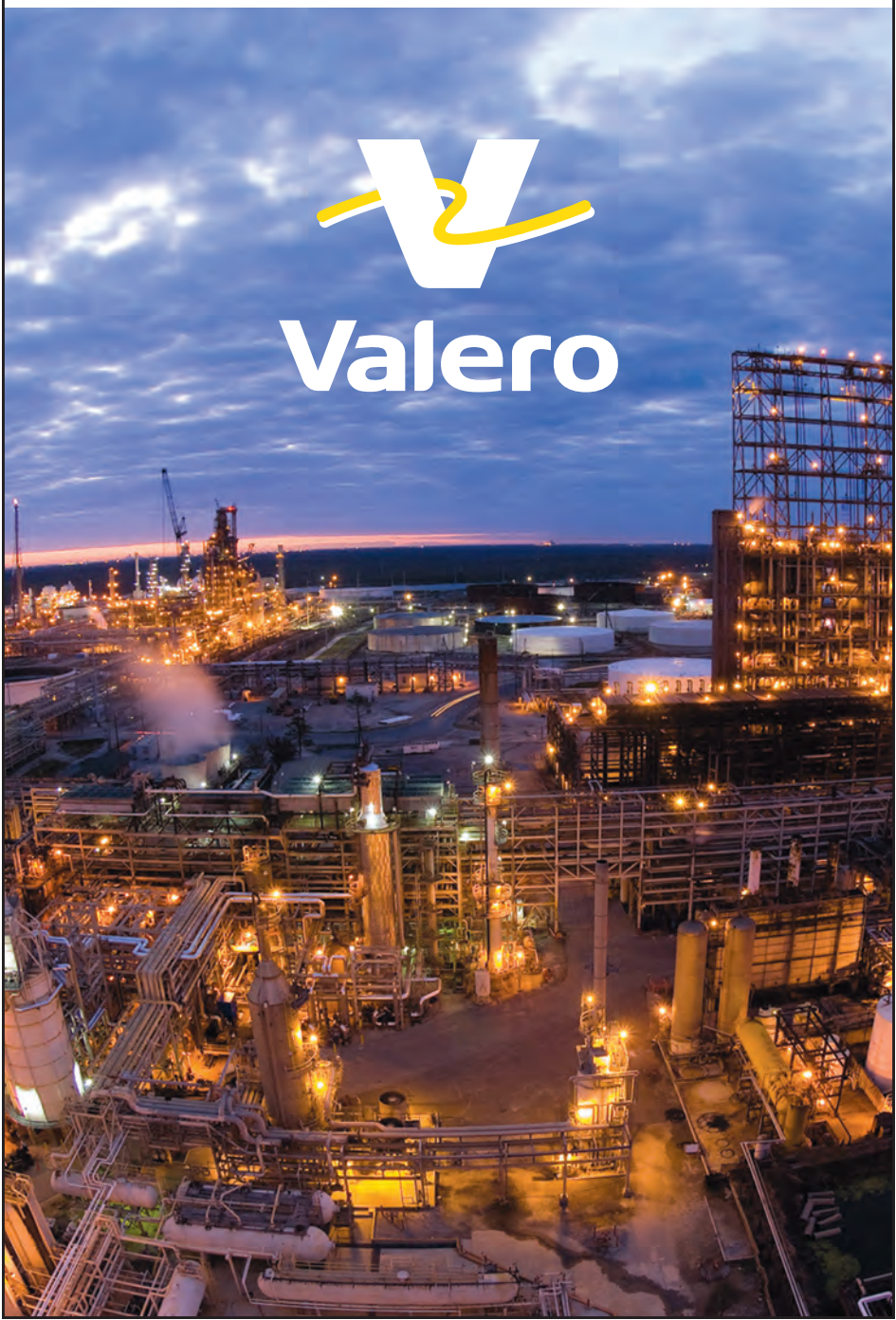
something different to the friendship, which makes it interesting and fun.

“We have been there for each other through the many ups and downs that life or the world often throws at you at any given time, and many problems have been solved during our workouts,” she said. “It is so comforting to know that there is always a kind ear and heart to listen to the issues you may be having. It is the best kind of therapy sessions.”

Albanese said there is no end to their ritual in site.

“I have seen a lot of people come and go from the gym through the years, but the one thing that has been the same for over the past 8 or more years is the three of us in the front of the gym between 4:30 a.m. to 6 a.m.,” Albanese said.

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GIVE BACK from 4A

were scared to go into the gyms,” she said. “I just wanted to do a class that was safe and outdoors and that people could go to.”

Faucheux contacted parish administrators, who allowed her use of the East Bank Bridge Park for six weeks. It was there that she launched free weekly outdoor Zumba classes.

“It got really big, really quick,” she said. “We usually have 30-40 people an evening, but we did a breast cancer fundraiser one week and every gym in the parish pitched in for giveaways and we had over 100 people show up.”

Faucheux said the initial six-week trial run of the class was so successful that the offering has been continued indefinitely. It’s free



Cheri Faucheux

to the public, and held each Monday night at 5:45 p.m.

“It’s safe,” Faucheux said. “People come and they don’t have to touch anything and there’s no equipment. It’s just fresh air and it gives people a little time to be with other people and see people ... especially when we first started ... it was getting people out of their house and socializing.”

Faucheux said she is grateful that the parish made a way for her to offer the class - which is for men and women, from teenagers up to senior citizens.

“They stepped up when we needed it,” she said of the parish authorities. “They allowed for us to do something a little normal.”

GOATS from 5A

up and pet her. He loved her and she really loved him,” Theard said.

Mark suffered a broken rib in the accident, while Amber is still being evaluated for the extent of her injuries – she suffered a fractured L1 vertebrae in her spine and pinched several nerves in her neck.



The goats were fast friends with the Theard children.

It’s believed the fire may have started via a heat lamp shorting out of overheating, the lamp installed during a significant cold spell recently that brought storms and some snow flurries with it – the worry was the goats could potentially suffer in the cold, and the expected newborn goats would certainly need to be protected from the elements.

“They really found their dream farm and settled in,” said Nicole Ficaro of Destrehan, whose twin children attended school with Theards, introducing the two mothers.

When Ficaro saw Theard post about the situation on social media, she reached out. She felt bad for her friend, and it also brought on a memory of her own traumatic loss suffered three years to that day - Ficaro lost her father on Feb. 13, 2018, due to a fire in their family’s home.

“I can relate to the pain she

experienced,” Ficaro said. “I know she’s such an animal lover, and they lost so many of them, then the accident on top of it ... I know it’s been really traumatic for them.”

To help the Theards out, Ficaro set up a GoFundMe page (Amber and Mark’s animal barn fire) in hopes of offsetting some of the significant costs that will come with the situation. Hopes are to also replace at least some of the goats before the children are to show them at 4-H next year – the GoFundMe’s goal is to at least help that part happen for the Theard children.

“(The farm) has been her dream, and then this happens,” Ficaro said. “She had some trouble sleeping the first couple of weeks after it happened. I just feel sad for her ... there’s that feeling of helplessness when something like this happens, like you can’t do anything. Hopefully, we can help them out a little bit.”

MAGNOLIA from 6A

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Through it all – the struggles of wading through licenses and paperwork to the unknowns of owning a small business during a pandemic – Burlak and Smith said all of the hard work has been worth it.

“We’re able to be a team and we’re able to do something together,” Burlak said. “I’m glad that I’m able to do this with my family.”

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Hahnville rallies twice, but run ends in semifinals

Natchitoches Central holds off Tigers, HHS wraps season in final four for 2nd straight year



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HHS' Kaden Pierre dunks at home to finish a fastbreak. The Tigers fell in last week's semifinal, but slammed home a season to remember.

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Hahnville fought back again, and again and again, but its journey ended in the Class 5A state semifinals last week in Lake Charles.

“We made some runs ... we are a good team and we fought ... it just seemed like every time we closed the gap, we got frantic again.”

— HHS coach Yussef Jasmine

The 4th seeded Tigers fell one game short of reaching the state championship game as they could not overcome

top-seeded Natchitoches Central, the latter besting HHS 58-48 to advance to the state final.

“We started the game with a lead, but honestly I didn't think it was clean for us ... it was al-

most a frantic pace,” said Hahnville head coach Yussef Jasmine, whose team led after a quarter of play before falling behind

by nine at halftime. “Both teams were trying to figure out their way to settle down, and I think they settled down more than we did ... we didn't play as clean a game as we needed to.”

Hahnville twice closed significant gaps in the second half, rallying back from what was a 13-point Chiefs lead to close within one in the third quarter. After NCHS surged again to jump ahead 42-33 entering the fourth quarter, the Tigers once again pulled within one at 42-41 following an 8-0 run, with approximately five minutes left in the game.

But the Chiefs stood firm once again and held Hahnville at bay, this time for good.

“We made some runs ... we are a good team, and we fought,” Jasmine said. “We had adversity in the Bonabel (quarterfinal) game, down eight at half. This time we fell behind by more, and got back into it. It just seemed like every time we closed the gap, we got frantic again and stopped doing the things we were doing to get back in it.”

Jasmine called the loss “a little painful,” noting he didn't believe it represented his team's peak level of play.

“I just don't think we were at our best ... respect to Natchitoches Central, of course, and at the end of the day they and Zachary were the two teams that did everything they needed to do to be in the final,” Jasmine said. “But there's that painful moment when the game is over, and you have to look within ... not at a referee or another team, but to ask yourself ‘did we

do enough today to win this game?’ In reality, we didn't. We have to own that.”

Darius Young led NCHS (27-2) with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Gerald Williams scored 11 to

but quickly felled several of the state's top teams to climb as high as the top spot in the Class 5A power point rankings.

“I can't recall a single day where this group hasn't given everything

“I can't recall a single day where this group hasn't given everything they have to us.”

—Yussef Jasmine

complement him.

Seniors Claudell Harris and Kaden Pierre each scored 14 to lead Hahnville (21-4) in their final games with the program.

Natchitoches Central finished as Class 5A runner up after falling to Zachary in the state championship game, 63-57.

While Jasmine felt the Tigers underperformed in the loss, he said it in no way detracts from the total effort his players over the course of what was a very successful season. Hahnville lost six players from last year's group, including two starters and several top reserves,

they have to us, hasn't done everything we've asked of them as coaches,” Jasmine said.

In the end, Hahnville finished as a state semifinalist for the second consecutive season, a far cry from the position the program held just a few seasons ago, when Jasmine became the Tigers' fifth head coach in six seasons in 2017.

“The goal is always to win a state championship and you're disappointed when you don't, but nonetheless we've been in the final four the past two years, our of 52 teams in 5A. Not bad,” he said.

The key ingredient, he

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Claudell Harris during introductions at the Class 5A state semifinals.

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Tigers come through in 8th to best Bulldogs

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Hahnville scored a dramatic victory on the road Tuesday night to lift its record above .500, taking down Ascension Catholic 7-6 in extra innings.

The Tigers pushed two runs across in the top of the eighth inning, then held off a Bulldogs rally in the bottom half to seal the win.

Hahnville started the eighth inning off with a baserunner when Aidan Machado drew a walk. Ethan Chacon bunted him over to second before Seth Whitney struck out a batter later.

With two outs, Collin Zeringue came through in the clutch, doubling to plate Machado for the go-ahead run. One batter later, Mason Long socked a double of his own to bring Zeringue around to score, making it 7-5. Ascension Catholic got out of the inning with two on.

The Bulldogs cut the Tigers' lead to 7-6 after a walk (Leonard), double (Lex Melancon) and fielder's choice (Jacques Husers) with one out. But on the latter, courtesy runner (Jacob) Latino was thrown and tagged out attempting to reach third, ending the game.

Brayden Monfrey earned the win after pitching two innings of scoreless, one-hit relief. Long started the game and went four innings, allowing two earned runs (five total) on four hits and five walks while striking out three. Brady Babin and Seth Whitney also combined for 1.2 scoreless innings, with Whitney earning the save.

Whitney and Donovan Friloux each drove in two runs for the Tigers (8-7). Colin Galland went 2-for-2 with a run scored and three walks.

For Ascension Catholic (9-3), the top of the order was strong, as three of its first four batters – Jacob Dunn, Bryce Leonard and Melancon – recorded two hits each.

The fact it was a tight win came at a positive time for the Tigers, which had lost a couple of close games recently. Against St. Amant, by a score of 4-3, and Zachary, 3-0. Those losses were sandwiched around a 6-4 Hahnville victory over Brother Martin in which the Tigers surged out to lead 5-1 after the first two innings, then held the Crusaders at bay from there.

Chacon tallied three hits in the Brother Martin win, while Zeringue went 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a double, and Long went 2-for-3 with a double. Vladimir Furl went five innings to pick up the win, allowing one earned run (three total) on six hits and four walks. He struck out six. Whitney earned the save on two innings of one-run ball.



Emma Rome of Destrehan

Ladycats continue strong start to season

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Destrehan softball powered to a pair of four-run innings Tuesday en route to adding another victory to its strong 2021 record, beating district foe Thibodaux 10-5 on the road.

The Ladycats (11-4) have won five of their last six games and on Tuesday brought big bats on the road with them. Kenna Ocmund went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and two runs scored to lead the effort. Emma Rome went 3-for-5 with a run and a RBI, T'Auna Fenroy 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a run scored and Marrissa Lopez 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Ocmund had two doubles and a triple, while Lopez and Alyssa Vicknair also doubled in the win. Rome tripled for DHS.

On the mound, Kandyn Mustacchia captured the win for Destrehan, going 5.2 innings and allowing four earned runs (five total) on eight hits and three walks. She struck out two. Tyler Oubre went 1.1 innings allowing no runs on one hit, striking out three.

Thibodaux led 2-1 when Destrehan

surged ahead for good in the top of the third inning. Rome got the surge started with a leadoff triple. Moriah Ocmund and Lopez drew walks to load the bases, setting up Kenna Ocmund, who doubled to left and plated two runs to make it 3-2. Later in the inning, with two outs, Fenroy came up and singled to drive home two more runs, making it 5-2.

Vicknair's RBI double in the fifth in-ning pushed the Destrehan lead to 6-2, but Thibodaux was not quite ready to let the Wildcats coast. THS got rolling in the bottom of the sixth to score three runs on a pair of RBI doubles and an error, pulling within a run at 6-5.

Destrehan needed an answer to put things away – and had one the next in-ning. Fenroy's leadoff single followed by a Chelsea Franck single set up Rome to drive Fenroy in on a sacrifice ground ball. Destrehan pushed another run across when courtesy runner Isabella Casanova scored on an error. Lopez doubled and then Kenna Ocmund tripled home two runs to settle the 10-5 final.

TIGERS from 1B

said, is the team played for one another.

“We function from a place of love. When we break the huddle, it's 1-2-3 family,” Jasmine said. “Those young men are my family, and I pour everything I have into them with my heart. And when they play, they play from that perspective too. At practice, in games, they embody the idea that the guy next to them is their friend, their family, and it's never a place where people are torn down. That's within the things we can control.”

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Valero, Pontchartrain Conservancy plant 750 cypress trees

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Over 40 volunteers took to the St. Charles Parish wetlands Friday to plant 750 cypress trees.

The project was funded by a \$20,000 donation from Valero to the Pontchartrain Conservancy. Pontchartrain Conservancy's mission is to drive environmental sustainability and stewardship through scientific research, education and advocacy.

"At Pontchartrain Conservancy, partnering with local businesses like Valero is critical to foster an ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability in our community," Pontchartrain Conservancy Executive Director Kristi Trail said. "Together, we have planted thousands of trees to help restore vital wetlands that act as a critical line of defense from storm surge during hurricane season, especially in St. Charles Parish."

Valero St. Charles Refinery VP and General Manager Jerry Stumbo said Valero has partnered with Pontchartrain Conservancy for over a decade, and that the partnership is stronger now than ever.

"We primarily work with the organization to plant trees in the wetlands, which restores the swamp in the parish we call 'home,'" Stumbo said. "This year, we were honored that St. Charles Parish President Matt Jewell came out and joined us in this community effort."

The Pontchartrain Conservancy board of directors represents Lake Pontchartrain Basin parishes and regulatory agencies. The Lake



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The tree-planting project was funded by a \$20,000 donation from Valero to the Pontchartrain Conservancy, which serves to drive environmental sustainability and stewardship through scientific research, education and advocacy.

VALERO from 3B

Pontchartrain Basin is a 10,000 square mile watershed encompassing 16 Louisiana parishes, including St. Charles Parish. The land use of the region is both rural and urban and is the most densely populated region in Louisiana, including metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge. It is one of the largest estuarine systems in the Gulf of Mexico, containing over 22 essential habitats. The Basin's topography ranges from rolling woodlands in the north to coastal marshes in the south, with the 630 square mile Lake Pontchartrain as its centerpiece.

"It is vital that we keep our wetlands healthy and active as they are essential to both the livelihood of our ecosystem and provide flood protection against hurricanes," Jewell said. "I would like to thank Valero and the Pontchartrain Conservancy for making the LaBranche Wetlands a priority and for inviting me to participate in this great event."

Steps to Plan & Prepare for Divorce

You know divorce is the messy and painful end of a marriage.

However, despite divorce being everywhere, the details of the divorce process are often a mystery! Here are some sensible actions you can and should take as you plan and prepare for your divorce.



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These tips are excerpts from **16 Sensible Actions to Help You Plan & Prepare for Your Divorce** by family law attorney Loyd J Bourgeois.

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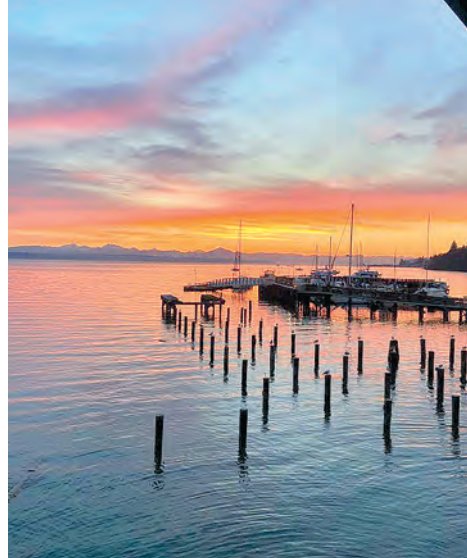
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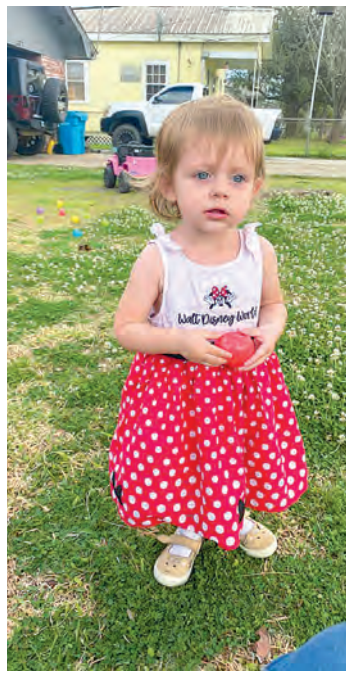


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Holley loves playing outside



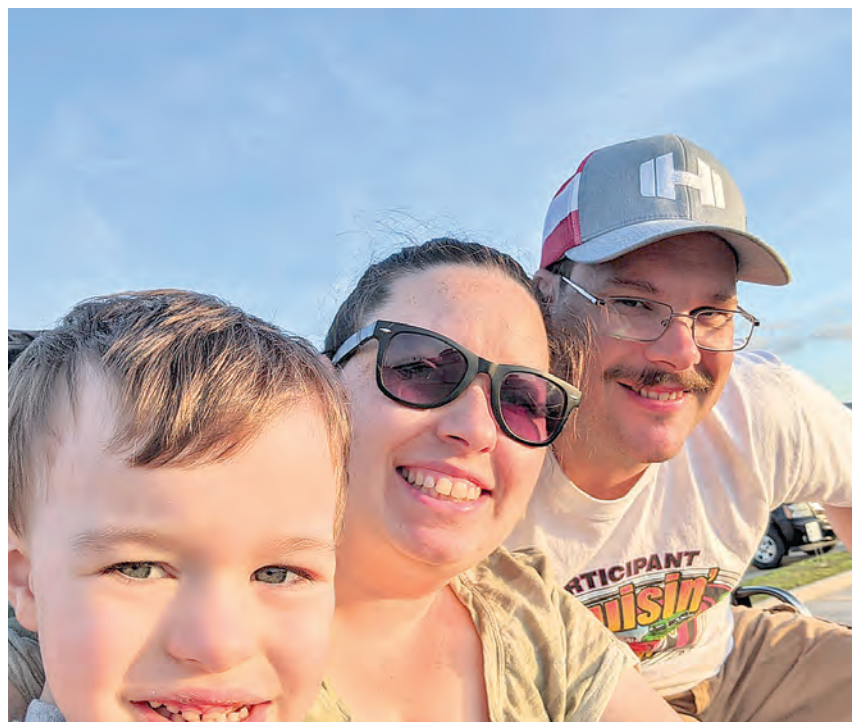
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Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ST. CHARLES PARISH**

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of St. Charles Parish 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.

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:

**Tuesday, March 23, 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: Housing Authority of St. Charles Parish, Attention: Leatrice Hollis, Executive Director/ P.O. Box 448, Boutte, Louisiana 70039. For additional information, assistance, or other accommodations, please call (985) 785-2601.

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Public Notice

**St. Charles
Parish Hospital**



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, Monday, March 29, 2021, at which time bids will be opened in public in Suite 200 – Administration/Magnolia Room for the following:

ST. CHARLES PARISH HOSPITAL ELECTRICAL UPGRADES PHASE II

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked

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

Any bid received after 1:00 PM – Monday, March 29, 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, March 12, at 10:00 AM in the Plantation Room at 879 Milling Ave Luling LA, 70070. Please send an RSVP to Travis Bourgeois at tbourgeois@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.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE: March 12, 2021

BID OPENING DATE: March 29, 2021

Public Notice

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the River Parishes Workforce Development Board (LWDB#14) has issued a Request for Proposal for a qualified operator to coordinate the service delivery of required one-stop partners and service providers. Proposals are due by April 30, 2021 at 4:00 pm and should be submitted via hand delivery to: Tommy Scott, Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 737 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, La 70070, or mailed to Tommy Scott P.O. Box 1010, Hahnville, La 70057. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled: RFP 2021-01 "Operator for One-Stop" and name on the front lower left-hand corner of envelopes. For any information concerning the submission of proposal documents, call the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 737 Paul Maillard Rd., Suite 1A, Luling, La 70070, (985) 783-5030, or email Tommy Scott at tscott@stcharlesgov.net. Please visit the Business and Career Solutions Center (WIOA) web page at <http://www.stcharlesgov.net> to obtain a copy of Request for Proposals. The River Parishes Workforce Development Board reserves the right to reject any or all offerors' proposals, to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, and to make such awards of contract as may be deemed to be the best interest of the River Parishes Workforce Development Board.

Louisiana Workforce Development Board
Tommy Scott, Director

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Public Notice

A PUBLIC AUCTION
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 AT 1:00PM
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Public Notice

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

The St. Charles Parish, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear:

2021 12 ZBA James & Shirley Madere to reduce the required side yard and reduce the accessory machinery requirement at **15164 Hwy. 90, Paradis**. Zoning District C-2. Council District 4.
2021 13 ZBA Carmen Smalley to reduce the required rear yard at **41 Villere Pl., Destrehan**. Zoning District R-1B. Council District 3.
2021 14 ZBA Ryan & Raegan Gaubert for a flood elevation of -0.3 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **166 Pleasant Valley Dr., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
2021 15 ZBA Jake Cologne for a flood elevation of -3.4 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **119 Beau Place Blvd., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
2021 16 ZBA Blake Champagne for a flood elevation of +0.3 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +7 ft. NAVD also applies at **329 Luke Dr., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
2021 17 ZBA Bart & Lauren Fanguy for a flood elevation of -0.5 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **131A Michael Dr., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
2021 18 ZBA Tien Nguyen for a flood elevation of -3.98 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **115 Beau Place Blvd., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
2021 20 ZBA Paul Cardino for a flood elevation of -4.02 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **119 Michael Dr., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
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2021 24 ZBA Sean Holmes for a flood elevation of -1.47 ft. NAVD where a Preliminary DFIRM AE +6 ft. NAVD also applies at **152 Pleasant Valley Dr., Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
ALTERNATE DATE: 3/25/21
PUBLISH 3/4, 3/12, 3/18

Public Notice

Public Notice From the St. Charles Parish School Board

The St. Charles Parish School Board has some psychological, educational and speech evaluations for former students who were born in 1998. These records are no longer needed to provide educational services. These records will be destroyed by June 1, 2021, unless claimed by the individual evaluated, his/her authorized designee, or the person authorized to act on his/her behalf. These records can be claimed at the Special Education Department of the St. Charles Parish School Board Office in Luling between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Publish: Weeks of March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th

Public Notice

We are applying to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for a permit to conduct the **Duck's Unlimited St. Charles Annual Banquet Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 193 Scorpio St., Hahnville, La. 70057** in the Parish of St. Charles. Alcohol will be served at this event. The time of the event is: **Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 5:30pm - until**

Publish on March 11, & 18, 2021

Public Notice

"Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of **Albert Ross** please contact Juanita R. Marino, Attorney 985-764-1193."

Publish: March 18 & 25, 2021

Public Notice

We are applying to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for a permit to conduct the **Saving Children at Risk Services (SCARS) Mokreations & Whole Hearts 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2021** at 107 Magnolia Ridge Rd., Boutte, La. 70039 in the Parish of St. Charles.

The times of the festival are: **Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Publish on : March 18 & 25, 2021

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 21RS-302)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 12, 2021, a bill relative to removing St. Charles Parish from the Lafourche Basin Levee District and creating the St. Charles Parish Levee District; and to provide for related matters.

PUBLISH: March 11 & 18, 2021

Public Notice

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7:XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7:XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ST CHARLES PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA
GRASS CUTTING AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

St. Charles Parish is hereby soliciting the submittal of Proposals from qualified firms interested in providing Grass Cutting and Landscape Services for the Parish of St. Charles in the following areas:

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1. Hahnville Area

2. Willowdale Area

3. Mimosa Area

4. Boutte Area

5. Luling Area

EAST BANK

1. Montz Area

2. Destrehan Area

3. St. Rose Area

Details of the work locations to be maintained are outlined in Attachment A.

Contract Name: Grass Cutting and Landscaping Services

Principal Work Location: The Contract Work will be assigned by area as listed above. The Parish may award contracts to multiple contractors.

Services: The services consist of providing all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and qualified supervision for performance of grass cutting and landscaping services as described in Attachment A for each area listed above. The contract will be for a 12-month period with the Parish having an option to extend the contract for an additional year.

The contractor will cut the designated areas a total of 40 times in a one-year period. In the months of January, February and December, the Contractor will cut two times per month. In the months of October and November, the Contractor will cut three times per month. During the other seven (7) months (March, April, May, June, July, August, and September), the Contractor will cut four times per month. The contractor will also be responsible for picking up all trash and debris prior to cutting, spraying or weed-eating along any and all fence lines within the limits of the assigned work area.

Proposals: Eligible firms must demonstrate experience in performing the services required to properly maintain the areas assigned to them. Contractors shall be licensed in St. Charles Parish to perform the services necessary to complete the work.

St. Charles Parish will receive proposals from Proposers having specific experience and qualifications in the area identified in the solicitation. For consideration, proposals for this project must contain evidence of the Proposer's experience and abilities in the specified area and other disciplines directly related to the proposed services. Other information required by St. Charles Parish may be included elsewhere in the solicitation.

The Proposer may be required before the award of any contract to show to the complete satisfaction of St. Charles Parish that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the services therein in a satisfactory manner. The Proposer may also be required to give a past history and references in order to satisfy St. Charles Parish in regard to the Proposer's qualifications. St. Charles Parish may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to St. Charles Parish all information for this purpose that may be requested. St. Charles Parish reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the Proposer fails to satisfy St. Charles Parish that the Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein.

In order for your Proposal to be considered, proposals (one original and three copies) must be received in a sealed envelope at the ST. CHARLES PARISH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Parish of St. Charles, Louisiana, 100 River Oaks Drive, Destrehan, Louisiana, 70047, either by mail with return receipt requested, or hand delivered, **no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, March 25th, 2021.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PACKAGES: The Request for Proposals does not commit the Parish to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal, or to procure or contract for the articles of goods and services. The Parish reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of the Request for Proposals, to negotiate with all qualified Proposers, or to cancel in part or its entirety the Request for Proposals, if it is in the best interests of the Parish to do so.

Individual requests for Proposal packages may be secured from the following address:

St. Charles Parish Government
Department of Public Works
100 River Oaks Drive
Destrehan, Louisiana 70047

Only those proposers that have obtained the official Request for Proposal packages from the above address will be considered.

Questions relative to the Request for Proposal packages shall be addressed, in writing to Miles Bingham, St. Charles Parish Department of Public Works, 100 River Oaks Drive, Destrehan, Louisiana 70047.

DATED AT Destrehan, Louisiana, this 22 day of February 2021.

All Submittals must be in a binder or be bound along the left edge.
Submittal 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 Firm	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email Address	
Publish:	St. Charles Parish Herald Guide St Charles Parish Website The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate Advocate (Baton Rouge)
Dates:	Thursday, March 4, 2021 Thursday, March 11, 2021 Thursday, March 18, 2021

Public Notice



ST. CHARLES PARISH
PROCUREMENT



MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT



DAVID FERRARO
PROCUREMENT OFFICER

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ST. CHARLES PARISH UP TO:
11:00 A. M., THURSDAY, APRIL 01, 2021

AT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE, ROOM 3400, P. O. BOX 302, 15045 RIVER ROAD, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 3rd FLOOR PARISH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, HAHNVILLE, LOUISIANA, 70057, EITHER BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERED OR ON-LINE AT: <https://www.centralbidding.com> PROMPLY THEREAFTER, THE BID(S) WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD ON THE 2ND FLOOR IN THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COURTHOUSE. FOR: BID #X-21-461

X-21-462 - DRIVE UNIT

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP, MAILED, OR EMAILED BY CONTACTING SHARON ROCHELLE AT THE PARISH COURTHOUSE (PHONE 985-783-5196) OR AN EMAIL REQUESTED TO srochelle@stcharlesgov.net BID RELATED DOCUMENTS MAY BE VIEWED ON-LINE AT <https://www.centralbidding.com>.

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ST. CHARLES PARISH
PROCUREMENT



MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT



DAVID FERRARO
PROCUREMENT OFFICER

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11:00 A. M., THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

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X-21-461 - DIRECT DRIVE DRUM MULCHER

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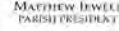
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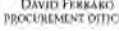
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11:00 A. M., THURSDAY, APRIL 08, 2021

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X-21-463 - CULVERT TRUCK

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE: BOUTTE MINI STORAGE, 13935 HWY 90, BOUTTE, LA WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE LOUISIANA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, QUOTE RS 9:4756 ET SEQ: HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF SALE UNDER SAID ACT TO WIT; PUBLIC SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 AT 7:00 A.M. UNITS A-209 LEON HEIMS; A-306 DENNEE MOTT; B-125 TROY MATHERNE; B-203 TINA MARSE; B-209 GEORGE BENITEZ; B-210 GAIL NICHILS; B-331 BETTINA JOHNSON; B-401 & C-317 DEMOISE COLEMAN; A-207 DONNA FOSTER; B-309 & C306 JOEANN GRIZZELL; B-408 JONATHAN COCHRAN; B-419 DAVID TAYLOR; B-424 KEYOKA SCOTT; C-106 MYRON MOTT; C-107 ENICA JACKSON; C-403 ANTIONE DUFRENE; B-425 ALICIA BARRIOS; C-205 SHALLON DUNMILES; BC-308 SCOTT ACOSTA ; CONTENTS: TOOLS, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, CLOTHES, MISC BOXES, SPORTS EQUIPT.

PUBLISH: March 18, 2021

Public Notice

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of 5th STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PARISH PROJECT NO. P190506 as follows:

Owner: **St. Charles Parish**

Project Title: 5th STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Project No.: PARISH PROJECT NO. P190506

Principal Work Location: NORCO, LA

Description of Basic Work: Remove and replace culverts, catch basins, driveways and sidewalks as required.

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 April 6, 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, Shread-Kuyrkendall and Associates, Inc., 13000 Justice Avenue, Suite 16, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 (PHONE 225-296-1335, FAX 225-296-1338).

A payment of \$ 100.00 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: There will be no pre-bid conference held for this project. Any questions will be emailed to the Project Engineer (Steve Breeding, sbreeding@skaener.com) prior to 10:00 AM on March 29, 2021 to be included in an addendum.

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
Matthew Jewell, Parish President

Advertisement Source and Dates:

St. Charles Herald Guide
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Thursday, March 11, 2021
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Thursday, March 25, 2021

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, February 22, 2021)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM

1. Risk Management & Insurance Committee

1.01 Monthly Legal Update - Executive Session Committee Meeting Only

Jay Robichaux called the Risk Management & Insurance Committee to order.

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

Ms. Melinda requested Board members limit comments to 3 minutes on items and a time effective plan for each committee to present their items. The Board was in agreement.

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

1.02 Selection of Health Insurance Carrier

Dennis Naquin made a motion to return to regular session;second by Al Suffrin.

J. Robichaux called the Risk Management & Insurance Committee back to order.

The Humana renewal proposal submitted by the District's broker, USI Insurance Services, provides the employees with health insurance coverage options at competitive rates and a flat rate renewal. Acceptance of the health insurance provider is necessary to continue coverage for all employees and retirees. The renewal from Humana reflects no rate increase.

D. Naquin made a motion to bring the Humana renewal with no increase to the Board table;second by A. Suffrin. This agenda item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting agenda.

1.03 Renewal of Dental Insurance

With no objections or discussion from the Board, this item will be brought to the Board table at the February 24, 2021 Board meeting.

1.04 Selection of Employee Disability Insurance

Jesse Babin with USI Insurance explained the proposal for long and short-term disability insurance from VOYA Life Insurance Company.

A discussion was held. This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

1.05 Selection of Provider for Group Life and Employee Voluntary Life Insurance

A. Suffrin noted that \$394,251 should be the total cost amount for Group and Voluntary Life Insurance. A correction will reflect this amount. This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Al Suffrin ; second by D. Naquin

2. Finance & Audit Committee

2.01 Industrial Tax Exemption Application - Committee Meeting Only

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

Director of St. Charles Parish Economic Development and Tourism Corey Fauchaux presented information relative to an expressed interest from Green Shutter Tea Company for an industrial tax exemption from the state to establish corporate headquarters in St. Charles Parish. With no discussion and objections, J. Robichaux motioned to move forward with this item; second by Ellis Alexander. Dr. Dertling will write a letter of approval for Green Shutter Tea Company tax exemption.

2.02 2021-22 Before and After School Child Care Program Operational Changes - Committee Meeting Only

Director of Child Welfare & Attendance Charmaine Williams and Internal Auditor Adam Naighors presented the 2021-22 Before and After School Child Care changes which were based on feedback received from the Board at the January 2021 Committee meeting.

With no objections or discussions, these operational changes will become effective for the 2021-22 school year.

2.03 Statement of Cash and Investment Guidelines - Committee Meeting Only

Finance and Audit Committee Chairman Alex "Al" Suffrin presented the Statement of Cash and Investment Guidelines for discussion.

Mr. Nick Vicari with Needer Investments joined Chief Financial Officer Donna Post and the Board via zoom and explained the adjustments and proposal to maximize a greater return on investments.

E. Alexander requested a quarterly report on investments and Ms. Post agreed to provide. Dennis Naquin further suggested providing said report at each Board Retreat and this was agreed upon by the Board. Administration will abide by this request.

With no objections, this item and changes will be added to the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

2.04 Request for Proposals - Revenue Collection & Compliance System

Director of Sales Tax Paula Jeansonnie presented the update of new software for sales tax collection to the Board at an approximate cost of \$30,000.

This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

2.05 Accounts Payable for the Month of January 2021

With no objections or discussion, the accounts payable item will be moved to the Board table for the February 24, 2021 meeting.

*At the end of Finance & Audit Committee, Mr. Suffrin noted that a resolution will be added to the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda for the issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bond. Jason Akers with attorneys Foley and Judell and Toby Cortez with Sufel Investments presented the details of the resolution to the Board. The Board was in agreement to add to the February Board meeting.

Motion by J. Robichaux; second by E. Alexander to adjourn.

3. Legislative Committee

3.01 Legislative Committee Update - Committee Meeting Only

John Smith called the Legislative Committee to order. This committee will be reporting monthly to the Board due to many changes and economic impacts that will affect the School System.

The mission, responsibilities and members of the Legislative Committee were reviewed by Director of Sales Tax, Paula Jeansonnie as well as current legislative activity.

Motion by J. Robichaux; second by A. Aucoin to adjourn.

4. Personnel & Policy Committee

4.01 Revisions to Admission Requirements for Non-Resident Students of Certificated Employees

Dennis Naquin called the Personnel & Policy Committee to order.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented the recommendations for non-resident students which, if approved by the Board, would require revisions to Policy 1.03 School Admissions and Policy 1.04 Nonresident Students.

A discussion was held, including the stipulation that these non-residential students would possibly be enrolled at a school that has adequate space and faculty and that this proposal be for students of parents and/or legal guardians. Administration will make these changes to the requirements. At the request of J. Smith, Dr. Ken Dertling provided more detail and rationale of the program. Ms. Webre provided the number of non-resident students (110) in the current survey that expressed interest.

The two policies will be on the February 24, 2021 board meeting agenda.

4.02 Policy 1.03 School Admissions - First Reading

Reviewed during 4.01 item.

4.03 Policy 1.04 Nonresident Students - First Reading

Reviewed during 4.01 item.

4.04 School Bus Operator Recruitment Plan Additional Action Steps - Committee Meeting Only

At the January 27, 2021 Board meeting, the Board approved the School Bus Operator Plan but requested administration to develop additional advertising and recruiting steps.

Administrator of Ancillary Services Teresa Brown, Chief Plant Services and Security Officer John Rome, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented additional advertising and recruiting action steps which yielded positive results and the cost of each.

4.05 Personnel Items

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented Personnel to the Board. This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

Motion by C.M. Savole ; second by J. Smith to adjourn.

5. Capital Improvements Committee

5.01 Request for Proposals-Contracted Custodial Services

Ellis Alexander called the Capital Improvements Committee to order.

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome and Andrew Mire presented the contract for custodial services which will expire on June 30, 2021. In order to prepare for the 2021-22 school year, it is appropriate to request proposals for contracted custodial services at Albert Cammin Middle, Central Office Complex, Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center, Lakewood Elementary, Maintenance Facility, New Sharp Elementary, Student Health Services, St. Rose Elementary, Stinel Schoeffner Elementary, and R. J. Vial Elementary.

With no objections or discussions, this agenda item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting agenda.

5.02 Request for Proposals-Waste Management Services

The present contract for waste management services will expire on June 30, 2021. In order to prepare for the 2021-22 school year, it is appropriate to request proposals for waste management services for all school and District sites at this time.

This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

5.03 Request for Proposals-Emergency Construction of Building Components and/or Grounds

The District's Hurricane Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Plan includes a recommendation by FEMA to request proposals for emergency services. These services will assist the District in expediting recovery from a disaster. The current contractor providing these services has notified the District that they are declining the option to renew their contract. Physical Plant Services has completed the required documents to request proposals for emergency construction of building components and/or grounds.

This item will be on the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

Dr. Dertling added some ending notes

* Art Aucoin requested that the Board consider allowing Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, APAC to make a future presentation to the Board. Administration will bring information on the company to the Board at the March Committee meeting.

* A Black History Month proclamation will be added to the February 24, 2021 Board meeting agenda. Also, SCPPS integration of students will be recognized in November.

Motion by D. Naquin; second by A. Suffrin to adjourn.

PUBLISH: March 18, 2021

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting - REVISED (Wednesday, February 24, 2021)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Thursday, February 25, 2021

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

YeLyn Parker, an eighth grader at Harry Hurst Middle School led the opening prayer.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dennis Naquin led the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 Roll Call

All eight Board Members, Superintendent Dr. Ken Dertling and Executive Secretary Shelly Babineaux were present.

2. Resolutions/Proclamations

2.02 Resolution in Memory of Glenda Gail Higginbotham

Accept the Resolution in Memory of Glenda Gail Higginbotham.

Motion by Clarence H Savole, 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

2.03 Black History Month Proclamation

Accept the Black History Month Proclamation

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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

2.04 2021 Arts in our Schools Month Proclamation

Accept the 2021 Arts in our Schools Month Proclamation

Motion by Arthur A Aucoin, second by John W Robichaux

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Recognitions

3.01 Board and Superintendent's Recognition

3.02 Board and Superintendent's Retirement Recognition

4. Business Items

4.01 Minutes, January 25, 2021 Committee Meetings and January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Committee Meetings and January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, as presented to 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.02 Selection of Health Insurance Carrier

Accept the proposal for health insurance from Humana.

COST

School Board Portion	\$21,018,560
Employee Portion	\$ 4,771,084
Approximate Total	\$25,789,644

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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.03 Renewal of Dental Insurance

Accept the renewal of dental insurance from Humana. Cost to be paid by employees.

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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.04 Selection of Employee Disability Insurance

Accept the proposal for long-term and short-term disability insurance from VOYA Life Insurance Company.

COST

\$146,686 for long-term disability
Short-term voluntary disability coverage to be paid by employees
Motion by John W Robichaux; 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.05 Selection of Provider for Group Life and Employee Voluntary Life Insurance

Accept the proposal for group life and employee voluntary life insurance from VOYA Life Insurance Company.

COST

\$ 394,251 for group life

Voluntary life insurance to be paid by employees

Motion by John W Robichaux; 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin

4.06 Revisions to Admission Requirements for Non-Resident Students of Certificated Employees

Approve the revisions to admission requirements for non-resident students of certificated employees at an approximate cost of \$260,000.

Motion by Dennis J Naquin; second by Clarence H Savole.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.07 Policy 1.03 School Admissions - First Reading

Accept the revisions to Board Policy 1.03 – School Admissions for a first reading.

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

4.08 Policy 1.04 Nonresident Students - First Reading

Accept the revisions to Board Policy 1.04 – Nonresident Students for a first reading.

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

4.09 Personnel Items

Approve the personnel items as presented to the Board.

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

4.10 Request for Proposals-Contracted Custodial Services

Approve the request for proposals for contracted custodial services at various sites.

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

4.11 Request for Proposals-Waste Management Services

Approve the request for proposals for waste management services for all school and District sites.

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

4.12 Request for Proposals-Emergency Construction of Building Components and/or Grounds

Approve the request for proposals for emergency construction of building components and/or grounds.

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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Sufirin

4.13 Resolution Providing for the Issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bond

Approve the resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation school refunding bond.

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

4.14 Request for Proposals - Revenue Collection & Compliance System

Approve the request for proposals for a revenue collection & compliance system.

Motion by Alex L Sufirin, 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Sufirin

4.15 Statement of Cash and Investment Guidelines

Approve the statement of cash and investment guidelines.

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

4.16 Accounts Payable for the Month of January 2021

Approve the accounts payable for the month of January 2021 as presented.

COST	
General Fund	\$1,320,617
Special Revenue Funds	497,959
Capital Projects	273,967
Debt Service Fund	318,975
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,411,419

Motion by Alex L Sufirin, 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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Sufirin

5. Closing Items

5.01 Standing Committee Reports

Ellis Alexander reported on the Capital Improvements Committee items.
Al Sufirin reported for the Finance & Audit Committee.
Dennis Naquin gave the report for the Personnel & Policy Committee.
Technology Committee gave the Technology Committee report items.
The Legislative Committee items were reported on by John Smith.
The Risk Management & Insurance Committee report was given by John "Jay" Robichaux.

5.02 Superintendent's Report

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for St. Charles Parish Public Schools is now open! Children who will be five years old by September 30, 2021 are eligible to register for kindergarten. Parents/guardians can currently register using the link under District News on the St. Charles Parish Public Schools website or may call the person at the school in their attendance zone from March 8th – 12th from 9:30 am to 12:30 PM. Students registering online or in-person by March 12th will be administered the Kindergarten Screener at an assigned time later in the spring. Children currently enrolled in a St. Charles Parish Public School's Pre-K or Head Start Program do not need to register for kindergarten since they are already enrolled in the school system.

Testing
The ACT will be administered on March 9, 2021 to all 11th graders and some seniors. All 10th graders will also take the Pre-ACT on the same day. Students not taking either of these tests will participate in remote learning on this day. Each spring the LA Dept. of Education administers assessments known as LEAP 2025 in grades 3 – 8. Students in grades 3-4 will take paper-based assessments April 28– May 4 while students in grades 5-8 will take computer-based LEAP 2025 assessments. The assessment window for computer-based testing in grades 5-8 will last from April 27 - May 12. High school students will also begin taking LEAP 2025 assessments beginning in April. Seniors will begin April 13th. All other high school students will take these assessments May 3 – May 6. All high school students not taking LEAP assessments will have remote learning on these days. More information will be communicated by the high schools. All learning students in grades 3-8 and high school students taking LEAP courses are required to participate in the LEAP tests at their schools. Your child's school will contact you soon about their testing schedule and expectations. Please contact your child's school for further information relative to LEAP 2025 assessments and schedules.

Honor Band In lieu of the traditional Honor Chair and Honor Band events, school programs are preparing videored performances to include in this year's virtual ArtsFest in mid-April. Art Show The Superintendent's Gallery will open on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:00 in the lobby of the Laken Performing Arts Center with an in-person ceremony, honoring the thirteen student artists chosen from each school site. In lieu of the traditional in-person Art Show exhibition, all student artwork is being photographed and cataloged for this year's virtual ArtsFest.

ArtsFest
The fourteenth annual ArtsFest will be celebrated with artistic presentations in music, visual art, dance, theatre, and media-arts accessible to the community through a virtual platform. Satellite Center facilitator Brian Gough and his Interactive Media students are working to catalogue and create the virtual platform on which it will be available. Be on the lookout for announcements through Public Information and the district site for access to this digital content through the virtual platform.

Athletics
Destrehan Soccer - The Destrehan Boys' Soccer Team finished their regular season with a 6-10-5 record. They entered the state playoffs as a #13 seed lost to Acadiana High School in the Bi-District Round of the state playoffs as a #13 seed. The Destrehan Girls' Soccer Team finished their regular season with a 9-2-2 record. They entered the state playoffs as a #13 seed. The Lady Cats lost to Baton Rouge High School in the Bi-District Round. **Destrehan/Hahnville Wrestling** - Wrestlers from Destrehan and Hahnville will participate in the State wrestling tournament being held this weekend February 26th – 27th at the Rising Canees River Center in Baton Rouge.
Hahnville Soccer - Hahnville girls' soccer finished the regular season with a 6-6-2 record and entered the State Playoffs as a 20th seed. The lady tigers defeated Thibodaux 5-4 in the first round and #3 Captain Shreve 2-0 in the second round of the playoffs. They lost to Mandeville on Saturday, February 13th in the state quarterfinals.

Hahnville Girls Basketball - Hahnville Girls' Basketball Team ended the 2020-21 season as Undefeated District Champs with a record of 18-3 overall. They defeated Airline High School in the 1st- Round of playoffs and Ruston in the second. They next play in Ponchartraine at 6:00 on 2/25/21. in the quarterfinals. Good luck ladies.
Hahnville Boys Basketball - Boys' basketball finished the regular season as District Champions with an overall record of 18-3 and are the #4 seed in the playoffs and will host Southwood High School on Friday February 26th at 6:30. Good luck men.

Staff Achievement Awards - The St. Charles Parish Public School System is conducting a search for Staff Achievement Award nominees. One staff member from nine various categories will be selected for recognition at the Staff Achievement Awards program to be held in April. The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, March 29, 2021. Nomination forms will be available on the district's website. For more information, contact the Public Information Department. Please join me in recognizing the employees who demonstrate that "you and I; We are St. Charles Parish Public Schools."

5.04 Meeting Adjourn

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, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Sufirin

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish School Board Retreat (Friday, March 5, 2021)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Friday, March 5, 2021

Members present
Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Melinda H Bernard, John W Robichaux, Clarence H Savole, John L Smith, Alex L Sufirin
Members absent
Dennis J Naquin

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

Board President, Melinda Bernard opened the meeting.

1.02 Roll Call

Seven Board Members, Superintendent Dr. Ken Dertling and Executive Secretary Shelly Babineaux were present.

2. Business Items

2.01 Retreat Agenda

Hahnville High Talented Art Students Thomas Becnel and Amanda Seimen made a presentation to the Board.

Dr. Ken Dertling gave some opening remarks and updates.

Goal A: Student Achievement and Success

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Erin Granier presented a Testing and mClass Update to the Board.
Testing of e-Learners, Academic Alignment, Student Achievement and Teacher Effectiveness were discussed.
*A district Literacy and Science of Reading (SOR), was formed to align instruction and interventions. J. Smith inquired about teacher training and costs. Ms. Granier explained that training will begin this summer with current teachers and continue with PL, using specialists going into schools. New hire teachers into the district will get SOR (Science of Reading) training. The SOR organization and current budget will suffice for training costs.

Director of Secondary Schools Chris Kimball and Satellite Center Principal Elaine Fitzgerald presented an update on the Satellite Center to the Board.
*AV Technology and Communication Pathway, Recruiting and College and Career Pathways were discussed.
*E. Alexander commended Satellite Center students for broadcasting basketball games throughout the pandemic.

The Director of the Dr. Rodney Laffen Performing Arts Center Christopher Aucoin-Melohn updated the Board on LPAC initiatives.
*Positive Net Revenues YTD, Sponsorships, CDC & LDOE guidelines, Drive-In movies, streamed performances and socially distance events were discussed. Utilization of the Center, programming, live outdoor concerts, the 2021-22 season and upcoming action plans were also discussed. S. Savole asked about the possibility of local artists and musicians performing. Mr. Melohn said more and more opportunities for local artists to perform are being actively pursued.

Director of Secondary Schools Chris Kimball and Administrator of Landry Alternative Center Ms. Ingrid Brass presented an update on the Landry Alternative Center and eLearning Program.
*eLearning Update, Virtual Learning 2.0, upcoming registration, 2021-22 plans, site name and other changes, program modifications & additions were discussed.
*M. Bernard commended Ms. Brass for her work with the new eLearning program and Landry Site upgrades and proposed changes.

Worked through break. J. Robichaux reported good news on a SCPPS Alumni who was on Baton Rouge radio station praising SCPPS for her education in helping her become a plant manager.

Goal B: Excellence in Leadership and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Thesa Webre presented Policy and Procedure Reorganization and Employee Discount Program to the Board.
*Major and minor policy revisions were discussed. The Board agreed to review minor changes at Committee meetings and major changes brought to a Special Board meeting in the future.

Ms. Webre, along with a team of teacher leaders (M. Billings-NES, G. Burst-NES, J. Foss-HMS, C. Giliam-Brown-HMS, J. Gies-DHS, A. Hagar-JBM, A. Helden-NPE, A. Houston-HMS, B. Landeche-DHS, C. Petit-JBM, M. Sealy-HMS, S. Yarbrough-RKS) presented an Employee Discount Program was presented to the Board. A tentative April 12, 2021 rollout is projected.
*J. Robichaux inquired about personnel approval, which was explained that will be monitored monthly by T. Webre and team.

*Dr. Dertling thanked T. Webre and the team for the work done in providing this program to enhance the SCPPS work experience.
*J. Smith requested that the addition of this program be added to employee benefits package and recruiting and also promoted an Channel B.

Executive Director of Equity Tanika Green presented and Equity Update to the Board. Dr. Dertling commended M. Green for her presentation at the Business & Industry Breakfast. Topics discussed were the equity position statement, equity knowledge and understanding, equitable access & opportunities, the African American studies course, recruiting diversity and engaging the community. A presentation on data monitoring and upbeat survey was also given.

Goal D: Safe and Supportive Learning Environments

Chief Financial Officer Donna Post and Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rame updated the Board with potential 2022 Bond Tax Election Projects and Potential Bond Issue presentation. Topics discussed were the refunding bond process, 2022 bond tax election and facilities. School to Career Specialist Ronnie Seal spoke on the Career, Technical & Educational (CTE) facility needs. Mr. Rame ended with the Potential Bond Issue slide presentation and a proposed projects list was given to Board Members to prioritize.

Executive Director of Student Services Jerry Smith presented the findings of the Universal Screening Mental Health Program. Points discussed were background/rationale, universal screeners, pilot schools, screening results, interventions, partners and triage team.
*M. Bernard inquired about TBIR training for teacher and Ms. Smith confirmed that TBIR training is currently in process.

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Goal C: Operational Effectiveness

Chief Financial Officer Donna Post presented a Budget Review Committee Update and General Budget Fund review, including a revised budget to be approved at the April Board meeting. Ms. Post also reviewed the Investment Account Report which was requested by the Board at a previous meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Dertling and Board member John Smith presented the Contracts and Vendors report to the Board. Mr. Smith proposed to work with the Superintendent and Board to help create policies as it relates to some business practices and equity in rewarding contracts to individuals.

Update:
Mass vaccination Saturday 3/6/21 for employees and Board
2 more mass vaccinations possible in next week
The community is at a less than 4% positivity rate
As of yesterday 286 SCPPS employees have completed vaccination form.
Plans being made for all high school students to return in-person with staggered return projected to begin 3/22

3. Closing

3.01 Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on March 9, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in certain parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Authorization to Implement Two Green Pricing Options, Rider GPO and Rider LVGPO, and Related Relief ("Application"). Through the Application, ELL seeks to make available both Rider GPO and LVGPO to provide eligible customers a voluntary option to match a portion of their monthly electricity usage with renewable energy credits ("RECs"). For Rider GPO, participants will elect to match a set proportion of their electricity usage with RECs as follows:

Option	GPO Election	Rate (\$/kWh)
Tier One Option	25%	\$0.0100 per kWh
Tier Two Option	50%	\$0.0075 per kWh
Tier Three Option	100%	\$0.0050 per kWh

Rider LVGPO will offer qualifying non-residential customers the opportunity to purchase a fixed, large volume of RECs each month to offset their electricity usage. Rider LVGPO requires at least a one-year commitment and the Monthly Rate for participation in Rider LVGPO will be the greater of: (i) \$0.0025 per kWh or (ii) the monthly average value for the S&P Global Renewable Energy Credit Index for Texas RECs, as of the current Month.

The GPO or LVGPO charges would be in addition to the charges paid by the customer under their otherwise applicable rate schedules and riders.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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Public Notice

To be published Thursday, March 18, 2021 in the LEGAL SECTION of the St. Charles Herald

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

St. Charles Parish
FY2022-2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program

St. Charles Parish will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in the Parish Council Chambers, St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 Highway 18, Hahnville, Louisiana.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public views on the housing and community development needs of St. Charles Parish and to discuss the submission of applications for funding under the State of Louisiana FY2022/2023 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

At a minimum, the following items will be discussed at the hearing:

- The amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities.
- The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes;
- The plans of the Parish for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Parish to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and,
- The Parish's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

All citizens, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of St. Charles Parish are encouraged to submit their views and proposals at this meeting.

Accommodations will be made to persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided those persons request said accommodations through the contact given below three (3) days prior to the hearing.

Those unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals in writing three (3) days prior to the public hearing to:

Ms. Carla A. Chiasson
Grants Officer
St. Charles Parish
Post Office Box 302
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057
(985) 783-5000

St. Charles Parish may also be reached through the LA Relay Communications System at the following numbers:

Access #'s:
Voice Users: 1-800-947-5277
Speech to Speech: 1-888-272-5530
TTY Users: 1-800-846-5277
Spanish/Español: 1-800-737-1813
Email: larelay@hamiltonrelay.com

This service is free of charge.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office up to 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's-Tax Office-1st Floor, 15045 River Road, Parish Courthouse, P.O. Box 426, Hahnville, LA 70057, either by mail, hand delivered or on-line at: <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com> for:

Semi Down Draft Booth or equivalent

Detailed specifications may be picked up or mailed by contacting Nicole Henry at the Parish Courthouse (Phone 985-783-6237). Bid related documents may be viewed on-line at <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com> .

Bids should be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "SEALED BID FOR SEMI DOWN DRAFT BOOTH OR EQUIVALENT".

St Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reserves the right to reject any and all bids. These bid specifications have been prepared by our office, setting for those items deemed necessary by our personnel. They are not intended to be restrictive or discriminatory in any manner whatsoever. Please notify us in writing prior to opening bids of any deviation from this policy.

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

/s/ Greg Champagne, Sheriff

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Public Notice

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE (9-1-1)
ST. CHARLES PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

PRESENT:

Chief Tommy Barreca, Council Representative
Chief Oliver Dufrene, Firemen's Association
Captain Johnny Bourgeois, Firemen's Association
Armond Bourque, Parish President's Representative
Major Donnie Smith, Sheriff's Office Representative
Amber Walsh, Minute Clerk

ABSENT:

Major Sam Zinna, Sheriff's Office Representative
EMS Director Michael Guillot, St. Charles Hospital Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ravenel Mixon / 9-1-1 Director
Amanda Pertuis / 9-1-1 Assistant Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chief Barreca called the Monday, February 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the St. Charles Parish Communications District to order at 5:00 p.m., which was held at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Complex.

SILENT PRAYER & PLEDGE:

Time for a silent prayer was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Capt. Bourgeois and seconded by Maj. Smith approving minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 11th, 2020.

YEAS: BARRECA, DUFRENE, BOURGEOIS, BOURQUE, SMITH
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: ZINNA, GUILLOT
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

No invoices were submitted.

B. 9-1-1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Assistant Commander Amanda Pertuis gave a brief overview on personnel, maintenance, etc., for the 9-1-1 Communications Center.

C. 9-1-1 CENTER EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Chief Barreca gave a brief overview of the 9-1-1 Center Expansion Project.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bourque and seconded by Maj. Smith.
YEAS: BARRECA, DUFRENE, BOURGEOIS, BOURQUE, SMITH
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: ZINNA, GUILLOT
Motion carried.

There being no further business Chief Barreca adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

ATTEST: 
SAM ZINNA
PRESIDENT
ST. CHARLES PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS
DISTRICT (9-1-1)

ATTEST: 
JOHNNY BOURGEOIS,
SECRETARY/TREASURER
ST. CHARLES PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS
DISTRICT (9-1-1)

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Public Notice

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of ST. CHARLES PARISH ASPHALT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT, PROJECT NUMBER: P210302 as follows:

Owner: St. Charles Parish

Project Title: ST. CHARLES PARISH ASPHALT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Project No.: P210302

Principal Work Location: Parish-Wide

Description of Basic Work: Asphalt Street Pavement Rehabilitation.

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 April 13, 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 St. Charles Parish Public Works, Lee Zeringue, P.E

A payment of \$ 00.00 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 March 30, 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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Construct Connect

Thursday, March 18, 2021
Thursday, March 25, 2021
Thursday, April 01, 2021

Public Notice

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,
ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M.,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH
COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD,
HAHNVILLE:**

2021-0077 (3/15/21, Jewell)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Donation by and between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and St. Charles Parish for certain parcel of land comprising of approximately 109.8 acres for the purpose of a boat launch and park along Bayou Des Allemands.

2021-0082 (3/15/21, Jewell, M. Albert)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-3 and R-1A(M) to R-1A and the Future Land Use Designation from General Commercial and Moderate Density Residential to Low Density Residential on 3.255 acres, Lot 3-B, Coteau de France or Ranson Tract, 17344 Highway 90, Des Allemands, as requested by Michael Dufrene.

2021-0083 (3/15/21, Darensbourg Gordon)

An ordinance to rename Brazan Street, Hahnville to Stonecrest Drive.

2021-0084 (3/15/21, Jewell, M. Bingham)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement for Professional Services with Compliance Envirosystems, LLC for providing all necessary sewer system evaluations for St. Charles Parish, Project No. S210301.

2021-0086 (3/15/21, Jewell, M. Albert)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Dedication for River Road Estates Subdivision Phase 1, Hahnville.

2021-0087 (3/15/21, Jewell, M. Albert)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Act of Donation by River Road Estates, LLC to Parish of St. Charles for 52,245 sq. ft. of land designated Pretty Acres Park in River Road Estates Subdivision, Hahnville.

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April 1, 2021**

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS & OTHER NOXIOUS MATTER
If the following violations are not rectified within (5) days of this published notice, the parish will proceed in bringing the properties listed in compliance with Chapter 16, Article III Sec. 16-24 through Sec. 16-28. (As amended). The fee for performing these services shall be at a rate of 0.037 per square foot of the lot cleaned. The contractor's fee for performing these services shall be at the rate of 0.029 per square foot of the lot cleaned. In the event a mini-clean up is required prior to performing the above services, a fee of \$58.61 per mini clean up plus actual disposal fees will be assessed, not to exceed then (10) mini-cleanups per property in violation. On property where trash and/or debris accumulation is such that it requires heavy equipment, bulldozer, front-end loaders, etc. a fee of forty-three dollars and eighty six cents (\$43.96) per cubic yard will be assessed. An administration fee of \$36.63 may be assessed on each invoice. The fees in this section shall be increased or decreased on February first of each year by a change in CIP applicable to the US cities average group, all urban consumers, all items published by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the preceding twelve-month period ending each November. The change shall become effective beginning with the period ending November 30, 2000. The department of finance shall notify the department of planning and zoning in writing annually of the revised fees.
The following lots are in violation of parish ordinance Chapter 16, Article III Sec. 16-24 through Sec. 16-33:

Ernesto Acosta (Red Church Pltn. Estates)
Lot 172A (3741 Ashton Drive)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris

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