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Rare pink katydid found in Hahnville

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Stephen Lewis was working in his yard when he saw something peculiar. “At first, I wasn’t sure what it was. I thought it was a grasshopper, but I’d never seen a pink grasshopper,” Lewis said.

The bright pink insect was sticking upon one of the garden tomato plants and unbothered by Lewis continuing to work around it.

The strange sight prompted him to snap some photos and send them to his wife, Hazel, and their children. From there, Hazel was on the case: she did some research and quickly determined that there was a reason this sight seemed so very unique.

“She said that it was rare. I said, ‘Oh,

RARITY on 5A

Rare pink katydid found in yard of Stephen and Hazel Lewis.



Luling native, family leaves legacy at SCC



TURN to 1B

HHS students help seniors with tech



TURN to 4A

School Board works through large slate of summer construction projects

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With summertime now in full swing, St. Charles Parish students and teachers may have the next two months off, but for Chief St. Charles Parish School Board Plant Services and Security Offer John Rome and his hard-working staff – the busiest work season of the year has just begun.

“We have literally hundreds of projects going on,” Rome said of his School Board Plant Services’ current slate of construction, renovation and repair projects. “Some are proposal based, some are



Canopy, concrete and related renovation work currently underway at Mimosa Park Elementary School on Birch Street in Luling.

bid-based, some are projects that we’re finishing up on.”

SCHOOL BOARD on 5A

Rotary Club helps restore Wetland Watchers Park after Ida damage

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The Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish recently announced it completed volunteer-led Hurricane Ida repairs on the Wetland Watchers Park site in Norco, involving over 100 volunteer hours and \$5,000 in grant funds donated by its parent organization, Rotary International.

Approximately 15 local Rotary Club



Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish volunteers paint and repair Wetland Watchers Park signage.

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St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter benefits from veterinarian leadership

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Most residents would be surprised to learn the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter is currently one of the only local government-funded animal shelters in the state run by a veterinarian, giving St. Charles Parish several advantages most other parishes do not have.

With a current state-wide shortage of veterinarians, other animal shelters throughout the state have struggled to recruit qualified vets, making the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter one of the state's better staffed shelters.

“For example, Lafayette [Parish] has been looking for a vet for over a year,” Dr. Jena Troxler, St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter Supervisor, said. “It’s definitely a unique situation and has helped our pets get out quicker.”

Running her department since 2007, Troxler’s background as a local veterinarian has benefitted St. Charles Parish in a number of ways, from allowing the parish’s budget to stretch further since most veterinarian services don’t have to be outsourced, to using her medical training for finding new and efficient ways to improve how animals are treated and its shelter is run.

The parish’s animal shelter currently has not only its own shelter as an adoption center but has also partnered with Petco with four additional offsite adoption centers that regularly adopt out St. Charles Parish cats throughout the New Orleans region.

“That’s a huge help; they adopt out about



St. Charles Parish pets patiently await their pet adoption flight at a local airport. Flights like these are just one of several methods the local animal shelter has employed to ensure St. Charles Parish adoptable area pets find the best homes possible.

100 cats for us every six months,” Troxler said.

St. Charles Parish currently has an overpopulation problem with domesticated animals, Troxler explained, mostly due to St. Charles Parish pet owners having a relatively low rate of spaying and neutering with their pets.

“We take in about 1,500 pets a year, and we’re only a population of about 52,000,” Troxler commented on the parish’s current pet overpopulation issue. “We don’t have enough homes here to absorb all the healthy, adoptable animals.”

To help address the pet overpopulation problem, which is largely attributable to cats, St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter currently offers free cat spay and neuter services, microchip for pet cat identification purposes and free vaccines for any cat owner that brings in their pet for spay or neuter help. The cost to

SHELTER on 7A

New Destrehan counseling practice offers summer counseling groups for local children

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New counseling clinic Guided Growth Counseling LLC in Destrehan recently began offering local parents a new kind of summer activity - kid-oriented counseling groups, aimed at helping St. Charles Parish children improve social skills.

“Working at a school, I’ve noticed and some of my colleagues have as well, kids are lacking in social skills over the past few years,” owner and counselor Kaitlyn Hay said. “There are many factors that could go into this, but our goal is to aid kids in having the necessary social skills they need.”

Guided Growth Counseling’s various kid-friendly summer programs help St. Charles Parish kids develop skills in areas such as empathy, friendship, active listening, teamwork, problem solving and other areas. Hay says Guided Growth Counseling divides its groups by age: Its Social Superheroes group is geared for 4- to 6-year-olds, Mingle Makers targets ages seven thru nine, Simply Social designed for ages 10 thru 12, while its Social



Owner and counselor Kaitlyn Hay of Guided Growth Counseling, LLC.



Counselor Matt Exnicios of Guided Growth Counseling, LLC

Connections group focus on serving local teenagers.

“These groups are great for

SUMMER on 8A



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Hahnville students lend technology helping hand to seniors

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Hahnville High School students became the teachers recently on a trip to SummerHouse Ashton Manor.

The students were there to help residents with their questions about phones, iPads and computers and to assist them in gaining comfort with using those devices in a variety of ways. Each student, Jessa Barnhill and Sophie Bourgeois, led a group of seniors during the visit.

It was the beginning of what is planned to be a regular program going forward at the assisted living and memory care facility. The idea was suggested by Janice Nicholas of Hahnville, who had heard about its successful execution elsewhere. She made a phone call to SummerHouse activities coordinator Trudy Lopez and the first day of the question-and-answer workshop came last month at the tail end of the school year.

Lopez said the residents enjoyed it and learned plenty – and she noted she learned a few things herself as well.

“(Nicholas) asked if we had any seniors with phones or tablets, and that she had seen this (program) somewhere else,” Lopez said. “We did have some residents

and they were all helped ... they were able to ask questions about Androids, (iPhones) ... some had phones, some had iPads. They were able to ask what-



Trudy Lopez, Hope Barnhill, Jessa Barnhill, Sophie Bourgeois and Janice Nicholas.

ever questions they had and build some camaraderie. (The residents) were really happy afterwards.”

For those who have grown up with smartphones and other forms of modern technology, working with these devices tends to be second nature. It can be taken for granted that everyone has this experience, but for older generations learning to operate these devices to their potential can be an intimidating process.

HELPING SENIORS on 8A



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Child Advocacy Services of Destrehan helps advocate for local area foster children

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Destrehan-based nonprofit Child Advocacy Services (CAS), as part of a national network of similar nonprofits, has worked tirelessly to advocate for a targeted group of younger residents with special needs - local foster children living in the River Region.

“We operate two individual programs through an umbrella agency structure, one being the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, and one being the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC),” Jordyn G’Sell, Prevention Services Coordinator with CAS’ Destrehan office, said. “We also offer prevention education and resources as part of our CAC Program.”

CAS offers advocacy, clinical services, and prevention education for children and families in 10 parishes, with the local CAS Destrehan office servicing three of those parishes in the River Region: St. John, St. James and St. Charles Parishes. The local Destrehan office is part of a national CASA network operating in 49 states, with 931 programs active across the country. Within Louisiana alone there are 16 additional CASA programs offering similar services.

The CAS group’s CASA division is perhaps the best-known division of its organization, relying on its core group of trained volunteers to act as court-appointed advocates for local foster children.

“CASA is the only volunteer program where the individual becomes an extension of the court,” G’Sell said. “They become the eyes and ears of the judge, all while being unbiased and impartial to make recommendations to the judge on behalf of the child’s best interest.”

Foster children have unique challenges an average child does not experience, which CASA aims to address. A typical family household normally includes supportive adults who are always there to help advocate for their children. Foster children that have been physically removed from their biological parents lose that advocacy, G’Sell said, which is where CASA steps in to help.

“A CASA volunteer becomes that caring and competent adult advocating for that child’s best interest,” G’Sell explained. “Though a CASA child might be placed into a loving and



Exterior photo of CAS of Destrehan’s offices located at 13726 River Road.

caring foster home, the foster parents are not present in the court hearings, therefore the responsibility lies on the CASA volunteer to pass along any pertinent information.”

The typical foster child experiences multiple foster family placements, often resulting in detachment issues, insecurity and anxiety. In many cases when a CASA volunteer is assigned to a foster child, G’Sell said it often serves as a steady, calming influence despite other life disruptions they may encounter.

“The importance of a CASA [volunteer] is in fact the consistency they bring,” G’Sell said. “Not only that, but it has been shown that a foster child with a CASA significantly lessens the likelihood of multiple placements.”

CAS’s Destrehan office is currently seeking additional CASA volunteers to help the local area’s foster children. Each volunteer must be 21 years or older, complete a background check as well as complete the CASA Volunteer Training program, which consists of both in-person and web-based training.

“We currently have 19 active volunteers in the River Region, but ideally need about 16 more,” G’Sell said. “It would be truly amazing to have more volunteers, not only to ‘lessen the workload’ so to speak of our current CASAs, but also because we need to take into account the human element involved - our CASAs may go through life changes of their own; moving, taking on a new job, etc. that may take them off the case for those reasons.”

Over the course of the past few years, G’Sell says her local office has seen an increase in children in care, but a much slower increase in volunteers being trained.

For more information on CAS or on to learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer, visit them on the web at www.childadv.net, or contact local CASA Recruiter Donna Bliss via email at dbliss@childadv.net.



A view of CAS of Destrehan’s play therapy room, one of many counseling tools and services the center offers to local foster children.









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RARITY from 1A

really?” said Stephen.

The insect is a katydid, and most people will go their entire lives without seeing one.

The scarcity makes sense: insects of bright pink color don’t often reach adulthood because the bright color isn’t an effective camouflage against predators. Natural selection wins out and the pink insects don’t tend to multiply.

The color is the result of a mutation called erythrism, which is caused by the overproduction of red pigments and the underproduction of dark pigments.

After speaking with his wife, Stephen returned to the garden to see if his new friend was still around. It was,

and Stephen captured it – moving it gently into a jar with ventilation.

“It never moved or tried to get away,” the Hahnville resident said.

Hazel went out and got a more proper home for the insect to live in for the time being.

“I was very excited,” Hazel said. “And the kids were really excited about it. My niece asked if it was worth a million dollars.”

Stephen said it’s been a joy to see the reactions of his family members, especially the younger ones.

“It’s quite an eyecatcher. Seeing the kids’ faces is priceless,” he said. “They say it’s one percent in a lifetime

and I believe it. I’m 54, and I’ve never seen one like this in my life. It’s beautiful.”

While the katydid won’t yield the million-dollar bounty Lewis’ niece imagined, there is quite a bit of interest in it at the insect’s next stop. Stephen recalled that a new insectarium – the Audubon Insectarium – was opened in New Orleans this month. The family contacted staff with the insectarium last week made a visit to donate it there - meaning quite a few more people will have the chance to see one in person.

“We contacted them right away and they were pretty happy,” Stephen said. “It’s a rare find and it’ll be a great place for people to go and see what it looks like.”

SCHOOL BOARD from 1A

Rome commented that after managing numerous storm-related repair projects at schools across the parish the last two years, there were only three Hurricane Ida related projects left to complete, which his crews will soon be wrapping up. His team has ongoing maintenance, renovation and new construction projects to tend to all year long, but the more challenging or larger projects are typically reserved for the summer months when school is out.

“For multiple reasons, we always try to strategically plan out work throughout the year,” Rome explained of the School Board’s complex schedule of construction projects.

Saving major construction projects for the summer months helps Rome and his staff make St. Charles Parish schools safer - students are not exposed to major work at their schools, and it helps teachers and students minimize distractions, allowing them to focus on learning during the school year rather than dealing with noisy power equipment or navigating construction caution tape during school hours.

“If we’ve got to paint a hallway, we can do that during a break or after hours or on the weekends,” Rome explained. “But the heavy lifting – the major construction, the structural components, roofing, lighting, HVAC work and things of that nature – those major projects we try to knock out as much as we can during the summer months.”

While teachers and students get a couple of summer months off each year, Rome and his staff – including school custodians - are busier than ever during the summertime, working hard and late hours in the Louisiana summer heat to get projects completed on time before schools open back up in the fall.

Rome’s team currently has millions of dollars of construction projects in various stages of construction, bidding or planning in progress, throughout the parish. Some of the School Board’s major renovation projects this summer including a building addition project along with flooring replacement in the main building at R.K. Smith Middle School in Luling. The flooring replacement work is expected to be complete by the end of the summer, while the building addition work will go on this summer and complete during the summer of 2024.

The East Bank Head Start Center in Destrehan is also slated for major work during the 2023 summer months - including a building addition and renovation of the facility’s main building, with the renovation work expected to complete this summer.

“The addition portion [of the East Bank Head Start Center], much like the R.K. Smith Middle School project, will run throughout the school year but will not interfere with the school operations, and be completed next summer,” Rome said.

Students at Mimosa Park Elementary will return to school in the fall in time to enjoy a new main corridor canopy, which is being replaced this summer - yet another one of the major School Board summer construction projects now underway. The short-fuse project will include new concrete, new safety gates and electronic access in addition to the a new main corridor canopy. Demolition work on the Mimosa Park Elementary project has already been completed, Rome said, with additional work soon to be underway.

When it comes to how he gets so much accomplished each summer, year after year, 25-year School Board employee Rome pointed to his maintenance

staff, custodians and various staff members that make sure each project gets completed for the benefit of parish students and families.

“It’s always about the guys out there; it’s not about who’s in the office,” Rome explained as to who he credits for getting so many projects done each year. “We

have a maintenance department, a director, maintenance managers and 30 to 35 staff members, and approximately 90 custodians throughout the district that are really burning the midnight oil, doing everything they can to make sure the schools are in tip top shape for students and faculty when they return in August.”





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Obituaries

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Mayeux

Robert James “Bobby” Mayeux III passed away on Monday, June 12, 2023. He was born in Lecompte, LA on August 23, 1944.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Keren Wenn Mayeux; his daughter, Meghan Mayeux Parker (James); his grandchildren, Nolan James Parker and Rylee Jane Parker. He is also survived by his siblings, Thomas Mayeux (Debbie) and Willie (Bill) Mayeux and nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Eloise Dutton Mayeux and Robert Mayeux.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude to the care provided by Egan Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Mayeux may be made to the Autism Science Foundation www.autismsciencefoundation.org.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Avenue, Covington Louisiana on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM with visitation on Saturday beginning at 12:00 noon. Interment in St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery will be private.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The Mayeux family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

Dufrene

Lillian S. Dufrene, 98 a native and resident of Des Allemands, La. passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

Visitation will be on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church from 9:00am until service time. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30am with burial at St. Gertrude Catholic Cemetery.

Lillian is survived by her children; Judith Aucoin, Norman, Jr. (Gail) Dufrene, Paulette (Pete) Verdin, Melba (Mark) Richard, Dennis (Ann) Dufrene, Glenda (Joe) Bordelon, and Jeanell (Ramey) Arceneaux, 18 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren step-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and brother; John Schaubhut.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband; Norman J. Dufrene, Sr., parents; Arthur, Sr. and Rose Christen Schaubhut, siblings; Elwyn Schaubhut, Merlin Schaubhut, Sr., Vivian Rogers, Rita Matherne, and Arthur Schaubhut, Jr., son-in-law; Davis Aucoin, Sr., and Godchild; Marylane Schaubhut.



Dufrene

Oliver G. Dufrene, Sr., 82, a native and resident of Paradis passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023

Visitation will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m. until funeral time. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow in St. Gertrude Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bettie P Dufrene; son, Oliver G. (Angela) Dufrene, Jr.; granddaughter, Amanda (John) Martin; great-grandchildren, Mycal Martin, Cole Martin, Reid Martin, and Ella Jo Martin; sister, Rose Parker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Marie Dufrene; sisters, Audrey Gaubert, and Olivia Zeringue.

Oliver was a member of Paradis Volunteer Fire Department.

Falgout Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.



Gaubert

Barbara Zeringue Gaubert passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on Sunday, June 11, 2023. She was 90, a native and lifelong resident of Luling, La.

Barbara is survived by her children: Duenna Poche’ (Keith), Lowell “Bubby” (Angie), Theron “Hoss” (Cynthia), Guinn “Black” (Susan), Denise Boyd (Jay), Leila Bourgeois, Jaida Bergeron (Ritney Sr.), Roth (Julie); sister: Earline Hava; sister-in-law: Linda Zeringue, and 19 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Barbara was born on November 28, 1932. She graduated from Hahnville High School in 1951, and spent many years as a dedicated homemaker. She is proceeded in death by her husband, Denis Vincent “Gunu” Gaubert; brother, David Zeringue; sister, Irma Johnson, brother-in-law Joseph Johnson; parents, Noah J. Zeringue and Beulah L. Zeringue.

Barbara was affectionately known as “Maw Bobbie” to many. She was compassionate and tender to everyone she met. She loved life, was happiest when her family was gathered and took great pride in being a beacon of strength for her family and friends. She was a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and was a faithful servant to the Lord. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known her.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, June 23, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 1 Rectory Lane in Hahnville. Funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m. followed by interment at St. Charles Cemetery.



Barbara was very devoted to her Catholic faith and faithful in giving to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to St. Jude or a mass Intention in her name at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Hodson

Raymond “Ray” Hodson, III, 57, a native and resident of Mathews, La., passed away on June 16, 2023.

Visitation will be June 22, 2023 at St. Hilary of Poitiers Catholic Church from 9:00am until service time. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am with burial at a later date.

“Ray” is survived by his daughters; Meghan Hodson (Dominick Owens), and Hailey Hodson, their mother; Melodi B. Hodson, grandchildren; Samuel and John-Paul Owens, parents; Raymond, Jr. and Mary Breaux Hodson, siblings; Tommy Hodson, David Hodson, Matthew Hodson, Benjamin Hodson, Jill Hodson, and Ann Hodson, numerous nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

“Ray” was preceded in death by his grandparents; Raymond, Sr. and Theresa Robichaux Hodson, Leon, Sr. and Aline Bourgeois Breaux.

“Ray” was a graduate of Central Lafourche High School, class of 1984, and a member of the CLHS Trojans basketball and football teams. He worked tirelessly on behalf of his family during the day, and passionately as a cattleman with his father in the evening and on weekends. He loved to provide and cook for his family. He also enjoyed physical fitness and watching sports. Later in life, he began to embrace the idea of traveling to spend time with family. He will be missed tremendously.



Sheriff’s Reports

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Arrests

- **Asheley Augustine, 29**, of 218 Meadows Drive in Destrehan, was arrested June 17 and charged with domestic abuse battery/child endangerment.
- **Kederick Burbank, 39**, of 221 Verot School Road in Lafayette, was arrested June 17 and charged with domestic abuse battery/child endangerment and simple criminal damage to property.
- **Bridgette Bassett, 29**, of 2213 S. Sugar Ridge in LaPlace, was arrested June 18 and charged with domestic abuse battery and traffic violation.
- **Austin Ward, 26**, of 89 Carriage Lane in Destrehan, was arrested June 18 and charged with domestic abuse battery/child endangerment and possession of suboxone. He was a fugitive.
- **Kellie Sarrio, 42**, of 527 2nd Avenue in Harvey, was arrested June 13 and charged with unauthorized entry of a criminal infrastructure.
- **Rakia Sandolph, 35**, of 100 Lance Lane in Luling, was arrested June 13 and charged with illegal possession of stolen things.
- **Makayla Gardner, 21**, of 129 Cove Pointe in Luling, was arrested June 13 and charged with aggravated battery.



Real Estate Transactions

- **72 Carriage Lane A in Destrehan** sold for \$169,900 by Christopher and Taisha Milton to Amber and Grant Livingstone.
- **72 St. Anthony Street in Luling** sold for \$245,000 by Succession of Mary McCullough to Joseph Saucier Jr.
- **230 St. Anthony Street in Luling** sold for \$241,500 by McWilliams LLC to Jason and Tara Bays.

- **329 Woodland Drive in Boutte** sold for \$135,000 by Lorenzo Zapata to Keith and Michelle Miller.
- **213 St. Rose Avenue** sold for \$70,000 by Heather and Duane Croissant to Thomas Prichard.
- 230 Annex Street sold for \$17,000 by Teresa and Christopher Cloudt to Jana Moyal.

ROTARY from 1A

members and Destrehan High School Interact Club members volunteered for the effort at the parish’s Norco park, located at 1650 Lower Guide Levee Road. Together, over the course of a three-day service project, the volunteers sanded and repainted fences and pavilions, made on-site repairs to the Wetland Watchers’ storage building, as well as general trash clean up.

Wetlands Watchers Park is located on Lake Pontchartrain and features a nature walk, marsh overlook, fishing and picnic areas. It serves as a local area tourist attraction and is tied to the Wetland Watchers Service Learning Project at Harry Hurst Middle School in Destrehan. It was an important project for the Rotary Club to take on, whose



Local pageant winners pose together with recent alligator hatchlings at Wetland Watchers Park.



Rotary Club volunteers find time for a group photo in the midst of their cleanup and restoration work at Wetland Watchers Park.

members say the park serves as an important environmental link for local youth.

“Wetland Watchers Park provides a much-needed educational aspect for our parish youth,” Kelsey Pollock, Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish Public Relations chair, said. “It’s a one-of-a-kind outdoor classroom and educational center that teaches about our ecology and how we’re all connected to the land; the importance of land conservation, recycling, damage caused by erosion

as well as the flora and fauna of the area.” Planning began last year shortly after parent organization Rotary



Volunteers coordinate cleanup efforts and boardwalk repair work at Wetland Watchers Park in Norco.



Rotary Club volunteers work to shore up and repair the Wetland Watchers Park’s storage building.

International granted the local Rotary Club a \$5,000 disaster relief grant.

“The board members tossed around a bunch of ideas but in the end, we felt Wetland Watchers would benefit the most,” Pollock said of the club’s repair efforts.

The local service organization says it has additional Ida repair and renovation related plans for Wetlands Watchers Park, with more work scheduled for the fall and beyond.

“We are currently working on a plan to rebuild the lakeside pier, rebuild the wooded pathways, and eventually make repairs to the outdoor classroom,” Pollock said. “This will be an on-going project for the Rotary Club.”

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SHELTER from 2A

get all those services at a local veterinarian clinic is typically several hundred dollars, performed at no cost for parish residents.

In addition to those services, the parish also works to adopt out as many pets as it can locally through its shelter and offsite partners. For the last six years the shelter has gone even further, working with national nonprofit organizations like Greater Good Charities to absorb additional pets for adoption in other states.

“Since 2017 we have flown pets nationally to our adoption partners,” Troxler said. “Each private flight costs about \$25,000, and that is all donation-based; our parish doesn’t pay anything.”

The private flights have allowed St. Charles Parish to find homes out of state for the excess number of pets it can’t adopt out due to just sheer volume of pets it takes in.

Greater Good Charities initially wasn’t working with almost any Louisiana area animal shelters, but once Troxler heard of their organization and this method of adoption, she was persistent in changing their minds. She eventually convinced the group St. Charles Parish’s local shelter had



A sea of pet containers carrying precious cargo await to be loaded onto a pet adoption flight at a local airport.



St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter assistant supervisor Allison Badgerow gives a thumbs-up signal as St. Charles area pets are prepared to be transported out-of-state to a new adoption site. Badgerow handles all crating and paperwork organization for pet adoption flights.

Troxler said. “We transfer hundreds of cats and dogs a year.”

The organization has also helped with hurricane evacuation of adoptable pets as well, relieving a huge burden on the animals and the staff that care from.

Once Troxler’s staff had developed a good working relationship with Greater Good Charities, she helped mentor other coastal parish animal shelters to develop protocols and procedures that would help them them to qualify for the same services.

“The goal was to get our coastal parish shelters – Jefferson, Orleans, Lafayette – everyone on the coast – to get all of us on the same page with basic medical care so that they could possibly participate and could possibly have outlets...and wouldn’t struggle as much with evacuations.”

A major success story from this mentor program was a local Northshore-based parish that saw significant improvement and benefitted with numerous new resources.

“One of those groups that really went from an extremely high euthanasia rate to participation was Tangipahoa Animal Shelter,” Troxler mentioned. “They ended up with a giant grant and support system from a national group that provided their shelter with buildings, a vet –everything that would have taken 10 years to build.”

“It makes a huge difference,”

SUMMER from 2A

kids who struggle with making or keeping friends, or who are uncomfortable in social situations,” Hay explained.

Hay and staff at Guided Growth also have developed their Worry Warriors and Calm Collectors groups, designed to help kids who may worry a lot or have been diagnosed with anxiety. Hay is currently in the process of developing additional types of groups to help local kids and hopes to have more groups available possibly during the school year for active kids that have sports, camps, and other busy summer schedules.

“Now, we are getting requests for different types of groups...I’m in the process of developing those groups and determining what they could look like,” Hay said. “The response has been so positive and I’m truly excited to keep offering different things.”

Hay offers her services as a licensed professional counselor with a masters degree in counseling. After growing up in



Play therapy room views at Guided Growth Counseling’s Destrehan location.

Destrehan and completing her post-secondary education, she began working as both a school counselor as well as an adjunct professor at the University of Holy



Cross. Hay returned in the spring this year to St. Charles Parish to open her own counseling practice. She officially began seeing clients first virtually in

March then in-person in April.

“I wanted to open this practice here because I saw the need, and wanted to give something back to this community,” Hay said of her new counseling service. “I kept hearing so many people here telling me that they were tired of going to Metairie for therapy, or that the waitlist was too long...everyone was either on a waitlist or having to go into Metairie or New Orleans, or they were seeing someone virtual and not always enjoying the experience.”

While Hay’s practice began offering numerous kid-focused summer programs this year, her private practice is geared towards individuals, groups and families of all ages.

For more information on Kaitlyn Hay and her new counseling practice, Guided Growth Counseling, LLC, visit her at www.guidedgrowthllc.com or on her business’ Facebook page.

HELPING SENIORS from 4A

“Some don’t know the basics. They might have a phone but be using it just to answer calls. It’s their mechanism to talk to their family,” Lopez said. “But they can do much more with it. And the ones who were helped, they were able to take part and tell the others ‘I learned how to do this, they showed me how to get to my pictures’ or how to send pictures.”

Lopez said the benefits of the program run both ways.

“I think the kids can come in and realize that, this is assisted living but these are men and women who can still do,” Lopez said. “But it’s just a matter of someone taking the time. You may have to show them more than once ... I think this is something that everyone can benefit from on each side.”

Nicholas said it warmed her heart to see the vision come to life.

“I’ve had trouble myself with my phone, and my grandson would help me, so it was in my mind. I thought it would be nice,” Nicholas said. “I had seen where a school had put it together and worked with a nursing home in their area ... it seemed to go over so well with everyone.”

She credited Lopez and HHS administrator Hope Barnhill with their work in putting the activity together and her grandson, Davis, with providing some of the inspiration.

Lopez said that the next student visit could be within the month if it’s viable to set up during that timeframe with school out for the summer. But if not, the hope is to have the next date as soon as possible once the school year begins again in August.

“We’d love to have them back as soon as we can,” Lopez said.





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Luling native proved a winner, champion at SCC

Last of five brothers at school puts exclamation point upon family legacy at school, helps teams earn four state crowns

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Winning a state championship is a dream for many high school athletes, reality for very few.
How about four?

For Luling's Ayden Authement, his

with Coach Wayne, how he handles the program, how he pushes his kids to be as much as they can be. He's been like a second father to me and he made me a better leader.

"I don't know that anyone expected to go back-to-back, but we kind of figured it out and finished the job."

"Going into high school, I knew I wanted to win one ... winning four, that's a blessing."

— Ayden Authement

prep career at St. Charles Catholic concluded with four successful trips to the mountaintop, including two state titles in football, where he quarterbacked the Comets, and two on the baseball diamond where he was a standout second baseman.

All four state championships came during his junior and senior seasons, as the Comets went back-to-back in both sports under head football and baseball coach Wayne Stein.

"Going into high school, I knew I wanted to win one. Winning four – that's a blessing," said Authement. "It starts

Authement's leadership certainly was of importance. His production was equally vital as he cemented a legacy at St. Charles, earning Most Outstanding Player honors in the championship games of both football and baseball during his senior year.

He recently signed to play baseball at Loyola University in New Orleans after mulling whether his athletic career would continue past SCC.

"But I knew after my last game ended, I still had more to prove to myself, more to prove to my family and my coaches," Authement said.



Ayden Authement with two of the four state championship trophies his teams captured during his time with SCC.

He'll be arriving at the same school his grandfather did before him - Judge Edward Dufresne Jr. attended Loyola for his undergraduate degree and then law school. Authement was close with his grandfather and is proud to be following in his footsteps.

Authement has a knack for exceeding expectations – and high ones, at that.

Authement was the fifth among his brothers to play both sports at SCC. Grant, Ross, Dane and Bryce played before him, each wearing No. 7 on the football field and No. 1 on the baseball diamond – and each helping propel St.

Charles to big wins and deep playoff runs in both sports.

He was stepping in to continue a strong family legacy. Adding to that pressure, Ayden would be the first among his brothers to play quarterback at the school, a position that comes with the brightest of spotlights.

Some shrink from that, some shine – and he was very much the latter. Authement said his brothers had plenty to do with his readiness.

"When you're the youngest, they're always gonna pick on you and push you,"

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Ayden Authement with his mother, father and four brothers.



Authement puts bat on ball during his senior year at SCC.

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College spotlight: Hunter LeBlanc

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Nicholls State charged to the Southland Conference baseball championship this season, highlighting a strong season that saw the Colonels go 34-24 overall.

Hahnville High alumnus Hunter LeBlanc helped Nicholls to that prize. LeBlanc started 15 games as a senior and played in 33 total this season, scoring 12 runs to go with nine RBIs and two home runs. Those who remember him as a dangerous player on the bases from his days at Hahnville saw those skills translate to the college level once again as he was successful in stealing six times in seven attempts. Defensively he maintained a perfect fielding percentage in the outfield.

One of his best offensive games of the season came in a 9-8 win against Memphis on March 3. LeBlanc went 3-for-4 at the plate including a double, with a run scored and an RBI.

But his best sustained play came later that month when the Colonels played a three-game series against in-state foe McNeese. LeBlanc went 8-for-14 in the series with three runs scored, a home run and five RBIs. That performance helped Nicholls win the series, taking two of three.

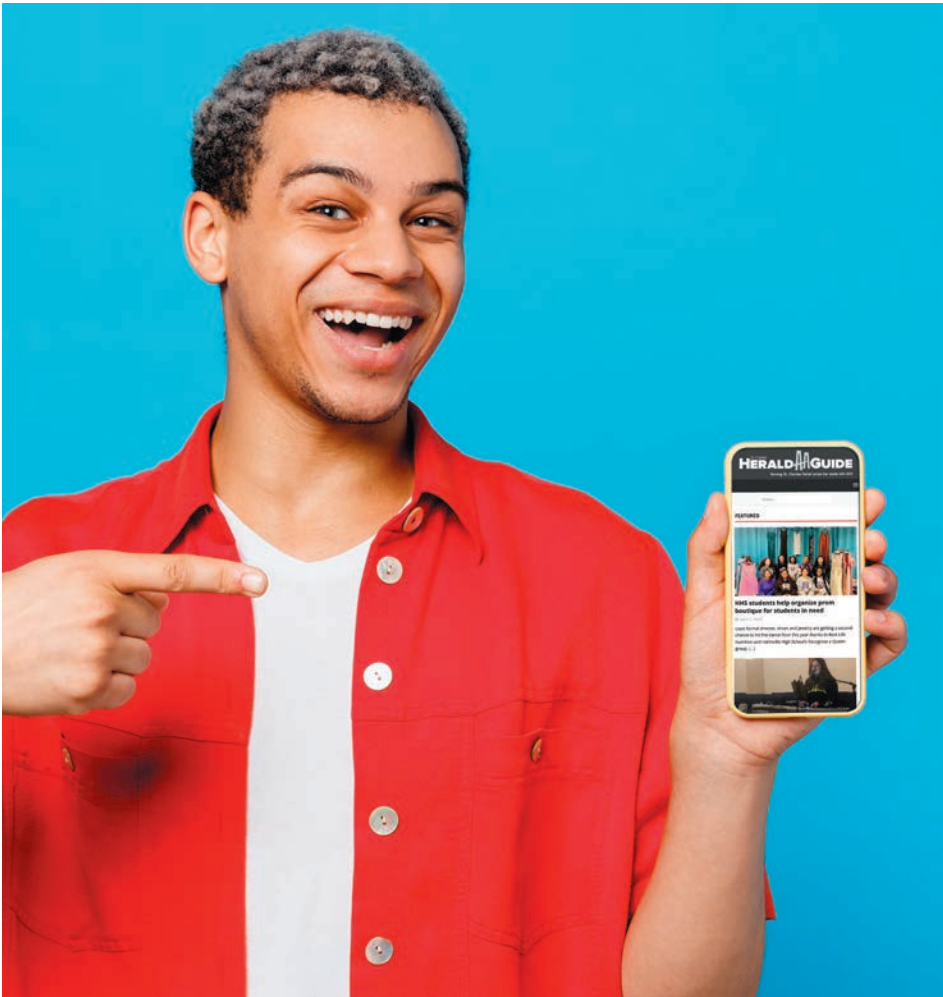
LeBlanc made 16 starts as a junior for Nicholls, scoring 12 runs and driving in 14 RBIs. He delivered a pinch-hit bases clearing double in the ninth inning in the team's opening win at Southeastern.

Nicholls reached the NCAA's regional tournament after winning the Southland Conference with victories in four games. Nicholls defeated McNeese and Lamar before besting UNO in back-to-back games, 5-3 and 6-3 respectively, to win the conference tournament.

Prior to arriving at Nicholls, LeBlanc played two seasons with Southern Miss and one at Jones College.

At Southern Miss, he saw action in 12 games as a sophomore, batting .200 with five hits, one double and two runs scored. He started 28 of 43 games played as a freshman and posted a .239 average with 27 hits, six doubles, a triple and a home run, driving in 16 runs and scoring 18. He homered in finale of the team's series against Mississippi State series.

As a standout at Hahnville, LeBlanc started three seasons and was named to the All-District team in all three. He was also a standout football player, a three-year starter in the Tigers' secondary.



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Authement said. “I know watching their games, watching them play, it brought so much love of the game for me.”

Likewise, he called himself very fortunate to have the guidance of Stein and coaches Frank and Ty Monica over the years at SCC.

“I couldn’t have done any of it without them. Coach Ty, Coach Wayne, and Coach (Frank) Monica pushed me too when I was young,” he said.

His senior year marked the 18th and final consecutive year an Authement suited up for St. Charles.

Authement made sure the family name went out with a bang.

In his final baseball game, SCC’s 9-1 victory over Menard to secure the Division III state baseball crown, he notched three hits and three RBIs as the Comets’ leadoff hitter.

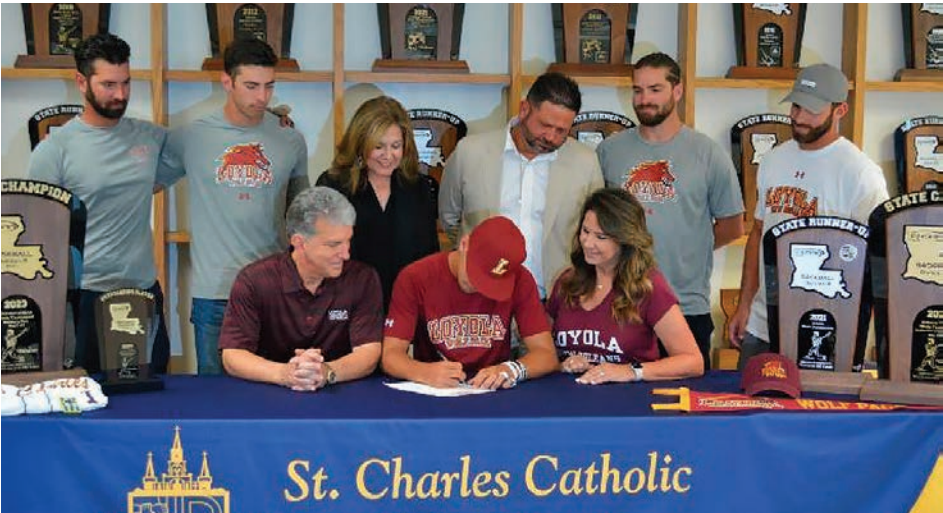
That capped a playoff run where he went 13-for-24 at the plate, good for a scorching batting average of .542. On the season, he was named District Player of the Year and was an All-State first team selection.

Nobody would have scoffed at three championship wins in two years to be sure, but Authement said he, his teammates and his coaches were determined to nail down another baseball title, even when things were getting tough.

“We weren’t playing our best baseball at all late in the season,” Authement said. “We knew if we kept playing like that, we may not win a playoff game at all. We changed it around and it had to start in practice. Every morning, we got to work ... we started to find our rhythm.”

He added that winning never gets old.

“(Returning to school after a championship win) was awesome. Walking into the hallway and getting the congratulations. It’s something we’ve talked about doing since we were young, in middle school ... and in the end, we did everything we wanted.”



Ayden Authement signs with Loyola.



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Boutte area horse trainer offers riding lessons for locals

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Having grown up around horses most of her life, local Leanna Maise has been able to turn her lifelong passion for horses into a small business opportunity, teaching local children horse-riding basics.

Maise began riding horses at the tender age of three years old, and was first introduced to horses by her aunt, who kept and raised horses. After growing up riding and caring for horses, Maise now regularly competes in weekend barrel racing events with the National Barrel Racing Association (NBRA).

At just 19, Maise has recently begun her own riding lesson business for locals interested in learning to ride horses at her Boutte equine facility.

“I keep my horses on private property in Boutte, called Triple

R, where there is a small stable with 6 stalls, an arena, pasture and a large round pen,” Maise said of her horse training facilities. “The round pen is where beginner equestrians start; It is also where I bring horses that need extra training.”

Maise says she has begun offering riding lessons in Boutte for beginner riders aged three years and up, offering basic horsemanship skills on the ground and in the saddle, as well as equine safety. Students first arrive at Triple R to meet the horses, learn how to groom them, how to stand and walk around them, along with other skills.

“There’s nothing I love more than watching a child grow and love this sport as much as I do, as well as watching the parents’ expressions when they see how much fun their

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Signs and Symptoms of Abdominal Hernias

An abdominal wall hernia, also called a ventral hernia, occurs when the abdominal wall tissues underneath the skin weaken to the point that a hole develops.

Patients often note a bulge, as internal fatty tissues or sometimes intestinal tissues can push through the hole. Hernias are common and are generally non-life threatening but can be severe in rare circumstances.

The tissues within the hernia can move in or out of the hole easily (reducible hernia), be chronically stuck in the hole (incarcerated hernia) or be acutely stuck within the hole so tightly that the tissues within lose their blood flow (strangulated hernia). Strangulated hernias are rare but potentially severe and require emergency surgical repair.

Hernias are named after the location in the body where they occur. Naturally, an abdominal wall hernia occurs in the abdomen. These are almost always along the midline of the abdomen near the belly button (ventral or umbilical hernia) or at an area of prior surgery (incisional hernia). Rarely they can occur along the left or right lateral sides of the abdomen (spigelian hernias).

Several risk factors may increase the likelihood of developing an abdominal hernia and experiencing hernia recurrence after surgery. These include

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pregnancy, obesity, tobacco abuse, poorly controlled diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), peritoneal dialysis, and previous history of hernia and abdominal surgeries. Frequently lifting heavy objects and straining can increase the risk of developing a hernia over time, and some people may be more prone to develop them than others.

The most common symptoms of an abdominal hernia include pain or a tugging sensation with exertion and a noticeable protrusion or bulge along the abdomen at the hernia site. Additionally, symptoms can include pain or redness at the site, nausea, vomiting, fever, chills, abdominal distention and bloating. You should contact your medical provider if any of these symptoms are experienced.

After a hernia is diagnosed, a physician may suggest surgical repair, either open or minimally invasively (laparoscopic or robotic). Open surgery involves an incision over the top of the hernia to return the tissues stuck within the hernia back inside the abdomen. The hernia hole is then sewn together with the permanent sutures and may include a hernia mesh placement for reinforcement, depending on the size of the hernia. Minimally invasive laparoscopic or robotic surgery



entails small incisions with long instruments and a camera inserted to perform the repair from within the abdomen. The advantage to minimally invasive repair is typically less pain and a shorter recovery period and return to work.

If you experience hernia symptoms, contact your physician or surgeon to determine if surgical repair is recommended or if monitoring is the best treatment plan.

Dr. Jacob E. Dowden is originally from Lafayette, Louisiana. He received his undergraduate degree from LSU and medical degree from LSU-HSC in New Orleans. Following this, he completed an internship and residency in general surgery at the University of Tennessee College of

Medicine in Chattanooga. He completed a fellowship in Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Dr. Dowden is board certified by The American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has been on staff at Ochsner since 2020 and has been practicing medicine since 2015. Dr. Dowden's expertise is in the treatment of benign and malignant diseases of the liver, pancreas, and biliary system/gallbladder. He also practices general surgery with a particular interest in minimally invasive/robotic surgery. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Dowden at Ochsner Health Center - Kenner (200 West Esplanade Avenue), call 504-464-8506 or visit www.ochsner.org.

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child is having,” Maise commented regarding her passion for horses and horse training work. “Not only that, but seeing the growth in each horse, and turning them into something I’m confident to put anyone on, and that’s always the best feeling.”

With a passion for everything equine, Maise managed to score a seasonal job in the fall working as a vet technician with highly trained thoroughbred horses at the New Orleans Fairgrounds racecourse.

“[My job] includes assisting the vets with holding horses for shots, pulling up medications, cleaning and preparing areas for injections or surgeries as well as going on regular check-up calls when clients call for them,” Maise said. “I have learned a great deal working with these wonderful animals such as, how to administer medication through Intramuscularly and intravenously - vein and muscle.”

After experiencing firsthand the advanced medical care many thoroughbred horses receive, Maise says she has come to realize horses in the racing industry get treated much better than common myths regarding the racing industry would suggest.

The local horse trainer says she her current career plans are to enroll in Unity College, where she will major in equine massage therapy while still maintaining her riding lessons business.

“My long-term career goals are to become a licensed equine massage therapist, meaning I will



be working on lots of performance horses to make sure they get the therapy that they need to stay at their very best,” Maise explained.

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Public Notice

A PUBLIC AUCTION
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 AT 9:00AM – 4:00PM &
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023 AT 9:00AM – 4:00PM
SURPLUS FROM ST CHARLES PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE

LOCATION: Henderson Auctions
13340 Florida Blvd.
Livingston, LA 70754

LISTING: www.stcharlessheriff.org & <https://www.hendersonauctions.com>
INSPECTION: Public Buyers can inspect the inventory on Wednesday June, 28th, 2023 9-4
TERMS: Cash, Cashier’s Checks, Money Order, Check, Wire, & Credit Card.

For more information, contact Lt. Andy Cimino, Fleet Manager @ (985) 783-1340.

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PUBLISH: June 15 & 22, 2023

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:

Estate of Shirley J. Lainta Shell
300 Mockingbird Lane, St. Rose, LA 70087
Lot 14
Subdivision: Preston Hallow (Levy*)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Mrs. Grace D. Armant
123 Adams St., Killona, LA 70057
Lot A6
Subdivision: Darensbourg Tracts (A, G, V)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Tammy Miller
313 Johnson St., St. Rose, LA 70087
Lot 35
Subdivision: Almedia Plantation SU*
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Pinkins Reality, LLC
914 E Lawson St., New Sarpy, LA 70047
Lot 7
Subdivision: New Sarpy Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Milton Antonio Betton
912 E Harding St., New Sarpy, LA 70078
Lot 7-A
Subdivision: New Sarpy Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Craig S. C/O Lonny C. Scott
209 Short St., Killona, LA 70057
Lot A
Subdivision: Vicknair Prop.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

John C/O Julia Lewis
208 Schoolhouse Rd., Killona, LA 70057
Lot 45
Subdivision: Vicknair Prop.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Cathy Brimmer C/O Grace Armand
656 Killona Dr., Killona, LA 70057
Lot B9
Subdivision: Darensbourg Tracts (A, G, V)
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Melvin Est. C/O Kevilyn Lorio
283 Killona Dr., Killona, LA 70057
Lot 100
Subdivision: Broussard Tract
Nature of violation: Grass cutting

Mr. Blocks’s Enterprises, LLC
151 West B St., Norco, LA 70079
Lot D
Subdivision: Good Hope Pltn. – W ½ of B
Nature of violation: Grass Cutting

Elliott, Pierre A.
529 Good Hope St., Norco, LA 70079
Lot 16
Subdivision: Good Hope Subd. – Blks. A Thru U
Nature of violation: Grass Cutting

Louise F. Capshaw
215 W. Hoover St., New Sarpy, LA 70078
Lot 41
Subdivision: New Sarpy Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass Cutting

Phillips, Leona Cotton, Dianne C/O
924 E. Harding St., New Sarpy, LA 70078
Lot 13
Subdivision: New Sarpy Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass Cutting

PUBLISH: June 22, 2023

Public Notice

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON JULY 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE TO HEAR:

POSTPONED CASES:

2023-4-MIN requested by **Karla & Jose Carbajal** for a resubdivision of one lot into five with a waiver, **312 Canal Street, Luling**. Zoning District R-1A(M). Council District 7.
2022-1-MAJ requested by **Almedia Gardens, LLC** for Preliminary Plat approval of Almedia Gardens, a 188 lot residential subdivision proposed at the terminus of East Club Drive, St. Rose. Zoning District R-1A & C-2. Council District 5.

NEW CASES:

2023-16-HOP requested by **Andre Cavalier** for a home occupation – “Bravo Two Six Tactical, LLC” – at **324 Santa Cruz Court, Luling**. Council District 7.
2023-17-HOP requested by **Lauren Fanguy** for a home occupation – “B + H Salon” – at **131A Michael Drive, Bayou Gauche**. Council District 4.
2023-18-HOP requested by **Tannis Whittaker** for a home occupation – “Celebrations Party Rentals” – at **118 Avery Street, Luling**. Council District 7.
2023-27-HOA requested by **Nicole Lee** for a home occupation – “Hyacinth Boutique” – at **402 Lagattuta Drive, Luling**. Council District 7.
2023-28-HOA requested by **Nicole Lee** for a home occupation – “Nicole Noel” – at **402 Lagattuta Drive, Luling**. Council District 7.
2023-8-MIN requested by **Boyd Kinler, Patti Gassen, Brent Kinler, Trudy Brooks, and Kerry Parlette** for a resubdivision of two lots into two with a waiver, **adjacent to 204 Wanda Street, Luling**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 7.
2023-3-SPU requested by **Robert and Heidi Lasserre** for an accessory dwelling unit at **102 Cadow Street, Paradis**. Council District 4.
2023-8-R requested by **Conrad Frey for Southern Trucking & Transportation, LLC** for a change of zoning from C-3 to M-1 on two triangular lots consisting of approximately 1.5 and 2 acres and designated a portion of Lots 7, 8, & 9 of the John Lambert Tract, **275 I-310 Service Road, St. Rose**. Council District 5.
2023-9-R requested by **Melanie Johnson** for a change of zoning from C-3 to R-1A(M) on Lot 5, Block C, Boots Subdivision, **429 Good Children Street, Boutte**. Council District 1.

ALTERNATE DATE: 7/13
PUBLISH: 6/22, 6/29, 7/6

Public Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Sealed bids are requested by St. Charles Parish School Board from general contractors for construction of:

HVAC Replacement
St. Charles Parish School Board
Harry Hurst Middle School
170 Road Runner Lane
Destrehan, LA 70047

Bids will be received at the **St. Charles Parish School Board, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070** at **2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Dufresne Conference Room.

B. BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Complete Bidding Documents which include the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from **GVA ENGINEERING, L.L.C.; 2615 Edenborn Avenue, Suite C; Metairie, Louisiana 70002 (Phone: 504-780-9330)** upon payment of a deposit of **\$150.00** cash for each set of documents. The deposit or a portion of the deposit is returnable as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidding documents are also available at www.stcharles.k12.la.us under Resources select Online Bids & RFPs.

C. BID SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security at least equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check or bid bond. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if within the budget. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after bid opening except as provided by law.

Bidders must meet the requirements of the State of Louisiana Contractor’s Licensing Law, R.S. 37:2151 et seq.

D. REJECTION OF BIDS

St. Charles Parish School Board reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities as allowed by law.

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at St. Charles Parish School Board Office, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070 on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dufresne Conference Room**. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**. After the pre-bid conference meeting, there will be a tour of the project site.

F. ADVERTISEMENT DATES

LEGAL AD TO RUN: **Thursday, June 22, 2023**
Thursday, June 29, 2023
Thursday, July 6, 2023

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Arthur A. Aucoin, President
Dr. Ken Oertling, Superintendent
13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070

Sheriff’s Sale

SHERIFF’S SALE
SHERIFF’S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 89651-D
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUND-
ING LLC
vs
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION
OF NORMAN J.
LAROUSSE A/KIA NORMAN J.
LAROUSSE A/KIA
NORMAN LAROUSSE, ET AL
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
29th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at

public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St. Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM, to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the State of Louisiana, in the Parish of St. Charles, in that part thereof known as Luling Heights Subdivision, Section “B”, according to a survey by E. M. Collier, Surveyor, dated May 9, 1968, said portion being designated as Lot 142 of Square “G”, Lot 142, Square “G”, is bounded by Barton Avenue, Lot 141, Lot 143 and the northern boundary line of the subdivision, and Lot 142 commences at a distance of 2165 feet from the corner, of Nola Street and Barton Avenue, and measures thence 61 feet front on Barton Avenue, the same width in the rear, by a depth of 120 feet between equal and parallel lines.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of:

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVEN AND 86 / 100 (\$133,507.86) DOLLARS, along with interest and attorney’s fees and all other costs including my own costs and charges.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER’S CHECK DUE BY 2:00 P.M. DAY OF THE SALE. GREG CHAMPAGNE-SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLISH ON: May 25, 2023

June 22, 2023
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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P.O. Box 87379 13541 Tiger Bend
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Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids and electronic bids for the construction of the following project will be received by the Port of South Louisiana, 1720 LA Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana, at 10:00 AM on TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids will be received after 10:00 AM. As a minimum, "ATTN: Paul Mathews, Executive Director, SEALED BID for Storage Tank and Containment Zone Demolition and Site Improvements, Contractor's Name & License # " should appear on the outside of the sealed envelope. Bids can also be submitted at www.centralbidding.com

Storage Tank and Containment Zone Demolition and Site Improvements

LOCATED IN:	St. John the Baptist Parish
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:	Demolition and removal of existing structure
CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION:	Structural Demolition
CONTRACTING AGENCY:	Port of South Louisiana 1720 LA Highway 44 Reserve, Louisiana
PROPOSAL GUARANTY:	5% of the Amount of Bid Payable to Port of South Louisiana
ENGINEER:	Julien Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
TELEPHONE:	(985) 652 - 9278

The project is located at the Port of South Louisiana Globalplex Intermodal Terminal, in Reserve, Louisiana.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Port of South Louisiana office at the above provided address or at www.centralbidding.com. Plans may be obtained electronically from the Engineer upon payment of \$25.00 in certified check, company, or cashier's check payable to the Engineer. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212 A(1)(e), deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents, deposits on any additional sets will be refunded less the actual costs of reproduction. The payment for all sets of Bidding Documents furnished to contractors including subcontractors and suppliers, will be non-refundable. Good condition is defined as free of all pencil, pen, highlighter, and other marks, free of significant tears, and free of missing sheets or pages. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be held at the POSL Administration Building 1720 LA Highway 44, Reserve, LA on FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023, AT 10:00 AM. All prime Bidders are required to attend and all subcontractors, material suppliers, and other interested persons are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting as a condition of submitting bids. The purpose of the site visit is for all Bidders to familiarize themselves with the project conditions, location, limitations, and existing site conditions.

Bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Port of South Louisiana, must be prepared in accordance with Section 2 of the 2018 Edition of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office Multimodal Commerce, General Provisions and must include all the information required by the bid form. Bid forms are available from the Engineer and will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the time set for opening the bids. Each bid shall include a proposal guaranty in an amount not less than specified above.

In accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 B. (5) Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for public works shall be submitted at the time of bidding. The authority of the signature of the person submitting the bid shall be deemed sufficient and acceptable if any of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The signature on the bid is that of any corporate officer listed on the most current annual report on file with the secretary of state, or the signature on the bid is that of any member of a partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity listed in the most current business records on file with the secretary of state.
- (b) The signature on the bid is that of an authorized representative as documented by the legal entity certifying the authority of the person.
- (c) The legal entity has filed in the appropriate records of the secretary of state of this state, an affidavit, resolution, or other acknowledged or authentic document indicating the names of all parties authorized to submit bids for public contracts. Such document on file with the secretary of state shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the principal until specifically rescinded and canceled from the records of the office.

Bidder shall certify that he is licensed under the provisions of LSA-R.S. 37:2150 et seq. and shall show his license number on the bid envelope. Except as otherwise provided in LSA-R.S. 37:2163, any bid that does not contain the contractor's certification and show the contractor's license number on the bid envelope shall automatically be rejected, shall be returned to the bidder stamped "Rejected" and shall not be read aloud. Any Bidder who submits a bid for a type of construction for which he is not properly licensed shall be acting in violation of LSA-R.S. 37:2163 and shall be subject to all provisions for violations and penalties thereof. Any interested person may object to the licensing classification of this public project in accordance with LSA-R.S. 37:2163 D. Any bid that does not require the Bidder to hold a license shall state the exemption on the bid envelope and shall be treated as a lawful bid for the purpose of LSA-R.S. 37:2163.

Bids will be formatted and received on a unit price bid basis with cost breakdowns for each general scope of work.

Pursuant to La R.S. 38:2214(B) the Owner reserves its right to reject any and all bids for just cause, to waive any and all informalities not involving price, time or changes to the Work, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, unresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional bids. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

The award of a contract, if awarded, will be made to the lowest qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all requirements prescribed within 10 days. However, when the contract is to be financed by bonds which are required to be sold after receipts of bids, or when the contract is to be financed in whole or part by federal or other funds not available at the time bids are received, the time will not start until receipt of federal and/or state concurrence or concurrence of the other funding source. Award will be within 30 calendar days after the sale of bonds or receipt of concurrence in award from federal and/or state agency or other funding source. The successful bidder will be notified by letter mailed to the address shown in the proposal that the bidder is awarded the contract.

If a nonresident contractor bidding on public work in the State of Louisiana is domiciled in a state that provides a percentage preference in favor of contractors domiciled in that state over Louisiana resident contractors for the same type of work, then every Louisiana resident contractor shall be granted the same preference over contractors domiciled in the other state favoring contractors domiciled therein whenever the nonresident contractor bids on public work in Louisiana (LSA-R.S. 38:2225 B).

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. Disadvantaged businesses will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids.

The award of a contract for projects financed either partially or entirely with State bonds will be contingent on approval by the State Bond Commission. On projects involving federal funds the award of contract will also be contingent upon concurrence by the appropriate federal agency. On projects involving state funds the award of contract will also be contingent upon concurrence by the appropriate state agency.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2215, the Owner and the low bidder may, by mutual agreement, extend the award by one or more 30 calendar day extensions.

A Notice to Proceed will be issued for the Project. All work is to commence within seven (7) consecutive calendar days after the issuance of the Owner's Notice to Proceed (Work Order).

The Work shall be substantially completed within 120 calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run as provided in Paragraph 8.07 of the General Provisions, and fully completed in accordance with Paragraph 8.07 of the General Provisions within one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run.

Liquidated Damages shall be assessed every day beyond the date of completion as established in section SP-3 of the Additional Special Provisions Section 00850 which supersedes the damages described in the General Provisions.

All employees must have U.S. Citizenship or legal authorization to work in the United States (E-Verify).

Port of South Louisiana
Paul Mathews

PUBLISH: June 15 & 22, 2023

Public Notice

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE:

2023-0152 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Hill Heights Drainage Improvements, Project No. P190802, to decrease the contract amount by \$116,284.80 and 41 calendar days.

2023-0154 (6/19/23, Jewell, D. deGeneres)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Eustis Engineering, L.L.C., to perform geotechnical services for the Luling Pond Lift Station and Upgrades (Project No. S211204), in the lump sum amount of \$47,900.00.

2023-0153 (6/19/23, Jewell, D. Foret)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Danny J. Hebert, P.E., L.L.C. d.b.a. Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, to perform engineering services for the East Bank Bridge Park Improvements (Project No. RECEBI23), in the not to exceed amount of \$293,500.00.

2023-0156 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Volkert, Inc., to perform engineering services for the KCS Canal Drainage Improvements (Project No. P230401), in the not to exceed amount of \$260,348.00.

2023-0157 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 19-7-3 which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Picciola & Associates, Inc., to perform engineering services for the Destrehan Pump Station (P.S.) No. 2 Conveyance Improvements (Project No. P181101), in the not to exceed amount of \$111,500.00.

2023-0158 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc., to perform engineering services for the Engineers and Good Hope Canals Pipeline Location Investigation (Project No. P230402), in the lump sum amount of \$112,315.00.

2023-0159 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC, to perform surveying services for the Texaco Road Survey (Project No. P230601), in the lump sum amount of \$41,640.00.

2023-0160 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Principal Engineering, Inc., to perform engineering services for a US 61 Canal Improvements Project (Project No. P230602), in the not to exceed amount of \$48,656.25.

2023-0161 (6/19/23, Jewell, D. Foret)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with TEH Enterprise, LLC, for construction services for the St. Charles Parish West Bank Spray Park (Project No. WBSP2112) and additional parking located at the Edward Dufresne Community Center in the lump sum amount of \$2,200,000.00.

2023-0162 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-6-9 which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Volkert, Inc., to perform engineering services for the Engineers Canal Pump Station Improvements (Project No. P220206), in the not to exceed amount of \$716,508.00.

2023-0163 (6/19/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 3 with Principal Engineering, Inc., to perform design services for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan (Project No. P200601), in the amount not to exceed \$569,737.50.

2023-0164 (6/19/23, Jewell, G. Dussom)
An ordinance to amend the 2023 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, Amendment No. 1, to add revenues and transfers totaling \$32,441,531 an addition of accumulated fund balance of \$25,228,515 and expenditures, including transfers, totaling \$56,374,813 for all Governmental Funds for the purpose of adjusting beginning 2023 fund balances across all funds to match ending 2022 Final Budget balances and to re-apply various construction, architectural/engineering, and other fees unexpended in 2022 for Parish projects that were not completed during 2022 and apply them to 2023.

PUBLISH: June 22, 29, 2023
July 6, 2023

Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of the estate of **Genevia Nelson Washington and/or the estate of Hebert Washington, Jr.**, please contact Attorney

Lauren Rogers at 504-468-1100.

Publish: June 15 & 22, 2023

Public Notice

We are applying to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for a permit to conduct the **Dat Dad's Club Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, July 22, 2023** at Westbank Bridge Park 13825 River Rd., Luling, La. 70070 in the Parish of St. Charles.

Alcohol will be served at this event.
The time of the festival:
Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 2:00pm – 8:00pm

Publish: June 15 & 22, 2023

Sheriff's Sale

**SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 91372-E
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
vs
DANIEL T. MOORE A/KIA DAN-
IEL MOORE
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
29th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana**

By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated: THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:
The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:
All that certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the improvements thereon, situated in the Pansh of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, Section 6, Township 12 South: Range 8 East, identified as Lot KW-2 as approved by St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, June 19, 2000, per Resolution Number 4805, which is recorded at COB 57_0, folio 694. Said property is a portion of that previously identified as a portion of Lot C, Good Hope Plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a survey by E.M. Collier, dated November 1945, attached to and made part of an act of sale from Joseph I. Granier to Irvin J. Granier, dated December 3, 1945, recorded on COB "DDD" of the records of St. Charles Parish Louisiana.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of:
TWO HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 12 / 100 (\$208,319.12) DOLLARS, along with interest and attorney's fees and all other costs including my own costs and charges.
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK
DUE BY 2:00 P.M. DAY OF THE SALE.**
**GREG CHAMPAGNE-SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR
ST. CHARLES PARISH
PUBLISH ON: May 25, 2023
June 22, 2023
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Corey J. Giroir
P.O. Box 87379 13541 Tiger Bend
Baton Rouge, LA 70879
225-756-0373
SCSO-CIV-209-0402**

Public Notice

We are applying to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for a permit to conduct the **2023 Art Show by Paul Maillard Business & Arts Initiative on Friday, August 18, 2023** at 201 Ellington Ave., Luling , La. 70070 in the Parish of St. Charles.

Alcohol will be served at this event.

The time of the festival:
Friday, August 18, 2023 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Publish: June 22 & 29, 2023

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 92040-C
Date: Monday, May 15, 2023
GMFS LLC
VS
CAMERON CALVIN BORDE-
LON, ET AL
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
29th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Court-house of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St. Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, being a portion of Ormond Plantation, Section 11, Tmynship 12 South, Range 8 East, designated as a portion of what formerly Lot No. 3 and more fully described on a plan of subdivision designated as RIVER POINT SUBDIVISION, of J.J. Krebs & Sons, Inc., C.E.&S., approved by the St. Charles Parish Police Jury in June of 1979, said lot is more fully described as follows, to-wit:
LOT NO. 62, in a square bounded by Y. & M.V.R.R.R/W (side) now or formerly A.A. Schcxnaydre Property, Cedar Lane and River Point Drive, Lot G2 commences thence one thousandl twenty aud no/100 (1,020.001) feet from the corner of Cedar Lane and Riv-er Point Drive. Lot 62 measures thence 60 feet front on River Point Drive, same width across the rear by the following depths of one hundred eighteen and 87/100 (118.8T) feet along the South Westerly sideline aand on the opposite sidellne of One Hundred Nineteen and 19/100 (119.19') feet; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and out-t-cmding mineral rights of record affecting the property. And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of:
ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUN-DRED EIGHTEEN AND 07 / 100 (\$194,418.07) DOLLARS, along with interest and attorney's fees and all other costs including my own costs and charges.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK DUE BY 2:00 P.M. DAY OF THE SALE.
GREG CHAMPAGNE-SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR ST. CHARLES PARISH
PUBLISH ON: June 22, 2023 July 20, 2023
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Ashley E. Morris
1505 North 19th Street P.O. Box 2867
Monroe, LA 71207-2867
318-388-1440
SCSO-CIV-209-0402

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, June 12, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Members present
Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

Meeting called to order at 5:23 PM

1. Risk Management & Insurance Committee

1.01 Monthly Legal Update and Superintendent's Contract- Executive Session Committee Meeting Only
Art Aucoin opened the Risk Management & Insurance Committee meeting.
Motion by B. Weber; second by K. Boudreaux and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session per L.R.S. 42:16-17
The Board discussed monthly legal update and Superintendent's Contract.
Motion by K. Boudreaux; second by B. Weber to return to regular session.

1.02 Approval of Student Accident Insurance Broker
The Director of Risk Management & Insurance Darrinisha Gales presented Item 1.02 to the Board. The Risk Management Department solicits brokers on a three-year cycle. We are in year three of three. Request for Qualifications were sought from several brokers through advertisements. The District received three responses to the Request for Qualifications. The Risk Management and Insurance Committee members reviewed and evaluated statements of qualifications based upon the criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications. The selection of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. provides the District with high quality services.
A discussion was held on a recent student accident and processes in place for outside group accidents on our properties and non-insured students.
This item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion by A. Suffrin; Second by A. Aucoin to adjourn.

2. Legislative Committee

2.01 Legislative Update - Committee Meeting Only
J. Smith called the Legislative Committee meeting to order.
Magnolia Strategic Consultants lobbyist Lenny Kapowski provided a legislative update to the Board. A discussion was held on the recent legislative session affecting public education. A. Aucoin also discussed Social Security Act HR 82 up for legislation. J. Smith addressed next year's legislative session and what to expect.
Motion by A. Aucoin; second by S. Cody to adjourn.

3. Capital Improvements Committee

3.01 St. Charles Parish Public Schools Long Range Plan for Physical Education and Athletics Facilities Phase Two
E. Alexander called the Capital Improvements meeting to order.
Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome and Administrator of Safety, Security & Athletics Kade Rogers presented Item 3.01 to the Board. The District recently completed Phase One of the Long Range Plan for Physical Education and Athletics Facilities. Stakeholder input was sought from various groups including, but not limited to, coaches, administrators, athletic directors, students, parents, and community members regarding Physical Education and athletic facility needs at all school based sites. After District Administration and the School Board prioritized needs, a final Phase Two St. Charles Parish Public Schools Long Range Plan for Physical Education and Athletics Facilities was developed.
A discussion was held including timelines of each phase. R. Gregson asked for a visual map of future athletics upgrades.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.02 St. Charles Parish Public Schools Safety and Security Enhancement Plan
Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome and Administrator of Safety, Security & Athletics Kade Rogers presented Item 3.02 to the Board.
The District contracted with Safe Havens International to conduct a comprehensive safety and security assessment of all District programs and all District sites. The final report included commendations and recommendations to enhance the District's current safety and security program. After review and prioritization of recommendations by District Administration, the School Board, and legal counsel, a St. Charles Parish Public Schools Safety and Security Enhancement Plan was developed.
A discussion was held on message and video informing stakeholders of enhancement plans.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.03 Boutte Adult Learning Center Property Sale and Real Estate Process
Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome and Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented Item 3.03 to the Board.
In accordance with Procedure 3.3.5, the Board has established the process for real estate sale of property declared as no longer needed for public school purposes.
The former Boutte Adult Learning Center site, located at 13771 Highway 631, Boutte LA 70039, is currently being leased and no longer being used by the school system.
The following provisions are necessary to meet the requirements of Procedure 3.3.5:
1. The School Board shall declare the property as no longer needed for school purposes and its intent to sell the property.
2. The School Board shall declare that it is in their best interest to contract for services of a real estate broker.
3. The School Board shall select a real estate broker through an informal process lead by the Superintendent (see attached St. Charles Real Estate Agencies List).
4. The School Board shall set the sales price for the first time the property is offered at one hundred percent (100%) of the appraised value, at eighty-five percent (85%) of the appraised value on the second attempt, eighty percent (80%) of the appraised value on the third attempt, and no minimum for each subsequent attempt to sell.
5. The Superintendent is authorized to include in the contract with the real estate broker any additional terms deemed necessary and may accept any offer which meets or exceeds the minimum sale price.
6. The Board shall approve the sale of the property in accordance with the terms of the accepted offer.
A discussion was held on appraisals, right of refusal, real estate processes, etc.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board Meeting agenda.

3.04 Change Order Number One - Satellite Center Roof Replacement
Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome presented Item 3.04 to the Board. James J. Papia from Meyers Engineers was also present. The contract modifications included in change order number one are as follows:
Item Amount
1. Utilize rolled batt insulation in lieu of spray foam insulation (\$9,885.81)
2. Utilize standard roof color in lieu of custom color (\$9,450.00)
Total Credit: (\$19,335.81)
The total credit for all changes is \$19,335.81. Approval of this change order will allow the District to make the necessary modifications to the existing contract.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board Meeting agenda.

3.05 Engineer Recommendation - Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf Installation - Committee Meeting Only
Chief Plant Services and Security Officer John P. Rome, Jr. presented a recommendation for engineering services for the Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf project.
A discussion was held.

3.06 Bid Authorization Request - Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC Replacement Project
Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome, Administrator of Physical Plant Maintenance Kevin Barney and David Cox with GVA Engineers presented Item 3.06 to the Board. The Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC replacement is an approved project of the 2023-24 Long Range Major Maintenance/Capital Improvements Plan. ESSER III funds will be utilized to complete the project. The construction plans for the HVAC replacement have been completed by the engineer and are ready for bid.
A discussion was held on the details, timeline and phases of the project.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion by A. Suffrin; second by A. Aucoin to adjourn.

4. Personnel & Policy Committee

4.01 Additional Work Days for Paraeducators
S. Cody called the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting to order.
Executive Director of Elementary Schools Angelle Babin and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented Item 4.01 to the Board.
Paraeducators serve as critical daily supports for teaching and learning in our classrooms all year long. To ensure they are equipped with ongoing professional development throughout the school year, having paraeducators work the same amount of days as teachers would allow for seamless instructional support, coordinated professional development opportunities, and more collaboration between teachers and paraeducators. These additional professional development days would allow paraeducators to learn curriculum supports, behavior management strategies, and instructional technology usage alongside teachers. This proposal would increase the number of days worked by paraeducators from 180 to 183 days annually.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

4.02 Expanded School-Based Mental Health Program Proposal
Executive Director of Child Welfare & Attendance and Student Services Jerry Smith presented Item 4.02 to the Board. An update on the District's Mental Health Program and a proposal to expand the program was presented to the Board during the March 24, 2023 Board Retreat.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

4.03 Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center Restructuring Plan
Executive Director of Equity & Student Services Tamika Green presented Item 4.03 to the Board. To sustain efficient operations and provide a safe, welcoming environment for students to experience world-class arts events, a staffing restructuring plan for the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center is needed.
Ms. Green reviewed and referenced the one page summary of the plan and presented a power point to the Board. A discussion was held on the details and timeline of the plan.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

4.04 Personnel Items
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented 4.04 to the Board.
Staffing management is necessary to maintain effective functioning of St. Charles Parish Public Schools. The Human Resources Department provides a staffing update monthly to the Board.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion by J. Smith; second by R. Gregson to adjourn.

5. Technology Committee

5.01 Proposal Acceptance - Website and/or Mobile App Redesign and Hosting
R. Gregson called the Technology Committee Meeting to order.
Director of Public Information Regina McMillan and Director if Information Technology Stephanie Steib presented Item 5.01 to the Board.
The District's current website and mobile app were designed in 2015, and the previous vendor has been acquired by a new company. The Stakeholder Investment System Based Team has identified the redesign of the website and mobile app for modern functionality as a priority to be included in Phase X of the Long Range Strategic Action Plan.
Proposals were received from five vendors for the redesign of the website and evaluated. The top three vendors were invited to present to the Technology Committee of the Board. The final score sheet was referenced and a discussion was held on the proposals presented and user ability.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion by S. Cody; second by B. Weber to adjourn.

6. Finance & Audit Committee

6.01 Official Journal for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
A. Suffrin called the Finance & Audit Committee meeting to order.
Regina McMillan presented Item 6.01 to the Board. Louisiana Revised Statute 43:141 requires that each School Board select an official journal for a term not to exceed one year. The newspaper shall have been published in an office physically located in St. Charles Parish for a period of five (5) years preceding the selection; shall not have missed during that period as many as three (3) consecutive issues unless caused by fire, flood, strike, or natural disaster; shall have maintained a general paid circulation in St. Charles Parish for five (5) consecutive years prior to selection; and shall have been entered in a U.S. Post Office in St. Charles Parish under a second class mailing permit in that parish for a period for five (5) consecutive years prior to the selection. At this time, only the St. Charles Herald-Guide meets the qualifications to be selected as the School Board's official journal.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

6.02 Approval of Audit Firm for FY23 Audit
Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented Item 6.02 to the Board.
State law requires the Board to hire an independent audit firm to conduct its yearly financial statement and compliance audit. The firm of LaPorte CPAs has conducted the audit for the last three years and the Board wishes to hire the firm for the FY23 audit. A discussion was held including procedure and contract terms and fees.
This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

6.03 Recruitment and Retention Payments to District Employees
Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented Item 6.03 to the Board.
A projected General Fund surplus for Fiscal Year 2023 allows the District to enhance its retention and recruitment efforts through a one-time payment to employees. Administration proposes a one-time payment to full-time and permanent part-time employees, excluding the Superintendent, to be paid in October 2023.

A discussion was held including different payment options being considered.

This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

6.04 Pay Raises for Permanent Full-Time and Part-Time District Employees FY2023-2024

Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented item 6.04 to the Board. In order to retain and attract the most highly qualified employees and remain competitive, the District will consider increasing compensation for permanent full-time and permanent part-time District employees.

A discussion was held on percentage, flat fee pay raises and certain verbiage on this item.

This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

6.05 Increase in Hourly Pay for AM/PM Temporary Workers

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented Item 6.05 to the Board.

In order to reflect a possible pay raise for District employees in the hourly rate of pay for AM/PM temporary workers, the District will consider increasing the hourly rate of pay for all positions of workers contracted through AM/PM Services, Inc.

This agenda item will be moved to the July Board meeting agenda.

6.06 Approval of Letter of Support for Diamond Green Diesel

CFO Ronald White presented item 6.06 to the Board.

Valero Refining-New Orleans, LLC and Diamond Green Diesel, LLC will be seeking to expand Foreign Trade Subzone 124A upon application with the Federal Trade Commission for certain tankage dedicated to Diamond Green at the IMTT site in St. Rose. Expansion of the Foreign Trade Subzone will allow Diamond Green to increase its importing of certain raw materials which will be converted into diesel fuel without having to pay import duties, thereby making the endeavor financially viable.

Expansion of the Foreign Trade Subzone would allow Diamond Green to be exempted from having to pay ad valorem tax on the inventory held at the site. However, Diamond Green is willing to pay the applicable ad valorem tax in return for the support of the local taxing authorities for the expansion of the Foreign Trade Subzone.

This agenda item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

6.07 Interim FY24 Budget - Committee Meeting Only

Chief Financial Officer Ronald White discussed the proposed FY24 Interim Budget with the Board. A hand out was reviewed and discussed in detail.

This item will be a public hearing and separate meeting before the July 2023 Board meeting.

6.08 Accounts Payable for the Month of May 2023

Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented item 6.08 to the Board.

With no discussions or objections, this item will be on the June 14, 2023, Board meeting agenda. A. Suffrin also referenced the budget to comparison attachment.

6.09 Strategies for Improving Performance in Underachieving Schools Discussion - Committee Meeting Only

Board Member John Smith led a discussion in strategies to improve underperforming schools. A handout provided by Mr. Smith was reviewed and discussed in detail. A separate meeting will be scheduled in the future to continue this discussion and topic.

Motion by E. Alexander; second by k. Boudreaux to adjourn.

PUBLISH: June 22, 2023

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting - REVISED (Wednesday, June 14, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Thursday, June 15, 2023

Members present
Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Roll Call

All Eight board members, the Supt and Board sec

2. Resolutions / Proclamations

2.01 Resolution in Memory of Anne Ardoin

Approve the resolution in memory of Anne Ardoin.

Motion by Karen Boudreaux, second by Ellis A Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

3. Recognitions

3.01 Board and Superintendent's Recognition

4. Business Items

4.01 Board Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 Committee Meetings, May 10, 2023, Board Meeting and June 4 & 5, 2023, Board Retreat as presented to the Board.

Motion by Becky Weber, second by Ellis A Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.02 Board of Trustees Renewal for the Ethel Schoeffner Scholarship Fund

Approve the renewal appointments of Mr. Al Suffrin and Mr. Emile St. Pierre to the Ethel Schoeffner Scholarship Board of Trustees.

Motion by Becky Weber, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.03 Approval of Student Accident Insurance Broker

Approve the selection of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. as the Student Accident Insurance Broker.

Motion by Karen Boudreaux, second by Alex L Suffrin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.04 St. Charles Parish Public Schools Long Range Plan for Physical Education and Athletics Facilities Phase Two

Approve the St. Charles Parish Public Schools Long Range Plan for Physical Education and Athletics Facilities Phase Two at a cost of \$36,900,000 (estimated over 6 years).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.05 St. Charles Parish Public Schools Safety and Security Enhancement Plan

Approve the St. Charles Parish Public Schools Safety and Security Enhancement Plan at a cost of \$2,277,500 (estimated over 3 years).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.06 Boutte Adult Learning Center Property Sale and Real Estate Process

Approve the sale of the Boutte Adult Learning Center property through the outlined real estate process at a cost of no more than 5% of the sale price.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.07 Change Order Number One - Satellite Center Roof Replacement

Accept change order number one for the Satellite Center Roof Replacement project with a \$19,335.81 (credit).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.08 Bid Authorization Request - Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC Replacement Project

Approve the bid authorization request for the Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC Replacement project.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.09 Additional Work Days for Paraeducators

Approve three additional work days per year for paraeducators at a cost of \$150,000 (salaries and benefits).

Motion by Scott Cody, second by Ray Gregson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.10 Expanded School-Based Mental Health Program Proposal

Approve the Expanded School-Based Mental Health Program Proposal at a cost of \$276,000 (salaries and benefits).

Motion by Scott Cody, second by Ray Gregson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.11 Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center Restructuring Plan

Approve the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center Restructuring Plan at a cost of \$193,679 (salaries and benefits).

Motion by Scott Cody, second by Ray Gregson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.12 Personnel Items

Receive the personnel items as presented to the Board.

Motion by Scott Cody, second by Ray Gregson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.13 Proposal Acceptance - Website and/or Mobile App Redesign and Hosting

R. Gregson called the Technology Committee meeting to order.
Approve the proposal from Finalsite for the redesign and three-year hosting of the St. Charles Parish Public Schools' website and/or mobile app at a cost of \$86,625.

Motion by Ray Gregson, second by Scott Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.14 Official Journal for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Accept the St. Charles Herald-Guide as the School Board's official journal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at a cost of:

\$2.46 per column inch photo ready legal. \$2.96 per column inch typeset legal. Approximately \$15,000 per year.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.15 Approval of Audit Firm for FY23 Audit

Approve hiring LaPorte CPAs to conduct the FY23 audit at a cost of \$62,000.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.16 Recruitment and Retention Payments to District Employees

Approve the recruitment and retention payments to employees as presented at a cost of approximately \$3,391,000 in FY24.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

4.17 Pay Raises for Permanent Full-Time and Part-Time District Employees FY2023-2024

Approve a 4% and \$2,000 pay raise for permanent full-time District employees and a 4% raise for permanent part-time District employees effective FY2023-2024 as presented at a cost of approximately \$8,819,000 per year.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, John L Smith, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody



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