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Former death row prisoner, St. Rose native debuts solo art exhibition

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July marked the opening of Gary Tyler's first solo art gallery exhibition in Detroit, Mich., a milestone that not that long ago seemed unthinkable for the St. Rose native.

The name of the gallery, titled "We are the willing," is taken from the first lines of the motto for the Angola Prison drama club, which Tyler served as president of for 28 years. The gallery includes a series of self-portraits Tyler completed, revisiting photographs and videos documenting his time at the prison, where he spent 41 years.

Tyler learned to sew when he joined the Angola Prison Hospice Program, where participants created and sold elaborate

handmade quilts to fund the program. The portraits were made in the form of applique quilts, created from the photographs and images of his time at Angola.

"I'm a quilter," Tyler told Library Street Collective for a video made to promote the gallery. "I work with textile ... I use materials to reflect my past and present lifestyle. I utilize fabric in a creative way I'd never thought really existed. It's an empowering feeling."

While these works represent his time incarcerated, the existence of the exhibit itself is very much in itself representative of

ART EXHIBIT on 5A

Gary Tyler

HHS coach ready to lead program



TURN to 1B

Destrehan volunteer finds purpose with food pantry



TURN to 2A

Popular Hurst teacher begins final year in the classroom

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It's a priceless reward for Barry Guillot whenever he hears the words from a former student.

"You're the reason I do this."

The longtime Harry Hurst Middle School science teacher has inspired many of his pupils to become teachers, veterinarians or to pursue other careers regarding the things Guillot passionately taught them about growing up.

"One gets to go all around the world, working in environmental safety. He told me when he's speaking to these groups they'll ask him how he got started in it and he says he got interested in this

GUILLOT on 7A



Barry Guillot with his students.

Local golf venue St. Rose Driving Range and Sports Club closes its doors

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St. Rose Driving Range and Sports Club officially closed its Airline Highway doors for good earlier this month, with buckets of golf balls being driven down its fields for the last time on Aug. 3.

The golf venue was originally opened in 2005 by Destrehan-based entrepreneur husband and wife team Bruce and Lorna Bourgeois, one of several businesses the couple operated together. Owner Lorna Bourgeois decided to close the driving range following the June 6 passing of her husband Bruce, whom she shared 49 years of marriage with.

"I decided that I could not continue



Photo of the St. Rose Driving Range and Sports Club on Airline Highway prior to its early August closing.

doing this by myself," Bourgeois said regarding her recent decision to close the business.

She and her husband operated multiple businesses for decades, including

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Destrehan volunteer says working at food pantry saved her life

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After spending a career traveling to far flung destinations all over the world, recently retired Peggy Zeiss has found a new purpose in life as a volunteer, finally finding what was she in search of just a few miles from her Destrehan home.

Zeiss, 67, retired in early 2022 after a 45-year career for both Hewlett-Packard and a later spinoff company, working as a globe-trotting business process analyst. Starting her career as a secretary, she says she worked hard to rise through the ranks of the large, publicly traded company with a continuous stream of promotions and added job responsibilities. At the peak of her later career, the mom of three found herself regularly shuffling through airports in countries like Brazil, Canada and other international destinations before finally retiring at age 66.

Her husband's health had begun to show signs of trouble in his late 60s, and she arranged to work remotely from home in the sunset years of her career to care for him. Just six short months after she retired, her 69-year-old husband John Zeiss passed away following a three-year battle with cancer.

With the decades of stuffing her briefcase with passports and laptops now behind her, Zeiss' busy life had suddenly downshifted from sixth gear to neutral in the span of a few months. Grief stricken and alone in her Destrehan home, she pondered her next steps.

"I woke up [the day after my husband's death], and I had nothing to do," Zeiss said. "All of my kids are grown; my grandkids are



Food pantry volunteer Peggy Zeiss (center) stands among rows of baked goods and food products awaiting distribution to local residents in need of food supplies.

even in college and high school now...so I had really nothing to look forward to."

Remembering the volunteer work her former employer had always trumpeted, she decided to give volunteer work a try at the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry in Destrehan, just a few miles from her home. Preferring to help with paperwork on the account of a nagging knee injury, food pantry administrators assured her they had plenty of work opportunities for all their volunteers.

"I walked in, and it started just being one day week, and then it was two days a week and later three days a week," Zeiss said of her volunteer work schedule.

Working at the food pantry, Zeiss said, has

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Spirit Halloween's Highway 90 store in Luling, taken before operating hours.

Spirit Halloween haunts Highway 90 location once again ahead of Halloween season

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National costume retailer Spirit Halloween has once again crept into the St. Charles Plaza Shopping Center in Luling earlier this month, positioning the store opening ahead of this year's fast-approaching Halloween season.

The store, located at 12715 Highway 90, now occupies the former Sears location within the shopping center, as it did in 2022. Spirit Halloween celebrates its 40th year this year, marking its anniversary in 2023 with a new in store "Spirit Hallows Cemetery" display in its stores, featuring a curated collection of animatronics items.

"Home to various undead animatronics, both old and new, upon entering the Spirit Hallows

Cemetery, you'll be sure to come face to face with some of its most terrifying inhabitants," Spirit Halloween's website promises.

According to real estate news site Bisnow, the Luling store will become one of 1,500 locations across the United States and Canada this Halloween season the chain will open, up from 1,450 stores last year. The national retailer will have a total of 11 stores in 2023 located in Louisiana, with most - like the Luling location - situated in Southern Louisiana.

The retail chain, based out of Egg Harbor Township in New Jersey, markets itself as the "world's number one Halloween costume store," selling a large

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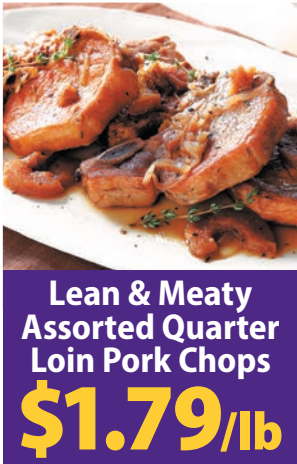
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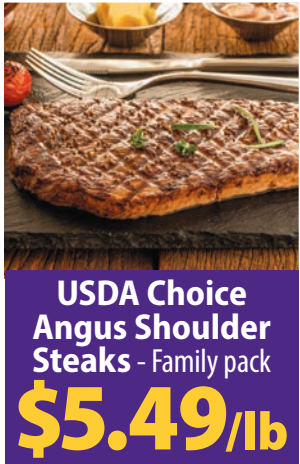
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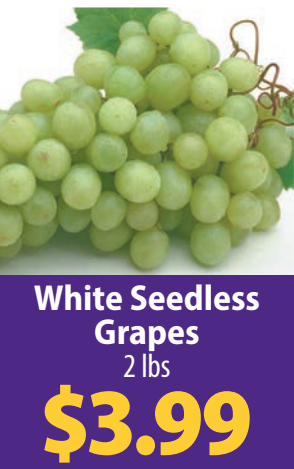
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St. Charles Parish Public Schools ranks sixth highest in statewide LEAP testing for achievement

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Exterior photo of Lakewood Elementary taken shortly after the first day back for the 2023-24 school year.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) released its 2022-23 Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) test scores on Aug. 2, results that found St. Charles Parish Public Schools ranked sixth highest in the state for “Achievement.”

Achievement scores are considered an all-subject-encompassing measuring stick, defined as the percent of students scoring Mastery and above across all four LEAP content areas: English language arts, math, science and social studies.

“While being ranked in the top 10 is reflective of the hard work and commitment of all stakeholders in St. Charles Parish Public Schools (SCPPS), there is still much work to do as we continue the pursuit of excellence,” Erin Granier, SCPPS Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, said.

LEAP tests students annually in third thru eighth grades as well as 11th grade to measure proficiency in English language arts (ELA), math, science and social studies.

Overall, 41 percent of SCPPS students in third to eighth grade scored Mastery and above, Granier said, with three standout parish schools showing particularly strong growth in scoring Mastery and above: Norco Elementary, R.K. Smith and R.J. Vial. The LEAP Mastery rate measures the percentage of students who scored a Mastery level or above and are considered proficient.

The parish’s two public high schools also showed improvement over last year, with the overall percentage of students scoring Mastery and above increasing two points to 47% across all high school LEAP subjects. Algebra I results, Granier commented, showed especially strong

year-to-year growth on the high school level, with students scoring Mastery and above increasing by 15 percentage points. Other LEAP-scored high school subjects that showed continued improvement were English I, English II and geometry.

“All schools in the SCPPS continue to exceed state averages in all subjects,” Granier said in summary following the release of 2022-23 LEAP results.

Even though Hurricane Ida and pandemic-related effects would be difficult to measure inside the last few years’ LEAP results, this year’s improved LEAP scores appear to be benefitting at least in part to less classroom disruption than in recent years’ past.

“While previous years have presented SCPPS with significant challenges, we have been able to shift our focus from emergency response back to teaching and learning,” Granier said regarding the past year’s slightly quieter school calendar.

Louisiana’s overall mastery rate improved two points to a 33 in 2022-23, moving up from a score of 31 in 2021-22. Around 75 percent of school systems throughout Louisiana improved from 2021-22 to 2022-23, however statewide the number of students who fail the LEAP test remained largely unchanged from last year.

“I’m pleased to see an academic rise in Louisiana for the second straight year – a true testament to the hard work taking place in Louisiana classrooms every single day,” State Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley said earlier this month in a statewide press release. “While I am encouraged, we must remain committed to the implementation of needed practice and policy shifts as too many students remain below proficiency.”

Sheriff’s Office to host 10-week Citizen’s Academy course starting in September

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Starting on Sept. 13 at its Luling headquarters building, the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office will once again host its free Citizen’s Academy for any person who lives or works in St. Charles Parish – giving participants a chance to see up close how the Sheriff’s Office operates.

The 10-week program is designed to give participants a transparent, behind-the-curtain view of the Sheriff’s Office, from how its patrol division uses tools like its K-9 or marine units to complete their jobs to how its Criminal Investigation Division processes crime scenes. The course dives into the details, covering areas like internet crimes, drones, corrections and a tour of its 911 communications call center. The Special Response Team will even perform a demonstration of an explosive breach on a door later in the course.

“One of the main goals of this course is to build relationships with the community, and perhaps answer some questions as to why the Sheriff’s Office does or does not do something,” Capt. Derek Pertuis, Commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Special Services Division, explained. “Citizens can also get a glimpse into the day-to-day tasks of every division throughout the Sheriff’s Office, not just the patrol deputy they may encounter on the street.”

Pertuis has presented at the Citizen’s Academy since its inception 12 years ago in St. Charles Parish. This year will be his second year to assist Chief Deputy Rodney Madere Jr. in running each session of the course.

“Most citizens throughout their lifetime will only encounter a Sheriff’s Deputy if they are stopped for a traffic violation or are a victim of a crime,” Pertuis said. “There are so many other functions of the Sheriff’s Office that the general public may not be aware of, and they will experience this through the Citizen’s Academy.”

St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office first got the idea for a Citizen’s Academy from other agencies in the surrounding areas that were running

similar programs. Finding it beneficial for local residents, administrators at the Sheriff’s Office began offering the course in 2011 and have hosted it every year since, apart from a brief hiatus during the pandemic.

Each class is around three hours long, with individual sessions typically including a demonstration by three different departments from within the Sheriff’s Office. Residents will also get briefed on the newest trends in scams along with important safety tips on what parents should know regarding social media use with children.



Instructor demonstrates use of police equipment at one of the Sheriff’s Office’s Citizen Academy sessions last year.

St. Charles Parish resident Julie Champagne, 53, attended a prior Citizen’s Academy event around five years ago, and plans to attend the series for an update again this year. Champagne, who works locally in an administrative role within the legal profession, said once locals attend one or two of the classes, they will want to keep going after realizing how much benefit they are getting out of the course.

“You really do get a feel for what they do; all the different aspects of what they do there,” Champagne said after attending the event earlier. “It’s definitely an eye-opening experience.”

An application is required, and attendees must meet a short list of requirements to attend, such as being 18 years or older and able to commit to attend all classes.

For more details on the Citizen’s Academy, schedule and locations for each class, visit www.stcharlessheriff.org or contact the Sheriff’s Office at 985-783-0205.



Outdoor police robotics demonstration put on by instructors at the 2022 Citizen’s Academy.

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his freedom.

At the center of one of the most high-profile cases to arise from desegregation, Tyler spent 41 years in prison for the shooting death of 13-year-old Destrehan student Timothy Weber in 1974.

But his conviction and sentencing became the subject of national debate. Many considered his arrest and conviction unconstitutional and sought his release from the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, one of the state's toughest prisons, where he had been incarcerated since the age of 16.

On Oct. 7, 1974, Tyler, along with an estimated 20 other African-American students were being bused off campus at the height of school desegregation. A mob of anti-segregationists reportedly attacked the bus, throwing rocks and bottles while shouting racial slurs.

During the incident, Weber was shot and killed. Police arrested the 16-year-old Tyler, who was charged and convicted of first-degree murder and was sentenced to death row.

But following that, questions arose around the case.

Though the initial search of the bus produced no weapon – as well as searches of each of the students on the bus following the incident – another search of the bus revealed a gun found in the fold of what was said to be Tyler's seat. The gun was later connected to



Works of Gary Tyler featured at his solo exhibit.

a Kenner shooting range used by the Sheriff's Office at the time and reported stolen. The gun later went missing from evidence.

Four witnesses who testified against Tyler later recanted and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals called his conviction unfair. Tyler was not allowed a

new trial, however, though many pushed behind the cause to overturn the case and free him from prison.

That changed in 2016. The federal court's finding of Tyler's conviction as fundamentally unfair as well as the Louisiana Parole Board voting three times to reform Tyler's sentence from a life sentence to a term of



years so he could be released from prison opened the door for a plea bargain. Tyler pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter that carried a maximum 21-year sentence, allowing him to walk away free at the age of 57.

Prior to and since the plea agreement, Tyler maintained his innocence.

"My current body of work is a collection and somewhat of a reflection of the transformation of my life," Tyler told LSC. "You're talking about someone who spent 41 and a half years (in prison) for a crime he did not commit, and despite those years in prison, he was able to utilize that time and do something constructive. And in the process, I became an artist."

"It's something I embrace, I enjoy and like to share with others."

He called his first solo exhibition a challenge.

"As I do it, I'm realizing that the reflection of my life is not only showing the dark side of my life, but how I ended up on the bright side of everything despite my life and what I went through. The more I do the work, the more comfortable and exhilarated I become. Because every image that I do, I can tell a story about it."

Tyler told LSC that in prison, he never accepted his situation, but simply learned how to deal with it. Once he did that, he said it opened the door to a creative outlet.

"I started being able to appreciate people because I no longer had that burden I was carrying," he said.

"You're not guaranteed to live each and every day trouble free, but you can put your best foot forward. Your greatest asset is yourself."

VOLUNTEER from 2A

helped her better understand the plight of scores of residents that approach local food banks each week in need of help.

"Some of these [food pantry clients] have worked all of their lives...but are [surviving thru the food pantry] because they didn't [have] enough money in retirement," Zeiss said. "It was just so rewarding; there are many people out there that are still needing so much help."

Despite her knee injury, Zeiss said she has seen an improvement in her health from her volunteer work by simply remaining more active at her

new volunteer position.

"Before I sat a computer all day, so I might get 1,200 steps," Zeiss commented. "I'm now getting five and six thousand steps a day when I'm working at the pantry –I'm doing a lot more exercise than I ever did before."

Administrators at the Matthew 25:35 food pantry said Zeiss' volunteer work has been a tremendous benefit to their organization, allowing Zeiss to flex her strong office and administrative skills she cultivated over so many decades.

"When Peggy came to us just about a year ago, she



Peggy Zeiss

was willing to do whatever it was that we needed," Mary Anne Schindler, President and Executive Director of the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry, said. "She has gravitated to doing a lot of the paperwork; she also has been somebody that has jumped in when we have tabletops at different organizations or events... to go and represent the food pantry, and be a positive influence on the community."

Schindler commented their organization has not one but several food pantry volunteer women like Zeiss who were recently widowed, that have since found new resolve in volunteering their time to the food pantry following the death of their spouses.

"It saved my life because it gave me purpose," Zeiss said of her volunteer experience. "It gave me my new normal; it gave me my new will to go on."

SPIRIT STORE from 2A

Spirit Halloween's 2023 redesigned interior animatronics store display dubbed the "Spirit Hallows Cemetery," shown at one of its stores prior to the chain's early August opening.

selection of designs and variations of Halloween costumes, decorations, animatronics and related Halloween accessories. Spirit Halloween is one of two major holdings owned by Spencer Spirit Holdings, which also operates national mall retailer Spencer's.

Spirit Halloween's real estate strategy is to negotiate temporary three-month leases inside retail locations with available vacancies, such as the St. Charles Plaza Shopping Center,

November 1, our ideal lease would run from mid-July through mid-November," according to Spirit's company website. "We like to locate our stores in power centers, strip centers, free-standing stores, major downtown retail locations and in major malls surrounded by a national retail mix."

The National Retail Federation's annual Halloween Consumer Survey predicted last year Halloween spending would hit a record \$10.6 billion

in consumer spending exceeding pre-pandemic levels, a figure that was up from the prior year's record of \$10.1 billion. Retail Halloween spending predictions for 2023 had not yet been released as of press time.

The Spirit Halloween store in Luling is expected to remain open until early November, with operating hours most days 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. except for Sundays, when it opens at Noon and closes at 6 p.m.



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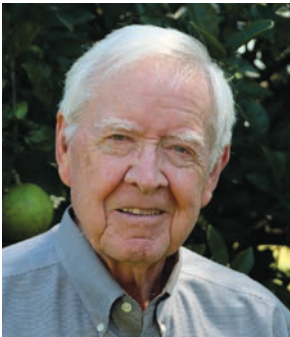
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Carlson

Arthur W Carlson, Jr., 85, of Luling, Louisiana, passed away on August 14, 2023 from complications of Parkinson's. He was surrounded by family and friends.



Art was born on June 20, 1938 to Clara and Arthur Carlson in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois where he was also in ROTC. After graduation, he went on to serve in the Army. He served during historic times where he participated in defense during the building of the Berlin Wall, sat on the tarmac waiting for orders during the Cuban crisis and participated in the beginning of the Vietnam War.

Art married his college sweetheart, Rita Swanson, in 1962 and went on to have three children, Jim, Mike and Lynn.

After his time in service, Art went to work for Union Carbide in West Virginia and was transferred to Luling, Louisiana in 1967 where he and Rita immediately felt at home.

Art helped start St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Paradis where he was treasurer for many years.

He was a decent golfer and member of Grand Ridge Golf Club (formerly Willowdale) from the day it opened. Eventually he had to decide between golf and fishing, and he chose to fish from his camp in Cocodrie. He later built a camp in Pirates Cove, Grand Isle, where he enjoyed offshore fishing on his boat "Gottago".

Art was the original MacGyver and could fix anything from scraps in his garage. In one instance he completely disassembled the engine in a car to add an air conditioner, ending up with 6 screws left over, but it worked perfectly for many years!

Art was a hands-on dad, always available

to his three children. He and Rita traveled the US with them, having a wonderful time, but also to let them see and acknowledge what a wonderful country we have.

After retirement, Art and Rita continued their love of traveling in their motor home where they traveled to all 49 continuous states. Their favorite trips were the 9-year-old trips where they took two nine-year-old grandkids at a time to see US historic sites along the East coast.

Art was predeceased by his parents, Clara and Arthur Carlson and sister Nancy and her husband, Tom Cahoon. He is survived by his wife, Rita; his children, Jim (Shelie), Mike (Trisha) and Lynn (Jeff) Swearingen; grandchildren, Connor and Tyler Swearingen, Abbie and Hollie Carlson; Niece, Barb Wang (Curt) and their sons, Kyle and Ryan; Nephew, Bill Cahoon (Kathie) and their daughter Mary Ann.

Art was best known for his genuine goodness and quiet strength. He was a loving, caring and selfless husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed and always in his family's and friends' hearts.

The family wishes to thank the loving care given to Art by Donna Simmons and Roberta Tambuello and the St. Charles Parish ARK.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Christ Church Cathedral: 2919 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70115 or St. Andrew's Episcopal Church: PO Box 118 Luling, LA 70080.

There will be a celebration of life at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (409 Early St. Paradis, LA 70080) on Friday, August 18: visitation at 9:00 am followed by a service at 11:00 am. Burial will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at Christ Church Cathedral (2919 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70115 - 6th Street entrance) at 11 am.

GOLF VENUE from 1A

a fabrication shop, driving range, reception hall and various real estate interests.

"It takes a lot of teamwork and dedication," Bourgeois said, of the years she and her husband spent running their various business entities. "It's not a [nine to five] job; it's [all day], seven days a week."

Hurricane Ida damage to the property had been particularly difficult to navigate, as Bourgeois and her husband were forced to hire an attorney in order to secure payment for their hurricane damages from their insurance carrier.

"We finally won the case, but it was not enough money to actually build the driving range back the way it used to be," Bourgeois explained.

To insure the large, expensive netting poles from future hurricane damage in the current insurance environment

would have been cost-prohibitive. Bourgeois, who handled the financials for their various businesses while her husband focused on the day-to-day management, said. She and her husband had begun discussing the possibility of selling the driving range right before he passed.

Given the driving range sat on 10 acres of prime commercial property along Airline Highway, a new buyer for the property has already been found. Bourgeois said the property sale was currently in the process of being finalized, although she was not yet at liberty to discuss the buyer in detail as of press time. She did disclose the new owner did not plan to continue to use the property as a driving range.

As the business prepared to close last month, Bourgeois shared that some of the driving range's regulars asked to keep small mementos to remember their favorite golfing spot by, such as pieces of wood from the old building, or a piece of the bar or a chair used at the driving range. Bourgeois said she appreciated her loyal customers for "all their support throughout the years; a lot of them called that place home."



TOP: Night view of patrons practicing their golf swings at the St. Rose Driving Range on Airline Highway. **RIGHT:** Photo of the St. Rose Driving Range's manicured putting green area, set adjacent to Waffle House on Airline Highway.



Other than local country clubs situated inside St. Charles Parish, the driving range remained for years one of few golf-focused businesses in St. Charles Parish. It was a business she said her husband thoroughly enjoyed due to the direct interaction he had with regular golfing customers, as well as the various celebrities that occasionally stopped in to work on their golf swing.

"All kinds of people came through [the driving range], not just the local people," Bourgeois said. "We had movie stars that [visited the driving range since] down the street there was a [movie] studio, football players, all kinds of public figures...it was a fun little business, really, really fun."

The driving range had given the Bourgeois family their share of challenges over the years, particularly with hurricane and storm damage. The driving range lost its massive golf netting on three separate occasions from various storms it suffered.

Sheriff's Reports

Arrests

• **Vernon Smith, 62**, of 1469 North Rocheblave in New Orleans, was arrested Aug. 10 and charged with armed robbery (three counts).

• **Marlon Fields, 50**, of 226th 2nd Street in St. Rose, was arrested Aug. 10 and charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, distribution/manufacturing of cocaine (three counts), illegal carrying of weapon in presence of CDS, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia. He had an attachment.

• **Jason Breaux, 22**, of 220 Cypress Villa Lane in Gheens, was arrested Aug, 9 and charged with possession of steroids.

• **Benjamin Neumire, 23**, of 224 Riverwood Drive in St. Rose, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with possession of Vyvanse, transactions involving proceeds from CDS activity, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia (third offense, three counts), traffic violation. He had an attachment.

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GUILLLOT from 1A

because of his 8th grade science teacher. And that's pretty neat it always means so much to me," Guillot said.

This year marks the end of Guillot's time in the classroom, the final year of a 30-year run as an educator at Hurst as he moves into retirement. The popular and well-known teacher is known for his gregarious personality, ability to connect with students and for his work with the Wetlands Watchers, which he founded to provide the opportunity for middle school students to enjoy nature and get involved in positive environmental projects.

In short, Guillot makes learning fun.

Before arriving at Hurst, Guillot worked at the Audubon Aquarium, establishing educational programming there that still carries on to this day. There, he met his wife, and when the two were married Guillot was ready to move back into the classroom – he briefly worked as a teacher in Jefferson Parish before joining the aquarium. He did so for the 1994-95 school year at Harry Hurst, hired by then-principal Hank Shepard.

Coming off of the aquarium, where he was tasked with creating a program from scratch, Guillot was used to flexing his creative muscles.

"When I got to the regular classroom, I just knew there were so many things we can do besides just reading from the book," Guillot said. "It was kind of a gift coming from the aquarium where I was using my imagination and coming up with things, how can we use the resources we have, what can we do?"

"I believe in hands-on learning – make it real for them. So many kids will ask, 'Why do we even have to learn this?' We can go out to see and experience these things, go visit a place, surround them with it and make it real. That's part of the reason I started Wetland Watchers and started bringing animals to the classroom."

That last part is one of Guillot's calling cards as a teacher. He's cured a few phobias as well.

"I love educating people about animals ... getting people over their fears of snakes – give me a chance and you won't be afraid anymore," Guillot said. "Now,



Barry Guillot with the Wetlands Watchers.

giant alligators and then we go waterskiing right next to (the boat)," Guillot said. "My dad always took me fishing. When I arrived here, I thought all these kids had the same experience as me with the outdoors ... I was shocked at how many kids hadn't experienced the wetlands before he said. I wanted to give them the same opportunities."

That led to Guillot establishing Swamp School, the annual summer camp Guillot runs in conjunction with the parish's department of Parks and Recreation.

Wetlands Watchers, meanwhile, represents another passion for Guillot. The organization has hosted students from across America and from 16 different countries in addition to his local students.

"We go see the Cypress Trees in the lake and talk about how that was on land one time," Guillot said. "This is not just land, it's part of our culture and when it washes away, that part washes away too. I wanted to bring attention to it ... it's something (the students) are going to face in their lifetime."

No matter what he's teaching his students at a given time, however, there are lessons that overlap into all aspects of life. Teamwork and leadership skills are practiced on a routine basis during his lessons and Guillot aims to help round out the whole person, not just their knowledge.

"Ten years from now, you may not care about

the parts of an atom, but if I can stir up that curiosity in you so that you see something and wonder, 'How does that work?' then I've done my job," Guillot said. "Teamwork, leadership, they're going to use those skills for the rest of their lives."

"I like to set up activities where they can have a positive impact on the community, and maybe when they feel that good feeling, they'll remember that and

keep wanting that as they continue on in their life."

Guillot said he'll always treasure the memories with his students over the years – some of which are second-generation pupils of his.

He'll also always remember the great



Milton Cambre, Barry Guillot, Duane Foret and Craig Howat.

support he had. The parish's school board and government, he said, consistently supported his efforts to expand what his classroom and lesson could be. He also fondly noted his friendships with Milton Cambre and Craig Howat, who combined with Guillot in different ways to make Wetland Watchers and Swamp School the successes they've been,

Guillot also remembers how many of

his colleagues and students made it clear how much he meant to them during one of the hardest periods of his life.

In 2018, a scary discovery about his health forced Guillot to put his teaching and love of nature adventures to the side. After dealing with an array of physical ailments that began cropping up including a drop foot, paralyzed leg, fatigue, shortness of breath and overall pain, he visited a doctor. He was routed to a surgeon and then a neurologist. It took several blood tests, MRIs, CT scans and even three spinal taps for his diagnosis to be determined: he was afflicted with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), a neurological disorder that affects an estimated one in 100,000 a year. It causes the body's immune system to mistakenly attack the nervous system or network of nerves outside of the brain and spinal cord.

"I was so heartened at the way the teachers, the entire school system got behind me," Guillot said. "We're all a family. People were bringing meals to my wife when I could barely walk. People were coming to sit with me. It was a huge outpouring."

One of his former students, Taylor Brown, raised thousands of dollars toward helping offset his medical costs, organizing the "Gathering for Guillot" fundraising showcase at the Edward Dufresne Community Center.

"I called her my guardian angel," Guillot said. "That was a part of my life that I didn't know if I'd be able to come back from."

He battled through to return to the classroom and though he still has physical issues as result of the illness, he says he feels young nonetheless. This week, Guillot turned 57, and though at year's end his time with Hurst will be through, he has plenty to

accomplish ahead of him.

"A student asked me how old I am and I told him that when I was his age, I thought 50 was a fossil," Guillot said. "But I can tell you, I don't feel that way. I feel I can do everything I want to do."



Barry Guillot with students.

I'm not saying to go grab them out of the canal, but if you hold one of the ones I bring, you'll be fine."

He brings a great energy to the job and there's a reason for it. Guillot is passionate about what he teaches, and often students can't help but match that enthusiasm and jump along for the ride.

"I grew up waterskiing in Lafitte. It was always fun when the swamp tour would come through, they'd be talking about

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Hahnville basketball coach looks to forge forward with program

Former Dillard star helped spur Tigers to back-to-back state semifinals as assistant

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For Erica Randolph, this was always the vision, always the plan – she just didn’t expect it to happen quite when it did.

“(Former Hahnville head basketball coach Yussef Jasmine) told me in January that he was leaving, and said he wanted me to prepare to be head coach,” Randolph said. “He told me for years, Erica, this is your purpose. It was emotional at the time because my reaction was, ‘what do you mean you’re leaving? We’re the dynamic duo!’ But he said, ‘It’s your time.’”

In May, Randolph was named the first female head boys basketball coach in Hahnville High School history, succeeding her mentor and longtime friend Jasmine after six years on the sideline together – and very successful years at that.

The Tiger program had seen several head coaches come and go in the seasons prior to their arrival in 2017 – five coaches in six seasons, including two straight seasons outside the playoff field – but quickly found stability and much more. The Tigers marched to the Class 5A state semifinals in 2020 and 2021 and have established a new standard.

Randolph is eager to continue pressing forward. Though the program is undergoing a head coaching change,



Erica Randolph huddles with her team..

she brings continued stability for her players.

“I’ve been running the JV and freshman program, so that foundation is there,” she said. “They’ll be hearing the same voice at the varsity level, except now they’re older and more mature.”

Though the chance to lead at the helm of a program was a longtime goal, she admitted there were some brief butterflies when the prospect was raised to her earlier this year.

But one of the most rewarding feelings, she said, came when she was able to tell the players the news.

“When you’re a parent, you don’t ever want to disappoint your sons, and that’s how I feel about them as their coach,” Randolph said. “When I was able to tell them I was head coach, that was one of the best feelings in the world, seeing they were happy about it.”

A native of California, Randolph grew up a fan of legendary Los Angeles Lakers point guard Magic Johnson. She played both soccer and basketball as a child but chose to focus on basketball as her lone

sport when she arrived at St. Francis High School in Sacramento. The decision was a fateful one, as she starred on the court and garnered the attention of recruiters at the next level.

Randolph ultimately made the decision to attend Dillard University – while it was a move across the country, she had ties to both the school and area as

Randolph.

“I knew she knew the game,” Jasmine said. “We were friends prior to coaching together ... she was at Dillard when I was at Loyola, and we weren’t connected then, but I knew of her talent level when she was there. She’s so passionate about the game, so for me, there wasn’t any doubt as to what she could bring to our

“I want (players) to understand we need to represent that brand we’ve built here ... when you walk out with that ‘H’ on your chest, you’re representing (Hahnville) ... not just on the court, but in the community.”

— Erica Randolph

her grandmother was a Dillard alum and her mother was originally from New Orleans. There, Randolph became a three-time All-Conference guard and started in all four of her college seasons.

When Jasmine needed an assistant coach at East St. John, he reached out to

staff.”

That made Randolph a rarity as a woman coaching males on the ESJ basketball staff. At first it took some getting used to for some – “(Officials) thought I

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Erica Randolph

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College spotlight: Tyler Morton

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Tyler Morton was an electrifying play-maker during his time at Destrehan, cementing himself in school history as one of its most productive and decorated defensive backs.

Nicholls now reaps the benefits that come with Morton.

As a sophomore, he emerged as a starting safety for head coach Tim Rebowe’s Colonels, racking up 71 tackles, 38 of those solo, 4.5 tackles for loss, a sack and a team-leading two interceptions.

Morton’s best game statistically came at Lamar, where he posted a career-high 10 tackles. He had five different games with seven tackles or more last season and will look to build on his year as a junior in 2023.

The 5’10, 165 pound defender comes from a strong family of athletes and he himself is a second-generation Colonels player. His father Allen played wide receiver for Nicholls, while older brother Macon Clark has been a standout starting safety with Tulane. His uncle, Allen Pittman, starred at Nicholls and was a four-time All-Conference player at linebacker.

Morton’s time at Destrehan was memorable – despite playing defense, he was one of the most dangerous players on the field with the ball in his hands, one reason he doubled as a star return man for the Wildcats.

He finished his senior year at Destrehan as All-State honorable mention, totaling 74 tackles, five



interceptions and three punt returns for touchdowns. That helped guide DHS to the Class 5A championship game in 2019.

Morton’s defining play likely came on a rain-soaked field at Ruston during that postseason run. His scoop and score fumble return tallied the game’s only

points as Destrehan emerged a quarter-final winner, 6-0.

Winning big!



The 12U Louisiana Lagniappe based out of Luling played in the Ripken Experience Iron Forge Tournament in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on June 11-16th. The team defeated Five Star Heat Overmyer from Mooresville NC in the Championship Game, 10-6. Pictured: Coach Jeff Monfrey, Coach Steven Jones, Coach Ryan Espey, Logan Espey, Brady Dardar, Christian Duke, Drew Todaro, Brayden Jones, Holden Garic, Evan Arellano, Dillon Lotz, Alex Pierre, Brody Monfrey and Connor Donato.

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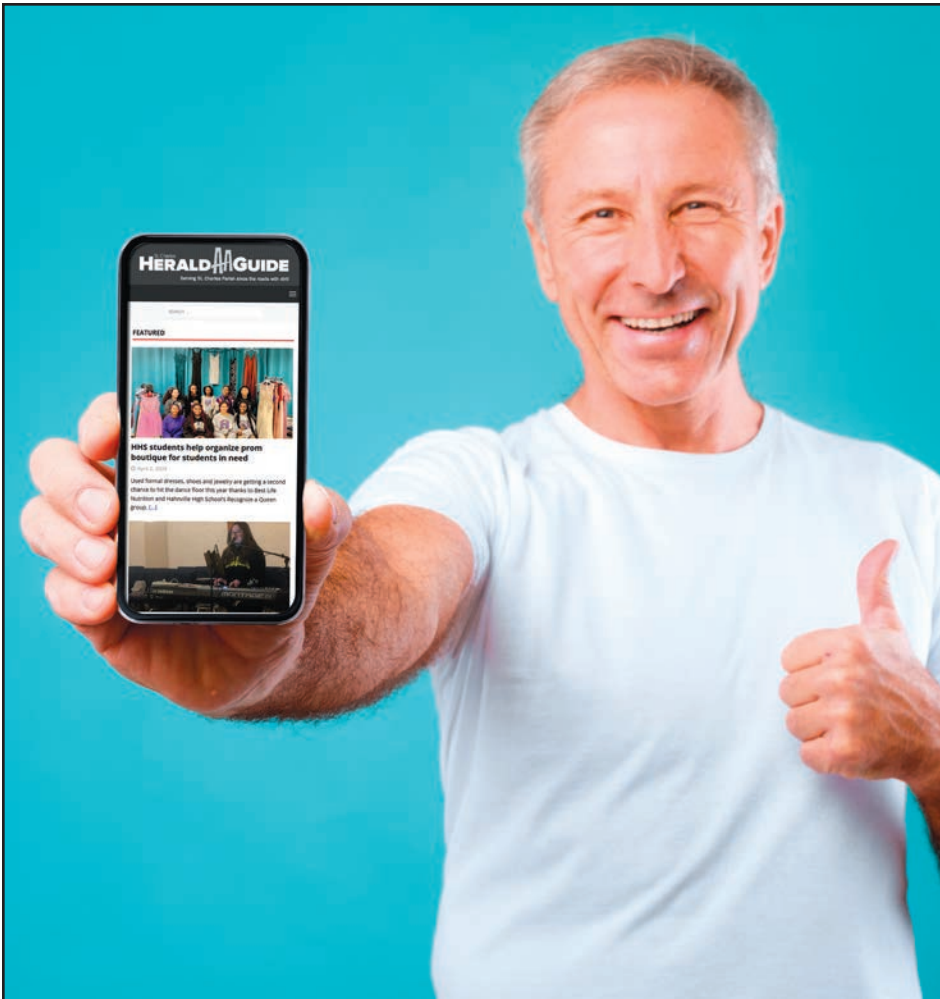
was the trainer,” she quipped – but she quickly developed a strong rapport with the players at both ESJ and then Hahnville.

“They don’t look at me like a coach who’s female. It’s just, ‘that’s Coach Randolph,’” she said.

Hahnville has established itself as a factor on the 5A hoops landscape over the past six years. Randolph says the expectations will continue to be clear on

and off the court alike.

“I want them to understand that this is a brand we have built here at Hahnville and that we need to represent that brand,” Randolph said. “When you walk out with that H on your chest, you understand what you’re representing. That’s not just on the court, but in the community and after you leave from Hahnville – come back, be an alumni and a strong voice for the younger kids.”



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Lafon Performing Arts Center releases its 2023-2024 season lineup

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The Lafon Performing Arts Center (LPAC) recently announced the launch of its 2023-24 performing arts season following last year's strong season, which center administrators attributed in part to its strong lineup of artists and pent-up demand from locals seeking live performance entertainment.

“We had our most successful year to date as it relates to audiences returning from the pandemic and supporting the arts in St. Charles Parish,” Allison Hymel, LPAC Marketing and Box Office Manager, said.

The upcoming 2023-24 season at the LPAC will feature events organized into five different categories: Broadway Series, Concert Series, Family Series, Legends Series and Movement Series. Patrons have the option to purchase ticket packages including all shows within one of those five categories or select individual tickets for specific events.

stunt dogs. The show, Hymel commented, is part of the Lafon's Family Series of shows, featuring G rated family shows "you can bring your two-year-old to, or you can bring your 96-year-old grandmother to."

“The producers go to animal shelters, rescue dogs, and then train them to do tricks and be in the show,” Hymel said of the show’s premise. “We’re really, really excited about that one – it’s just absolutely adorable the dogs that are coming in.”

A photograph of a large audience seated in a theater, looking towards a stage. The stage features a large screen displaying a blue scene, possibly a musical performance. The audience is diverse in age and is seated in rows of black seats. The theater has a modern design with a curved ceiling and walls.

in the show," Hymel said of really, really excited about y adorable the dogs that are first three shows of the season is a selection from its Broadway Series called Menopause the Musical, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Great for a ladies' night out, the Broadway favorite features an all-women cast belting out humorous musical parodies of songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

A wide variety of programming is planned for the remainder of the Lafon's season with a season that includes 18 live performance shows in its various show categories. The season starts in September with its LPO

singers covering classic and contemporary country music hits - or the Boys of D63, a four-person male vocal ensemble covering a wide range of classic pop and R&B music, from Billy Joel to Earth, Wind and Fire.

Season ticket prices vary based on which category is selected, and how many performances are in each category. As an example of pricing – the Lafon’s Movement Series season ticket package, which includes its two dance-oriented performances, is priced at \$60 per person, while the three-performance Concert Series package is priced at \$155 per person. Individual ticket prices for each event will be released by press time. Seating capacity for the newer LPAC venue in Luling is 1,300.

"You're able to purchase season tickets right now," Hymel said of the Lafon's current ticket availability. "Our single tickets go on sale Thursday, Aug. 17."

For more details the LPAC's complete 2023-24 show lineup, or for season or individual tickets, visit the LPAC on the web at www.lafonartscenter.org.



The LPAC will kick off its first performance of the season at 275 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling with a Concert Series show featuring an exclusive Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) concert called A Night on Broadway with the LPO. Curated specifically for the LPAC, the LPO's show will start Saturday Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. The show will feature a selection of tunes with Broadway-style vocals backed by the LPO's full-scale symphonic orchestra.

“It’s a dedicated show for us; they’re writing it for us, getting all the music together, hiring the singers specifically for the show at the Art Center,” Hymel explained of this season’s inaugural show. “This is not part of [the LPO’s] normal season; this is [the audience’s] only opportunity to see this one particular show.”

The second show of the season comes up Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. with a touring family show called Mutts Gone Nuts, a comedy show Hymel best described as a “rescue dog circus show” featuring eight world-class

concert and rounds out the season on May 19, finishing with a show in its Family Series called *Dog Man: The Musical*.

The LPAC's Movement Series will showcase dance performances including the Christmas-time classic *The Nutcracker* along with Ailey II, a modern dance show featuring emerging dance and choreography talent put on by the Brooklyn, NY-based Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Company. Its Legends Series will present with three touring tribute shows and cover bands like the Rhinestone Cowgirls show – a trio of polished female country



ABOVE: Exterior view of the Lafon Performing Arts Center at 275 Judge Dufresne Parkway in Luling. **LEFT:** A full house awaits a live performance at the Lafon Performing Arts Center. **BELOW:** Patrons wander about the atrium of the newer Lafon Performing Arts Center.



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Public Notice

ST. CHARLES PARISH
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL MEET ON AUGUST 17, 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 26 ZBA requested by **Chandra Evans** to reduce the required setbacks for a carport at **2 River Birch Lane, St. Rose**. Zoning District R-3. Council District 5.

NEW CASES:

2023 28 ZBA requested by **Troy Barrios** to reduce the required elevation for an accessory building at **588 Willowridge Drive, Luling**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 2.

ALTERNATE DATE: 8/24
PUBLISH 8/3, 8/10, 8/17

Public Notice

LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

AUGUST 3, 2023 NOTICE OF PENDING APPLICATION

This is notification that the St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program has received a permit application, and it is under review for public comment for a period of 25 days. After which the St. Charles Parish Local Coastal Program will make a determination. Please send any questions or comments to Earl Matherne at the PO Box 302 Hahnville, LA 70057, or by email at ematherne@stcharlesgov.net. The file is available for review at 14996 River Road, Hahnville, LA or call at (985) 783-5060. Public Notice period closes August 28, 2023.

Permit Application P20230577 – SCP-2023-02 KV Enterprises LLC

This is a proposed expansion of an existing Type III C&D and Wood waste landfill to add a weigh station and truck loading area and to stockpile clay material once excavated from the adjoining site.

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A total of 5.35 acres of wetlands may be affected by this project.

To be published: 8/3, 8/10, 8/17

Public Notice

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023,
6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH
COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD,
HAHNVILLE:**

2023-0212 (8/14/23, Jewell, B. Messerly)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute a Lease Agreement with D.J.V., LLC for the River Parishes Workforce Development Board Office in St. Charles Parish.

2023-0214 (8/14/23, Jewell, M. Albert)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from C-1 to R-1A on Lots 1-A and a portion of 2-A as shown on the survey by R.P. Bernard, PLS dated March 19, 1996, 138 & 164 Schexnaydre Lane, Hahnville, as requested by Parish President Matthew Jewell at the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Department.

2023-0215 (8/14/23, Jewell, M. Albert)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A to C-2 on Lots 28, 29, and portions of 30, 31, 32, and 33, Square 4, Goodhope Annex as shown on the survey by Stephen P. Flynn, PLS dated August 11, 2022, 191, 195, and 199 Goodhope Street, Norco, as requested by Malcolm Darensbourg for M.A.D. III, LLC.

2023-0216 (8/14/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Testing and Inspection, Inc., to perform testing services for Road Maintenance 2022-23 (Project No. P220501), in the not to exceed amount of \$40,000.00.

2023-0218 (8/14/23, SPCP)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Elections, Section 8-2. Visible Voting Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places to merge voting precincts.

2023-0219 (8/14/23, Jewell, B. Messerly)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Murray Architects Inc., to perform architectural, conceptual design, and construction management, etc. for the St. Charles Parish Courthouse 1st Floor Renovation (Project No. GBCH023), for a period of 12 months, in the not to exceed amount of \$217,685.00.

PUBLISH: August 17, 24, 2023

Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ST. CHARLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
CERTIFICATION NOTICE
ON 2023-2024 BUDGET**

This is to certify that the St. Charles Parish School Board has complied with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307 relative to public participation in the budget process for the Year Ending June 30, 2024. Notice of the availability for public inspection and public hearing was held in compliance with applicable statute.

Arthur Aucoin, School Board President
Dr. Ken Oertling, Superintendent

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SECTION 00010

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Owner: **St. Charles Parish**

Project Title: Eastbank Lift Station Rehabilitation

Project No.: S211203

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Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference to discuss the scope of the project and the requirements of the Bidding and Contract Documents will be held on September 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. the St. Charles Parish Department of Public Works and Wastewater, **100 River Oaks Dr., Destrehan, Louisiana**. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is **non-mandatory**.

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, July 24, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Tuesday, July 25, 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 5:59 PM

1. Risk Management & Insurance Committee
Art Aucoin called the Risk Management & Insurance Committee meeting to order.
Motion by Ellis Alexander; second by Alex Suffrin and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session per L.R.S. 42: 16-17.

1.01 Monthly Legal Update - Executive Session Committee Meeting Only
Motion by Alex Suffrin; second by R. Gregson to return to regular session.

2. Full Board
2.01 Industrial Tax Exemption Application - St. Charles Clean Fuels, LLC.
Chief Financial Officer, Ronald White presented information on item 2.01 regarding the Industrial Tax Exemption Application for St. Charles Clean Fuels, LLC. to the Board. Representatives from St. Charles Clean Fuels, LLC - Mr. Ahmeh Ramad and Mr. Ron Bagley presented to the Board. Although the application for tax exemption has been filed, it has not yet come before the Board for final approval. A discussion was held including parish partnerships and Satellite Center student training for future jobs.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
Motion by K. Boudreaux; second by A. Suffrin to adjourn.

3. Risk Mangement & Insurance Committee
3.01 Purchase of Student Accident and Catastrophic Insurance
Director of Risk Management & Benefits, Darrinisha Gales Introduced Mr. Eisenbies with Gallagher Special Risks who presented information on item 3.01 regarding the purchase of student accident and catastrophic insurance.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
3.02 Purchase of Faithful Performance Bonds
Director of Risk Management & Benefits, Darrinisha Gales, presented information on item 3.02 regarding the Faithful Performance Bonds.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion A. Suffrin; Second by K. Boudreaux to adjourn.

4. Capital Improvements Committee
4.01 Bid Authorization Request for Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf Project
Mr. Ellis Alexander called the Capital Improvements Committee to order.
Chief Plant Services and & Security Officer John Rome and Administrator of Safety, Security & Athletics Kade Rogers introduced Item 4.01 to the Board. Civil Environmental Engineers presented information on the Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf project.
A discussion was held on field mound, foul territory space, timeline and pricing fluidity, bids, add-ons and increasing scope.
This agenda item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
4.02 Change Order Number One - Hahnville High School Gym Roof Replacement
Chief Plant Services and & Security Officer John Rome presented information on item 4.02 along with Mr. Welty from Welty Architects who completed the roofing project.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
4.03 Substantial Completion - Hahnville High School Gym Roof Replacement Project
Chief Plant Services and & Security Officer John Rome presented information on item 4.03 Hahnville High School Gym Roof Replacement project.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
4.04 Bid Acceptance - Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC Replacement Project
Chief Plant Services and & Security Officer John Rome, Administrator of Physical Plant Maintenance Kevin Barney and David Coe with GVA Engineering presented information on item 4.04 regarding the Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC replacement project.
A discussion was held on future job discrepancies and bids accepted.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
Motion by R. Gregson; second by K. Boudreaux to adjourn.

5. Curriculum & Instruction Committee
5.01 2023-24 Student Code of Conduct: Student Handbook
Becky Weber called the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting to order.
Executive Director of Child Welfare and Attendane and Student Services Jerry Smith presented information on item 5.01 regarding the 23-24 Student Code of Conduct: Student Handbook revisions. As mandated by L. R. S. 17:416.8, an annual review of the St. Charles Parish Public Schools Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook was conducted by the Discipline Committee on May 31, 2023.
Mrs. Smith presented information regarding two of the major changes regarding discipline to principals.
Dr. Oertling informed the Board that he has discussed this information with the High School principals about communicating this information with principals.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.

6. Transportation Committee
6.01 Substitute Bus Monitor Staffing Proposal
Karen Boudreaux called the Transportation Committee to order.
Teresa Brown presented information on item 6.01 regarding the utilization of ESS to meet substitute bus monitor staffing demands due to daily absences, leaves, and separations of service. Discussions were held including hourly rate, available workers, hours, ESS expectation and SPED buses .
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
Motion by K. Boudreas; second by B. Weber to adjourn.

7. Personnel & Policy Committee
7.01 Job Description Revisions for Social Emotional Learning Coach
Scott Cody called the Personnel & Policy Committee to order.
Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Angelle Babin, presented information on item 7.01 regarding revisions to the job description for Social Emotional Learning Coach. A discussion was held including salary and job comparisons.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
7.02 Revision to Board Policy 6.2 - School Admissions - Committee Meeting Only
Jerry Smith presented information on item 7.02 regarding enhanced district procedural/operational changes to Board Policy and Procedure 6.2 - School Admissions.
This information was presented to all School Office Specialists at their yearly meeting. A discussion was held on document identity training and home visit and investigation specialist.
This item is for Committee Meeting only.

7.03 Personnel Items
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented information on item 7.03 regarding monthly staffing updates.
Mrs. Webre reported that 15 employees that left our district have returned to work for SCPPS.
A discussion was held on this and ROTC requirements.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023, Board meeting agenda.
Motion by B. Weber; Second by K. Boudreaux to adjourn.

8. Finance & Audit Committee
8.01 Temporary Staffing Agency Update and Transition Plan - Committee Meeting Only
Mr. Alex Suffrin called the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting to order.
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre and Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented information on item 8.01 regarding an update on the temporary staffing agency and transition plan.
Phase 3 was discussed along with remaining part-time AM-PM employees.
This item is for Committee Meeting only.
8.02 Phase Three District Staffing Plan
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre and Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented information on Phase 3 transitioning of the remaining employees that are part-time through AM-PM.
This information will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
8.03 Pay Rate Increase for AM/PM Positions effective FY 2023-24
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Administrative Services Tresa Webre presented item 8.03 to the Board. In order to retain and attract the most highly qualified AM/PM positions and remain competitive, the District has identified a need to increase compensation. The District's proposed pay rate increase is effective FY 2023-2024.
This agenda item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board Meeting agenda.
8.04 Millage Rates for the Tax Year 2023
Chief Financial Officer, Ronald White, presented information on item 8.04 regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1705(A) which requires an agency with taxing authority to furnish the assessor and legislative auditor with the tax rate to be applied to the assessed property values each year. The St. Charles Parish School Board, as a taxing body, must take official action to approve the levy of property tax rates. Favorable Board action on the attached resolution is necessary for the millages to be levied and taxes collected.
A discussion was held on millage rate history which will be developed.
This item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
8.05 St. Charles Residents Not Attending SCPPS - Committee Meeting Only
Superintendent Dr. Ken Oertling and Director of Technology Stephanie Steib presented information on item 8.05 regarding students who reside in St. Charles Parish but do not attend St. Charles Parish Public Schools. Enrollment counts between 2002 - 2020 were presented to the Board and census data was also discussed.
This item is for Committee Meeting only.
8.06 Interim FY24 Budget
With no objections or discussion, Item 8.06 will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
8.07 Accounts Payable for the Month of June 2023
With no objections or discussion, this item will be on the July 26, 2023 Board meeting agenda.
Motion Ellis Alexander; second by K. Boudreaux to adjourn.

Publish: August 17, 2023

Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting (Wednesday, July 26, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Wednesday, July 26, 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 6:25 PM

1. Opening Items
1.01 Call To Order
Board President Art Aucoin called the meeting to order.
Madison Thomas led the prayer before the pledge. Madison is a senior at HHS and the newly elected Student Council President. She is a member of the BETA Club, Interact Club, and DOW Leadership Program.
1.02 Pledge of Allegiance
District 8 Board Member Al Suffrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Roll Call
All 8 Board members, Superintendent Dr. Ken Oertling & Executive Secretary Shelly Babineaux were present.

2. Resolutions/Proclamations
2.01 Resolution in Memory of Deceased Students
Accept the resolution in memory of Nassir White, Cambden Bauer and Kevin Guardado.
Motion by Scott Cody, 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

3. Business Items
3.01 Board Meeting Minutes
Approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Committee Meetings and June 14, 2023, Board Meeting as presented to the Board.
Motion by John L Smith, 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

3.02 Purchase of Student Accident and Catastrophic Insurance
Approve the purchase of student accident and catastrophic insurance with National Union Fire Insurance Company from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services.
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

3.03 Purchase of Faithful Performance Bonds
Approve the purchase of Faithful Performance Bonds for the Superintendent and the Tax Collector from CNA Western Surety, as well as the Employee Dishonesty Bond from Travelers.
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

3.04 2023-24 Student Code of Conduct: Student Handbook
Adopt the 2023-24 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook.
Motion by Becky Weber, second by John L Smith.
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

3.05 Substitute Bus Monitor Staffing Proposal
Approve the substitute bus monitor staffing proposal through ESS.
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

3.06 Bid Authorization Request for Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf Project
Approve the bid authorization request for the Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf 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

3.07 Change Order Number One - Hahnville High School Gym Roof Replacement
Accept change order number one for the Hahnville High School Gym Roof 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

3.08 Substantial Completion - Hahnville High School Gym Roof Replacement Project
Accept substantial completion for the Hahnville High School Gym Roof 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

3.09 Bid Acceptance - Harry Hurst Middle School HVAC Replacement Project
Accept the base bid submitted by Gallo Mechanical, LLC. 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

3.10 Job Description Revisions for Social Emotional Learning Coach
Approve job description revisions for Social Emotional Learning Coach.
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

3.11 Personnel Items
Receive the personnel 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

3.12 Industrial Tax Exemption Application - St. Charles Clean Fuels, LLC.
Approve the upcoming Industrial Tax Exemption application of St. Charles Clean Fuels, LLC.
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

3.13 Phase Three District Staffing Plan
Approve the phase three District staffing plan.
Please visit the district's website and school websites for important back to school information. Information is being updated regularly with important information for the start of the new school year.

3. Youth Rally
The annual Youth Rally Backpack Giveaway for St. Charles Parish students and parents will take place on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 9:00 A.M. - 12 noon Jerusalem Shriners Center, located at 1940 Ormond Blvd. The rally is sponsored by St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services, A Safe Place of St. Charles, Blessed To Be A Blessing, United Way of St. Charles, and St. Charles Parish Public Schools. This year's event will be a drive through school supply give away to the first 600 St. Charles Parish residents. This is a great kick-off to the school year! Hope to see you there.

4. Transportation Update
Bus registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year! If your child will use transportation service this school year, please log on to the transportation bus registration page and register each child separately. If your child is 10 years old or younger, there will be a few additional questions to complete to ensure safe delivery home in the afternoons. We are pleased to offer the use of the "Where's the Bus app" to assist families with real time bus arrival to and from school. Once you register your child for the bus, please register for the bus app. If you are already a user of the app, there is no need to complete this step again. If you have questions about transportation service or bus registration please call 985-785-7206. We look forward to providing transportation service to our students and seeing them at the bus stop on August 8 and 9.

5. Food and Nutrition Update
We are pleased to inform you that St. Charles Parish Public Schools will continue to provide all students with one free healthy breakfast and one free healthy lunch at school each day for the 2023-2024 school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Child Nutrition at (985) 785-3181.

6. Safety and Security Update
Finally, as we prepare for the start of another fantastic school year, please know the health and safety of our students and employees is and continues to be a top priority. Our safe schools program is robust and developed with the support and partnership of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, St. Charles Parish Emergency Operations Center, St. Charles Parish Hospital and local first responders. It is continuously evaluated and improved. It was most recently reviewed by nationally renowned safe schools expert Michael Dorn from Safe Havens International as part of an ongoing process to ensure protocols and practices in place are of the highest standard. This summer our Board approved enhancements to our Safe Schools Program at a cost of \$2.3 million dollars. These enhancements will be implemented in a phased approach and include additional elementary resource officers, protective coating on glass, and camera system upgrades. This is all in addition to the single point entries, safety vestibules, perimeter fencing, camera systems linked to local law enforcement and currently staffed resource officers. Employees will also take part in their yearly trainings to be able to respond appropriately in emergency situations if they should arise.
The mental health and wellness of our students also continues be prioritized as we work to assess students' needs and provide early clinical interventions and supports to them. In the past few years, our Board has made significant investments in program expansions and resources to support the social-emotional wellness needs of our students. School-based Social-Emotional Wellness (SEW) Teams were implemented in recent years. Licensed mental health professionals, as well as school counselors, play a critical role on these teams by providing wraparound support to students. We've enhanced our behavioral health universal screening process to encompass our students' social emotional learning (SEL) competencies. Our enhanced behavioral health universal screening process identifies students experiencing trauma, anxiety and other adverse circumstances, allowing us to determine if additional student supports are needed, and then align internal and external resources as appropriate to address their needs. Students will once again receive an InBox. The InBox contains important district and school documents for the year. I'd like to thank Shell Norco Manufacturing Complex for its continued support of funding for the InBox. Please be sure to review the information in the InBox and complete any back-to-school paperwork before the deadline.
Please visit the district's website and school websites for important back to school information. Information is being updated regularly with important information for the start of the new school year.

4.03 Information Items
4.04 Meeting Adjourn
Motion by Karen Boudreaux, second by Becky Weber.
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

Publish: August 17, 2023

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 85957-E
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
REGIONS BANK D/B/A RE-
GIONS MORTGAGE
VS
MICHAEL A. FABRE, JR. A/KIA
MICHAEL FABRE,
JR. A/K/A MICHAEL A. FABRE
A/KIA MICHAEL
FABRE, 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, MARCH 8, 2019, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: ONE CERTAIN LOT OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appeliaining, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as LAKEWOOD RIDGE ESTATES, as shown on Final Plat by Riverlands Surveying Company dated August 12, 2005, entitled "Lakewood Ridge Subdivision, situated in Section 5, T14S, R21E, near Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana", which Final Plat was approved by the St. Charles Parish Council on February 5, 2007 by Ordinance No. 07-2-4, and recorded on March 7, 2007, in COB 687, folio 491, Entry No. 328640 of the official records of St. Charles. Parish. And according to the aforementioned Final Plat, the property described herein is designated as LOT 29 and measures as follows, to-wit: LOT 29 measures 66.09 feet front on Gregory Drive (formerly known as Rusty Drive) along an arc of a curve having a radius of 50.00 feet and a distance of 61.38 feet, with a second front on Gregory Drive (formerly known as Rusty Drive) of 20.82 feet along an arc of a curve having a radius of 25.00 feet and a distance of 20.23 feet, has a width in the rear of 161.06 feet, a depth along the sideline adjacent to Lot 28 of 145.94 feet and a depth along the sideline adjacent to Lot 30 of 152.99 feet. And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWO AND 05 / 100 (\$256,502.05) 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: July 20, 2023 August 17, 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

Public Hearing of St. Charles Parish School Board FY 2023-24 Interim Budget (Wednesday, July 26, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

Members absent
John L Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Roll Call

Board President Art Aucoin called the meeting to order.

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

2. Business Items

2.01 2023-24 Budget

No public comment was made.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Meeting Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Karen Boudreaux, second by Becky Weber.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ellis A Alexander, Arthur A Aucoin, Alex L Suffrin, Becky Weber, Karen Boudreaux, Ray Gregson, Scott Cody

Publish: August 17, 2023

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the St. Charles Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on June 19, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

Shall Article III, Section A.2 of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to read:

The members of the parish council elected at large shall receive an annual salary of \$24,000.00 and the members elected by districts shall receive an annual salary of \$19,200.00, effective January 8, 2024. The annual salaries of the parish council, as established herein, shall be adjusted by the same percentage rate as the cost of living adjustment approved for civil service employees in 2025 and each succeeding year thereafter. Each member shall receive his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties, within limitations established by the parish council?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

Shall Article III, Section B.2 of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to read:

The annual salary of the parish president shall be fixed at \$175,000.00, effective January 8, 2024, and may be increased by ordinance of the parish council, provided that an ordinance increasing the president's salary shall not be passed during the last year of a term and no salary increase shall become effective during the term in which the ordinance is adopted. The parish president shall be eligible for all benefits available to full-time employees of the Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places for the precincts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$6,800.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

Publish: August 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023

Public Notice

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AND BUNGE NORTH AMERICA, INC.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Bunge North America, Inc. (Respondent), Agency Interest Number 1738, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-23-0023, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. AE-PP-20-00814, and Amended Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. AE-PP-20-00814A.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 708214302, Attention: Michael J. Daniels, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deq.louisiana.gov, by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://decklouisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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MILLAGE RENEWAL (ARC) PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of .66 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,208,700 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing facilities and for providing services associated with the ARC of St. Charles for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in St. Charles Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places for the precincts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$7,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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Public Notice



MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ST. CHARLES PARISH UP TO:
11:00 A. M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

AT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE, ROOM 3400, P. O. BOX 302, 15045 RIVER ROAD, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 3rd FLOOR PARISH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, HAHNVILLE, LOUISIANA, 70057, EITHER BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERED OR ON-LINE AT: <https://www.centralbidding.com> FOR: **2023 YEARLY BIDS:**

102 - BITUMINOUS COATED CORRUGATED STEEL PIPE	134 - REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF PUMPS, MOTORS, ETC.
107H - FLUORIDE	145 - NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RESTROOMS MALE / FEMALE
110 - CONCRETE	148 - NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CONCESSION STANDS
120 - PUMP SAND	153 - JANITORIAL & RESTORATION
121 - SIGNS & POSTS	160 - PRE-CAST BOXED CULVERTS
125 WASTEWATER-COLLECTION SUPPLIES	166 - SEWER SLUDGE HAULING
131 - REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF PUMPS & ETC	171 - ISURUMI PUMPS
133- REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF PARISH STREET LIGHTS	174 - ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS

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

BID SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE:
"DENOTING APPROPRIATE BID ITEM"

ST. CHARLES PARISH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. THESE BID SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY OUR OFFICE, SETTING FORTH THOSE ITEMS DEEMED NECESSARY BY OUR PERSONNEL. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE RESTRICTIVE OR DISCRIMINATORY IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PROCUREMENT OFFICE IN WRITING PRIOR TO OPENING BIDS OF ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS POLICY.

ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE
P. O. BOX 302
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057

BID ADVERTISED:
ST. CHARLES HERALD GUIDE
AUGUST 10, 2023
AUGUST 17, 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 ninety 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:

Mary Ann Baracco Pfister
122 Johnson St., St. Rose, LA 70087
Lot 51
Block 3
Subdivision: Almedia Plantation Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris

Parish Property Investment Group LLC
128 Oaklawn Ridge Ln., St. Rose, LA 70087
Lot 54
Subdivision: Oaklawn Ridge Subd.
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris

PUBLISH: August 17, 2023

Sheriff's Sale

**SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 92086-E
Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
vs
JAMES FRED MASHON, JR.
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, APRIL 28, 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, AUGUST 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ONE CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as OAKLAWN RIDGE SUBDIVISION, designated as LOT 40, as per plan of resubdivision by BFM Corporation, Surveyors, dated May 24, 1999, revised December 6, 2000, approved by the Planing Commission of St. Charles Parish and recorded on February 6, 2001, in the conveyance as Entry No. 250871, COB 581/512; subject to restrictions, servitndes, rights-of-way and outstanding 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: **THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 54 I 100 (\$346,788.54) 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: July 20, 2023
August 17, 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**

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 86955-C
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
vs
PETER MURLA III A/KIA PETE MURLA 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: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Courthouse of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St. Charles is held on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:
A certain piece or portion of ground situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as Willowridge Estates Phase N Subdivision, which said lot is described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 11, Square 4, measures 100.00 feet front on Willowridge Drive, same width in the rear by a depth of 120.00 feet between equal and parallel lines. All in accordance with a survey by IZrebs, Lasalle, LeMieux, Consultants, Inc., dated November 13, 1995, registered in the Clerk of Court in Instrument No. 199585.
All is further in accordance with a survey by R.P. Bernard, professional land surveyor dated April 15, 1996; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding 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: THREE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 93 / 100 (\$312,527.93) 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: July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Kristy Finley
1505 North 19th Street P. O. Box 2867
Monroe, LA 71207-2867
318-388-1440
SCSO-CIV-209-0402

Public Notice



ELECTION
COMMISSIONER
CLASSES



The course of instruction for St. Charles Parish residents who are interested in serving as Election Commissioner for elections will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Please call ahead to our at office 985-783-6632 to SCHEDULE a class time as we are limiting the amount of attendees to 50 per class. Classes will last approximately an hour and a half.

Attending this course will qualify you as a commissioner for the elections through June 30, 2024.

Election Commissioners are compensated for their time.

****CURRENT COMMISSIONERS NEED NOT ATTEND****
****NEW COMMISSIONERS ONLY****

Classes will be held at the Edward Dufresne Community Center
**274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway
Luling, LA 70070**

To become a qualified Commissioner:

- Be registered voters in St. Charles Parish
- Require no assistance in voting
- Not be candidates for election to a public office
- Have not been convicted of any election offense
- Be capable of opening and closing voting machines without assistance
- Be capable of filling out election forms
- Be at least 17 years old and a high school senior or older

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