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40 students share letters to Santa



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**D'Angelo
Gordon**

St. Rose
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Mimosa Park students, volunteers spread Christmas joy to families in need

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A melodic group of local volunteers visited several St. Charles Parish families earlier this month in the Mimosa Park Elementary School district, spreading cheer and singing Christmas carols to a group of families dealing with various holiday season struggles.

"This is the first year we adopted the Christmas caroling project," Angela Butler, Mimosa Park Elementary principal, said. "Luling Elementary was the [school] that was usually going around doing the Christmas caroling project,



Mimosa Park Elementary School's Christmas carolers in action.

but due to the mass construction going on Paul Maillard, they asked if we would adopt it and service the kids in our area this year due to us having

MIMOSA CAROLING on 8A

Parish's economic health unfazed by new residential construction drop off

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Recent data disclosed earlier this month by the St. Charles Parish Tax Assessor's office, which tracks the number of residential homes completed each year inside the parish, reveals a somewhat predictable four-year downward slide in new residential construction following the one-two punch of Hurricane Ida and the pandemic.

St. Charles Parish Tax Assessor Tab Troxler said 2023, based on current year-to-date numbers, will likely finish somewhere around 86 new homes completed in the parish for the year, which comes on the heels of 2022's 132 completed homes and 2021's 126



Recently constructed homes await buyers in the Heather Oaks subdivision of Luling.

completed homes figures.

The projected 2023 number of 86 completed homes stands at just 55 percent of the parish's 10-year peak of 155 new homes completed in 2019, a clear

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The Ritzmann family's vandalized Christmas light display in front of their Luling area home.

Luling family's Christmas light display vandalized

How to protect yours from vandals

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Jenna Braud-Ritzmann and her family took to social media last week after getting a visit from a real-life Christmas Grinch, an unknown person who vandalized her Christmas light display in front of her Luling home, cutting wires to her display.

On Braud-Ritzmann's residential street in Luling, her home is one of the few in the nearby vicinity with a Christmas light display.

"We're the only ones that have lights – we're the Griswolds of our street," Braud-Ritzmann joked, referencing the classic 1989 National Lampoon's Christmas movie. "We do this for our kids, and we do it for the neighborhood kids. There's not [as many people] that are doing Christmas lights anymore – so every

year we get bigger and bigger."

Residents have often thanked she and her husband, Braud-Ritzmann said, for giving other families a local address on their street to visit after dark during the holidays to enjoy her festive Christmas light display.

She and her family got an unwelcome surprise, though, after leaving her home for around four hours on Monday, Dec. 10 to run various early week errands.

"When we came home to help a neighbor do something, that's when my husband saw that the wires were cut," Braud-Ritzmann said. "They were clearly cut – it wasn't chewed on [by a rodent or an animal]."

VANDALIZED on 8A

67 children in need receive \$100 worth of gifts, food baskets

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When Trip Oubre told the staff at LaPlace Equipment Co. that he wanted to put together a Christmas event for underprivileged children, nobody knew quite what to expect.

But Oubre had a vision, and on Saturday that vision saw 67 children and 20 families from St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. James parishes enjoy a merrier Christmas as everyone gathered for food, fun, gifts – and the chance to meet Santa Claus.

"This is our sixth year – we started out with probably half as many kids," said Oubre, the owner of LEC. "We've had support from a lot of small, independent sources. Ultimately, we're hoping some bigger organizations can come aboard to potentially help us as well ... for so many kids, it's rough. These kids have it rough. We just try to give them that one day."

A team of volunteers served jambalaya, chicken, snacks and cookies to those attending.

A number of those volunteers came via the Destrehan High School marching band. Band director Christopher Williams said the chance to pitch in on Saturday and spread a bit of holiday joy was truly a no-brainer.

"One of our band parents works here



Santa with a visitor at LaPlace Equipment Co. Christmas event.

and was looking for some additional support – and we can absolutely make that happen," Williams said. "It's such a delight to be able to bring Christmas to those families in need and make it a special event for the kids who are here."

Santa arrived on a fire truck to greet the excited children, who received \$100 worth of gifts and a food basket to take home.

That's made possible by fundraising efforts including raffles as well as donations from vendors, customers, friends and family.

"It grows every year," said Oubre's wife Stephanie. "It's continually a work in progress. It's a chance to give back – it makes me feel joyous every time we do it."

She said the work to set the day's event up starts in September, and seeing the children's faces light up always

LEC CHRISTMAS on 8A

HHS group leads successful donation drive for elementary school in Shreveport

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Hahnville High School's Chick-fil-A Leader Academy group completed its Do Good Service project earlier this month, resulting in numerous boxes of donated toiletry items, clothing and toys for students at Queensborough Elementary School in Shreveport.

The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy program bills itself as one of the nation's

largest high school leadership programs, boasting an impressive 200,000 students having passed through the program. Each high school's individual program is sponsored by a local Chick-fil-A franchise owner, along with national consulting firm ADDO. Students involved in each Chick-fil-A Leader Academy group organize and execute three service

projects each year.

"We are partnered with the Chick-fil-A in Kenner; essentially the mission of the program is to teach high school students how to become servant leaders, which fulfills Chick-fil-A's mission and vision as a company," HHS Spanish teacher Kristyn Charlie, who acts as HHS' Chick-fil-A Leader sponsor, said. "Every month the students engage in 'Leader Labs' to learn different aspects of being a servant leader."

HHS' Chick-fil-A Leader group, which currently includes around 25 students, has members choose their own local service projects. The students first learned about Queensborough Elementary School following Charlie's own recent involvement with the Shreveport school through an unrelated Louisiana Department of Education leadership program she participated in. It was through the state program that she first met Queensborough Elementary's Principal Marco French, who told Charlie and other educators his school's plight.

"He told us the story of some of the hardships and challenges that his school is facing, and how he overcame them," Charlie said. "Throughout the story, he mentioned to us about how impoverished his students are, and the amount



HHS Chick-fil-A Leader Academy students pose with donated items collected for their recent Do Good Service project.

of donations he receives to be able to give the students the things they have."

Queensborough Elementary's principal, Charlie said, had been spending money out of his own salary to ensure children at his school had coats each year.

After discussions with her students, the group decided to make Queensborough Elementary the focus of their December Do Good Service project. They first found out what supplies the school and its students needed, and

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Sensory Santa helps special needs children find joyful holiday

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Sandra O'Brien has seen the rise of autism cases firsthand over the past few years, and how even the simplest things that so many take for granted can become so very complex.

During the Christmas season, one such example is a visit to see Santa Claus; for children with special needs that can be quite challenging for themselves and their families. Recently, though, a special event catered specifically to those needs, and for many families it ushered in a happier holiday.

The second annual Sensory Santa event took place in St. Charles Parish on Dec. 2. Hosted by Caring Strategies, the event included no loud noises or long waits in line and there was sensory-trained staff and sensory materials available to entertain patrons.

Caring Strategies is a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources to children with and without developmental disabilities, and other special needs. The organization serves hundreds of individuals and their families annually and is largely supported by United Way



"The Grinch" spends a moment with child at Sensory Santa event.

St. Charles. The goal is to help children with sensory challenges have a joyful Santa experience by providing an environment that helps the child feel safe and secure.

"When children have sensory issues, they have a hard time waiting in line for Santa, with everything going on around them," said O'Brien, the director of Caring Strategies. "The noise, the crowd at the mall. This is a small event. They get to see Santa Claus one-on-one. We give them games, activities, refreshments and snacks. We hope to be able to

SENSORY SANTA on 9A



Amber Dillenkoffer poses behind a mountain of donated Christmas toys, all of which were given away at her Dec. 16 event in Luling.

Destrehan native hands out more than 1,000 toys to children

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Now in her event's ninth year, Southeastern Louisiana University junior Amber Dillenkoffer, organizer of Amber's Reason for the Season Toy Drive, held her annual gift giving event on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the St. Charles Parish Professional Learning Center on US-90 in Luling.

The program, sponsored by local nonprofit Dad Dad's Club, featured free food, arts and crafts and a visit from Santa for guests. No sign-up process was required for children to attend the Dec. 16 toy gifting event; her organization only required a parent or guardian to attend with their child. Toys supplied at the event were given to infant children, local teenagers and all other ages in between.

"The event went amazing," Dillenkoffer, a Destrehan native, said of this year's Christmas toy giveaway. "We usually have hundreds of toys left over after the event is over, but this year we actually had more than twice as many children come through – we had over 550 kids take out a toy - and we [gave away] all 1,100 toys by 2:30 on Saturday."

Starting with modest beginnings nine years ago – an event Dillenkoffer first organized at age 12 - the event has grown over the years from collecting and doling out 123 toys in its first run in 2015 to an impressive 1,092 toy donation count this year, which slightly beat her

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signal new residential construction in St. Charles Parish has slowed considerably in recent years.

St. Charles Parish’s home completion trends stand in stark contrast to the latest national housing completion data released by the United States Census Bureau last month, which indicates new housing completions experienced slight growth in the U.S. for the last three years. In October 2023, the U.S. had around 4.6 percent higher home completions year over year – following a marginal 1.5 percent rise between 2020 and 2022.

While the parish’s recent completion numbers seem to be indicative of an increasingly sluggish local real estate market, residential completion figures alone, the assessor warned, don’t give an accurate picture of St. Charles Parish’s overall economic health, which still looks healthy when considering the challenges faced in recent years.

“[Homebuilders aren’t building] as much, but [parish] revenues are up 40 percent, and tax rates are down,” Troxler said. “I’m not saying ...that things are booming, but considering the fact that we went through a hurricane, a pandemic, and all of the headwinds of the real estate market, we’re weathering the storm.”

St. Charles Parish’s Districts I, II and III have in recent years driven much of St. Charles Parish’s new residential construction growth, given the parish’s stock of new residential lots have typically come from those districts. Troxler mentioned the trend in lower new



Lots and homes for sale inside the Heather Oaks subdivision in Luling, one of St. Charles Parish’s newest residential subdivisions.

residential construction in those districts and in other areas of St. Charles Parish could be explained in part by several factors including a prior moratorium on new residential construction while parish officials studied drainage and flooding concerns, which affected the completion timeline of several local residential development projects.

Other major factors that appear to have contributed to St. Charles Parish’s new residential construction slowdown include Louisiana’s continued homeowners and flood insurance woes, increased labor and building material

costs following Hurricane Ida, along with interest rate hikes.

Parish tax data tells a much different story, Troxler said, when comparing St. Charles Parish’s economic health to the health of other neighboring parishes in the region.

“It’s night and day – we’re so far ahead of [other like-sized or neighboring parishes], but it has absolutely nothing to do with new residential construction,” Troxler said.

Because St. Charles Parish derives a greater portion of its annual revenue from industrial and commercial concerns, Troxler explained, a drop in incoming new residential construction has had little effect on the parish’s economic strength as it might have with other parishes.

“Losing 40 or 50 homes doesn’t have the impact on the tax roll here that it may have in other parishes,” Troxler said. “Losing industrial value or losing industrial properties – that has a much greater significance.”

NEW CONSTRUCTIONS BY YEAR	
YEAR	NEW CONSTRUCTIONS
2014	102
2015	122
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2017	123
2018	147
2019	155
2020	140
2021	126
2022	132



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**Addition**
R.K. Smith Middle School

**Addition and Renovation**
East Bank Head Start Center

**Career and Technical Renovation and Expansion**
Destrehan High School, Hahnville High School, Satellite Center

**Commons and Digital Media Center Renovation**
Hahnville High School

**Elevator Replacements**
Harry Hurst Middle School, J.B. Martin Middle School

**Ceramic Tile Floor Replacement**
Luling Elementary School

**Renovation and Expansion**
Wings B, C, and D at Luling Elementary School

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MIMOSA CAROLING from 1A

more availability.”

Together with a group of students, community members, teachers and their families, Mimosa Park Elementary’s Christmas caroling group of around 40 local volunteers set out last week to bring Christmas cheer to five local area families.

Each of the Mimosa Park Elementary families were identified by an informal committee of Mimosa Park teachers and staff as being in need of a holiday pick-me-up.

“We got with our school counselor and some of our faculty and staff, and discussed some of our friends that were having difficult Christmas seasons at this time – whether it was due to a sick relative, or the loss of a parent or maybe just some dynamic changes in the home - where it wasn’t as Christmas cheery as it had been in the past,” Butler said.

Just as dusk began to fall on the evening of Dec. 7 across St. Charles Parish, the multi-car caravan of Christmas carolers drove throughout the moonlit streets of Luling and Boutte. Together the volunteers



(LEFT) Students sing Christmas songs for one of several families visited by the Mimosa Park Elementary group. (RIGHT): Christmas carolers pause for a solemn prayer with a family at one of their Christmas carol stops.



made stops at each family’s home singing classic Christmas carols and delivering a teddy bear to each family. Butler said one of their volunteers capped off each stop with a thoughtful prayer for the family before departing on to the next home.

The event was sponsored in part by the St. Charles Parish office of Farm Bureau Insurance, with family

“I think it’s something that we’ll probably continue to do as the years go on, knowing that we could do something for our community and get out into the homes that are [in need] this time of year,” Butler said.

teddy bear donations supplied by Vicky Bergeron, a member with nonprofit Teddy’s Cares.

“It was fabulous to see the amount of people that came to support us and our Mimosa families; it was just really heart touching,” Butler said. “It just goes to show that we are a true community, especially with all that we’ve been through, and knowing that our families are continuing to struggle after COVID and Ida.”

While the caroling event is likely to be restarted again in 2024 for families of Luling Elementary once Paul Maillard Road work is completed, Butler said Mimosa Park’s event was so well received that she hopes to adopt the event as a permanent annual tradition for her school.

VANDALIZED from 4A

The experience left she and her family angry and disappointed, putting a temporary damper on their holiday spirit.

“My husband [and I were] pretty upset because [Christmas lights] are not cheap,” Braud-Ritzmann said. “He rigged it in a certain way and was able to wire them back together, but still, it’s like – who would do that? It doesn’t make sense.”

Braud-Ritzmann took to social media to share her disappointment that her display had been vandalized, sparking several other locals who spoke of having similar incidents this year and in years past. Christmas light strands are not always able to be repaired so easily and often need to be thrown away after being vandalized, some users commented, following their own vandalism



Photo of a cut Christmas display wire at Braud-Ritzmann’s home.

experiences.

In a separate but similar post, one St. Charles Parish local reported having an entire Christmas light set of ornamental deer stolen off of their property earlier this month, which the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office also received a report on.

To help deter would-be Christmas display thieves and vandals this holiday season, the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office offered several tips.

Consider adding security cameras or a video doorbell at your residence, as most people do not want to be caught on camera committing a crime, the Sheriff’s Office said.

“Do not put decorations close to the street,” Amanda Pertuis, Sheriff’s Office Public Information Officer, commented. “Use heavy-duty stakes to make it harder

for someone to grab your decorations and go; this will also help keep them upright when it’s windy.”

The Sheriff’s Office also suggested residents consider using a staple gun or light clips to attach the wire for Christmas lights to your house, and if lights are strung in trees, use twist ties or zip ties to secure them in a few places. Keep lights on, and if Christmas lights are not kept on all night, the Sheriff’s Office suggested residents consider using an outdoor light or motion light.

“If you reside in St. Charles Parish and are a victim of theft or vandalism, contact the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office at 985-783-6807,” Sheriff Greg Champagne said.

LEC CHRISTMAS from 4A

makes it worth it.

For two years, the event had to be done by drive-thru, said Nancy LeBlanc

of LEC, necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I know (Oubre) likes to see the kids



and interact with the families, and we do too,” LeBlanc said. “When they get to go see Santa and get so excited – I’m glad we’re able to have that again.”

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HHS DONATION from 4A

then began a drive to collect toiletry items, cleaning supplies, clothing and toys from students and St. Charles Parish residents. The local Kenner Chick-fil-A offered to help by donating an incentive for participating HHS students – bring in five items including one new toy for the drive, and participating students would receive a free Chick-fil-A lunch.

“We received so many donations from our student body,” Charlie said. “This project really funneled into something really large.”

The group received several monetary donations, and one parent hosted a separate drive at her employer Ochsner’s main campus, which resulted in even more donations. A contest was also held amongst HHS administrators, with the administrator contributing the most donated funds for the drive receiving an honorary pie-in-their-face award.

The donated funds were needed when the drive wound down, as the group successfully collected enough supplies to fill 10 large boxes, which they promptly shipped to Queensborough Elementary last week ahead of the Christmas holidays. The school received the goods on Wednesday, Dec. 13, with the



More HHS students pose with gifts and supplies intended for a school in Shreveport.

goods set to be distributed soon by the elementary school’s principal.

“I was very overcome with emotions,” Charlie said following the success of the Chick-fil-A Leader group’s donation drive. “Our students, our community really rose to the call, and I couldn’t be prouder of what we did.”

SENSORY SANTA from 5A

do this every year.” Caring Strategies hosts many events throughout the year, but Sensory Santa has quickly become the largest.

O’Brien is a developmental therapist who works with children ages 0-3.

“In the last five years, I’ve seen the rise of autism and families express to us that there’s just so much unknown for them,” said O’Brien. “From working first-hand with them, we thought it would be a good time to create a social event, to try and have play groups and sensory events because they don’t have to be isolated. This was a way to put it all together.

“There are a lot of people who don’t know what it’s all about – if you don’t have a sensory issue, it’s hard for people to grasp. It’s very complex. The children look fine, like anyone else, but they’re going through something. Even something like going to Walmart, that can be too much, too overwhelming.”

When children arrived for the event, they were broken into groups and prepared for what was upcoming at each step. For children who needed it, certain sensory materials were supplied, be it sunglasses for light sensitivity or earmuffs to block out noise if there’s an aversion to sound.

Last year, Destrehan mother Sarah Zafirau reached out to O’Brien and pitched the idea after visiting a similar event in Chalmette with her son Henry, who is autistic.

For more information on donating, volunteering or registering for the Santa event, email Caring Strategies at caringstrategies@aol.com or visit www.caringstrategies.net. The organization also runs a Facebook

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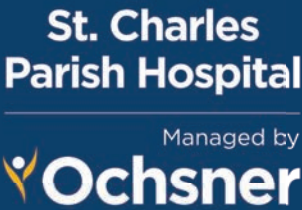
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Goodwill will open new facility in New Orleans East that will include retail, outlet stores

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana recently announced the establishment of “Goodwill East,” a multifunctional space that will house a retail store, outlet store, opportunity center, workforce development services, warehouse operations and more.

The new facility will be located at the site of the former Lowe’s Home Improvement store located at 5770 Read Boulevard in New Orleans East.

“We are thrilled to embark on this new chapter with the establishment of Goodwill East,” Jodee Daroca, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries SELA, said. “This strategic acquisition will significantly enhance our ability to fulfill our mission of helping individuals with barriers to employment overcome challenges and achieve economic independence.”

The creation of the facility will create 75 new jobs, initially, with some positions offering up to \$30 per hour.

The outlet store will offer surplus or unique items at discounted prices while the opportunity center

will serve as a hub for workforce development and while the warehouse operations will support the organizations recycling efforts.

Goodwill also announced the opening of three new attended donation centers in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Gonzales.

The addresses for the new attended donation centers are as follows:

- 11358 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge
- 6235 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans
- 13256 LA-44, Gonzales

“We are thrilled to expand our presence with these three new attended donation centers. By increasing accessibility, we hope to encourage more individuals to donate their gently used items, which in turn will enable us to create more employment and educational opportunities for people in need. We are grateful to the community for their ongoing support and donations,” said Daroca.

Obituaries

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Bass

Dolores Ann Bass passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15, 2023 at the age of 80. She was preceded in death by her parents, Katherine Mills and Luke Galloway, siblings, Faye Magee, Loraine Mestayer, Chuck Galloway, and Butch Galloway. She is also preceded by her husband, Larry Bass.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Walters (Joyce) and Hubert Walters (Allison) and her granddaughter, Kayla Walters.

Dolores worked at Dot’s Diner for about 15-20 years. She married her husband Larry in 1977. She loved to fish and go bowling, and will always be remembered for her kindness and long dangling earrings.



Sheriff’s Reports

Suspects are innocent until proved guilty in a court of law

- Arrests**
- **Rashard Poche Jr., 24**, of 318 Post Street in Killona, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and simple criminal damage to property (two counts). He had an attachment (two counts).
 - **Manuela Guidry, 48**, of 131 Turning Leaf Drive in Gray, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with aggravated flight from an officer, aggravated obstruction of a highway of commerce, reckless operation without accident and traffic violation.
 - **Fredrick Johnson, 54**, of 14 Cathy Street in Norco, was arrested Dec. 17 and charged with illegal possession of stolen things.
 - **Terry Gregg, 50**, of 14750 Cajun Paradise Road in Paradis, was arrested Dec. 13 and charged with domestic abuse battery with a dangerous weapon – minor injury, possession of marijuana and possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia.

• **Kristopher Turner, 38**, of 2336 Marengo Street in New Orleans, was arrested Dec. 18 and charged with possession of psilocybin, possession of marijuana, possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia and traffic violation. He was a fugitive with an attachment (two counts).



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DILLENKOFFER from 5A



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2023 goal and improved on her toy roundup in 2022. "This year, life threw me a lot of curve balls both in my personal life and in regards to the toy drive," Dillenkoffer, an SLU Elementary Education major, said on Dec. 15 after reaching her 2023 collection goal. "Nonetheless, my amazing community came together



Local kids enjoy arts and craft projects supplied by Amber's Reason for the Season event organizers.

once again to celebrate the reason for the season." Dillenkoffer began the toy drive in 2015 as a middle school student and pageant contestant. First partnering up with various local charities like Toys for Tots, Access Health and others, Dillenkoffer eventually graduated to organizing the event on her own with financial assistance from Dat Dad's Club, which she has done each of the last three years.

"I love doing my own event, because I really get to make it what I want it to be," Dillenkoffer said. "The second I see the first kid line up, it makes everything that I do – all of November and December – immediately worth it."

Her organization relied on both financial donations from locals as well as a small network of toy drop-off collection boxes the SLU student set up at six different locations throughout St. Charles and St. James parishes, on both sides of the Mississippi River. This year Dillenkoffer was able to recruit around 35 volunteers who assisted her in pulling off her ninth toy give way in St. Charles Parish. "I am absolutely overwhelmed and overjoyed by the support I received from [toy drive supporters] over the past month and a half," Dillenkoffer wrote in a recent social media post. "I am in awe each year, [the community] never ceases to amaze me with...



generosity. My heart is truly so full!" For more information on Amber's Reason for the Season Toy Drive or to donate for next year's event, visit the organization's official Facebook page under the same name.



Volunteers pose for a group photo at the recent toy giveaway.

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Love,

Chasen Lombard

Allemands Elementary School
Second Grade

Dear Santa,

This is Amina. I hope I'm on the nice list and if you can get me presents this is it: 1. a good holiday 2. some clothes 3. toys and I'll leave you some cookies.

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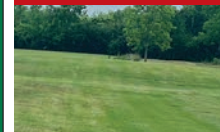
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Love,
Amelia Sellers
Allemands Elementary School, Second Grade



Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I love you, Santa. For Christmas I want Mini Bands. Thank you!

Love,
DaNae Simmons
Luling Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,
Please can you give me a dozen cats and dogs? Can you give me an elf too? Thank you Santa.

Isabella Harlow
New Sarpy Elementary
First Grade



Dear Santa,
I love you. My name is McKenzie. I want a toy bunny and a cage for it please.

McKenzie Fasola
St. Rose Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all of my gifts last year. I loved them. And thank you for giving me an elf. He is so much fun to talk to, and it is so fun to look for him with my brother and with my Mom and my Dad. Thank you for working so hard and I love my elf.

Thank you,
Kason Meadors
Allemands Elementary School, Second Grade



Dear Santa,
I was good this year. For Christmas, I want a Barbie. Thank you!

Love,
Al'Lanah Williams
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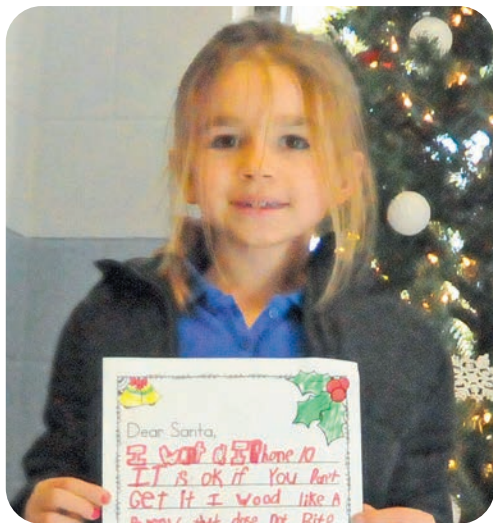
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Dear Santa,
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Remy Poche
New Sarpy Elementary
First Grade



Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I am happy it is Christmas. I am really happy and proud of you. I want a Spider-Man toy – remember, a Spider-Man toy.

Christopher Kelley
St. Rose Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa Claus,
I know I wasn't that good this year. I know you know I can do better. But also I'm so excited for you to visit my house. One time I heard a clump on my PawPaw's roof and it was Christmas! It was crazy for me. I love you Santa. Also what I want for Christmas is an Ip-hone13, a bracelet, a phone case, a necklace and high heels.

Love,
Aleigha Cooper
Allemands Elementary
School, Second Grade



Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I would like a baby doll for Christmas. Thank you!

Love,
Genesis Roche
Luling Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want my Maw Maw to have a Merry Christmas, even in Heaven. And I also want football shoulder pads and a football pro launcher and a Saints jersey – Alvin Kamara #41 and a Saints helmet.

Brent Folsie
New Sarpy Elementary
Second Grade



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. My name is Kristen. I would like a squishmallow and a hamster for Christmas. I am 6-years-old. Happy Christmas. Santa, do you work a lot in the shop?

Kristen Lane
St. Rose Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all of your hard work. I appreciate the gifts. I hope you and your crew are well. I don't want a lot for Christmas. I just want a guitar.

Thank you,
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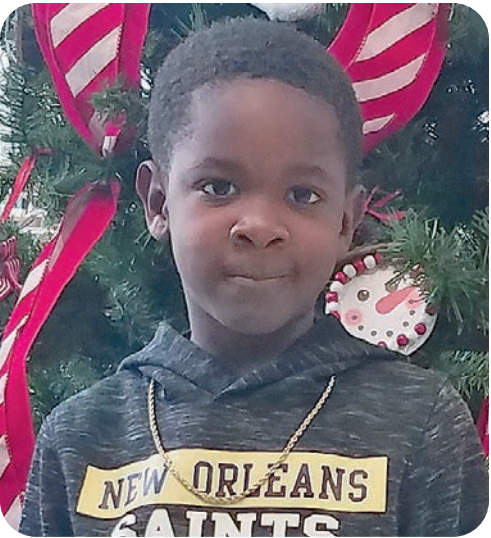
Dear Santa,
This is Jari. I have been good. I want a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.

Love,
Jari Boyle
Luling Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,
Are you OK and safe? Hope you are. What I want for Christmas is Barbie, a scooter and a new bike. Hope you have a good Christmas and stay safe. Love you and hope it's not too much.

Blake Vassuer
New Sarpy Elementary
Second Grade



Dear Santa,
I've been good at school and at home because for Christmas I want an iPhone. Question: how do you put the presents? I love Christmas.

Jakai Woods
St. Rose Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,
Hey Mr. Santa, I love your elf apple. I really want a PS5 and a laptop. If you give me both of those I will be the most jolly man alive. Sincerely,

Jackson Bethel
Allemands Elementary School, Second Grade



Dear Santa,
This is Emily. I have been good. I want a Barbie Dream House for Christmas.

Love,
Emily Freeman
Luling Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,
This year I really want a whoopie cushion and a Barbie doll.

Khloe Joseph
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First Grade



Dear Santa,

I have been bad at school because I have been talking. I have been good at home. I want a clown. I want love. I have been wondering, how old are you? Did you see me last night? I hope elves don't lie.

Wayne Worley
St. Rose Elementary School



Dear Santa,

I wish I can meet you one night. I love Christmas. It is my favorite holiday. I also wish I could meet Ms. Claus, too. I love Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and I want two things from you, please: I want a pink and purple tumbling mat and an electric scooter like you got for my brother, Colton. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Love,
Allison Babin
Allemands Elementary School, Second Grade



Dear Santa,

This is Rhylee. I have been good. I want an iPhone12 for Christmas.

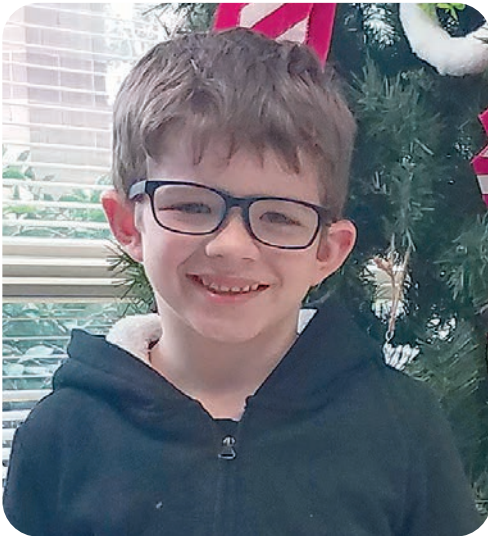
Rhylee Peters,
Luling Elementary School
First Grade



Dear Santa,

I really want an electric scooter for Christmas. I love my elf, he is so sweet and very funny. Be careful!

Lucy Poplus
New Sarpy Elementary
Second Grade



Dear Santa,

My name is Dalton. I have been good and I hope for you to have a Merry Christmas and please can you get me all the types of Pokemon?

Dalton Cornwell
St. Rose Elementary School
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Dear Santa,

I am good. How is your tree? I want a blue basketball for Christmas and checkers. How is Rudolph? Merry Christmas!

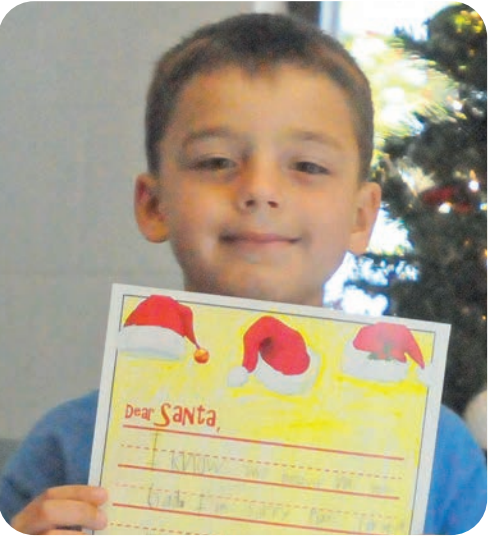
Love,
Bryce Fanguy
Allemands Elementary School, First Grade



Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year. I would like an Apple watch.

Love,
Leia Aleman
Luling Elementary School
Second Grade



Dear Santa,

I know my behavior has been bad. I'm sorry, please forgive me. So I am going to fix it. Please make me a part of your family and I am going to come back to Good Caiden!

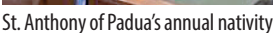
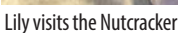
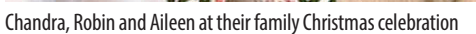
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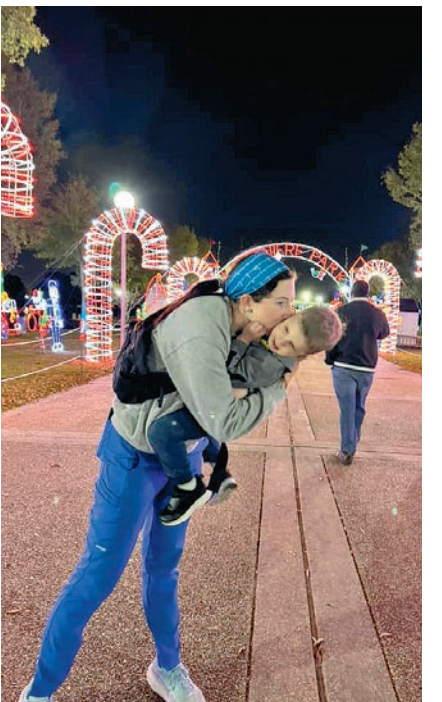
Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Can I have a doll house and a toy kitchen? Next is a sketch-book. And can I have a ball?

Treasure Thomas
St. Rose Elementary School
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A photograph of Santa Claus sitting on a black chair with a young girl on his lap. They are in front of a blue wooden wall with a wreath and poinsettias.



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Hahnville's Luquet resigns after four seasons at the helm

Coach called split a mutual decision; Tigers missed playoffs in 2023



Hahnville's Daniel Luquet speaks to his team postgame.

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Daniel Luquet's tenure as Hahnville's head football coach came to an end Friday morning, as he resigned after four years heading the program.

Luquet described it as a mutual decision to part ways between he and Hahnville principal Jose Gonzales. Luquet met with his coaches to inform them of the news Friday morning, then spoke with his players.

The 40-year-old head coach arrived at Hahnville in 2019 as the Tigers' offensive coordinator under then-head coach Nick Saltaformaggio. A year later Luquet was chosen as Saltaformaggio's successor when the latter accepted the head coaching job at his alma mater Holy Cross.

The move followed a season in which Hahnville finished 3-6 against a challenging schedule and missed the post-season. Overall, Luquet went 19-18 over his four seasons and guided HHS to the playoffs in each of his first three seasons, but the Tigers were not able to push

beyond the first round over that time.

It wasn't the ending Luquet wanted or envisioned when he accepted the job in 2020. A former Destrehan quarterback and assistant coach, and the son of former longtime Destrehan baseball coach Marty Luquet and stepson of longtime River Parishes sportswriter Lori Lyons,

"It's difficult to accept because I'm ingrained in this school system and in this community ... at the end of the day, we went 3-6. That's not what's expected at Hahnville. We didn't win enough games."

Luquet at the time called the opportunity to head the Hahnville program his dream job.

"It's difficult to accept because I've grown up in this school system. I'm ingrained in this school system and in this community," said Luquet. "At the end of the day, we went 3-6. That's not what's expected at Hahnville, and I get that. I'm from this parish and I know it. We didn't

win enough games."

Regina McMillan, St. Charles Parish Public Schools Director of Public Information, offered the following statement in regards to Luquet's resignation:

"On Friday, December 15, Coach Daniel Luquet informed Hahnville High School's football team and coaching

— Daniel Luquet

staff that he submitted his resignation as Hahnville's Head Football Coach. The school system expresses its gratitude for the dedication, passion, and leadership Coach Luquet brought to the Hahnville High School football program and for the positive impact he has had on our student-athletes both on and off the field. Additionally, our community is a better place because of the countless

hours Coach Luquet spent volunteering alongside his student-athletes.

"St. Charles Parish Public Schools acknowledges the importance of a strong coaching staff in shaping the experiences of student-athletes and contributing to the overall success of the school's athletics. We are confident that Hahnville High School will be able to attract a diverse pool of qualified candidates interested in leading the football program into the future."

Luquet's tenure at Hahnville was not a smooth one, as he found himself tasked with navigating the Tigers through several difficult situations and unique setbacks. His first season with the team as head coach coincided with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tigers lost their top rusher and wide receiver to injury in the final game of the regular season – both would miss the team's opening round playoff loss.

A year later, Hurricane Ida ravaged St. Charles Parish. The Tigers were on course for a home playoff game. That

Tigers rolling on 5-game winning streak

Surging Hahnville headed into Country Day Classic tourney this week

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A 69-42 home victory over McDonogh No. 35 was the fifth in a row for a Hahnville Tigers team that appears to be hitting full stride with district play just around the corner.

The Tigers (9-4) have taken down Karr, McMain, Lutcher and De La Salle as well over the five game streak, which began at the Newman tournament early this month. The last three of those victories came by decisive margins of 21, 13 and 27 respectively.

Hahnville began play at the Country Day Classic Wednesday (after press time) and continues on at the tourney today (Dec. 21). Head coach Erica Randolph has had a simple message for her team before the annual tournament, which brings together several of the state’s top basketball programs for competition.

“We’ve got to keep it going. The streak’s got to continue,” Randolph said.

Randolph said the Tigers have really begun to grasp some of the finer details of winning games – and specifically,

“You have to be able to pick it up a notch (in the second half) and close games. I think we’ve been doing a good job of that.”

— Erica Randolph



Jordan Moore of Hahnville

closing them out.

“We’ve tweaked and implemented some things at practice,” Randolph said. “Something we talk about – at halftime, you can’t go out in the second half and play at the same level you did in the first. You have to pick it up a notch. The tempo is going to change and you’ve got to be able to close games. I think we’ve been doing a good job of that. There’s still work to do, but I think they’re understanding how important it is to keep it going.”

The closest among the games during the five-game streak came against McMain – the Tigers earned a 77-74

victory in that one, powered by a monster performance from leading scorer Jordan Moore. Moore finished with 30 points in the game, highlighted by a 14-point second quarter. He got some strong backup from his brother, Jamal Moore, who finished with 14, and Ahmand Simmons who posted 10.

One game earlier, the Tigers’ 57-49 win over Karr saw four Tigers in double-figures. Jordan Moore and Cobe Landry each scored 12, Eli Harris 11 and Calvin Smith 10.

Jamal Moore, Randolph said, has been strong during the winning streak at both ends of the court.

“He’s been giving us some big numbers and guarding some key players for us,” said Randolph.

Simmons and Smith, she added, continue to bring experience, toughness and consistently commit to doing the little things it takes to win.

“We know in basketball, we aren’t going to play a perfect game. Mistakes do happen,” Randolph said. “Ahmand and CJ (Smith) know that if a mistake happens, OK then they’re getting back on defense to make a stop or a critical play – it’s night in and night out for them.”

This week’s Country Day tournament will see Hahnville among a group of 12 traditionally strong programs including Rummel, John Curtis, St. Thomas More, St. Thomas Aquinas, Karr and host Country Day – which won the tournament last season – among others.

Such tournaments can be looked at as practice runs for the state playoffs. Randolph pushes back on that particular description, however.

“None of it is practice for us at all,” said Randolph. “We look at it as we’re playing a championship game night in and night out. This is the next test for us, though, and what I love about the Country Day tournament is it’s an opportunity to play teams who have made runs in the playoffs and who are going to make runs in the playoffs. If you want to get to that next level, you’ve got to play the best programs night in and night out.”

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would not materialize when De La Salle, which Hahnville beat in dramatic fashion, were forced to forfeit several games due to a violation – that dropped the Tigers several spots in power points and into the lower half of the 5A postseason bracket.

Prior to the 2022 season, Hahnville lost quarterback Donovan Friloux for the season with a torn ACL. And in 2023, gunshots fired outside of Hahnville’s road game against Thibodaux resulted in that game’s cancellation; a win would have resulted in a postseason berth. Hahnville led 20-12 in the third quarter of the game, prior to the stoppage.

Conversely, 2023 marked the first instance since 2000 that Hahnville failed to reach the state playoffs. The four-year drought of playoff wins followed an eight-year streak of Hahnville winning at least one playoff game. Luquet’s time at Hahnville ran concurrently to one of the more dominant stretches of success that cross-parish rival Destrehan has enjoyed, and the Tigers were 0-4 against their archrival the past four seasons.

This past season, a schedule that included four non-district opponents that would go on to record playoff victories (Lutcher, Mandeville, Northshore and Newman) helped lead to one of the more trying seasons at Hahnville in some time.

Luquet understands the expectations of the two parish schools as well as anyone, given his experience as a player, assistant and head coach on both sides of the river.

He acknowledged that putting together such a challenging schedule likely contributed to the end of his time with the Tigers.



Daniel Luquet

“It cost me. But to be the best, you have to beat the best. That’s something my dad always taught me,” said Luquet. “You have to play people who stress your players and stress your coaches to be better. I’m a firm believer in that.”

Luquet made clear he is not stepping away from coaching and plans to be back on the sidelines somewhere next season.

“I’ll be back in football ASAP. That’s what my passion is,” Luquet said.

He said that among the things he’s proudest of during his time with HHS was the work he and his team did in the community. Luquet began the Growing with the Tigers mentoring program and also community camps during the summer throughout the parish’s west bank. He and Destrehan head coach Marcus Scott were part of an effort to retool and enhance recreation football locally.

“It’s all about the development of young men,” Luquet said. “You only get four years (in the coaching profession) to make a difference in a child’s life. You make the absolute most of that time.”

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools will have a retiree meeting to discuss Medicare Advantage. The meeting will take place on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 2:00pm at the School Board office located at 13855 River Road Luling, LA. This meeting is for retirees who are not on Medicare Advantage and for employees who are close to age 65.

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ST. CHARLES PARISH
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL MEET ON DECEMBER 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE TO HEAR:

2023 48 ZBA requested by **Gerry Stock** to reduce the required setback for a generator at **42 Edgewood Drive, Destrehan**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 3.

2023 49 ZBA requested by **Ryan Espey** to waive the requirement for permanent, dust-free paving for a single-family residence at **3049 Highway 306, Des Allemands**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.

ALTERNATE DATE: None
PUBLISH 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Public Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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

ST. CHARLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
CENTRAL OFFICE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

Bids will be received at the **St. Charles Parish School Board**, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070 at **3:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, January 23, 2024**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Dufresne Conference Room.

B. BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit by visiting the public projects area at www.cityblueprint.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through City Blueprint & Supply Co. or most other reprographic firms. Please note that Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to:

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Bidding documents are also available at www.stcharles.k12.la.us under "Resources," select "Online Bids, RFP's, etc.

All other questions regarding the scope of work of the project should be directed to the Project Architect in writing via email only: tabb@murrayarchitects.net.

C. BID SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

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

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

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

D. REJECTION OF BIDS

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

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at the **St. Charles Parish School Board Dufresne Conference Room, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA** on **January 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** Attendance at this pre-bid conference is **Mandatory**.

F. ADVERTISEMENT DATES

LEGAL AD TO RUN: December 14, 2023
December 21, 2023
December 28, 2023
January 4, 2024

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

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PROCUREMENT

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ST. CHARLES PARISH UP TO:

11:00 A. M.,- Thursday, January 04, 2024

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> PROMPTLY THEREAFTER, THE BID(S) WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD ON THE 2ND FLOOR IN THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COURTHOUSE. FOR: BID # X-23-480

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Owner: St. Charles Parish Hospital, Managed by Ochsner Health
Description: Renovation of an unoccupied Business Suite at St. Charles Parish Hospital to Suite with Conference Rooms and Simulation Areas.
Location: 1057 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, LA 70070

Sealed bids will be received until the hour of **2:00 PM CST, on January 11, 2023** by St. Charles Parish Hospital District #1 in the Pelican Room, 1057 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, LA 70070 and all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Education Training Center St. Charles Parish Hospital

To Obtain Bidding Documents:

Licensed General Contractors or their agent may obtain one (1) set of the complete bidding documents from Rozas-Ward Architects, 1100 Poydras St., Ste. 3550, New Orleans, LA 70163. Contractors shall call ahead at (504) 523-4375 to coordinate pick-up.

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Bids received in violation of LSA-R.S. 37:2163 (failure to provide contractor's license number on the bid envelope) shall be stamped "Rejected", returned unopened to the bidder and shall not be read aloud.

Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system: WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM Comply with electronic bidding as stated in the Louisiana Bid Law 2212.1.

Sealed bids must have project name boldly displayed on outside of envelope.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable to St. Charles Parish Hospital and acceptable to the owner in the amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount bid, including all alternates, and payable without condition to the owner as guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly execute a contract in accordance with his/her proposal and all terms and conditions of the contract documents. A bid bond shall comply with LSA-R.S. 38:2218(B) and 38:2219, as applicable.

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Education Training Center St. Charles Parish Hospital
St. Charles Parish Hospital District #1
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A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **12/19/2023 at 2:00 PM CST** located in the Pelican Room, 1057 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, LA 70070. Walk through of area will follow. Please note that attendees arriving later than **2:05 PM** will not be granted admittance to the meeting. Bids received from Contractors who did not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference will not be considered.

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Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Lonny Schaubhut**, please contact the Law Office of Joseph Rochelle at 110 Avenue of Oaks, Destrehan, LA 70047, or by calling 985-722-4003."

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Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Milton J. Detillier's heirs or descendants**, please contact the Law Office of Joseph Rochelle at 110 Avenue of Oaks, Destrehan, LA 70047, or by calling 985-722-4003."

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Committee Meetings (Monday, December 11, 2023)
Generated by Shelly Babineaux on Tuesday, December 12, 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 5:28 PM

1. Risk Management & Insurance Committee

1.01 Monthly Legal Update - Executive Session Committee Meeting Only

A. Aucoin called the Risk Management & Insurance Committee Meeting to order.

Motion by A. Suffrin;second by R. Gregson and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session per L.R.S. 42:16-17.

Motion by R. Gregson, second by A. Suffrin to return to regular session.

2. Finance & Audit Committee

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

2.01 Before and After School Child Care Program Modifications

Internal Auditor Adam Neighbors and Director of Student Services Erin Crisham presented item 2.01 to the Board. Monthly financial records for the BASCC Program indicate that an increase in program fees is needed as well as other program modifications. A presentation and discussion of the proposed program was held in detail.

This agenda item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

2.02 Accounts Payable for the Month of November 2023

A. Suffrin said with no objection or discussions, this item will be on the Board meeting agenda for December 13, 2023 Board meeting and referenced the budget to comparison attachment.

E. Alexander;second by K. Boudreaux to adjourn.

3. Capital Improvements Committee

E. Alexander called the Capital Improvements Committee meeting to order.

3.01 Bid Acceptance - Hahnville High School Building A Commons Area and Digital Media Renovations Project

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome, Jr. presented item 3.01 to the Board along with Mr. McElroy with M3 Architects. The lowest base bid for the Hahnville High School Building A Commons Area was received from Taylor Enterprises of Louisiana LLC/TELA Construction in the amount of \$1,457,000. According to the architect, the bid meets all requirements. Accepting the lowest base bid will allow the contractor to begin the project. A discussion of the project was held.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.02 Bid Acceptance Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf Project

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome, Jr., M. Juarez with Environmental Engineering presented item 3.02 to the Board. Bids were received from six (6) contractors on Thursday, November 16, 2023 and an attached bid tally sheet was referenced. The lowest base bid, including alternate one, was received from Athletic Turf Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$4,820,000. According to the engineer, the bid meets all requirements. Accepting the lowest base bid including alternate one will allow the contractor to begin the project. A discussion of the project was held.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.03 Bid Authorization Request for JB Martin Elevator Project

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome Jr., Director of Maintenance Kevin Barney and N. Monica with Environmental Engineering presented item 3.03 to the Board. Bids were received from six (6) contractors on Thursday, November 16, 2023 with bid tally sheet referenced. The lowest base bid including alternate one was received from Athletic Turf Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$4,820,000. According to the engineer, the bid meets all requirements. Accepting the lowest base bid including alternate one will allow the contractor to begin the project.

With no discussion, this item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.04 Bid Authorization Request for Central Office Renovation and Expansion Project

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome, along with M. Tabb with Murray Architects presented Item 3.04 to the Board. The Central Office Complex is over 40 years old and a renovation is necessary in order to modernize and increase the capacity of our Board Room to ensure ADA and Fire Marshal compliance, provide additional storage space for the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center, expand and improve warehouse storage and operations, and create space for state mandated records retention. Partial funding of this project will be allocated from Hurricane Ida-related insurance proceeds that are earmarked specifically for a records retention and storage facility. The renovation will also include safety enhancements, will allow for additional professional development space, and will streamline meeting room efficiencies. The construction plans for Central Office Renovation and Expansion project have been completed by the architect and are ready for bid. A discussion on this project including public awareness was held.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

3.05 Resolution to Approve the Property Sale of Boutte Adult Learning Center, 13771 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, LA 70039

Chief Plant Services & Security Officer John Rome, Jr. presented Item 3.05 to the Board. The former Boutte Adult Learning Center site, located at 13771 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, LA, 70039, is currently being leased by The ARC of St. Charles Parish. This property will not be needed for District use, therefore, the District is seeking approval to sell the Boutte Adult Learning Center property to The ARC of St. Charles Parish. All Board members in agreement.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

Motion by A. Suffrin;second by A. Aucoin to adjourn.

4. Technology Committee

4.01 Request for Proposals - Digital Imaging System

R. Gregson called the Technology Committee meeting to order.

Internal Auditor Adam Neighbors, Director of Information Technology Stephanie Steib, and Chief Financial Officer Ronald White presented Item 4.01 to the Board.

In an effort to improve the efficiency and management of public records and documentation in connection with St. Charles Parish Public Schools' record retention schedule as approved by the State of Louisiana, the District is seeking a request for proposals for a new digital imaging system. The current system in place is being utilized by three (3) departments. The District is looking to expand our capabilities and functionality to include documentation prepared by additional departments and schools, as well as revisit the existing solution. A discussion was held including details and budget for this proposal.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

4.02 Proposal Acceptance - Internet Access and Wide Area Network Connection

Director of Information Technology Stephanie Steib and IT Systems Analyst Katrina Taylor presented Item 4.02 to the Board. Proposals were sought for internet access and wide area network connection for the District. These services will enable the district to provide internet access to all sites in order to facilitate business functionality, support teaching, and provide web-based instructional resources. E-rate funding, if attained, will significantly reduce the cost of these services to the District. Proposals were received from two (2) vendors and scored by a committee. After scoring the proposals, AT&T is the recommended vendor. A discussion was held.

This item will be on the December 13, 2023, Board meeting agenda.

Motion by S. Cody;second by B. Weber to adjourn.

5. Personnel & Policy Committee

5.01 Personnel Items

S. Cody called the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting to order.

With no objections or discussion, item 5.01 will be received at the December 13, 2023, Board meeting.

B. Weber motion to adjourn;second by S. Cody.

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Public Notice

St. Charles Parish Public Schools Board Meeting (Wednesday, December 13, 2023)
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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 4:56 PM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call To Order

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

DHS 11th grader Kaitlyn Housewright led a prayer before the meeting. Kaitlyn is a member of The Future Leaders of America Club, DHS Beta Club, The National Honor Society, The National English Honor Society, she runs Cross Country for DHS, maintains a 4.0 GPA and is active in the Girl Scouts of America. She is a member of GracePoint Church in Destrehan and volunteers at the Matthew 25:35 food pantry.

District 5 Board Member John Smith led the pledge before the meeting.

1.03 Roll Call

All eight Board members, Superintendent Dr. Ken Oertling and Executive Secretary Shelly Babineaux were present.

2. Resolutions/Proclamations

2.01 Flag Presentation Proclamation

Accept the proclamation to receive the United States of America honorary flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.

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

2.02 Resolution in Memory of Marie Cameron

Approve the resolution in memory of Marie Cameron

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, 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

3. Recognitions

3.01 Recognition of Christmas Card Winner, Piper Santos

3.02 Board and Superintendent's Recognition

4. Business Items

4.01 Board Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Committee Meetings, November 15, 2023, Board Meeting and November 17 & 28, 2023, Insurance Committee Minutes as presented to the Board.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, 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

4.02 Before and After School Child Care Program Modifications

Approve the Before and After School Child Care Program modifications.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.03 Accounts Payable for the Month of November 2023

Approve the accounts payable for the month of November 2023.

Motion by Alex L Suffrin, second by Karen Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.04 Bid Acceptance - Hahnville High School Building A Commons Area and Digital Media Renovations Project

Accept the lowest base bid submitted by Taylor Enterprises of Louisiana LLC/TELA Construction for the Hahnville High School Building A Commons Area and Digital Media Renovations project.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.05 Bid Acceptance Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf Project

Accept the lowest base bid including alternate one submitted by Athletic Turf Solutions, LLC for the Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School Baseball and Softball Turf project.

Motion by Ray Gregson, second by Ellis A Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.06 Bid Authorization Request for JB Martin Elevator Project

Approve the bid authorization request for the JB Martin Elevator project.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.07 Bid Authorization Request for Central Office Renovation and Expansion Project

Approve the bid authorization request for Central Office Renovation and Expansion project.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.08 Resolution to Approve the Property Sale of Boutte Adult Learning Center, 13771 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, LA 70039

Approve the resolution for the property sale of Boutte Adult Learning Center, 13771 Old Spanish Trail, Boutte, LA 70039, to The ARC of St. Charles Parish.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.09 Request for Proposals - Digital Imaging System

Approve the request for proposals for a digital imaging system.

Motion by Ray Gregson, 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

4.10 Proposal Acceptance - Internet Access and Wide Area Network Connection

Accept the proposal from AT&T for internet access and wide area network connection.

Motion by Ray Gregson, 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

4.12 Election of President of the Board

Nominate Ellis Alexander as president for 2024. Mr. John Smith closes Nomination.

Motion by Becky Weber, second by Ray Gregson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.13 Election of Vice President of the Board

Motion to nominate John Smith as Vice President of the Board for 2024. E. Alexander motions to close nomination.

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

5. Closing Items

5.01 Standing Committee Reports

R. Gregson gave the Technology Committee report on it's two items approved tonight. The Finance & Audit Committee report was given by A. Suffrin. Mr. Suffrin also reported that the Ethel Schoeffner Board of trustees will meet in the morning to consider new applications. A report for the Capital Improvements Committee was given by E. Alexander on it's five items voted on tonight. J. Smith reported that change of leadership in the legislature will also take place in January 2024 that will affect education in Louisiana and suggested to schedule a meeting with our lobbyist. Dr. Oertling set up meeting.

5.02 Superintendent's Report

2023 Holiday Programs - Please tune in to Channel 8 over the Christmas break to view Christmas programs hosted by our schools throughout December. These holiday programs feature the outstanding talents of the students in St Charles Parish. The channel 8 programming schedule can be found on the district's website.

Christmas Holidays - On behalf of the St. Charles Parish Public School System, I want to wish all of the families, employees, and members of our community a wonderful holiday season. Holidays extend from December 22 nd through January 5th . Classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024. It has been an extraordinary first-semester providing high-quality educational opportunities for our students. Thank you to our teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, custodians, food and nutrition personnel, bus operators, distribution men, maintenance personnel, our school board, and all St. Charles Parish Public School staff for your commitment to this organization, each other, and most importantly our students. We appreciate each of you. May you each have a joyful, safe and blessed holiday season and a healthy, Happy New Year!

5.03 Information Items

5.04 Meeting Adjourn

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

Publish: December 21, 2023

Public Notice

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE:

2023-0229 (12/18/23, 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 the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements (Project No. P210202), in the not to exceed amount of \$26,000.00.

2023-0363 (12/18/23, Jewell, C. Chiasson)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement among St. Charles Parish Hospital, St. Charles Parish School Board, St. Charles Parish Sheriff Department, St. Charles Parish Housing Authority, and St. Charles Parish for the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund.

2023-0365 (12/18/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with MB3 Inc. D/B/A Civix, to perform consulting services for Right of Way Acquisition and Program Management (Project No. P230901), in the not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00.

2023-0366 (12/18/23, Jewell, G. Dussom)

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to adjust Beginning Fund Balances to Actuals and to adjust Revenues and Expenditures in various funds.

**PUBLISH: December 21, 28, 2023
January 4, 2024**

Public Notice

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON JANUARY 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE TO HEAR:

NEW CASES:

2023-17-MIN requested by **Luke Reedy** for a resubdivision of one lot into two, **100 Pecan Street, Hahnville**. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 1.

2023-16-R requested by **Kim Trahan** and **Justin Gonzalez** for a change of zoning from R-1A to R-1A(M) on Lot 27A-1, Square 33, New Sarpy Subdivision, **545 W. McAdoo Street, New Sarpy**. Council District 6.

ALTERNATE DATE: None

PUBLISH: 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (45) 83942-E

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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VS

JUSTIN D. PUCKETT A/KIA

JUSTIN PUCKETT, 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, JANUARY 4, 2018, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I shall proceed to sell at public auction at the principal front door of the Court-

house of which the Civil District Court of the Parish of St Charles is held on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024,

at 10:00 A.M. to the last and highest

bidder for cash, the following described

property, to wit

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, OR

PARCEL OF GROUND, together with

all the buildings and improvements

thereon, and all the rights, ways, means,

privileges, servitudes, appurtenances,

advantages and component parts

thereunto belonging or in anywise

appertaining, lying and being situated

in St. Charles Parish, State of Louisiana,

being more fully described as follows,

to-wit:

FAIRFIELD PLANTATION OAKS

SUBDIVISION, in accordance with a

re subdivision made by Frank Foster

and Associates, Inc., dated February 26,

1976, accepted by the Police Jury of St.

Charles Parish. filed on June 11., 1976.

registered in COB 176, folio 75. Entr;

No. 52197 and by Act of Dedication

dated June 11, 1976, registered in COB

176. Folio 731. Entry No. 52178, as

Public Notice



Advertisement for Request for Proposals

Interested firms are invited to submit proposals to St. Charles Parish Public Schools ("SCPPS") electronically via the Central Auction House website located at the "Online Bids & RFPs" link under the Resources tab at the SCPPS website <https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/>. Questions should be submitted electronically via the online site no later than **Friday, January 19, 2024**. Firms are responsible for checking the website above periodically for any updates or revisions to the Request for Proposals ("RFP").

All proposals will be accepted until **12:00 pm local time (Central Standard Time) on Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. All proposals received will be taken under advisement as submitted by the assigned date and time at SCPPS. All requirements must be addressed in your proposal. Non-responsive proposals will not be considered. Failure to follow these instructions could result in disqualification of the proposal. SCPPS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

All proposals, whether selected or rejected, shall become the property of the SCPPS. All information submitted with the proposal must be typed or legibly written. The proposal must be signed and dated by a representative of the firm who is authorized to negotiate contracts.

Proposals are hereby requested for the following:

Document Imaging Hardware, Software, and Support Services

Additional information and documents may be obtained free of charge by contacting the office of **Mr. Ronald White, Jr., Chief Financial Officer**, at SCPPS, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070. Call (985) 785-6289 for documents or questions. Firms are not allowed to contact other SCPPS departments, schools or centers about the RFP.

Advertising dates in the **St. Charles Herald-Guide**, official journal of SCPPS, shall be:

1st Listing: December 21, 2023
2nd Listing: December 28, 2023
3rd Listing: January 4, 2024

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

Public Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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

J.B. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL ELEVATOR ADDITION

Bids will be received at the **St. Charles Parish School Board**, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070 at **1:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Thursday, January 18, 2024**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Dufresne Conference Room.

B. BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit by visiting the public projects area at www.centralauctionhouse.com. Printed copies may be obtained from **Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC** (504-304-0548) upon payment of a deposit of **\$100.00** for each set of documents. The deposit or a portion of the deposit is returnable as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding documents are also available at www.stcharles.k12.la.us under "Quick Links," select "Online Bids, RFP"s, etc.

All other questions regarding the scope of work of the project should be directed to the Project Engineer in writing via email only: sgholston@infinityec.com.

C. BID SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

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

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

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

D. REJECTION OF BIDS

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

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at the **St. Charles Parish School Board Dufresne Conference Room, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** Attendance at this pre-bid conference is **Mandatory**.

F. ADVERTISEMENT DATES

LEGAL AD TO RUN: December 21, 2023
December 28, 2023
January 4, 2024

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

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Suit No: (45) 92886-D
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC
F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC F/KA QUICKEN
LOANS INC.
vs
LONNY J. SCHAUBHUT A/K/A
LONNY
SCHAUBHUT
GREG CHAMPAGNE, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 426
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
Parish of St. Charles
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By virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE directed to me by the Honorable 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in and for the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, State of Louisiana, dated: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, JANUARY 24, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

One certain parcel of ground, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, being a part of a tract of land known as the Coteau De France, situated near the line of the New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad between the Bayou Saut D'Ours and Bayou Des Allemands, as per plan of division made by L. J. Fremaux, Surveyor, on February 6, 1869, a lithographic copy of which is annexed to an act passed on March 26, 1886, purporting to be a sale to Charles L. Hopkins and designated as Lot 156, said parcel of ground described herein is referred to as Loe C-4-A of Lot C of Lot 156 of Coteau De France or Ranson Tract in Section 43, Township 14 South, Range 20 East on the plan of subdivision by R. P. Bernard, Surveyor, dated May 20, 2004, registered in COB 636, folio 685, official records of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and according thereto said Lot C-4-A commences at the intersection of the southern right of way of Schaubhut Lane and the eastern right of way of Down the Bayou Road and measure along the southern right of way of Schaubhut Lane south 89 degrees 38 minutes 35 seconds east 828.56 feet, the point of commencement; thence go south 89 degrees 38 minutes 35 seconds east along the southern right of way of Schaubhut Lane 87.23 feet to a point; thence go south 17 degrees 21 minutes 35 seconds east 83.98 feet to a point; thence go north 89 degrees 38 minutes 35 seconds west 112.77 feet to a point; and thence go north 00 degrees 21 minutes 25 seconds east 80.0 feet to the point of commencement.

And One certain parcel of ground, situated in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, being part of a tract of land known as the Coteau De France, situated near the line of the New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad between the Bayou Saul D'Ours and Bayou Des Allemands. As per plan of division made by L. J. Fremaux, Surveyor, on February 6, 1869, a lithographic copy whereof is annexed to an act passed on March 26, 1886, purporting to be a sale to Charles L. Hopkins and designated as Lot 156, said parcel of ground described herein is referred to as Lot C-5 of Lot C of Lot 156 of Coteau De France or Ranson Tract in Section 43, Township 14 South, Range 20 East on the plan of E.M. Collier, Surveyor, dated June 15, 1958. revised May 11, 1960, a copy of which is annexed to an act of sale by Pauline S. Champagne to William A. Schaubhut, dated May 11, 1960, registered in COB 27, folio 213, official records of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and according thereto said parcel of ground measures 103 feet front on a 20 foot lane, by a depth along the line of Lot C-4 of 83.98 feet. By a width in the rear of 103 feet, and by a depth along the line of Lot E of 83.98 feet.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioner by preference over all other claims, the sum of: **ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 76 / 100 (\$101,126.76) 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: December 21, 2023 January 18, 2024 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Corey J. Giroir P.O. Box 87379 13541 Tiger Bend Baton Rouge, LA 70879 225-756-0373 SCSO-CIV-209-0402

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