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Mom, 7 kids canoe length of Mississippi River, end journey in New Orleans

Nikki Bettis, 7 of her 15 children and a friend pose for a photograph on the Atchafalaya Basin. The group began their journey in August in Minnesota.

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For the last three months, Nikki Bettis of Virginia and seven of her 15 children have traveled the Mississippi River – by canoe.

The journey began in Minnesota and will end this week in the gulf after about

2,300 miles of paddling the river. For nearly 100 days, Bettis, a single mom, and her kids have slept in tents on sandbars and on the banks of the river. They have picked up litter left at boat ramps (their motto is to leave it better than they found it), explored cities along the river and learned about history, science, nature

and adversity. They’ve seen alligators, met “river angels” who welcomed the family into their homes on the river, and traded stories around the campfire.

Bettis’ children range in age from 27 to 7 years old. The younger children, who are

CANOE TRIP on 5A

DHS, HHS look to advance to quarterfinals



TURN to 11A

Rouses arrives in Destrehan in early 2026



TURN to 2A

Hahnville family mourns loss of infant to rare genetic disorder

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Elizabeth Lang tearfully spoke about the pain she’s felt since the summer, pain that she knows she has to manage, and that she also knows will never fully go away.

“I know everyone says their child is beautiful or perfect ... but he really was the perfect little boy,” Lang said of her infant son Raymond, who tragically passed away in August. “He was so cute and he never cried ... always smiling. He was always smiling.”

Lang and her family took on incredible loss on Aug.15, when Raymond passed after almost two months of battling an extremely rare genetic disorder known as Barth Syndrome. The situation was compounded by



Elizabeth Lang’s son, Raymond

LANG on 5A

Birdies spreads holiday cheer with Christmas giveaway

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Mike Nabut understood that families are often stretched thin financially during the holiday season, and that this year things would get even tighter for some.

He’s decided to do something about that.

The Birdies Food and Fuel owner and general manager has been giving out a \$200 gift card every day since Nov. 1. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 7, patrons could visit the one of the store locations and put their name in a raffle box. From there, Nabut draws the winners each day, and those winners can



Mike Nabut

GIVEAWAY on 6A

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Man faces multiple gun, drug charges after Luling arrest

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A New Orleans man was arrested in Luling on several drug and weapons charges following an investigation by St. Charles Parish police.

Kendall Tyler, of 2851 Carondelet Street in New Orleans, was arrested and faces multiple charges after a search of 1029 Luling Estates Drive that uncovered three black semi-automatic handguns, a revolver handgun, an AK-47 rifle, 60 grams of powdered cocaine, 9.23 grams of crack cocaine, oxycodone pills, approximately 10 pounds of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Detectives from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office were notified of a narcotic complaint in the 1000 block of Luling Estates and as a result launched an investigation. According to the Sheriff's Office, detectives found probable cause and obtained a search warrant.

Tyler, 39, was arrested this month and



charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession



Pictured at left, Kendall Tyler. Above, items seized during police search of Luling home.

with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of oxycodone, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm in the presence of a controlled

dangerous substance and possession of proceeds from drug transactions.

Tyler also had fugitive warrants for his arrest in Jefferson Parish.

Destrehan Winn-Dixie to convert to Rouses Markets early 2026

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Rouses Markets is coming to Destrehan.

The grocer announced Monday that it acquired 10 grocery store locations in Louisiana and Mississippi from Southeastern Grocers, LLC, the parent company of Winn-Dixie and Harveys Supermarket.

The Winn-Dixie at 12519 Airline Highway in Destrehan will convert to a Rouses Market in 2026.

Rouses Markets said it will bring its focus on fresh Gulf seafood, hand-cut meats, Cajun specialties, chef-inspired prepared foods, signature bakery items, and fresh produce, along with an expanded selection of local and regional products to the stores.

The Winn-Dixie stores will remain open throughout the transition period. As each location converts to Rouses Markets, stores will close for a short period before reopening under the Rouses banner.

Rouses Markets is encouraging all Winn-Dixie team members to join the Rouses family, which has more than 7,000 team members, and said its committed to making the process straightforward and easy.

Donny Rouse Jr., CEO of Rouses Markets, said in a press release that the grocer's goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"The team members who know these stores and their customers best are an important part of what makes them successful," Rouse said in the release.

With the addition of the 10 new locations, Rouses Markets will operate 76 stores across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

"These locations in New Orleans East, Destrehan, Franklinton, Gramercy, and Central, Louisiana, and Hattiesburg, Mississippi are all areas we have looked

ROUSES on 7A



Rouses Markets will open a store in Destrehan next year. The grocer announced Monday that it acquired 10 Winn-Dixie stores from Southeastern Grocers, LLC.

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Library to host 'Americans and the Holocaust' exhibit, special events

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The library will host the "Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries" Dec. 5 through Jan. 10, 2026 at the East Regional Library in Destrehan.

An educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association, the 1,100-square-foot exhibition begins with two questions: What did Americans know? What more could have been done?

The exhibit examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide.

Lauren Campo-Pitz, assistant director of the library, said visitors can walk through the exhibit at their own pace, reading the information on the panels and interacting with the four computer kiosks that supplement the exhibition.

"We are moving some furniture around so [the exhibit] will all fit," Pitz said. "It is large. The panels that make up the exhibit are 7 1/2 feet tall, so visitors will not miss it."

She said the exhibit examines various aspects of American society: the government, the military, refugee aid organizations, the media and the public. It shows how the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism shaped responses to Nazism and the Holocaust.

The exhibit draws on a collection of primary sources from the 1930s and 1940s, she said.

"The exhibition tells the stories of Americans who acted in response to Nazism, challenging the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded," Pitz said.

She said she thinks visitors may be surprised by some of the information shared in the exhibit. She hopes visitors take the information shared and think critically about history and our roles and responsibilities in today's world.

"The exhibit is not at all designed to provide answers or tell us what to think – rather, it encourages us to ask questions and reflect on what we see," Pitz said. "It might challenge people not only to ask, 'What would I have done?' but also 'What will I do?'"

The traveling exhibition visited 50 U.S. libraries from 2021-2023. Widespread interest from libraries and communities led to a second tour of 50 additional libraries for 2024-2026.

Maria Bilello, adult programming and outreach librarian at the library, said the



library was proud to be selected from a competitive pool of applications from across the nation to bring the exhibit to St. Charles Parish.

In Oct. 2023, the library submitted a grant application for the opportunity



Above, a photo shows the screening of Ken Burns' documentary "The U.S. and the Holocaust" at the Lafon Performing Arts Center Nov. 3. A discussion with Royd C. Anderson, local documentarian and historian, and Dr. Paul Wilson, head of History and Geography at Nicholls State University, followed the screening. Left, an exhibit panel sits at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

to host the exhibit, and in May 2024, Bilello and Pitz traveled to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. for training with historians and museum staff.

"Since then, we've been eagerly anticipating our turn to host the exhibition by planning field trips and public programs to bring as many people to the library to see the exhibit as possible," Bilello said. "Waiting almost two years to receive the exhibit has taken some patience, but now that it is almost here, we can hardly believe it is happening."

The library is partnering with the St. Charles Parish Public School System and St. Charles Borromeo to bring over 1,200 students into the library to see the exhibit. Staff from the National WWII Museum's education department offered a professional development workshop for local educators on the exhibit's themes and will be assisting with school group visits.

Curator Michael Jacobs of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience developed a supplemental display titled "New Americans in a New Land," which will run in parallel with "Americans and the Holocaust." This exhibit will feature Dr. Joseph Sperling's story of surviving the Holocaust, meeting his wife, their immigration story, and their new life in New Orleans.

The library received a \$3,000 grant to support public programs during the traveling exhibits stay the library.

Bilello said the programs are free and open to the public and are designed for teens and adults. The programs include special talks by experts, a book discussion of "Night" by Elie Wiesel, and a screening of "Casablanca."

On Friday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m., the library will host an opening reception for "Americans and the Holocaust: at

the East Regional Library. It will feature remarks by Michael Jacobs, curator at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, and a special opportunity to view the exhibition and supplemental displays. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the St. Charles Library will be served.

On Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the East Regional Library, Assistant Curator of the National WWII Museum Brandon Daake will discuss the illegal imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II by exploring the history of Executive Order 9066 and the forced relocation of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans, many of them U.S. citizens.

On Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the East Regional Library, Dr. Craig Saucier will explore what Holocaust denial is, where it comes from, the main claim it makes and why it continues to be a dangerous movement today. A special program on December 17 at 6 p.m. at the East Regional Library will explore the evolution of anti-Jewish myths.

Registration is required for the book discussion on Wednesday, Jan. 7 and for the screening of "Casablanca" Friday, Jan. 9 at the Lafon Performing Arts Center. Online registration opens Friday, Dec. 5. For more information about "Americans and the Holocaust" and related programming at the St. Charles Parish Library visit myscpl.org/aath.

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homeschooled, are 15 (twins), 13, 12, 10, 9 and 7. Bettis said she hopes the journey down the Mississippi River teaches them perseverance, fortitude, work ethic and diligence.

"I want them to live big lives," she said. "And honestly, there is so much kindness and people that come out to love and support and want to see us succeed. And I think when that's modeled to them, they will be more inclined to go back out and model that same love and kindness to other people."

Bettis said the family has a lot of safety protocols in place and communicates via radio with tugs and barges to let them know of their presence. They've been in daily communication with the U.S. Coast Guard.

"This is not something we took lightly at all," she said. "I advocate for people to go out and do big things, but I also think you need to put in your fair share of research and all of that."

This is the second major journey for the family. In 2023, Bettis and 13 of her children hiked the Appalachian Trail.

At day 90 of their journey along the river, the family had to make a tough choice: follow the main channel – past Baton Rouge and New Orleans, sharing the river with large ships – or cut through the Atchafalaya River, with its alligators and swamps.

The family chose the Atchafalaya.

"The Cypress swamps of Louisiana are unlike anywhere else we've paddled," Bettis shared on the family's Facebook account that chronicles their adventure. "Quiet, sacred, mysterious...almost like a cathedral made of trees. The kind of place that humbles you without saying a word."



The group poses for a photograph on the trail. On day 90 of the journey, the family made a choice to cut through the Atchafalaya River. The family will celebrate the end of their journey with a trip to New Orleans. Bettis said the family's next adventure will be hiking the Pacific Crest Trail.

her own with 15 kids dependent on her. Bettis, who grew up in a fundamentalist Christian home in Texas, was taught that birth control was a sin and didn't graduate from high school. (She now has her GED).

"It felt very hopeless," Bettis said. "But you can't do anything but just pull yourself up by your bootstraps and keep going. After you cry a lot, then you just get up and make the best of it."

There was power in numbers, she said. The kids and the energy they generate kept her going. When someone had a bad day, there were others there to pick them up and encourage them.

She started a business. Her oldest son



world will tell you it is," she said.

The family travels the river with four canoes. A support vehicle driven by a family friend sometimes meets them at various boat ramps. The vehicle allows the family to take trips to major cities along the route (they have a stay in New Orleans planned) and for occasional stays in motels. But the family usually practices stealth camping – camping in an area that is not a dedicated campground – and the family has enough food, water and supplies for three days packed into the canoes.

The hardest part is missing the eight kids at home.

"We're all very, very close and tight knit," Bettis said. "And so, the seven youngest are constantly missing [the older kids] and wanting them. They all stay in touch almost constantly."

Bettis said it took time to feel a connection to the river. But now as they reach the end of it, it's bittersweet.

"I've realized that's just the nature of doing any kind of long-distance trail,

because the bonding you have with your kids and getting to tune in to your inner self, it just quiets everything," Bettis said. "I cannot stress how much it balances life."

Bettis said she wants other women to know it's possible to get out of an abusive relationship.

"I think a lot of us don't because of the fear involved, because it took me years to actually pursue a divorce," she said. "But you absolutely can do it, whether you have one kid or whether you have 15. It's possible."

And for other families looking for adventure? Her advice is to get outside and do it.

"It's okay to not have all the answers and just improvise, adapt and overcome," she said.

"That is our motto. You get out there and you just figure it out. And if you make wise decisions while you're out there, you'll eventually end up where you want to go."

The family has 34,000 followers on Facebook. Under the name "32 Feet Up," Bettis documents the family's travels on Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and Facebook, which helps fund their adventures. Followers can keep up with the family's travels through nearly daily posts and vlogs.

In a recent post, Bettis said the kids found a glass bottle with a root growing straight through the top while canoeing the Atchafalaya. For Bettis, it felt like a reminder that everything finds a way to keep growing even through broken things.

Bettis began hiking with her kids in the hills of Virginia years ago. It was a way to escape and find peace during a traumatic time in their family life. Bettis said her ex-husband struggled with PTSD from his work as a firefighter paramedic and was often out of work, leaving the family with limited income and resources. The family struggled – no water, no power, no car.

Then, her ex-husband became abusive, Bettis said. After he was removed from the home, Bettis found herself on

did, too. But owning two small businesses was stressful and high stakes. Then the Covid-19 pandemic hit.

Amid the chaos and uncertainty, the family kept hiking. It brought healing. Bettis thought: What if we just went out to hike and didn't have to come home?

The family decided to hike the Appalachian Trail, a journey of 2,200 miles from Maine to Georgia. (Two of Bettis' adult children stayed home to take care of the dogs and work.)

"What we experienced there, it was such a bonding experience and just silencing society and the noise of the world," Bettis said. "And it's not that we were technology free so much as we balanced it, and it just silenced all the noise. And we'd sit around and have campfires rather than all going to our rooms at night. So, there's a lot of healing that took place on that trail."

After the trail, and a year at home, the family was ready for the next adventure. Bettis researched the Mississippi River and discovered a journey along its path was possible.

"It's not the death sentence that the



2026 Federal Tax updates announced

Provided by Ryan LeBlanc

When the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) Act was passed on July 4, the legislation left several unanswered questions that the IRS is now addressing.

The IRS undergoes this process every year, but this time around, the OBBB has added to the uncertainty. The Internal Revenue Service reviews more than 60 tax provisions for inflation to prevent what is known as “bracket creep.”

The IRS announced new federal income tax brackets and standard deductions for 2026 in early October. The agency adjusted several numbers, which apply to tax year 2026 for returns filed in 2027.

Other Highlights

The standard deduction will also increase in 2026, rising to \$32,200 for married couples filing jointly, up from

2026 Federal Income Tax Brackets

The IRS updated more than 60 tax provisions, including tax brackets.

Check with your tax professional about the changes.

Tax Rate	For Single Filers	Married, Filing Jointly	For Heads of Households
10%	\$0 to \$12,400	\$0 to \$24,800	\$0 to \$17,700
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22%	\$50,401 to \$105,700	\$100,801 to \$211,400	\$67,451 to \$105,700
24%	\$105,701 to \$201,775	\$211,401 to \$403,550	\$105,701 to \$201,750
32%	\$201,776 to \$256,225	\$403,551 to \$512,450	\$201,751 to \$256,200
35%	\$256,226 to \$640,600	\$512,451 to \$768,700	\$256,201 to \$640,600
37%	\$640,601 or more	\$768,701 or more	\$640,601 or more

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you have any questions about the IRS updates or any other tax law changes. I'll be happy to pass along any information that I might have.

Also, this may be a good time to discuss the 2026 changes with your tax, legal, or accounting professional.

\$31,500 in 2025. Starting in 2026, single filers can claim \$16,100, a bump up from \$15,750.

The AMT exemption amount for 2026 is \$90,100 for singles and \$140,200 for married couples filing jointly.

The IRS also provided updates for the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, capital gains tax rates and brackets, and qualified business income deductions.

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Arrests

• **Farein Johnson, 51**, was arrested Nov. 17 in Gretna and charged with residential contractor fraud.

• **Ashton Brown, 29**, was arrested Nov. 13 in Destrehan and charged with domestic abuse battery-child endangerment.

• **Lindomar De Oliveira Rosa, 45**, was arrested Nov. 17 in Destrehan and charged with domestic abuse battery-minor injury.

• **Angela Foret, 37**, was arrested Nov. 13 in St. Rose and charged with domestic abuse battery-minor injury.

• **Kendall Bossier, 47**, was arrested Nov. 17 in Hahnville and charged with resisting an officer, aggravated assault upon a police officer and a fugitive arrest.

• **Orbin Lobo-Ruiz, 25**, was arrested Nov. 13 in St. Rose and charged with false imprisonment and simple battery.

• **Tineal Johnson, 26**, was arrested Nov. 13 in Destrehan and charged with domestic abuse battery-child endangerment.



Real Estate Transactions

• **117 Olivia Drive in Luling** sold for \$391,930 by DSLD Homes LLC to Katie and Steven Tumminrlo.

• **323-325 Meadows Drive in Destrehan** sold for \$260,000 by Adrienne Gray to Kyle Arcement .

• **135 Riverwood Drive in St. Rose** sold for \$475,000 by Priscilla and Jeremy Galliano to Andrew Autin.

• **170 Maloney Road in Des Allemands** sold for \$138,000 by Dipakbhai Patel to Rhett Comeaux .

• **309 Wade Street in Luling** sold for \$216,000 by Paul and Susan Aucoin to Sage Hines and Carlie Dalgo.

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Barth Syndrome primarily affects boys and impacts the heart, muscles and immune system. Symptoms can also include low white blood cell counts, which can lead to increased risk of infection. X-linked recessive genetic disorder, meaning it is more common in males who have one X and one Y chromosome. Males with a single mutated copy of the gene are affected, while females with two X chromosomes would need mutations in both to develop the condition. There is no known cure.

It affects approximately 1 in 400,000 live births worldwide. The condition is life-threatening, in many cases as it often necessitates a heart transplant.

Raymond passed away in his mother's arms, after an extended battle that began from Raymond's birth on June 20.

"There's a 50-50 chance of the child being born perfectly healthy," said Lang of children suffering from Barth Syndrome. "Some are lucky enough to go on to not be diagnosed with it until later in life. But there's limited treatment for symptoms and there isn't a cure," Lang said. "They said that Raymond was the only baby boy to ever be diagnosed with it in Louisiana since (the illness) got its name in 1983."

The Hahnville mother said Raymond began having respiratory issues following a difficult delivery process,



and was put on oxygen in the NICU. Attempts to test whether he could come off of oxygen were not successful and he underwent an EKG.

Lang was told Raymond would need to be transferred to Ochsner's main campus and that he had been diagnosed with an enlarged heart.

After her son's arrival and examination, Lang received an alarming update.

"A woman walked in and introduced herself as part of the heart failure team," Lang said.

Raymond proved to be a fighter. He was in danger of passing away in July - on Lang's birthday - after a situation arose, but doctors were able to stabilize him. He continued to receive treatment and Lang and her husband received regular updates on his heart following weekly echocardiograms.

Ultimately, however, there was nothing that could be

done to realistically save his life.

She recalled what her grandmother-in-law told her after Lang learned she was pregnant with Raymond.

"We had just been married in August of last year, and we found out in December. She told me, 'See, God was just waiting for you to get married to give you a baby,'" Lang said.

"It's so hard ... he was so loved. I'd do anything to have him back with me. I think there's solace in that he's not suffering."

Lang's grandmother knew this pain. Her son passed away at just two weeks old in 1959.

"We think it may have been this," Lang said of Barth Syndrome. "But, at the time, genetics weren't widely studied. (The illness) didn't have a title until 1983, and none of the females in my family (gave birth to) a male in that time, until now."

On top of their grief, the family has had to incur mounting medical expenses for Raymond's care during the situation. A GoFundMe (Help with Ray's PICU Medical Costs) has brought \$1,500 in donations.

"Our support system has been incredible. And then there's people I've never met, people who I haven't talked to in years, who have wanted to help and have offered to in different ways. And our friends and family have been stepping up for us in any way they can," Lang said.

ROUSES from 2A

Donny Rouse Jr., CEO of Rouses Markets, poses for a photograph. Rouse Jr. is the grandson of Anthony J. Rouse, Sr., who founded Rouses Markets in 1960 in Houma, Louisiana.

at for a long time," Rouse said. "We are also strengthening our presence in Marrero, Covington, Mandeville, and Kenner, which continue to grow and are important markets for us. Our goal is to make it easier for more customers to shop with us close to home."

All 10 stores will be remodeled over the next few years, but the company plans major remodels at the Hattiesburg and Central stores and will begin developing those plans immediately after the transition. These projects will include upgrades to store layouts, equipment and design to reflect the Rouses Markets shopping experience and a focus on fresh departments.

Southeastern Grocers announced in October that it is rebranding to The Winn-Dixie Company by early 2026. The company announced a renewed focus on its home state of Florida and its decision to sell most of its locations outside of the state.

Anthony Hucker, chairman and CEO of Southeastern Grocers, said in a press release that the company was thankful to its associates and customers in communities beyond Florida.

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Sometimes, Nabut will draw several winners at once - such as a recent drawing for an upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and all three winners were able to immediately retrieve their gift cards.

"This is the time of year when people are really trying to stretch the dollar," said Nabut. "And on top of that, with (the recent disruption to SNAP benefits) some now getting assistance they've been accustomed to, it's suddenly shut off. It can leave people in a tough situation."

Seeing the joy that winning the raffle has brought to several people already is a great reward, Nabut said.

"You see those ear-to-ear smiles and they're happy, that's what it's all about," Nabut said. "They're sharing the posts (on social media about the winner). It's to help them with anything they need in their day to day lives."

In 2005, Nabut opened the first of several local stores under the Birdie's banner - the first site would be in Hahnville. Today, the Nabut family oversees more than 20 Birdie's stores across southeast Louisiana. Recently, the family expanded into Baton Rouge with the purchase of two Circle K stores there.

Nabut has helped make Christmas merrier for local families for some time now, one of the most recent examples coming last December, when he helped provide holiday gift baskets for several St. Rose families who were displaced from their homes due to an apartment building fire.

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Registration for Senior Christmas Luncheon opens Nov. 26

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The parish will host its annual Senior Christmas Luncheon Thursday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center in Luling. Attendees will receive a festive lunch, a photo with Santa and a poinsettia as a token of appreciation.

The event for adults and seniors 55 and up is free, but registration is required. Attendees must show a ticket and photo ID with a St. Charles Parish address at the door.

Tickets are available online starting Wednesday, Nov. 26 at <https://SCPSeniorChristmas2025.eventbrite.com>. Seniors can register up to one additional person in their household when requesting tickets online.

Francesca Blanchard, a spokesperson for the parish, said last year's registration opened on Nov. 4 and within about nine days all 550 seats were claimed.

"This year, we changed the registration process so that the link goes live on Nov. 26, allowing people to register for a seat when they see their family members on Thanksgiving, should they need help," Blanchard said.



Residents attend last year's Senior Christmas Luncheon. Parish President Matthew Jewell will host the annual St. Charles Parish Senior Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center, located at 274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling.



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First hunting trip of the season.

Wildcats look to kick off playoff run as Ouachita visits



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Fresh off of a bye, Destrehan prepared for rematch from 2024 postseason

Destrehan races onto the field before district action.

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Last week was the calm before the storm for Destrehan.

The Wildcats earned an opening round bye in the Division I non-select playoffs, by virtue of an 8-2 record and the third overall seed.

It meant a little time to heal up for those who need it, and a little extra time to prepare.

“We were able to get in some good practices and meeting time,” said Destrehan head coach Marcus Scott, who has guided his Wildcats to a top 10 seed in all six of his seasons at DHS and a top 5 seed in five of those years. It was good to kind of heal up a little bit and recharge. We’ll see if it works out to our benefit or not, but we certainly try to use our time wisely.”

Interestingly enough, Destrehan has specifically earned the No. 3 seed in three of the past four seasons, including 2023 and 2022. That 2022 campaign saw Destrehan finish strong, to say the least, capturing the Division I non-select state championship with a 17-10 win over Ruston at the Superdome. That season also included a bye week – this program has grown quite seasoned when it comes to maximizing a week off.

Destrehan has made runs to five state semifinals and two state finals (including the aforementioned championship win) over the past nine seasons.

If the Wildcats are to make another push, it begins Friday night with its playoff opener – a date at Wildcat Stadium against visiting Ouachita Parish. The winner will advance to play the victor between No. 6 Parkway and No. 11 Hahnville.

This is a familiar foe for Destrehan. The two teams faced off last year in the opening round of the playoffs. The then-10th seeded Wildcats advanced via a 30-12 victory over the Lions, who entered that night as the 23rd seed. Jackson Fields threw three touchdown passes and Jabari Mack hauled in two of them to lead Destrehan offensively.

Both teams are higher seeds this time around, and both teams have plenty of returning starters that can call back upon last year’s experience. Ouachita advanced to round two with a 24-21 victory at home over St. Amant.

“We kind of have a history with them and with other schools up north,” said Scott. “They’re always a



Jeshua Lazo prepares to snap the ball in Destrehan’s regular season finale against Thibodaux.

well-coached opponent. I believe they have 18 starters returning from last year’s team ... they’re a big, fast, physical team from North Louisiana.”

At 7-4, Ouachita Parish’s record is deceiving – as was the case last season as well. The Lions hail from District 2-5A, which means this is a team very, very used to facing Louisiana’s top competition. 2-5A includes Alexandria, Neville, West Monroe and defending 5A non-select champion Ruston among its ranks.

Perhaps more noteworthy is how Ouachita pushed those teams. Last season, it battled West Monroe and Ruston in eventual two and one point losses, respectively, but lost in lopsided affairs to Alexandria by 43 and Neville by 27.

Those teams were in for a fight this season, with three games coming down to one score – losses to Ruston, 21-14, Neville, 38-37, and Alexandria, 28-21 – along with a 39-25 loss to West Monroe.

“And to think it will be any different (than a close game) Friday night wouldn’t be very wise on our part,” Scott said. “That’s a team that, if you just judge by their

record, you’re making a mistake.”

Leading the way for Ouachita is senior defensive tackle Dylan Berymon, who at 6’2, 330 pounds is quite the detour for the opposing rushing attack – and much more. Berymon has been highly sought after at the next level and was headed to the University of Texas before decommitting – he has a broad choice of top end schools to choose from.

Scott said that as big as Berymon is, it’s combined with an explosiveness that’s made him an elite collegiate recruit – and a threat Destrehan will have to find a way to neutralize as much as possible.

“He’s a good athlete, and he has experience. His explosiveness, his leverage, how he can shed blockers. It’s a lot of fun to watch when you don’t have to play against him,” Scott said. “Everybody in the nation is recruiting him.”

Cornerback Wydell Clark Jr. is another standout on defense, and Destrehan will also see him plenty on



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Kevias Singleton

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Singleton hauled in three catches for 63 yards and two touchdowns – the two scores both coming in clutch spots his team needed them most in the second half, each answering a Slidell score in Hahnville's 52-39 play-off victory at home.



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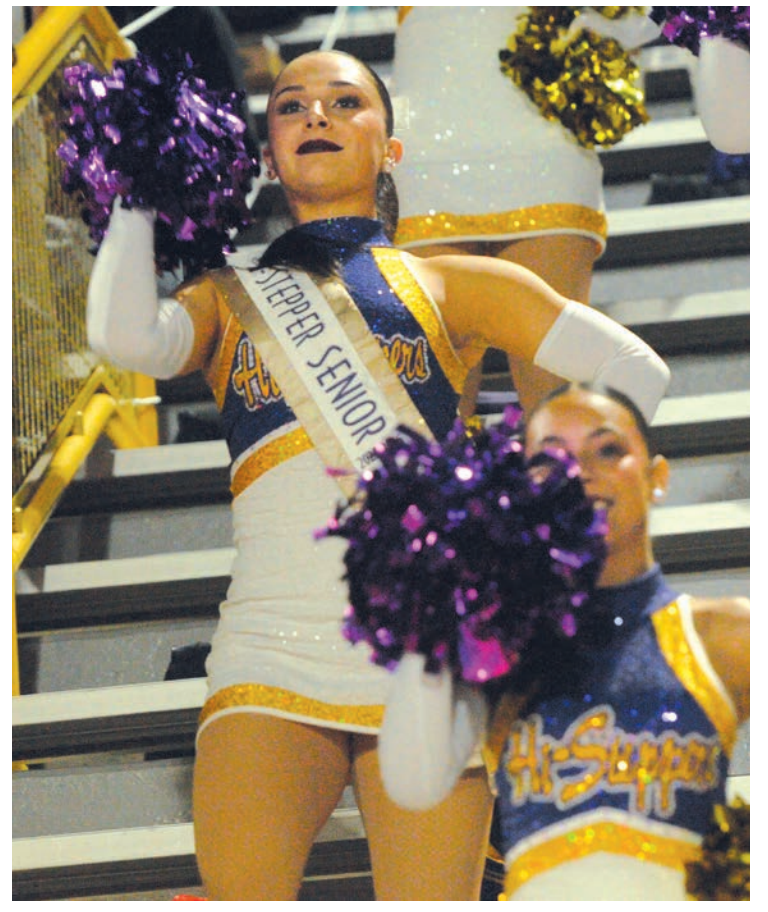


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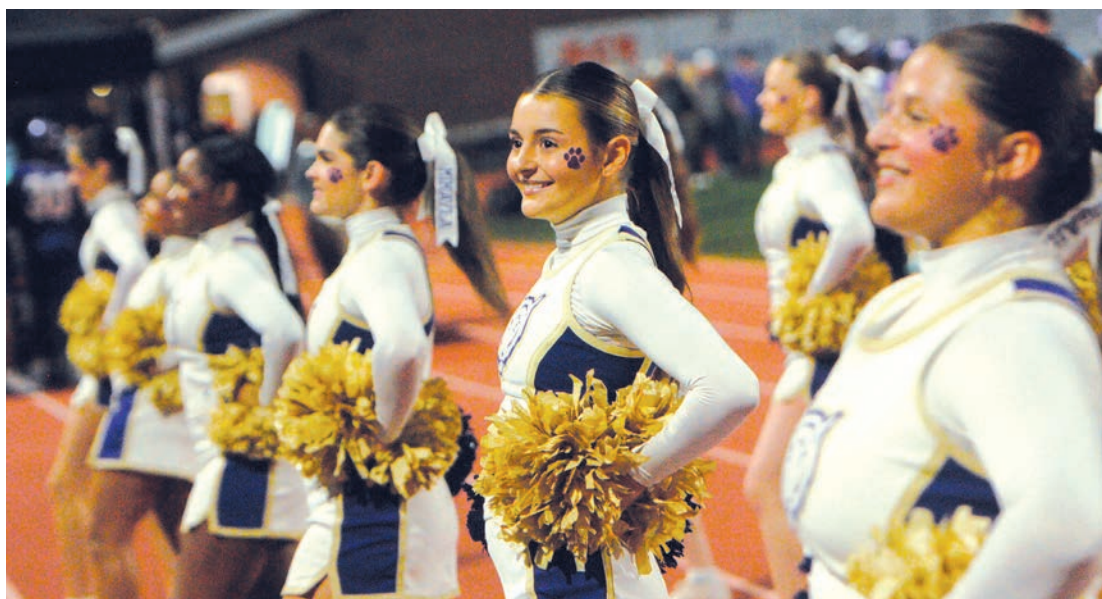
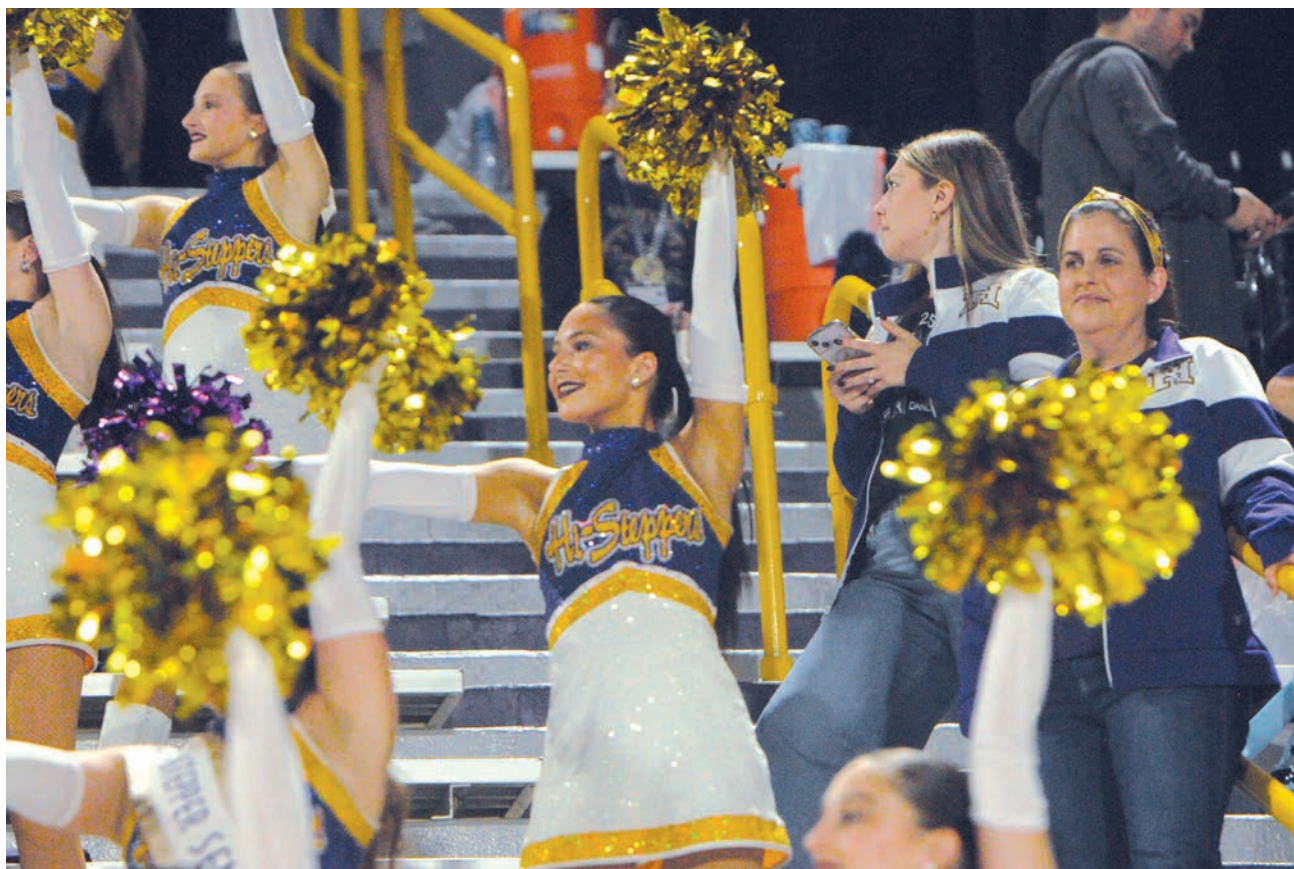
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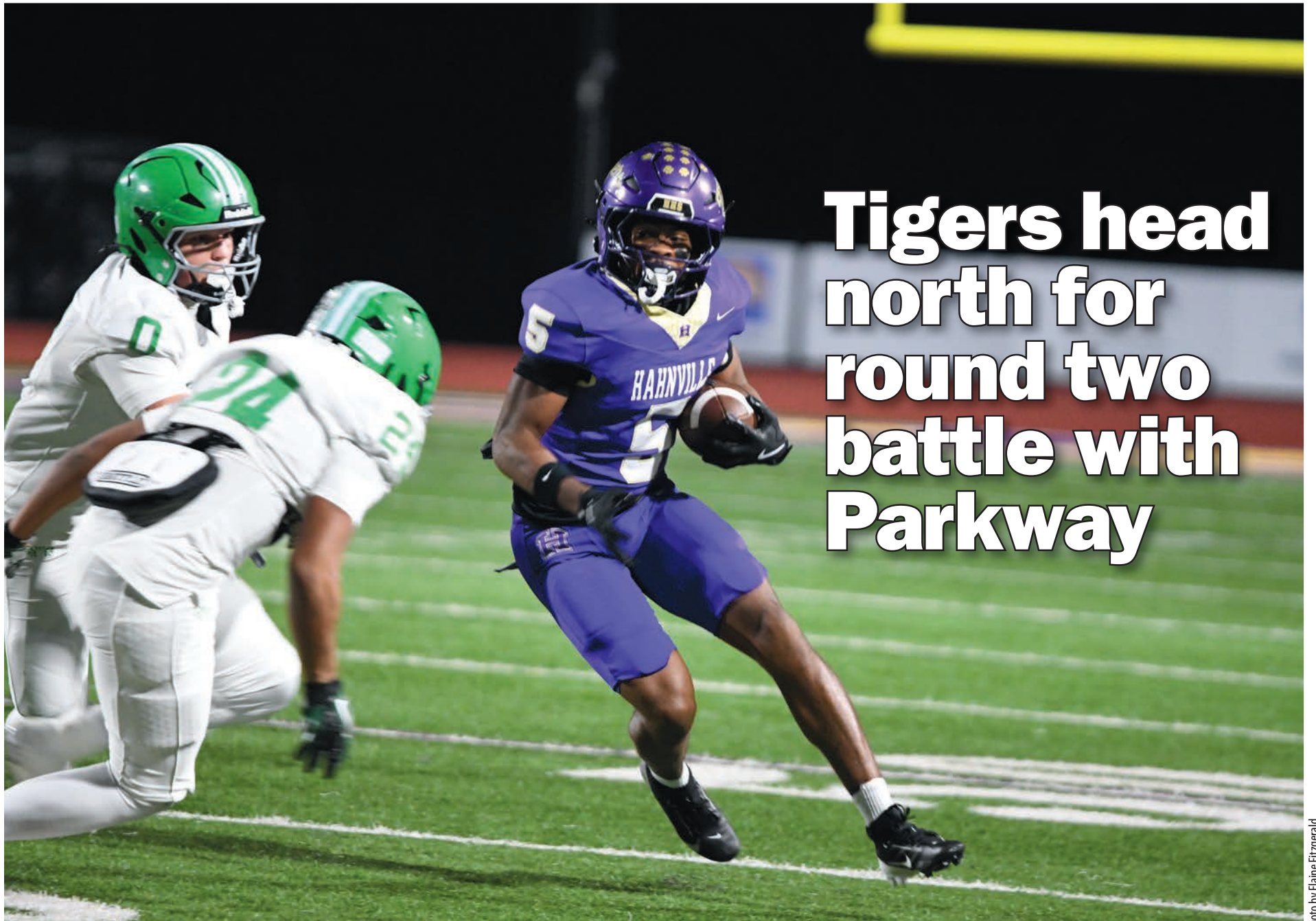


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Tigers head north for round two battle with Parkway

Teague, Singleton power Hahnville past Slidell in playoff opener

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After securing a victory in its opening round playoff game against visiting Slidell last week, No. 11 Hahnville will hit the road to Bossier City this week as it travels to face No. 6 Parkway in round two of the Division I non-select playoffs.

This will be the first road playoff game of the Greg Boyne era at Hahnville – the Tigers' first three with Boyne as head coach were at Tiger Stadium. Awaiting the Tigers is a very proficient offensive team that plays in a district full of wide open attacks.

Parkway defeated Covington 51-30 on Friday to advance to round two, and that point total is the norm for the Panthers, who have topped 50 points six times this season, including outings of 66 and 69 points.

The Panthers (10-1) began the season 9-0 before dropping their final regular season game to Evangel. Parkway went 8-3 last season, ultimately bowing out in round one of the playoffs against West Monroe.

"Obviously, this is a very talented Parkway team," said Boyne. "I think they are unconventional in a lot of what they do. They don't punt a lot and they go for it a lot of the time on fourth down."

Perhaps the most unconventional approach comes in the kicking game.

"They onside kick almost every time they score – and they score a lot," said Boyne. "They don't really kick a lot of extra points when they score, they go for two almost every time."

All of that goes hand-in-hand with Parkway's primary focus – to force opponents into an extremely high-pace game environment that the Panthers are much more conditioned to.

"The scheme is very fast-paced," Boyne

said. "They run three or four guys on and off the field sometimes in the middle of a drive. They try to catch you off guard with personnel, so that's a challenge."

"But it's the playoffs. It's 5A in Louisiana. It's not supposed to be easy."

As one might expect given the scores posted by the Parkway offense, senior quarterback Kaleb Williams is a standout. He works behind a big, experienced offensive line.

"(Williams) is really good, obviously," Boyne said. "He's thrown for a ton of yards and he can also run it. He's got a great arm."

Williams' junior season was cut short due to injury, but he's made up for lost time in 2025. He finished the regular season with 2,413 passing yards to go with 34 touchdowns and just two interceptions.

His top receivers, Gary Burney, Antonio Gladney and Gabriel Gray are all big play threats led by Burney, who has topped the 1,000-yard marker this season. This team likes to throw, but running back Damian Decaldec provides a change of pace and averaged just over eight yards a carry in the regular season. Braxton Black is another dangerous rusher.

"(Williams) has weapons all over the field," Boyne said. "(Burney) is probably the next best receiver besides Jabari (Mack, of Destrehan) that we'll have seen this year. They have two or three running backs."

Last week, Parkway was in a tight game with Covington throughout the first half, but it finished the second quarter by scoring a touchdown, then opened the third quarter by doing the same. That created the separation the

Panthers needed to control things from there.

Boyne said Hahnville (9-2) will have to be mentally sharp on Friday – staying on top of personnel changes and maintaining focus as Parkway runs its offense at warp speed.

"They're looking to overwhelm you with volume," said Boyne. "They're looking for you to make a mistake. I can't remember another team, maybe Barbe in the mid-2000s, that went with this kind of pace."

The Covington game, Boyne noted, provides an example of how quickly Parkway can turn the lights out on an opponent.

"I thought Covington had a really good game plan ... they were able to slow it down for a half, used up half a quarter on one of their drives. And when you're a rhythm offense, you want the ball. So, I thought that was a good game plan, but then (Parkway) got some turnovers, forced some three-and-outs," Boyne said.

Defensively, Parkway shows a lot of two-high safety looks, but like Slidell it disguises and shifts coverages throughout the game.

HAHNVILLE 52, SLIDELL 39 - Leading 24-0 in the second quarter of its opening round playoff matchup at Tiger Stadium, it appeared Hahnville might coast into round two.

The rest of the way, Slidell made sure that task would be anything but easy, and a furious comeback ensued. But Hahnville is indeed marching on following a 52-39 victory at Tiger Stadium.

Landen Teague rushed for a touchdown and tallied four touchdown passes in the win, with Kevias Singleton hauling

Kevias Singleton of Hahnville finds room to operate against Slidell.

in two. Al-Jarreau Walker intercepted two passes and returned one of those for a touchdown.

Hahnville took an 18-point lead into half, but Slidell found something to build on. Hahnville also made a few mistakes along the way. A pair of personal foul penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct equaled a 30-yard pickup for Slidell, which made HHS pay immediately when Ricky Williams faked a QB draw before finding an open Jeremiah Birdlow for the second time, making it 24-12. The two-point try was no good.

Hahnville scored immediately in response, Teague first finding Naquin downfield for 30 yards before connecting with Singleton for a 20-yard touchdown pass to make it 31-12.

Slidell pushed back. Jakwan Jones scored on a short touchdown run and then found the endzone again on the 2-point conversion to make it 31-20 midway through the third quarter.

Williams found his groove at this point. A deep shot to Carlos Flemings Jr. set up another touchdown run by Jones, with no conversion to make it 31-26.

There was urgency for Hahnville to score to head off the visitor's comeback. And again, Teague and Singleton answered the call. After a long touchdown pass to Naquin was called back for holding, Teague immediately went deep once again, finding Singleton for six for the second time in the second half, this time on a 50-yard touchdown pass to make it 38-26 early in the fourth quarter.

"When the play was called, I knew I had to go out and dominate and just put my team back up, get the momentum back for us," said Singleton.

Hahnville sweeps district cross country crowns

Johnson led way during strong season for Tigers

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Hahnville cross country has quickly become a program to be reckoned with.

The Tigers earned district championship honors for the third consecutive years, sweeping the boys and girls crowns at this year's district meet at Cypress Lakes Country Club.

Al Johnson earned the individual boys district championship with a time of 16:37.12, while Jeremiah Brickhouse (4th), Roenicke Scott (5th) and Brennan Martin (10th) each placed top 10. Among girls, Reagan Tregre (3rd), Kennidey Bowling (4th) Kensli Bergeron (7th) and Avery Oertling (10th) placed top 10, while Destrehan's Zadie Stowe placed 9th.

Third-year head coach Randi Elliott said this season's group was a fun – and talented – one to work with, with a very strong rising corps of freshmen and sophomores showing a lot of potential.

Johnson, who qualified for state, was a strong leader for the team in his senior season.

"He's got a couple of Division I offers on the table," said Elliott. "He's just an all-around great kid. He was all-academic all-state as well as individually qualifying for state. He was 12th overall in the region. He's been fantastic."

Johnson served as team captain and Elliott said his inner drive is what sets him apart.

"He always just gives 110 percent and challenges himself," said Elliott. "Not just here with us, but on weekends, on his own, doing 50-60 mile weeks. He always puts in his best effort, never has a complaint."

It's the kind of example every coach loves their lead athletes to set.

"The younger team members definitely look up to him and try to mimic his work ethic," said Elliott. "We have kids who did not qualify for state who are still coming to practice, still want to be part of that team and see what he does, and learn from it."

Fellow seniors Scott and Gage Seyfert helped lead the way.

Scott has his best season ever, Elliott said, while Seyfert returned this season from an injury suffered early on in his junior year – that actually understates it.



The Tigers take a moment after winning a third consecutive cross country district championship.

He suffered a broken ankle in his very first cross country meet, but returned this season to have a strong season.

Brickhouse, meanwhile, is another rarity.

He doubles as a football player and cross country runner – meaning he pulled athletic duty on Friday night then again on Saturday morning.

"He's the only one," said Elliott of how many football/cross country athletes she had. "It's very difficult. He's a phenomenal athlete, an up-and-coming star."

On the girls side, Avery Oertling wrapped up her senior season and Elliott said it'll be tough to say goodbye to another strong senior leader.

"I've had her for three seasons. She had a phenomenal season and recorded her fastest time ever (at regionals)," said Elliott. "She's another – she dances at football games on Friday then is here for cross country on Saturday."

Oertling served an important role as a senior leader

of a very young Tiger girls team.

Drake, a sophomore, qualified for state individually, as did Bowling, who is in her freshman season.

Bergeron, meanwhile, returned late in the season after rehabbing a knee injury suffered playing soccer. The sophomore's first race came at the district meet, and she earned All-District honors.

Johnson and Tregre earned the highest regional finishes for their team, Johnson taking 12th among boys and Tregre 15th among girls. At state, Tregre was the highest finisher, taking 23rd among girls while Johnson finished 28th among boys.

"Of our top six, four are freshmen or sophomores," said Elliott. "We've got a lot to look forward to – it's an incredibly young and powerful team. They're believing in themselves and that they can do incredible things."

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offense as well. Clark starts on both sides of the ball and is also a strong returnman on special teams.

"He creates a lot of problems, be it offense, defense or in the kicking game," Scott said.

Overall, the Lion defense is fast and flies to the ball, Scott said, and it challenges teams with aggressive man coverage.

"That's something we've seen some of, but this will be one of the most athletic groups that we've faced all season," said Scott.

Offensively, Ouachita wants to control the game via the run, but Scott warns that the potency of the Lions' running game makes the team's passing game so much more dangerous.

"They run it more than they pass it, but that works into their play-action game," said Scott. "(Quarterback Montrell Conner) is a dynamic playmaker for them. He makes a lot of plays on the move, scrambling and throwing the ball downfield. He created a lot of problems for us last year."

Running back Macario Dade has track-level speed, as does Clark, so this team can strike quickly.

This week marks a significant personal milestone for Scott as well.

It's two years since his kidney transplant in 2023, giving him a new lease on life after what was a long battle with kidney disease.

"Man, I feel great – I really do," Scott said. "I'm beyond blessed – so much support from family, friends, the community. It's been a wild ride to say the least, but all is well."

IMPACTING THE GAME – Damien Richard II finished the regular season by leaving his mark on both sides of the ball.

He rushed for two touchdowns in his team's district-clinching win over Thibodaux, while he made five tackles, broke up a pass and recovered a fumble on defense.

"Damien is very productive," said Scott. "He's multi-talented, a very versatile athlete so we try to put him in position to make as many plays as possible."



Malachi Dabney of Destrehan stiff-arms a Thibodaux defender.

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Application Deadline: On-Going
POSITION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED
View position notice on the school district's website:
www.WeAreSCPPS.org or call (985) 785-3110

Employment


ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
School Counselors
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
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ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
High School Teachers
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
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ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
Mental Health Professionals
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
POSITION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
Middle School Teachers
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
POSITION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED
View position notice on the school district's website:
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ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
Speech Language Pathologist
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
POSITION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED
View position notice on the school district's website:
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Employment


ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
Special Education/Gifted & Talented Teachers
Spring 2026 Applicant Pool – Not for Specific Vacancies
Application Deadline: On-Going
POSITION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED
View position notice on the school district's website:
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Employment


ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Now accepting applications for position of:
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Public Notice

ST. CHARLES PARISH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 20, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE TO HEAR:

- 2025-40-ZBA** requested by **Anna Vieages** to reduce the minimum building elevation from 6ft. NAVD88 to 4ft NAVD88 for an accessory structure, **101 Zachary Drive, Boutte**, Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
- 2025-41-ZBA** requested by **Keith Pollet** to reduce the minimum building elevation from 7ft. NAVD88 to 12 in. above the centerline of the street for a single-family residence, **140 Michael Drive, Des Allemands**, Zoning District R-1A. Council District 4.
- 2025-42-ZBA** requested by **Ray Vanacor** to reduce the minimum building elevation from 6ft. NAVD88 to 12 in. above the centerline of the street for a single-family residence, **17065 Old Spanish Trail, Des Allemands**, Zoning District R-1A(M). Council District 4.
- 2025-43-ZBA** requested by **Randy Gaspard** for **CIG, LLC** to waive the required buffer fence, **559 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling**. Zoning District M-1. Council District 1.

ALTERNATE DATE: None
PUBLISH 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Public Notice



Advertisement for Request for Qualifications

Interested vendors 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 [WeAreSCPPS.org](http://www.warescpps.org).

All proposals will be accepted until **12:00 p.m.** local time (Central Standard/Daylight Savings Time) on **Monday, December 1, 2025**. 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.

Proposals are hereby requested for the following:

Lobbying Services

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

- Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Thursday, November 13, 2025
- Thursday, November 20, 2025
- Thursday, November 27, 2025

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

Public Notice



Advertisement for Request for Proposals

Interested vendors 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.warescpps.org/>. Questions should be submitted electronically via the online site no later than **Friday, November 14, 2025**. Vendors 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 **3:00 PM** local time (Central Standard/Daylight Savings Time) on **Friday, December 12, 2025**. 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.

Proposals are hereby requested for the following area:

Internal Connections: Network Infrastructure Upgrades - Cabling

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

- Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Thursday, November 13, 2025
- Thursday, November 20, 2025

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
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Public Notice

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Parish School Board, Central Office Board Room, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.

Publish: November 20, 2025

Public Notice

COASTAL ZONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee will meet on November 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Parish Courthouse located at 15045 River Road, Hahnville to hear:

- Item 1:** Election of Officers
- Item 2:** Presentation by Office of Permitting and Compliance
- Item 3:** Manager's Briefing
- Item 4:** Old Business
- Item 5:** New Business
- Item 6:** Public Comment

ALTERNATE DATE: N/A
PUBLISH: 11/13, 11/20

Public Notice

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Parish of St. Charles, hereby advertises bids for construction of **EADCC SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS** as follows:

Owner: **St. Charles Parish**

Project Title: **EADCC SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS**

Project No.: **PRSV2025**

Bid No. **1033**

Principal Work Location: **Judge Edward Dufresne Community Center**

Description of Basic Work: **Construction of four beach volleyball courts at the Judge Edward Dufresne Community Center**

Bids: Separate sealed Bids will be received by the ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS OFFICE, Parish of St. Charles, 15045 River Road, Courthouse 3rd Floor, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057, either by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or hand delivered, or electronically submitted at www.centralbidding.com, **no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on January 8, 2026**. Promptly thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of the St. Charles Parish Court House. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids in accordance with the Public Bid Law, and to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids.

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

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

Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference to discuss the scope of the project and the requirements of the Bidding and Contract Documents will be held on **December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation, **274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070**. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is **Non-Mandatory**.

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

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

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

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

St. Charles Parish Council
Matthew Jewell, Parish President

Advertisement Source and Dates:

St. Charles Herald Guide
St. Charles Parish Website
Central Auction House

Thursday, November 13, 2025
Thursday, November 20, 2025
Thursday, November 27, 2025

Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **LENARD ROBINSON**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **SHELITA SMITH**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **RENARD ROBINSON**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **LLOYD D. ROBINSON, JR.**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

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Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs and/or legatees of **THE UN-OPENED ESTATE OF VICTORIA BADEAUX**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

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Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs and/or legatees of **THE UN-OPENED ESTATE OF BARRY A. BADEAUX, SR.**, please contact Attorney Caitlyn Mayer at (504) 468-1100 or email caitlyn@bohannanlaw.com.

Publish: November 20 & 27, 2025

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-cleanup per property in violation. On property where trash and/or debris accumulation is such that it requires heavy equipment, bulldozer, front-end loaders, etc. a fee of forty-three dollars and eighty six cents (\$43.96) per cubic yard will be assessed. An administration fee of \$36.63 may be assessed on each invoice. The fees in this section shall be increased or decreased on February first of each year by a change in CIP applicable to the US cities average group, all urban consumers, all items published by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the preceding twelve-month period ending each November. The change shall become effective beginning with the period ending November 30, 2000. The department of finance shall notify the department of planning and zoning in writing annually of the revised fees.

The following lots are in violation of parish ordinance Chapter 16, Article III Sec. 16-24 through Sec. 16-33:

- Estate of Norbert Fortier c/o Octavia Gross
14964 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057
Lot A1
Block L
Subdivision: Fashion
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris
- Sherry Green
1842 Paul Maillard Rd., Boutte, LA 70039
Lot 111
Subdivision: Fronting on Paul Mall*
Nature of violation: Grass cutting & removal of debris

PUBLISH: November 20, 2025

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A series of Public Hearings will be held in accordance with LA R.S. 48:231 and conducted by the Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee. Below is a list of the times and places where the hearings will be held. The purpose of the hearings is to review highway construction priorities for the state fiscal year 2026-2027. A copy of the Preliminary Program for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 will be available for review on October 1, 2025, by interested persons at the LADOTD Headquarters Building, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Room 200M, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or online at https://www.dotd.la.gov/.

All interested persons are invited for the purpose of becoming fully acquainted with the proposed program and will be afforded an opportunity to express their views in person. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting important facts and documentation in writing. Comments may also be provided at the link above. All interested parties will be able to listen to the meeting virtually. The information to participate virtually will be posted at the link above. Written statements and comments can be handed to the committee conducting the hearing or mailed to the following address, postmarked within 45 calendar days following the final hearing:

JOINT TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
C/O LA DOTD (SECTION 85)
P.O. BOX 94245
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9245

Should anyone requiring special assistance due to a disability wish to participate in this public hearing, please contact LADOTD (Attn: Ms. Mary Elliott) by mail at the address above or by telephone at (225) 379-1218 at least five days prior to the date of the public hearing.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR THE HIGHWAY PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (2026-2027)

Date & Time	DOTD District	Parishes	Location
Monday, December 1, 2025 10:00 am	58	Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, LaSalle, Tensas	Franklin Parish School Board Franklin Media Center 7293 Prairie Rd, Wimsboro
Monday December 1, 2025 2:00 pm	05	E. Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, W. Carroll	Monroe Civic Center Bayou Room 401 Lea Joyner Expressway, Monroe
Tuesday December 2, 2025 8:30 am	04	Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Webster	Shreveport City Council Chambers 505 Travis St, Shreveport
Tuesday December 2, 2025 2:30 pm	08	Avoyelles, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn	Pineville City Hall Council Meeting Room 910 Main Street, Pineville
Wednesday December 3, 2025 9:00 am	07	Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis	Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Council Chambers 1015 Pilon St, Lake Charles
Wednesday December 3, 2025 1:30 pm	03	Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion	Lafayette Consolidated Government City Hall Council Chambers Auditorium 705 W University Ave, Lafayette
Monday December 8, 2025 9:30 am	02	Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Terrebonne	NO Regional Transportation Mgmt. Ctr. Conference Room A/B 10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans
Monday December 8, 2025 2:30 pm	62	Livingston, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington	Livingston Council Chambers 20355 Government Blvd, Livingston
Tuesday December 9, 2025 9:00 am	61	Ascension, Assumption, E. Baton Rouge, Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, St. James, W. Baton Rouge, W. Feliciana	State Capitol Basement, House Committee Room 6, Baton Rouge

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

29th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES STATE OF LOUISIANA NO. P-14169 DIVISION "D"

SUCCESSION OF SHARON RAE ELIZABETH FELIU

APPLICATION TO SELL REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE

The petition of Alice Armstrong, Testametary Executrix, in the above entitled and numbered matter, with respect, shows that:

1. This Succession is the owner of the following described immovable property, situated in this State and Parish, and more particularly described as follows: IMMOVABLE PROPERTY A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging in anywise appertaining, situated in the PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, in that part thereof known as ORMOND PLACE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, per plan by John P. Marshall, dated October 28, 1983, revised January 10, 1984, attached to act registered in COB 308, folio 462, Entry No. 99464, Conveyance Records of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. And according to said plan, the said lot is designated as LOT 51 and measures as follows:

Said LOT 51 fronts 25 feet

along northwesterly right of way line of the South-Easterly leg of an unnamed triangular running private roadway (said roadway lying within common area Lot 92 of said subdivision) and measures 25 feet in width at the rear, by a depth of 72.15 feet between equal and parallel lines.

All as per survey of Lucien C. Gassen, PLS, dated February 28, 1991. The improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 51 Ormond Place, Destrehan Louisiana. This being the same property acquired by Sharon Felu by Judgment of Possession from Succession of John Carl Felu, September 22nd, 2025, and registered in COB 491548, page 1. Subject to restrictions and covenants of record.

2. DH Construction, LLC, a domestic corporation authorized to do and doing business within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court has made an offer to your Petitioner, as Testametary Executrix, to purchase the hereinabove described real estate, with the acceptance of the property as is, where is, for the sum and price of \$75,000.00, payable in cash, at the time of the execution of the deed to them.

ANYONE HAVING OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED PRIVATE SALE NEEDS TO FILE AN OPPOSITION IN THE COURT RECORDS WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAY FROM THE DATE OF THE SECOND AND LAST PUBLICATION

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Public Notice

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON DECEMBER 4, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE TO HEAR:

- 2025-7-HOP requested by Rachel Davis for a home occupation – "Luxe Nursing, LLC" – at 232 Sophia Drive, Luling, Council District 2.
- 2025-8-HOP requested by Frank Graff III for a home occupation – "FG3 Investigations and Legal Services, LLC" – at 117 Johnson Street, St. Rose, Council District 5.
- 2025-13-MIN requested by Abdulrahim Kaplan for a resubdivision of one lot into two, 365 Smith Street, Hahnville, Zoning District R-1A(M) and R-1A, Council District 1.
- 2025-14-MIN requested by John Winters for a resubdivision of four lots into four requiring a waiver, 154 St. Charles Place, Hahnville, Zoning District R-1A(M), R-2 and R-1A, Council District 1.
- 2025-15-MIN requested by Laurie Delaune for a resubdivision of one lot into two, 113 Verdun Lane, Paradis, Zoning District R-1A(M), Council District 4.
- 2025-16-MIN requested by Simoneaux Family Land, LLC for consideration of a consecutive minor resubdivision, a Portion of Section 38 (Bayou Gauche Island), Zoning District R-1A(M), Council District 4.

ALTERNATE DATE: 12/11
PUBLISH: 11/20, 11/27, 12/4

Public Notice

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD, HAHNVILLE:

- 2025-0341 (11/17/25, Jewell, G. Gorden)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the Phase 3 Water Main Replacement in Bonnet Carre Spillway (Project No. WWKS 105), to decrease the contract amount by \$35,294.00.
- 2025-0342 (11/17/25, Jewell, G. Dussom)
An ordinance adopting the St. Charles Parish Council Road and Bridges Capital Program Budget for fiscal year 2026 through 2028 in accordance with the Parish Transportation Act.
- 2025-0351 (11/17/25, O'Daniels)
An ordinance to provide for the installation of an "ALL-WAY STOP" sign at the end of Pitre Street in the Fairfield Oaks Plantation Subdivision, in St. Rose.
- 2025-0358 (11/17/25, Jewell, M. Albert)
An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from R-1A(M) to M-1 on property designated as Lot G, Block 11, Almedia Plantation, 180 Almedia Road, St. Rose as requested by Karen Abate.

PUBLISH: November 20, 27, 2025

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

On September 24, 2025, the below described property was taken into evidence; on September 26, 2025, the said property was identified as seized and forfeiture of said property is pending, pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 40:2600 et seq., to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office:

GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLE MATTER, WEIGHING 5.3 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA; GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLE MATTER, WEIGHING 24.5 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA; SEVERAL PIECES OF AN OFF-WHITE ROCK-LIKE MATTER TESTED POSITIVE FOR CRACK COCAINE; ONE (1) 2020 CHEVROLET 2500, VIN #1GC4YLE79LF140762, WHITE IN COLOR.

The property was seized with respect to the alleged violation of Section 2603 and Section 2604 of the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substances Property Act of 1989 and will be forfeited pursuant to that Act.

If you desire to contest the forfeiture of this property, you must mail a claim, certified mail/return receipt, to the seizing agency, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, P. O. Box 426, Hahnville, LA 70057, AND to the District Attorney's Office of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, P. O. Box 680, Hahnville, LA 70057, ATTN: JUAN A. BYRD, First Assistant District Attorney, stating your interest and/or claim in the above described property.

YOU MUST MAIL THIS CLAIM VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM _____.

Under R.S. 40:2610, the claim shall be in affidavit form, signed by the claimant under oath, before one who has the authority to administer the oath, under penalty of perjury or false swearing. It shall set forth: (1) the caption of the forfeiture proceedings; (2) the physical address where the claimant resides and the post office address where the claimant will accept mail; (3) the nature and extent of claimant's interest in the property; (4) the date and identity of the transferor/seller; and the circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the said property; (5) the specific provisions of this law asserting that the property is not subject to forfeiture; (6) all essential facts supporting the assertion; and (7) the specific relief sought.

The failure to timely mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana will result in forfeiture of the property to the State of Louisiana without further notice or hearing.

Handwritten signature
JOEL T. CHAISSON, II
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Publish on: November 20, 2025