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First city cleanup since COVID shutdown declared a success

Scores of volunteers turned out for the first Eunice Community Cleanup Day since the end of COVID-19 restrictions.

"I thought it went fine," said Donna Baltakis, director of Keep Eunice Beautiful. "I was very pleased that many people showed up and especially pleased we had so many families."

Some 50 people signed up at City Hall for the Keep Eunice Beautiful cleanup on Saturday.

In a report presented at the Eunice Board of Aldermen's meeting Tuesday, Baltakis stated there were 115 volunteer hours and 212 bags of trash picked up on Saturday.

"Keep Eunice Beautiful supplied T-shirts, gloves, bags, grabbers and vests. These supplies were from a Keep Louisiana Beautiful Clean Up Supply Grant that I wrote last year," she stated.

At the city meeting, Alderman

Chad Andrepont said up to 150 volunteers from New Hope Church picked up trash Saturday. They covered the downtown area, schools and Park Avenue, he said.

Andrepont said litter could be cleaned up from the city if everybody does just a little bit, he said.

"It was a fun day and everybody who came out said they really couldn't wait to do it again," he

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Eunice High School students Alex Fuentes, Andrew Vidrine, Jaylen Wheeler and Baylin Andrepont pick up litter across from the high school on Saturday. (Photo by Harlan Kirgan)

Fund for rural broadband advances

By Emily Wood
LSU Manship School
News Service

BATON ROUGE — The House Appropriations Committee advanced a bill Tuesday that would create the Rural Development Fund to support the socioeconomic well-being of the state's rural population through better health, education and infrastructure.

Funding for the program would come from the sale of general obligation bonds, and authority to spend the money would be given to the state Office of Rural Development.

"Rural areas in Louisiana are losing population. We don't have the job market, and we are also losing employment to Mississippi," said bill author Rep. Francis Thompson, D-Delhi. "We have to develop or revitalize our rural areas if we want to be productive."

Thompson said residents of metropolitan areas can look at this as a help for them, too, because people with better jobs in rural areas look to move to the more urban areas so their children can go to better schools, universities and community colleges.

The bill, HB 622, would give the director of the Office of Rural Development authority to hire a regional director in each of the eight regional planning commission districts of the state.

Rep. Thompson said that everyone in the state would be represented by an economic development expert. He said each director would receive about \$60,000 a year, and each would come from the jurisdiction they would be representing.

The Office of Rural Development operates in the governor's office, and this bill aims to expand its reach by adding broadband connectivity, water quality and sewer treatment to the program.

"We have spent money on all areas of state government," said Thompson. "This is a small amount to invest in Louisiana's rural areas."

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Malcolm Vidrine, with the orange cap, leads a tour of the Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society's restoration site in Eunice on Saturday. (Photo by Harlan Kirgan)

Prairie society returns for annual meeting

By Harlan Kirgan
Editor

The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society held its spring meeting and tours Saturday with 40 people in attendance.

The tour includes restoration sites at Duralde and Eunice.

"We had a good turnout and everybody was excited to get back to normal," Steve Nevitt, society president, said.

The tour was the first since COVID-19 shutdown gatherings in March 2020.

"We meet and talk about plans for the future and maintenance of the prairie and how it can we can bring the Cajun Prairie to more people," he said in a phone interview.

"The Cajun Prairie is an ancient eco system that has been her for tens of thou-

sands of years and it also has a cultural history of the Cajun people that settled here and raised cattle on the prairie grass and raised food in the rich prairie soils," he said.

Malcolm Vidrine, a retired LSUE professor and one of the founders of the prairie society, said the group's organization was inspired by former Eunice Mayor Curtis Joubert.

Vidrine along with another professor, Charles Allen, provided the scientific authority to guide the formation of the society.

Joubert, who also inspired the 1980's renovation of the Liberty Theatre, persuaded the Union Pacific Railroad to lease 10 acres of land to the society at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and East Magnolia Street in 1988.

Allen and Vidrine had been collecting seeds from remnants of the prairie they found in railroad rights of way.

Joubert threw out the first handful of seeds and other volunteers set about seeding and transplanting plants to the site used for an outdoor classroom and tourism.

The site is something like what 2.5 million acres of Cajun Prairie appeared to be before development altered the landscape, Vidrine said.

The restoration sites have six characteristics in common, Vidrine said.

The are a great tourism device and its one Joubert touted. He tied the prairie restoration to the Jean Lafitte Prairie Acadian Cultural Center in Eunice.

Other key restoration roles

(See Prairie, Page 10)

No quick fix for city's sewer problems

By Harlan Kirgan
Editor

After complaints about sewer problems were aired at an agenda-setting meeting last week, it fell to the city's engineer to talk about the issue Tuesday.

The bottom line from Karl Aucoin's update on wastewater operations is the solutions are in the future and they will cost money.

In other words, affected residents will just to have hold their noses and refrain from flushing on rainy days.

At the May 6 meeting where Mayor Scott Fontenot begins assembling an agenda for the Board of Aldermen's meeting, West Ash resident Margaret Frey said she represented several residents experiencing problems flushing their toilets.

"Whenever there is rainfall we cannot flush our toilets," she said.

At Tuesday's city meeting, Aucoin said there are ongoing improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.

"But he has asked me to look at several of the issues in both the wastewater collection and treatment system," Aucoin said.

Storm water infiltration is problem in almost every community, he said.

"That is where storm water infiltrates the wastewater collection system through leaks in the system," he said. "It is obvious the problem has progressively gotten considerably worse over the past five to six years," he said.

"The mayor asked me to look at how we can address that issue," Aucoin said.

Diverting flows to areas of the system not experiencing problems is one remedy, he said.

A community-wide rehabilitation of



Karl Aucoin, city engineer. (File photo)



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Eunice High School senior ring ceremony



Eunice High School seniors paraded on Park Avenue on May 6 as part of a ring ceremony. The parade ended at the First Baptist Church. The seniors were escorted by Eunice Police Chief Randy Fontenot, City Marshal Terry Darbonne, Sheriff Deputy Chase Godeaux, two representatives from the Law Enforcement Blue Line Riders (motorcycle club) and Eunice fire trucks. The ceremony began with a welcome and opening prayer from First Baptist Church Youth Minister, Dalton Adger.

Mayor Scott Fontenot was the ceremonial speaker who introduced the seniors who were greeted at the pulpit by their parents or a delegated sponsor who presented the seniors with a ring box. Honorable Judge Terry Hoychick gave the closing prayer and Adger closed the ceremony. A reception immediately followed in the Student Fellowship Hall. Appreciation bags were provided to the students at the reception. (Submitted photo courtesy of Sherry Clark)



A fire on Monday destroyed a house at 710 Tate St. (Photo by Myra Miller)

Fire destroys Tate Street house

A fire at 2:36 a.m. Monday destroyed a house at 710 Tate St.

Eunice Chief Mike Arnold said no one was home at the time of the fire.

Arnold said the cause of the fire is undetermined.

“The state fire marshal arrived at the home, and claimed that it may have been caused by electrical,

and may have been from an electrical unit inside the home,” he said.

The firefighters requested a back-hoe from EB Feucht & Sons to the fire scene in order to rip off the roofing of the home.

Arnold added, “The original home had shingle roofing but was overlaid with tin. The fire

burned the support and caught the shingles on fire and traveled through. We had to rip off the roofing to get to shingles underneath.”

Eunice firefighters were joined at the scene by firefighters from Acadia District 4 and St. Landry District 6; Eunice Police; and an ambulance.

Fence damaged at Circle Park



The hurricane fencing alongside South 7th Street and Park Avenue at the entrance to Circle Park was damaged on May 8. According to Police Chief Randy Fontenot, “A late model white Ford 150 truck drove through the fence. It is to be believed that

the driver entered through the east side coming from Park and drove through the park, and went through the west side of the fence, and then got back onto Park. The park remained opened. (Photo by Myra Miller)

Iota High School student wins 2021 Congressional Art Competition in 3rd District

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Clay Higgins (R-Port Barre) announced that Miya Fontenot, a senior at Iota High School in Acadia Parish, is the winner of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for Louisiana’s 3rd District. This year’s theme was “America, Land that I Love.”

Fontenot’s artwork titled “One Nation Under God” is a painting of the Constitution on old paper inside the outline of the United States, and a pair of praying hands sit on top of the country as a reminder that we are “one nation under God.”

“I’m very impressed with the skill and creativity of the 3rd District’s young artists, and the judges had a difficult decision,” said Higgins. “Miya’s artwork is a reminder of our Constitution and the freedoms defined therein. She is a brilliant artist, and it’s an honor to have her artwork representing the 3rd District in the U.S. Capitol.”

Fontenot’s artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year as part of



a national exhibit.

Each spring, the U.S. House of Representatives sponsors an art competition for high school students. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

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Eunice Police radio logs

The following are excerpts from the Eunice Police Department radio dispatch logs.

May 6
16:49 No casings found.
17:35 Caller from 400 block of Acadia wants to speak to officer about speeding.

20:40 Male on the floor at Coburn's by Goose Street.
23:08 Minor wreck in the parking lot at Sun-Sports.

May 7
05:08 Suspicious person at Circle Park.
08:21 Suspicious vehicle in the area of Park and South Martin Luther King.

12:49 Report of someone that ran into a building in the 300 block of East Laurel.

13:57 Wreck reported near Walmart.

14:55 Caller in the 600 block of College advised that her husband is trying to hit her with something.

16:04 Caller in the 300 block of College advised of a young subject cursing the neighbor next door.

18:02 Caller in the 200 block of Mae advised that someone is taking pictures of her home.

19:16 Trespassing reported in the 1700 block of West Pech.

19:18 Hit and run reported near Walmart.

19:25 Wreck reported at Bobcat Drive.

19:45 Noise complaint in the 600 block of North 8th Street.

19:48 Caller in the 400 block of Mill advised that an intoxicated subject hit a dog with a bat.

20:30 Loud music reported in the 1800 block of West Dudley.

20:58 Caller in the 600 block of Ida requested to speak to an officer in regards to a family member.

21:58 Harassment reported in the 100 block of Mill.

May 8

01:07 Caller in the 800 block of West Park advised that a vehicle drove through the Circle Park.

01:24 In pursuit of a descriptive vehicle in the area of 7th and headed toward Hwy. 13 northbound.

01:28 Lost visual.

01:35 Caller in the 600 block of Martin Luther King Drive advised of an elderly subject with heart condition that fell down and unable to get up.

04:59 Wreck reported near McDonald's.

07:16 En route to Circle Park, to invest if park is safe.

07:26 Report that it is safe.

09:00 Lobby complaint in reference to leaving a phone at Walmart.

09:43 Wreck reported in the medium in front of McDonald's.

09:53 Caller in the 300 block of Ulysee advised of a person knocking around her home.

10:43 Report of a line down in the 1600 block of Vine.

11:59 Caller in the 900 block of North 4th Street advised that her husband just beat her up.

12:12 Lobby complaint in regards to a stolen

phone.

14:35 Lobby complaint in reference to a stolen fire arm.

15:01 Report of a threatening subject at Goodhope Place Apartments.

15:06 Caller in the Sunrise Apartments advised that some kids threw a bat at him.

15:43 Caller in the 600 block of College advised that a subject is destroying her property.

16:56 Hit and run reported on Magnolia near Coburn's.

17:25 Caller in the 600 block of College advised that a subject will not leave her residence.

17:30 Caller in the 2000 block of Dudley advised and is concerned with the welfare of his daughter.

17:37 Report of a possible overdose in the 1600 block of Magnolia.

18:18 Caller in the 800 block of North 3rd Street advised of a juvenile playing on an 18 wheeler canister near the railroad tracks.

18:31 Caller advised of a suspicious vehicle near Brownie's.

19:41 Caller from Brownie's advised that a subject who was involved in the shooting that happened is now inside the store.

19:48 Loud music reported in the parking lot at Sunrise Apartments.

20:10 Caller in the area of North Beulah and East Peach made a 911 call and advised that a subject got punched in the eye.

21:02 Caller in the 1500 block of West Magnolia advised that she heard a gun.

21:03 Reckless driver reported heading into Eunice from Crowley.

21:19 Report of multiple suspicious vehicles near a residence in the 500 block of Charles.

22:05 Suspicious subject in the 1300 block of Nile.

May 9

00:03 Loud music complaint in the 300 block of Acadia.

00:32 Disturbance reported in the 200 block of South Mallet.

01:01 Complaint in the 300 block of Acadia in reference to her neighbor being loud.

04:39 Suspicious subject in a subject's yard. Call came from the 1400 block of Amazon.

09:03 Loud music complaint in the 300 block of Clark.

09:28 Report of a break-in in the 1700 block of West Vine.

10:22 Report of hearing someone yelling in the gully near the sewerage plant.

11:47 Suspicious subject reported in the 700 block of Viola.

12:18 Report of a busted water line on North Bobcat just past the railroad tracks.

12:33 Report of a street light shot out in the 200 block of Childs.

12:26 Report of a burglary in the 800 block of West Vine.

14:03 Report of juveniles riding four-wheelers in the area of 11th, Tate

and Ida.

14:17 Possible shoplifting at Dollar Store, East Laurel.

15:19 Report of juveniles driving recklessly on side-by-side vehicles in the area of 11th, Tate and Ida.

15:55 Report of a customer throwing food at one of the workers at Burger King.

16:34 Wreck reported in area of South Martin Luther King Drive.

16:46 Fire alarm, in the 1200 block of Phillip, Eunice Fire Department en route.

16:53 Caller in the 400 block of South MLK advised that she has a bullet hole in her wall from the shooting Wednesday night.

16:56 There is no fire at the residence.

17:34 Report of an electrical line in the roadway at the corner of Childs and West Ardoin.

17:43 Caller in the 700 block of South Martin Luther King advised that she cannot park her vehicle because of a crowd of people blocking.

17:49 Caller advised of a subject that fell and busted his eye in the jewelry department at Walmart.

17:50 No one claimed they called for an officer.

18:01 Caller in the 200 block of Ella requested to speak to an officer in reference to her daughter on drugs.

18:16 Disturbance reported in the 100 block of Prairie.

18:33 Caller in the 800 block of South Beulah advised that she cannot get to her home because of large crowd having a party.

19:16 Disturbance reported at the family park on Martin Luther King, multiple subjects.

19:37 Caller in the 400 block of North St. Joseph advised that a juvenile keeps trying to break into her vehicle.

20:32 Harassment reported in the 500 block of South 12th Street.

20:48 Harassment reported in the 100 block of College.

21:40 Request of a removal of a subject off the property. Call came from the 600 block of College.

21:24 Trespassing reported in the 800 block of North Hwy. 13.

22:09 Traffic signal light out at Bobcat and West Laurel.

23:18 Disturbance in the parking lot of Walmart.

23:24 Wreck reported in the area of Leon and East Laurel.

23:46 Multiple fights reported behind McDonald's.

23:50 Caller in the 2100 block of Dudley advised that she thinks someone is trying to break into her home.

May 10

02:36 Eunice Fire Department en route to the 700 block of Tate in reference to a structure fire with possible ammunition blowing up inside the residence.

05:55 Cleco needs assistance, blocking Hwy. 190 to change a pole.

St. Landry Parish Sheriff's arrests

The following are arrests reported by the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

May 7
Trayvien Joubert, 600 block of Pillette Road, Lafayette. Speeding, driving under suspension, bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Jaquarius Guillory, 19, 1600 block of Frilot Street, Opelousas. Negligent injuring, illegal carrying of weapon, bench warrant (2 counts). Arrested by Opelousas Police.

Edward Benjamin Boukater, 59, 700 block of Evergreen Street, Opelousas. Criminal trespass. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Kathy M. Hill, 55, Homeless, Opelousas. Criminal trespass. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Roger Lee Mallet, 39, 200 block of Beauxis Drive, Port Barre., Resisting an officer, domestic abuse battery. Arrested by Port Barre Police.

May 8-May 10
Seneca Beaulac Jones Jr., 24, 8500 block of Hwy. 182, Opelousas. Domestic abuse battery. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Kirkus Green, 42, 600 block of East Vine Street, Opelousas. Disturbing the peace, Resisting an officer, Arrested by Opelousas

Police.

Andrew Jason Tadlock, 26, 9100 block of Hwy. 182, Opelousas. Domestic abuse battery. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Office.

Nicholas Pickle, 29, 600 block of Bearb Road, Sunset. Simple battery of the infirmed. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Ryder Bearb, 22, 100 block of Billeaux, Carencro. Abuse battery of pregnant victim. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Shawn M Joubert, 34, 600 block of Country Ridge Rd., Opelousas. Domestic abuse battery. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Lawrence Johnson, 35, 500 block of Wayne Street, Opelousas. Domestic abuse battery, disturbing the peace. Arrested by Opelousas Police.

Fabian Albert, 36, 200 block of North Walnut Street, Opelousas. Simple criminal damage to property, disturbing the peace. Arrested by Opelousas Police.

Miranda Sha'Nai Simien, 29, 1100 block of Stardust Street, Opelousas. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated, following vehicles too close, no proof of insurance. Arrested by Opelousas Police.

Louis Moss, 20, 100

block of East Ardoin Street, Eunice. Domestic abuse battery-child endangerment, domestic abuse battery-strangulation, possession of Schedule, 1 CDS. Arrested by Eunice Police.

Jerry Lee Richard, 53, 11000 block of Hwy. 190, Opelousas. Bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Kendall James Lee, 53, 100 block of Hwy. 367, Eunice. Domestic abuse battery, resisting an officer, Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff Department.

Phil Anthony Bryant, 37, 600 block of Saphire Street, Opelousas. Attempted manslaughter, possession of firearm by a convicted felon. Arrested by Opelousas Police.

May 11
Lance Kelly Richard, 32, 1500 block of Debailion Plantation Road, Ville Platte. Bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Lachina Rochelle Weston, 36, 100 block of Nicole Lane, Opelousas. Bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Jimmy Lee Comeaux, 61, 800 block of St. Charles Street, Opelousas. Theft, resisting an officer (2 counts). Arrested by Opelousas Police.

Caitlin Chanyl Savoie, (See Arrests, Page 5)

Eunice Police arrests

The following are arrests by Eunice Police.

May 5
Danielle M. Domaska, 30, 1400 block of Nile, Eunice. Prohibited acts.

May 7
Lee Paul Menard, 49, 600 block of College, Eunice. Disturbing the peace, released on summons.

Maggie Elizabeth Covington, 23, 300 block of Mallet Cove Loop, Eunice. Hit and run, released on summons.

Juvenile, 17, Eunice. Contempt of court, parole violation.

May 8
Marius Edward, 36, 800 block of Jamestown

Street, San Francisco, California. Disturbing the peace.

Marius Silas, 35, 800 block of James Street, San Francisco, California. Disturbing the peace.

Louis Moss, 20, 100 block of East Ardoin, Eunice. Domestic abuse child endangerment, domestic abuse by strangulation, possession of Schedule I controlled dangerous substance.

Jake Menor Cromwell, 18, 1000 block of Twozine, Road, Basile. Warrant for Iota Police Department, Third-degree rape, misdemeanor carnal knowledge of a juvenile, pornography

involving juveniles, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.

May 10
Heather Nicole Russell, 30, 1000 block of North 2nd Street, Eunice. Bench warrant.

Juan Grimaldo, 36, 1400 block of West Vine, Eunice. Bench warrant.

Chloe Lynn Fusilier, 24, 600 block of South 7th Street, Eunice. Money warrant.

Nathanael Ray Freeman, 19, 400 block of Corn, Eunice. Probation warrant.

Allen R. Semien, 38, 200 block of Eula, Eunice. No driver's license.



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Mark C. Link
Aug. 13, 1952-May 11, 2021



EUNICE—Mark C. Link was a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He passed away on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the age of 68 with loving family by his side.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Richard. Burial will follow in the St. Edwards Cemetery with Father Wayne Duet, Celebrant.

Mark was a lifelong farmer in the Richard community. He was also a Richard volunteer fireman and was on the district board, as well as a founding member and board member of the Church Point Bank.

Mark is survived by his beautiful wife of thirty nine years, Claire Moody Link of Richard; loving children, Dr. Catherine Link McGee and husband, Jack of Schriever, Matthew C. Link and wife, Shauna of Geismer, Kevin Link and wife, Hannah, and Eric Link and wife, Kelsey, all of Richard; his loving grandchildren, Josephine McGee, Grant Link, Ada and Nora Link, Everett and Scarlett Link; his wonderful sister, Lucille Link Chocallo and husband, Bill of Atlanta, GA; his life-long friend and cohort, Charles Bellard of Mowata; his caretakers, Shirley and Sam Ceaser of Eunice, and Rose Hornsby; as well as extended family and friends. He will be sadly missed and in our hearts forever; it is hard to forget

someone who gave us so much to remember.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Grant and Delia Bonin Link.

At the request of the family, visitation will be held at Ardoin's Funeral Home in Eunice on Friday, May 14 from noon until 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. until time of services. Deacon Gary Gaudin will pray a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Hope Hospice, 301 E. Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, LA 70508.

Family and friends may view this obituary and sign the guestbook at www.ardoinfuneralhomes.com

Ardoin's Funeral Home of Eunice, 1301 West Laurel Ave., 337-457-3371 is in charge of arrangements.



House OKs bill requiring seat belts on school buses

By Kathleen Peppo
LSU Manship News Service

BATON ROUGE — The House passed a bill 55-44 Tuesday to require any school bus entering the school system in 2023 or after to have seat belts for passengers.

Rep. Robby Carter, D-Amite, said he brought the bill because he knows that the state will not be able to appropriate the funds to require seat belts for passengers in all school buses retroactively.

Carter brought a successful bill in 2004 to require seat belts in school buses, but he did not find a way to fund that bill. Now, 17 years later, he hopes to pass legislation that will actually make the change he meant to make earlier in his career.

The original bill would have required that every school bus already in the school system in 2004 have seat belts installed and that every school bus added to the system have seatbelts prior to entering. A legislative note on the 2004 bill estimated the cost at about \$34 million, according to Carter.

"I'm a realist," Carter said, noting that he knew it was hardly feasible to put that much money to-

ward school bus seat belts.

The current bill is a compromise by which no buses must be retroactively fitted for seat belts, and seat belts will be phased in as new buses enter the school system beginning January 1, 2023.

"We're not costing the school boards any money to take care of their old buses," Carter said.

Carter made the year 2023 to ensure that the bill truly is not retroactive and does not affect any school buses that have already been placed under contract to be delivered. This gives the school systems about a year and a half to fall in line with this potential new requirement.

The bill contains no language about who is responsible for making sure that children wear the seat belts. It does not indicate liability for anyone in the case that children fail to wear the seatbelt.

"It's for the safety of the children," said Carter.

"If you've got 34 kids on a bus, and 33 of them are buckled in, and you have a wreck, I would rather one be flying around inside the bus than 34 of them ping-ponging around inside," he said.

Come Lord Jesus Mass set May 25

The annual Come, Lord Jesus Prayer Groups Anniversary Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Basile.

All are welcome with a special invitation to prayer groups from all area churches.

Players' first show of season opens in June

The Eunice Players' Theatre will open for its 51st season in June.

The first show will be the comedy, "Aboveboard", directed by Sharon Blankenship, Amy Maricle and Jeanne Eddins.

Those Season tickets that were purchased last year for the 51st season will be honored this year. If one still needs a season ticket, they can be purchased at Beaucoup located at 114 S. 2nd St. in Eunice.

Tickets can also be purchased with a debit or credit card by calling 337-550-4727. Season Ticket price is \$30 and gives one admittance to all three shows this season. Individual show tickets will be on sale at a later date.

Rent, housing assistance available

Representatives from the Louisiana Housing Corporation are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northwest Community Center in Eunice on May 19.

The representatives will be available to take applications for a rental assistance program for renters and landlords.

For more information, call 877-495-6555 or visit lastaterent.com.

Another program for rental and mortgage assistance is through the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency. Applicants must be past due on rent or mortgage payments and have lost wages due to COVID-19.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 337-948-3651.

Pre-k registration at Highland Elementary

Pre-k registration is still on-going at Highland Elementary. Registration packets are available to pick up at Highland Elementary's campus.

A student must be 4 years of age by Sept. 30, otherwise student must apply to attend Head Start.

The following documents are required:

Child's birth certificate
Child's updated shot record

Mother's Date of Birth
ID of person registering child

Proof of residency (Electric or Gas bill showing parent's name and address)

Child's insurance card
Proof of Income: bring one of the following:

Two consecutive check stubs for each working parent.

SNAP verification letter with date and child's name on the letter. Parents of Foster children must bring documentation child is in foster care.

Homeless or unemployed must show a letter of support and income documentation from support source (if applicable).

Concert Band, Choir rehearsals set

The Eunice Community Concert Band and Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday for the choir and for their 31st anniversary concert, "Be Our Guest."

Concert dates are July 15 and 16.

For more information call 337-457-1776.

Free Hula Hoop Class at the Garden

There will be a free Hula Hoop Class at the Eunice Community Garden on Saturday.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The class begins at 9:15 a.m. The first 100 children will receive a Free Hula Hoop to bring home.

Parents are asked to stay with their children during the entire fun event. If one is interested in helping to sponsor this event, call Randy Miller at 337-580-2993 or email him at ramillerag@gmail.com

The Eunice Community Garden is located at 2101 West Ash, in Eunice, directly behind the DMV.

ABC annual Golf Tourney set June 5

The Acadian Baptist Center will host its 8th annual Golf Tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. June 5 at the Farm d'Allie Golf Club on 1235 Beau Bassin Rd., in Carencro.

The sponsor information is as follows: The four man scramble is \$400 per team, \$100 per hole/sign promoting your business, \$1000/2 teams & 2 signs/ \$2500/ 4x8 Clubhouse sign & 2 teams, \$500/1 team & 1 sign.

For more information, call Beaver Pierrotti at 337-466-6489.

Daily rosary in May

Throughout May, Court Eunice 208, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be praying a daily rosary at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join in the rosary garden in front of St. Anthony Church Rectory, located

Street, Alexandria. Monetary instrument abuse, identity theft, bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.

Maliek Jaquawn Levier, 18, 200 block of Carrier Street, Port Barre. Criminal damage to property, bench warrant. Arrested by Port Barre Police.

Harold Joseph Stansbury Jr., 35, 100 block of Broussard Lane, Arnaudville. Criminal damage to property. Arrested by Port Barre Police.

Keith Joseph Zerangue, 48, 7500 block of Highway

at 310 W. Vine St.

Free food for seniors at Farmers' Market

Coupons are available for low-income senior citizens to get free food. The coupons may be used to buy fresh produce at the Eunice Farmers' Market. For more information, call Sanford Wood at 337-457-0607.

Registration for French-immersion school in Sunset

École St. Landry, a public charter school will launch in August for the 2021-2022 school year with capacity for 48 kindergarten students and 48 first grade St. Landry Parish students.

To learn more about École St. Landry, go to ecolestlandry.org.

Jesus to Mankind Prayer meeting set

The public is invited to a Prayer Group Meeting (Jesus To Mankind) every Thursday from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Cajun Campground, located on Hwy. 190 east.

For more information, call 336-566-3843.

Help programs ongoing at First Baptist

Two programs are ongoing at the First Baptist Church of Eunice Fellowship Hall.

Grief Share meets on Sundays through May 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. with new material every week.

Single and Parenting meets on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. through May 19 also with new material each session.

Activities for children of all ages is available.

For more information, contact Kim Loewer at 337-580-3280 or First Baptist Church of Eunice 337-457-2361.

VFW bingo Thursday & Sundays

The VFW Post 8971 will hold Bingo. The public is invited each Thursday and Sunday at 7 p.m. to play Bingo at the VFW Hall located on Hwy. 190 East. All proceeds from Bingo games goes back to the community.

There will be a New game offered.

The VFW Hall doors open at 4 p.m.

Clovis Crawfish books on sale

The City of Eunice is selling Clovis Crawfish books by Mary Alice Fontenot as a fundraiser for the city's 125th anniversary.

Anyone wishing to buy a

book is asked to call 337-457-7389, extension 1, or 337-305-3672.

VA van trips are available again

The Veterans Administration (VA) has started making van trips to the facilities, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Riders are asked to meet at the Eunice City Hall parking lot.

For more information, call 305-1801 or 396-6392.

Vet organizations seek members

The three veterans organizations in Eunice are looking for new members. American Legion Post 129, VFW Post 8971 and the DAV chapter are welcoming new members.

For more information about joining, call Don Reber, commander of VFW Post 8971 at 337-580-5444; The American Legion Post 129 Commander David Crader at 337-580-4052; and Commander Kenneth Manuel at DAV at 337-305-1801.

St. Louis Cemetery asking for donations

The St. Louis Cemetery, located at the corner of St. Louis Road and Sittig in Eunice is seeking donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. The cemetery strictly operates by donations and volunteers. The cemetery is not a private one.

Families who wish to donate are asked to send to Keith Laverne, cemetery manager, at St. Louis Cemetery, P.O. Box 325, Eunice, LA 70535.

For details, questions, call: 337-305-0328 or 337-580-0340. Email address is: stlouiscemetery@gmail.com

Free hearing aids, amplified phones

Free amplified telephones and hearing aids are available to Louisiana residents. The program is funded by a state agency, Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.

Call Stacy at Affiliated Blind of Louisiana for more information on how to qualify at 337-234-6492.

Funeral honor guard for vets needs help

A foundation has been set for the St Landry Parish Veteran Funeral Honor Guard and now it needs donations to become a reality, according to Lincoln "Link" Savoie, coordinator.

Donations can be made to American Legion Post 514, in care of Veterans Funeral Honor Guard, P.O. Box 1145, Opelousas, LA, 70571.

City Marshals.

Kendall R. Thompson, 34, 2400 block of Agriculture Street, New Orleans. Possession with intent to distribute Schedule I CDS, illegal use of a CDS in the presence of a person under 17 years of age (2 counts), transactions involving proceeds from drug offenses. Arrested by Port Barre Police.

Buster James Thibodeaux, Jr., 44, 800 block of Capri Alley, Opelousas. Bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office. Rebooked on additional charges.

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Eunice Manor Nursing Home celebrates National Nursing Home this week with many activities planned for their residents and staff. (Submitted photo)

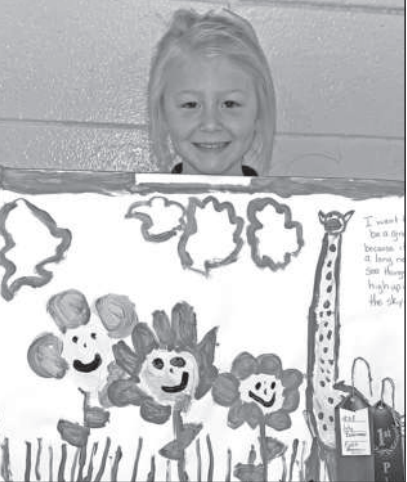
Eunice Manor celebrates National Nursing Home Week with residents

With a theme of “Together through the Seasons,” administrator Nickie Toups recognized and celebrates National Nursing Home Week with her staff and residents. Monday was the Nursing Home’s kickoff ceremony with guests on hand, the VFW Post 8971 Chapter and the American Legion Post 129 chapter representatives. Eunice Manor has a full week planned for their staff and residents along with a crawfish boil on Friday. Toups added, “We celebrate our dedicated, selfless, passion staff members that have overcome a year of unprecedented times. Our staff rose to the challenge and conquered. We know that with God, determination and people helping people all things are possible. We are Nursing Home Strong.”

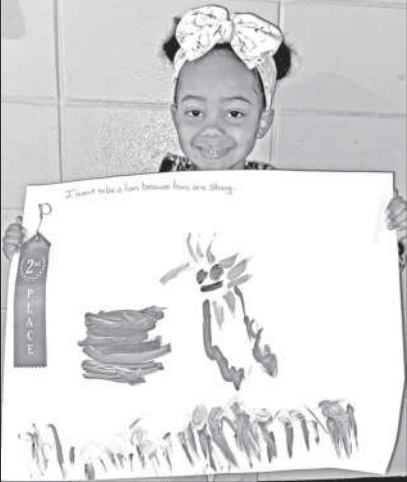
Positive Behavior students at East Elementary



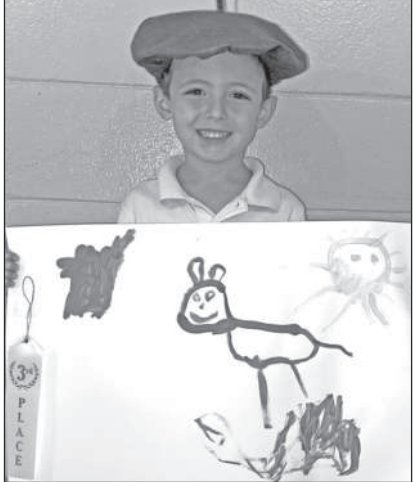
Lauren Lafleur’s kindergarten students earned the title of Positive Behavior students at East Elementary for the month of April. From left, are Ellie Deville, Kora Higginbotham, Larenz Milburn, Tripp Duplechin, Kallie Bond and Mary Helen Bollich. (Submitted photo)



Jolie Babineaux, first place winner



Olivia Leger, second place winner



Everett Thevis, third place winner

Future artists at East Elementary

East Elementary Pre-k students recently participated in a parish-wide art contest. They were asked, “If you could be an animal, what animal would you be and why?” Jolie Babineaux answered, “I would be a giraffe because a giraffe has a long neck to see things high in the sky.” Jolie placed first at the school level and also first at the parish level. Olivia Leger, who placed second at the school level answered, “I would be a lion because lions are strong.” Placing third at the school level is Everett Thevis. Everett’s response to the art question was, “I would be a dog because I’m getting a cute dog.” (Submitted information and photos)

Residential Garden of the Month



The May Yard of the Month was presented to Dwayne Vidrine (pictured) and Kurt Fontenot by Lynn Pavich, a volunteer member of the Bulb and Blossom Garden Club. The lovely residence at 451 S. 3rd St. is neatly manicured and landscaped by both of them. Flowering beds are filled with azaleas, knock-out roses, drift roses, flowering magnolia tree, sweet olive and crepe

myrtles. Bedding annuals and perennials include pentas, society garlic, fox tail fern, agapanthus, caladiums, air plane plants and asparagus ferns. Large urns on brick pillars are filled with geraniums and dahlias adding more color to entrance. Golden euonymus shrubs line driveway area to right. (Submitted photos)

Birth notes



Christian Lomas
Alex Van Paul and Lauren Oliver Lomas of Eunice announce the birth of their son, *Christian Paul Lomas*, born at Acadian Medical Center on May 4 weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Steven Oliver Sr. and Amy Oliver. Paternal grandparents are Saige and Tracy Lomas, and Rebecca Boone. He was welcomed home by Kaila, Sawyer and Bella Lomas.

Skylard Arvie Jr.
Jessica Morris and Skylard Arvie of Ville Platte announce the birth of their son, *Skylard De-galvez Arvie Jr.* born at Acadian Medical Center on April 26 weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Maternal grandmother is Wanda Price of Ville Platte. Paternal grandmother is Sarah Arvie of Ville Platte.

Jai’Quan Guidry
Ja’Kaylan Jones and Quan Terrus Guidry of Crowley announce the birth of their son, *Jai’Quan Malik Guidry*, born at Acadian Medical Center on April 28 weighing 6 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Cassandra Jones and Charmain Solomon of Crowley. Paternal grandparents are the late Godfrey Lee Guidry and Carl Wheeler of Rayne.

Zailynn Rider
Shanee Rider of Ville Platte announces the birth of her son, *Zailynn Quinn Rider*, born at Acadian Medical Center on April 29 weighing 6 pounds and 10.4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are LaRaiee LeBouef and Tommy Godeaux of Eunice. He was welcomed home by Zachary McGoldrick and his mother.

Noah Cuellar
Ashley Courville and Jesus Cuellar of Eunice announce the birth of their son, *Noah Emmanuel Cuellar*, born at Acadian

Medical Center on May 4 weighing 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Paula and Glen Courville. Paternal grandparents are Jesus M. Cuellar Martinez and Hortencia Zamarran Sepulved. He was welcomed home by his brothers Kyson Courville and Jonah Cuellar.

Braker Thierry
Anastasia Renovard and Tralyn Travon Thierry of Eunice announce the birth of their son, *Braker Nolan Thierry*, born at Acadian Medical Center on May 4 weighing 5 pounds and 8 ounces. Maternal grandmother is Lillian Thierry of Opelousas. Paternal grandparents are John Renovard, and Nicci Renovard of South Jordan, Utah.

Ridge Thibodeaux
Amber Lindig of Eunice and Jon Thibodeaux of Basile announce the birth of their son, *Ridge Hayes Thibodeaux*, born at Acadian Medical Center on May 5 weighing 7 pounds and 7.6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Melinda Lindig and Martin Lindig of Eunice. Paternal grandparents are Richie Thibodeaux of Basile and Xoreta Comeaux of Basile.

Summer Thibodeaux
Hailey Thibodeaux of Opelousas announces the birth of her daughter, *Summer Reign Thibodeaux*, born at Acadian Medical Center on May 6 weighing 6 pounds and 7 ounces. Maternal grandmother is Ashley Thibodeaux of Opelousas.

Halle Chaddrick
Nicholas James Chaddrick and Carly Allyse Guillory Chaddrick of Ville Platte announce the birth of their daughter, *Halle Reese Chaddrick*, born at Acadian Medical Center on May 8 weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Shane Guillory and Tressie Guillory of Ville Platte. Paternal grandparents are Clifton Chaddrick and Debra Chaddrick of Ville Platte. She was welcomed home by Tyler Jase Chaddrick and River James Chaddrick.

Getting married soon?

Getting married soon? The Eunice News offers package deals for engaged couples at special prices. Detailed, simple forms can be picked up in the newspaper’s office at 465 Aymond. The information can be submitted by email (preferred) or hand-delivered. There is a word limit on each announcement. The wedding packages include: *Engagement and wedding package for \$85. Lamination available for extra \$10 and three months’ free subscription. * Engagement photo sizes are 2 cols x 4 inches; wedding pictures are 2 cols x 6 inches. Guaranteed color location is available for an extra fee of \$35. * Engagement only \$35, with one-month free subscription. * Wedding only \$50, lamination \$5 extra, and two months free subscription. Questions, additional information: myra.miller@eunicetoday.com

Business Garden of the Month



The May Business Yard sign was presented to Angie Guillory, bank manager at Washington State Bank, by Lynn Pavich, member of the Bulb and Blossom Club. The bank grounds are neatly manicured and flowering beds are uniformly planted with Pringle shrubs, Acadiana Holly trees and Adajio Maiden grass. A crepe myrtle tree to the right completes the landscape. The entrance has a large urn filled with aspidistra.

St. Edmund holds awards ceremony

**By Tom Dodge
Sports Editor**

It was a memorable year for St. Edmund athletics as every sport made the playoffs.

The school's athletes were recognized Monday for their accomplishments in the annual award ceremony.

Henry Brown and Gus Brown were given the Coach Joe Nagata Memorial Award.

The Jerry Hoffpauir Memorial Award went to Sarah Duplechain and Clay Miller.

Miss Blue Jay was Mary Beth LaFleur and Easten Coleman was named Mr. Blue Jay.

In volleyball, the offensive captain award went to Savannah DeVillier.

The defensive captain award was given to Annabelle Fontenot, while Rebecca Benoit earned the coaches award.

In football, the coaches award was given to Luke Trahan and Dominic Prudhomme.

Gus Brown earned the offensive captain award, while the outstanding offensive player award went to Kieran Davis.

Kasen Hollier was named the defensive captain, while the outstanding defensive player

award went to Garret DuBois.

Matt McGee earned the lineman award.

Wyatt LaCour earned the Burlsworth Character Award.

St. Edmund's Connor Diaz, was chosen to attend the Hawaii Tiki Bowl and he will be sponsored by the family of the late Roger Hollier in his memory.

Trainer captain award went to Jami Fuselier, while Jacey Cobb and Gracie Savoy earned the co-captain award.

On the dance team, Mackenzie Carrier earned the captain award and Caroline Feucht was given the co-captain award.

The cheerleader captain award went to DeVillier, while Tanzy Miller and LaFleur were the co-captains.

The drumline captain award went to Rebecca Benoit and Hannah Benoit.

In girls basketball, DeVillier was named captain.

The outstanding offensive player award went to LaFleur, while Tanzy Miller earned outstanding defensive player honors.

The coaches award went



Miss Blue Jay Mary Beth Lafleur and Mr. Blue Jay Easten Coleman (Photos by Tom Dodge)



Joe Nagata Memorial Award recipients Henry Brown and Gus Brown.



Jerry Hoffpauir Memorial Award winners Sarah Duplechain and Clay Miller.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Anna Belle Fontenot – St. Edmund softball

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Jailyn Pavich – Eunice High softball

Awards

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LaFleur, while Tanzy Miller earned outstanding defensive player honors.

The coaches award went to Anna Belle Fontenot.

In boys basketball, Henry Brown and Coleman were given the captains award.

Alex Fontenot earned the coaches award.

The outstanding defensive player award went to Luke Trahan, while Davis earned the outstanding offensive player award.

In powerlifting, the outstanding lifter award went to two-time state champion Dylan Miller.

Diaz earned the coaches award.

Evan Aucoin was recognized for his participation in rodeo.

In softball, the captain award went to Duplechain and Fontenot, while Caroline Trahan earned the coaches award.

Lafleur was named the outstanding defensive player, while Anna Chapman earned outstanding offensive player honors.

In baseball, the coaches award went to Remi Guillory.

Luke Vidrine earned the outstanding utility player award.

Daven Benoit was named both the outstanding pitcher and outstanding offensive player.

William Driggs earned outstanding defensive player honors.

The boys golf team finished as the Div. IV state runners-up. The team included Henry Brown, Harry West, Gus Brown,



St. Edmund's Wyatt LaCour earned the Burlsworth Character Award. (Photo by Tom Dodge)

Hayden Bertrand and Jacob Southall.

West, who finished second in the individual competition was named the team's outstanding golfer.

The coaches award went to Bertrand.

In girls golf, the coaches award went to Jami Fuselier, while the outstanding golfer was Macie Berzas.

In boys tennis, the coaches award was given to Ross Fontenot. Pierson Brown earned the captain award.

In girls tennis, DeVillier earned the captain award, while the coaches award went to Greta Mill-

er. Devillier was also given the captain award in girls track.

The outstanding field performer was LaFleur, while Ellie Manuel was named outstanding track performer.

The coaches award went to Tanzy Miller.

In boys track, Luke Trahan was given the captain award and Gus Brown earned the coaches award.

The outstanding field award went to Clay Miller.

Coleman and Alex Fontenot shared outstanding track performer honors.

Bobcats continue spring football



Eunice assistant coach L'Quintin Lamb gives instruction to Lorenzo Greene as coaches Josh Guidry and Trace Trosclair watch the demonstration. (Photos by Barry Spears)



Eunice defensive coordinator Dale Guillory talks with Trevor Watley during a break.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
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Sealed bids for the construction of Cells # 9, 10, 16 & 17 for the St. Landry Parish Sanitary Landfill consisting of approximately 33,000 C.Y. of excavation, 39,200 C.Y. of recompacted clay liner, 340,000 S.F. of HDPE geomembrane, 120,400 S.F. of geotextile, 2 HDPE manholes, and 1,420 L.F. of P.E. leachate collection piping and other associated work will be received by the Chairman and Commission Members, St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District, Meeting Room, Beggs, Louisiana until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2021 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Electronic bidding is also available through Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.com

Plans and specifications may be examined, without charge, in the office of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District, 417 Solid Waste Road, Washington, LA 70589 in St. Landry Parish or at the offices of Aucoin & Associates, Inc., 433 North C.C. Duson Street, Eunice, Louisiana 70535 or will be forwarded to the prospective bidder upon deposit with the Engineers of \$200.00 for one (1) set of plans and specifications plus postage.

The full deposit for one set of plans and specifications will be refunded to each general contractor who submits a bona-fide bid. For additional sets of documents and for documents issued to subcontractors or material suppliers, the cost of reproduction and mailing of each set will be deducted and a balance of \$50.00 refunded. Said refunds will only be made for a complete set of documents in good condition returned within 10 days following bid opening. Partial sets of documents will not be issued.

Bids must be submitted on Bid Forms furnished for this purpose by the Engineers. Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, forms, and subject to the conditions provided for in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

Attention of Bidder is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed which reads: NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; BIDDERS ON THIS WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11246. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS UNDER THIS ORDER ARE EXPLAINED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT BEGGS, LOUISIANA THIS THE 29th DAY OF April, 2021.

/s/ _____ Jody Powell
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

/s/ _____ Pete Oliver
Secretary/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to article IV, section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on April 30, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), an electric public utility having facilities to provide retail electric service to residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers in fifty-eight Parishes of the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") an Application ("Application") for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta and Winter Storm Uri.

The Application requests the following: (1) find ELL's storm costs for Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta of \$1.988 billion and Winter Storm Uri of \$60 million to be reasonable and necessary and approve their recovery from customers; (2) approve ELL's request for the reestablishment of a storm escrow account in an amount equal to that established after Hurricane Isaac, or \$290 million; (3) authorize ELL to recover carrying charges on the approved storm restoration costs from the date on which the storm restoration costs were incurred until the date that bonds are issued pursuant to a financing order or until the storm restoration costs are otherwise recovered; (4) specify and approve the manner in which the storm restoration costs will be functionalized and allocated to rate classes within ELL's retail jurisdiction; and (5) grant such other relief to which ELL may be entitled.

The Company's Application, including proposed changes to the rates and charges, may be viewed in the Office of the Louisiana Public Service Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Entergy Louisiana, LLC

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NO. 20-C-0361-D, CIVIL DOCKET, 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF A PARTITION BY LICITATION ISSUED OUT OF THE HONORABLE, THE 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LOUISIANA, IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE AND TO ME DIRECTED, I HAVE SEIZED AND TAKEN INTO MY POSSESSION AND WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE LAST AND HIGHEST BIDDER, ACCORDING TO LAW, COMMENCING AT THE LEGAL HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. AT THE PRINCIPAL FRONT DOOR OF THE COURT HOUSE AT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

ITEM I

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL FENCING THEREON LOCATED IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, NEAR PALMETTO, CONTAINING TEN (10) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: NORTH BY PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO JOSEPH A. DURIO; SOUTH BY THE CENTER LINE OF BAYOU PETITE PRAIRIE; EAST BY THE 50 ACRE TRACT OF LAND PURCHASED BY ARTHUR MOORE HEREIN FROM LEWIS C. BIHM ON JUNE 1, 1927 UNDER ACT NO. 110034, RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK P-5, PAGE 216; AND WEST BY PROPERTY OF SIMIEN. BEING THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 40 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ACQUIRED BY MRS. LEWIS C. BIHM BY JUDGMENT OF POSSESSION DATED APRIL 3, 1944 IN THE ESTATE OF LEWIS C. BIHM, PROBATE DOCKET 9452, CONVEYANCE BOOK R-7, PAGE 587. PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY DECEDENTS FROM MRS. LEWIS C. BIHM IN CONVEYANCE BOOK M-8, PAGE 609, ACT 246423, JULY 19, 1947.

ITEM II:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, CONTAINING 50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP FOUR SOUTH (T-4-S), RANGE FIVE EAST (R-5-E), ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, NEAR PALMETTO; BEING BOUNDED NORTH BY WILLIAM MOORE FORMERLY JOSEPH DURIO; WEST BY LEWIS C. BIHM; EAST BY STEWART TAYLOR AND WILLIAM MOORE FORMERLY JOSEPH DURIO; AND SOUTH BY GODCHAUX, AND BEING PART OF THE SAME PROPERTY THAT LEWIS C. BIHM ACQUIRED BY ACT OF PARTITION FROM ELIZABETH BEASLEY IN 1923, AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY DECEDENTS FROM LEWIS C. BIHM IN CONVEYANCE BOOK P-5, PAGE 216. ACT 110034, JUNE 1, 1927.

ITEM III:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, CONTAINING TWENTY (20) ACRES SITUATED ON BAYOU PETITE PRAIRIE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA IN SECTIONS 10 AND 15, TOWNSHIP FOUR SOUTH (T-4-S), RANGE FIVE EAST (R-5-E), NEAR PALMETTO AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY ED FIELDS; SOUTH BY BAYOU PETITE PRAIRIE; EAST BY BASEL TAYLOR; AND WEST BY WILLIAM MOORE AND BEING A STRIP OFF THE EAST SIDE OF A TRACT ACQUIRED BY WILLIAM MOORE FROM J. A. HAAS ON OCTOBER 12, 1915 BY ACT NO. 76389, RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK H-4½, PAGE 406, SAID STRIP BEING OF A SUFFICIENT WIDTH BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES TO MAKE THE 20 ACRES SOLD.

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BOBBY J. GUIDROZ, SHERIFF
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Ad

The Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District will hold a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. to present and adopt its proposed 2021-2022 annual budget at 10 Calvert Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, (318) 443-9646. The public is invited to attend and the proposed budget is available for public inspection.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF BID

THE ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, PATRICK JENKINS, SUPERINTENDENT, 1013 E. CRESWELL LANE, P O BOX 310, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA 70571-0310, WILL RECEIVE SEALED BIDS UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021, @ 9:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING : "MILK & MILK PRODUCTS"; "BREAD & BAKERY PRODUCTS"; "PAPER & CLEANING PRODUCTS"; "SMALL EQUIPMENT"; "PEST CONTROL"; & "GREASE TRAP SLUDGE", AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD.

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PATRICK JENKINS, SUPERINTENDENT
ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

(PUBLISH: MAY 13 & 20, 2021) 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUCCESSION * PROBATE DOCKET NO. 20-P-1133-C

OF * 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CECIL A. DOPSON, SR. * ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Administrator of this Succession has petitioned this court for authority to sell the Succession's undivided one-half interest in certain movable and immovable property at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Articles 3281 and 3443 of the Code of Civil Procedure, with recognition that the property to be sold was acquired by decedent and his wife as community property so that decedent owned an undivided one-half interest therein. The complete description of the movable and immovable property proposed to be sold is as follows:

Item No. 1:
One 1983 Jay HS Tan mobile home bearing VIN 18531099S

Item No. 2:
A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Section 78, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.0 acres, and being more fully shown on the Plat of Survey of Morgan Goudeau and Associates, dated May 14, 1981, a copy of which is attached to an Act of Cash Sale dated December 10, 1981, of record in COB U-23, pages 37-39, Act No. 660740, Clerk's Office, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, said property being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: Northwest by Joubert, Northeast by Savoy, Southeast by Joubert Drive, and Southwest by a fifty (50') foot right-of-way identified on said plat as "Future Road."
ABSTRACTOR'S NOTE: SEE Cash sale from Christopher P. Vidrine to Cecil A. Dopson, Sr. and Barbara Trahan Dopson dated and recorded on March 10, 1989, in COB R-31, Page 7, as Act No. 730748, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

Item No. 3:
A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Sections 77 and 78, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, containing 2.65 acres, and being designated as Lot No. 9-A of a plat of survey made by Nason A. LaJack, Jr., Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 14, 1989, a copy of which is attached to a Cash Sale from Mrs. Allie Charles Joubert to Cecil A. Dopson, et ux dated and recorded of September 6, 1989, in COB Z-31, Page 736, as Act No. 735588, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT the 1.541 acre tract sold to Stephen Gerard Vizinat et ux by act of sale dated Jan. 19, 2011 recorded on Jan. 26, 2011 as Act No. 1047215.

ABSTRACTOR'S NOTE: SEE the following acts, (a) Cash Sale from Mrs. Allie Charles Joubert to Cecil A. Dopson and Barbara Trahan Dopson dated and recorded on September 6, 1989, in COB Z-31, Page 735, as Original Act No. 735588, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and (b) Cash Sale from Cecil A. Dopson and Barbara Trahan Dopson to Stephen Gerard Vizinat and Elaine Presler Vizinat dated Jan. 19, 2011 and recorded on Jan. 26, 2011 as Original Act No. 1047215, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

The total price to be paid for the acquisition of full ownership of the above-described property will be \$8,000.00 cash, which shall be paid at the closing, with \$4,000.00 being allocated to this "Succession of Barbara Trahan Dopson, Probate Docket No. 18-P-4872-C, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana," with each Succession paying its proportionate share of expenses, encumbrances, and taxes before receiving its proportionate share of the net proceeds.

Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file with his opposition within ten (10) days from the date on which the publication of this notice appears.

By order of this Court, this 3rd day of May, 2021, at Opelousas, Louisiana.

/s/ Julie Nugent
DEPUTY CLERK

(PUBLISH: MAY 13, 2021) 1T

PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
St. Landry Parish School Board
April 1, 2021

The St. Landry Parish School Board held a Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at the St. Landry Parish School Board Resource Center, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana.

1. OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order at 5:01 PM.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion: A. Discussion and review on the repurposing of Highland Elementary to an Early Education Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Hazel Sias, Board President, called three times for public comment on the repurposing of Highland Elementary to an Early Education Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

Discussion: B. Discussion and review of the draft attendance zones for Highland Elementary students that will be attending East Elementary, Eunice Elementary, and Glendale Elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Hazel Sias, Board President, called three times for public comment regarding the draft attendance zones for Highland Elementary students that will be attending East Elementary, Eunice Elementary, and Glendale Elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

After no public comments were made, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Motion by Albert Hayes, second by Myron Guillory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

4. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Procedural: A. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:10PM.

Procedural: B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members:

Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere
Courtney Joiner, attorney for the Board, was also in attendance.

Procedural: C. Observe Moment of Silence

A prayer was recited by Myron Guillory.

Procedural: D. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Procedural: E. Resolutions of Sympathy

Upon motion of the entire membership of the Board, the following Resolutions of Sympathy were adopted :

- **Shane Smith**, Special Education teacher at Leonville Elementary, and husband of Kristi Smith, St. Landry Parish School Board accountant
- **Wallace Splane**, father of Simone Bordelon, 1st grade teacher at Park Vista Elementary
- **Allan Picard**, father of Jessica Picard, paraprofessional at East Elementary
- **Shirley Hogue**, mother of Carol Aguilard, Special Education teacher at East Elementary
- **Gary Dean Blood, Sr.**, father of Gary Blood, Jr., Principal at Port Barre High, and father of Rachel Melancon, Assistant Principal at Park Vista Elementary
- **Ron Haynes**, son of Yvette Haynes, teacher at Opelousas High School

Procedural: F. Board President's Comments

Mrs. Hazel Sias, Board President, addressed the board and audience .

Procedural: G. Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentations to students by Mr. Anthony Standberry
- REACH University- Blake Noel I Angela Cassimere: First Cohort of St. Landry Parish Support Personnel working towards Teacher Certification:
 - TIFFIENY GALLIEN - Lawtell Elementary
 - KRYSTAL RICHARD - Lawtell Elementary
 - CHRISTINA COLLINS - Lawtell Elementary
 - CONNIE DEROUEN - GROLEE Elementary
- Congratulations to Ayla Voilier for having her artwork selected to appear on the Teacher Leader Summit-shirt.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Kellie Rabalais for being recognized by LDOE as a 2022 Principal of the Year Semi-Finalist!
- Congratulations to Jennifer Hebert, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Beau Chene High School, on being selected as the Dream Teacher of the Month for May 2021.
- Congratulations to all St. Landry Parish students who competed at the Regional Science Fair this year. The winners are as follows:
 - o Katelyn Walker- Opelousas High School
 - 2nd place in Biomedical Engineering service
 - o Katelyn also placed 3ra at the Louisiana State Science Fair in Biomedical Engineering. +
 - o Isaiiah Ceaser and Jase Frank - Eunice High School
 - Honorable Mention in Engineering Mechanics
 - o Madison Henderson - Opelousas High School
 - 3rd place in Transla tiona l Medical Science
 - Above and Beyond Recognitions
 - o Beau Chene High
 - Johnathan Eaglin
 - o CAPS
 - Chevelle Stevens
 - o Central Middle
 - Ashley Miller
 - o Eunice Career & Tech
 - Wallace Deshotel
 - o Grand Prairie Elementary
 - Tanya Auzenne
 - o Grolee Elementary
 - The Staff of Grolee would like to present their Above and Beyond award to the late Mr. Keith Colligan. The staff feels this is a great opportunity to honor his legacy. Mr. Colligan was a custodian at Grolee for 7 years.
 - o Highland Elementary -
 - Henrietta Dupre
 - o Krotz Springs Elementary
 - Michelle Smith
 - o Leonville Elementary
 - Donna Meche
 - o MACA
 - Nicole Carter
 - o Northeast Elementary
 - Brock Shaheen
 - o North Central High
 - Shonta Randall
 - o Opelousas High
 - Sheryl Ned
 - o Opelousas Jr. High
 - Crystal Green
 - o Park Vista Elementary
 - Phillis Chavis
 - o Plaisance Middle
 - LaShondra Taylor
 - o Port Barre Middle
 - Bobbie Jo LeBlanc
 - o Port Barre High
 - Dana Hebert
 - o SLATS
 - Heidi Charles
- Congratulations to the following students from North Central High School for receiving the award from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association:
 - o Boys Basketball: Derrick Tezeno- Class IA First Team All-State
 - o Girls Basketball: Ya'Jaia Goudeau - Class IA Second Team All-State

Recognition of Board Members for completing twenty hours or more of school board training :

- Myron Guillory
- Hazel Sias
- Mary Donatto
- Denise Rose
- Joyce Haynes
- Randy Wagley
- Donnie Perron
- Raymond Cassimere
- Kyle Boss
- Josh Boudreaux

Procedural: H. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Patrick Jenkins addressed the board and audience.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: A. Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 4, 2021
Action, Minutes: B. Regular Board Meeting held on March 4, 2021
Action, Minutes: C. Special Board Meeting held on March 22, 2021
Action, Minutes: D. Executive Committee Meeting held on March 23, 2021
Action, Minutes: E. Buildings, Lands & Sites Committee Meeting held on March 22, 2021
Action, Minutes: F. Finance Committee Meeting held on March 22, 2021
Action, Minutes: G. Academic Committee Meeting held on March 23, 2021
Action, Minutes: H. Personnel, Employee Benefits, and Transportation Committee Meeting held on March 23, 2021

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion by Albert Hayes, second by Milton Ambres.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

6. BUILDINGS, LANDS, & SITES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Action. Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to approve the repurpos-

ing of Highland Elementary to an Early Education Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve the repurposing of Highland Elementary to an Early Education Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mary Donatto, second by Albert Hayes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: B. Discussion and/or action to approve the attendance zones for Highland Elementary students that will be attending East Elementary, Eunice Elementary, and Glendale Elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve Plan 2 Attendance Zones for Highland Elementary students that will be attending East Elementary, Eunice Elementary, and Glendale Elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Albert Hayes, second by Mary Donatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: C. Discussion and/or action for renewal of camp leases at Bayou Courtableu (16th section property), to increase leases to a minimum of \$300.00 per year, and to allow Mr. Don Leger an operating budget of \$5,000.00 per year for maintenance improvements.- Mr. Don Leger

Motion to approve the renewal of camp leases at Bayou Courtableu (16th section property), to increase leases to a minimum of \$300.00 per year, and to allow Mr. Don Leger an operating budget of \$5,000.00 per year for maintenance improvements.

Motion by Kyle Boss, second by Josh Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: D. Discussion and/or action to consider purchasing leased buildings from WillScot at the following campuses: Grand Prairie Elementary, Lawtell Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, and Port Barre Elementary.- Ms. Claudia Blanchard

Motion to approve to consider purchasing leased buildings from WillScot at the following campuses: Grand Prairie Elementary, Lawtell Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, and Port Barre Elementary.

Motion by Myron Guillory, second by Donnie Perron.

Final Resolution : Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Denise Rose asked to be put on record stating her desire to have permanent buildings built at Palmetto Elementary in the near future.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Action, Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to approve Board and Committee Meeting dates for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion to approve Board and Committee Meeting dates for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion by Denise Rose, second by Josh Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: B. Discussion and/or action regarding the potential lease of School Board property to an ambulance service company under the terms and conditions set forth in the School Board's draft cooperative endeavor agreement.- Mr. Patrick Jenkins

Motion to approve the potential lease of School Board property to an ambulance service company under the terms and conditions set forth in the School Board's draft cooperative endeavor agreement.

Motion by Milton Ambres, second by Albert Hayes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: C. Consider authorizing Superintendent Patrick D. Jenkins to solicit bids, in accordance with La.R.S. 41:1214 et seq., for purposes of leasing a piece of School Board property to an ambulance service company under the terms and conditions set forth in a draft cooperative endeavor agreement. - Mr. Patrick Jenkins

Motion to approve to give Superintendent Patrick D. Jenkins authorization to solicit bids, in accordance with La.R.S. 41:1214 et seq., for purposes of leasing a piece of School Board property to an ambulance service company under the terms and conditions set forth in a draft cooperative endeavor agreement

Motion by Donnie Perron, second by Raymond Cassimere.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: D. Discussion and/or action to forego closure of any St. Landry Parish public school for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to table item.

Motion by Denise Rose, second by Mary Donatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Action, Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to approve pay for Summer Learning Academies.- Mrs. Angela Cassimere

Motion to approve pay for Summer Learning Academies.

Motion by Myron Guillory, second by Denise Rose.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: B. Discussion and/or action to authorize Superintendent Patrick D. Jenkins to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for the purpose of receiving Racino funding. - Mrs. Tressa Miller

Motion to approve to give Superintendent Patrick D. Jenkins authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for the purpose of receiving Racino funding.

Motion by Milton Ambres, second by Josh Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

9. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Action, Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to reconfigure the grade structure at Washington Elementary from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade to Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade beginning at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve to reconfigure the grade structure at Washington Elementary from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade to Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade beginning at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Myron Guillory, second by Denise Rose.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Nay: Albert Hayes, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres

Abstain: Hazel Sias

Substitute motion to approve to close Washington Elementary.

Motion by Milton Ambres, second by Hazel Sias.

Milton Ambres withdrew his substitute motion.

Motion to add the following item to the agenda:

Discussion and/or action to close Washington Elementary.

Motion by Milton Ambres, second by Mary Donatto.

Motion Fails

Yea: Hazel Sias, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres

Nay: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Josh Boudreaux, Kyle Boss, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Abstain: Joyce Haynes

Substitute motion to leave the grade configuration at Washington Elementary as Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Motion by Josh Boudreaux, second by Raymond Cassimere.

Motion Fails

Yea: Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Josh Boudreaux, Kyle Boss, Milton Ambres, Raymond Cassimere

Nay: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Hazel Sias, Joyce Haynes, Mary Donatto, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Motion by Myron Guillory, second by Albert Hayes.

Final Resolution : Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Sias, Board President

ATTEST: Patrick D. Jenkins, Superintendent

TRANSCRIBED BY: Valencia Thierry-Tyler

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

St. Landrv Parish School Board

April 14, 2021

The St. Landry Parish School Board met in special session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at the St. Landry Parish School Board Resource Center, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 PM .

Procedural: B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members:

Anthony Standberry, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Denise Rose was in attendance virtually by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Courtney Joiner, attorney for the Board, was also in attendance virtually by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Albert Hayes, was not in attendance.

Procedural: C. Observe Moment of Silence

Procedural: D. Pledge of Allegiance

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Action, Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to allow Superintendent Patrick Jenkins to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Opelousas for the construction of a track and turf football field at Donald Gardner Stadium, 1524 S. Market Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

Motion to allow Superintendent Patrick Jenkins to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Opelousas for the construction of a track and turf football field at Donald Gardner Stadium, 1524 S. Market Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

Motion by Donnie Perron, second by Joyce Haynes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anthony Standberry, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: B. Discussion and/or action for approval to fund the construction of a track and football field at Donald Gardner Stadium, 1524 S. Market Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

Motion to table the approval to fund the construction of a track and football field at Donald Gardner Stadium, 1524 S. Market Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570, until the Board receives more information from Superintendent Jenkins and schedule a Special Board Meeting for April 26, 2021.

Motion by Raymond Cassimere, second by Milton Ambres.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anthony Standberry, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

3. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 PM.

Motion by Myron Guillory, second by Josh Boudreaux.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Anthony Stand berry, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Sias, Board President

ATTEST: Patrick D. Jenkins, Superintendent

TRANSCRIBED BY: Valencia Thierry-Tyler

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

St. Landry Parish School Board

April 26, 2021

The St. Landry Parish School Board met in special session on Monday, April 26, 2021, at the St. Landry Parish School Board Resource Center, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Procedural: B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members:

Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Procedural: C. Observe Moment of Silence

A prayer was recited.

Procedural: D. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Action, Discussion: A. Discussion and/or action to approve Head Start COLA application and Salary Schedules updated for 1.22%/o COLA. - Ms. June Inhern

Motion to approve Head Start COLA application and Salary Schedules updated for 1.22% COLA. -Ms. June Inhern

Motion by Josh Boudreaux, second by Donnie Perron.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Stand berry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

Action, Discussion: B. Discussion and/or action to approve Budget Revision for 2019-2020 Head Start Carryover Funds. - Ms. June Inhern

Motion to approve Budget Revision for 2019-2020 Head Start Carryover Funds. - Ms. June Inhern

Motion by Albert Hayes, second by Anthony Standberry.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Albert Hayes, Anthony Standberry, Denise Rose, Donnie Perron, Hazel Sias, Josh Boudreaux, Joyce Haynes, Kyle Boss, Mary Donatto, Milton Ambres, Myron Guillory, Randy Wagley, Raymond Cassimere

3. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM.

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Cleanup volunteers assembled for a group photo Saturday morning at the pavilion on the City Hall parking lot. (Photo by David Simpson)

Cleanup

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But Andrepont said the key to cleaning up litter is for people to use trash cans.

Mayor Scott Fontenot said litter eventually ends up in waterways and clogs drainage.

Baltakis said there was another cleanup on April 24 in which 13 volunteers used Keep Eunice Beautiful supplies filled 15 bags with litter. The volunteers contributed 32.5 hours.

Alderwoman Connie Thibodeaux said the city cannot pay for the cleanup done by volunteers.



Volunteers at Eunice High School on Saturday. (Photo by Harlan Kirgan)

Also at the city meeting Tuesday, Brian Mallet, wastewater superintendent, urged people

to not flush baby wipes and similar materials. The city has spend about \$80,000 since December

cleaning those type of materials from the sewer system, he said.

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the collection system also would help and that has not been done in years, he said.

“We are also talking about taking the burdensome flow from the system into what we call an equalization basin. In other words, when we get these big storms coming in we’ll actually divert the flow from the system to a large basin — multiple millions of gallons diverted there — stored until the flow recedes,” he said.

The water stored in the equalization basin would be sent to the treatment plant so it would not overload the system.

The wastewater system typically handles about a million gallons a day, but increases up to seven million when a heavy rain occurs, he said.

Leak problems also exist on sewer lines on private property, he said.

Aucoin said it been about 20 years since there has been extensive smoke-testing of the sewer lines in the city.

Aucoin recommended the city address the sewer issues as a city-wide problem.

Fontenot said the city could seek a block grant to help with funding and federal money.

Aucoin said the city can seek block grant funding citing that 51% of the population is low to moderate income.

In 2005, voters failed

to renew a 2.11-mill tax for sewer maintenance. The tax generated about \$300,000 a year, said Ginny Moody, city clerk.

The 10-year-tax failed with 72% of the 863 votes cast voting against it.

Other business included:

— Millage rates of 6.77 for general alimony and 5 for street maintenance were approved. The rates are being adjusted up from 6.47 for general alimony and 4.78 for street maintenance. The rates had been rolled back to adjust to an increase in valuation, but are returning to the previous millages.

— A consent judgment with Eunice Police Lt. Michael Dunn was approved. Dunn is to be paid back pay totaling \$4,779.32. The city also is transferring ownership of a police dog, Robin, to Dunn.

— An amendment to the city’s current budget and next year’s budget were introduced by title only. No budget numbers were presented.

— The city will advertise for a fuel provider and a fiscal agent.

— French Language and Heritage Day was declared for Sept. 7.

— An emergency was declared to replace a generator at the Central Fire Station.

— A show cause hearing was approved for property at 250 Aymond St.

— The mayor was authorized to research city-wide surveillance systems.



The tour of the Cajun Prairie restoration site in Eunice on Saturday. (Photo by Harlan Kirgan)

Prairie

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are to provide a pollination source, wetlands mitigation, carbon credit mitigation, agricultural resource and seed source.

ing. Vidrine cites a neighbor raising cattle on a prairie restoration site.

The society has a webpage, www.cajunprairie.org, that has a information about the restoration and the society.

“When you visit the

Eunice Cajun Prairie Site, you can view this restored ecosystem from paved trails. Signs along the trails will help you identify some of the 300 plus species of native Cajun Prairie species that call this ten acre site their home. Throughout the

year, you will find plants in flower but especially from March to October. A paved parking lot and a covered shelter for picnics make the site great for adults and school groups with lesson plans available on request,” it states.

Rural

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back untold dollars even with federal projects that we don’t apply for today.”

The bill has 13 co-authors. Rep. Thompson stated he hopes to have over 53 by the time it goes to the House floor.

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Sugarcane survived freeze; hampered by cool, wet weather

By Craig Gautreaux
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BACHELOR — There was great concern among Louisiana sugarcane farmers that the record cold temperatures at Mardi Gras would cause significant damage. It doesn't appear the crop suffered any long-term effect from the freeze, but a cool, wet March and April has limited growth.

According to Kenneth Gravois, LSU AgCenter sugarcane specialist, damage was limited to a few isolated fields.

"There were a few old stubble fields that had to be plowed out," Gravois said, "but really nothing more than normal. So we survived that in fine fashion."

The weather in March and April has not been ideal for growth.

"A dry spring never killed a cane crop," Gravois said. "And it's not been a dry spring. In looking at the meteorological data, this is going to be the second or third wettest April on record. So we've had enough rain."

While the freeze had many farmers concerned, they should see some benefits from the freeze regarding disease and insect pests.

Gravois said that diseases such as brown stripe and brown rust should be reduced, and the number of West Indian

cane flies should be lower.

The forecast for the rest of May has temperatures conducive for cane growth, but intermittent rain is also in the forecast. According to Gravois, nighttime temperatures above 70 degrees and daytime temperatures above 85 should spur growth.

"Even though the crop is a little behind," Gravois said, "if we start getting warm and dry for the month of May, we can catch up a lot of that growth."

Gravois said that the conditions of the previous year's harvest is one of the key indicators of success for the following year's crop.

"By far, the conditions that we harvest the previous year's crop has the biggest effect on the next year's crop," Gravois said. "So we had relatively dry conditions for harvesting the 2020 crop. That bodes well."

The wet weather has prohibited to make their fertilizer applications at the recommended times, which has also contributed to the crop being so short for this time of year.

Gravois expects Louisiana will have a sugarcane crop exceeding 500,000 acres this year, which represents a 20% increase during the past decade.



Kenneth Gravois, LSU AgCenter sugarcane specialist, examines a sugarcane plant on the AgCenter Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel. Gravois said the cane has been growing at a slow rate because of wet, cool weather in March and April. (Photo by Craig Gautreaux/LSU AgCenter)

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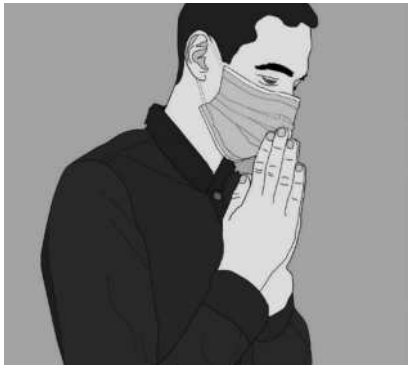


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Devotional Page

Breathe

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”
Genesis 2:7 NIV



We tend to take breathing for granted until it becomes difficult or obstructed. The worst aspect of respiratory ailments is often the “air hunger” that is created by the ailment. The coronavirus epidemic has made clear that breathing should not be taken for granted and that we are all connected through our breathing. We breathe the same air that others do when we share a communal space, and we thereby share with them the microbes and viruses in our bodies. All animals breathe, even if some do it through their gills or their skin, and to live is to breathe. Most religions recognize this, perhaps by referring to “the breath of life,” or even by suggesting spiritual practices focused on breathing. When we are nervous or afraid, our breathing tends to quicken and become shallow and we are well-advised to slow it

down and breathe more deeply. Some gurus advise us to simply pay attention to our breathing, saying to ourselves “I’m breathing in” as we breathe in and saying “I’m breathing out” as we breathe out. These practices tend to be associated with Eastern religions such as Taoism and Buddhism, but even in Judaism and Christianity there are practices which involve breathing. One of them is to say a short prayer while breathing in and repeat it while breathing out. The “Jesus Prayer” is one such prayer. The author of “The Way of the Pilgrim” advises us to breathe in while praying “Lord Jesus Christ,” and while breathing out praying “have mercy on me.”
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