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Maple Avenue work planned this year

By Harlan Kirgan
Editor
 The Maple Avenue — La. 91 — repaving project is still scheduled this year with bid letting set in February.
 State Rep. Phillip DeVillier said project has been expanded and will now include the overlay from the T-intersection with La. 13 west to the Acadia Parish line.
 The planning and design work wasn't complete for a scheduled January bid letting, he said.



Phillip DeVillier

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Congressional races draw a crowd

On the final day of qualifying, the race for the 5th Congressional District seat ended up with 13 candidates.
 The 5th District includes much of northeast Louisiana and stretches south to Opelousas.
 Qualifying ended on Friday with a two-way race for St. Landry Parish president.
 The race developed on Jan. 20 when qualifying started with Jessie Bellard, interim parish president, and Dwain Buller throwing their hats into the race.
 Bellard, of the 700 block of Landreneau Road, Eunice, qualified as a Democrat. Bellard has been serving as interim president.

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Eunice City Marshal Terry Darbonne holds a fake vehicle inspection sticker at his office on Tuesday. (Photo by Harlan Kirgan)

Fake inspection stickers showing up

Eunice City Marshal Terry Darbonne said his deputies have come across four of fake inspection stickers in the past couple of weeks.
 “They are buying them off the streets because they can’t go to a place that inspects vehicles because you have to show proof of insurance, registration and all of that,” he said.
 Valid vehicle inspection stickers cost \$10 for one year and \$20 for two years. Commercial inspections are \$30.
 The counterfeit stickers are going from \$30 on up.
 Darbonne had a fake sticker one of his deputies seized and it is made of cardboard.
 Chief Deputy Joey Peloquin said the counterfeit stickers are off-color and missing other

details.
 Darbonne said when the person was questioned, he said he bought the fake sticker in Lafayette.
 Peloquin added, “If somebody is doing it in town they aren’t going to say anything.”
 Darbonne said Peloquin has been in touch with Louisiana State Police Troop I troopers and they are pursuing information to find out where the counterfeit stickers are coming from.
 “This is not a traffic offense. This is criminal,” Darbonne said. “Instead of a ticket you can go to jail for this.”

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Acadian Medical Center giving COVID-19 vaccinations

The supply may be limited, but Acadian Medical Center is joining the effort to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to the public.
 Kevin Frank, CEO, said the hospital gained access to the vaccine this month.
 Acadian Medical Center is not on the state Department of Health’s list of vaccine sites.
 “We are just trying to make sure the community knows that Acadian Medical Center is here. It is part of the Eunice community and we are trying to get the community vaccinated,” he said.



Kevin Frank

Frank stressed the public should not call the hospital, but should make appointments by email. The email is accessed at the hospital’s website, acadianmedicalcenter.com. The email address is amcoutreach@ahmgt.com.
 The state is limiting who can get the vaccine.
 The health department states on its website that limited amounts of COVID vaccines are available at select locations only for:
 Persons ages 70 years or older in the community;
 Health-related support personnel (labs, mortuary, pharmacy);
 Outpatient clinic providers and clinic staff;
 Urgent care clinic providers and staff;
 Community care clinic providers and staff;
 Behavioral health providers and staff;
 Dialysis providers and recipients;
 Home care providers (including hospice workers) and home care recipients (including older and younger people with disabilities over the age of 16 who receive community or home-based care, as well as clients of home health agencies);

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Last in a two-part series

Concussions once seemed like a ‘phantom injury’

By Jessica Speziale and Henry Weldon
LSU Manship School News Service
 Back when Eric Hill played linebacker for LSU and in the NFL, every tackler had the same mindset: “You kill the head, you kill the body.”
 Hill, who retired from football in 2000, remembers coaches at every level telling him to use his helmet as a weapon. That created a greater risk of concussions for both players. But the NFL was like “the wild, wild West” then, he said, with few safety rules, and concussions seemed like “a phantom injury” since few people were aware of the serious effects.
 If a player got his bell rung, he had ammonia packs in his



Eric Hill, a former LSU and NFL linebacker, said that concussions caused by head-to-head tackling were common when he played football. (Jessica Speziale/LSU Manship School News Service)

sock to sniff and keep playing.
 “You could just grab one, and ‘all right, I’m good,’” Hill said. “That’s how we did it.”

Hill played 11 seasons in the NFL, mostly for the Cardinals in St. Louis and Phoenix. He also was a captain of LSU’s SEC Championship team in 1998. He had seven documented concussions in the NFL, but he suspects he might have had up to 100 throughout his career.
 One sticks out in his mind. His team was facing the New York Giants when he scooped up a fumble. Another player came in and hit him on the side of the head. He dropped the ball and then instinctively headed back to the huddle.
 “To this day, they were saying it was, like, three plays where I had no idea what I was doing,” Hill said.
 The concerns about concussions surfaced after the first

case of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) was found in 2005 in the brain of Mike Webster, a former center for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and they have since prompted efforts to make tackling—and football itself—safer at every level, from youth and high-school leagues on up through college and the pros.
 As more brains of deceased NFL players were examined, nearly all came back with the same result: CTE. Many of the players suffered from severe mood swings, and some committed suicide. Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez was convicted of murder and, at 27, hung himself in his jail cell in 2017. Researchers determined that he had one of the most severe

cases of CTE for someone his age.
 At first, the NFL shunned doctors who discovered the disease and refused to admit there was a connection between playing football and long-term effects like dementia, Alzheimer’s disease or brain trauma.
 Hill sees these brain issues among colleagues with whom he played. He knows some who need handlers to help manage their days.
 “To see friends that are hurting, that’s tough sometimes because you easily know that could be you,” he said.
 Players received pamphlets before the 2007 season about a concussion protocol, but the plan was not very detailed. The

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Motorcyclist dead after collision in Acadia Parish

RAYNE — A two-vehicle fatality crash involving a motorcycle on La. 95 at General Lane in Acadia Parish claimed the life of 21-year-old Brent Allen Miller of Lafayette at about 1 p.m. Friday, according to a Louisiana State Police Troop I news release.

The initial investigation revealed Miller was operating a 2020 Harley-Davidson motorcycle south on La. 95. At the same time a northbound 2017 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by 28-year-old Meredith Breaux of Rayne, turned left onto General Lane in front of Miller causing the motorcycle to strike the Suburban.

Despite wearing a DOT approved helmet, Miller suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Breaux was properly restrained and was not injured.

Impairment is not suspected and the crash remains under investigation.

Louisiana state income tax filing begins Feb. 12

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Department of Revenue will begin accepting and processing 2020 state individual income tax returns on Feb. 12. The date coincides with the date the IRS begins accepting 2020 federal income tax returns.

On Feb. 12, Louisiana taxpayers can begin filing their state income tax returns electronically through Louisiana File Online, the state's free web portal for individual tax filers. Louisiana File Online allows taxpayers to:

- File returns and pay taxes electronically;
- Check the status of individual income tax refunds;
- Amend current and prior-year tax returns; and
- Request a filing extension.

Also on Feb. 12, LDR will begin accepting returns prepared for electronic submission using commercially available tax preparation software. Taxpayers can download 2020 paper tax forms from the LDR website at revenue.louisiana.gov/Forms. LDR will not begin processing paper tax forms until Feb. 12.

2020 Louisiana Individual Income Tax returns and payments are due May 17.

Louisiana taxpayers should be aware of the state tax implications of federal COVID-19 relief measures implemented in 2020.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$600 weekly supplemental unemployment benefits for individuals out of work

for reasons related to the pandemic. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (CARES II) provides up to \$300 in weekly supplemental unemployment benefits. These benefits are subject to Louisiana state income tax.

The CARES Act provided Economic Impact Payments of \$1,200 for qualifying individuals and \$2,400 for qualifying married couples, with an additional \$500 per dependent child. The payments are refundable tax credits and are not considered taxable income for federal or state tax purposes. They are not subject to Louisiana state income tax.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) established by the CARES Act, provides small businesses with funding for payroll costs, mortgage interest, rent and utilities. The PPP loans are forgivable under certain conditions and the loan forgiveness is not taxable income for federal tax purposes. The PPP loan forgiveness is not subject to Louisiana state income tax.

Act 12 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature provided for a one-time \$250 rebate for eligible workers earning \$50,000 per year or less, who spent at least 200 hours responding to or mitigating the COVID-19 crisis from March 22, 2020, through May 14, 2020. The rebates, funded by the CARES Act, are subject to Louisiana state income tax.

Evangeline Parish sheriff proposes one cent sales tax to fill unmet needs

By Tony Marks
The Ville Platte Gazette

VILLE PLATTE — Since taking office last July, Evangeline Parish Sheriff Charles Guillory has been operating his office under constraints of a budget that was set in 1977. The income of the office comes from 5.5 mills in ad valorem taxes and money collected from things such as civil fees, tickets, bonds and tax sales.

"It's still not enough," Guillory expressed. "We're so far behind compared to other parishes that it's embarrassing."

The sheriff has been seeking and receiving money from grant opportunities but is in need of recurring annual revenue. As a result of that need, he has proposed a one cent sales tax.

"The main thing is safety and protection of the residents of this parish is not free, so I have to try



Evangeline Parish Sheriff Charles Guillory

something," said Guillory. "The goal of having more revenue is to provide that protection for this parish. I really didn't think of it as a layman plain citizen on the street. I heard Wayne (Morein) say he needed more money, and I heard Sheriff (Eddie) Soileau say he needed more money. But, when I'm at my house or on my deer stand, I'm thinking

how come they need more money. Now, I know why they needed more money because I'm here."

The one cent sale tax, which will be on the ballot some time this year, is expected to generate \$3.7 million a year. The estimate is based on the amount generated from a one cent sales tax dedicated to the Solid Waste Commission.

That \$3.7 million would be on top of the existing \$2.2 million which is already coming in to the sheriff's office on an annual basis. However, as the sheriff expressed, that total is still not comparable to other parishes such as Allen or Acadia.

"They're still several million dollars ahead," he said, "but it would be sufficient because I'm not after \$10 million. I don't need that, but I do need recurring revenue."

The revenue from the sales tax would cover operations of the sheriff's

office. The following is the sheriff's wish list based on the tax: sirens; radars; cages; dash cameras; body cameras; 700mhz radios for units; 700 mhz portables with chargers for the units; new laptop computers to process reports and traffic crash reports; flash lights; shotguns and rifles that function; aerial drone for missing people and disaster assessment; new uniforms; hire and retain experienced qualified deputies; training for new and current deputies; school resource officer; juvenile officer; four patrolmen per shift plus a sergeant and criminal patrol officer on every shift to deter crime and increase patrol; more correctional officers; more investigators; more criminal patrol/ narcotics personnel; and new computer equipment with the latest enforcement software along with tracking of the deputies to increase response time to calls.

Proposed tax changes for Louisiana oil and gas draw industry opposition

By David Jacobs
The Center Square

A proposal to simplify how Louisiana taxes oil and gas has drawn opposition from industry groups who say the changes could hurt natural gas producers.

Louisiana's severance tax on oil — the amount the state charges on oil extracted in the state — is 12.5%. That rate is higher than any other state except Alaska and triple the rate charged for natural gas, though when all taxes on oil are taken into account Louisiana is in the "middle of the pack," said Greg Upton with the LSU Center for Energy Studies.

Several lawmakers have said they would like to lower the severance tax rate but don't want to harm state finances by doing so. Upton on Tuesday told a legislative committee that state government could slash oil severance taxes while bringing in about the same amount of money by eliminating tax breaks and equalizing taxation on oil and natural gas.

Under the proposal Upton presented, state tax breaks for drilling certain types of wells would be phased out, including one for horizontal drilling widely used in Louisiana's highly productive Haynesville Shale natural gas play. Severance taxes for oil would be lowered to 6 percent, while the severance tax rate on natural gas would go up from 4 percent to 6%.

Upton also suggests taxing oil by volume rather than value, as is already the case with natural gas, which he said would be simpler for producers and state regulators. He said industry and state government stakeholders told him his proposal, crafted at lawmakers' request, would make a lot of sense if the state was starting from scratch. But when asking anyone to pay more, which happens in any revenue-neutral tax overhaul, politics can make change difficult.

Upton said he did not believe the horizontal well tax exemption was necessary to spur production in

Haynesville.

"Taxes are not the large driver of why people drill in one area relative to another" compared to geology and access to markets, he said. "It's my opinion that having a more simple, broad-based low-rate

system is going to be just fine for having activity into the future."

Mike Moncla, interim president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, said he didn't want to hurt the natural gas sector to help oil producers.

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Eunice Police radio logs

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

January 22
08:29 Caller from Sonic advised of a child that was beat up at a bus stop.
09:38 A marijuana joint was found at Circle K.
11:32 Report of a stop sign down at Lewis and Maple.
12:05 Fraudulent check reported at B1 Bank.
12:09 Reckless driver reported on Clifford Street.
14:22 Lobby complaint in reference to identity theft.
15:10 Wreck reported in front of Eunice High.
15:37 Caller in the area of Childs reported four juveniles with guns that ran from a nearby home.
16:26 Caller in the 400 block of Boudreaux advised that her boyfriend took her phone.
18:25 Caller in the 600 block of West Vine requested to speak to an officer in reference to a subject wanting to put something in his gas tank.
18:55 Lobby complaint in reference to a subject.
19:43 Lobby complaint in reference to a juvenile.
20:33 Disturbance reported in the 800 block of South Beulah.
21:04 Disturbance reported in the 100 block of Boudreaux.
21:10 Hit and run reported at Sunrise Apartments.
22:10 Caller in the 100 block of Boudreaux advised that a subject hit her in the face with a food plate.
January 23
01:37 Caller in the 500 block of Pearl advised that there are several suspicious subjects in his yard.
02:08 Caller in the 700 block of South 2nd Street advised that his girlfriend threw a brick through a window of his residence and then left.
09:50 Caller in the 1300 block of West Peach advised

that she is scared of tiny dogs.
11:07 Caller in the area of Dresser Loop advised of several juveniles breaking windows on vehicles.
11:32 Caller in the 200 block of North St. Joseph advised of a stolen phone.
13:04 Caller in the 1400 block of West Elm advised of living room glass that has been broken.
13:24 Worker from Eunice Inn advised of a subject that won't leave the room.
13:42 Hit and run reported near Whitney Bank.
18:28 Caller in the 100 block of Boudreaux advised of a juvenile that keeps banging on her door.
19:00 Caller from Sweetridge Apartments advised of juveniles that are stealing her son's video game.
20:12 Loud music complaint in the area of Sheila and Nile.
21:58 Caller in the area of North 12th Street advised that she hears a house alarm but is unsure where it is coming from.
22:15 Disturbance reported in the 100 block of Boudreaux.
22:34 Loud music complaint in the area of West Magnolia near the ball field.
23:17 Caller in the 300 block of Jake advised that her boy friend is not letting her leave the home.
23:20 Caller in the area of East Walnut advised that she heard two gun shots.
January 24
00:30 Caller in the area of Johnson and Maple advised of a suspicious person shooting in the alley.
00:51 Caller in the LSUE apartments advised of a subject assaulting several subjects and running around campus.
10:39 Subject laying in the middle of the street in the area of Hwy. 190 and North St. George.
11:36 Disturbance reported in the 200 block of

Jelks.
13:33 Report of two juveniles tearing up boards on the stage at Northwest Community pavilion.
14:05 Suspicious subject reported at Factory Connection.
14:21 Caller in the 400 block of North Beulah advised that a meter was stolen from the property.
14:36 Disturbance reported in the 1600 block of West Vine.
16:56 Caller advised of a subject passed out. Call came from the 1400 block of Amazon.
17:27 Report of suspicious subjects in the church parking lot of St. Luke Baptist Church, in the 400 block of Mathilda.
18:20 Caller in the 1300 block of Dudley advised of suspicious subjects attempting to fight him.
19:11 Caller in the 100 block of East Ardoin advised that her ex pushed her to the floor and started hitting her.
21:31 Caller in the 800 block of South Beulah advised of juveniles that broke into her apartment and stole money from her and items.
January 25
06:49 911 call from a subject in the area of Dullies and Vine advised that a subject kept yelling over and over.
07:55 Caller in the Sunrise Apartments requested to speak to an officer in reference to a break in.
08:29 Caller in the 700 block of North 2nd Street requested to speak to an officer in reference to a disturbance in the home with family subjects.
09:06 Lobby complaint in reference to a bike.
09:23 Caller in the area of Acadian Village advised of a subject that is either passed out or asleep inside a vehicle.
09:42 Caller from St. Landry Homestead requested to speak to an officer in reference to a subject that attempted to break in.

St. Landry Parish Sheriff's arrests

The following are arrests reported by the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.
January 22
Joshua Louis Gauff, 26, 13000 block of Old Spanish Trail, Boutte. Improper display of a license plate, no motor vehicle inspection sticker, possession of Schedule I CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia. Arrested by Louisiana State Police.
Caleb L. Johnson, 35, 200 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Melville. Bench warrant. Arrested by St. Landry

Parish Sheriff's Office.
Kerrion E. Williams, 25, 1200 block of Milton Street, New Orleans. Speeding, driving under suspension, no proof of insurance, failure to secure vehicle registration, possession of Schedule II CDS, illegal possession of a weapon in the presence of a CDS. Arrested by Sunset Police.
Jarvis Dewayne Fields, 42, 300 block of South Cane Street, Opelousas. Theft of a motor vehicle. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.
Markeith Malik Seria,

18, 200 block of Sharon Street, Opelousas. Possession of Schedule I CDS, speeding. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.
Jared Meaux, 30, 800 block of Wiltz Street, Rayne. Indecent behavior with a juvenile. Arrested by St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office.
Elijah Dain Quaid Connolley, 20, 2300 block of Highway 357, Opelousas. Bench warrant (2 counts), Theft (2 counts), theft of a fire-
(See Arrests, Page 5)

Eunice Police arrests

The following are arrests by Eunice Police.
January 22
Johnny D. Franschaw, 20, 800 block of North 2nd Street. Money warrant.
Johnny Donte Franschaw, 20, 100 block of Juniper Circle, Iowa. Disturbing the peace.
January 23

Steven Ortego, 67, 100 block of Boudreaux, Eunice. Simple battery.
Tammie Ann Murphy, 30, 100 block of Boudreaux, Simple battery.
January 25
John K. Miller, 53, 300 block of Ulysse, Eunice. Probation, parole, hold.
Megan Rachelle Fortson, 32, 100 block of Nick Drive, Port Barre. Warrant.

Former Crowley Police officer charged

CROWLEY — A former Crowley Police officer has been charged with battery and malfeasance in office following an alleged incident at the police station.
Ashlee Joyce McElroy, 27, was booked on Jan. 18 with second-degree battery and malfeasance in connection with an incident involving a



Ashlee Joyce McElroy

person in her custody, according to records from the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.
Police Chief Jimmy Broussard said McElroy, who had been a patrol officer for two years, was placed on administrative leave after the incident came to light in early April 2020.
He explained that COVID restrictions infringed on the internal affairs board's ability to meet in a timely manner or file for an extension.
"State law says you must request a 60-day extension

from the civil service board if you cannot complete (the investigation) which, to my knowledge, that was not available due to the restrictions of Phase 1," he said.
McElroy resigned from the department in October and moved to another state.
According to Sheriff K.P. Gibson, McElroy surrendered to authorities. Her bond was set at \$35,000.
According to Louisiana Statutes, a person can get up to 13 years in prison if found guilty on both charges

LDWF stresses safety after 3 recent boating fatalities

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division is encouraging all boaters to practice safe boating while enjoying the waterways of Louisiana. This notice comes after three people have died in boating accidents in 2021.
The Enforcement Division has witnessed an uptick in the number of boating crash incidents and boating related fatalities in past couple years. The numbers of boating crash incidents reached 162 in 2020, up from 129 boating incidents in 2018 and 135 boating incidents in 2019. The number of boating fatalities also rose from 19 in 2018 and to 20 in 2019 and up to 24 in 2020.
The boating fatalities this month include two 15-year-old boys in Caldwell Parish with the operator of the vessel being charged with vehicular homicide and operating a vessel while intoxicated. The other boating fatality occurred in St. Landry Parish and involved a kayak that capsized and the deceased was not wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) and never resurfaced.
"The boating crash incidents and fatality trend in the last year is disturbing to say the least," said

Col. Chad Hebert, head of LDWF's Enforcement Division which enforces recreational boating safety laws and investigates recreational boating crash incidents.
Hebert said the growing number of accidents in 2020 was probably boosted by the COVID-19 pandemic where more people got outside, especially on the water where they could practice safe distancing and still have a good time.
"We saw an increase in the number of people recreationally boating along with a higher number of days on the water, especially in last year which we attribute to higher incidents and fatalities," Hebert said. "While we are happy people can enjoy the outdoors during this time, we also want them to do it responsibly and in a safe manner."
LDWF Secretary Jack Montoucet echoed Hebert's sentiments about welcoming more people on the waterways, "but we have to be smart. Safe practices will be beneficial to everyone. We can help ourselves and other boaters by following the rules of the water."
Of the 24 fatalities in 2020, 20 were recovered without wearing a PFD. Anyone 16 years of age and younger is required to

wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved and properly fitting PFD while underway on a vessel under 26 feet long. Also, everyone on a vessel less than 16 feet long, propelled by a hand tiller motor, must wear a PFD while underway.
There must also be a PFD for each person on board a vessel and anyone riding on a personal watercraft must wear a PFD.
Of the 24 boating fatalities in 2020, 4 of them involved alcohol. Nationwide, alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating incidents, causing 19 percent of all deaths on the water.
In Louisiana, operating or driving a vessel while intoxicated has the same penalties as operating a vehicle. A DWI on the water can be issued to anyone operating a moving vessel while impaired. LDWF agents issued 78 citations for DWI on the water in 2018, 88 in 2019 and 72 in 2020.
Boaters are encouraged to take the LDWF approved safe boating course. It is mandatory for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1984, to operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower. LDWF certified over 9,610 boaters in 2020.
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Searching for unity in a sea of exclamation

An email laced with exclamation points is never a good sign. At least not if you're me.

In my world, exclamation points usually follow words such as "idiot!" or "communist!" I take issue with the latter though the former is certainly up for discussion.

Moreover, when the salutation itself is followed by an exclamation point, as it was in a recent email, I know it's trouble. "Mr. Manieri!"

Inside voice. I'm right here. This particular writer went on to make several assumptions about my intellect, or lack of. He ended with a call to action. "Defend your character!"

For context, the writer was responding to a column I wrote in which I blamed President Trump for lighting the fuse that led to the Capitol riots. He went on to ask how I could do such a thing when it was clear that members of Antifa and Black Lives Matter were bused in and were, in fact, responsible for the insurrection — a claim without any basis in fact.

My response featured a conspicuous absence of exclamation points as I encouraged the writer to keep an eye on his blood pressure.

I resisted quoting from Proverbs 15: "Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention."

If you watch much television, or any television, or if you engage in social media, it's pretty clear that we tend to punctuate our discourse with exclamation points. Perhaps Jerry Springer was actually a visionary. He understood the marketability of impoliteness and boorish behavior long before it went mainstream. (By the way, I promise never to use the name "Springer" and the word



Rich Manieri

"visionary" in the same sentence again.) Civility has fallen out of fashion. Some say it's overrated. How do I know this? I refer you to a December 2019 piece in the Atlantic titled, "Civility is Overrated."

An NPR article in 2019 quotes Lynn Itagaki, an associate professor at the University of Missouri, who said, "Civility has been about making sure that the status quo, the hierarchy of the status quo at the moment, which means racial inequality, gender inequality, class inequality, stays permanent."

By this redefinition of civility, it would be permissible and even encouraged to meet any injustice, perceived or actual, with an uncivil response. That's fine if you happen to agree on the injustice. For example, if your candidate loses a presidential election and you believe the election was rigged, storming the Capitol might be an appropriately uncivil response.

Thus, if you disagree with someone and you're convinced you're on the right side, what's the point of a civil response? After all, you're right and he's wrong.

Many believe our national discourse fell apart the moment Donald Trump darkened the doorway of the Oval Office. Surely, the former president, with his unhelpful rhetoric, name-calling and incessant tweeting contributed to the problem. But he wasn't alone.

Our elected representatives in Washington — Republicans and Democrats — have been content to play their respective parts in the Monty Python "Argument Clinic" sketch.

"Is this the right room for an argument?"

"I told you once."

"No you haven't."

"Yes I have."

"When?"

"Just now."

"No you didn't."

"Yes I did."

The main difference, of course, between the sketch and reality is there's nothing even mildly amusing about the real thing.

For what it's worth, President Biden struck mostly the right tone in his inauguration speech.

"I pledge this to you — I will be a president for all Americans, and I promise you, I will fight as hard for those who did not support me as for those who did," Biden said. He then signed 15 executive orders undoing various Trump policies.

Unity is a fine message but no amount of rhetorical gymnastics will bring people together unless we're willing to understand and listen to those with whom we disagree. That means acknowledging that not all of the 75 million Americans who voted for Donald Trump are racists and that not everyone who voted for Joe Biden is pushing a Marxist agenda.

From the president on down, unless we're truly committed to making unity a reality, it won't happen, no matter how many exclamation points we use.

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Lifestyles

The role vitamins play

A nutritious diet is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. When it's part of a health regimen that includes routine exercise, a healthy diet that's rich in fruits and vegetables can help people reduce their risk for various illnesses, including chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Many adults have known about the value of fruits and vegetables since they were youngsters and their parents repeatedly told them how important it was to eat healthy foods.

Despite those early lessons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that less than 10% of adults and adolescents eat enough fruits and vegetables. That's unfortunate, as fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins that benefit the body in myriad ways.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that vitamin deficiency occurs when people do not get enough of certain vitamins.

Courtesy of Newspaper Metro gives the following for you to recognize the many functions vitamins serve that may compel adults and adolescents to include more fruits and vegetables in their diets.

— Vitamin A: The USNLM notes that vitamin A helps form and maintain healthy teeth, bones, soft tissue, mucous membranes, and skin. According to the World Health Organization, vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children and increases the risk of disease and death from severe infections.

— Vitamin B6: Vitamin B6 helps form red blood cells and maintain brain function. Though the National Institutes of Health notes that isolated vitamin B6 deficiency is uncommon, a deficiency has been associated with various conditions, including a weakened immune system and dermatitis cheilitis, a condition marked by scaling on the lips and cracks at the corners of the mouth.

— Vitamin C: Vitamin C is an antioxidant that promotes healthy teeth and gums, helps the body absorb iron and maintains healthy tissue. In addition, vitamin C plays an integral role in helping wounds heal. Vitamin C deficiency impairs bone function, and Merck notes that in children that impairment can cause bone lesions and contribute to poor bone growth.

— Vitamin D: The USNLM notes that 10 to 15 minutes of sunshine three times per week is enough to produce the body's vitamin D requirement for people at most latitudes. It's hard to rely on food to supply ample vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium that is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy teeth and bones.

— Vitamin E: Vitamin E helps the body form red blood cells and utilize vitamin K. Green, leafy vegetables like spinach and broccoli are good sources of vitamin E. The Office of Dietary Supplements notes that a vitamin E deficiency can cause nerve and muscle damage, potentially leading to muscle weakness and vision problems.

— Vitamin K: Vitamin K helps to make certain proteins that are needed for blood clotting and the building of bones. The T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard notes that the main type of vitamin K is found in green leafy vegetables like collard greens, kale and spinach. Vitamin K deficiency is rare, but it can lead to bleeding, hemorrhaging or osteoporosis.

Vitamins are crucial to human beings' overall health. Eating ample amounts of fruits and vegetables is a great and delicious way to avoid vitamin deficiency.



Exposing the sins of the technical Catholics

I am not the pope. I was never a nun. I am barely a good Catholic, even though I do the absolute minimum to keep my club membership current.

I am, however, a skilled detector of hypocrisy. Which makes me the perfect person to talk about the second Catholic president.

Joe Biden is a Catholic. He was baptized, and goes to church, so it is technically a correct description. So calling Joe Biden a Catholic is as legitimate as calling the pope a Catholic, or Lady Gaga a Catholic, or even Andrew Cuomo a Catholic. Heck, if Dr. Gosnell was baptized in the faith, he would also be a technical Catholic (although I am quite certain he was baptized in hellfire).

As I sit here, writing this column, it is the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion nationwide. This is the day that our technically Catholic president decided to issue a statement that read in part:



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"The Biden-Harris administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade and appointing judges that respect foundational principles like Roe."

Many in the abortion-rights movement were likely dancing with joy at that announcement, given the fact that they'd had to deal the last four years with an administration that actually believed in the sacred humanity of the unborn child. Now, of course, they got their folks back in, which is fine since elections have consequences.

Or to paraphrase Oprah, "You get an abortion, and you get an abortion, and you get an abortion!"

The problem is not so much with the principle as it is with the messenger. The technically Catholic president chose the anniversary of a decision that has been condemned by his church for almost 50 years to express his devotion to the abortion rights movement.

If Catholics were honest, they would be looking at this with the same horror the disciples regarded the crucified Christ. But there are a lot of technical Catholics out there who are perfectly fine with their new president standing in solidarity with those who find nothing sacred in the unborn child. One of them is actually a technical Catholic priest named James Martin, who wrote an entire article for the Jesuit "America" magazine blaming pro-life Trump supporters for the siege on the Capitol earlier this month.

Then you have technical Catholic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi expressing her deep sorrow at the fact that her fellow Catholic voters had chosen Donald Trump, expressing her "great grief as a Catholic" and accusing us of "being willing to sell the whole democracy down the river for that one issue."

Fortunately, a real Catholic by the name of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone reminded the distressed speaker that "one thing is clear: No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion. 'Right to choose' is a smokescreen for perpetuating an entire industry that profits from one of the most heinous evils imaginable. Our land is soaked with the blood of the innocent, and it must stop."

Yes, there are Catholics who oppose abortion but support the death penalty. I'm one of them. I am fully prepared to cop to the accusation that I am a hypocrite, and perhaps a technical Catholic in my own way. Maybe the only true Catholics are the ones who live the creed and message that all life is precious. Maybe

they are the only ones who can stand at the gates of heaven and stare St. Peter in the face with confidence and conviction. The rest of us might limp up to that citadel with hunched shoulders and heavy human baggage.

But I just wish everyone would stop pretending Joe Biden is representative of my faith. I wish they would rip the halo off of his aging head, and stop pretending that he is a dutiful son of the church. Enough of this hagiography and acknowledgment of his decency. Enough, too, of Nancy Pelosi and the Jesuit father, and their political theater.

Imperfect as I am, and with the full sense that I carry the albatross of my sins with me every day, I know that I am at least innocent of calling the lost generations "a choice" and a "right."

That's something the technical Catholic will never be able to claim. And the saddest part is that he, and so many other technical Catholics, don't seem to give a damn.

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Letter to the editor

National Guard 'interrogation' unneeded

I would like to mention the actions of Gov. Edwards and his appointed general of the Louisiana National Guard. I am speaking to the choir as I write this letter. I want to remind both of how unprofessional they acted while our troops were in Washington for the purpose of security. If one desires a uniform of our military they are properly vetted prior to acceptance. Only then are they authorized to proudly wear the uniform of the branch of the military for which they have chosen. I feel certain that Governor Edwards, prior to his being accepted to West Point, was properly vetted before acceptance. Once accepted, was he ever interrogated in reference to his loyalty to his country? Don't think so.

There is no reason in discussing what the world has already seen and read in the news outlets as to how the National Guard troops were treated while in Washington. How embarrassed it must have been to be interrogated by a civilian agency as to "the troops beliefs." Was the general of the Louisiana National Guard present when this was taking place? If they were aware of the interrogation of our Louisiana troops, why didn't the governor and the general object? Did they manage to take time out to speak to the Louisiana troops — as Vice-President Pence did?

Prior to sending our troops to Washington did the governor and the general

assure that three hot meals and a decent place to live were available? Evidently not from the photos shown on national TV.

After serving 22 years of active federal service in the U.S. Army and retiring as a criminal investigator (CID special agent) I know the definition of interrogation — "to extract information from a person in order to solve a case." When questioned I feel the only answer from our troops should have been "loyalty to my country." Also, as past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Louisiana, I feel comfortable with the majority of our troops in Louisiana. I am going to find one National Guard soldier and get the full details of the interrogation and get back to the governor and the general of the Guard, the La. Congressional delegation and most importantly the people of Louisiana with the truth. Note: During one of the governor's weekly news messages about the virus, an apology to the troops as to how they were allowed to be mistreated in Washington while conducting their assigned duties.

**Respectfully,
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The restaurant has a dine-in area as well as a drive-thru window for pre-ordered foods as well as store items. Ashley added, "We are here to serve, and we aim to serve. If a customer has called in an item from the store such as eggs or milk, they can pick it up through the drive-through window."

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Cajun Station offers its customers an evening menu as well. They have most of your lunch menu items on their evening menu, as well as boiled shrimp and dungeness crabs and crawfish in season.

The most popular and in high demand on their menu include their burgers, boiled shrimp, grilled and fried seafood, and crawfish.

Inside the business there is a convenience store that offers cold drinks, snacks, eggs, milk, cold coolers of items, cell phone accessories, liquor, beer, cig-



College Station owners and employees welcome you with a smile. From left, are Lexi Fuselier, Lauren Gotreaux, Emily Hannon, Ashley Fuselier, Avery Fuselier, Michelle Brown and Megan Barton. In back, from left, are Abbie Vining, Chris Fuselier, Taren Miller, Hayden Rozas and Cicelee Jones. Not pictured is Logan Guillory. (Submitted photo)

arettes, Spanish candies, hot and cold coffee, and much more.

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Sometimes the enormity of a task can be daunting. A project at school or at work may be too big to be completed in the allotted time and cause us to be so anxious that we fear losing our job or receiving a failing grade on the assignment. Oftentimes the problem is our perception that we must get it all done right now! Just as we eat a large meal one bite at a time, big jobs should be completed one step at a time. And this lesson is not just for projects which we must complete at work or at school. The project of life requires us to love our friends, families, and neighbors, and this can often be exceedingly difficult. People can be hard to love and often try our patience, but these are the times when it is even more important to act with

tenderness and loving kindness. As the day wears on, our patience often wears thin and our reserves of charity and kindness begin to run low. Then it may be important to take some time by yourself to pray or just to be with your thoughts. If you cannot act kindly, sometimes the next best thing is simply to remove yourself from the situation. At least that way you will not regret saying or doing something unkind. And finally, if the task at hand is too much for the day, consider whether you can at least get through the next hour, or even the next minute. With God's help, all things are possible. -Christopher Simon



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Childhood legends leave memories

I have been a baseball fan since childhood – mainly because of my grandparents who became Braves fans when the team moved to Atlanta in 1966.

This past week, two of my childhood baseball heroes passed away – Hank Aaron and Don Sutton.

My dad and Hank Aarwere both in Mobile a few weeks apart and a few miles apart in 1934.

They both had dreams as they left their home town in 1952 – dad headed to college and Aaron started his professional baseball career.

The year I was born in Mobile, Aaron won the batting title (.328) and led the league in other categories including hits, total bases and doubles.

I still have the sports page from when “Hammering Hank” broke the home run record on April 8, 1974 when hit Al Downing’s pitch over the left field fence.

Aaron homered 30 or more times in a record 15 seasons, and hit at least 20 in 20 consecutive years.

He finished with 755 home runs and that stat stood until Barry Bonds finished his career with 762 homers.

Aaron is still the game’s all-time leader in RBIs (2,297) and total bases (6,856).

He ranks third in career hits (3,771).

The outfielder won three Gold Gloves as well as the National League batting title in 1956 and 1959, the 1957 NL MVP award and the 1970 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award for character.

He was the first player in MLB history to reach 500 home runs and 3,000 hits. He was third in MVP voting six different times.

Aaron, a 25-time All-Star, played in MLB from 1954-76 almost entirely with the Braves organization — first in Milwaukee and then in Atlanta.

In 1957, he led the organization to its first World Series title since 1914. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1982.

He appeared briefly in the Negro American League and in minor league baseball before starting his major league career.

By his final MLB season, Aaron was the last Negro league baseball player on a major league roster.

Every time I return to visit family, I pass by Hank Aaron Stadium the home of the Mobile BayBears, a minor-league professional team in the Southern League from 1997 to 2019.

When the ballpark opened, Aaron’s number 44 was retired by the BayBears and he threw out the first pitch with his parents, siblings, and extended family in attendance.

When I was a little kid, we moved to Pensacola, Florida – the home of Don Sutton.

Sutton, the longtime Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander who won over 300 games in his Hall of Fame career died last week at the age of 75.

Sutton’s career began and ended with the Dodgers, with whom he spent 16 of his 23 seasons – spanning from 1966 to 1980 and returning for a final tour in 1988.

He was a four-time All-Star with a career 324-256 mark and a 3.26 ERA.

His 324 wins rank 14th in major league history.

Sutton also pitched for the Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics and Los Angeles Angels.

He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998.

In the last several months, other baseball Hall of Famers to die since last April includes pitchers, Bob Gibson, Tom Seaver, Whitey Ford and Phil Niekro, as well as Lou Brock, Al Kaline, Joe Morgan and Lasorda.

It is sad to see these legends pass away but I am thankful for the memories they left all of us as baseball fans.

Tom Dodge is the Sports Editor of the Eunice News.

Class 4-A All-State list released

The Carencro Golden Bears and the St. Thomas More Cougars both had seasons to remember, as both won LHSAA titles last month.

Not surprising then that the two programs dominate the Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s Class 4A all-state football team.

STM junior quarterback Walker Howard is the Outstanding Offensive Player.

The LSU commitment completed 210 of his 317 passes for 3,369 yards with 39 touchdowns and only five interceptions in leading the Cougars to a second straight Division II state championship.

Howard is joined on the first team by teammates senior wide receiver Jack Bech, senior offensive lineman Ethan Guerin, linebacker Bryce Boullion and defensive back Dominic Zepherin.

Carencro senior defensive



Dedric Vigers



Hayden Darbonne



Kevontdraay Savoy



Deon Ardoin

sive back Bailey Despanie was voted the Outstanding Defensive Player.

The Tulane signee and District 5-4A Defensive MVP had 40 solo tackles, 11 assisted tackles, 2 interceptions and 7 pass breakups for the Class 4A state champions.

Despanie is joined on the first team by teammates junior offensive lineman Quinn Collins, senior running back Traylon Prejean, senior athlete Kendrell Williams, and junior defensive lineman

Rondre Charles.

Carencro’s Tony Courville was selected as the Coach of the Year after guiding the Golden Bears to their first state championship since 1992 and defeating four-time defending champion Edna Karr in the title game.

Edna Karr placed four players on the Class 4A team with wide receiver Destyn Hill, offensive lineman Kenneth Bannister, defensive lineman Tygee Hill and kick returner Aaron Anderson earning

honors.

Neville also placed four players on the team with offensive lineman Will Campbell, kicker William Reed, linebacker Henton Roberts and defensive back Maurion Eleam picking up honors.

Other players to earn honors are Northwood offensive lineman Cameron Foster and running back Terrance Cook, Carver defensive lineman Ty’Ron Magee and linebacker Henry Williams, Tioga wide receiver Jomarion

Lilly, Istrouma running back Le’Veon Moss, Plaquemine defensive lineman Dekeion Dupuy, Vanderbilt Catholic linebacker Andrew Villavaso, Warren Easton defensive back Ronald Lewis, and South Terrebonne punter Shea Pitre.

Eunice High’s Dedric Vigers, Hayden Darbonne, Kevontdraay Savoy and Deon Ardoin were placed on the honorable mention list.

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St. Ed’s Rebecca Benoit finished with 13 points in the Lady Jays’ win over North Central.

Lady Jays down North Central

By Tom Dodge Sports Editor

LEBEAU – For the first time since 2013, the Lady Jays defeated perennial district power North Central as the Lady Jays grabbed a 41-36 victory.

In 2013, the Lady Jays earned a 41-36 win over the Lady Hurricanes.

St. Edmund (10-6, 1-1) opened the game with an 17-11 first quarter run, aided by six points from both Rebecca Benoit and Mary Beth Lafleur.

Savannah DeVillier scored three points and Greta Miller added a bucket for the Lady Jays.

North Central’s Katelyn Harrison pushed in six points in the quarter.

The game remained tight in the second period as St. Ed’s held a 25-18 lead into the intermission.

Benoit scored four points for the Lady Jays, while DeVillier and Lafleur added two points each.

Ya’Jaia Godeau pushed in seven points for the Lady Hurricanes (8-7, 1-1).

Godeau scored all 10 points for North Central the third frame as the Lady Hurricanes closed the margin to 33-28 as the game moved to the final quarter.

Lafleur hit a trey, while Julia Zaunbrecher and Greta Miller each added a bucket in the period.

The two teams battled

to an 8-8 tie in the fourth quarter as the Lady Jays held on for the crucial District 5-1A win.

DeVillier hit four free throws, while Zaunbrecher and Rebecca Benoit scored two points in the quarter.

Godeau scored six points in the period to finish with 30 points.

Benoit led St. Ed’s with 13 points.

Lafleur chipped in 11 points and DeVillier added nine points in the win.

North Central won the 2020 Class 1-A title and is presently No. 4 in the LH-SAA power rankings.

The Lady Jays sits at No. 9 in the Div. IV power rankings.

St. Edmund entertains rival Sacred Heart of Ville Platte (2-11, 0-1) at 6 p.m. today.

NC 80, St. Ed’s 44

LEBEAU – North Central began the game with a 20-10 run as the Hurricanes cruised to an 8-44 win over the Blue Jays.

McKennis Savoy scored nine points and Reginald Stoner pushed in six points for the Hurricanes in the period.

Kieran Davis led the Jays with six points in the opening frame.

The defending Class 1-A champions, North Central (14-4, 1-0) exploded for a

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Bobcats clip Teurlings, 53-45

By Tom Dodge Sports Editor

Eunice held a 13-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and held off a late Teurlings Catholic run as the Bobcats grabbed a 53-45 win over the Rebels.

The game was a battle early on as Teurlings jumped out to a 6-3 lead over EHS.

Fred Guillory nailed a trey and Kevin Thomas added a three point play to give the Bobcats an 8-7 advantage.

Terrance Shilow scored off an inbounds pass and Gavin Oliver followed with a trey to increase the Bobcats’ lead to 13-7.

Teurlings’ Bradford Cain scored twice in the final 30 seconds of the quarter to help the Rebels close the gap to 13-11.

Guillory and Treylon Cooper pushed in buckets to begin the second period as EHS moved ahead, 17-14.

The Bobcats exploded for an 11-0 run, sparked by nine points from Shaun Hudson.

Teurlings responded with six straight points to close the margin to 28-20.

Hudson drilled a trey for the Bobcats before a late bucket off a steal by Collin Sinitiere closed Eunice’s lead to 31-22 at intermission.

The two teams battled for control in the third period as the Bobcats outscored Teurlings Catholic,



Eunice High’s Terrance Shilow dribbles past Notre Dame’s Caleb Thomas. (Photo by Tom Dodge)

13-9.

A baseline jumper by Shilow and a three-point-er from Simeon Ardoin pushed the Bobcats up, 36-24.

The Rebels closed the margin to seven points on a bucket by Matthew Marceaux and trey from Caleb Thomas.

The Bobcats answered with an 8-0 run including

four points from Cooper, and buckets by Shilow and Guillory.

Marceaux scored off an inbounds pass with two seconds left as TC closed the gap to 44-31.

Ju Guy pushed in a put-back bucket for the Rebels to open the final period, but Treylon Cooper answered with a trey for the Bobcats.

Teurlings rallied with

a 10-0 surge including six points from Marceaux as the Rebels pulled closer, 47-43.

Shilow then scored four points to help the Bobcats push their lead to eight points with 2:54 left in the game.

Sinitiere scored off a steal, but Ardoin’s steal and lay-up sealed the win for the Bobcats.

Hudson led the Bobcats with 12 points, Cooper chipped in 11 points and Shilow contributed 10 points.

Marceaux led Teurlings (14-10) with 14 points.

Eunice (11-4, 1-1) entertains North Vermilion (6-8, 0-3) Friday.

The Bobcats are presently No. 15 in the LHSAA Class 4-A power rankings.

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2020 LSWA CLASS 4A ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM					
Offense					
Pos	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
WR	Jack Bech	St. Th. More	6-1	207	Sr.
WR	Destyn Hill	Karr	6-1	190	Sr.
WR	Jomarion Lilly	Tioga	6-3	200	Sr.
OL	Will Campbell	Neville	6-6	285	Jr.
OL	Quinn Collins	Carencro	6-0	225	Jr.
OL	Ethan Guerin	St. Th. More	5-11	200	Sr.
OL	Cameron Foster	Northwood	6-3	280	Sr.
OL	Kenneth Bannister	Karr Sr.	6-4	270	Sr.
QB	Walker Howard	St. Th. More	6-1	175	Jr.
RB	Traylon Prejean	Carencro	5-9	190	Sr.
RB	Terrance Cook	Northwood	5-7	150	Sr.
RB	Le'Veon Moss	Istrouma	6-1	185	Jr.
PK	William Read	Neville	5-11	145	Sr.
ATH	Kendrell Williams	Carencro	6-0	205	Sr.
Defense					
Pos	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
DL	Tygee Hill	Karr	6-3	275	Jr.

DL	Ty'Ron Magee	Carver	6-2	195	Jr.
DL	Rondre Charles	Carencro	6-2	245	Jr.
DL	Dekeion Dupuy	Plaquemine	5-10	285	Sr.
LB	Henton Roberts	Neville	5-11	195	Sr.
LB	Bryce Bouillion	St. Th. More	6-0	225	Sr.
LB	Andrew Villavaso	Vandebilt	5-8	190	Jr.
LB	Henry Williams	Carver	5-10	195	Jr.
DB	Maurion Eleam	Neville	5-9	150	Jr.
DB	Bailey Despanie	Carencro	6-2	175	Sr.
DB	Dominic Zepherin	St. Th. More	5-11	170	Sr.
DB	Ronald Lewis	Easton	6-1	175	Jr.
KR	Aaron Anderson	Karr	5-10	185	Jr.
P	Shea Pitre	S. Terrebonne	5-9	150	Jr.
Outstanding Offensive Player: Walker Howard, St. Thomas More					
Outstanding Defensive Player: Bailey Despanie, Carencro					
Coach Of The Year: Tony Courville, Carencro					
Honorable mention					
Lane Blue, Neville; Lance Heard, Bastrop; Shawn Metoyer, Tioga; Jakorien Greenard, Minden; O.J. Pemberton, Tioga; Josh Ponthier, Tioga; Dedric Vigers, Eunice; Alex Soileau, Cecilia; Ridge Collins, Cecilia; Jaden Tyler, Assumption; Ty'Jai Jones, Assumption; Shae Thibodeaux, Assumption; Royal Williams, Ellender; O'Ryan James, Ellender; Tre'mond Converse, El-					

lender; Parker Hall, Minden; Hayes Thompson, Vandebilt Catholic; James Thompson Jr., Vandebilt Catholic; Sean Diebold, Vandebilt Catholic; Brady Picou, South Terrebonne; Jackson Autin, South Lafourche; Austin King, Minden; J'rell Joseph, Huntington; Chance Hammons, Minden; Jabaz Thompson, Bastrop; Semaj Tennant, Bastrop; Khrystrian Hoffpauir, Leesville; Ethan Christman, Tioga; Germonie Davis, Cecilia; Zyion Claville, Huntington; Alred Luke, Easton; Lynarise Elpheage Jr., Carver; B.J. Foster, Lakeshore; Hayden Darbonne, Eunice; B.J. Williams, DeRidder; Keavontdraay Savoy, Eunice; Dakameron Calais, Cecilia; Erron Bean, Huntington; Traavis Steadman, Huntington; Christian Arceneaux, South Terrebonne; Blake McGehee, Tioga; Anterious Samuel, Karr; A.J. Allen, Neville; Bryden Rountree, Vandebilt; Colby Chelette, South Terrebonne; Caleb Gallashaw, Leesville; Arthur Lavalais, Peabody; Deon Ardoin, Eunice; Demajah Riley, Huntington; Hunter Porche, Vandebilt; Jakobe Brock, Tioga; Jose Mijares, DeRidder; Ja'Darion Byrd, Peabody; Zylon Madison, Westgate; Jermarie Bailey, Northwood; Jirrea Johnson, Easton; Devin Weilbaeher, Lakeshore; Derek Williams, Westgate; Dedrick Latulas, Westgate; Destin Refuge, Karr; Diamond White, Kennedy; Casey Cain, Easton; Travis Martin, L.B. Landry; Josh Bertholote, L.B. Landry; Jaylan Scott, Salmen; Brian Jenkins, Pearl River; Karl Simmons, Salmen.

LSUE opens basketball season with wins

LSU Eunice men's basketball made 17 three pointers and had 15 players score at least a point in a runaway win over North American University, 135-79 to open up the 2020-21 season.

The Bengals (1-0) improved to 3-0 all-time under Byron Starks in season openers.

LSUE scored the opening basket and never looked back, using a 24-6 run in the first part of the first half to build a 35-10 lead on the way to a 69-34 halftime advantage.

Jonathan Cisse scored 16 of his game-high 18 points before intermission.

Cissed led what was a total team effort from the Bengals, getting seven players to record double-digit scoring nights. Jaiden Lipscomb (17 points), Isaiah Payne (17 points) and Joshua Davis (16 points) fueled the back-court driven scoring night.

Lipscomb and Davis netted four three-point baskets each, part of a 17 trey game.

Tyran Jones (12 points), Thierno Keita (11 points) and Stephen Melina (10 points) also netted double digit nights.

The 135 points is the second most in a single-game in school history, just behind a 138-68 win over Louisiana Christian Post Grad on Jan. 16,



LSU Eunice's Jaiden Lipscomb dribbles past a North American University defender.

2020.

LSUE travels to North American University Saturday for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

LSUE 65, JC 54

JACKSONVILLE, Texas – Alona Washington poured in a game-high 28 points to help LSU Eunice women's basketball secure a 65-54 win at Jacksonville College to cap off of the opening night of the Jaguar Classic.

The Bengals rallied from a 12-point second quarter deficit with a 12-0 run to tie it up, paced by six points by Tahjea Smith. The freshman's effort help make it 24-24 going into the locker rooms. Smith would net a double-double on the night with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Washington would

take over after intermission, bucketing 23 of her 28 points including four three-pointers. The sophomore added four assists, six rebounds and three steals.

Despite Washington's standout second half, LSUE found itself trailing 43-40 heading into the final frame. The Bengals would outscore JC 25-11 in that final frame, giving themselves a comfortable double-digit lead with less than two minutes to play. LSUE's stingy defense held Jacksonville to just 18-for-66 shooting (27 percent) from the field.

Chelsey White chipped in eight points and eight rebounds in the victory and helped LSUE win the battle around the rim, out-rebounded the Jaguars, 39-37.

Blinn 67, LSUE 58

It was early season heartbreak as LSU Eunice had No. 16 Blinn College on the ropes all afternoon but fell short with a 67-58 setback to close out the Jaguars Classic at Jacksonville College.

The Bengals (1-1) never trailed for the first 35 minutes of the contest before a cold snap doomed LSUE.

LSU Eunice roared out to a 11-1 lead to start the game, capitalized by Trinity Harold's long two point basket with 4:27 left in the first quarter. The

Bucs would claw back and get with three to start the second quarter, but another spurt by LSUE to close out the half would send the Bengals into the locker rooms up 32-22.

Brooklyn Fontenot would spark LSUE after intermission with a steal and finish on the other to amass its largest lead of the game, 35-22. Blinn would chip into that lead, headlined by Hailley Atwood's game-high 21 points. A three-point basket from Blinn would tie the game at 37-37 halfway through the third as the teams would enter the final frame with LSUE holding on to a slim 50-49 advantage.

Alona Washington would find a wide-open Tahjea Smith underneath the basket to push the Bengals' lead to 58-52 with just over five minutes left in the game. It would be the points scored by LSUE.

Blinn would force multiple turnovers on its way to a 15-0 run to close out the game.

Fontenot (10 points) and Tanisha Hester (13 points) were the lone Bengals to score in double digits.

The Bengals visit Coastal Bend College tonight in Beeville, Texas and then face McCellan Community College at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Waco, Texas.

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23-6 surge in the second period to put the game out of reach.

Stoner and Derrick Tezeno led the Hurricanes with seven points, while Devion Lavergne chipped in six points in the period.

Easten Coleman scored four points and Henry Brown added a bucket for the Jays.

St. Edmund battled in the second half, but the the Jays could not over come the 43-16 halftime deficit.

North Central out-gained the Jays 19-17 in the third period, sparked by 10 points from Tezeno.

Savoy and Stoner added four points each in the quarter.

Henry Brown pushed in four points for the Jays and Coleman chipped in three points.

The Hurricanes out-scored St. Ed's 18-17 in the final frame, aided by five points from Isaac Doucet.

Davis pushed in four

points, while Coleman and Gus Brown both hit treys and Henry Brown added three free throws.

Tezeno led the Hurricanes with 24 points.

Savoy contributed 18 points and Stoner added 17 points for North Central.

Davis and Coleman led the Jays with 23 points each, while Henry Brown contributed nine points.

St. Edmund (12-7, 0-1) hosts Sacred Heart-VP (9-9, 1-0) today in a key District 5-1A showdown.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Nic Fontenot – St. Edmund basketball

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE 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 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

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ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

St Landry Fire Protection District No. 6
1398 Guillory Road
Church Point Louisiana 70525

Resolution to sell motor vehicles

Whereas, certain vehicles owned by the Fire District No 6 are no longer necessary for the operation of the Fire Department. Whereas, in opinion of the board, it is in best interest of the Fire District to sell. Beginning January 12, 2021.

To sell certain vehicles as described 1988 MACK DS 6,000 license plate number PP143713, Vin number 1M2N179Y8JW009849. Also, a 1972 Mack Vin number CF611F1494.

Sealed bids will be obtained and sold to highest bidder by March 9, 2021. Each Fire Truck to be bided separate.

Motion by Rodgers Richard and 2nd by Gilbert Guillory Motion carded.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is duly elected and qualified Secretary of the books and records of Fire District number 6 and that the true record of a resolution duly adopted by a meeting of the board members. And that said meeting was held in accordance with state law.

Power of Chairman John Brown to sign back of Titles.

All bids are to be sent to P.O. Box 368 Eunice, La.
For any additional info please contact Chief Chaise Brown at 337-580-2283
Chairman John Brown at 337-580-2600

Izetta Darbonne Secretary/Treasure
337-457-2726

(PUBLISH: JANUARY 24 & 28, 2021) 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following resolution was offered by Gil Savoy and seconded by Timmy Lejeune:

RESOLUTION NO. 001 of 2021

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$671,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a jail facility in the Parish?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **2,933** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **2,450** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **483** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Landry, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 12

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk

/s/ Dexter Brown
Chairman

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 5, 2020, with the following members present:

Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, Coby Clavier

There being absent: _____;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$671,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a jail facility in the Parish?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **2,933** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **2,450** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **483** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Procès Verbal is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST: /s/ Dexter Brown
Chairman

/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on July 15, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$671,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a jail facility in the Parish?

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

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

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$45,300.

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

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas,

Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST: /s/ Coby Clavier
Chairman

/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the Parish of St. Landry and State of Louisiana, on this day personally appeared the undersigned: a representative of THE EUNICE NEWS, EUNICE, LOUISIANA, a newspaper published in said Parish and State, who, being duly sworn by me states that the advertisement attached herewith was published in said newspaper on the following dates, to wit:

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 5, 2020, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above Procès Verbal.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Dexter Brown
Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and Procès Verbal made by said Governing Authority on January 20, 2021, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish on December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of January, 2021.

/s/Sherell Jordan
Clerk

(PUBLISH: JANUARY 28, 2021) 1T

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE (RATE CASE)

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that Cleco Power LLC ("Cleco Power"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 290,000 customers in twenty-four parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business and supplying wholesale power in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, has filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "LPSC") an Application for: (i) Implementation of Changes in Rates to be Effective July 1, 2020; and (ii) Extension of Existing Formula Rate Plan. The twenty-four parishes through which Cleco Power's service area extends are: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Desoto, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lasalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Vernon and Washington.

Notice of Cleco Power's rates filing was previously published in the December 23, 2020, Official Bulletin of the LPSC. Notice of Cleco Power's filing is being re-published in the January 22, 2021 Official Bulletin of the LPSC. The pertinent docket is LPSC Docket No. U-35299. The proposed rate change will affect all parishes served by Cleco Power. The proposed rate change is sought primarily due to increased operating costs and significant investments in utility plant infrastructure, to provide for improvements and support the growth of Cleco Power's service area since its last rate adjustment.

Cleco Power's Application (including its proposed rate schedules and riders) may be viewed in the Office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov), under LPSC Docket No. U-35299. Additionally, the LPSC may be contacted regarding questions or comments at (800) 256-2397.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE (STORM FILING)

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that Cleco Power LLC ("Cleco Power"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 290,000 customers in twenty-four parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business and supplying wholesale power in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, has filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "LPSC") an Application for: (i) Recovery in Rates of Certain Storm Damage Costs Incurred as a Result of Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta; and (ii) Expedited Treatment. The twenty-four parishes through which Cleco Power's service area extends are: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Desoto, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lasalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Vernon and Washington. A previously published version of this notice had an incorrect website address for the LPSC; the correct website address is provided below.

Notice of Cleco Power's filing was first published in the December 11, 2020, Official Bulletin of the LPSC. Notice of Cleco Power's filing is being re-published in the January 22, 2021, Official Bulletin of the LPSC. The pertinent docket is LPSC Docket No. U-35807. The proposed rate change will affect all parishes served by Cleco Power. The proposed rate change is sought primarily due to costs that Cleco Power incurred to restore electric service following the landfalls of Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta.

Cleco Power's Application may be viewed in the Office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov), under Docket No. U-35807. Additionally, the LPSC may be contacted regarding questions or comments at (800) 256-2397.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

ST. LANDRY HOMESTEAD FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
VS

CARA DANETTE BELLARD

NO. 20-C-4076-D, CIVIL DOCKET, 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE 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 **3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021**, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

ITEM I:
THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON AND THEREUNTO BELONGING, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, SER-

VITUDES, ADVANTAGES AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, SITUATED IN SECTION FIFTEEN (15) AND/OR SIXTEEN (16), TOWNSHIP SIX SOUTH (T-6-S), RANGE THREE EAST (R-3-E), ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE CLEARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS SIXTEEN (16), SEVENTEEN (17), EIGHTEEN (18), NINETEEN (19) AND TWENTY (20) OF BLOCK "D" OF WESTGATE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES DATED MAY 9, 1974, AND RECORDED UNDER ACT NO. 580203A IN CONVEYANCE BOOK I-19, PAGE 437, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID PROPERTY HAVING SUCH METES, BOUNDS, DIMENSIONS, AND CONFIGURATIONS AND BEING BOUNDED ALL AS MORE CLEARLY SHOWN ON THE HEREIN REFERRED TO PLAT OF SURVEY.

ITEM II:
ONE (1) 2017 CAVCO TEXAS RANCH MOBILE HOME, MODEL NO. 150TR18803A; BEARING SERIAL NO. CAV150TX16-12517A, WHICH WAS IMMOBILIZED BY ACT OF IMMOBILIZATION RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, AS ACT NO. 1191881, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. ACQUIRED BY CARA DANETTE BALLARD FROM SPEYRER LAND GROUP, LLC BY ACT OF EXCHANGE RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, AS ACT NO. 1191879, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE: 685 ST. PAUL AVENUE, OPELOUSAS, LA 70570

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

CASH WITH BENEFIT OF APPRAISEMENT TO PAY AND SATISFY THE SUM OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIFTEEN AND 67/100 DOLLARS (**\$81,015.67**), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF FIVE AND FIVE TENTHS (5.5%) PER ANNUM THEREON FROM OCTOBER 26, 2020, AND ATTORNEY FEES OF 15 PER CENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COSTS OF THIS SUIT.

ANYONE PURCHASING PROPERTY AT SHERIFF'S SALE IS GIVEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON SALE DAY TO PAY THE FULL PURCHASE AMOUNT.

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

(PUBLISH: JANUARY 28 & FEBRUARY 28, 2021) 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

FIRST SOUTH FARM CREDIT, ACA
VS

ROSS JOHN TERREBONNE THRU ATTY GEORGE SEVERSON

NO. 20-C-3160-D, CIVIL DOCKET, 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE 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 **3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021**, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE COMPONENT PARTS THEREOF, SITUATED IN SECTIONS 50 AND/OR 51, T7S, R3E, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 25.410 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 635.72 FEET, MORE OR LESS, ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 178, AND HAVING SUCH FURTHER MEASUREMENTS, BOUNDARIES, CONFIGURATIONS AND DIMENSIONS AS ARE MORE FULLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES DATED JANUARY 27, 2016, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO ENTRY NO. 1137739, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA.

LESS

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE COMPONENT PARTS THEREOF, SITUATED IN SECTION 51, T7S, R3E, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 1.500 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 199.85 FEET, MORE OR LESS, ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 178, BY A DEPTH BETWEEN EQUAL AND PARALLEL LINES OF 330.76 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND HAVING SUCH FURTHER MEASUREMENTS, BOUNDARIES, CONFIGURATIONS AND DIMENSIONS AS ARE MORE FULLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES DATED APRIL 12, 2016, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE: **2369 HWY 178, SUNSET, LA 70584 (24 ACRES "MORE OR LESS" AND BARN ONLY)**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

CASH WITH BENEFIT OF APPRAISEMENT TO PAY AND SATISFY THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 11/100 DOLLARS (**\$117,127.11**), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF (\$19,201162) PER DIEM THEREON FROM JUNE 29, 2020, AND ATTORNEY FEES OF 20 (%) PER CENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COSTS OF THIS SUIT.

ANYONE PURCHASING PROPERTY AT SHERIFF'S SALE IS GIVEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON SALE DAY TO PAY THE FULL PURCHASE AMOUNT.

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

(PUBLISH: JANUARY 28 & FEBRUARY 28, 2021) 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION

JOSHUA J. BABINEAUX & TABATHA LYNN BABINEAUX

NO. 20-C-0648-C, CIVIL DOCKET, 27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE 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 **3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021**, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

2018 CLAYTON MOBILE HOME 52 X 28 BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS CAPO32272TNA AND CAPO32272TNB

A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND AN THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES AND SERVITUDES THERETO PERTAINING, CONTAINING 5.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND LOCATED IN SECTION 45, T-5-S, R-3-E, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA; SAID LOT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS "TRACT 4" ON A PLAT OF SURVEY IN THE ESTATE OF ABLE THOMAS, SR., PREPARED BY PAUL FONTENOT, C.E., DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1976, UNDER ACT NO. 606362, RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA AND HAVING SUCH DIMENSIONS, MEASUREMENTS AND BOUNDARIES AS ARE MORE FULLY SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF SURVEY.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TABATHA THOMAS BABINEAUX & JOSHUA JAMES BABINEAUX FROM JEROME C. THOMAS SR., BY DONATION INTER VIVOS, DATED MAY 11, 2018, RECORDED UNDER FILE NO. 1173580, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. FURTHER BEING THE SAME PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY JEROME C. THOMAS SR. FROM DAVID JAMES THOMAS BY EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE, RECORDED MAY 13, 1987, RECORDED UNDER FILE NO. 715867 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE: 324 THOMAS AVE, OPELOUSAS, LA
(TO BE SOLD IN GLOBO)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

CASH WITH BENEFIT OF APPRAISEMENT TO PAY AND SATISFY THE SUM OF NINETY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 39/100 DOLLARS (**\$93,934.39**), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TEN AND THIRTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS (10.34%) PER CENT, PER ANNUM THEREON FROM AUGUST 1, 2019, UNTIL PAID AND ATTORNEY FEES OF 25 (%) PER CENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COSTS OF THIS SUIT.

ANYONE PURCHASING PROPERTY AT SHERIFF'S SALE IS GIVEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON SALE DAY TO PAY THE FULL PURCHASE AMOUNT.

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

(PUBLISH: JANUARY 28 & FEBRUARY 28, 2021) 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

Horse impounded for running at large in St. Landry Parish: Mini-paint stud-horse found running along LA-93 near Grand Coteau, owner unknown. To claim your property, contact St. Landry Parish Animal Control, 255 Hanger Rd, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 948-6184.

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Concussions

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The pamphlets stated that research had not shown that having one or two concussions led to permanent problems. Two years earlier, an NFL committee had found that returning to play after a concussion did not involve a significant risk of another injury in the same game.

But the NFL no longer holds these views, and it is spending \$100 million on medical research and efforts to improve equipment. The NFL and the NCAA also created a targeting penalty to try to stamp out the head-hunting that was common in Hill's day.

If a player lowers his head to initiate contact with his helmet against another player's head, he is now ejected from a game. The penalty makes players aware of how to hit without causing head injuries.

The NFL has hired biomedical engineers to study how to make helmets safer. Many colleges,

including Tulane University, now use mouthguards that track the force a player takes with each hit.

Trainers monitor hit levels during practice and games. If the levels reach a certain peak, a trainer will pull a player aside and assess him. Tulane defensive lineman Noah Seiden, who just completed his sophomore season, recalls how a trainer pulled him out of practice to be evaluated after a hard hit. He said he would not have realized how hard the hit was had the mouthpiece not picked up a high force.

Seiden said he has had three documented concussions: in sixth grade, his senior year in high school and his freshman year in college.

"The first helmet that I had when I got that first concussion was just like a brick," he said. "It was hard padding and didn't really help me that much."

Each Tulane player uses three helmets to keep them from wearing down as fast. Trainers check the air pressure in

the helmets to assure that they sit correctly and can limit the severity of a hit.

LSU, Hill's alma mater, also continues to experiment with new safety measures. It uses sensors in its helmets to determine the gravitational and rotational forces from a hit.

Hill said he probably had more concussions in practice than in games. LSU also has cut back on violent practices to reduce the hits players absorb.

"We were the lead school to eliminate two-a-day practices because of our research," said Jack Marucci, LSU's director of athletic training for football.

Starting with youth and high school leagues, athletes need to recognize symptoms of concussions, which may include confusion, balance issues and blurred vision. Concussions can be scaled from level 1 to level 3, with level 3 being the most severe, and taking enough time to recover is imperative.

"Take it slow and get evaluated as soon as possible," Marucci said. "Fol-

low the protocol to return to play."

"Every athlete is different, so there is not a set amount of days," he added. "It can vary from four days to 21 days."

Often, football players aren't even aware they have a concussion, said David Daniels, who played at Millikin University and Valparaiso University. Like Hill, Daniels said he had probably played with multiple concussions in his career.

"Even though I got hit a lot, I never checked to see if I got a concussion or not," Daniels said.

Mark Dalecki, an assistant professor at the LSU School of Kinesiology, said most athletes are eager to get back on the field, but they need to wait to be cleared by a medical professional.

Dalecki said short and long-term impairments might not stem from one big concussion but from a combination of tiny hits over time. Concussions as a youth also place a player at a higher risk for dementia or other ailments.

Hill, now enjoying the

game from his couch instead of the field, sees how "the kids" are hitting differently and appreciates how the coaches are teaching them to avoid injuries.

"You still get big, fast, strong men that are running into each other, so that's a lot of energy, so that's gonna be violent," he said. But the violence is not quite the same as when he played "because the intent is different," he added.

Carolina Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly felt that his health should take precedence over the game. He retired last year due to concussions sustained during his playing career.

Hill said Kuechly could make that decision because he was financially stable, whereas players in earlier times were not as well off.

Noah Seiden's mom Kathy remembers the first time her son got a concussion, in sixth grade.

"It was the first time I ever thought, 'Oh my gosh, this could potentially be dangerous,'" she said. "Because they were

so little at the time."

She has been impressed with the way her son's coaches and trainers at Tulane work toward keeping safety a top priority. She still prays for her son before every game. But, she said,

"When your kid is so smart about it and handling it well...you got to let him go."

Hill is glad that more people are talking about the dangers of concussions. He said that breaks down the "gladiator shield" that he and his teammates had to maintain during their time.

Many parents, including some former NFL players, are concerned about having their sons play football. But for anyone who has a passion for football like he did, Hill thinks, the benefits still outweigh the risks.

"Every time you go out on the field, you take a risk," Hill said. "You have to make sure that risk is worth it."

Hunter M. McCann, Keith A. Fell Jr. and Anthony J. Mocklin contributed to this story.

Qualifying

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Buller, of the 100 block of George Buller Road, Bunkie, qualified as a Republican.

The election is to fill the unexpired term of former president Bill Fontenot, who resigned citing health issues in August 2020.

The next full parish president term will be decided in the fall 2023 election.

Three constable jobs were settled with no opposition. They are: Wayne Pitcher, of Palmetto, for District 9 constable justice of the peace; Luke Leger, of Washington, for District 11 constable justice of the peace; and Brenda Manuel, of Washington, for District 13 constable justice of the peace.

Qualifying for the 5th Congressional District seat. Qualifiers were:

Chad Conerly, of Kentwood, Republican; Allen Guillory, of Lawtell, Republican; and Horace Melton III, of Shreveport, Republican; Sandra "Candy" Christophe, of Alexandria, Democrat; Julia Letlow, of Rayville, Republican; Sancha Smith, of Opelousas, Republican; Errol Victor Sr., of Slidell, Republican; Jessica Honsinger Hollister, of Bogalusa, Democrat; M.V. "Vinny" Mendoza, of Pontchoula, Independent; Jim Davis, of Monroe, no party; Jaycee Magnuson, of Opelousas, Republican; Robert Landsden, of Pontchoula, Republican; and Richard Pannell, of Dry Prong, Republican.

The March 20 ballot also is to include tax votes in Fire District 3 and Gravity District 1 in Ward 3.

The race for the 2nd Congressional District, which includes New Or-

leans and stretches into Baton Rouge, also drew a crowded field. The seat came open when Democrat Cedric Richmond left Congress to join President Joe Biden's administration.

A pair of Democratic state senators from New Orleans, Karen Carter Peterson and Troy Carter, are the most high-profile candidates among the 15 who qualified. Democrat Harold John of New Orleans, Harvey Republican Sheldon Vincent, and Brandon Jolicoeur, a New Orleans resident who does not identify with a political party, all threw their hats in the ring Friday.

Republican Chelsea Ardoin of New Orleans, independent Belden "Noonie Man" Batiste of New Orleans, Republican Claston Bernard of Gonzales, Democrat J. Christopher Johnson of Gretna, Democrat Lloyd M. Kelly of

New Orleans, Republican Greg Lirette of New Orleans, Democrat Desiree Ontiveros of New Orleans, Democrat Gary Chambers of Baton Rouge, Libertarian Mindy McConnell of New Orleans, and New Orleans Democrat Jenette Porter all qualified earlier in the week.

Jeffery Robinson, a Ruston Republican, claimed a north Louisiana appeals court judgeship when no one else qualified to run. Marcus Hunter, Larry Jefferson, and J. Garland Smith, all Monroe Democrats, are running to be an appeals court judge in the same circuit.

Six candidates are seeking to represent northwest Louisiana's District 4 on the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education after Tony Davis stepped down. They include John Milkovich, a Democrat-turned-independent and former state

legislator from Shreveport who was a vociferous opponent of Common Core education standards.

Also running to replace Davis on the BESE are Republican Shelly McFarland of Winnfield, Republican Michael Melerine of Shreveport, Democrat Emma Shepard of Shreveport, Democrat Cassie Williams of Bossier City, and Cody Whitaker of Winnfield, who does not identify with a political party.

The general election is April 24.

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Political announcements for the election must be submitted to The Eunice News by Feb. 22.

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COVID-19

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Dental providers and staff; and
Students, residents, faculty and staff of allied health schools (if not already receiving vaccine or in a plan to receive from

their respective schools).
“Patients must contact a participating location and make an appointment at the location. Patients who arrive without an appointment will not be vaccinated,” the website states.
Frank said the problem for hospitals administering the vaccine is the staff

requirements. Staffing has become critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.
But the vaccine supply also is limited.
“We requested a number of doses this week. We did that last week and we didn’t find out that we were going to get any until yesterday,” he said in a phone call Tuesday.
The allocation the hospital is receiving is less than requested, he added.
The same short supply is affecting pharmacies, he said.
On Tuesday, it was reported the state will receive about a 16% increase in its vaccine supply next week.
Gov. John Bel Edwards’ administration said last week they were told to expect “relatively flat” shipments of vaccines each of the next four to five weeks, with potentially a 5% to 10% increase, The Advocate reported.
Edwards’ spokesperson Christina Stephens said Tuesday they now expect 29,250 Pfizer doses and 38,100 Moderna doses next week, totaling 67,350 doses. That’s up from about 58,000 doses this week.
As of Tuesday, Louisi-

ana ranked 14th among states and the District of Columbia in the number of doses administered per capita. According to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the state had administered roughly 57% of the doses distributed to the state so far, which ranked 18th in the country.
COVID-19 restrictions
Louisiana’s COVID-19 restrictions include the below:
All Louisianans are encouraged to avoid gatherings of individuals not part of their households.
All businesses, private and public sectors, should have as many employees work from home as they can.
All restaurants are limited to 50% of their indoor capacity. Restaurants should move as much dining outdoors as they can. Social distancing is required.
For bars in parishes above 5% positivity, bars are closed to indoor sales and consumption but open for outdoor consumption at tables only and at 25% capacity, with a maximum of 50 people. Social distancing is required. Take-out and delivery will

still be available.
Retail businesses may open at 50% capacity, except for essential businesses, as defined by federal guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.
Gyms may be open at 50% of their capacity.
Places of worship will remain at a maximum of 75% of their capacity or the number of people who can physically distance with at least six feet between each immediate household, whichever is less.
Barber and beauty shops, and nail salons may open at 50% of their capacity.
Movie theaters may open at 50% of their capacity.
Indoor gatherings at event/receptions centers are limited to 25% capacity or up to 75 individuals.
Outdoor gatherings at event/reception centers are limited to 25% capacity or up to 150 individuals when strict physical distancing is not possible.
All sporting events will be capped at 25% capacity.
Louisiana’s statewide mask mandate is still in place.
St. Landry Parish

vaccine sites
Vaccine sites listed on the state Department of Health website include the following.
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Super 1 Pharmacy 637, 1800 W. Laurel St., Eunice. <https://www.super1foods.com/stores/eunice-637/6053>. 337-457-0878.
Ken’s Thrifty Way Pharmacy, 517 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas. <https://www.kensthriftyway.com/locations/opelousas>. 337-942-7551
Lagniappe Pharmacy 61717, S. Union St., Opelousas. 337-948-7703.
Super 1 Pharmacy 636, 2418 S. Union St., Opelousas. <https://www.super1foods.com/stores/opelousas-636/6052>. 337-942-3674.
The Family Clinic, Opelousas, 3921 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas. 337-942-5706.
Thrifty Way at The Cottage, 1406 W. Landry St., Opelousas. <http://thriftywayatthecottage.com>. 337-942-2653.
For more locations, visit: <https://ldh.la.gov/covid-vaccine-locations/>

Maple

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Construction is anticipated to begin 60 days after the Feb. 10 bid letting.
“The incidental work on this project includes replacing a catch basin and 36 lf (linear feet) of pipe in the vicinity of LA 91 and S 5th St., installing guardrail on either side of the bridge just east of S. Bobcat Dr., installing 10 handicap ramps, and replacing any drive-

ways that are affected by the work,” according to a statement from Michael DeSelle, state Department of Transportation and Development District 3 engineer administrator to DeVillier.
DeVillier said DOTD is planning an overlay project on La. 13 from U.S. 190 to the Evangeline Parish line with bid-letting in October.
Also planned is a paving project on La. 13 from the T-intersection south to the Sittig Street/Perchville Road intersection.

Fakes

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The offense is a misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500 and six months imprisonment.
Darbonne said it is normal for a police officer making a traffic stop to check for insurance, license plates, driver’s license and registration.
One reason for obtaining a fake inspection

sticker is switched plates, he said.
What was puzzling about the driver with the latest fake inspection sticker is everything was OK with the vehicle.
The person said it was just more convenient to buy the fake sticker, he said.
Darbonne said person may end up questioning the convenience if he has to pay a fine and stay in jail.

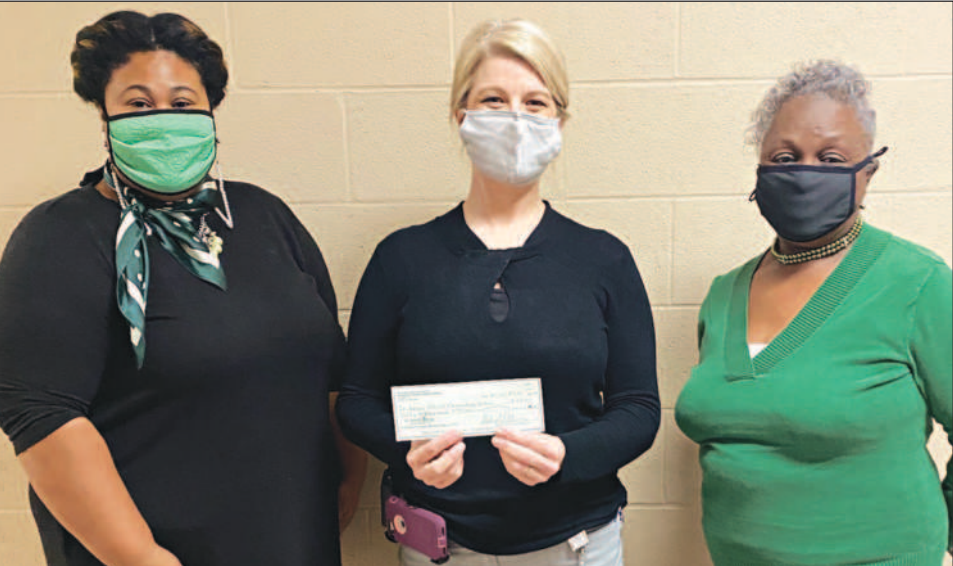
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NAUW inducts newest member



Shelsy Williams, president of the Eunice Branch of the National Association of University Women, presents a membership plaque to Charisse Reed after she was inducted as a new member of the local branch via Zoom meeting of the group. Participating and overseeing the process of this activity was the sectional director Dr. Debra Yarbrough of Baton Rouge, via Zoom as well. (Submitted photo)

NAUW donates to Bayou Chicot Elementary



Kim Soileau, principal of Bayou Chicot Elementary, center, is with Shelsy Williams, left, president of NAUW-Eunice Branch, and Lelia B. Adams, branch member and a teacher at the school, as they presented a donation to the school from the branch. Each year, members adopt a school to financially assist in some way, but due to this year's limitations, they decided to make donations to three schools. The other schools were Sts. Leo-Seton Catholic School in Lafayette, where Angela F. Lee teaches and JCFA, also in Lafayette, where Keristian Edwards is the assistant principal. Money given is to be used for educational advancement of the students at the school, a project of the branch. (Submitted photo)

Studying organisms at Highland Elementary



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Highland Elementary third graders in Randi Reed's class studied a unit in science and learned that organisms (plants and animals) are made of cells. Students looked at different muscle cells, bone cells, and blood cells through microscopes. (Submitted photos)

St. Edmund students use iRead



St. Edmund Elementary's kindergarten through second grade students logged in and started using iRead this week. The students are using a Chromebook with headphones to utilize this adaptive software during their Reading class for four days a week. The lessons target phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, phonics, decoding and work recognition. Lessons are personalized for each student and are interactive, engaging and effective. In front, from left, are Ava Bellard and Molly Miller, in back, from left, are Julianna Sittig, Ainsley Fruge and Addison Simon. All are second graders in Mary Joubert's class. (Submitted photo)

Did you know?

Newspaper Metro

While flowers certainly add beauty and a wonderful aroma to wedding ceremonies and receptions, there are other reasons behind their inclusion in such festivities.

In ancient Rome, brides carried or wore flower garlands because the Romans believed flowers

signified hope, fertility and new beginnings.

In the Middle Ages, brides did not carry flowers, but rather strong-smelling spices and herbs. The rationale was that the herbs and spices would drive away bad luck and evil spirits.

Flowers also served another practical purpose. In eras when bathing was

a luxury, different flowers and herbs helped mask body odors.

It wasn't until the Victorian era, when flowers were used to symbolize romantic love, that they became part of wedding ceremonies, according to Modern Weddings magazine.



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