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## THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME



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The City of Denham Springs celebrated the annual 'Lighting of Old City Hall' on Friday, November 24. Luke 10:27 Children's Choir provided entertainment, as well as special guest Laine Hardy. Kids were able to enjoy a new set of rides and take pictures with Santa Clause. See more pictures, as well as a schedule of Christmas Events, on Page 13.



# OVER 30 YEARS, AND STILL GOING

## DONATIONS FOR LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S CHRISTMAS CRUSADE UNDERWAY, TWO WEEKENDS LEFT

BY MCHUGH DAVID  
The Livingston Parish News

The window for donations and for families to sign up for the annual Livingston Parish Sheriff's Christmas Crusade is underway.

Starting this past weekend, November 25 and 26, deputies and volunteers sat outside three Wal-Mart locations - Denham Springs, Walker, and Watson - as well as Bass Pro to collect toy donations for needing families. The collections must be new, unwrapped toys or cash.

There are still two weekends available for donations, this time including Friday:

- Friday, December 1 - 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 2 - 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3 - 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 8 - 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9 - 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 10 - 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

If a donor cannot make it to one of the Wal-Mart locations or Bass Pro, unwrapped toys can be mailed to:

**Sheriff Jason Ard's Christmas Crusade**  
P.O. Box 1515  
Livingston, LA 70754

The sheriff's office wants to remind the public that donations are tax deductible, and the last day for donations of any kind will be December 10.

For families who would like to sign up to receive the donations, that began yesterday, November 27, and will run through December 1. After a short break, the final window for families to apply will be from December 4 through December 8. Applicants must come in-person to the Sheriff's Training Center located at 29225 Woodside Drive, Walker, LA 70785.

Applicants must have the following:

1. Proof that you are a resident of Livingston Parish - utility bill, school records, etc.
2. Applicants will need to provide a birth certificate for each child. If a birth certificate is not available, school records, WIC vouchers with child's date of birth, medical records, or any official documentation listing child's date of birth can be accepted as proof of child's birth date. - The age limit is 12 years old and younger
3. Proof of income for all persons living in the household or proof of food stamps - Food Stamp Cards will not be accepted as proof

The toy delivery date will be Friday, December 15 beginning at 8 a.m. Applicants must be home to take delivery.

The local holiday event has grown much over the last three decades. Former Sheriff Willie Graves and his wife Elaine started the project in 1987, and Ard got involved when he joined the department in 1993.

Since Ard became sheriff in 2012, the Christmas Crusade has provided toys to more than 9,300 Livingston Parish children from more than 4,200 families. Last year's program made the holiday wishes of 1,300 children from 600 families come true.

The sheriff and his wife Erica, who has become the leader of the Crusade, oversee a painstaking process that includes gathering names, screening applicants for qualification, and collecting toys.

## LIVINGSTON PARISH: CHILD ADVOCACY SERVICES PROGRAM RECOGNIZES RICHARD "RICK" FOSTER

STAFF REPORT  
The Livingston Parish News

Child Advocacy Services' CASA works tirelessly to achieve the mission to provide voice, healing, and security to children daily in Livingston Parish.

This month, the program recognizes CASA Advocate Richard "Rick" Foster for outstanding advocacy and a continued commitment to ensure a positive future for CASA children.

Rick has been a CASA volunteer since April 2019 and makes it a priority to visit with his CASA child at least once per month and maintains consistent contact with the Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that his CASA child has all necessary services.

"There are a whole lot of children in need of help. If all I can do is stand in the gap and be a voice for my CASA child, then I'll make sure that child is heard. It's always been on my heart to keep children safe, and by being a CASA volunteer I can do that," Foster said.

"Rick is such a positive, stable influence for his CASA child," Foster's supervisor Karen Meche says. "We have so many teenage boys who can benefit from a male role model who will walk with them through their teenage journey as



Rick Foster

they navigate foster care. "Rick is such a shining example of the impact just one person can have on the life of a child. I look forward to the continued impact he will make in the lives of the children he serves in the future."

There are children waiting in Livingston Parish for a CASA to advocate for their best interests as they navigate the judicial system due to no fault of their own. A CASA Volunteer is a consistent support for a child in their time of crisis.

CASA is recruiting volunteers for the 2024 calendar training year. The training is a blend of in-person meetings and online sessions to achieve 30 hours. You can learn more about becoming a CASA by contacting Donna Bliss (dbliss@childadv.net) at Child Advocacy Services 1-800-798-1575 or visit www.childadv.net.

## \$4.3 MILLION PIPE & STEEL EXPANSION TO RESULT IN 97 NEW MANUFACTURING JOBS IN LIVINGSTON PARISH

STAFF REPORT  
The Livingston Parish News

Pipe & Steel Industrial Fabricators Inc. announced its plans to invest \$4.3 million in an expansion of its manufacturing facilities in Livingston Parish. The project is designed to enhance job safety, create efficiencies and lower costs to clients.

The company expects to create 32 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of \$88,000, while retaining 57 existing positions. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the expansion will result in 65 indirect new jobs, for a total of 97 new jobs in the Capital Region.

"By reinvesting in facilities and equipment, Pipe & Steel is not only keeping quality jobs here at home, but creating new, high-pay-



A custom metal building designed, manufactured, and installed by the team at Pipe & Steel. This project was commissioned by Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard as part of the Sheriff's Training Center.

ing jobs for Louisiana's skilled workforce," Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "The surge in manufacturing investment and employment over the last

three years is a powerful indicator that Louisiana's economy is headed in the right direction, and poised for long-term growth." In addition to technology

and equipment upgrades, the expansion will add 8,000 square feet to the existing structural steel

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# LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE LOUISIANA'S DISASTER RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

BY VICTOR SKINNER  
The Center Square

Efforts to better coordinate and improve Louisiana's resilience to storms and other natural disasters commenced on Monday with a new legislative task force.

Gov. John Bel Edwards addressed the first meeting of the Louisiana Resilience Task Force on Monday amid a reprieve from 50 state emergency declarations, including 24 that triggered federal declarations, since he took office in 2016.

"I'm actually sitting her today relatively calm for the first time in a long time," Edwards said, "but what we know is this could change tonight."

While Edwards highlighted the progress Louisiana has made to prepare for severe weather, he noted "it's possible to stand up structures and processes that allow us to do more to adapt all across government, and to do that when the weather is clear."

That's the intent behind House Bill 525, now Act 315, from the 2023 legislative session that created a new chief resilience officer and laid out a framework for resilience and risk mitigation work across state agencies, which includes an Interagency Resilience

Coordination Team and the task force.

The latter is comprised of members of the coordination team; officials with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; commissioners of administration, insurance, and higher education; lawmakers, and representatives from local government, the Public Service Commission, Department of Transportation and Development, and Department of Children and Family Services.

Task force members on Monday detailed work already underway to protect residents and the coast from natural disasters, from implementation of the state's coastal master plan to fortification of homes and the electrical grid.

Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon highlighted progress with a Fortify Homes program funded by \$30 million from the legislature that has distributed half the total to 1,500 residents insured by Louisiana Citizens, the state's market of last resort.

Two more rounds of 750 grants each will bring the total number of fortified homes to 3,000, he said.

"We need to do this on a permanent basis going for-



National Guard vehicles are parked outside the Livingston Parish Courthouse in response to Hurricane Ida.

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ward," said Donelon, who did not run for reelection. "I can't tell you anything else that is more valuable, more helpful, more necessary for our state to continue to thrive ... than this program that is the solution."

Other work involves inventorying DOTD assets across the state, efforts to cut utility repair costs passed on to ratepayers, researching federal funding opportunities, and risk mitigation at GOSEP that includes cyber security.

Christina Dayries, deputy director of GOHSEP, said that in addition to the 50 state emergency declarations, Louisiana has experienced 131 cyber

security events impacting state and local government, schools, hospitals, private businesses and others.

Charles Sutcliffe, the governor's chief resilience officer and chair of the task force, noted that Louisiana has the third highest costs nationally from disasters between 1980 and 2023 at \$290 billion. They've

included droughts, severe storms, flooding, wildfires, freezes and winter storms.

The task force will continue to meet at least quarterly to develop recommendations for lawmakers next year, and resources for local governments to pursue federal funding, with a required report to the legislature annually by

Feb. 15.

"We want to be coming up with new directions to go in that are super crucial issues for our state, so the report is to really try highlight and coalesce around some objectives and priorities for the coming year that will influence how we engage with the legislature," Sutcliffe said.

## REPORT: STATE AND LOCAL TAXES HIGHER THAN MOST IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION

BY STEVE WILSON  
The Center Square

A new report on combined state and local taxes puts Louisiana in the lower end nationally, but residents still pay a higher tab than other states in the Southeast.

The nonpartisan Tax Foundation, in its survey of state and local taxes, says the state is ranked 36th in its per capita combined state and local tax collections in fiscal 2021. Louisiana residents paid an average of \$4,822 per person.

While that compares favorably from a national perspective, it trails neighboring Mississippi (46th, \$4,435 per capita collections), Georgia (43rd, \$4,590), Florida (47th, \$4,405), Tennessee (48th, \$4,272) and Alabama (49th, \$4,245).

Alabama just started the phaseout of its 4% grocery tax with an initial reduction to 3%, while Mississippi passed a tax cut package in 2022 that reduces the state's graduated income tax to a flat 4% rate.

Louisiana is better than neighboring Arkansas (35th, \$4,868 per capita collections) and Texas (34th, \$4,888), which doesn't have a state income tax.

Louisiana has a graduated individual income tax, with rates that range from 1.85% to 4.25%. The state also levies a 4.45% sales tax, with local sales taxes

capped at 7%, giving the state, according to the Tax Foundation, a combined average sales tax rate of 9.55%.

The District of Columbia had the highest per-capita state and local tax collections at \$13,278, followed by New York (\$10,266), California (\$9,175), New Jersey (\$8,303), and Massachusetts (\$8,101).

The lowest states were Alaska (\$4,192 per capita state and local tax collections), followed by Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and Mississippi.

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# WOMAN'S HOSPITAL BRINGING MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY COACH TO LIVINGSTON PARISH

**STAFF REPORT**

The Livingston Parish News

Woman's Hospital brings lifesaving breast imaging to Livingston Parish with its mobile mammography coach.

The coach makes mammograms more accessible than ever offering advanced 3D mammogram technology at convenient times and locations across Louisiana. However, physician's orders are required and appointments are strongly encouraged.

The coach will stop at four sites around the parish beginning Wednesday, December 6.



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**WHERE:** 8375 Florida Blvd.

Old Dixon Hospital  
Denham Springs, La. 70726

Call (225) 396-5367 to schedule

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 21

**WHERE:** RKM Prima-

ry Care  
28315 Frost Road  
Livingston, La. 70754  
Call (225) 283-1356 to schedule

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 26

**WHERE:** Mandy's Primary Healthcare  
35055 LA Hwy 16  
Watson, La. 70706  
Call (225) 791-2400 to

schedule  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 27

**WHERE:** Riverside Family Medical  
1870 La Hwy 22  
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For more information including the full mam-

mography coach schedule, visit [Womans.org](http://Womans.org)

About Woman's Hospi-

tal:  
Woman's is a specialty hospital for women and infants located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Since opening in 1968, it has welcomed nearly 400,000 babies, making it one of the largest delivery services in the country and the largest

in Louisiana. Additionally, Woman's operates a level III-S neonatal intensive care unit; this designation allows them to care for infants who are extremely premature, are critically ill or require surgical intervention. The hospital is also recognized for its expertise in mammography as well as breast and gynecologic cancer care. As a private,

nonprofit organization, all funds are reinvested into the hospital to continue Woman's mission to improve the health of women and infants through the latest technology, a highly qualified staff and critical community programs and services. For more information, visit [www.womans.org](http://www.womans.org).

## LIVINGSTON PARISH ANNOUNCES BURN BAN LIFTED

**BY MCHUGH DAVID**  
The Livingston Parish News

A multi-month burn ban, which took one short break in September, has been lifted Monday. Parish officials announced

that, as of 10 a.m., the prohibitive measure is lifted and burning can resume in the parish. The call was made after heavy rains soaked the area through the Thanksgiving holiday, and more rain is in the forecast beginning this Thursday,

through next Monday, December 4.

The burn ban was initially established in August, due to a multi-month drought combined with unusually high temperatures. At the time, the state fire marshal

was concerned by both the dry conditions but also the heat and fire responder health, safety, and welfare.

Livingston Parish officials reminded residents in September that the burn ban was still in

effect when, on September 19, Fire Protection District 5 battled a field fire into the night, but it was eventually contained. The Livingston Parish Sheriff and air support were included in the fire fight.

## PIPE & STEEL DEDICATED TO REINVESTING PROFITS BACK INTO COMPANY

**FROM 1**

shop, 14,000 square feet to the current pipe fabrication facility and a new permanent covered blasting and painting area.

"Our management continues to take the capital that is earned by our outstanding workforce and reinvest it into our company to create steady, stable growth," Pipe & Steel President Kylie Sparks said. "The employees who consistently give their best each day deserve our commitment in return. We are comprised of local people from our community who rise and meet tough challenges in our industry daily. Our history of safety and quality has consistently allowed us to grow with very low debt. LED has allowed us to take the hard work of our employees and our initiative to grow with innovation and new technology and create a stable future for our awesome team members and community." "I am so excited to join

LED in announcing the latest expansion of Pipe & Steel Industrial Fabricators," Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks said. "Pipe & Steel has been investing in Livingston Parish for many years. They are not only leaders in industrial fabrication and construction but in the community as well. Their latest expansion is expected to significantly increase the local job market and amplify their positive influence in our community. Congratulations to company President Kylie Sparks and VPs Leon Badeaux, Jeff Pruitt and Dakota Sparks and the entire team at Pipe & Steel Industrial Fabricators."

To secure the project, the state offered Pipe & Steel a competitive incentive package that included services of LED FastStart, Louisiana's nationally recognized workforce development program. The company is eligible for a \$200,000 performance-based award from the Economic Development Award Program for

reimbursement of infrastructure costs, contingent on meeting investment, employment and payroll benchmarks. Pipe & Steel is also expected to utilize the state's Industrial Tax Exemption and Quality Jobs programs, pending approval by local government entities in Livingston Parish.

"We congratulate Kylie Sparks and his team at Pipe & Steel Industrial Fabricators on this exciting announcement," said David Bennett, President and CEO, Livingston Economic Development Council. "Pipe & Steel has seen rapid growth and provided plentiful opportunities for the qualified and skilled workforce of Livingston Parish. Expansion of the manufacturing base is so important for our economic health, so we celebrate this most recent expansion and look forward to more in the future."

"The Baton Rouge Area Chamber congratulates Pipe & Steel Industrial

Fabricators on its expansion, demonstrating the continued success of the industrial sector in the Capital Region," said Russell Richardson, Baton Rouge Area Chamber senior vice president of business development. "We thank our partners at Livingston Economic Development for helping to bring this project to fruition."

About Pipe & Steel Industrial Fabricators Inc.

Pipe & Steel is a local, Native American family-owned and certified Louisiana veteran-owned business and industrial construction company that services the petro-chemical, agricultural, fertilizer, gas and oil industries with pipe and structural fabrication, civil construction, and

general field construction. Pipe & Steel is committed to industry best practices and strives to set the bar for safety in the workplace, quality work and products and integrity and transparency with our clients and community. Learn more at [pipeandsteelindustrial.com](http://pipeandsteelindustrial.com).



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# FINANCE | WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT HSAS AND FSAS

BY JENNIFER BARRETT  
Edward Jones

Paying for health care can be challenging — but are you taking full advantage of all the resources available to you?

You might have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA) or a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), so let's look at both.

An HSA is a personal savings account used to pay health care costs. If you're enrolled in a high-deductible health plan, you also may be eligible to contribute to an HSA. You aren't taxed on the money you put into this account or on the earnings generated from your contributions, as long as withdrawals are used for qualified health

care costs such as deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. And there's no "use it or lose it" provision with HSAs — the money stays in your account until you use it. In fact, you can carry your HSA with you all the way until retirement, when you can use the money to pay for qualified expenses that Medicare or Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) doesn't cover. In 2023, you can contribute up to \$3,850 to an HSA, or \$4,850 if you're 55 or older; for family coverage, you can put in up to \$7,750.

It's important to keep in mind that your HSAs tax benefits only apply when your withdrawals are used for qualified health care costs. If you use the money for non-qualified expenses, it is

considered taxable income, and you may also face a penalty of 20% on the amount withdrawn. However, once you turn 65, you can use your HSA funds for any purpose without a penalty, though the withdrawals will still count as taxable income.

Now, let's turn to the Flexible Savings Account. An FSA may be available to you if you get health insurance through your employer. And because you fund your FSA with pretax dollars, your contributions can reduce your taxable income. (In 2023, you can contribute up to \$3,050 to an FSA.) Your employer may also choose to contribute to your FSA. Once your account is funded and active, you submit claims with proof of your medical expenses,

along with a statement that these expenses aren't covered by your plan, and you can be reimbursed for your costs.

It's helpful to have a good estimate of your yearly medical expenses for a Flexible Savings Account. That's because an FSA generally needs to be spent before the end of the plan year — if you don't use all the money, you can only carry over some of it and any remaining balance is forfeited. (You can carry over up to \$610 from 2023 into 2024.)

You can't contribute to an HSA and a traditional FSA in the same year. But if you have an HSA, you might be able to use what's known as a Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LPFSA) for dental and vision expens-

es. You'll need to check with your plan to see if this option is available.

Managing your health care expenses should be a key part of your overall financial strategy — so consider putting an HSA or FSA to work for you.

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## OPINION | LET'S GIVE THANKS FOR AMERICA

The first Thanksgivings in America were about celebrating survival. Spanish and French explorers set aside days to give thanks to the Almighty for protecting them in a strange and hostile land. The Pilgrims held their famous Thanksgiving feast of 1623 to praise God for their bountiful harvest. From there, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln issued proclamations for thanksgiving in the midst of terrible wars.

How did Thanksgiving develop from a practice of gratitude into an excuse for a long weekend off work, big meals with family, and sitting on the sofa watching football games? In part, because we are a prosperous and free country. Americans do not face the desperate conditions our forefathers did.

This year, we should see the holiday as an opportunity to quit complaining about all the things that are wrong in our country and the world. Instead, it's time to think

about all the things we should be thankful for.

To start, we can be thankful that we don't have to fight for survival. When the Pilgrims held the first Thanksgiving, it wasn't certain everyone in the Plymouth Colony would live through the harsh winter. When General Washington instructed the Continental Army to have a thanksgiving holiday to celebrate the American victory at Saratoga, victory over the British Empire wasn't guaranteed. Because of their sacrifices, we are living in the most wonderful, freest nation to ever exist. The unparalleled opportunities American citizens have were hard-won, and we should be conscious of our immense debt of gratitude.

We shouldn't minimize the very real problems America faces, but we can be thankful for all that is good about our country. As war rages in Ukraine and Israel, we need to remember that America is a bulwark for freedom in a world threatened by tyranny. Too many forget how good

America is; they wrongly believe America is fundamentally unequal or "systemically racist."

But we can be thankful that America is founded on principles of human dignity and universal freedom. We can also be thankful for how far we have progressed toward achieving the promise in our Declaration of Independence that all people "are created equal," and that all have the same rights. Even though we haven't yet fully lived up to our foundational principles, we should have gratitude for the fact that they exist, how far we have come in realizing them, and that we are continuing to work toward their achievement. No other country has fought so hard for such a beautiful vision of justice.

We can complain 364 days a year, but Thanksgiving is a time to stop complaining. It is a time for reflection and gratitude. And it is a time to begin thinking about what we can do to make things better. A wise person once said, "What you see depends on where you are standing."

So maybe it's time to change our position and see something different, and in the process, see a way to help make a positive change.

One way we can do this is by doing a better job telling America's story in the classroom—and celebrating it throughout our society. At a recent event in my honor, with several hundred people there, we began the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country. One man in attendance said, "Wow, I haven't said that in 20 years, and I almost forgot the words."

One of the best ways to express our gratitude is by teaching our kids and grandkids about what makes America great. We should tell them the story of the first Thanksgiving and the miracle of the American Revolution. We should introduce them to great Americans like Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. We should take them to battlefields and monuments to show them that freedom comes with a great price.

This Thanksgiving, let's all give

## EDITORIAL: REAL CLEAR POLICY

thanks, not just for mere survival or for a bountiful harvest, but for living in a nation that is blessed with "liberty and justice for all," as the Pledge of Allegiance concludes. Yes, we are not perfect and will never be. But we should have great gratitude for everything America has achieved so far, and what we will achieve in the future with a better understanding of our shared principles, along with a little hard work.

**Jack Miller is the founder and chairman of the Jack Miller Center, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to reinvigorating education in America's founding principles and history, from K-12 through college.**

## OPINION | YOUR STOLEN PACKAGE IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

In December 2018, Google searches for the term "porch pirate" reached a peak. The phrase describes a particular kind of thief unique to modern living: someone who takes packages ordered online and left unattended at doorsteps. Since the pandemic, when a huge surge of Americans started buying much of their everyday goods and luxuries online, many more people have had at least one run-in with a porch pirate.

A New York Times analysis of package theft in 2019 found that 1.7 million packages went missing every day in the US, amounting to a loss of about \$25 million a day. In the first year of Covid-19 lockdowns, the United States Postal Service saw a 161 percent increase in mail theft complaints compared to the previous year, a trend that continued to grow in 2021 and 2022. More recent post-pandemic estimates of package theft are harder to come by, but a 2021 Consumer Reports survey of 2,341 adults found that more than one in 10 had a package pilfered in the previous year — and almost two-thirds of that group had been hit twice.

Experts tell Vox that package theft isn't a massive crime wave threatening to topple home delivery as a whole. As more Americans turn to online shopping as their primary way of buying goods, however, stolen packages are proving an annoyance and frustration for customers, and a looming dilemma for retailers and shipping companies that, with few exceptions, are still figuring out how to address them. For retailers, that is a tightrope act that requires keeping customers happy and not losing money, all while trying to navigate the maze of providing fast, cheap, and secure delivery of billions of dollars of clothes, electronics, medicine, and so much more to every corner of the country.

In this sense, package theft is about more than package theft. It rubs at a bigger question of online shopping and our consumption habits: Is this pace of so much buying and shipping and delivering even possible to keep up without consequences for retailers, for shippers, and for us? Or will consumers of the future have to sacrifice the fast, cheap convenience that has become core to the experience of shopping online?

Why don't retailers do more

to stop package theft?

Much ink has been spilled on the supposed tsunami of organized retail theft leading to convenience stores locking up toothpaste and shampoo, yet there's shockingly little information on how much merchandise and money retailers lose specifically to package theft. Vox reached out to several major e-commerce retailers, including Amazon, Walmart, Target, Best Buy, eBay, and Costco. None shared any estimates of "shrink" — the retail industry term for all kinds of inventory loss, including damaged, misplaced, and stolen goods — stemming from package theft. The National Retail Federation (NRF) told Vox that it does not keep track of the trend, nor the money lost to issuing refunds and replacements due to stolen deliveries, and said that retailers differ on whether they count this sort of theft as part of their overall shrink statistics; in a 2022 NRF report on customer returns, however, complaints of items not being delivered were among the top challenges reported by retailers.

The reason for being tight-lipped is simple: Merchants generally want you to focus on how seamless it is to shop with them from the convenience of your home, and not fret over the possibility that your fancy new air fryer will be swiped before you've even realized it arrived.

"I don't think retailers highlight it too much because they want customers to feel confident in having things delivered," says Neil Saunders, a managing director of retail at the analytics and consulting firm GlobalData.

To that end, big retailers typically take a generous approach to helping customers who report missing orders, quickly sending out new shipments. Giants with a bulk of market share like Amazon can afford to bake in refunds and replacements for disappearing deliveries as part of their operating expenses.

That's not to say that taking the loss is cheap. Retailers already spend a huge amount of money on preparing online orders — picking them, packing them, and moving them between waystations until they're loaded onto the final vehicle for delivery to someone's home. Home delivery can eat 10 to 15 percent of an online retailer's sales, according to Deutsche Bank Research. (It's much cheaper to have goods delivered to a

brick-and-mortar store, which takes up just 2 to 3 percent of revenue.)

When a package is reported stolen, they "have to take that as a loss, then on top of that, they have the new product that they've got to ship out free of charge," says Saunders.

This is why some companies tell customers up front that they're not liable if the package fails to make it into your hands. The FAQ for clothing retailer Forever 21, for example, notes that it's not responsible for stolen packages and leaves it up to customers to contact the delivery company. Shein, the popular fast fashion retailer, writes vaguely that customers with delivery issues should contact them after checking to make sure that they really haven't received the item; the company told Vox that after an investigation, a refund or replacement could be issued, if appropriate. For online marketplaces such as eBay and Etsy, resolution of missing packages can be messier because it's up to individual third-party sellers to honor claims of theft with a refund. Etsy recommends sellers send a replacement or refund, but notes that it "doesn't hold sellers responsible for items that are lost in mail."

The evidence of the costliness of fulfillment — including replacements — can be seen in companies' financial reports and earnings calls, as well as recent shake-ups in their free shipping policies. Last year, Amazon raised its Prime membership cost, which includes free delivery on many items, from \$119 to \$139. In its annual report, the company noted that improving its fulfillment costs and delivery speeds was a "critical challenge" as the cost to get a product to customers keeps rising.

Amazon's response to that critical challenge matters because the majority of stolen packages are from Amazon, if for no other reason than the fact that the online shopping behemoth makes up about 40 percent of all e-commerce sales. Amazon also has the resources and appetite to aggressively attack package theft. It acquired home security camera company Blink in 2017, and in 2018, Ring, which makes an extremely popular line of doorbell cameras (whose user-shared footage of porch pirates has become legendary). The company is also expanding the number of secure lockers

and pick-up counters across the country, which currently total more than 16,000, according to one user-created map; and it has announced that it would be partnering with local businesses such as convenience stores, coffee shops, and clothing shops that have the space to securely store Amazon packages and deliver them to customers in the neighborhood.

For companies that don't make over \$500 billion in sales in a year, it's harder to address the problem head-on.

Some retailers with a large brick-and-mortar presence are leaning into curbside and in-store pickups, which aren't only cheaper to fulfill but more secure, too. Target in particular has adopted the strategy as it opens new stores, making them fulfillment centers as well as places where customers can browse the aisles. It's clearly an attractive alternative for consumers: Pymnts' Global Digital Shopping Index shows that, in the US, store pick-up grew 37 percent in 2022 compared to the previous year.

If this is a viable solution to prevent package theft, it's one that acknowledges that the whole premise of home delivery is flawed — that for the customer worried about getting hit by another porch pirate, the best alternative is to give up a little convenience for more certainty.

### Shipping companies get the brunt of the blame

While retailers often pay the price for package theft, plenty of people blame delivery companies for not doing enough to prevent it, according to a 2022 report by market research firm C+R Research. (Though increasingly, as in the case of the biggest e-commerce companies like Amazon, retailers and delivery companies are one and the same.)

If it's already expensive just getting a product packed and out the fulfillment center door for a first-time delivery attempt, it's obviously even more expensive to have to ring someone's doorbell again on another day. Re-delivering a package, due to theft or some other issue, costs retailers more than \$17 per order, according to one study from 2021. Eight percent of all deliveries in the US fail on the first attempt; in urban areas, as of a 2018 study, that number was closer to 15 percent — a number that includes delivery failure due to package theft.

Shippers bear the brunt of the finger-pointing from both retailers and consumers even though there's not much that they're required to do about package theft. Often, when someone reaches out to a retailer's customer service, they're told to first check with the shipping company or to wait for tracking information to update. Shippers, for their part, will try to show customers that their couriers snapped a photo proving delivery — another innovation born of the porch pirate — and advise filing a police report. Merchants might duke it out behind the scenes with shipping companies, but generally, shipping companies don't cough up money for missing items unless there's proof that it was their negligence that led to a customer not receiving a package. In practice, it means that retailers and customers are left to negotiate who pays the cost of package theft.

"At the end of the day, these costs come back to consumers in the form of higher prices," says Kirthi Kalyanam, executive director of the Retail Management Institute at Santa Clara University.

### For customers, package theft is more than an annoyance

Online shopping is all about ease. As Amanda Mull writes in the Atlantic, in its ideal form, it "glides placidly along, setting off only the gentlest of ripples in your attention." So big retailers do a fairly good job of making customers whole for items that get reported as stolen. They tend to take your word for it, but there's no guarantee that it'll stay this way, particularly because as long as online shopping keeps growing, we're pretty much guaranteed to notice more package theft around us.

Even with customer-friendly policies, missing packages are a headache for consumers, too. Having an expensive video game console disappear at the holidays before someone has even had a chance to wrap it is stressful enough to make a consumer wish they'd just gone to the store. And getting a refund is a soothing mechanism in the aftermath of theft, not a prevention method.

What's more, these policies are totally at the discretion of retailers, and pro-consumer only up to a certain point: Customers who report too many stolen packages over a certain period may be dinged, even banned.

## EDITORIAL: VOX.COM

The ping-ponging of blame between retailers and shippers can leave consumers feeling as though they're chasing their tails. Daniel Wroclawski, a writer at Consumer Reports, which publishes detailed product reviews and advocates for pro-consumer policies, told Vox that he believes it may be time for legislation protecting consumers from package theft. According to a Consumer Reports 2021 consumer survey, only 9 percent of people who experienced package theft reported it to the police. Most surprisingly, 10 percent said they simply reordered the item without notifying the retailer, shipping company, or anyone else, choosing to pay for the item twice. "It just shows it's more trouble than it's worth in some cases to go through getting it refunded or replaced," says Wroclawski. "That is very anti-consumer."

If a cost-benefit analysis tells companies it's worth being nice to customers, then companies will keep being nice. We may already be rubbing up against the limits of that calculus, however. "Home delivery is really expensive," says Kalyanam. Especially in retail categories where returns are high — like apparel — home delivery is a "really bad deal" for companies, he said. Retailers could become less inclined to refund or replace items as package theft rates climb.

In the absence of better solutions, consumers often take it upon themselves to allay their porch piracy anxieties. The C+R report noted that half of respondents said they intentionally stay home on days when they know they'll get a delivery. They spend extra money to protect their purchases, investing in security cameras or parcel lockboxes or shipping insurance.

The problem has spurred a thriving secondary market for parcel security. Parcel storage containers placed outside homes are one popular option, but they can range from a few hundred dollars to over a thousand. "We've definitely had an increase in our business over the last couple of years," says Liz Picarazzi, founder and CEO of Citibin, which manufactures outdoor storage boxes for trash and for packages. Demand for secure bins soared in the first year of the pandemic.

# DOYLE'S ROUSSEL SIGNS WILLIAM CAREY

By **CHRIS KINKAID**  
The Livingston Parish News

**DOYLE'S**, Ava Rousel has signed a letter of intent to attend William Carey and play softball.

"I've been looking there since my sophomore year," Rousel said. "I've had a good relationship with the coaches. I love all the girls there and it's just a really good program."

Rousel said really excited about going to William Carey.

"I'm just ready to get out and go and play ball," Rousel said.

Rousel, who is a pitcher, said she just wants to have a good year and finish out her senior year on a good note and hopefully leave a legacy for everybody else and be a leader.

In her career, Rousel has been a second-team all-district player her sophomore and junior seasons. She

was all-parish honorable mention last year and was part of Holden's state title team in 2021.

Doyle coach Kyle Wieck is in his first year with the program.

"I can tell you this, I've spent the fall and the summer running through our strength

and conditioning program, our throwing program, speed and agility and one thing that was apparent right off the bat with Ava is her leadership qualities," Wieck said. "Ava, she exhibits what a lot of these younger players probably desire to be like. She's a leader both on and off the field. We're in the weight room, she's super intense. She makes sure that younger players are held accountable and she projects the image that I like in our younger players to see. Ava's very strong willed, strong mentality, wise and she just exhibits everything that I'd to these young girls' behavior be. Very good in the classroom. She's a student first, athlete second. She does it really well. She's able to combine the two.

I think William Carey is getting a



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## SPRINGFIELD'S WHITE, DOYLE'S FERGUSON WIN MAJOR ALL-DISTRICT AWARDS

By **CHRIS KINKAID**  
The Livingston Parish News

**SPRINGFIELD'S** Mary White and Doyle's Bella Ferguson took home major awards and both teams had top team all-district players for the 4-IV League.

White, who is a junior, is the all-around Most Valuable Player.

She is an outside hitter and left end middle back.

"It really means a lot knowing the coaches in the district got together and talked about it and agreed that I was the one who deserved it and it really does mean a lot knowing it wasn't just a schoolwide thing, it was all around like our district, so yeah, it means a lot," White said.

Ferguson, who is a senior, is the district's defensive MVP.

"It means a lot to me to know that I accomplished such a high award that I know that I pushed myself and that I know that I tried my hardest for every single game and it's just an honor," Ferguson said.

Springfield and Doyle both had two players named to

the first team.

Springfield's players are Shayila Williams and Lily Effler.

Doyle's players are Ellie Needham and Abby Grantham.

The local second team players are Doyle teammates Maddy Cade, Presley Duffy and Bonnie Henderson along with Springfield's Kacie Riddle and Emma Thornton.

The local all-district honorable-mention players are Springfield's Charlee Davis and Sydney Kinchen and Doyle's Gracie Chaney, Ava Gobert and Faith Bridges.

St. Thomas Aquinas' Julia Burford is the offensive MVP and Amite's Kenny Pitcher is the Coach of the Year.

The rest of the first team players are Amite's Breanna McKnight and St. Thomas Aquinas' Reese Fitzhugh.

The remaining second-team players include Amite teammates Ashleigh McKnight and Alysia Mason and St. Thomas Aquinas' Payton Rowbatham.

The rest of the all-district honorable mention players are Amite's Kennedy Johnson and Collia Tobias along with St. Thomas Aquinas' Abby Foster and Nora Faulk.



**Bella Ferguson**



**Mary White**

## DOYLE, SPRINGFIELD PLAYED IN TOURNAMENT

By **CHRIS KINKAID**  
The Livingston Parish News

**DOYLE** and Springfield played in a tournament that was held at Doyle on Nov. 20-21.

Doyle (6-1) and Springfield (3-1) both went 1-1.

The overall records are as press time.

Doyle's first game was a 57-51 loss to St. Amant on Nov. 20.

St. Amant came from 18 down at half-time to win.

Kylee Savant led Doyle with 12 points that included a 3-pointer.

Kassidy Rivero and Shelby Taylor both posted 10 points. Rivero made a pair of threes.

Kaleigh Austin had five points and made a three.

Allie Savant posted four.

Alyson Fletcher and Suri Stewart both

had three.

Kaelyn Contorno and Peyton Lee both put up two.

The next day was a 61-24 victory over Caldwell Parish.



Doyle was in control early on and led 14-3 after the first quarter and 30-8 at half-time.

"Once we got the lead at halftime, we went back in the locker room and we were like, 'ok, let's actually keep it this time,'" Taylor said. "And we did, so we were happy about that."

The Lady Tigers continued to build the lead in the third quarter and had a 51-20 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Rivero paced Doyle with 18 points that included one 3-pointer.

Taylor recorded 12.

Kylee Savant tallied 10 and made a 3-pointer.

Austin and Bailey Watts both logged five that included a three for both players.

Fletcher, Stewart and Lee all had four.

Allie Savant scored three points on a 3-pointer.

Genie Lovett and Kaelyn Contorno both had two.

"It was a tough tournament," Doyle coach Samanta White said. "St. Amant's

was a good team. We knew they'd be tough. Caldwell is a good team too. We were glad to get the win tonight (Nov. 21). We've played a lot here in this first little week of basketball for us."

Doyle played seven games in eight days.

"I'm proud of the hustle," White said. "I'm proud of the fact that we're 6-1 right now is a big deal for us and we're just excited to just hopefully go improve on that."

Springfield began the tournament with a 55-30 victory over Caldwell Parish on Nov. 20.

Jaci Williams posted 16 points for Springfield that included a 3-pointer.

Cameron Culbertson tallied 10 points and she made a three.

Emersyn Neal tallied eight that included a three.

Nickaiya Martin recorded six.

Blayne Wheat tallied five and made a 3-pointer.

Anna Richardson had four.

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**CHRIS KINKAID | THE NEWS**  
Doyle's Kylee Savant goes to the bucket during a game at the Doyle Tournament.

# MAUREPAS' RODRIGUEZ COMES IN 5TH AT STATE MEET

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Maurepas' Louis Rodriguez V came in seventh place at the Division V state cross country meet that took place on Nov. 13 on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

Rodriguez ran the three-mile race in 17 minutes, 31 seconds. Two more Maurepas runners competed in Alex Aime and Jonah Miller.

Aime ran 57th in 20:22, while Miller was 118th with a time of 22:29.

Highland Baptist Christian School's Tyler Blissett won the title in 15:27.

West Minster Christian Academy of Opelousas was second in 16:26, followed by Simpson's Ean Allain's 16:58 and Christ Episcopal School teammates Marcus Moses' 17:14 and Ryder Clark rounded out the top five in 17:15 in a field of 158 runners.

Westminster Christian Academy won the team state title with 47 points.

Christ Episcopal was second with 89, followed by Ascension Catholic's 100, Hackberry's 166 and Highland Baptist Christian School's 178 rounded out the top five among the 22 teams that qualified for team honors.



Pictured from left are Maurepas' state cross country runners, Alex Aime, Jonah Miller and John Rodriguez V. Rodriguez came in seventh at state.



CHRIS KINKAID | THE NEWS  
Springfield coach Billy Dreher (left) and Doyle coach Samantha White give instruction to their team during the Doyle Tournament.



CHRIS KINKAID | THE NEWS  
Springfield's Jaci Williams attempts a shot in a game at the Doyle Tournament.

## DOYLE, SPRINGFIELD: BOTH TEAMS WENT 1-1 IN THE DOYLE TOURNEY HELD THANKSGIVING WEEK

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Miya Fletcher, Raylon Smith and Hayden Shields all logged two.

"Well yesterday (Nov. 20), it was a very physical team, but we were higher in skill level, so it was easier for us to talk and communicate," Williams said.

Williams said that St. Amant is good and physical.

"It was a very physical game," Williams said. "We all knew that we had to step up and shoot a couple of threes and get in there and try to foul the better players out. We did everything coach wanted us to do and everything, but in the end, it's what it is, but we played real well."

The next day, Springfield came up short to St. Amant, 58-53.

Springfield trailed 32-21 at halftime, but trimmed the deficit to 44-38 through three.

Springfield cut the lead to 46-44 with 6:02 left in the fourth quarter, but St.

Amant went on a 7-2 run to make it 53-46 at the 2:54 mark and went on to the 58-53 win.

Martin topped Springfield with 14 points that included a 3-pointer.

Williams tallied 12 and made a pair of

threes.

Neal recorded nine. Culbertson logged seven.

Richardson tallied six.

Wheat posted five and she made a 3-pointer.

"Yesterday (Nov. 20), we won fairly easily and we knew today would be our biggest challenge of the season," Springfield coach Billy Dreher said. "We've had three tough games against St. Amant in the last three years. We knew again this would be a tough one and I was very pleased with how we played. We battled."

Dreher said that one player kind of dominated inside and hit some shots, which obviously they don't want to have happen.

"One of our best players got hurt and we still stepped up and competed down the stretch and I'm proud of where we're at. That's a very good 5A team and so that'll help us prepare for where we're at. Obviously, I want to get a win, but I was pleased with everything," Dreher said.

Doyle's next game will be against Springfield at home on Dec. 1.

Springfield plays again on Nov. 30 against Kentwood at home.

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# WALKER'S HISTORIC SEASON ENDS IN DIVISION I QUARTERFINALS

BY BRIAN TRAHAN  
Ruston Daily Leader

As the ninth seed traveling to their first ever quarterfinal game, the Walker Wildcats were playing with house money against top seed Ruston. Some gambles worked, and others didn't but in the end it was the Bearcats that cashed in their chips to advance to the Division I Non-select semifinals.

Walker fought utilizing three trick plays to keep scoring drives alive and stuck with the powerful Bearcats for a while, until Ruston put the game away 56-17 in the second half.

The loss ends a magical run for the Wildcats (10-3), which had never played during Thanksgiving week.

"I think what hurts for these guys is that nobody came up here with any other intention than to win the ballgame," Walker head coach Chad Mahaffey said. "We had opportunities and Ruston is a great team, but we needed to play better than what we did."

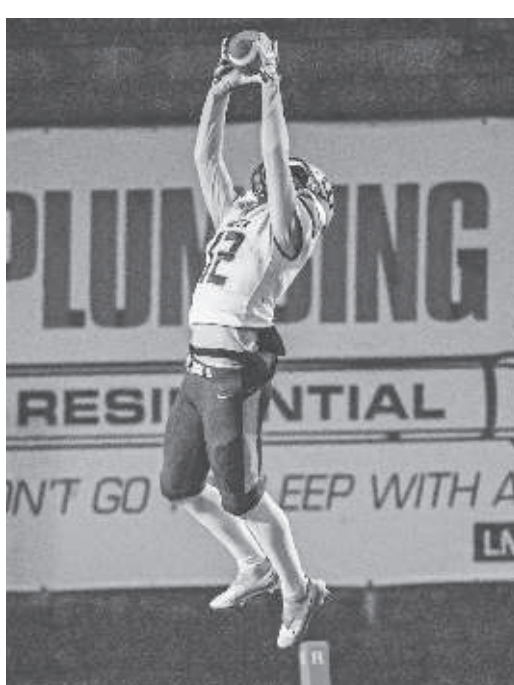
It wasn't coach speak. The Wildcats needed to play a near flawless game to knock off a team that played for the state championship a year ago and returned nearly its entire defense with six college prospects on the field.

Mahaffey felt his team didn't play to the level they needed. "The opportunities we had we didn't close out," Mahaffey said. "Congrats to them. Good luck to them. And we're proud of our guys for everything they did this year."

The game wasn't decided until late in the second half, despite the lopsided score. Ruston led 21-7 late in the first half, but Walker mounted a scoring drive to cut into that lead and regain momentum.

Troy Sylve led the drive, keyed by two plays — a 13-yard completion from Sylve to Jamari Evans and later, Evans returning the favor with a reverse pass to Sylve for 14 more yards to get into the red zone. The drive stalled and Nile Allen kicked a 34-yard field goal to cut the lead to 21-10 at halftime.

What momentum the Wildcats seized didn't last very long. Ruston came out



JOSH MCDANIEL

**Walker's Austin Workman skies for a 22-yard catch into the red zone in the first quarter against Ruston Friday night to set up a 3-yard score by Troy Sylve to tie the Bearcats 7-7 at that point.**

of the locker room running the football with speedy tailback Jordan Hayes and quarterback Josh Brantley. It was Brantley's 11-yard gain on third and goal from the 17 that set up a six-yard plunge by Hayes on fourth and goal to give Ruston a 28-10 lead.

Walker had one last chance to chip into the lead after Kermit Jackson recovered a Ruston fumble, giving Walker the ball on the Ruston 23 yard line.

Walker had one last winning hand when Cayden Jones converted a fourth and long followed by a 10-yard touchdown run by Evans to slice the lead to 28-17 with 11:46 left in the fourth quarter.

What happened next was an avalanche of unfortunate circumstances and Ruston flexing its power game muscles. The Bearcats out-scored Walker 28-0 from that point on. The biggest blow was Hayes returning the ensuing kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown to put Ruston back up 35-17. After a Walker punt, Rus-

ton scored again on a Dylone Brooks run to extend the advantage to 42-17. Walker fumbled the ball twice in its own territory which led to the last two touchdowns to close out the scoring.

Despite the disappointment, Mahaffey believes what his team accomplished this season lays the ground work for what the program can accomplish moving forward.

"We have a lot of good football players we're losing, but more importantly the character of the guys has set a great example and we'll need to continue that because those guys have been special in the way they have led the program this year," he said. "It will take a regrouping and continuing on with the things that got them to this point. Tonight is more about appreciation for everything they've done, especially the seniors."

Walker rushed for 107 yards and passed for 107 yards on the night. Sylve completed 3-of-7 passes for 66 yards, while Jones led the way on the ground with 40 yards on 7 carries. The Wildcats didn't manage the big plays that led them to wins over Benton and Northshore. The longest gain from scrimmage was a 31-yard pass play. The longest run on the night was 12 yards. Ruston's front six held Clyde McClendon to 29 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Hayes paced Ruston with 173 yards on 13 attempts with 2 touchdowns. Brantley added 73 yards on 14 totes, while Brooks added 49 yards on 12 carries.

Preston Hill paced the Walker defense with 10 tackles while T.J. Silvo chipped in with 7 stops.

Ruston will host Mandeville in the semifinals Friday. The winner will advance to the Caesars Superdome for the state championship game.

# ALBANY WINS BOTH GAMES AT DUNHAM TOURNAMENT

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Albany won both of its games in the Dunham Tournament that was held on Nov. 20-21.

The Hornets defeated Thrive Academy, 53-42, on Nov. 20 behind 26 points from Tavorian Hart.

Seth Hoffman-Olmo scored eight

points. D'Ashley Donahue posted six. Jamarquis recorded four. Aiden Casteel had three. Luke Tynes, Scott Meyers and Trenton Martin all put up two. The next day was a 59-45 victory over Family Christian Academy. Hart topped Albany with 14 points. Martin was next with 12.

Casteel, Tynes, Hoffman-Olmo and Donahue all logged six. Jackson tallied four. Meyers had four. Connor Lacoste added two. Albany is 3-0 this year at press time and plays again in the Northlake Christian School Tournament that started Nov. 29 and runs through Dec. 1.



CHRIS KINKAID | THE NEWS  
**Denham Springs' Kennedy Lindsey takes a shot in the Fontainebleau Tournament.**

# DENHAM SPRINGS WINS BOTH GAMES IN FCA TOURNAY

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Denham Springs' girls basketball team captured both games of the Family Christian Tournament that was held on Nov. 16-17.

Denham Springs won the first game 60-39 over Parkview Baptist on Nov. 16.

Raegan White recorded 14 points to lead Denham Springs that included a pair of 3-pointers.

Olivia Slack 11 and made a three. Taylor Smith posted eight.

Julissa Cabrera and Prai Nelson both tallied six.

Jadyn Vaughn and Kennedy Lindsey both had five. Vaughn made a 3-pointer.

Ella Wilson logged three points on a 3-pointer.

Kendra Johnston had two.

The next game was a 50-15 victory over Plainview on Nov. 17.

Vaughn the led way with 12 points.

Smith tallied nine and made a 3-pointer.

White recorded six.

Cabrera put up five.

Slack and Lindsey both posted four.

Wilson and Mia Ortero had three. Wilson made a 3-pointer.

Johnston and Cate Duckworth both posted two.

Denham Springs' next game is in the Denham Springs Tournament that is being held on Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

# ROUSSEL SIGNS: COACH WIECK SPOKE HIGHLY OF HIS PLAYER

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fantastic person both on and off the field."

Wieck said he has had a chance to see her play a little bit. "As you know, I'm the new head coach here, coming over from baseball, but I can tell you, I'm a pretty good judge of character and I've been around a lot of these signings with baseball players and just seeing Ava's work ethic pretty much tells me the type of person she is," Wieck said.

As a player, Wieck said Roussel hard-nosed.

"She's very intense," Wieck said. "She's the ultra-competitor. She's one of those individuals that I see when times are at their worst, she doesn't seem to get seem to get rattled and that's a great quality, especially when you're wanting to play at the next level."

Roussel has a 3.8 grade point average.

# SHERIFF SALES

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LOUISIANA  
IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK/D/B/A RELIANT MF  
VERSUS NO. 1794-10  
JOHNSON, ALICIA DENISE

Under and by virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE issued out of the above Honorable Court in the above entitled and number cause, bearing date of AUGUST 31, 2023; and to me directed, commanding me to seize and sell CERTAIN IMMOVABLE property belonging to

JOHNSON, ALICIA DENISE  
Defendant,

I have seized and taken into my official custody the property hereinafter described, and will offer to sell on:

**WEDNESDAY, THE 13 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023**  
during legal sale hours of said day beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the principal front door of the Courthouse, in the Town of Livingston, said Parish and State, the following described property, to-wit:

2021 Fleetwood 18 x 80 mobile home bearing serial number F1E2401X2145388A

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Attorney: TREVATHAN LAW FIRM

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# PUBLIC NOTICES



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**ORDINANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.02 OF ARTICLE ONE OF THE DENHAM SPRINGS ZONING COMMISSION ORDINANCE OF 1990, AS AMENDED, CITY ORDINANCE 1001 BY ADDING THERETO PARAGRAPH 196, FROM C-3 COMMERCIAL TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL, FOR TRACT X, BEING A PORTION OF THE HANCOCK BANK ANNEX PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA. (RZ-448)(525 FLORIDA AVE. SW)**

Gerard Landry, Mayor  
City of Denham Springs

PROCES VERBAL

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of November, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at 36965 LA Highway 16, Watson, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the election held thereon on Saturday, October 14, 2023, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a tax of fifteen (15) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$1,100,000.00 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities governed by the District?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

WARD/ PRECINCT	PRECINCT LOCATION	FOR	AGAINST
00/01	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	316	287
00/01A	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	82	70
00/01B	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old La Hwy 16, Denham Springs	190	198
00/01C	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old La Hwy 16, Denham Springs	126	130
00/01D	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	252	219
00/02	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	198	205
00/02A (PART OF)	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	187	191
00/03 (PART OF)	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	106	156
00/03A (PART OF)	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	0	0
00/03B	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	83	91
00/04 (PART OF)	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	139	135
00/04A (PART OF)	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	93	108
00/04B	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	64	81
ABSENTEE		893	1,018

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 2,729 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition and a total of 2,889 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 2,889 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

The foregoing election was authorized by a Resolution adopted on May 10, 2023 by the Governing Authority and notice therefore was duly given by the Notice of Special Election attached hereto as Exhibit A. Said Notice of Special Election was published on August 10, 2023, August 17, 2023, August 24, 2023 and August 31, 2023 in the Livingston Parish News, as set forth in the proof of publication attached hereto as Exhibit B.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Process Verbal providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the election held in Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities governed by the District.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Watson, Louisiana, on this 8th day of November, 2023.

*Chris Prescott*  
Chris Prescott, Chairman

ATTEST:  
*Randal Smith*  
Randal Smith, Administrative Secretary

EXHIBIT A  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

EXHIBIT B  
PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

I, the undersigned Administrative Secretary of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Process Verbal providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the election held in Recreation District No. 2 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities governed by the District.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Watson, Louisiana, on this 8th day of November, 2023.

*Randal Smith*  
Randal Smith, Administrative Secretary

NOTICE PUBLISHED: November 30, 2023

**Public Hearing(s) will be held as follows:**

DATE: THURSDAY, December 7, 2023  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: LIVINGSTON PARISH HEALTH UNIT BUILDING  
20399 GOVERNMENT BOULEVARD  
LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA 70754

LIVINGSTON PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY,  
December 7, 2023 5:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM #124  
LIVINGSTON PARISH HEALTH UNIT

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of minutes of Regular Meeting dates November 2, 2023
- Michael Meades  
a. Servitude Revocation  
La Hwy 16  
Council District #6  
BEI Surveying, LLC
- PUBLIC HEARING: General Ground Maintenance  
McLin Taylor, Inc  
a. Preliminary Site Plan  
Luther Stewart Road  
Council District #9  
Council District #9
- PUBLIC HEARING: LP Fire District #2 Training Facility  
Alvin Fairburn & Assoc.  
a. Preliminary Site Plan  
Hutchinson CC Road  
Council District #8  
Council District #8
- AT&T Tower  
a. Site Plan  
Avants Road  
Council District #8  
Council District #8
- PUBLIC HEARING: The Villas at Deer Run  
Quality Engineering  
a. Preliminary Site Plan  
4-H Club Road  
Council District #5  
Council District #5
- Parish Attorney Comments
- Parish Review Engineer Comments
- Planning Department Comments
- Planning Commission Comments
- Adjourn

*Nicholas Allen*  
Livingston Parish Planning & Zoning

A SECOND MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD IN DECEMBER UNLESS DEEMED NECESSARY

# NOTIFICATION FOR RESIDENTS OF LIVINGSTON PARISH INTERESTED IN ACQUISITION OR ELEVATION

The Parish of Livingston is providing the opportunity to homeowners to apply to be considered for Hazard Mitigation Assistance. Homeowners interested in applying for an elevation or acquisition project through federally funded grant applications may contact Amanda Darnielle or Susan Abels with the Livingston Parish Grant's Office for more information. Their contact information is (225) 686-3018 or [LPGrants@lpgov.com](mailto:LPGrants@lpgov.com).

Current deadline to be considered for the FY2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance application is 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Hearings will be held at the Livingston Parish Health Unit building, 20399 Government Blvd, Livingston during a regular meeting of the Zoning Commission – Thursday – January 04, 2024 – 5:30 pm and during a regular meeting of the Parish Council, 20355 Government Blvd, Livingston - Thursday– January 25, 2024 - 6:00 pm for the purpose indicated:

- Rezone – Parcel 0110288 18877 La Hwy 22 – From SNB to R-1.5
- Rezone – Parcel 0276725 16090 Black Mud Rd – From I-1 to R-1.5
- Rezone – Parcel 0156430 13321 La Hwy 16 – From SNB to C-1
- Rezone – Parcel 0500215 30562 Burgess Rd – From R-1/AG to R-2
- Rezone – Parcel 0280776 12899 Hodges Ln – From R-2 to R-1
- Rezone – Parcel 0596114 25600 Red Oak Rd – From AG to R-1



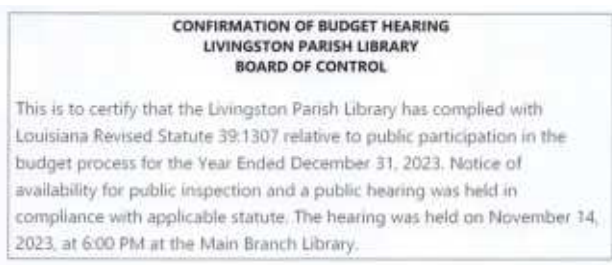
The following is a list of 280 Jurors drawn to serve and who shall report for duty at the Livingston Parish Courthouse located at 20300 Government Boulevard, Livingston, LA at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

ABELS, KATHLEEN M  
 ADAMS, JOHN L  
 ADCOCK, THOMAS LEE  
 ALLEMAN, ASA SADE  
 AMBROSE, EDWARD ALLEN  
 ANDREWS, DONAVON W  
 ARNOLD, MARGARET L  
 AUSTIN, KRISTLE NICOLE  
 AVANT, MICHAEL DAVID  
 AZUARA, HAYLI DEANN  
 BADRAN, HANA E  
 BAILEY, TYLER MATTHEW  
 BARCIA, JEFFERY DEWAYNE  
 BECK, DESIREE NICOLE  
 BELL, NICOLE E  
 BETER, CHRISTIAN MICHAEL  
 BEYL, DEBRA BURNS  
 BONAVENTURE, RONALD A  
 BORNE, DAKOTA MARCIELLE  
 BOSCH, NICOLE MARIE  
 BRASHER, JOSEPH WILLIAM  
 BRIAN, JANA RAWLS  
 BRITT, SHARON R  
 BROOKS, ARIEL  
 BROWN, BROOKE THOMPSON  
 BROWN, DUSTIN EDWARD  
 BRUMBAUGH, MELISSA FENNELL  
 BRUMFIELD, TROYNIKA TAJA  
 BRUNNER, EILEEN T  
 BRYANT, BRANDON  
 BRYANT, JOHN E  
 BRYANT, VICTORIA ELIZABETH  
 BURGE, DAVID EARL JR  
 CANNON, BRANDON RICHARD LEE  
 CANO, JOSE MIGUEL  
 CARLTON, STEVEN DWAYNE  
 CAROLLO, VINCENT  
 CARPENTER, VERNON R  
 CARTER, TRISTA NICHOLE  
 CASHIO, CHERYL L  
 CASHIO, KAREN NICOSIA  
 CASON, PATRICIA LYNN  
 CATOIR, COLT HOLLAND  
 CAUSEY, KAREN FRESINA  
 CAVIN, ANGELA CHESS  
 CEASAR, CHRISTINE THOMAS  
 CERAME, ASHLEY DAYRIES  
 CHAMBERLAIN, DONNA B  
 CHATALAIN, KAYLA RABALAIS  
 CHAUVIN, DON MICHAEL  
 CHERRY, JASON MATTHEW  
 CHILDERS, JACLYN BLAIRE  
 CHRISSENTERY, KAIDRA SALEA  
 CLARY, MICHELLE  
 COATS, LINDA JOYCE  
 COLEMAN, TAYLOR RENEE  
 COMEAUX, MADELYN OCONNOR  
 CONVERSE, DAWN MARIE  
 CORTEZ, BONNIE D  
 CORYELL, GERRY RUSSELL  
 CRAIN, JOSEPH BRIAN  
 CROWELL, JUSTIN DAVID  
 CRYER, LARRY W  
 CUTRER, HEATHER RENEE ALDER  
 DANTONI, GABRIELLA MARISSA  
 DAVIS, HEIDI JEAN  
 DAVIS, JILL ANN  
 DAVIS, KAY LYN  
 DAVIS, TRACE KELLY  
 DELORENZO, BERKLY FAITH  
 DENICOLA, MADISON RAE  
 DEPAULA, BRIAN C  
 DESJARDINE, MELINDA WHEAT  
 DIEZ, CHANCE THOMAS  
 DOWDEN, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL  
 DUCOTE, ADRIAN  
 DYESS, SCOTT R  
 ELMORE, ANGELA DAVIS  
 EMERY, ALBERELLE DAYNESE  
 EVANS, JASLYN ELEAH  
 EZELL, JOHNNY L JR  
 FACUNDUS, CHARLES WADE  
 FAVRON, ONIEL JAMES III  
 FELPS, CASONDRA B  
 FERRELL, ROBERT EUGENE III  
 FINK, GLEN L  
 FISCHER, MANDY LEE  
 FITZHUGH, CONNIE L  
 FLOWER, NICHOLAS BRANDON  
 FONTENOT, MICHAEL KANE  
 FOSTER, RANDALL W  
 FUCHS, JOSEPH MICHAEL  
 GAINES, WILLIAM S  
 GALLADORA, JAMES P SR  
 GARON, GERRI WOMACK  
 GAYLOR, JUSTIN WADE  
 GILBERT, ASHLEY NICOLE  
 GILBO, DOUGLAS MICHAEL  
 GILLIAM, EDWARD D JR  
 GLOVER, JERRY  
 GOODWIN, ANGELA SIMMONS  
 GRANIER, JENSEN JAMES  
 GRAVES, LORETTE G  
 GRAY, JENNIFER KAZUSKY  
 GREENE, ANDREW L  
 GRIFFITH, JAMES COLEMAN  
 GULLORY, TRUDY S  
 GUILLOT, JEREMY JAMES  
 GUITRAU, RAYMOND P JR  
 HALEY, RYAN MATTHEW  
 HARDY, DAROLD V  
 HARDY, DUDLEY BRIAN  
 HARRIS, DAWN MARIE  
 HART, JERMAINE GEMON  
 HART, JONALYN MARIE  
 HAYNES, CHRISTINA A  
 HEBERT, ADRIENNE  
 HEIL, BYRON LEE  
 HEINTZE, LARRY J  
 HELG, JOHN WAYNE  
 HICKMAN, SANDRA DIANNE  
 HILL, CHRISTINA  
 HILL, JACQUELINE YVETTE DAVID  
 HIRSCH, ROBERT SAMUEL  
 HODGE, DONNA T  
 HODGES, BRANDON JACOB  
 HODGES, TANYA RALEY  
 HOGG, IAN  
 HOLDEN, HUNTER MONTGOMERY  
 HOLDER, ROY EDMOND  
 HOLIDAY, VICTORIA LEA  
 HONEYCUTT, BOBBY  
 HORNE, DEBBIE N  
 HOUSE, DANIEL WAYNE I  
 HOWZE, BRANDY DAWN  
 HUNT, KALOB AARON LYNN  
 HUNT, RACHEL GORDON  
 HUTCHINSON, LACEY JEAN  
 INNERARITY, DORIS K  
 INZINNA, BRODY LAYNE  
 JACKSON, REGENA DONAE  
 JACKSON, SHIRLEY MAE  
 JENKINS, JAMIE RENE  
 JOHNSON, COURTNEY BANKSTON  
 JOHNSON, KELLY ANNE  
 JOHNSON, NANETTE WAGUESPACK  
 JOHNSTON, BRIANNA MICHELLE  
 JONES, GRACE D  
 JONES, JANICE T  
 KENNARD, DENNY L  
 KIMBLE, TYLER JAMES  
 KIMBRELL, CLAUDE ERSKIN JR  
 LACARBO, SHANE  
 LACOST, CINDY K  
 LAIRD, JUSTIN BLAKE  
 LANDRY, SHAWN MICHAEL

LANDRY, VICTORIA ALISE  
 LANE, MICHAEL K  
 LAURENCE, PATRICIA C  
 LEBLANC, LISA DENISE  
 LEDOUX, RYANN NICOLE  
 LEE, DEBRA SUE  
 LOTT, ROSE M  
 LOYD, MILBRA JANNINE TATE  
 LUCAS, AMANDA KRISTINE  
 LUZIER, MARIAN KATE  
 MACDONALD, KYLE THOMAS  
 MACMILLAN, JOHN KEVIN  
 MARCOTTE, SAWANA  
 MARIONNEAUX, DEMETRIA LASHELLE  
 MARTIN, AYANA HARPER  
 MARTIN, BRIGETTE ANNE MURPHY  
 MARTIN, DARLA GAFFORD  
 MARTINEZ, YVETTE MARIE  
 MASON, CATHERINE M  
 MAYEUX, TIMOTHY BRUCE  
 MCCOY, JENNIFER LYNNE  
 MCDONALD, PRESTON D  
 MCLAUGHLIN, MICHELLE ANNETTE  
 MCLIN, HUEY P JR  
 MEADORS, DANA BLOUIN  
 MEIER, ALEXIS MARIE  
 MEINKE, CARL DOUGLAS  
 MESSMER, TODD VICTOR  
 MIDKIFF, JAMES ANTHONY  
 MILEY, HALEY  
 MITCHELL, SARA MICHELLE  
 MIZELL, CRYSTAL L  
 MORAN, CATHERINE L  
 MORGAN, CHARLES M  
 MOSS, AMANDA HANKINS  
 MUSTAFA, MAZIN  
 MYERS, CHARLIE JR  
 NEEDHAM, WILLIAM C  
 NETTLES, RUSSELL B  
 NEUMAYER, BERNHARD  
 NEVELS, RICHARD WALTER EUGENE  
 NEWBURY, BROOKLYN JAYCE ABBOTT  
 NGUYEN, TEEKAY KHOA  
 NORMAND, JENNIFER LYNN  
 OBRIAN, KIMBERLY NICHOLE  
 OLSON, GARY NEIL  
 ONELLION, BRITTANY BRASINGTON  
 ONELLION, JASON RYAN  
 ORIBIO, BUENAVENTURA SIERR  
 OTT, PEGGY R  
 PARKER, BRIDGET R  
 PENNY, NICHOLAS DUANE  
 PEREIRA, STEVEN P  
 PERERE, REBECCA BAILEY  
 PERRY, CARISA LAVINIA  
 PFEIL, SIMON DUFOUR  
 PHILLIPS, SUSAN H  
 PICOU, ANTHONY JOSEPH  
 PICOU, ASHLYN MARIE  
 PITRE, STEPHEN W  
 POMEROY, JONATHAN MICHAEL  
 PONTHER, NICHOLAS KIM  
 PORTER, DAVID W  
 POSEY, EVELYN C  
 POSEY, VELVA MICHELLE  
 PURPERA, ARLENE MARIE  
 REDMANN, STEPHANIE R  
 REEVES, SUSAN P  
 RESTIVO, ROSE B  
 RIGAUD, LIONEL ROCKY  
 RIMES, GEORGE LEE  
 RIMES, JOHN D  
 RIOS, CADEN DALLAS  
 ROBLIN, MEGAN MARIE  
 ROCH, KATHY BRYAN  
 ROGERS, CHERYL L  
 ROSS, CAREY A  
 ROSS, MELISSA FAYE  
 ROWE, RICKY JOE  
 ROYALS, TIMOTHY BRIAN  
 RUSHING, SHANE MICHAEL  
 SAM, IESHA LATRICE  
 SIMONEAUX, LESTER JOSEPH II  
 SLATER, STELLA K  
 SMILEY, CACI BETH  
 SMITH, CARROLL W  
 SMITH, DARRELL R  
 SMITH, JOANN PATIN  
 SMITH, JOSEPH ALLEN  
 SPRING, MELISSA HARPER  
 STEVENS, CLAYTON JAMES  
 STEWART, DEREK LANCE  
 STILES, JO-MARIE MILLER  
 STRUPPECK, CALLIE LEIGH  
 SWAGGERTY, TRAVIS W  
 TAYLOR, WILLIAM C  
 THERIOT, RYAN MICHAEL  
 THOMAS, TRUDY ARLENE  
 TORRES, GREYSON ANTONIO  
 TREFFERT, JEFFERY SCOTT  
 TRICHE, RANDALL WAYNE  
 TUCKER, FRED THOMAS JR  
 VALLARAUTTO, CHANTEL DEANNA  
 VALLO, GUSTAV ISTVAN  
 VARNES, DENISE WALLS  
 VEENENDAAL, THOMAS LEROY  
 WAGNER, CHARLES D  
 WALDREP, LAURA K  
 WALES, LENNIE S  
 WALTON, MARISSA LYNN  
 WARD, BARBARA WALLACE  
 WASCOM, CHRISTINE FAYE  
 WEEDMAN, JONATHAN MATTHEW  
 WEIFENBACH, SHANE ALFRED  
 WESTBROOK, COOKIE ROUEN  
 WHEAT, PATRICIA L  
 WHITE, CAROL A  
 WHITNEY, THERESA D  
 WIEDEMAN, RANDALL JUDDSON  
 WILLIAMS, JULIE C  
 WILSON, CRYSTAL ELAINE  
 WOODS, ELIZABETH A  
 WOODWARD, PATRICIA G  
 WRIGHT, CHRISTOPHER JOESPH

Given under my hand and seal of this office this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

**JASON B. HARRIS**  
 Livingston Parish Clerk of Court



Regular Board Meeting  
 11/02/2023 05:00 PM  
 School Board Office  
 13909 Florida Blvd  
 Livingston, LA 70754

**MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Livingston Parish School Board will be held at the School Board Office, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023, at FIVE O'CLOCK PM** for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@lppsboardmeetings5531streams>

- Attendees**
- Voting Members**  
 Ms. Kellee Hennessy Dickerson, District 2  
 Mr. William 'Jeff' Frizell, District 3  
 Mr. Bradley Harris, District 4  
 Mr. Jeffery Cox, District 6, Vice President  
 Ms. Katelyn Cockerham, District 7  
 Mr. Stephen Link, District 9  
 Mr. Cecil Harris, District 5, President
- Absent Members**  
 Mr. Brad Sharp, District 1  
 Dr. Ronald Morris, District 8

**1. Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Cecil Harris.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the School Board meeting held on October 19, 2023**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on October 19, 2023.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Stephen Link  
**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Jeffery Cox  
**Voting:**  
 Unanimously Approved

**3. Presentation by the Livingston Parish Library**

David Gray, Public Information Officer, delivered the Livingston Parish Library Presentation.

**4. Discussion and action on approval of Change Order No. 006 for Denham Springs High School Softball and Baseball Athletic Improvements**

The Contract Sum will be decreased by this Change Order in the amount of \$20,000.00. A credit from the general contractor.

After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve Change Order No. 006 for Denham Springs High School Softball and Baseball Athletic Improvements.

**Motion made by:** Mr. William 'Jeff' Frizell  
**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Bradley Harris  
**Voting:**  
 Unanimously Approved

**5. Discussion and action on approval of Change Order No. 1 for the French Settlement High School Baseball Field Improvements - New Field House**

The Contract Sum will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$22,869.00.

After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 for the French Settlement High School Baseball Field Improvements, New Field House.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Jeffery Cox  
**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Stephen Link  
**Voting:**  
 Unanimously Approved

**6. Consideration of a Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith**

Mr. Jason Akers, Foley & Judell, LLP, presented the recommendation to move forward with the sale of the bonds for the Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to accept the recommendation for the following resolution:

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS**, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), is currently levying and collecting a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") under the authority of an election held by the Issuer on May 13, 1978, at which election the following proposition was approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting at such election, viz:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Parish School Board of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, impose a tax of one per cent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services, and levy and collect said tax within the corporate limits of said parish for the purpose of construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of the public schools of Livingston Parish pursuant to ordinance proposed by resolution of the Parish School Board adopted on February 16, 1978, all in accordance with Section 2737.44 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes?

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of the aforesaid election, the Issuer adopted an ordinance on May 16, 1978 (the "Tax Ordinance"), providing for the levy and collection of the Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Ordinance, the net avails or proceeds of the Tax, subject only to the prior payment of the costs and expenses of the collection and administration of the Tax (the "Net Revenues of the Tax"), shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the Issuer solely for the purposes designated in the proposition authorizing the levy of the Tax, which includes the payment of bonds authorized to be issued in accordance with Louisiana law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer desires to issue not exceeding Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds") payable from a pledge and dedication of the Net Revenues of the Tax in accordance with Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purposes of (i) constructing and improving public school facilities of the Issuer located within the area of School District No. 24 of the Issuer, including, but not limited to food service and athletic facilities and including furnishings, fixtures and equipment therefor, (ii) funding a reserve, if required, and (iii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, other than the Bonds, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Tax herein pledged, EXCEPT its outstanding (i) Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A; (ii) Taxable Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B; and (iii) Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022 (collectively, the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, the maturities of the Bonds have been arranged so that the total amount of principal and interest falling due in any year on the Bonds will never exceed 75% of the proceeds of the Tax estimated to be received by the Issuer in the year in which the Bonds are to be issued; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now desired to fix the details necessary with respect to the issuance of the Bonds, and to provide for the authorization and issuance thereof;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

**SECTION Definitions.** As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

**"Act"** means Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

**"Additional Parity Bonds"** means any additional *pari passu* bonds which may hereafter be issued pursuant to Section 15 hereof on a parity with the Bonds and the Outstanding Parity Bonds.

**"Agreement"** means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Bond Resolution.

**"Bond"** or **"Bonds"** means the Sales Tax Bonds of the Issuer authorized by this Bond Resolution in the total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000), and any bond of said issue, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any previously issued.

**"Bond Counsel"** means Foley & Judell, L.L.P., New Orleans, Louisiana, or any other attorney or firm of attorneys with a nationally recognized practice in the field of municipal finance.

**"Bond Purchase Agreement"** means the agreement for the purchase and sale of the Bonds by and between the Issuer and the Purchaser authorized herein.

**"Bond Register"** means the registration books of the Paying Agent in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

**"Bond Resolution"** means this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be amended or supplemented.

**"Code"** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**"Date of Delivery"** means the date on which the Issuer receives payment for the Bond, which shall be as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

**"Executive Officers"** means the President and the Secretary of the Issuer.

**"Fiscal Year"** means the oneyear period commencing on July 1 of each year, or such other oneyear period as may be designated by the Governing Authority as the fiscal year of the Issuer.

**"Governing Authority"** or **"Issuer"** means the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana.

**"Government Securities"** means direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of the principal of and interest on which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, which are noncallable prior to their maturity and may be United States Treasury Obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in bookentry form.

**"Interest Payment Date"** means May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2024, unless a different date is set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

**"Net Revenues of the Tax"** means the avails or proceeds of the Tax, subject only to the prior payment of the costs and expenses of the collection and administration of the Tax, which revenues are authorized to be funded into bonds under the Act and are pledged to the payment of the Bonds as herein provided.

**"Outstanding"** when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Bond Resolution, except:

1. Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Bond Resolution;
3. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen as provided in this Bond Resolution or by law; and
4. Bonds which have been paid or for the payment of the principal of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Bond Resolution.

**"Owner"** or **"Owners"** when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

**"Outstanding Parity Bonds"** means, collectively, the Issuer's outstanding (i) Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A; (ii) Taxable Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B; and (iii) Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022.

**"Outstanding Parity Bond Resolution"** shall mean the resolutions adopted by the Issuer on February 4, 2020 and January 20, 2022, respectively, authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Parity Bonds.

**"Paying Agent"** means Hancock Whitney Bank, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana unless and until a successor Paying Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Bond Resolution, and thereafter Paying Agent shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

**"Person"** means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, jointstock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

**"Purchaser"** means Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the original purchaser of the Bonds.

**"Record Date"** for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

**"Reserve Fund"** means the Reserve Fund established and maintained pursuant to Section 10 of this Bond Resolution.

**"Reserve Fund Requirement"** means for the Bonds, as of any date of calculation, a sum equal to the lesser of (i) 10% of the proceeds of the Bonds (calculated in accordance with the Code), (ii) the highest combined principal and interest requirements for any succeeding Fiscal Year on the Bonds, or (iii) 125% of the average aggregate amount of principal and interest becoming due in any Fiscal Year on the Bonds.

**"Tax"** means the 1% sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the Issuer pursuant to an election held in the jurisdiction of the Issuer on May 13, 1978 and the Tax Ordinance.

**"Tax Ordinance"** means the ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on May 16, 1978, providing for the levy and collection of the Tax.

**SECTION Authorization of Bonds.** In compliance with the terms and provisions of the Act, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purposes of (i) constructing and improving public school facilities of the Issuer located within the area of School District No. 24 of the Issuer, including, but not limited to food service and athletic





2023 (the "Bond Resolution"), for the purposes of (i) constructing and improving public school facilities of the issuer located within the area of School District No. 24 of the Issuer, including, but not limited to food service and athletic facilities and including furnishings, fixtures and equipment therefor, (ii) [Funding a reserve, if required], and (iii) paying costs of the Bonds, under the authority conferred by Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority pursuant to all requirements therein specified, including the authorization of a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held on May 13, 1978 (the "Election"), the result of which election has been duly promulgated in accordance with law.

The Bonds are issuable in the denomination of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. As provided in the Bond Resolution, and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, the Bonds are exchangeable for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity of any other authorized denomination.

Subject to the limitations and requirements provided in the Bond Resolution, the transfer of this Bond shall be registered on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar upon surrender of this Bond at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar as Bond Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form and a guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and of authorized denomination or denominations, for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the transferee. Prior to due presentment for transfer of this Bond, the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar may deem and treat the registered owner hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Bond shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof and interest hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The Bonds are issued on a complete parity with the Issuer's outstanding (i) Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A; (ii) Taxable Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B; and (iii) Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022 (collectively, the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"). It is certified that the Issuer, in issuing the Bonds, has complied with all the terms and conditions set forth in the ordinance authorizing the Outstanding Parity Bonds.

The Issuer and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to (a) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding an interest payment date or any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the interest payment date or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

[The Bonds maturing on May 1, 2034, and thereafter, shall be callable for redemption at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after May 1, 2033 at the principal amount thereof of each Bond to be called for maturity, plus accrued interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for.]

In the event a Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Bonds are not required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent by means of first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails or via accepted means of electronic communication not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the Owner of each Bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the Bond Register.

[Insert Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption language, if required.]

The Bonds, equally with the Outstanding Parity Bonds, are payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "Tax"), after paying costs of collection and administration thereof (the "Net Revenues of the Tax"). This Bond constitutes a borrowing solely upon the credit of the Net Revenues of the Tax received by the Issuer and does not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions relating to the incurring of indebtedness. The Issuer has covenanted and agreed and does hereby covenant and agree to continue to levy the Tax and not to discontinue or decrease or permit to be discontinued or decreased the Tax in anticipation of the collection of which this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part have been issued, nor in any way make any change other than as provided in the proposition approved at the Election, which would diminish the amount of said Net Revenues of the Tax pledged to the payment of the Bonds and the Outstanding Parity Bonds, until all of the Bonds and the Outstanding Parity Bonds have been paid in principal and interest. For a complete statement of the revenues from which and conditions under which this Bond is issued, reference is hereby made to the Bond Resolution.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Resolution until the Certificate of Registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of Louisiana. It is further certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part necessary to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana, and that said Bonds shall not be invalid for any irregularity or defect in the proceedings for the issuance and sale thereof and shall be incontestable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or owners for value thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, has caused this Bond to be executed in the name of the Issuer by the [manual or facsimile] signatures of its President and its Secretary, and the Issuer's corporate seal to be impressed hereon.

PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Secretary President

(SEAL)

(FORM OF PAYING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO BE PRINTED ON ALL BONDS)

This Bond is one of the Bonds referred to in the within mentioned Bond Resolution.

Hancock Whitney Bank, as Paying Agent

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 By: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Officer

(FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Please Insert Social Security or other Identifying Number of Assignee

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney or agent to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish School Board on November 2, 2023, providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 2nd day of November, 2023.

Secretary

Motion made by: Mr. Stephen Link Motion seconded by: Mr. Jeffery Cox Voting: Unanimously Approved

7. Ratify ACT 705 Requirements for Board Members

Motion was made and duly seconded to ratify the ACT 705 requirements for the 2023 board member training hours as verified by the Louisiana School Boards Association. The 2023 training hours are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Hours

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Motion made by: Mr. Bradley Harris Motion seconded by: Ms. Katelyn Cockerham Voting: Unanimously Approved

8. Discussion and action on the Superintendent's recommendation for a Substitute Principal at Walker High School

Upon the recommendation from the Superintendent, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Performance-based contract for William Timothy Rogers, Substitute Principal, at Walker High School, effective October 30, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

Motion made by: Mr. Jeffery Cox Motion seconded by: Ms. Katelyn Cockerham Voting: Unanimously Approved

9. Approval of monthly financial report, update on audit findings, payment of invoices and district supplements

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the monthly financial report, update on audit findings, payment of invoices and district supplements.

Motion made by: Mr. Jeffery Cox Motion seconded by: Ms. Katelyn Cockerham Voting: Ms. Kellee Hennessy Dickerson - No Mr. William 'Jeff' Frizell - Yes Mr. Bradley Harris - Yes Mr. Jeffery Cox - Yes Ms. Katelyn Cockerham - Yes Mr. Stephen Link - Yes Mr. Cecil Harris - Yes

Motion carries

10. Superintendent's comments

- Livingston Parish Public Schools will host our first ProStart Culinary Cook-Off Competition on Tuesday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the SUMA Professional Development Center, in Livingston. Those teams will come from Albany High, Denham Springs High, French Settlement High, Live Oak High and Springfield High. The winner gets to put their favorite menu items at the Curbside Cafe, which visits our High Schools throughout our District. For any questions, you can contact Sommer Purvis, our Child Nutrition Supervisor. The executive board for the Louisiana Association for Jazz Education has selected Ms. Rachel Morgan of Denham Springs High to be the recipient of our 2023 Outstanding Jazz Educators. Congratulations Ms. Rachel Morgan of Denham Springs High. Next week is our Veterans Day programs. If you get a chance, please attend. It's absolutely wonderful.

11. Adjourn

President's Announcement:

- A Curriculum/Policy committee meeting has been scheduled on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Mr. William 'Jeff' Frizell Motion seconded by: Mr. Jeffery Cox Voting: Unanimously Approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

/s/ Alan Joe Murphy Alan Joe Murphy, Superintendent

/s/ Cecil Harris Cecil Harris, President



CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUP-114-23

Pursuant to provisions of R.S. 33:112 et seq., of the Louisiana Statutes, a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit request for Lot# 3, in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana for the purpose of a Multi-Tenant development (SUP-114-23). Requested by Alaykumar Patel [314 Tate Rd]

Said Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, 116 N. Range Ave, Denham Springs, Louisiana at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.

DENHAM SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION FRED BANKS, CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Livingston Parish Tax Assessor's Office will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The public hearing is to be held at the office of the Livingston Parish Tax Assessor's Office located at 2640B Government Blvd, Livingston, LA. The hearing will be to hear public input on the 2024 budget and how to adjust the 2024 budget, as well as amend the 2023 budget, if necessary. Prior to the public hearing the 2024 budget will be available for public inspection at the Livingston Parish Tax Assessor's Office located at 2640B Government Blvd, Livingston, LA.

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

To be bid prepared by

ALAN E. ELLIOTT ARCHITECTS, INC. ARCHITECTURAL ADDITION AND RENOVATION Albany, Louisiana

will be received and opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16, 2023, in the office of LIVINGSTON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS located at 1908 North Third Street, Denham Springs, Louisiana. Bids will be addressed to LIVINGSTON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS and will be publicly opened and read at the time and date mentioned above.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the above Owner and to furnish all the contract, perform all of the work, supervise, coordinate, administer and be responsible for the work.

A cashiers or certified check, payable without recourse to LIVINGSTON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS or acceptable surety personal bond in an amount not less than 5% and of the lowest possible bid cost, accompanied with bid in accordance with the contract. The bidder will personally submit a contract and payment bond in an amount as outlined in the Specifications. A performance and payment bond in an amount of 100% of the contract will be required to be furnished by the successful bidder, and all costs in connection with such bonds shall be paid by the successful bidder.

Printed copies are not available from the office of the Architect, however, arrangements can be made to obtain them from City Blueprint at cityblueprint.com. Plans holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs when obtained through City Blueprint. Questions regarding these arrangements can be directed to City Blueprint at 504-522-0387.

Project specific questions shall be directed to the office of the Architect to reception@alanelliott.com. Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Gateway Gateway Bankston Architects, 985-345-5047, 1007 W. Thomas Street, Suite C, Hammond, Louisiana, 70401. Prospective Bidders are cautioned that the failure to obtain the Documents in accordance with the contract will result in the Architect or its agent or the Prospective Bidder, shall receive additional information, updates or addenda that may be issued concerning bidding on this project.

The related information is also available online and electronic bids may be submitted online at www.centralLouisiana.com.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Gateway Gateway Bankston Architects, 1007 W. Thomas Street, Suite C, Hammond, Louisiana, 70401.

Electronic bids may be submitted online at www.centralLouisiana.com.

The Contractor shall carry that be licensed under R.S. 33:2109-2110 and show his license number and expiration date on the bid envelope.

A Bid that is received on or after 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the project site 36727 S.M. Highway 24, Denham Springs, LA 70221.

Signature of Alan Murphy

Legal Notice

The City of Denham Springs Police Department will purchase 2 or more new (or used) Ford Explorers as specified herein. Alternatively, one Ford F-150 may be purchased as specified.

Proposals/Offers will be submitted electronically only through LaMATS e-Auction and Bid Services (EASiBUY) at https://lamats.eauctionservices.com. To submit a proposal, you must register by starting a response to access the full specifications. Proposals are due by November 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. CST and will be reported thereafter by email within 30 minutes of bid close. The LACPC (City of Denham Springs Police Department), seeks to purchase the following "civilian-equipped" vehicles for Police administrative units. They are not required to be outfitted with any aftermarket additional safety/emergency lights.

- One (1) Ford Explorer XLT (or equivalent) - MUST have Black Exterior - Prefer V-6 or higher engine - New or Used (Max miles 40,000) - Cloth interior preferred on new models, no preference on used models - No preference on interior color - 3rd row ideal, but not required

\*\*\*\*\*AND\*\*\*\*\*

- One (1) Ford Explorer XLT OR (1) Chevy Silverado 1500 OR (1) Ford F150 (or equivalent) - MUST have either White, Silver, or Gray Exterior - MUST have 4 full doors - Prefer V-8 engine - New or Used (Max miles 40,000) - Cloth interior preferred on new models, no preference on used models - No preference on interior color It is preferred that both units purchased, be in stock or already or close to being in transfer to dealer. Vendor is not required to have all vehicles in stock to bid. Vehicles may be purchased from different dealerships where advantageous. Bids will be accepted from licensed dealers or converters only. The City agrees pay cost of transportation. Include such costs in the total bid price. Or, if it is more cost advantageous, the City will arrange and pay for costs to pick up, depending on dealer's proximity to City.

Where availability of vehicles and demand exists, the LACPC may facilitate the ordering of additional vehicles for LACPC members or affiliates wishing to place piggyback orders.

If more than one dealership can meet the specific requirements, the LACPC reserves the right to establish Best and Final pricing through a reverse auction process which would be scheduled online after the receipt and review of proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20550 CIRCLE DRIVE, LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, AT 5:00 P.M. AND 5:45 P.M.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING AT 5:00 P.M. WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Proposed budget for year ending December 31, 2024, and amendments to the budget FYE December 31, 2023.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING AT 5:45 P.M. WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- B. Introduce proposed Ordinance amending the Town of Livingston by amending Part 7, Chapter 1, Water and Sewer, Section 7-1054 - Wastewater Facilities Impact Fee.

THE ABOVE ORDINANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO BE HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

Copy of the Ordinances can be picked up at the Livingston Municipal Building Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Proposed Bid to be received by the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

PROPOSED BIDDING DOCUMENTS WATER WHEEL ESCAPE

Bidding documents and any associated notices for this project will follow LACPC guidelines. The Bidding Documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 9:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 9:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Bidding documents will be available at the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Bidding 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# TRIO OF LOCALS COMPETED IN DOYLE TOURNAMENT

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Doyle, Springfield and Holden competed in Doyle Tournament that was held on Nov. 20-21.

Doyle (4-2) posted a 1-1 record, while Springfield (2-2) and Holden (2-7) were both defeated in their games.

The overall records listed were as of press time.

Doyle was defeated in its game on Nov. 20 against St. Amant, 77-65.

Cody Lovett led Doyle with 23 points that included two 3-pointers.

Jachin Kennedy posted 22 points with a pair of threes.

Parker Taylor tallied 12 and he hit a three.

Boaz Kennedy put up seven and was good on a shot from beyond the arc.

Hayden Rau had one point.

The Tigers rebounded from the loss the next day and won a 74-66 contest over Covington.

John Kennedy topped the club with 19 points that included three treys.

Lovett and Taylor both registered 15. Lovett made three 3-pointers, while Taylor was good on one.

Jude Edwards posted 10.

Boaz Kennedy scored nine points and made two threes.

Kayden McMorris tallied six.

In our home tournament our boys played extremely hard, Doyle coach Daniel Kennedy said. "We were out sized and outnumbered versus both 5A opponents. I'm very proud of how our guys competed."

Springfield was defeated by Mandeville and St. Amant.

The score against Mandeville was 68-43 on Nov. 20.

Dequane Davis paced Springfield with 13 points that included a 3-pointer.

Caden Dykes tallied 10.

Tabias McGee put up eight and he made two 3-pointers.

Rowen Harris logged five points and he was good on a trey.

Chase Burches had four.

Luke Husser added three on a 3-pointer.

The next day was a 65-56 loss to St. Amant.

In that game, Springfield trailed 29-21 with 1:32 left in the second quarter, but finished the half on a 6-0 run.

Davis, who posted 15 points, began the run with two free throws with 43.9 seconds on the clock. A Bulldogs steal led to a jumper from Dequincy Davis. Dequane made a field goal with three seconds left, trimming the lead to 29-27 at the break.

Springfield got within one at 29-28 early in the third quarter when Chase Burches, who had seven, split from the charity stripe.

Springfield never could catch St. Amant, but stayed within



At left, Springfield's Dequane Davis dribbles the ball at upcourt. At right, Parker Taylor attempts a shot during the Doyle Tournament.

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six until late in the period.

St. Amant held a 39-37 with 1:25 left, but finished the third quarter on an 8-1 run and was up 47-38 through three.

"They got a couple of turnovers in a row and that's just something we're going to work on," Springfield coach Billy Dreher said on Nov. 21. "We've only had some of our football players since (Nov. 13), so we've only had a few practices. We've got some good depth. We just gotta have everybody on the same page and continue to have guys to accept their roles and just gotta take care of the basketball better."

The Gators began to pull away to start the fourth with the first four points, but a three by McGee, who had 18 to lead the club, made it a 51-41 game at the 5:57 mark.

Four unanswered by St. Amant pushed the lead to 14 with 5:23 on the clock.

The Bulldogs got within nine at one point, but could get no closer in the loss.

Husser logged five.

Harris tallied four.

Dykes had three.

DeQuincy Davis and Tyler Gardner both logged two.

"We had some ups and downs," Dequane Davis said. "We could've played harder, moved the ball more and limited our turnovers, make more shots."

Holden's losses were to Covington and Mandeville.

The game against Covington was 74-58 on Nov. 20.

Tyler Thompson led Holden with 13 points.

Marcus Penalber recorded 12.

Colton Lewis tallied 11.

Maddox McCorble posted nine that included two 3-pointers.

Dalton Miller logged seven.

Aidan Hutchinson tallied six.

The next day was a 65-59 loss to Mandeville.

Miller led Holden with 19 points.

McCorble posted 10.

Hutchinson tallied nine.

Lewis recorded eight.

Penalber recorded seven that included a 3-pointer.

Thompson put up six.

"I thought we played well this week," Holden coach Landon DuBois said on Nov. 21. "We had a tough loss to Lakeshore last week (77-55 on Nov. 16), we didn't play our best, but we really bounced back and played hard. We played two 5A schools. Being in a Class B school, I think they have more kids in their freshmen high than we have on our entire campus. It's an uphill battle, but the boys played hard, I thought we played defense pretty well. We just find a way to limit our turnovers, I think we come away with one win for sure."

Doyle's plays again on Dec. 1 and faces Springfield at home.

Holden's next game is Dec. 1 against Hathaway at home.

Springfield will play again on Nov. 30 against Kentwood at home.



JARREAU



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## WALKER'S MILLBERN, JARREAU VICTORIOUS IN SPARTAN INVITATIONAL

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Walker's Gabriel Millbern and Toni Jarreau were victorious in their weight classes at the Spartan Invitational.

Millbern competes in the 285-pound weight class, while Jarreau is in the 138-pound weight class girls junior varsity select.

Millbern had a bye to start and then defeated Acadiana's Jarrel Lawrence by fall.

Millbern then won by fall over St. Amant's Julian Blanchard to reach the title match.

In the title match, Millbern defeated Archbishop Shaw's Bryce Hanley by fall.

Jarreau had a bye in the first round.

She then defeated East Ascension's Elianny Canela-Cabrera by fall.

Her next match was another win by fall over Zachary's Mia Roberts.

Jarreau capped off her title run with a win by fall over Lafayette's Mariana Solis.

Walker was the only local team in the event.

Luis Chavez (113) had a bye, but was defeat-

ed by Chalmette's Jayden Pontecorvo by fall.

His next match was a loss by fall to Riverdale's Tristan Cantrelle.

Devin Nicholson (120) had a bye in the first round and was topped by Fontainebleau's Braden Sellers by fall.

Nicholson rebounded from the loss with a win by fall over Chalmette's Cameron Truong by fall.

He was then defeated by Archbishop Shaw's Blake Andrew by technical fall, 15-0.

Steven Jarreau (157) lost his first match to Southside's William Goff in a 12-4 major decision.

His next match was a 7-4 loss to Lafayette's Joshua Tassin.

Hunter Brooks (190) was topped by St. Amant's Jayden Naquin by fall in his first match.

Brooks then defeated Holy Cross' Caleb Miller by forfeit.

His final match was a loss by fall against Acadiana's Cayden Wiggins.

## LIVE OAK VICTORIOUS OVER ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Live Oak defeated St. Michael the Archangel, 63-38, in a road game that was held on Nov. 17.

Haleigh Cushingberry scored 19 points to lead the Lady Eagles.

Taylor Barclay posted 17 points that included three 3-pointers.

Savannah Spillman tallied

nine.

Da'miaya Dunn recorded six.

Lilly Wellman had two.

Live Oak's next game will be on Nov. 30 when they host Woodlawn of Baton Rouge.

## MAXWELL'S 25 POINTS HELPS KEY VICTORY

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

French Settlement's Maxwell Allison scored a game-high 25 points in a 49-46 win over Episcopal of Acadiana in a game held on Nov. 17.

Mason Hill posted 12 points.

Maxwell made two 3-pointers.

Brady Andrews posted six.

Chance Langston and Reid Murphy both had three on 3-pointers by the two players.

French Settlement's next game will be on Dec. 1 against Maurepas at home.

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# DENHAM SPRINGS POSTS 2-1 RECORD IN LAST WEEK'S FONTAINEBLEAU TOURNAMENT

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Denham Springs posted a 2-1 record in the Fontainebleau Tournament that was held on Nov. 20-21.

Denham Springs' contests were held at the Abita Rec Gym. The first contest, which was on Nov. 20, was a 66-39 victory over Northshore.

Taylor Smith led Denham Springs with 13 points. Raegan White tallied 11 that included three 3-pointers. Jadyne Vaughn, Kennedy Lindsey and Prai Nelson all had eight. Vaughn made a pair of threes.

Kendra Johnston and Julissa both posted five that included a 3-pointer for each player.

Ella Wilson scored three points on a three. Cate Duckworth and Olivia Slack both had two. Kimber King added one.

Denham Springs played two games on Nov. 21. The first one was a 50-40 loss to Slidell.

Denham Springs trailed 23-21 at halftime, but struggled offensively in the third quarter.

Denham Springs went scoreless for the first 5:18 of the second half until Slack broke the seal on the basket with a bucket. "Our shots just weren't falling today," Denham Springs coach Rudy Smith said. "I don't know if it's early morning or what (9 a.m. start), but we came in and we've been shooting high percentage shots and making our shots. Even the threes we're usually pretty good at, but things dried up this morning. Hopefully, we can get cleaned up for the next one, but I thought we did real well inside. A lot of times, we didn't finish in there,



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Denham Springs' Taylor Smith takes a 3-pointer during last week's Fontainebleau Tournament.

but we did a good job of getting it to the girls in there and the girls worked hard in there. It just didn't fall. High percentage

shots that we usually make just did not fall."

Despite the scoring drought, Denham Springs still trailed only 33-23 and was down 38-28 through three.

Denham Springs trimmed it to six at 41-35 with 5:04 on the fourth-quarter clock, but could get no closer in the loss.

"It's early. I feel like we came ready to work, then we got on the court, we took plays off as a team. We were late getting back some plays. Some plays, we weren't finishing, our shots weren't falling," Nelson said. "When we shoot in warmups, usually we don't shoot in the game."

Nelson paced Denham Springs with 16 points. White had seven points that included a 3-pointer. Smith posted six points on a pair of threes. Vaughn scored five points that included a three. Slack recorded four. Cabrera had two.

Later that day, Denham Springs capped off their 2-1 tournament with a 66-53 victory over Salmen.

White scored 20 points to lead Denham Springs. She made five from beyond the arc.

Nelson posted 10. Smith tallied nine points and made two 3-pointers. Vaughn had eight and made a 3-pointer. Slack recorded seven points. Cabrera logged five. Lindsey put up four. Wilson posted three points on a three. Denham Springs is 6-1 this season. Denham Springs' next game will be in its tournament that takes place Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

# WALKER POSTS 1-2 RECORD IN TOURNAMENT

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Walker's girls' soccer team went 1-2 in the Pineville High School Rebel Cup Tournament that Nov. 17-18.

The first game was a 2-0 victory over Leesville. Catherine Beckman scored both of Walker's goals. Beckman also made three saves. Walker played twice on Nov. 18. The initial contest on Nov. 18 was a 1-0 loss to Sulphur.

Beckman made nine saves. Walker's final game was an 8-0 loss to Southside. Walker's next contest will take place on Nov. 30 against Slidell at home.

# LIVE OAK, WALKER HAVE PLENTY OF SUCCESS IN GRIFFIN OPEN

BY CHRIS KINKAID  
The Livingston Parish News

Live Oak and Walker were successful in the Griffin Open 2023 that was held on Nov. 18.

Live Oak's Kolton West, who is in the 150-pound weight class, Kevin West (165), Gage Kelly (215) and Walker's Gabriel Millbern (285) all won their weight classes. In varsity B, Live Oak's Ryan Sawaya (285) won his weight class.

West won his opener over Holy Cross' John Paul Gutierrez by technical fall, 16-0.

His next match was a win by fall over Catholic of Baton Rouge's Aidan Albin.

West reached the finals with a 15-0 technical fall victory over St. Thomas More's Finley McGill.

West won his weight class with a win by fall over Brusly's Reed Serio.

Kevin West began his run to a title with a 16-0 technical fall victory over Dutchtown's Swade Jackson.

His next match was a win by fall over Destrehan's Demetric Wilson.

West then won his semifinal match over Lafayette's Aiden Sandoz in a 10-1 major decision.

West won the title with a 7-5 decision over Holy Cross' Antwon Parks.

Kelly defeated St. Thomas More's Brennen McGill by fall.

He followed up his win with a victory by fall over Acadiana's Cain Roy.

In the semifinals, Kelly defeated East Ascension's Grady Stuzman by fall.

Kelly won the title match over Dutchtown's Aidan Angrisano in an 8-4 decision.

Millbern won his first contest over East Ascension's Shealtiel Lewis by fall.

His next match was a win by fall over Comeaux's Royal Lazard by fall.

Sawaya defeated Tara's Aden Colbert by fall in his opener.

The next match was a win over Belle Chasse's Phoenix Jourdan by fall.

Walker's Kye Karcher (126) and Live Oak's Billy Edmonston (190) came in second. Live Oak's Tyler Maher (215) was second in his weight class for varsity B.

Karcher won his opener over Dutchtown's Dylan Eppinett, 15-0 in a technical fall victory.

His next match was over Live Oak's Blake Vellier by fall.

He then defeated East Ascension's Alex Amedee in a 14-2 major decision.

The title match was a 7-2 loss to Acadiana's Ozias Gray.

Edmonston won his first match over Dutchtown's Collin Templet by fall.

His next match was a win by fall over St. Amant's Devin Gilliland.

Edmonston then defeated St. Thomas More's Robert Pressler in a fall.

His final contest was a loss by fall to Central of Baton Rouge's Gavin Landry.

Maher won against Tara's Glenn Wisham by fall.

He also captured his next match by fall over St. Amant's Joseph James.

Maher was defeated by East Ascension's Jase Campbell by fall in his final match.

Live Oak's Logan Knapp (285) finished third.

Knapp defeated Destrehan's Randy Lee in the first match.

The next one was an 8-6 loss to Sam Houston's Colt Fisher.

He then won by fall over Lafayette's Caleb Mills by fall.

Knapp's final contest was a win by fall over Lazard.

In the girls only 150-157 junior varsity select, Live Oak's Gabbie Schaffer was second. Schaffer defeated Lafayette's Jalynn Wilson by fall.

Her next match was a setback by fall to St. Amant's Rayne Steely.

In the girls only 138-144-pound weight class, Walker's Toni Jarreau came in third place.

She began with a win by fall against East Ascension's Elianny Canela-Cabrera.

Her next match was a 11-3 major decision loss to Brusly's Sara Daley.

She won third place with a victory by fall over St. Amant's Kyleigh Pearson.

In the girls only 215-285 junior varsity select, Live Oak's Isabella Finch was fifth.

Finch was defeated in her first match by fall to Brusly Hailey Wheeler.

Her next match was a loss by fall to East

Ascension's Breann Cullen.

The next contest was a defeat by fall to Brusly's Iranie Harrison.

Her final match was loss by fall to East Ascension's Karissa Lopez.

Also for Walker, Luis Chavez (113) was defeated by Dutchtown's Noah Hyatt.

Steven Jarreau (157) was defeated by fall against St. Amant's Korey Toney.

Also for Live Oak, Mason Cothorn (106) defeated Destrehan's Ethan Taylor, 25-10, in a technical fall. He was then defeated by Lafayette's Austin Langlinois.

His final match was a loss by fall to Teurlings Catholic's Christian Broussard.

Adam Day (120) was topped by fall against Sam Houston's Lucas Manuel.

Day won his next three matches.

The first was by fall over Destrehan's Landon Allen.

That was followed by a 10-3 decision win over Comeaux's Parker Richard.

He then won in a sudden victory, first overtime win against Dutchtown's Braiden Marengo.

Day's final match was a loss by fall to Wesley Hyatt.

Vellier (126) lost his first match to Karcher.

His next match was an 11-3 major decision loss to Lafayette's Johnathan Johnlouis.

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The City of Denham Springs celebrated the annual 'Lighting of Old City Hall' on Friday, November 24. Luke 3:16 Children's Choir provided entertainment, as well as special guest Laine Hardy. Kids were able to enjoy a new set of rides and take pictures with Santa Clause.

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## CHRISTMAS EVENT LIST:

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- Denham Springs Christmas Tree Lighting - Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m.
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- Albany Christmas Parade - Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m.
- Town of Livingston Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.



### CLARK ROBERTSON: SEASONAL SURPRISES

BY CLARK ROBERTSON  
Department of Agriculture

What's in bloom? Often, we don't think about plants flowering in late November. Everything in nature seems to be going to sleep for winter. Sure, we plant fall bedding plants to add color to our yards, but all the flowering trees and shrubs seem to be finished for the year. We may occasionally have a burst of color that lasts into late autumn due to a warm fall, but that is not guaranteed.

On a visit last week to Crosby Arboretum in Pica-yune, Mississippi, I spotted one of our native late fall flowering shrubs in full bloom. That was *Hamamelis virginiana*, better known as the American witchhazel. Its wispy, bright yellow blooms are easy to spot when walking through the woods in late fall and early winter after the plant has lost its leaves.

Flowers of witchhazel are delicate, four-petaled blooms, 1/2 to 3/4 inch long with color from cream to



bright yellow. The flowers have a spicy fragrance and are pollinated by a moth. It is an important pollinator plant because of its late season blooms.

This large shrub to multi-stemmed small tree is native to the eastern part of North America from Novia

Scotia south to Florida and as far west as the Great Lakes to eastern Texas. The genus name, *Hamamelis* refers to the occurrence of flowers and fruit on the plant at the same time. The fruit of witchhazel is a small capsule containing two black seeds, which

remain on the plant from flowering until the following autumn. When the capsules are mature, they will split open, expelling seeds 10 to 20 feet from the plant.

The name witchhazel is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "wych" meaning to bend. It is believed early Anglo settlers named it this after observing Native Americans using forked branches of the witchhazel as dowsing rods to locate underground water sources. Some who practice dowsing today will still use witchhazel branches.

Witchhazel is also a beneficial plant for several medicinal purposes. Leaves and bark of the plant are used to make extracts, creams, poultice, and compresses. These varying preparations are used as astringents, anti-inflammatories, and as topical treatments for swellings and skin disorders.

The American witchhazel is a very adaptable plant for landscape use. It can be used as an understory

planting along the edge of woodlands or as specimen plantings in landscape beds. It prefers moist, acidic soils high in organic matter. It can tolerate clay soils, but needs a well-draining site located in partial shade to sun. It is a slow grower but can reach 20-30 feet tall and 15-25 feet wide at maturity. Pruning to remove lower branches as it ages can be done to train it into a small tree form.

The foliage of American witchhazel turns yellow in fall and drops before the plant blooms. The leaves are oval and 2-4 inches long and 4-8 inches wide, appearing in an alternate arrangement on the stems. When planted in full to partial sun, witchhazel will develop a fuller, rounded canopy than typically seen in natural settings.

Plants can be grown from seeds collected in the fall, but the seeds need to be cold stratified before they germinate. Flowering will not start until plants are around six years old. Native witchhazel has



been somewhat replaced in landscape use by Chinese species or hybrids between Chinese and Japanese species because of their showier aspects.

It may be harder to find in retail nurseries, but if you do come across a plant, it is a good addition to the landscape. The native American witchhazel is an important species for our environment and has great potential for year-round interest in the landscape.

### KREWE OF ROMANY HOLDS 'MAID CORONATION'

STAFF REPORT  
The Livingston Parish News

On November 10th, the Krewe of Romany held a Coronation for the 2024 Maids, hosted by the Maids' families at the Crown Bistro - Royal Standard in Baton Rouge.

Earlier this year 2024 Ball Captain, Kim Mitchell, presented each maid with a significant color and theme that they use throughout the year to culminate into a fabulous costume, spectacular back piece, and beautiful tablescape that emphasizes the Ball Captain's vision for her ball night.

The families, guests, and Krewe members donned these special colors to celebrate each of the Maids.

Mitchell, Queen Romany LXXXIV Adrienne Lambert, and King Romany LXXXIV Rew Waltman, bestowed each maid with their tiaras to be worn at the 2025 ball when they will be presented again, this time in debutante style.



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The 2024 Maids are pictured, left to right: Raegan Gravois, Destiny Fagane, Josie D'Aquilla, Maci Watson, Aubrey Beale, and Harleigh Melancon.



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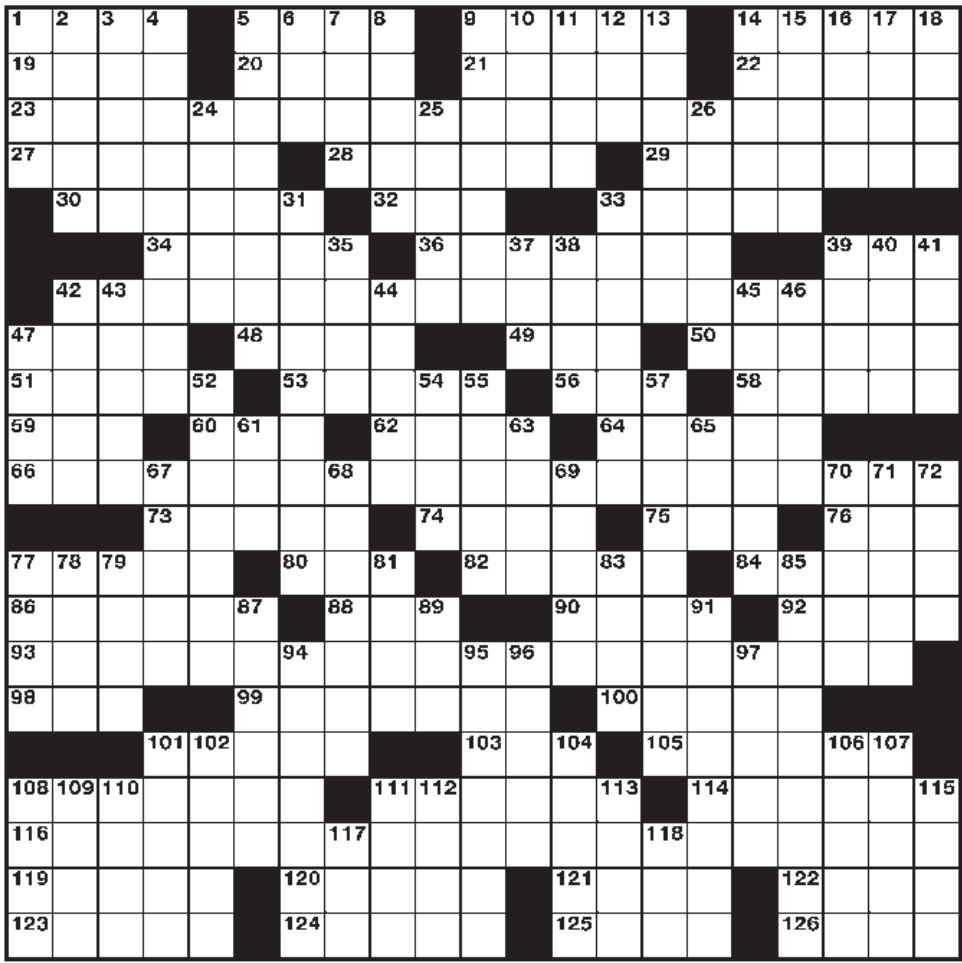
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**TRI-PARISH BALLET PRESENTS 'THE NUTCRACKER' DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH**

**STAFF REPORT**  
**The Livingston Parish News**

The Tri-Parish Ballet Company's 'The Nutcracker' takes the Stage December 9th and 10th complete with a growing Christmas tree, flurrying snow, and mesmerizing magic tricks. Tri-Parish Ballet's 'The Nutcracker' returns to the LSU Union Theater for two performances, with the Benefit performance on Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. has an admission of nonperishable food items for the Baton Rouge Food Bank, and the Community Hands food pantry at First United Methodist Church

of Denham Springs. Specific containers will be set up for each organization. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door for the Sunday, December 10th 2:00 p.m. performance, and are available at <https://lsuniontheater.universitytickets.com> or call 225-578-5128. The annual production features P.I. Tchaikovsky's iconic score. Each performance features four scene changes and 89 roles for both professional dancers and local dancers. 'The Nutcracker,' a classic coming-of-age story, opens with a Christmas Eve party in the early

19th-century. Here Maria Stahlbaum receives a nutcracker from her mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer. As midnight approaches, enchantment envelops the household, as the Nutcracker springs to life to battle the Rat King. Maria travels on a dreamlike journey through a forest of snow. The story unfolds through classical ballet, hip hop, and tumbling choreography, ranging from the ethereal Waltz of the Snowflakes to the court and their countries in the Land of Sweets. The choreography culminates with a grand pas de deux performed

by the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, before the story returns to the Stahlbaum home, where Maria and the Nutcracker are reunited with Uncle Drosselmeyer. Giavona Montoya from the Columbia Classical Ballet will perform the role of The Sugar Plum Fairy and Brian Gomez from Ballet Rhode Island will perform the Cavalier. Avalyn August and Angel Willis will perform the role of Maria, and Ryder Chance will dance the role of The Nutcracker. For more information call 225-665-3414 or 225-933-4811.



**COMING UP**

**Municipal Christmas events:**

- **Walker Christmas Parade and Market** - Saturday, December 2 at 11 a.m.
- **Amite River Boat Parade at Manny's Bar** - Saturday, December 2 at 6 p.m.
- **Springfield Christmas Parade** - Monday, December 4 at 7 p.m.
- **Denham Springs Christmas Tree Lighting** - Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m.
- **Denham Springs Christmas Parade** - Saturday, December 9 at 2 p.m.
- **Albany Christmas Parade** - Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m.
- **Town of Livingston Christmas Parade** - Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

'Christmas in the Pines' at Historic Macedonia Baptist Church

Historic Macedonia Baptist Church, located at 34685 LA-1036, Holden, LA 70744, will host their annual Christmas in the Pines Celebration December 7 at 6:00 p.m. It will be an evening of special music combined with congregational music, a traditional old fashion way to celebrate the birth of Christ and start the Christmas Season. A meal will be served following the service.

**Historic Carter House at Carter Plantation hosts Christmas Open House**

The public is invited to the Christmas Open House at the Historic Carter House on Sunday, December 7, 2023 and Sunday, December 17, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$5.00 for adults, with children under the age of 12 admitted free, as are HCHS members. Each ticket will be entered in a drawing for a door prize. The drawing will be held on December 17th after the tours

are complete. You can find us in Carter Plantation, 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA 70462.

**Blue Christmas Service at St. Francis Episcopal Church**

The holidays can be a time of joy, but can also be a time of sadness. Some people are feeling a loss, missing loved ones no longer present. Others have a sense of regret from holidays past, and still others are feeling lonely. Join us for this special service of Scripture, song and prayer that honors those feelings, giving space for grief and opening the door to hope. All are welcome! Wednesday December 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Episcopal Church, 726 Maple Street, Denham Springs, LA

**Bass Prop Shops hosts 'Santa's Wonderland'**

Santa Claus has announced his return to the destination retailer's magical Santa's Wonderland – a free family Christmas event that

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**Four Seasons Farmers Market**

The Four Seasons Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday at the city parking lot at Hummel Street and Railroad Avenue in Denham Springs. Fresh vegetables and fruits are on sale from vendors.

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