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2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH GRADUATIONS BEGIN

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Livingston Parish Public Schools kicked off their 2021 graduation slate with Live Oak, French Settlement, Maurepas, Denham Springs, and Walker through the first week. Holden, Doyle, and Albany were set to hold their graduation ceremonies the week of May 17-21. Check out photos of the events and names of graduates on Page 9.

SNIFFING OUT DOLLARS

PARISH COUNCILMAN SHANE MACK AGAIN LOOKING AT LIBRARY MILLAGE FOR POTENTIAL DRAINAGE FUNDS

BY MCHUGH DAVID
The Livingston Parish News

It's been roughly 18 months since Parish Councilman Shane Mack (District 9) dropped the idea of looking at the library's overall budget and possibly diverting some of their funding - five of the ten mills - to drainage.

That position ended when a large group of library patrons, board members, and their director Giovanni Tairov showed up to the parish council meeting to protest. The council never even discussed the matter, voting instead to 'move on.'

But times have changed, at least Mack thinks so.

Recently, the council unanimously agreed to dissolve the parish's two unfunded gravity drainage districts - 6 and 7 - in favor of one, larger district labeled as number 8. The district encompasses the areas east of Highway 447 and south of Interstate 12 on the eastern side of Juban Road.

Or, roughly, 80% of the

parish.

Failed tax proposals in 2017 has Mack looking for other ways to acquire funding, or at least to pull from a different playbook. According to the councilman from District 9 (north-east Livingston Parish), the newly formed district is looking into any and all governmental entities that exist under the parish for excess funding - the library is just the first stop.

"The whole conversation is a simple discussion to, in some 'way, shape, or form' evaluate (the library's) current budget to see if they are overcompensated," Mack explained, "and to see if their budget could be cut and still offer an outstanding service for the people of Livingston Parish."

According to Tairov, that is not the case. In both a Facebook post to constituents, and on a call with the News, Tairov expressed concern over the idea of cutting the library's funding by even a small amount.

"If Mr. Mack succeeds in



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Parish Councilman Shane Mack

Parish councilman Mack said he wants to see that data in writing, and will be attending the library's board meeting Tuesday night, May 18, at 5 p.m. at the Denham Springs - Walker branch of the library to begin the conversation with the system's 'Board of Control' to receive those numbers.

According to the library's budget, current income is listed as follows:

4000 · Property Tax Revenue
5,919,521.00

4040 · State Revenue Sharing

4140 · Interest Income-Property Tax
23,025.00

4156 · Idea Lab
1,100.00

4160 · Fines/Lost Books
4,800.00

4165 · Copies and Printing
40,000.00

4170 · Faxing
10,000.00

4175 · Meeting Room Reservation

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RISK RATING 2.0

SENATOR KENNEDY ATTACKS FEMA, NEW FLOOD INSURANCE RISK RATING SYSTEM

BY MCHUGH DAVID
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Could your flood insurance rates be increasing? According to Senator John Kennedy, the answer is 'Yes,' and it's not a question of 'if' but 'when.'

Sen. Kennedy (R-Louisiana) made comments at a senate banking committee meeting, of which he is a member, Tuesday morning regarding the newest risk rating system proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Administration. The new system is called 'Risk Rating 2.0' and will take different factors into account when calculating flood insurance.

Kennedy had originally asked the banking committee chair Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) for a meeting on the subject, with FEMA, in April. When the meeting finally occurred, FEMA was absent.

Kennedy asked why FEMA did not attend the hearing, and addressed the agency directly with, "Have you lost your freaking minds? I'm very disappointed with the way this whole process has been handled."

"The NFIP is the primary source of flood insurance coverage for residential properties in the United States. Five million families depend on the NFIP. Risk Rating 2.0 will bring the biggest change to NFIP insurance premiums since the NFIP program began, including rate increases and mandating new policies. I have serious concerns about Louisiana families being able to afford flood insurance under the proposed Risk Rating 2.0. The NFIP only makes sense if homeowners can afford it," wrote Kennedy in a letter to Brown in April, which can be read here.

According to research from the website ValuePenguin, published in April 2021, Risk Rating 2.0's enhanced flood assessment tools will correct the problem of policyholders with lower-valued properties paying rates that would more accurately reflect the risk a higher-valued home faces.

Before Risk Rating 2.0, the agency primarily evaluated flood risk by using flood zone maps, which communicate the likelihood of an area being inundated by a 100-year flood event. On paper, this translates to a 26% risk of flood damage during the lifetime of a conventional 30-year mortgage.

By moving away from a reliance on flood zone mapping to show a community's flood risk, FEMA can illustrate the unique risk a property faces. Risk Rating 2.0 models a property's risk through a variety of considerations, including:

- Probable inland flooding
- Historical storm surges
- Cost to rebuild the property
- Historical losses
- Elevation

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WALKER CELEBRATES NEW CITY HALL WITH RIBBON CUTTING, TOURS FOR THE PUBLIC

BY MCHUGH DAVID
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A multi-year project came to a close Friday morning, as the city of Walker invited the public to view their recently opened city hall on Aydell Lane.

On a beautiful, sunny day light poured into the new, three story building as guests were treated to ribbon cuttings, stone floors, and high ceilings. Walker will utilize two of the three stories and take up roughly double the square footage they had at their old city hall location.

"We're thinking 20, 30 years down the road," Mayor Jimmy Watson said. "(Walker officials) wanted this building to last."

The plans began in 2018,

when the idea of a new city hall was tossed around by city officials and the city council. By February, 2019, the city had narrowed the prospects down to two sites - one off Aydell Lane, the other behind the Sherwin Williams location on Highway 447.

Aydell Lane's 4.7 acre location, which the city also purchased in February, won. According to Mayor Watson, Aydell's location was 'better' and did not require any clearing of debris or timber. There was also the small, connecting lane in the back with Stine's Lumber Yard to provide more ingress and egress access. The land was purchased from General Contractor John Blount, who also constructed the

new city hall.

So, when council passed three ordinances to start the ball rolling on a new city hall.

The first ordinance authorized the purchase of the 4.72 acres in the 13000 block of Aydell Lane. The second ordinance transferred \$680,000 from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to pay for the land. The third ordinance moved \$6.5 million into the General Fund to pay for the construction and furnishing of the new City Hall.

The \$6.5 million was acquired via bond, with the help of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority.

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Walker's new city hall sits on Aydell Lane.

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'LIVINGSTON IS A '(DO IT YOURSELF)' PARISH'

GRAVES UNDERSTANDS FRUSTRATION OF HOMEOWNERS RECEIVING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE LETTERS; BELIEVES RELIEF IS COMING

BY MCHUGH DAVID
The Livingston Parish News

The Great Flood of 2016 left a lasting impression on the Livingston Parish community.

And some of those impressions have remained consistent issues for local residents.

Recently, roughly 1,200 property owners received letters from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) regarding their structure's elevation. According to the letters, FEMA's data combined with parish inspections determined that their home or property was 'substantially damaged' in the Great Flood of 2016, but it was not caught at the time.

Substantial damage means that the cost to repair the structure to its pre-flood state would be more than 50% of its value. The same rule applies for adding onto a home or business, as well.

The FEMA letter goes on to state that, based on parish ordinance, they must

elevate their structure to above base flood elevation (plus one foot, due to free-board) or sell their property to the federal government, bringing it out of commerce.

Congressman Garret Graves said that, from the D.C. perspective, he understands the frustration of dealing with FEMA. His office continues to work with the FEMA governing authority to determine the best methods for property owners to navigate the process, as well as adjustments that can be made after certain mitigation projects are completed and the large amount of money that has found its way to Louisiana 'has been spent.'

"There are paths forward to remedy this," Graves explained on the phone with the News. "There's billions of dollars in recovery funds that have already been sent to Louisiana, or are coming."

Those funds are broken down as such:

- \$68 million in



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (elevation, acquisition)

- \$1.2 billion in Louisiana Watershed Initiative Money
- \$5.2 billion (\$3.2 billion state, \$2 billion cities) in COVID-19 recovery
- ~\$400 million in Comite Diversion Canal money

According to Graves, FEMA is still utilizing maps that are centralized around structure elevation. Using Comite as an

example, Graves said the Washington, D.C. delegation is working with FEMA, as well as state and local authorities, to not only get mitigation dollars spent - but have those projects reflected in flood maps and, therefore, insurance policies.

Despite continual delays, the Comite is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. Estimates have the project affecting the flood level in the Denham Springs area anywhere from 6 inches to 2 feet. Final estimates on that reduction are not currently available.

"I think the total

numbers of homes in the penalty box will drop due to projects and expenditures," Graves explained, "We're using every tool in the political tool chest to get billions of appropriated dollars into Louisiana and spent."

In the mean time, however, Graves recommends that Livingston Parish residents work with the Livingston Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to appeal their substantial damage letter, or apply for mitigation grants.

Councilman Garry 'Frog' Talbert (District 2) says that property owners have two avenues to take after receiving the letter, which include an appeals process as well as an application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for elevation or acquisition.

Talbert asked residents to call the Livingston Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) at 225-686-3066 or e-mail eoc@lpgov.com and cite their partic-

ular address and that they received a letter.

Property owners then have a choice to make. To appeal the process, they will likely need a 2016 valuation of their home, as well as local area comparables, and the expenses incurred in repairing the home. Property owners should also present a flood elevation certificate, if they have one.

HMGP projects can either elevate or acquire a home. Property acquisition will tear down a home, and remove that land from general commerce - wherein it can only be brought back to market through congressional approval.

Elevations come in the form of grants at anywhere from 75% - 100% cost share, depending on the number of times your property has flooded and at what elevation it sits.

Talbert said that LOHSEP will guide property owners through either process, but be prepared to do the work which should have been done in 2016.

FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR MASK INDOORS, GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES

BY DAVID GRAY
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Following federal recommendations, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced Friday that those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no longer need to wear masks indoors in most cases.

This latest revision to the governor's COVID-19 proclamation comes in addition to recent guidance that also eased restrictions on masks outdoors for those who are fully vaccinated.

Edwards said his decision was based on the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in consultation with the Louisiana

Department of Health.

However, masks are still required at educational facilities, correctional settings, health care facilities and on public transit, according to a statement from the governor's office.

Additionally, businesses may decide whether to continue requiring masks and are not limited by the revised proclamation, Edwards said. Local governments can also make decisions to have further restrictions, including face covering requirements.

Edwards said the easing of restrictions comes as the state continues in its vaccine rollout, which surpassed 2.8 million administered doses this week.

According to the latest data, more than 1.55 million state residents (nearly 34 percent) have initiated a vaccine series, while more than 1.37 million residents (nearly 30 percent) have completed a series.

This week, the state expanded eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 12-15, making shots available to another 250,000 people.

In his statement, Edwards called the lifting of restrictions "a great day a clear sign that all three COVID vaccines currently available are not only safe but extremely effective at protecting us from the virus and helping us return to the normal way

of life."

"I encourage those who have not yet gotten the COVID vaccine to do so as soon as possible and to use this as motivation to ensure your loved ones, neighbors and communities are as safe as possible," Edwards said.

"This is further proof that by working together there isn't anything we can't accomplish, and those who have gone sleeves up against COVID can begin getting back to the things they know and love, without the stress."

The Department of Health reviewed and agreed with the CDC guidance that says any fully vaccinated person can participate in indoor and outdoor activities

— large or small — without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

Dr. Joseph Kanter, the state health officer, said those at the agency "concur and eagerly adopt" the new guidance, though he said unvaccinated people "remain at risk."

"Growing evidence shows vaccines work in the real world, they are effective against the variants currently circulating in the country and our state, and if you've gone sleeves up, you're less likely to spread the virus," Kanter said.

"Unfortunately, this also means that those who remain unvaccinated remain at risk of getting and spread-

ing COVID. We encourage everyone who is eligible to get the vaccine now to protect themselves and their families, and go into summer with confidence."

A growing number of studies on the COVID vaccines have shown the following, according to the Louisiana Department of Health:

- More than 90 percent effective in real-world settings at preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- Effective against the variants currently circulating in the country and state.
- Those who are vaccinated are less likely to spread the virus.

ROUGHLY 80% OF LOUISIANA POLICY HOLDERS WILL SEE INCREASE UNDER NEW RISK RATING SYSTEM

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- Natural surroundings and barriers
- Distance from floodways

Despite the fact that many homes will see marginally higher rates for flood insurance after Risk Rating 2.0 goes into effect, existing limits on annual rate increases will still be in effect. This means that most homes won't experience year-over-year price hikes that are more than 18%, but

that also means that homeowners could experience an increase, up to 18%, for 'several years' according to local officials.

It's estimated that just 4% of existing policies across the U.S. will have the highest rate hike — greater than \$20 a month or \$240 a year. However, because of the geographic factors that influence the cost of flood insurance, some states are more likely to see the highest increases. In fact, more than 10,000 policies each in

Florida, Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York will face the highest price increases.

Kennedy not only expressed displeasure with FEMA's lack of attendance at the committee meeting, but with their lack of transparency in the process of passing these new risk ratings. According to the senator's office, new NFIP policies would begin to roll out in October of 2021, with current NFIP policy holders facing the financial burden

in April of 2022. Federal and state governments were preparing for rollouts and town halls in fall of 2021.

"Since the end of FY 2017, Congress has enacted 16 short-term NFIP reauthorizations with the

expectation that Congress would consider reform. That time is now. Congress should oversee and debate any changes to the program, especially substantial changes to the program such as Risk Rating 2.0,"

Kennedy wrote.

Of the 495,500 policies in Louisiana, according to FEMA, 20% will see a rate decrease and 80% will see a rate increase. 3%, FEMA said, will see an increase of more than \$20 per month.

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WENDY'S RETURNING

MAYOR LANDRY DISCUSSES COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN DENHAM

BY MCHUGH DAVID
The Livingston Parish News

There are still reminders of the Great Flood of 2016 scattered around Denham Springs, especially in the commercial sector.

But several of those reminders will soon be receiving a new lease on life. Mayor Gerard Landry sat down with the News last week to discuss upcoming developments in the Denham Springs commercial sector, of which there are many. Each month, permit director Rick Foster provides the city's council with a report of upcoming commercial construction

and development, which provides an update on where projects are in the city's permitting process.

But, according to the mayor, nothing stuck out to him more than the return of fast food restaurant Wendy's - which has set fallow since the flood, causing problems for other local businesses and the Denham Springs Police Department.

Landry said he believes construction and renovations for the property will begin in the coming months, as the company is still in the early stages of permitting.

Across the street, a resale retailer called Purple Cow



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will take the northernmost anchor of the big-box retail center behind Cane's, with Rent-A-Center taking the southernmost space. Landry added that, while COVID-19 caused Stage to go out-of-business, it's his understanding that the

landlord for the properties is currently in conversations with a replacement tenant.

Further north on Range Avenue, DEMCO has nearly finished their building. The older commercial space was demolished after the flood for a smaller

structure that will, according to Landry, only hold DEMCO personnel and offices. Previously, the building had also served as a business incubator - however, after the flood, those activities were moved into the strip building in the back.

Landry also noted that the lane on the south side of the DEMCO property was still a target as a 'Cook Road Extension' into Denham Springs, with a light at Range Avenue. It's a goal, Landry explained, but still far away.

Continuing north on Range, the old Heroman's Florist location has received

an offer, sold, and eventually will become a tire shop.

On the north side of Denham Springs, fill dirt and piping has been placed for the new Carter's Grocery located at the corner of Cockerham and Hatchell Lane. The retail store hopes that their newest location, weather depending, will be open by first quarter 2022.

Finally, the pavilion where Denham Springs city hall once stood is complete, and Landry said the city will begin offering the ability to rent the pavilion out for events, but he also hopes individuals will start using it just as a place to sit.

LAWYER FOR DENNIS PERKINS ASKS JUDGE FOR SEPARATE TRIAL FROM WIFE

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

Lawyers representing a former high-ranking law enforcement officer asked a judge this week to try him separately from his wife, a former teacher, two months before they are set to go to trial for a slew of sexual abuse crimes.

The "motion to sever defendants" request marks the latest chapter in the case involving Dennis and Cyn-

thia Perkins, the husband and wife who were arrested in October 2019 after an investigation spearheaded by the Attorney General's Office.

The investigation was initiated following a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding the possible possession and distribution of child pornography, Attorney General Jeff Landry said at the time.

A grand jury later indicted

the two on a total of 150 charges, including rape, producing child pornography, mingling harmful substances, and sexual abuse of an animal.

The request for a separate trial was made on behalf of Dennis Perkins, a former SWAT team commander in the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office who was terminated when the allegations came to light.

Cynthia Perkins, a former middle school teacher at

Westside Junior High, filed for divorce days after the two were indicted, alleging Dennis Perkins had made "sufficient threats that render her fearful of (him)."

A third person, 42-year-old Melanie Curtin, was later charged with aggravated rape of an adult and video voyeurism. Authorities have said they believe Curtin helped Dennis Perkins film the sexual assault of an unconscious victim.

On Monday, lawyers for

Dennis Perkins asked a judge for a separate trial from his wife, arguing he would be "unduly prejudiced" by his wife's earlier testimony. The request stems from a judge's decision to allow certain evidence to be presented against only his wife, while other evidence can only be presented against Dennis Perkins, according to records.

The couple was jointly indicted, so they would be tried together unless a judge granted a severance.

"The interests of justice will be greater served by allowing [Dennis Perkins] to be tried individually," his lawyers wrote. "If this Court does not grant the defendant's request, he will be unduly prejudiced by the testimony of his [co-defendant]."

A hearing to determine if Dennis and Cynthia Perkins will be tried separately is set for June 4. If denied, the case is expected to go to trial in July.

THIRD STORY OF CITY HALL TO BE LEASED UNTIL NEEDED, MAYOR SAYS

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The bonds will be paid off over 30 years, increasing the General Fund bond interest expenses by \$241,000 and reducing the general long-term debt \$120,000 in the first year, according to the proposed ordinance. The interest rate is 4 percent, which the mayor called a "very good rate." The city has an A-minus rating, in the top tier of bond ratings."

Labarre & Associates was the architect firm who spearheaded the project, with assistance from engineering firm Forte & Tablada. The original goal was the end of 2020 for an opening, however COVID-19 delays pushed the ribbon cutting back. The building was designed for growth, with the top (third) floor being leased by two companies which are currently in negotiation with the city.

Should Walker need that space, they will provide notice and end the lease, Mayor Watson said.

According to Watson, who made comments before the ribbon was cut on Friday, May 14, 2021, the city owes much of its financial solvency and the construction of the new city hall facility to their 'robust' gas system. Walker has one of the largest in the state, according to Chief of Staff Jamie Etheridge, and extends well north into Watson and to the parish line with St. Helena, as well as points south.

Walker also provides natural gas for Waste Management's fueling station in the Walker Industrial Park.

The city adjusted all of their utility rates in 2013, during Rick Ramsey's administration, after sales taxes dipped almost 17% alongside the completion of Our Lady of the Lake - which utilized Stine's Lumber Yard to acquire most of their materials, providing a

boom for the local collections.

However, the administration before Ramsey's had budgeted as if those sales taxes would stay in place, which they did not.

Each utility rate was affected differently. Gas dropped from a \$9.60 usage fee to \$8.25, with \$9 per thousand cubic feet used afterward. However, the free 500 cubic feet of gas per month was removed.

According to a study done on Walker gas consumption by Baton Rouge based SJB Group, the estimated increase to city revenue in the first year would be nearly \$850,000.

Water took on an \$8.50 charge for residential customers on their first 3,000 gallons, with a \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons after. The usage charge will rise to \$2 per year into 2015.

Commercial rates are \$34 for the first 3,000 gallons, and \$2.50 for every 1,000 gallons after.

In a study by Louisiana Rural Water company, the city would see an increase of \$148,000 in the first year, \$250,000 in the second year, and \$350,000 in the third.

The sewer rates decreased by \$3 across the board from the rates presented at the June 10, 2013 meeting. Residential sewer rates started at \$15.75 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$1 per 1,000 gallons after. The first 3,000 gallon rate will rise \$1 per year until 2015, and the 1,000 gallon fee will rise 50 cents per year until 2017.

The grinder station rates started at \$14.25 for the first 3,000 gallons, and \$1 per extra 1,000. The commercial rates begin at \$18.50 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$.5 after.

At the time, Walker was struggling with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to get in line with sewer regulations. Progress had been made

through Ramsey's administration, but it wasn't until 2015 that the city began receiving clearance marks from the governing body.

Even after the rate increase, according to a study also done by Louisiana Rural Water, Walker's sewer system was still in the red roughly \$400,000.

The garbage rates were raised to \$13.17 for residential and \$8.67 for seniors, to be brought in line with increased rates from Waste Management. Those rate increases, which are based on the Consumer Price Index, had not yet been passed on to consumers.

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Opinion

THIS TAX DAY, TAXPAYERS WANT LESS IRS, NOT MORE

Even though it's mid-May, it's tax season (filing deadline was May 17). And, once again, millions of Americans found themselves going through the hassle of filling out their tax returns. Many are left wondering if there is a better way to file taxes. The process often seems like a government-sponsored brainteaser to see if you can come up with the right number, and the government will punish you if you guess incorrectly. So, proposals have been put forth to have the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) pre-determine a taxpayer's liability and send them a bill. While this might seem a better solution, nothing could be further from the truth. Handing over filing duties to the government would amount to a reckless expansion of IRS discretion and agency snooping. Despite these consequences, a proposal popularized by Sen. Elizabeth Warren

(D-Mass.) entitled the Tax Filing Simplification Act would put the IRS in the driver's seat. As with most legislative short titles, the problems with the proposal are hidden by a misleading name. The IRS does not understand the minutiae of every taxpayer's life. Leaving the decisions up to bureaucrats with less information at their disposal will simplify nothing. Also, putting the filing in the hands of the IRS puts an unfair burden on taxpayers should there be any discrepancies or disputes. Challenging the IRS on tax questions is already complicated enough, given the agency's deep bureaucratic web. Imagine the increased complexity when the IRS becomes the default decision-maker in tax filing. The burden of proof shifts far more heavily on to taxpayers. The IRS's mission is stated very clearly in its name. It exists to collect "revenue" as efficiently and effectively as possible. When Ameri-



cans are filing taxes, they look for exemptions and other provisions that will minimize their tax burden every year. An agency tasked with generating as much revenue as possible naturally has no interest in minimizing the amount of tax collected. The IRS's budget is more than \$11 billion. Under recent spending proposals, the agency stands to benefit from a 10 percent increase in the very near future. Adding the cost of turning the agency into a tax filer for every American could add billions of dollars to the IRS's budget. All that hassle

that hundreds of millions go through every year will now be concentrated in one agency. That is the exact opposite of simplification. This expansion of government size and power would no doubt reflect in tax bills across the country – and then be completed by the agency itself. It's a head-spinningly foolish idea. This would not be the first time such an idea has been tried. In 1995, the IRS created CyberFile. The aim was for the IRS to develop a system that would prepopulate tax information and do so in a paperless way.

Unsurprisingly, CyberFile was an unmitigated disaster. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) noted a number of security issues with CyberFile. There were many incomplete and inexact installations to the final program. It was a costly effort that never got off of the ground. The sad reality is that all this work and money got poured into trying to develop a government version of a program that had already been successfully developed in the private sector. The government's effort to tighten its grip over the tax filing process failed. The IRS's technological woes have not improved over the last 25 years. A recent report from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration found that well over 200 IT systems currently used by the IRS are antiquated legacy systems. The IRS continues to develop software to meet its needs, but produces systems that don't have the ability to interface with

one another, making any effort to create a seamless process a fruitless one. This is exactly what Americans cannot afford when it comes to their hard-earned tax money. This tax season, millions of Americans have inevitably been rolling their eyes and exhaling deep frustrated sighs as they fill out their returns. But the solution is not giving the agency that produced the existing mess more control. Rather, policymakers should strive to actually simplify the tax code and cut down on bureaucratic waste at the IRS. Having the IRS fill out taxes for the American people may seem like a good idea on the surface, but such a process would only succeed in adding another layer of bureaucracy on top of an already complicated system. People want less of the IRS in their lives, not more.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND PAYING FOR OUR HIGHWAYS

With anticipated growth in electric vehicle (EV) sales in the United States, the question remains: How are EVs going to pay their fair share of maintaining our nation's highway infrastructure? The Highway Trust Fund was created in 1956 by Congress to pay for our Interstate Highway System. Currently, the fund receives monies from the federal fuel tax – 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon of diesel fuel. The federal fuel tax has not increased since 1993, and since it is not pegged to inflation, collections are insufficient to maintain our highways without the infusion of additional funds from general revenues. The Highway Trust Fund currently has two accounts – one to fund road construction and surface transportation projects and a second for mass transit. One cent per gallon also is used to fund underground storage-tank removal. Over time, the diversion of money from the fund to pay for "non-highway" projects has been growing, making the shortfall even larger. This shortfall is worsening as EVs take a larger share of vehicle sales. Since EVs do not use liquid fuels to propel them as do ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles, they are not contributing to the maintenance of our highways. Some observers argue that vehicles in general should be charged a miles-driven tax. It might seem to make sense that the more miles one drives the more one should pay to maintain our roads, but there are other considerations. The current fuel tax is very fair, in that larger and heavier vehicles damage our roads more than smaller, lighter vehicles. They also consume more fuel; thus, they pay more tax. Some estimates suggest that an 80,000 pound truck damages the road as much as 5,000 to 10,000 cars. If someone drives a large, less fuel-efficient pickup truck, the driver pays more fuel tax than someone who drives a subcompact car. But with a charge-per-mile tax, this would not be true – unless the assessment per mile driven is higher for large EVs and lower for smaller EVs. But who would decide how much drivers would pay? Today, drivers make that deci-

sion, based upon what vehicle they choose to drive and how many miles they choose to drive in it. Those who drive smaller, more efficient small cars pay less tax, and those who choose to drive larger vehicles pay more. This is inherently fair. My suggestion: an electricity tax could be added to public EV fast-charging stations that would be the equivalent of the current fuel tax. I have found that a rule of thumb for many EVs is that they consume about one kilowatt hour of energy for every 3.5 miles of driving. If a comparable ICE car achieved 30 miles per gallon, the 18.4 cents tax per gallon would equal 0.61 cents per mile. Thus, 2.14 cents for each kWh used at public fast-charging stations could be added to help pay for our highways. This is a start, but it would hardly make up for the shortfall in revenue from EVs, since it does not account for the fact that most EVs are charged at home. Charging vehicles a per-mile fee for using our highways also raises concerns of privacy and security. The privacy issue involves the government knowing where you are and where you have been (though our smart phones are already doing the same thing). More and more of our cars are connected with WiFi hotspots, along with digital updates from the manufacturer (again just like our phones). But what would happen if a rogue entity were able to hack into our connected cars and make them unable to start, or worse, cause an accident? It reminds us that the IRS, Justice Department, and the Defense Department all experienced recent and harmful electronic intrusions. I hope our auto manufacturers have better technological defenses than our government agencies, but I doubt it. There are still other concerns. If we stopped using a fuel tax, everyone would have to install a black box in their car to assess the mileage tax. It would certainly be better to continue the fuel tax for ICE cars and then charge a mileage tax on the more modern and technologically capable EV vehicles that are more connected. A percentage of fuel-tax collections also come from non-road uses, such as when I fuel the John Deere tractor I use to cut fields around my home. Every time I fill up my tractor, I am helping pay for our highways,

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though I never drive my tractor on them. Why stop this extra source of revenue? I also wonder who would decide what to charge for a miles-driven tax. Ideally, it would be Congress that sets the federal fuel tax, but critics would point out, accurately, that the tax has not been raised since 1993 (and it would not be popular politically to do so). Instead, the bureaucracy might prefer that an unelected regulatory panel decide the amount of the tax. But then what would stop that panel from demanding a higher fee, in the hope that this charge would encourage people to drive less? Or perhaps it would assess fees to discourage driving at certain locations, similar to New York City's proposal to charge congestion fees of \$11.52 per car and \$25.34 per truck that enter the city south of Central Park. London charges about \$21 to drive into the city between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day except Christmas. Let's say Highway 81 has lots of road construction over the next four years. What would prevent the government from charging a triple tax for drivers, to encourage them to find other routes? This could be the kind of nightmare caused by central planners looking to manipulate driving habits. Conversations I've had lead me to believe

that consumers would be willing to pay the additional 13 cents per gallon needed to maintain our highways. This would allow for the continued diversion of funds to other non-highway projects such as mass transit and bike paths. We must also find ways to charge EVs the fuel-tax equivalent based upon a yearly assessment, a tax on energy consumption, a miles-driven tax, or some combination of the three. What we do not have, as far as I can tell, is much discussion on how we are going to do this. Some say that government finds it easier to spend money than to collect it. Others rationalize exempting EVs from such fees as a subsidy to spur acceptance of the new technology, or as a deserved reward in the belief that EVs are beneficial for the environment. Finally: even if we're successful in raising the extra 13 cents per gallon of fuel or electricity equivalent, it would require a lock box to prevent those funds from being diverted to purposes other than maintaining our highways. But this is a problem universal to public financing. *Geoffrey Pohanka is a third-generation automobile dealer and chairman of the Pohanka Automotive Group headquartered in Capitol Heights, Maryland.*

U.S. REP. COMER MUST LEAD ON POSTAL REFORM

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is in dire financial straits. The agency recently reported an \$82 million net loss for the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2021, though the loss climbs to \$1.7 billion once non-cash workers' compensation adjustments are taken out of the equation. Expenses are simply climbing at a faster pace than revenues. This unsustainable status-quo will result in (another) taxpayer bailout barring significant reforms. Some policymakers alarmingly want to wipe the slate clean on the agency's voluminous debts and ignore the USPS' inefficiencies and byzantine pricing structure. As a strong voice for fiscal accountability, U.S. Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.) can and must push back against these irresponsible attempts to kick the can further down the road. Now is the time to address runaway postal debt instead of leaving the problem for future generations to address. As Rep. Comer and his like-minded colleagues have repeatedly pointed out, debt is no small issue in Washington, D.C. Thanks to "stimulus" policies and aid to states and localities that they didn't even need, tril-



lion-dollar deficits are now the norm, and the national debt has exceeded \$28 trillion. The USPS' financial troubles are a key part of this fiscal mess, and it's no secret that the independent agency has struggled mightily to keep costs under control. The Government Accountability Office recently found that the USPS has \$188 billion in debts and unfunded liabilities, and this figure will continue to grow amid surging package delivery expenses and supersized transportation contracts. In the last three years alone, the Postal Service has produced net losses totaling \$22 billion. Both sides of the political aisle agree that urgent action needs

to be taken to fix the USPS, but there's been widespread disagreement on how best to approach the issue. Regrettably, any hope of a balanced reform agenda on the part of the Democrats has been bulldozed by an outlandish proposal that would let the USPS off the hook for worker compensation payments they have defaulted on. This proposal, known as the "USPS Fairness Act," would excuse the USPS from the obligation of "prefunding" retiree health benefits and erase past debts associated with that obligation. Backers of the legislation claim that this will help the beleaguered agency get back on its feet, since prefunding benefits have allegedly

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been a key cause of soaring USPS net losses. In reality, though, the USPS devotes about \$800 million per year toward their dedicated retiree health fund. This figure amounts to less than 10 percent of their \$9.2 billion net loss incurred in fiscal year (FY) 2020. While it is true that 2006 legislation mandated an aggressive prefunding timeline for the USPS, the agency is no longer bound to such a strict funding system. From 2017 onward, the USPS has only had to amortize (i.e. gradually write off the cost) remaining healthcare-related retirement costs for their workers over a 40-year period until 2056. And, even without the prefunding requirements singled out by lawmakers under the "USPS Fairness Act," the USPS would still have bled through revenues over the years. On the eve of the coronavirus pandemic, annual USPS controllable losses (i.e. losses within management's control) exceeded \$3 billion and were rapidly on the upswing. Excusing funding obligated related to retiree benefits would do nothing to address this abysmal perfor-

mance and ignore the many real problems facing the USPS. Fortunately, Rep. Comer has signaled his willingness to confront the issues threatening to hobble America's mail carrier. In February he stated, "I am eager to work with both my Republican and Democratic colleagues to reform the Postal Service, ensure its fiscal sustainability, and improve service for the American people. We must tackle and address the real issues facing the Postal Service." Rep. Comer can start by calling on the USPS to be more transparent on their pricing strategies and have prices reflect delivery costs. Additionally, Rep. Comer should call for network consolidation and more unified logistical operations in line with the recently released USPS 10-year business plan. For the sake of Kentucky communities and taxpayers nationwide, leadership from Rep. Comer on USPS reform is needed now more than ever. *Ross Marchand is a senior fellow for the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.*

OBITUARIES



Kevin Sam Cuti

Kevin Sam Cuti, a native of Independence, Louisiana and resident of Denham Springs, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021, at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge at age 47. Kevin was a loving Daddy, brother, son, uncle and friend. Kevin loved to go fishing and spending time with his family. Kevin was born a twin to his brother and inseparable best friend, Keith Cuti. If you ran into Kevin, you ran into Keith. He will surely be missed and forever loved by many. He is resting in the arms of Jesus and I'm sure he and Keith are casting a line in Heaven. Kevin was survived by his daughters, Kristin Cuti, Destiny Landry, Ashley Jimenez, and Maci Cuti; his sons, Tristin Johnson, Brett Cuti, Kolby Cuti, Kori Cuti and Kaleb Cuti; his fiancé, Madison Gilcrease. Kevin has two brothers, Christopher Cuti, Sr., and wife Shannon, and Kelly Cuti and wife Amie. Kevin has three sisters Khrystal Cuti, Melissa Trout and husband Chad, and Vicki Lynn Cuti and husband Joe. Kevin has 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Kevin was preceded in death by his mother Faye Sharpe Cuti, his father Vick Cuti, twin brother Keith Cuti and sister Marsha Allen. Arrangements will be held in Independence at Durbin Cemetery, Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10 a.m. Durbin Cemetery is located at 54230 West Durbin Road, Independence, LA, 70443.

of Independence and a resident of Denham Springs, LA, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2021, at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge at the age of 47. He was a loving father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, grandson and friend. Keith loved to fish and work with his hands as a mechanic. Keith was a twin to his best friend, Kevin Cuti. If you saw Keith, you saw Kevin, they were inseparable in life and in death. He loved his family! He's gone to Heaven, but will never be forgotten. Keith was survived by his son, Blake Cuti; his two brothers, Khristopher Cuti, Sr., and wife Shannon, and Kelly Cuti and wife Amie; his sisters, Khrystal Cuti, Melissa Trout and her husband Chad and Vicki Lynn Tate and husband Joe. He had many nieces and nephews. Keith was preceded in death by his mother, Faye Sharpe Cuti; his father, Vick Cuti; brother, Kevin Sam Cuti; and his sister, Marsha Allen. Arrangements will be held in Independence at Durbin Cemetery, Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10 a.m. Durbin Cemetery is located at 54230 West Durbin Road, Independence, LA, 70443.

Andi Joiner, D.J. Joiner, Jayden Joiner, Madeline Joiner, Morgan Joiner, Brianna Joiner, Ella Joiner and Cordelia Dean Barnett; one great-grandchild, Aubrie; and mother-in-law, Lerline Barnett. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Ella Stivers; grandparents, Thomas and Ethel Stivers, Oscar and Bossie Thomas; uncle, Elmer B. Stivers; and father-in-law, Donald J. Barnett. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 30, 2021, at Christ Community Church, Denham Springs, starting at 2 p.m. with the service starting at 3 p.m.



Joseph Bert Vige, Sr.

Joseph Bert Vige, 90 years young of Denham Springs, LA passed away, peacefully in his sleep, at his residence, Friday, May 7, 2021. He was the youngest of the two children of Cammie and Ferdinand Vige. He was married to his one true love, Joanna Andrews Vige, on April 24, 1958. They raised four children: Mark (and Debra Vige), Theresa (and Farrell Parfait - deceased), Bert Jr. (and Nicole Vige), and Bobby (and Lori Vige). He is survived by his seven grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Vige, Raine Parfait, Nicholas Smith, Adam Lafluer, and Christian and Madison Vige, and his one great-granddaughter, Kennedy Nola. Bert was born on a small farm in Chataignier, LA, on April 2, 1931. He resided there until he decided to join the U.S. Air Force at 16 years of age. He spent more than 20 years serving his country in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. His nickname was "Frenchie" due to his Cajun accent and having learned English as a second language. Retiring as a Technical Sergeant from his last station base in San Bernardino Beach, CA, he and his family settled in Denham Springs, LA, to continue his trade as an electrical lineman. He eventually logged another 20 years and retired from the Department of Public



Martha S. Barnett

Martha S. Barnett, a native of Paris, KY, and a resident of Denham Springs, LA, passed away on May 11, 2021. She enjoyed her family vacations to Tennessee, some other interests include online shopping, Big Foot, cooking, dancing, and singing. Family was extremely important to Martha, her children and grandchildren were her greatest accomplishment. A few of the family's most fond memories are those trips to Tennessee and spending time with her friends there, and dirt track racing with her baby boy. She will be greatly missed by all. Martha is survived by her beloved husband, Keith Barnett; daughter, Amanda Barnett; daughters-in-law, Lori Joiner and Haleigh Barnett; sons, Billy Joiner, Micky Joiner, Devin Barnett; grandchildren,



Keith Ellis Cuti

Keith Ellis Cuti, a native

Safety in Baton Rouge, LA. Bert never met a stranger, was very quick witted, hilariously funny, fiercely protective of those he loved, and stood out in a room wherever he went. He enjoyed playing the fiddle, guitar and harmonica, playing Rook, poker, and dominoes, having both a Spring and Fall garden, camping, cook-

ing, and saltwater fishing. Life is but a whisper when compared to all eternity. We are here today and gone tomorrow. Jesus said, "I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6. "At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord." Phi-

lipians 2:10,11. Surrendering to Him is a choice we must make here to see Him. Choose wisely. In order to honor his wishes, there are no funeral or memorial arrangements for the public. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Louisiana Baptist Children's home, located at 7200 Desiard St. Monroe, LA, 71203.



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WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY TO MAKE \$157 MILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN HOLDEN FACILITY

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

Gov. John Bel Edwards and Weyerhaeuser announced the company's plans to make a two-phased, \$157 million capital investment in its Holden facility over the next several years.

The project will upgrade equipment and modernize the sawmill for Weyerhaeuser, one of the world's largest private owners of timberlands.

According to a statement from the Governor's Office, Phase One includes nearly \$19 million to upgrade lumber kiln-drying capacity, while Phase Two will include "a major investment" of approximately \$138 million to completely modernize the facility.

The investments will secure 119 existing jobs and create up to four new direct jobs, with the new jobs providing an average annual salary of \$50,000, plus benefits. The project would generate an estimated 225 construction jobs, with an estimated payroll of about \$25 million.

Additionally, Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 12 new indirect jobs, for a total of 16 new permanent jobs for Livingston Parish and the Capital Region.

In a statement announcing the investment, Edwards called sustainable forest products "an economic success story in Louisiana" and that Weyerhaeuser "has had an important role in Louisiana forestry, and these latest investments will extend that impact."

"By upgrading the Holden mill and adding the latest in industry technology to improve the facility's competitiveness, the company will secure its skilled Florida Parishes workforce for years to come," Edwards said.

Beginning operations in 1900, Weyerhaeuser Company now owns or controls approximately 11 million acres of timberlands in the U.S. and manages additional timberlands under long-term licenses in Canada. Weyerhaeuser manages these timberlands on a sustainable basis in

compliance with internationally recognized forestry standards.

The company is also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products in North America and is a real estate investment trust. In 2020, the company generated \$7.5 billion in net sales and employed approximately 9,400 people who serve customers worldwide.

In Louisiana, Weyerhaeuser's 984 employees work in mill manufacturing sites and in forestry operations that manage 1.39 million acres of in-state timberland. Six months ago, the company announced a \$16.1 million investment to upgrade its Natchitoches mill.

Other Weyerhaeuser operations in Louisiana include a plywood and veneer mill in Zwolle; an oriented strand board mill in Arcadia; lumber mills in Dodson and Holden; timberland offices and operations in Hammond, Ruston and Winnfield; and a nursery and orchard in Taylor.

The Holden facility began lumber operations in 1980 under Crown Zeller-

bach, and Weyerhaeuser acquired the mill in 1996. Today, the Holden facility is part of Weyerhaeuser's lumber sector within its overall Wood Products business.

The mill supports the residential housing, home improvement, and construction markets.

Brent Mitchell, Holden interim mill manager, called the investment "a testament to each employee here at Holden."

"It reflects a personal commitment to the highest level of performance, both operational and safety-wise, that each employee has," Mitchell said. "After years of planning this project, we're excited for the sustained benefits it will bring to our people, our operation and the community."

At the Holden mill, Weyerhaeuser plans to upgrade and modernize the sawmill to produce longer-length lumber, add a new planer mill, and upgrade and add two new continuous dry kilns for increased drying capacity.

The company will also build out the necessary in-

frastructure; upgrade computer technology, control rooms, and heating and fan systems; invest in environmental technology to meet current performance standards; and invest in quality and safety equipment.

Work is expected to take place over the next three years.

In a statement, Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks said he is "excited" about the Weyerhaeuser expansion project.

"Not only does such a large expansion project provide local job opportunities, but it also shines a spotlight on the success that companies are having in Livingston Parish," Ricks said. "Continued investment in Livingston Parish is an indicator of long-term commitment to our community and high confidence in continued business success for the company."

LED began working with Weyerhaeuser on the potential projects in August 2020, according to the Governor's Office. To help secure the projects, the State of Louisiana offered Weyerhaeuser

a competitive incentive package that includes a \$2 million tax credit, payable over five years, through Louisiana's Retention and Modernization Program.

The company is also expected to utilize the state's Industrial Tax Exemption Program. The granting of ITEP incentives is subject to final approval by local officials in Livingston Parish, with votes expected this summer.

Livingston Economic Development Council President and CEO David Bennett said Weyerhaeuser has been "a tremendous contributor" to the Livingston Parish economy since 1980 through jobs and investments in the local community.

"The LEDC is pleased to see the company invest in additional equipment to increase production capacity while also announcing the potential for the largest industrial investment in Livingston Parish history at the Holden facility that will provide jobs for many years to come," Bennett said.

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5,875,968.00

That leaves a net positive cash flow of \$369,012 for the 2020 fiscal year, which Tairov said goes into a future planning budget for the library.

"The 'Net Income' portion will be reserved for future capital projects and is accounted for in the Capital Projects Plan (CPP)," Tairov explained. "CPP covers all of the library's major expenses through FY2033, such as HVAC replacements, technology

upgrades, roof and carpet replacements, etc.

"The library uses a Pay As You Go approach of funding major expenditures, so we do not have to go before the voters every time a major project has to be performed," Tairov continued. "Saving 5% of the annual revenue allows us to maintain our libraries in top shape and plan for future improvements. Also note, that some of the self-generated income is most likely to be significantly lower due to a post-pandemic slump in usage, which will further reduce the Net Income amount."

Mack relented that if the numbers don't make sense and would be of detriment to the library system, he would look at other options. He believes that the library has grown enough, with an increase in total property tax collections from 2000 to 2020, that some cash can be siphoned off - but is willing to wait until the numbers are presented.

"I want to find a responsible way to fund an unfunded gravity drainage district," Mack said. "Before we just throw out a tax, want to take a look at local governmental entities where there may be over-compensation."

The failed 2017 tax proposals taught Mack a lot, he said, and the parish councilman wants to exhaust all funding possibilities and options before the

idea of returning to the voters with another tax proposal. Mack also said that if a tax vote were to occur he wants to prepare a reasonable budget and plan, based on the current gravity drainage districts, to present to the citizens of

Gravity Drainage District 8.

There is also an issue of geographic space, as the library's millage is a parishwide assessment, and while the new gravity drainage district covers a large portion of Livingston

Parish, the remaining 20% already has funded gravity drainage. Mack said there were 'options' for covering that portion of the millage, but he didn't know 'which would be the right fit.'

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BUSINESS | THREE KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP IN BUSINESS AND LIFE

BY CAMI MILLER
Business Coach

Whether you are an introvert who likes quiet, meaningful conversation with a few trusted friends, or an extrovert who enjoys being in the middle of a crowd of people, relationships are essential for our well-being. Many extroverts, like me, discovered our inner introvert during the shut-down. I missed events, meeting new people, and growing my network, but I also loved the slower pace, catching up on reading and writing, and enjoying some me-time.

Some people are naturals at relationships. My sister never meets a stranger. She has in-depth conversations in line at the grocery store that would make you think the other person was someone she had known her whole life and not a stranger she happened to be standing next to in the checkout line. Many others are less outgoing and struggle to reach out to new people. Creating strong relationships, especially in business, is easy when you understand VCP. If you have ever recommended someone to a friend only to have them drop the ball, you will realize

how vital VCP is.

V stands for Visibility. Visibility is when you know someone's first name, last name, and what they do. In business, this is critical because people must know who you are before they even begin to call on you to buy your product or services. You can't depend on just one route to Visibility, and today more than ever, social media makes the path to Visibility accessible to everyone. Networking, both in-person and virtually, can raise Visibility as people learn more about who you are and what you do. Remember that Visibility can be positive or negative, so it is important to be intentional about how you show up.

C stands for Credibility. Credibility will develop when you know someone's first and last name, what they do, and you trust that they can and will do what they agree to do at the agreed-upon price. Developing Credibility begins when you share your experience and credentials with another person. When you enter a new career, it can take time for people to see you as experienced in a new field. It is like your family thinking that even though

you haven't lived at home for 30 or 40 years, you are still the same person you were in your teens. I remember the mother of a friend looking at him with astonishment when he ordered broccoli at a restaurant and announced, "But you don't like broccoli!" She was working with old information.

To be successful in business, your customers must believe you are qualified to provide the products or services you are offering. If your business requires a particular type of bond or insurance, communicating that you have met those requirements will boost your Credibility. People like to do business with people they know, like, and trust. You build trust when you do what you say you are going to do. Because we are experiencing so much rainy weather, people who work outdoors in jobs like landscaping, dirt work, and painting find it more important than ever to communicate schedule changes with customers. It is easy to think, "They know I can't come today because it's raining." While that may seem obvious to you, a phone call updating customers on schedule changes due to rain will help

maintain your Credibility and increase their trust that you are a person who what you say you will do.

In your personal life, trust is just as important. How you keep your commitments in new relationships and old ones determines how others view you. Keeping a promise can be as involved as showing up for an event where you volunteered your help or as simple as meeting for lunch or dinner at the time promised. As a person who used to be chronically late, I realized that when I didn't show up on time, I was unintentionally sending a message to the person I was meeting that I thought my time was more valuable than theirs. The truth was, I just wasn't very good with time, and trying to squeeze the most into every minute often resulted in me being late. When I made a shift to scheduling and plan to arrive at meetings 15 minutes early, I find that I am nearly always early (sometimes not by much), which shows people that I value them and their time. It's incredible how much more pleasant people are when you haven't kept them waiting.

P stands for Profitabil-

ity. A relationship in Profitability is reciprocal. You send them referrals, and they send referrals to you. To reach the Profitability level, both parties must benefit from the relationship. Profitability is measured not just by money but by the benefit to each party. Relationships can be at Profitability even if they are not business relationships. They can refer to a new client, offer a lead on a job, or introduce someone you want to date. When someone introduces you, whether for work or socially, they give a little of their reputation on your behalf. Honoring their generosity by doing a good job is the least we can do to thank them. Sometimes things go south through no fault of our own. When this happens, take the time to let your referral source know what happened so that they understand why it didn't work out.

Examine your key relationships and determine whether they are in Visibility, Credibility, or Profitability. Suppose you have a key relationship that is not in Profitability; set up a conversation to help you to understand why. I once had a business relationship with

someone whom I thought would (should) send me business but did not. On the advice of a business expert, I began sending him referrals. We were in Visibility, and I thought in Credibility, and it was easy for me to refer to him. After the third referral I gave him, he came to me after a meeting and said, "We need to have a one-to-one. I haven't referred to you because don't understand what you do and how that can help my customers." That helped me realize that my Credibility is my responsibility.

If you are fortunate to have good relationships, one of the best ways to keep those relationships strong is to keep your promises and be excellent to one another.

If you would like an invitation to meet other business professionals who understand the importance of referrals, please send an email to the address below with BNI in the subject line.

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER? FOLLOW THESE STEPS

BY JENNIFER BARRETT
Edward Jones

Is homeownership a goal of yours? It does offer some benefits, in addition to meeting your basic need for shelter. The equity you build in your home can be a valuable financial asset, and you may get to deduct your interest payments on your taxes. But if you're a first-time homebuyer, what steps should you take?

First, make sure the time is right for you in terms of your personal and financial situations. For example, are you fairly confident that your employment is stable and that your earnings won't decline? Of course, external events can also play a role in your decision. A recent study by Morning Consult and Edward Jones found that 12% of respondents postponed purchasing a house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But if you're ready and eager for homeownership, consider the following moves:

Save for a down payment. The more money you put down for a home, the lower your monthly payments, although there's also a point at which overly large down payments can be financially unwise.

However, if you can make a down payment of more than 20% of the purchase price, you can generally avoid having to pay for private mortgage insurance on top of your monthly payments. Also, as a first-time homebuyer, you might qualify for down payment assistance from your local or state housing authority or a nonprofit group.

Check your credit score. A higher credit score gives you a better chance for a lower interest rate. You can request a credit report from annualcredit-



report.com, and you might be able to get a credit score for free from your bank. If you need to improve your score, you may want to delay your home purchase.

Learn how much you qualify for – and how much you should spend. Once you think you're ready to begin the home-purchasing process, you may want to contact a few lenders to determine the size of the mortgage for which you qualify. Be aware, though, that just because you can get a mortgage of a certain amount, does not necessarily mean that you should. You don't

want to become "house poor" – that is, you don't want to spend so much on your house payments that you are cash strapped and can't afford to save for other goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. You may want to establish a budget for how much you can readily afford to pay for your mortgage each month – and try sticking to it before you buy the house. If you have extra savings, put it toward your down payment.

Prepare for unexpected costs. You can plan for your mortgage, utilities,

taxes and insurance – but when you own a home, you'll always encounter unexpected costs. You may need to get a new furnace, repair your roof or face any number of other maintenance issues. To help prepare for these costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or take on added debt to pay for these unanticipated expenses.

Homeownership can be a rewarding experience

– and the rewards will be even be greater when you've "done the numbers" and prepared yourself financially.

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GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD FOR LIVINGSTON PARISH CLASS OF 2021



Far left, at left and above, a graduation ceremony celebrating the Denham Springs High Class of 2021 was held on Friday, May 14, 2021.

Below, below left center and below far left, a graduation ceremony celebrating the French Settlement High Class of 2021 was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Two below, below left center and below far left, a graduation ceremony celebrating the Live Oak High Class of 2021 was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Over the last week, hundreds of high school seniors took their final walks across the stage to complete a journey 18 years in the making. The Livingston Parish Class of 2021 is being celebrated by all, with schools hosting graduation ceremonies to send their seniors out with a bang after a trying year amid the coronavirus pandemic. Unlike last year, this year's ceremonies were held on

time, giving families and friends a chance to cheer their seniors' when his or her name was called. Seniors concluded the ceremonies with the singing of their alma maters and the traditional cap toss. This is Part 1 of The News' graduation edition, with next week featuring Part 2. For complete photo galleries of all graduations so far, visit our website, www.livingstonparishnews.com.



Above, left and far left, a graduation ceremony celebrating the Walker High Class of 2021 was held on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Lifestyle

DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH CLASS OF 2021

STAFF REPORT

The Livingston Parish News

Denham Springs High celebrated the Class of 2021 with an outdoor ceremony held at Jacket Stadium on Friday, May 14.

More than 400 graduates were recognized during the ceremony, which was live streamed on the school's Facebook page.

Senior Class President Lawson Kennedy served as the master of ceremonies. Other students who participated included Lawson Collins, Hailey Enamorado, Shelby Taylor, Emily Dozier, Victoria Landry, Morgan Averette, and Trenton Crow.

Seniors received their diplomas from Principal Wes Howard, who also spoke during the ceremony.

Listed below are this year's graduates from Denham Springs High.

(Note: *Summa cum laude, 3.75 or above; #Magna cum laude, 3.5-3.749)

Emily Aguilar
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Sadie Glyn Allen*
Austin Joseph Allgood#
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Kaden Ray Amond
Kayla Rashai Anderson
Jaylin Tra'Von Anderson#

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Jasmine Abigail Ariata-Flores
Zoe' Jane Armand*
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Alan Arredondo-Vega
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Brennan Faith Averette
Morgan Elizabeth Averette*

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James Tyler Baker
Landon Jase Barksdale
Nicholas Tanner Barlow
Henry Lincoln Barnett*
Alyssa Lynne Barr
Caleb Arthur Barrett
Sion Des'Re Basso
Jourdan Baudot#
Julianna Ashleigh

Bayog*
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Obed Alejandro Belilla

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D'Mari Mae Bell
Victoria Lashanta Bell
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Bennett
Colin Davis Benoit
Kaleb Dominic Berard
Mila Rose Linh-Nhi

Bercy
Savannah Elise Bishop*
Piper Rayne Blount*

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Eric Joseph Borer
Caleb Jace Boudreaux
Joseph Keaton Boudreaux#

Brianna Elise Boudreaux#
Brayden Daniel Bourgeois

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Spike Wayne Brasseaux
Jacob Thomas

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A graduation ceremony celebrating the Denham Springs High Class of 2021 was held on Friday, May 14, 2021. DAVID GRAY • THE NEWS

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Caroline Elizabeth Cantu*
Gavyn Daniel Capello
Kylie Marie Carl
Landon Michael Carollo
Abbey Mae Carroll
Erin Cedotal
Alexander Michael Cedotal*

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Cruise Benjamin Chapman
Trevor James Chapman*
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Mya Grace Chiquet*
William Joseph Clement
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Taylor Paige Cloyd*
Cade Elijah Cohran
Madison Jo'Claire Coleman

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Shera Anji Collins
Logan Alexander Collins
Hayden Lane Colvin
Jennifer Lynn Cook*
Wyatt Ryan Coon
Baylee Tyler Corbin*
Christopher Troy Cotthron
Lukas Robert Cotter
Caroline Kaye Covington*

Teri Lynn Covington
Casen Lane Cox
Cami Sue Creel
Trenton Lenell Crow
Ethan Joseph Cullen
Lilly Marie Cupit
Yvianna V Curtiss
Regan Kate Czarnecki*
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Brielle Knox Denton*
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SPRING FOOTBALL | EAST ASCENSION AT DENHAM SPRINGS



Denham Springs High's Ray McKneely (5) cuts up the field as Andrew Goodwin (11) blocks during Saturday's scrimmage against East Ascension.

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BEARD PLEASED WITH DSHS EFFORT AS SPRING GAME COMES DOWN TO FINAL PLAY

ROB DeARMOND
The Livingston Parish News

Just before his team was about to begin play in the second of two timed halves in its spring game with East Ascension, Denham Springs football coach Brett Beard implored his team to 'finish'.

While the finish wasn't quite what Beard had in mind, he couldn't complain about what he saw from his team Saturday at Yellow Jacket Stadium.

"It came down to what I'd like to think (are) two legit teams getting after it, and it came down to one final throw in the end zone that just missed," Beard said after a pass from Reese Mooney to Micah Harrison in the end zone was incomplete on the final play of the scrimmage after Harrison was ruled out of bounds. "I think our kids are getting better. There's no doubt about it, our kids look different competing. They look different wanting to play. They look different wanting to fight, and they just played the game different today. That's what I couldn't be more proud of. They looked like Denham Springs. They looked like us. It looked like the type of teams we try to build to go out and play this game and go out and be successful. That's what I'm most pleased with. We competed down to the last minute and had every opportunity and really just got physical."

East Ascension scored on a 13-yard touchdown run to go ahead 14-7 with just over a minute to play, and the Yellow Jackets took over at their own 30.

Two plays later, Mooney hit Harrison on an 11-yard pass. Two plays later, Ford McDaniel recovered a Mooney fumble.

On the next play, Mooney found Andrew Goodwin, who made a 43-yard catch-and-run to the EA 21. Mooney had an 8-yard scamper then threw incomplete into the end zone to set up the final play of the scrimmage.

Harrison made the grab on the play, but officials ruled he was out of bounds on the left side of the end zone.

"It was kind of a bad snap, so I had to look up real quick and the corner kind of vacated, and I just tried to put it up there for Micah," Mooney said. "I thought he came down with it in bounds, but it is what it is."

"It's awesome to have success early in the game, but at the end of the day, it comes down to the final minutes of the game," Mooney continued. "You never know what's going to happen, but I thought we fought really hard, so I'm really proud..."

Neither team scored on its first possession of the timed portion of the scrimmage, but DSHS broke the stalemate on its second drive as Camron Eirick made a leaping grab for a 21-yard gain on the first play.

Ray McKneely had three straight runs totaling 17 yards, and Mooney hit Harrison for 14 yards on third down to keep the drive going. Two plays later, EA was called for roughing the passer, moving the ball to the Spartans 7,



Denham Springs' Landon Kent (9) makes a tackle during Saturday's spring game against East Ascension as part of the Yellow Jackets' early goal line stand.

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where Mooney hit Goodwin for a TD on the next play. Gus Cisneros hit the PAT for a 7-0 lead.

"I think it's going to be hard for anybody to really buckle down on Ray McKneely or take away Camron Eirick or take away Micah Harrison in the slot," Beard said. "I think we've got a lot of dudes who play the game and play the game the right way that are very athletic and very gifted players, so I do think you want really be able to screw down on one guy can beat you. There's going to be a lot of love to spread. We've got to let all these kids have an opportunity to touch the ball. Reese has just got to get through his progression and be confident with his progression and pull the trigger and give whoever that guy is the right opportunity to make a play."

The Spartans' ensuing possession ended with a Maison Vorise interception.

"I think we played good today," said Vorise, who also had an interception to end EA's first drive in the timed portion of the scrimmage. "We came out with some new coverages this year, and I think I like them. I like to press more when I play corner, so I think that's what really got me these picks today."

"I just saw him going deep, and it was kind of a wobbly pass, so I came back to the ball and got the pick," Vorise continued. "On the second one, I just bit on the wheel route and got a pick on that one."

EA scored on its first possession of the second half of the timed portion of the scrimmage, going 70 yards in seven plays. The Spartans had runs of 22 and 16 yards, with a facemask penalty on DSHS on the second moving the ball to the Yellow Jacket 18.

Two plays later, the Spartans scored on an 11-yard run and added the PAT to tie the game.

The next two DSHS drives came up empty, and EA missed a 49-yard field goal attempt wide left.

EA took over at the DSHS 45 following a simulated punt and scored the winning touchdown to cap a three-play drive that featured runs of 13 and 14 yards before an encroachment call set up the touchdown.

The Spartans drove to the DSHS 1 in their first 12-play series with first-teamers, using a 48-yard run to get to the Denham 1. On fourth down, EA threw incomplete to the end zone, but the Yellow Jackets were called for roughing the passer.

DSHS held, however, with Vorise breaking up a pass in the end zone on fourth down.

The DSHS first-teamers drove to the EA 7 on their first series of the scrimmage, with Harrison busting a 25-yard run and McKneely and 19-yard run. The series stalled when McKneely was stopped for a loss on fourth-and-goal from the EA 1.

The DSHS defense got a fumble recovery from Jed Cambre and three sacks when the EA first-team offense went out for another series.

Beard said some focal points coming out of the scrimmage will be in limiting big plays and performing better on third down.

"Some of the things that hurt us last year we saw again, and that's on me," Beard said. "Let's not beat around the bush – if the same mistakes we made last year that hurt us, we're making, that's on me and our coaching staff, and it's our job to get that fixed. We've got to win third-and-short. We've got to be better on the edge and quit getting gashed and quit giving up the big plays by not having guys where they're supposed to be or teach guys to be where they're supposed to be. Those things are on us as coaches."

Something different

The Yellow Jackets wore purple helmets for the scrimmage, a new look for the team, which has worn gold or white helmets in past seasons. Beard said the move was made with several things in mind, including the team's coaching turnover, COVID-19 and the loss of DSHS player Remy Hidalgo last season.

"I think just needed a re-boot and a re-start and to give these kids something that they can give Denham Springs and make Denham Springs theirs," Beard said. "I think we start with a little change with the purple helmets. We're going to bring the gold jerseys back this year, just some little twists to revamp a very rich program that I couldn't be more excited and more in love to be a part of. It's my job to create that excitement and for these boys to buy in. At the end of the day, if you have the 'DS' on your helmet, it doesn't really matter what color it is. You're a Jacket, and you're representing something bigger than you, but (it's) a little change and a little reboot to kind of get them re-focused and reward them for fighting through and sticking through with what we've been through."

WILDCATS HAVE SOMETHING TO BUILD ON AFTER SPRING GAME WITH WOODLAWN

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The Livingston Parish News

Walker wrapped up its spring football drills, and Wildcats coach Chad Mahaffey came away with some things to build on this summer.

"I think we had some positives, for sure, and had a few guys that I think kind of opened some eyes with showing what they've got in them for next year," Mahaffey said. "We played a good Woodlawn team, definitely scored on a number of big plays, which is something we've got to work on, but that's every credit to the guys they've got there as well. They've got some pretty good skill guys and big linemen."

Mahaffey said Walker's only score came on a jet sweep from Jacory Thomas. He said the team was hampered by some turnovers and was unable to convert on some fourth downs.

"I thought offensively we were able to move the ball most of the night," Mahaffey said.

With Hunter Bethel with the baseball team during its trip to Sulphur for the state tournament, Mahaffey said Warren Young Jr. got the start at quarterback for the Wildcats in the spring game.

"I thought (he) did pretty well, especially considering he hadn't really focused on it, but I think he showed some things he can do throwing the ball and running from that position," Mahaffey said.

"Landon Waguespack played kind of the rest of the snaps," Mahaffey continued. "I think Landon's going to be a very good player, just a freshman out there against probably a 5A pretty deep run playoff team and I thought did some really nice things. It's a great learning experience for him and Warren. Of course, we'd love to have Hunter out there. I think it's a benefit for those guys that they got a few more reps and make us kind of prepare for those kind of scenarios and things if they come up."

Mahaffey praised the play of Dayne Carpenter at linebacker.

"We moved him there late in the season last year, and I think that's a good position for him," Mahaffey said. "He seemed to be flying around and hustling to the ball and did some good stuff."

He also said linebackers Austin Lockhart and Trevion Thomas and defensive tackle Sam Hoover also turned in solid efforts.

"On defense, I thought we were around the ball, played pretty hard," Mahaffey said. "Big plays were kind of the big flaw that we've got to continue to work on."

Mahaffey is hoping his team can further hone its skills in 7-on-7 action this summer.

"I think the guys will continue to get better and better at it," Mahaffey said. "I think we've got some pretty good speed out there. I think we've got some pretty good speed out there. We've just got to keep working on their technique and understanding the overall concept and how to play together and they'll be fine."

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COMING UP!

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

The City of Denham Springs has partnered with Open Health Care Clinic to give residents more chances to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. A COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held every Thursday until the end of May at the Denham Springs Street Department, located at 940 Government Drive. The clinic will run from 2-6 p.m., and walk-ins are welcome. The clinic will launch Thursday, April 15, and conclude Thursday, May 27. The clinic will offer the Moderna vaccine, available at no cost. For more information, visit www.ohcc.org/denham-springs.

Decorative Painting Workshop

A Decorative Painting Workshop will be hosted by the Arts Council of Livingston Parish. Join artist Instructor Shelly Frederick in downtown Denham Springs at the Arts Council Gallery. The class will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. The deadline to register is May 21. You will learn basic acrylic painting techniques and paint your choice of a Summer Door Hanger Design. You can choose to paint a Strawberry with blooms, a Beach Ball with a Sand Pail or a Welcome Picket Fence with flowers! No previous experience necessary. All supplies included. Reserve your spot soon, as space is limited! \$35 class fee. Painting Kits also available. For more information visit www.ArtsLivingston.org and select Book a Class or call 225-664-1168 to sign up.

Gray's Creek Baptist Church

Gray's Creek Baptist Church is seeking historical information about the church and its members. We are looking for documentation and photos that you would be willing to share with us. You can join us in person on June 15, 2021, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 21039 La. 16, Denham Springs, 70726. We will have your items scanned and returned the same day. Information can also be emailed to GCBC.history@gmail.com.

Four Seasons Farmers Market

Are you looking for straight off the farm fruits and vegetables? Locally grown honey, fresh baked bread and bakery goods, jams, jellies, kettle corn and more? The Four Seasons Farmers Market will be at the City of Denham Springs Parking lot, located at 116 North Range Avenue, on Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. - noon. We might start out small but with your help we can grow! Our goal is to eventually provide your family with veggies, meats and seafood, along with many other local

foods and seasonings. Thanks for supporting local farmers and vendors!

Photography Exhibit

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish will host a Photography Exhibit for the months of May and June. Photographers will include juried photography members of the ACLP and the Parish Photography League. The exhibit began on Saturday, May 1, and end Saturday, June 26. For more information please visit our website: www.artslivingston.org or contact us at 225-664-1168 / info@artslivingston.org.

Summer Door Hanger Design

Join artist Instructor Shelly Frederick in downtown Denham Springs at the Arts Council Gallery. You will learn basic acrylic painting techniques and paint your choice of a Summer Door Hanger Design. No previous experience necessary. All supplies included. Reserve your spot soon, as space is limited! There is a \$35 class fee. Painting Kits also available. For more information visit www.ArtsLivingston.org and select Book a Class or call 225-664-1168 to sign up. Choice of dates available are as follows: Tuesday, May 18, from 6-8 p.m. (Registration Deadline May 14) or Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m. (Registration Deadline May 20).

Art of Collage

Join artist Instructor Shelly Frederick in downtown Denham Springs at the Arts Council Gallery. Kids will learn the art of collage. The class will be Saturday, May 22, from 10-11 a.m. Registration deadline is May 19. In the class, we will explore shapes and color theory using a variety of papers to create a summer collage design. No previous experience necessary. All supplies included. Reserve your spot soon, as space is limited due to social distancing! Kids 4 years and up. Note: Students 4 and 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Scissors will be used. There is a \$10 class fee, and masks are required. For more information visit www.ArtsLivingston.org and select Book a Class or call 225-664-1168 to sign up.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The public is invited to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum, located at 1710 S. Range Avenue in Denham Springs. The event is presented by VFW Post 7017.

Livingston Parish Republican Women

Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks is to speak at the Livingston Parish Republican Women's monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 2, Judge

Ricks assumed the position of Chief Judge of the 21st Judicial District following the retirement of Judge Robert Morrison. In addition to her other duties, she is working with Judges Ables and Dykes to establish two new specialty courts: Veteran's Court and Mental Health Court. One of the activities Judge Ricks enjoys is providing copies of The U.S. Constitutions and Fascinating Facts About It when speaking to various organizations. The meeting will be held at Big Mike's Sports Bar & Grill, located at 123 Aspen Square in Denham Springs. It is scheduled to start at 11:30 A.M. The public is invited to attend.

Grandmother Marguerite's Trunk

Old City Hall is hosting six presentations of "Grandmother Marguerite's Trunk" this summer. In each presentation, Grandmother Marguerite portrays life as it was in different periods of our history. The first presentation is at 10 a.m. on June 5 and is entitled "Farm Family 1800's." The children will visit with Grandmother Marguerite as she goes through her day, spinning tales about life on the farm and they will enjoy hands-on activities such as butter churning, washboard scrubbing, and other 19th century chores. Suggested ages are 6-12. The second presentation is on June 12 and is entitled "Colonial Louisiana". Children are invited to step inside Madame Marguerite's Café to hear her firsthand account of Louisiana's road to statehood from colonial French and Spanish rule and the Louisiana Purchase to American statehood in 1812. Children will handle artifacts, historic maps, and documents, and will role play early voting practices. Suggested ages are 8 and older. Other performances are on July 10, "A New Dress" (ages 8+); July 17, "19th Century Pastimes" (ages 6-12); July 24, "Civil War - Women's Perspective" (ages 10+); and July 31, "WWII - The Home Front (ages 10+)". All performances are free to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call (225) 667-7512 to make reservations and for further information. Old City Hall Museum and Tourist Center is located at 115 Mattie Street, Denham Springs, in the heart of the Antique District.

Summer Theater Camp

Registration for a summer camp for children who want to work on their stage presence has officially opened up. The Fifth Annual Summer Theater Camp will be held June 21-25 at Wholly Grounds Coffee House in Walker. During the five-day camp, children in grades

2-12 will work on their acting chops under the-atre teacher Fabiola Reno, who has led several theater camps in the past. Under Reno, students will be introduced to the basics of theater, character development with various scripts and skits, improvisation, set creation, costumes, and more. All levels of acting are welcome, Reno said. Summer camp classes will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 21-24. The camp will conclude with a showcase on Friday, June 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Actors are encouraged to arrive between 5:45-6 p.m. in costume or chosen character attire. The cost for the camp is \$135 per student (materials included), and sibling discounts are available (\$120 per sibling). Those interested are encouraged to email Reno at fabby225@gmail.com to register, pay, and save a spot. People can also pay via Venmo (@Fabiola-Reno) or PayPal (search Fabiola Reno or her email, fabby225@gmail.com). Wholly Grounds Coffee House is located at 27988 Walker South Road.

Summer Art Classes

Instructor Kerry Curtin is hosting his children's Summer 2021 drawing and painting art class for grades 2-6 at South Live Oak Elementary School. The class will take place on four consecutive evenings, June 28 - July 1, from 6-7:30 p.m. Fee is \$45 per session for non-members (\$40 for Arts Council of Livingston Parish members). Students will focus on the elements of art and the principles of design as they create drawings and paintings using images of summer as subject-matter. Exercises using pencil, charcoal, pastels, and watercolor will be completed during the sessions. Students should bring regular No. 2 pencils and a drawing pad no larger than 16"X 20" (optional). The classes are sponsored by the ACLP. Make payment to ACLP at the first class meeting for each session. For more information or to enroll, call (225) 954-2700. Make payment online to www.artslivingston.org or at the first class meeting.

VFW Travelers

The VFW Travelers invite all Senior Citizens ages 50 years and up to join one of our upcoming bus trips. Registration is happening now. The first trip is: The Ark Encounter, September 12-18, 2021. The second trip is: Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountains, October 18-23, 2021. To see more information visit: www.grouptrips.com/vfwtravelers or call Debbie Sutton (225) 665-2930. Do not delay as bus trips fill fast. (To place an item in the Coming Up section, please email adevid@lpl1898.com.)

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LIVE OAK HIGH CLASS OF 2021

STAFF REPORT

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Live Oak High celebrated the Class of 2021 with an outdoor ceremony held at Eagle Stadium on Wednesday, May 12.

Approximately 302 graduates were recognized during the ceremony, which was capped off by a lively fireworks show into the night sky. The entire ceremony was live streamed on the school's Facebook page.

Senior Class President Colby Faust served as the master of ceremonies. Other students who participated included class officers Dilawar Singh, Abbey Barbay, Kara Gray, Chanler Landon, Grace Reynerson, Will Frazier, Ethan Cooper, Grace Fruge, and Rachel Ni.

Seniors received their diplomas from Principal Beth Jones, who also spoke during the ceremony.

Listed below are this year's graduates from Live Oak High.

(Note: *Summa cum laude, 3.75 or above; #Magna cum laude, 3.5-3.749)

Baleigh Nicole Adams
Jase Tanner Adams
Luis Javier Alfaro
Alex Payton Allain
Asa Sade Alleman
Stephanie Jamela Amaireh

Rylie Marie Angelle*
Christian Dean Antle
Devyn Lebeau Ardoin
Caitlynn Elizabeth Armstrong#

Donovan Paul Artieta
Cecelia Elizabeth Atkins
Kaylee Marie Aucoin
Jackson Ryland Aucoin*

Jacob Ryan Austin#
Wesley Jude Austin*
Raya Marie Avery
Alesha Lee Baker*
Abbey Elizabeth Barbay*

Rhett William Bates
Phoebe Marie Baumann*
Trey Joseph Baynard
Alana Jaden Biggs#

Adalynn Grace Bizette*
Seth James Blanchard
Karakay Elizabeth Bolden*

Nathan Tyler Bolton*
Caleb Austien Bond#
Cassie Rayne Bondi
Harley Ann Bowman
Cylie Olivia Bozarth*

Carlie Dane Bozarth
Brooklyn Jane Bridgers
Mason Frank Brinegar#
Kerami Beanjane'

Browders
Dylan Michael Brown
Halli Blaire Browning
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Buckley
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Deriyon Joel Buie
Dalton Jacob Burgess
Tiffany Karen Burrick*
Kassidy Noelle

Cadarette
Austin Ray Caldwell
Dylan Patrick Calhoun
Kate Elizabeth Campbell

Andrew Joseph Carr#
Victoria Marie Carradine
Logan Anthony Carrier
Dennon Denay Carroll
Paul Forrest Carroll*

Camron Jesse Carter
Ethan Cole Champagne*
Jackson Wyatt Choate
Jenna Grace Christiansen

Abigail Brianna Clark*
MaKayla CinClaire Cobb
Kaileigh Janell Coffman

Bryce David Coleman
Sarah Denise Collins*
Ethan Cannon Cooper*
Alivia Carol Corey
Willow Vania Corona
Luke Gregory Cowart
Hailey Raye Crane
Dillon Matthew Crifasi
Haylie Reana Cruse#
Kharma Elizabeth



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A graduation ceremony celebrating the Live Oak High Class of 2021 was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Culpepper
Brandon Slade Cupp
David James Cutbirth
Braydon Joseph Daigle
Jane Elizabeth Dalberg*

Alyssa Sheree Daspit*
Ashton James David
Ansley Elizabeth Davis*

Cole Scott Davis
Reagan Hayes Davis
Joseph Eli Delatte
Marcella Grace Delvisco
Jade Denee' Diaz
Daniel Joseph DiBenedetto

Mackenzie Riley Didier*
Megan Rae Dietrich
Ethan Jacob Dobson
Anthony Seth Dodson
Ashley Dominguez
Emily Elisabeth Donaldson*

Kayla Alexis Donovan*
Noah Alexander Ducote
Londyn Gislaime Dugar*
Mason Alexander Dukes#

Hailey Nicole Duplessis#
Joshua Ethan Duplessis*
Kade Hart Dupont*
Kelsy Marie Dupont
John William Dyar#
Ashton Ian Eatmon
John Phillip Ellis*
Te'Armie Da'Nay

Erwin
Preston Caige Erwin#
Meaghan Brooke Etheridge
Kain Lee Evans
Joshua David Fahr
Gracie Lynde Falcon
Colby Jay Faust*

Avery Ann Felter#
Garrett Ward Ferris*
Cade Russell Fontenot#
Katie Michelle Ford
Ava Louise Forrest*
Kendall Jollie' Foster
Chloe Marie Franklin*
William Jay Frazier*
Grace Victoria Fruge*
Gabrielle Alise Gaines
Ezra Blaze Ganaway*
Kara Rheanne Gary*
Daemeon Charles

Gerald
Ember Leighann Gerken#
Kaley Elizabeth Glover
Sierra Star Gordon
Bailee Rose Grace*
Jordan Lee Griffin
Alyssa Briann Griffith
Dakota Harrison
Griggs
Kade Makai Harris*
Hunter Michael Has-

selbeck
Aidan Joseph Hebert#
Hayley Lynn Heinz
Matthew Riley Hendon
Keagan Wayne Hester
Tyler Elizabeth Hicks#
Tristian Bradley Hilbun

Erykah Ja'Nae Hitchens
Joshua Ryan Holland#
Trent Dalton Holliday
Emma Leigh Hunt*
Magnus Lane Hymel
Christian Lee Jackson*
Matthew Alan Johnson#
Kendall Neta Irene Johnson*

Landon Dean Jones
Layne Michael Joseph
Mary Abigail Kelley*
Kyle Blaize Kitto
Kole Anthony Knapps
Elaina Renee Kreamer
Madelyn Grace Laborde*

Ethan D'Wayne Lacy
Chanler Leigh Landon*
Grant William Landry*
Emily M'Lynn Zarina Lassard
Joseph Allen Lavergne
Zachary Ian LeBlanc#



Harley David Lee
Dylan Michael Lee
Garrett Jesse Lee
Bryce Anthony Lemoine
Ashlynn Elizabeth Lewis
Alexandra Nicole Lewis
Nathalie Marie Linder*
Jacob Philip Long#
Chloe Lehn Mackey*
Brock Easton Magee*
William Eugene Maher
Danielle Elizabeth Mancuso
Skylar Raine Martin
Peyton Paul Martone
James Sereno Marvel#
Gregory Paul Mascaro
Matthew George Matens
Alex John Matherne
Alexis Lynn May
Cameron Jane McCalla#
Mary Kathryn McCleary#
Branson Lee McCoy
Micah BreAnn McGowan*
Michael Wayne McIn*
James Logan Mcmenis*

Summer Danielle Miley
Landon Curtis Miley
Erin Elizabeth Miller
Cooper William Miller*
Justin Dalanie Morris
Maxie Leon Mullen
Erica Leah Murkowski*
Madalyn Lea Murphy*
Charlee Rachel Musso
Waylon James Myers
Jaelynn Makayla Myles
Justin David Neames
Tyler Gerard Nesbit*
Rachel Annabeth Ni*
Skye Malaina Noce
Presley Doyle Nolan
Tyler Jesse Onorato
Kayla Elizabeth Ordes*
Kelsey Lynn Overman
Bailey Marie Palmer
Adrianna Marie Parrino
Madeline Victoria Pastuszek*
Jade Lanae Payne
Logan Joseph Pertuis*
Tristan Gary Pertuis*
Lawson Thomas Peters*
Logan Tyler Phenald
Jerry August Pierson

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Zachary David Ponthieu
Ethan Edward Prescott#

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Anthony Blaise Priestner
Peyton Oliver Pruett#
Savanah Nichole Pugh
Liam Alan Rankin#
Jaelyn Balinta Ray
Melissa Ann Recotta#
Eugene Lawrence Reider
Grace Ann Reynerson*
Caleb Tremayne Ricard*
Kade Michael Richardson
Triston Dewayne Roberson
Callie Grace Rogers*
Lauren Elizabeth Rogers*

Emma Camille Ross
Jenna Rose Rowe
Calley Marie Ruiz*
Byron Jack Rushing
Olivia Marie Sanchez
Piper Gail Schertzer*
Savannah Martin Schexnayder
Taylor Serinity Scott
Kadan Lee Scott
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Keniya Rena Selvage
Mone' Claire Sheehan
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Mallorie Jordan Sibley#

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Andrew Elton Stafford
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Christian Everett Stanton
Houston Grant Stewart#
Cheyenne Breeze Stillwell
Christian Michael Stokes
Michael Joseph Summers
Sarah Noel Templet
Lori Marie Thibodeaux#
Lavalie Dyshawn Thomas
Brayden Quinn Thompson
Trey Austin Thornton
Megan Renee' Thornton*

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Peyton Joseph Toural
Taylor Leigh Townsend#
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Emma Grace Trippi*
William Alexander Tryon*
Cami Elizabeth Tugwell
Jaikera Jabrelin Turner
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WALKER HIGH CLASS OF 2021

STAFF REPORT

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More than 300 seniors received their diplomas during a graduation ceremony celebrating the Walker High Class of 2021 on Sunday, May 16.

The ceremony was held on the school's football field, with family and friends filling the stands.

Along with remarks from Principal Jason St. Pierre, the ceremony featured several seniors who spoke, including Class Vice President Caitlyn Foret (Pledge of Allegiance), Class President Jordan Pool (invocation), Sydni Seighman (commencement address), and Finley Westmoreland (commencement address).

Approximately 113 students were also recognized for graduating with honors.

Listed below are the names of all Walker High graduates this year.

(Note: *Summa Cum Laude, 3.75 or above; #Magna Cum Laude 3.5 - 3.749)

Davis Acosta-Ruckman
Gavin Adams
Madeleine Aime*
Julkyrion Alexander
Dahlia Alkadi*
Ayla Allen*
Cydnee Allen
Lillian Allen#
Olivia Allen
Seth Allen
Jalon Anderson
Axel Angel
Nicholas Arceneaux
Avery Archer*
Virginia Ard*
Cari Arnett
Karleigh Atol
Aubry Azlin
Evin Baiamonte
Olivia Baker#
Luke Bales
Taylor Ballard
Leah Bandy
Joshua Basham
Jaime Batiste
Ethan Bell
Reaghin Bencaz#
Genesis Bennie
Zakary Bergeron
Jacob Bernard
Blaze Berthelot*
Abigail Boice#
Grant Bourgeois*
Alexis Boyd
A'mya Branch
Caleb Braun
Arianna Bretz*
Tristan Bridges#
Emmajae Brooks
Zyranue Brumfield
Colvin Burroughs
Beaux Bushnell
Ian Campbell
Brandon Cannon
Joshua Cantu#
Kaylee Carlile
Nathan Cartier
Camden Carver#
Tye Chambers
Ethan Clinesmith*
Rahiem Cole
Seth Coleman*
Kentrell Collins
Michael Collins, Jr.
Gavin Coombes
Jayden Cooper
Jaxon Corkern*
Bryce Corley#
Alexis Coulon*
Michael Courtney, Jr.
Antasia Courville
Ian Cox
Rory Craft
Garrett Crawford
Madysen Crawford
Matthew Crawford
Connor Crenshaw
Shelby Cromwell
Abigail Crotwell
Alyssa Crousillac
Cameron Crow
Jessie Crowell
Luis Cruz Vega
Rikki Cubbedge#
Isabella Curtin
Kaleb Cutno
Brock Darbonne#
Elise Darden
Jamie Davis
Thor Debetaz#
Nikolas Diaz
Darlyn Diaz Brito
Abby Dibble*
Catherine Douglas*
Jordan Doyle
Emily Drake
Ashlyn Ducote
Marcus Dukes
Marlon Dukes
Gabryel Duncan*
Izaak Dunlap
Nathan Durnin

Abrianna Dykes
JaTyrian Dyson
Madison Earls
Michael Echols
Gabriel Edmonston
Grant Edwards*
Hailey Elliott
Matthew Ellis
Albreonna Emery*
Kaleigh Englert
Carley Estes
Dustin Eusey
Luke Ferachi#
Noel Fernandez, Jr.
Anna Ferrand*
Cole Ferraro
Sydney Fields
Eryn Fitzgerald*
Anna Fitzpatrick
Chloe Forbes
Paige Forbes#
Caitlyn Foret*
Tyler Foster*
Olivia Fredricks
Mitchell Gallman#
Hunter Gant
Bradford Garafola
Claire Gard*
Rhiannon Gaudin
Frankie Germany
Kendall Geter
Jalynn Gilmore
Maverick Girouard
James Glass
Mason Glass
Cameron Gomez
Ethan Gouner
Lauren Graham*
Nicholas Graves#
Malia Gray
Emma Green#
Justin Green*
Chloe Griffin#
Zoe' Griffin
Garrison Guillot*
Jolie Gunter*
Tarra Guyer
Angel Hallford
Ashley Hano
Gavin Harris
Paige Harris
Hannah Hartmann*
Ella Hatcher
Chelsey Haynes*
Christina Hebert
Gage Hebert
Rhett Hebert#
Maycie Helton*
Madalynn Henry*
Megan Hermesch
Anna Hill
Son-Shine Hill*
Kaylee Hillen
Jessica Hodges
Grace Holt#
Cheyenne Hoover
Ashlyn Hopkins
Kadence Hopkins
Jessica Horn*
Amber Houghton*
Colton Howell
Ethan Hymel
Gabriel Inman
Delana Jackson
Jesse James
Stephen James
Keeli Janes#
Matthew Jeavons
Christian Johnson
Christopher Johnson, Jr.
David Jones
Haylie Joseph
David Kalaj
Caidan Kelley
Joshua Kennedy
Melanie Key*
Baylee Kimbel#
A'Naja King
Logan King
Remington Knapp
Jonathan Knight
Katelyn Lacy#
Miranda Laiche#
Keith Landry, Jr.
Faye Langhart
Savannah Languirand
Shawn Languirand
Emma LeBlanc*
Adam LeClercq
Michael Lessard
Braylan Lewis
Matthew Lienemann
Devin Lockhart
Sophie Mangus*
Alysia Mann
Jace Martello
Jade Martello
Katie Martin
Tammy Martin
Cody Matherne
Peyton Matherne*
Trevor Matherne
Derek Mayeaux
Chloe McDaniel
Hayden McKenzie
Gabrielle McMasters*
Mason McMorris*
Emily McNemar
Drego Meade
Bailey Meaux*
Jasmin Mecklenburg
Aubree Melancon*
Samantha Melchior
Kylie Meliet*
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Hayden Merritt
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Kameron Miller
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Jaylen Mitchell
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Madison Morales
Amelia Moran
Steven Moreno
Morgananne Morgan#
McKinley Morris
Blake Morse
Landon Mulkey
Madison Mullins
Spencer Murray
Destiny Myers
Jovun Myles
Shane Naquin, Jr.
Nathan Neale
Londyn Nerio
Sydney Nester*
Jadyn Nicholson*
Seth Noble
Ethan Nodine
Selena Nodine
Erin Norton
Maddison Oakes*
Ian Olson
Aliyah Ordoyne
Raven Orso*
Katelynn Ousley-Kirby
Dreux Palmer
Gabrielle Palmer
Ramie Palmer#
Taylor Palmer
Destiny Parker
Wesley Patton
Christopher Pearson
Gerald Pearson
Lauren Pelas
Anthony Pereira
Joshua Roquemore#
Blake Ross
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Jason Rossin
Ricky Rossin III
Abby Rosnagel*
Sydney Roy*
Stephen Ruckman III
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Kaylyn Sanders
Landon Sanders
Corban Saucier*
Ayanna Scott*
Matthew Segura
Sydni Seighman*
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Savannah Shelton#
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Alicia Slaughter
Bailey Smith



Eloura Riewerts*
Payton Riley#
Isabella Robeaux#
Dalton Robertson
Kyleigh Robertson#
Nia Robinson
Jansson Rodriguez-Cruz
Joshua Roquemore#
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Timothy Sheehan
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Savannah Simoneaux
Alicia Slaughter
Bailey Smith

Kyndall Smith*
Parker Smith
Victoria Smith
Mackenzie Spangler*
Joshua Spitzer#
Gabriel Stafford#
Christopher Steele
Alyssa Stewart*
Destiney Street
Tylor Strother
Aron Tapalla*
Hannah Tate
Lane Taylor
Taylor Thibodeaux
Brian Thomas
J'Niya Thomas
T'Niya Thomas
Alayjah Thompson
Jason Thompson#
Rodrick Thompson, Jr.
Marianne Thoms
Nicol Tintaya-Lavado
Kaelyn Torres*
Darron Townley
Allison Tucker*
Jasper Turner
Kylee Vautrot*
Elizabeth Verneuille
Timothy Verrette
Rayant Vilorio
McKenzie Wadsworth#

Lillian Waguespack*
Mackenzie Walker#
Heidi Wallace
Kassin Wascom
Kostin Wascom
Mia Wascom
Madeline Watson*
Tanner Watson
Hannah Weir*
David Welch
Matthew Wesley
Finley Westmoreland*
Kobe Wheeler*
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Kameron Woods
Krista Zeko
Madison Ziegler#
Zach Zimm

FRENCH SETTLEMENT HIGH CLASS OF 2021

STAFF REPORT

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French Settlement High celebrated the Class of 2021 with its commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 13.

During the ceremony, seniors were handed their hard-earned diplomas from Principal John Chewning.

Of the 50 seniors who graduated, 17 did so with honors.

The ceremony featured an honors address from Blaine Seale. There were also performances from Tyler Schilling, who played the national anthem on a saxophone, and Emily Whalen, who sang "Never Grow Up."

Listed below are the names of all French Settlement High graduates this year.

(Note: *Summa Cum Laude, 3.75 or above; #Magna Cum Laude 3.5 - 3.749)

Daniel Eustorgio Alday*

Benjamin Brock Andrews

Brayelle Ann Balfantz#

Saber Rae Bankson*

John Gordon Barber

Lindsey Viola Behrnes

Sierra Elizabeth Betz

Gabriel Christian Bishop

Carruth, John Best Cointment

Laura Elizabeth Cox*

Whitney Gail Edler

Jodie Leigh Franke

Kaleigh Ann Gordon*

Alexia Marie Guidry

Jasmine Nicole Hall

Francis Lee Hartwick*

Blair Renee Henderson*

Mary Elizabeth Hutchinson*

Connor Paul James*

Page Alison Krumholt*

Bryan Joseph Lambert

Grace Nicole Lambert

Sidney Taylor Langston

Gracie Faith Lee

Savannah Leigh Madere*

Taylor Joy Miles*

Seth Joseph Miller*

Bryce David Normand

Franklin Robinson Ortiz-Monzon

Joshua David Chay Persac

Owen Michael Plauche

Austin Joseph Porche

Maggie Mae Rawls

Aliya Faith Reid

Cody Elmo Roane

Savannah Katherine Roddy

Evan Tewes Rohlf

Cameron Dylan Romero

Cane Michael Romero

Ashley Nicole Rouyca

Hunter Brant Salyers

Tyler Robert Schilling*

Blain Michael Seale*

Nicholas Aaron Sibley

Bryce Calvin Turner

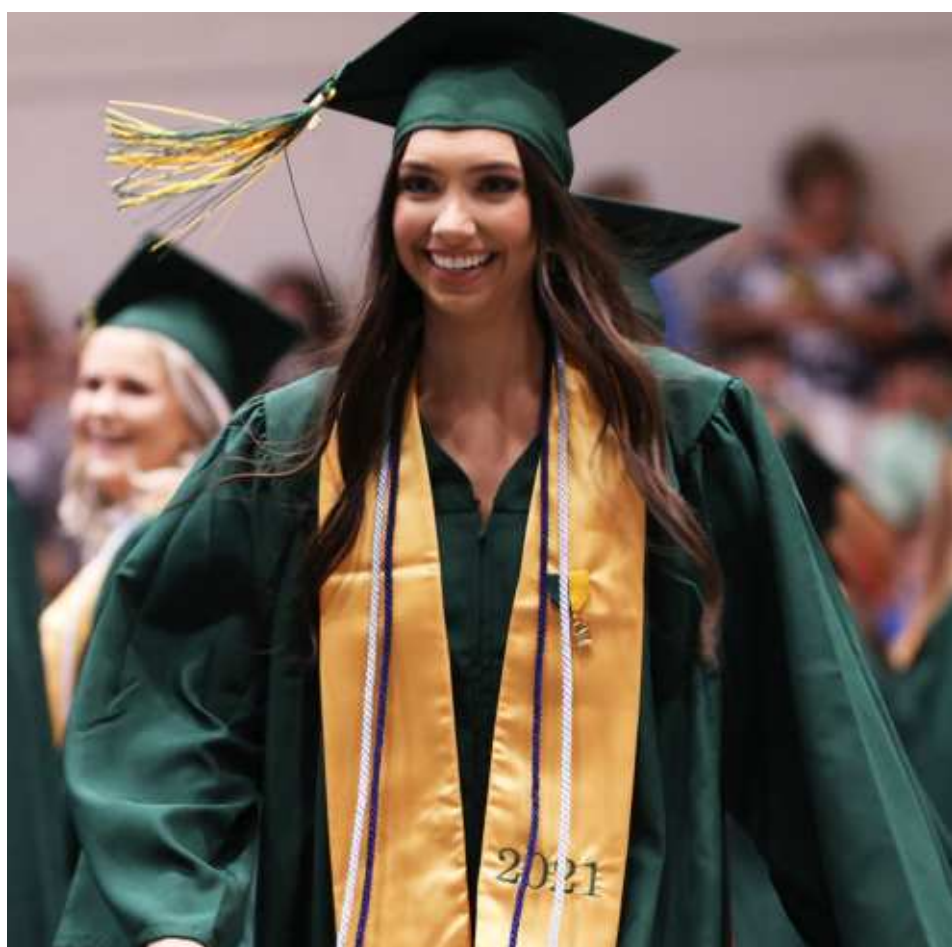
Mitchel Toddson Vicknair*

Briana Lee Watson*

Emily Rochelle Whalen

Hunter Chase Wheat

Brennan Christopher Yerby



A graduation ceremony celebrating the French Settlement High Class of 2021 was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021. DAVID GRAY • THE NEWS

OLD SOUTH JAMBOREE REMAINING CLOSED FOR NOW AS BAND PREPARES FOR FIRST SHOW IN A YEAR

BY DAVID GRAY

The Livingston Parish News

For the first time in more than a year, performers of the Old South Jamboree will take the stage.

But for the first time in decades, that stage will be in a different venue.

A "Classic Country Jubilee" will be held at the Serenity Event Center in Denham Springs on Saturday, May 22.

The show is scheduled for 7 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each.

The night of music will feature Carlton Jones and his Red Hot Country Pickers, along with other Old South regulars Kerwin LeBlanc, Tommy Raborn, Anita LeBlanc, Deb Carpenter, and June Barker.

Jones will play guitar and provide vocals, and he'll be joined by Randy Blackwell on the pedal steel, Robert Reynolds on drums, and Eddie Warren on bass.

It'll mark the group's first show since March 2020, a 14-month break due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Meanwhile, the Old South Jamboree will continue to sit empty as the managing team tries to determine the next step for the historic

building that has hosted some of country music's all-time greats.

Located on Florida Boulevard in Walker, the Old South Jamboree opened in the mid-1960s and became the parish's longest-running country music venue. In its early years, it hosted the likes of Merle Haggard, Porter Wagoner, Crystal Gayle, Ernest Tubbs, and Dolly Parton, among a long list of others.

Hanging on the walls are dozens of portraits featuring some of the most recognizable names in country music, a constant reminder of the talent that has graced the venue.

"You had every major star in country music play there, from Merle Haggard to Johnny Cash to Dolly Parton," said Jones, who took over management of the facility when former owner Lester Hodges passed away. "The Old South was on the circuit for all those guys."

But for now, the venue's future is uncertain.

"Right now, it's all kind of up in the air," Jones said. "You kind of hate to turn and walk away from it. But on the other hand, when you're gonna be looking at quite a bit of money to fix it up, you're in a dilemma."

The Old South Jamboree halted its monthly shows shortly after the COVID-19 outbreak, around the

same time live music in all venues was largely banned in an attempt to slow the virus' spread. Jones said the long layoff has only amplified the "significant" work needed on the building, and funds are limited.

Jones recently alerted fans of the venue's status on the Old South's website, saying the venue needs "considerable repairs and renovations" and that "it is not in condition to host a show right now."

There are roof, structural, and parking lot issues — problems that only grew worse over the last year.

"We were already facing the need to do some renovations before COVID," Jones said. "And if you walk away and let a building just sit there like that, it's the worst thing you can do. So COVID just accentuated the problem that already existed."

Neither Jones nor the owner, Hodges' daughter Cynthia Lee, are ready to close the Old South Jamboree for good, and Jones said both are hopeful something can be done to restore the venue to its former glory.

"I don't think we're quite ready to say the Old South is closed for good, but it's not gonna open anytime real soon," Jones said.

While the Old South's future is determined, the Old South band will return to regular performances,



Musicians play "Ramblin Man" during the Old South Jamboree's first show of the New Year on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. FILE PHOTO • THE NEWS

albeit in a different venue.

Jones said the band will hopefully play at the Serenity Event Center every "two to three months" to give their fans some country music, something that was sorely missed over the last year.

On the Old South website, he urged fans to check out their show this Saturday and the others that Reynolds has in store in the future.

"These people were calling me almost tearful, begging us not to shut the Old South down," Jones said. "It was their one link to the good old days for good country music. They'd ask me where else can they go to

hear Merle Haggard songs without being in a smoky bar room. Their entertainment was going to these country music shows.

"It's been over a year now, and we just want to do a little country music and see the group come back together and see what we can do," Jones said.

'Country Classic Jubilee'

Location: Serenity Event Center (33135 LA Hwy. 16, Denham Springs, 70706)

Date: Saturday, May 22

Time: 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Price: \$15 each

LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY ANNOUNCES RETURN OF IN-PERSON SUMMER READING PROGRAM

BY DAVID GRAY

The Livingston Parish News

Summer reading is back.

The Livingston Parish Library recently announced the return of its annual Summer Reading program, including the dates for special kickoff days hosted at each of its branches.

This year's program will also mark the return of in-person events at the library for the first time since the five-branch system switched to a virtual format in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

One of its most popular programs, the library's summer reading program aims to engage children and teens throughout the summer and help them retain and improve their reading skills by offering fun and educational activities in addition to reading challenges.

Adults are also invited to participate in the annual program to earn prizes for reading and attending library events.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading program is "Tails and Tales."

Although branches will begin hosting in-person events and programs during the summer, the library will continue to host virtual programs on its social media platforms, according to a statement.

Additionally, attendance for all in-person events will be limited to adhere to social-distancing protocols.

Summer reading will run from May 22 through July 31, and all ages are invited to visit their local branch for a special



The Livingston Parish Library recently announced the return of its annual Summer Reading program, including the dates for special kickoff days hosted at each of its five branch locations. FILE PHOTO

kickoff day to help officially launch this year's program.

Activities for kickoff day include scavenger hunts, outdoor story walks, movie

screenings, and more. Attendees will also be able to register for the 2021 Summer Reading Program and get a full slate of events and performances to be hosted this

summer.

There are four age groups for the Summer Reading Program: Read-to-Me (babies – age 5), Youth (ages 6 – 11), Teens (ages 12 – 18), and Adults (ages 18+). Each age group has certain requirements to fulfill for completion of the program.

For example, teens will need to read three books or log three hundred minutes of reading time, and/or participate in three library events, to complete their summer challenge and earn their completion prize. The more books they read, the more entries they earn into the end-of-summer grand prize drawing.

For more details on this year's Summer Reading Program, please visit the LPL online at www.mytpl.info/SummerReading.

The kickoff dates for each branch are as follows:

Denham Springs-Walker Branch
Address: 8101 U.S. Hwy. 190, Denham Springs

Date: Saturday, May 22

Watson Branch
Address: 36581 Outback Road, Denham Springs

Date: Monday, May 24

South Branch
Address: 23477 LA 444, Livingston

Date: Tuesday, May 25

Main Branch
Address: 20390 Iowa Street, Livingston

Date: Wednesday, May 26

Albany-Springfield Branch
Address: 26941 LA 43, Albany

Date: Thursday, May 27

'THEY GAVE IT ALL'

YURATICH HURLS THREE-HITTER AS ROSEPINE EDGES DOYLE 1-0 FOR CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

By **ROB DeARMOND**
The Livingston Parish News

SULPHUR – It was everything a state championship game is supposed to be.

That doesn't make the Doyle baseball team feel any better.

No. 2 Rosepine got two hits to lead off the top of the sixth inning, producing the game's only run in a 1-0 victory over the top-seeded Tigers in the Class 2A championship game Friday at McMurry Park.

"This is where we wanted to end," Doyle coach Tim Beatty said after the Tigers finished the season 28-9. "Win or loss, this is where we wanted to end. Our boys competed hard, and (we're proud of them. Sometimes you win. Sometimes you lose, and sometimes it rains. It's just one of those days."

Rosepine's Logan Calcote led off the deciding inning with a double to left field, and Grant Ducote followed with a single to right, allowing Calcote to slide home safely ahead of the throw from the outfield for the game's only run.

Ducote stole second, but Yuratich struck out Ethan Frey, got Braden Trull out on a sacrifice fly to right and struck out Cole Donahue to end the inning.

Braden Keen, who had two hits, got a one-out single to left in the bottom of the sixth, but Frey struck out Tyson Stewart and Braden McLin looking to end the inning.

Rosepine went down in order in the top of the seventh, giving Doyle a final shot at

a rally.

Abedn Kennedy and Kody Mitchell struck out before Landon Wolfe singled to center field. Logan Turner, who tore his UCL in the Tigers' win over Kinder to close out the quarterfinal series, came on as a courtesy runner, but Frey stuck out Dru Beatty swinging to end the game.

Doyle's Andrew Yuratich and Rosepine's Frey locked into a duel on the mound, with their pitch counts going equal at multiple stages in the game.

Yuratich, who started the Tigers' semifinal win over Loreauville, didn't give up a hit until Brady Phelps got a one-out single to in the top of the fifth. Hunter Hines drew a walk one out later, and Jake Smith grounded to short to end the inning.

Yuratich gave up three hits, a run, three walks and struck out eight in a complete game while throwing 91 pitches.

"He's been lights out," Beatty said of Yuratich. "You knew every time he stepped on the mound that we were going to be in the game whether we won it or lost it. We knew we were going to have a chance in the seventh with him. He's just a competitor. He doesn't really get rattled. Even when he gave up the back-to-back hits, you didn't see him throw his hands up. You could tell he was still focused ... He had to do his job, and that's one thing that he's always done out there on the mound for three years is do his job. He's done everything that we

asked, and super proud of all our seniors ... A great group of guys."

Frey gave up four hits, one walk and struck out 12 in a complete game win.

"I didn't expect anything else from Andrew wanting the ball," Beatty said. "He did all he could. He did a typical Andrew game. I knew it was going to be nail-biter. We didn't know much about their guy on the mound. I think that was only his second start this year, and we couldn't find a lot

of ways to get to him. I knew he was going to come in with a big power fastball and a power breaking ball, and that's exactly what he showed us. Hat's off to that guy. He's a heck of a competitor, and that's why he's going to LSU."

Doyle was unable to capitalize on some early opportunities and McLin drew a one-out walk and Mitchell got a two-out single in the second. Mitchell stole second, but Wolfe grounded out to third to end the inning.

After Rosepine was retired in order in the top of the third, Dru Beatty was hit by a pitch to lead off the bottom of the inning, and Keen had a double to left to put runners at second and third before Stewart struck out swinging to end the inning.

"We needed that big hit," Tim Beatty said. "We had the guy at the plate to do it, and he just didn't get it done today. Trust me, in his career, Tyson's got tons of big hits, tons of big hits. He just didn't get it done. He works his butt off every day. That's why baseball's such a great game. It's a heartbreaking game."

Rosepine left a runner at second in the top of the fourth after a one-out walk to Smith, who stole second before Yuratich struck out Ducote, and Stewart made a sliding grab at first on a 3-1 putout of Frey at first to end the inning.

"They gave it all, man," Tim Beatty said. "We've done everything right ... sometimes you just don't win. That's all it is to it."



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Doyle's Andrew Yuratich throws a pitch to a Rosepine batter.

WEST MONROE ENDS WALKER'S SEASON IN SEMIFINALS

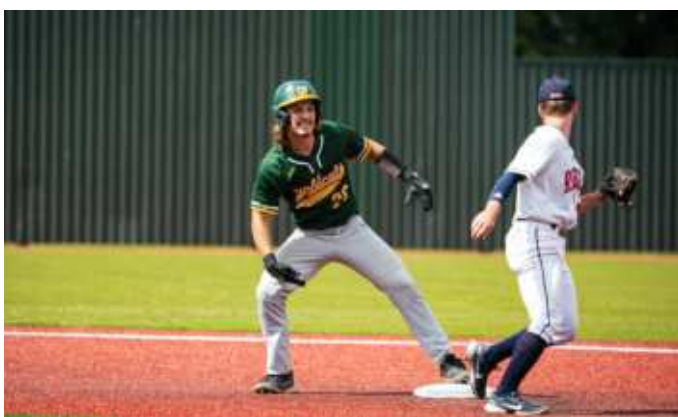
By **ROB DeARMOND**
The Livingston Parish News

SULPHUR – The big inning served the Walker baseball team well in its journey to the state tournament, but it never materialized in its semifinal game with West Monroe.

As a result, the Wildcats' historic season is over.

The teams scored the game's only runs in the first inning as the No. 2 Rebels picked up a 3-1 win over the No. 6 Wildcats in the Class 5A semifinals Thursday at McMurry Park.

"Unfortunately, when that's kind of been your MO all year, when you're not able to get it and get a crooked number up there at some point, it makes scoring tough," Walker coach Randy Sandifer said of the team's knack for big innings. "That's it. I thought the first two innings, we put a lot of pressure on them and then it kind of faded away there. Then in the seventh, we had pressure, so really three out of the seven innings. It probably needed to be four or five innings. You really can't expect every inning to do it, but that is the goal, but at this level, you've got to be able to generate at little more than one run."



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Walker's Spencer Murray reacts after getting a double in the seventh inning of Thursday's game against West Monroe.

"There's nothing to hang our heads about," Sandifer continued. "I thought we played extremely well. I thought Caleb (Webb) pitched well. There's not a lot to say, 'what if?' It was just a good baseball game."

The Wildcats, who finished the season 31-9 and out-hit the Rebels 6-4, didn't go quietly as Spencer Murray got a one-out double in the top of the seventh.

From there, the Rebels lifted reliever Seth Edwards in favor of Lane Little, who got Mason Morgan to fly out to right field, where Kade Pittard made an over-the-shoulder catch for the second out.

"I was just thinking this might be my last at-bat, and I better put something together, maybe boost the team a little bit and get the team going, maybe get a double and put a runner in scoring position," Murray said.

"They made good plays," Murray said. "The catch out there (in right field), it changed the tempo of the game. I hit the double, he makes that catch, you can't do anything about it."

Courtesy runner Ladarrian Colar moved to third on defensive indifference before Camden Carver grounded out to first to end the game.

Walker got the game's first run in the top of the first when Carver reached on an error at first base with two outs, Brock Darbonne singled past second, and Gabe Inman was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Carver scored on a passed ball before Webb popped out to West Monroe catcher Britt Jordan to end the inning.

The Rebels answered with their runs in the bottom of the inning as Reed Eason led off with a single, Hayden Frederico walked and the runners moved to second and third on a passed ball.

Eason scored on a wild pitch, Josh Pearson walked, and Trey Hawsey followed with a two-run double to make the score 3-1 before Webb retired the next three batters.

In the top of the second, Hunter Bethel, who led Walker with two hits, led off with a single to left, and with a 2-0 count on Grant Edwards, West Monroe made a pitching change, going from starter Drew Blaylock to Seth Edwards, who gave up a single past third to Murray before getting a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

The Wildcats stranded two in that inning and left a runner on in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh innings, while being retired in order in the fifth.

"I think we were 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position," Sandifer said. "You get one hit in a couple of those spots, it's probably a different game."

In the top of the sixth, Inman was hit by a pitch to lead off, but Webb grounded into a 6-4-3 double play, with Frederico making a diving stop at third to get the play started. Bethel followed with a

WALKER, DOYLE BASEBALL PROGRAMS MAKE MEMORIES, BUILD FOR FUTURE WITH TRIP TO SULPHUR

By **ROB DeARMOND**
The Livingston Parish News

SULPHUR – There's a lot to be said about silence.

Without saying a word, it speaks volumes.

Anyone with within earshot of the Walker and Doyle dugouts at the conclusion of their final games in Sulphur heard it.

In both cases, it was the end of something special.

Let's face it. Teams don't get to the state tournament by accident. There has to be



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Doyle's Kody Mitchell watches as Rosepine celebrates winning the Class 2A state championship.

a combination of factors that gets a team to Sulphur, and the roads to getting there were decidedly different for both teams, and that's not even taking this season into account.

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CLASS 2A BASEBALL SEMIFINALS | DOYLE 11, LOREAUVILLE 1,



Doyle's Braden McLin steals second as Loreauville's Andrew Berard attempts to make the tag during the Class 2A semifinal at McMurry Park in Sulphur last Wednesday.

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DOYLE POWERS PAST LOREAUVILLE

ROB DeARMOND
The Livingston Parish News

SULPHUR – The formula was a bit different than in its previous playoff wins, but the end result was another victory for the Doyle baseball team.

It but the Tigers back in the Class 2A state championship game.

Abedn Kennedy launched a three-run home run, Tyson Stewart had a three-run double, and Hunter Bankston was solid in relief of Andrew Yuratic as Doyle picked up an 11-1 win over Loreauville in five innings Wednesday at McMurray Park.

“It was a good recipe, something that we haven’t seen in a while as far as the offense and power,” said Doyle coach Tim Beatty, whose top-seeded Tigers face No. 2 Rosepine for the Class 2A championship Friday at 10 a.m. “They were all earned runs.”

Doyle led 7-1 when Braden Keen led off the bottom of the fourth with a walk, and Stewart and Braden McLin had consecutive singles for an 8-1 lead, setting up Kennedy’s three-run shot to left field to cap the scoring.

“I just saw a lot of off-speed and just focused on the fastball,” Kennedy said. “Hit the fastball, pull it. Offspeed, hit it away.”

Bankston got a strikeout in the top of the fifth, but Garret Blanchard singled

and Jordan Broussard reached on an error before Devin Verret grounded into a 6-3 double play to end the game.

“I was feeling nervous at first until I got through the first two batters and I got more comfortable and I felt a zone,” Bankston said. “I felt my fastball. I felt all my pitches, and I just got on a roll. From there, I didn’t struggle. I threw strikes, helped my team out, and they had my back on the defensive end. That helps a lot. That’s a tremendous help when you know you have a defense that you can trust to make that play for you.”

Doyle led 2-1 going into the bottom of the second and broke the game open with five runs. Kody Mitchell led off with a single, Dru Beatty walked, and Cade Watts reached on an error and a run scored when a throw sailed high at first base on a bunt back to Loreauville starting pitcher Riley Marcotte.

Cade Lyons walked to load the bases, and one out later, Stewart roped a double to right center field to score three runs for a 6-1 lead.

“I wasn’t really hitting anything else but the fastball,” Stewart chuckled. “He was kind of throwing it up there, so I was making sure I wouldn’t miss it. I feel like I did my job.”

“All the hard work I put (in) this year and a lot of

failure, and for me to come out of my slump in the semifinals is the best thing I could for my teammates,” continued Stewart, who had two hits and drove in four runs. “This is my last year. I’m trying to win it.”

McLin, who had three hits, singled, and Marcotte was lifted for Jesse Pelous, who got a strikeout before Stewart scored on a wild pitch.

Bankston came on in relief of Yuratic in the top of the third with one out after he hit Hunter Freyou and walked Jahari Williams. Bankston walked Blanchard but got a pop out to shortstop and a chopper to third to end the inning.

Yuratic, who threw 53 pitches, gave up one hit, walked two, hit two and struck out two in 2.1 innings.

“Andrew didn’t have his best stuff, but we were kind of thinking of getting him out anyway about 53 (pitches), trying to at least have him for the final game anyway,” Tim Beatty said. “It kind of forced my hand to do it when he struggled.”

Bankston gave up one walk, three hits and struck out two in 2.2 innings of relief.

“Hats off to this guy, No. 10 (Bankston),” Tim Beatty said. “He came in there, maybe a little nervous, but then he settled in, and he made some big pitches, and I knew our offense was going to take care of him.”

Loreauville snapped Doyle’s 50-inning scoreless streak in the top of the first when Williams got a one out single, Blanchard was hit by a pitch and Jordy Broussard walked to load the bases.

Verret grounded into a 6-4 fielder’s choice to score the run, and Blanchard was caught in a rundown between third and home to end the inning.

Doyle grabbed the lead for good in the bottom of the inning as Lyons and Keen drew consecutive walks. Lyons moved to second and third on passed balls and scored on Stewart’s fly ball to right field to tie the game at 1-1.

Keen stole second, moved to third on an error when the throw on the steal went into the outfield and scored on McLin’s single to left for a 2-1 lead.

“It was early on, and we were just trying to get one (run) to tie it back up,” Tim Beatty said. “That was uncharacteristic to give up the one, but I’m going to take the blame. I’m going to take that one because I bragged about it (the scoreless innings streak) to a lot of people, so I ate a little crow. Jesus made me be humble again. We gave up the one, we told our guys ‘you’ve got to score anyway’, and we just kept doing it. We had some good, quality at-bats. Didn’t miss the fastball, just like we’re supposed to.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at six o’clock (6:00) p.m., in the Livingston Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be action pursuant to the setting and adoption of the millage rate for the tax year 2021.

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced in writing in the form required for adoption at a meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, on May 27, 2021 and laid over for publication of notice:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-16
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES AS ADJUSTED FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021.

TAX	MILLAGE
Parish/Local	1.16
Parish	2.32
Road Equipment & Maintenance	5.00
Health Unit	2.50
Library Bond	1.5

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at six o’clock (6:00) p.m., at the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

Garry Talbert
Garry Talbert, Council Chair

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Livingston Parish Council.)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the Livingston Parish Council Office at 225-686-3027, describing the assistance that is necessary.

The following is a list of 203 Jurors drawn to serve and who shall report for duty at the Livingston Parish Courthouse located at 20300 Government Boulevard, Livingston, LA at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

- ACHORD, SARAH ELIZABETH
- ADAMS, AUBREE MARIE
- ALBIN, JARRETT NELSON
- ALDRIDGE, KEISHA LAMOTHE
- ALFORD, PEYTON THOMAS
- ANDERSON, KAYLA ASHLYN
- ARCENEUX, ANNIE M
- ARON, WILBERT AUSTIN
- ATKINS, DANI V
- AUBIN, VICKIE ALLEN
- AUSTIN, CYNTHIA M
- BABIN, KAYLA RENEE
- BANKSTON, PENNY MARIE
- BARKER, LEROY JR
- BARRILLEAUX, ROBERT CLAY
- BARROIS, ASHLEY FLETCHER
- BAUERS, TADD EDWARD
- BEALER, EDWARD ROMAN JR
- BELCHER, DOREEN E
- BELL, JEREMIAH SR
- BESSINGER, MEGHIN D'SHAY
- BEZET, PATRICIA K
- BLOUNT, ASHLEY WHITE
- BLOUNT, BARBARA JEAN
- BLOUNT, CORISSA LOU
- BLOUNT, CRANDALL V
- BLOUNT, LANE MICHAEL
- BOND, IVANE B
- BONE, JACQULYN C
- BOURQUE, TYLER KEITH
- BRANCH, CYNTHIA H
- BRANCH, JOEL LEE
- BRANTON, CYNTHIA C
- BROCKHOEFT, MARK JR
- BRYAN, RODNEY WAYNE
- BURAL, BRIDGETT DIAN
- BURATT, JOSEPH WAYNE
- BURGE, THERESA EVERT
- BUSH, JOHNATHAN
- CALK, JEANNIE DANIELLE
- CALWAY, LATRELL M
- CAMALLO, WENDY BROWN
- CARBO, SHERI ANN
- CARLISLE, SHIRLEY M
- CARTER, ELDA A
- CAVIN, HELEN G
- CHIRPICH, CATHERINE M
- CLARK, VIVIAN MUELLER
- CLARK, WILFRED ALLEN
- COLLINS, DEMITRESS DEON
- COOPER, OUIDA C
- CORONA, SYLVIA S
- COX, ALLYSON SUE CUTRER
- CROWELL, DUSTIN
- CULLER, CREWS MICHAEL
- CUMMINS, HERMAN D
- CUNNINGHAM, ALLEN
- DAIFALLAH, SHANA L
- DAVIS, CHANTELE NICOLE
- DAY, LINDA G
- DEAN, TAL S
- DECKER, COURTNEY JAMES
- DELATTE, DARCI LOUPE
- DICKERSON, ROBERT JOSEPH

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single up the middle before Grant Edwards grounded out to second.

“We were kind of late in the game,” Sandifer said. “Earlier, we probably would have played for one run, but at that point, you’re pretty much going to have to get two guys on. You don’t have a whole lot of outs left to give up. Credit them. That was a pretty good play by the third baseman stopping it and getting up. A lot of third basemen would have made that play and just got up and threw to first and not got the lead runner, and they were able to get two out of it. They made a couple of plays that were momentum-killers for us.”

Webb gave up a two-out double to Pittard with two out in the bottom of the second, then settled in. He walked two the rest of the way and didn’t give up another hit until Logan Shutden’s one-out single in the bottom of the sixth.

“I was prepared to go the whole game,” said Webb, who gave up four hits, three runs, four walks and struck



Walker's Caleb Webb threw a complete game against West Monroe.

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out two in a complete game in which he threw 98 pitches. “The first inning didn’t go as planned, but I tried after that. It just didn’t go as I wanted it to. I was just really trying to strikes. He (umpire) squeezed me a little bit, and

it was harder. I was just trying to stay calm and try to throw some strikes and make them hit the ball, and once they started swinging and hitting the ball, my outfielders were there to catch it.” Webb put the Wildcats’

season into perspective.

“We were the first team to get to 30 wins, the first team to go to Sulphur,” he said. “We accomplished a lot. We just didn’t get that one more accomplishment that we were trying to get.”

DRISCOLL, PATRICK ONEILL
 DUFRENE, DEVIN TYLER
 DURAND, CAITLIN
 EASLEY, ASHLEY ANN
 ELLIS, CHANDA THERESA
 ELY, QUIAN LIBERTY
 FITZPATRICK, RICHARD DERRICK
 FLITTER, DOUGLAS A
 FORBES, DARREN DOUGLAS
 GEORGE, BELINDA ANN
 GOODWIN, DONALD
 GORDON, MARY A
 GRAHAM, JESSICA REY
 GRANIER, HOLLY
 GREEN, PATRICK M
 GRIGGS, DANNIE JOE
 GUARISCO, BARBARA E
 HARMON, STACI L
 HAWKINS, CANDLER BENJAMIN
 HAYS, ROBERT DANIEL
 HEAD, WILLIAM R
 HEDGLIN, KATHERINE
 HENDERSON, PAUL
 HIGGINBOTHAM, COLBY ALLEN
 HOLLAND, SHAWN N
 HOOD, JUDY R
 HOOGE, PHILLIP AUSTIN
 HOWZE, AUSTIN DOUGLAS
 HUGHES, DAVID M
 HUNT, NATHAN RAY
 JACKSON, TYKELON RAVON
 JAUME, AMANDA RENEE
 JENNINGS, ANABELLE LEE
 JOHNSON, RONALD DALE
 JOHNSTON, BARBARA ANNE
 KELLER, JUSTIN WYATT
 KING, BRAYDEN LANCE
 KING, RICHARD MARK
 KING, RYAN MASON
 KING, TYLER
 KINNEBREW, LEAH DIANE
 KLUKA, DAVID
 KNAPS, CAMILE JOSEPH
 KRZYKOWSKI, DAVID WAYNE
 LADNER, JESSE ELTON
 LANDRY, TRUDY LEGNON
 LANSKER, CARRIE LYNN
 LAVERGNE, RICHARD ALLEN
 LEBLANC, JUSTIN PAUL
 LEDWIG, CONSUELA LOUISE
 LEE, SHANNON W
 LEMOINE, TRACIE S
 LIVELY, MARIA L
 LONGMIRE, CHRISTOPHER P
 MAHL, MICHAEL D
 MARSCHIK, ELLA DEE
 MARTIN, KOLLEEN S
 MARTINEZ, BERNARD JUDE
 MARTONE, CORI P
 MAY, JASON WAYNE
 MCLIN, KENNETH RAY
 MEAUX, ABBY LYNN A
 MEDLOCK, CHRISTOPHER WAYNE
 MELOCHE, DIANE SIMONE
 MILANES, ATHENA C
 MILLER, DONNA MCMANUS
 MILLER, JENNIFER K
 MITCHELL, KEVIN PATRICK
 MORALES, TINA EVERHARDT
 MORRIS, JAMES R.
 MORRIS, MICHELE LOUISE
 NEAL, LAFRANCES LAVONNE
 NORDSTORM, PEGGY HOWELL
 NUCETE, APRIL J
 ODELL, JASON WADE
 OLAH, CARRIE ANN
 ORTEGO, JOSHUA
 PAJARES, JUDITH ANN
 PARKER, CHARLES H
 PARKER, PAULETTE E
 PARKS, SUMMER RENEE
 PEARCE, ROBERT PAUL
 PEELER, STEWART JAMES
 PEGUES, KIMBERLY NICOLE
 PETHO, ALEXANDER J JR
 PIERRE, GREGORY MOORE
 PITRE, BRANDEN
 PITTMAN, CHARLYN A
 POSEY, BRITTNEY
 PURVIS, JACKIE P
 PURVIS, KAYLA DAYBERRY
 QUAVE, DAVID NUTHER JR
 RAGENS, ASHLEY MARIE
 RAMBIN, CHRISTINA KNAPS
 REGISTER, WAYNE COLLINS
 REYNOLDS-STEWART, BLAYNE ALAN
 RICHARDS, CALE MICHAEL
 RICKELS, AMY LEIGH
 RODGERS, CHRISTOPHER L
 ROGERS, PRESTON LEE
 ROUNDTREE, SARA
 ROY, BEAUX MIKEL
 RUSHING, JENNIFER NICOLE
 SAUNDERS, BRETT ASHTON
 SCHIEBEL, GRACE ROXANNE
 SCHLIEGELMEYER, KAYLYNN RENEE
 SCHULTZ, ALAN CHRISTOPHER
 SHARP, ANGELA MICHELLE
 SHELTON, ANTHONY MICHAEL
 SHIREY, STACY LEMOINE
 SLOCUM, MARGIE S
 SPEARS, AARON LANE
 STAFFORD, JACOB TYSON
 SULLIVAN, TROY LINARD
 TALBOT, DAWN PLAUCHE
 TAYLOR, ANNIE M
 THAMES, BRITTANY ALEXANDRIA
 THAMES, MICHAEL
 THOMPSON, TINA HENDERSON
 TRAHAN, CRISTIAN PAUL
 TRAYLOR, LYNN ANN
 TREQUEZ, LAINE DYLAN
 VASQUEZ, ROBERT ANTONIO
 VENABLE, JORDAN MARIE
 WALKER, DEMOND MONTRELL
 WARMAN, RILEY MITCHELL
 WATSON, BRITTANY DEE
 WATTS, HANNAH LEE
 WATTS, LARRY G
 WAYMIRE, CONNIE H
 WEBB, EMMA JEAN
 WEBER, PAMELA JUNE
 WHITE, THERESA DIANE
 WILLIAMSON, BETTY JO
 WILLIAMSON, LINDSEY ELIZABETH
 YOUNT, JAMES M
 ZACHARY, SIMON
 ZEIGLER, JOHN R JR
 ZIMMERLE, JAMES N JR

Given under my hand and seal of this office this 3rd day of May, 2021.

JASON B. HARRIS
Livingston Parish Clerk of Court

Run: **THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**

Authorized for Payment
Tonya Hawkins
Deputy Clerk of Court/Jury Coordinator
Livingston Parish Clerk of Court

**TOWN OF ALBANY
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2021**

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Albany Town Hall
29816 S. Montpelier Ave., Albany, LA 70711

Meeting called to order by Mayor Eileen Bates-McCarroll at 6:00 p.m.
Prayer led by Mr. Errol Faust; Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Eileen Bates-McCarroll

Council Present: Martin, Stillee, Glascock, Stewart, Greigore

Also Present: Town Clerk Joey Cooper, Water Superintendent Ben Thompson, Chief Boyd Wild, Officer Vance Gardner, Officer Larian McMurray, Julie Wild, Don Onofry, Ross Kinchen, Asst Chief Ben Bonin, Joan Faust, Errol and Michelle Faust, Chris Johnson, Jodi Jennings

Persons on Agenda: Chris Johnson – discuss 2020-2021 amended budget and 2021-2022 budget

Motion to approve minutes from April's meeting by: Councilman Gerald Stillee; Seconded by: Councilman Jerry Glascock --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Water Dept – Water Superintendent Ben Thompson informed council that he needs to hire help for mtc dept

Police Dept – Chief Boyd Wild informed council there were 218 calls for the month of April

Mayor's Report – Mayor introduced the proposed amended ordinance for Commercial Regulations Section 8-53 (portable buildings and metal buildings) public hearing will be held June 14th at 5:30 pm.
Mayor read aloud to council all the positive accomplishments that have been done since January 2019.
Mayor informed council for upcoming budget, the budget will include 3% increase for employees, new unit for police dept, new F250 for maintenance dept, lawn mower for maintenance dept, and upgrade sidewalks.

Motion to approve Southern Impact Nutrition occupational license by: Councilman Ronnie Greigore; Seconded by: Councilman Jerry Glascock --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to approve preliminary plans for Southern Impact and issue a building permit – recommendation by P&Z Committee with the contingency of plot plan approval by: Councilman Ronnie Greigore; Seconded by: Councilman Gerald Stillee --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to hire Steven Fontenet for reserve officer/(as needed) part time officer at \$14.50 an hour – recommended by personnel committee by: Councilwoman Kim Stewart; Seconded by: Councilman Gerald Stillee --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to hire Joseph Kinchen for maintenance dept at \$14.00 an hour with a 6 month probation by: Councilman Ronnie Greigore; Seconded by: Councilwoman Kim Stewart --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to hire Caiden Mercer for maintenance dept at \$14.00 an hour with a 6 month probation by: Councilman Gerald Stillee; Seconded by: Councilman Ronnie Greigore --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to hire 2 student workers for maintenance dept for summer months at \$9.50 an hour by: Councilwoman Kim Stewart; Seconded by: Councilman Ronnie Greigore --- (no discussion)
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Motion to adjourn by: Councilman Bee Martin; Seconded by: Councilman Gerald Stillee
Yeas: B. Martin, G. Stillee, J. Glascock, K. Stewart, R. Greigore
Nays: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7.05 p.m.

Joey Cooper
Kimberlee "Joey" Cooper
Clerk

Eileen Bates-McCarroll
Eileen Bates-McCarroll
Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., June 7, 2021, for the purchase of the following:

ONE (1) 2021 HARLEY DAVIDSON ROAD KING FLHP POLICE MOTORCYCLE OR COMPARABLE MAKE AND MODEL

Exact specifications can be obtained at the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Building, Office of Jamie Felder, Livingston, Louisiana between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 7, 2021.

THE SHERIFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

JASON ARD, SHERIFF
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

Publish: Thursday, May 20, 2021
Thursday, May 27, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Port Vincent will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 1st, 2021 at 6:00pm for the following:

Public Hearing: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT VINCENT RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS AS ADOPTED ON JUNE 2nd 2020.

Public Hearing: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT VINCENT RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022.

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

Tax Bill 0278838
OCCUPANT OR TENANT, SAMCO MORTGAGE CORPORATION C/O RICK REISS AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TYLER BROWN AS DIRECTOR, STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, FIDELITY FINANCE OF HAMMOND, INC C/O VINCE T. GARAFOLA, JOHN W. MANN, SHIRLEY BASS MANN, MADISON HAGER
---LOT 2 SEC 26-6-3
Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 30416 Taboney Court, Walker, LA 70785

TAX SALE TITLE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR FAILURE TO PAY TAXES. YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PERSON WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY. YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WILL BE TERMINATED IF YOU DO NOT REDEEM THE PROPERTY BY MAKING ALL REQUIRED PAYMENTS TO THE TAX COLLECTOR LISTED BELOW OR FILE A LAWSUIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THE RECORDING OF AN ACT TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP, IF LATER.

LIVINGSTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
20399 GOVERNMENT BLVD.
LIVINGSTON, LA 70754
(225) 686-2214



CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS
Office of Planning and Development
116 North Range Ave
Denham Springs, LA 70726
(225) 667-8326
buildings@cityofdenhamsprings.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following properties are in violation of the Denham Springs Code of Ordinances, Section 42-27, under which property owners are required to cut and remove overgrown weeds, grass, brush and underbrush:

- 649 Carol Sue Street

These properties must be cut by Monday, June 07, 2021. Failure to do so will result in the City bringing the property into compliance and placing a lien on the property for the associated costs.

Publish: May 20, 2021 & May 27, 2021

The Water We Drink
TOWN OF ALBANY WATER SYSTEM
Public Water Supply No. 40000002

As a person who is present for the public hearing, you are hereby notified that the following information is being provided to you for your information. The information is being provided to you for your information and is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The information is being provided to you for your information and is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The information is being provided to you for your information and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

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Item	Proposed	Adopted	Change	Notes
Item 1	1000000	1000000	0	
Item 2	2000000	2000000	0	
Item 3	3000000	3000000	0	
Item 4	4000000	4000000	0	
Item 5	5000000	5000000	0	
Item 6	6000000	6000000	0	
Item 7	7000000	7000000	0	
Item 8	8000000	8000000	0	
Item 9	9000000	9000000	0	
Item 10	10000000	10000000	0	

Item	Proposed	Adopted	Change	Notes
Item 11	11000000	11000000	0	
Item 12	12000000	12000000	0	
Item 13	13000000	13000000	0	
Item 14	14000000	14000000	0	
Item 15	15000000	15000000	0	
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Item 18	18000000	18000000	0	
Item 19	19000000	19000000	0	
Item 20	20000000	20000000	0	

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Albany will hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on June 14, 2020 for the purpose of receiving public comments on its 2022 proposed budget and 2021 amended budget. This meeting will be held at the office of the Town of Albany, located at 29816 S Montpelier Ave, Albany, LA 70711. The proposed budget and amended budget will be available for public inspection at the office of the Town of Albany

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: June 14, 2021
Location: 29816 S. Montpelier Ave, Albany LA 70711
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Posted: May 11, 2021

Discussion or inquires for the following:

- Adoption of 2021 amended budget and 2022 budget
- Adoption of the ordinance amendment for mayor, council, clerk and water superintendent
- Adoption on amended ordinance for commercial regulations Section 8-53

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., in the Livingston Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be action pursuant to the setting and adoption of the millage rate for the tax year 2021.

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced in writing in the form required for adoption at a meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, on May 13, 2021, and laid over for publication of notice:

L.P. ORDINANCE 21-15

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF TOWER CAPITAL CORPORATION, A FIFTY FOOT (50') ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE IDENTIFIED BY THE SHADED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING THE REVOCATION OF A FIFTY FOOT (50') ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 20 & 21, T6S-R3E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY RALPH D. BURGESS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, CIVIL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC, DATED MARCH 3, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., at the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

Garry Talbert
Garry Talbert, Council Chair

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Livingston Parish Council.)

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
April 22, 2021**

The Livingston Parish Council met in a regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Maurice "Scooter" Keen	Tracy Girlinghouse
R.C. "Bubba" Harris	Randy Delatte
Gerald McMorris	Shane Mack

Absent: Jeff Ard
John Wascom

Also present: Parish President Layton Risks
Christopher Moody, Parish legal counsel

The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Presentations", and advised that there were not any presentations that evening.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P.O. No. 21-10: Acquisition of Immovable Property pursuant to the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program, Project FEMA-LA-06-PJ-2018-025 located at 15927 Cypress Point Lane, French Settlement, LA 70733, Lot 13-Cypress Point Subdivision".

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and questioned if anyone in the audience wished to comment at that time to be addressed in Public Input.

Having no public input, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

L.P.R. NO. 21-130

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 8, 2021, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 22, 2021 on Motion of Randy Delatte and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-10

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER FEMA-LA-06-PJ-2018-025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted as amended on the 22nd day of April 2021.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 5.)

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P.O. No. 21-11: Amendment to Chapter 58, "Roads and Drainage", Section 58-14, "Excavating or Damaging Road, etc".

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and questioned if anyone in the audience wished to comment at that time to be addressed in Public Input.

Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Shane Mack advised that he had several questions about the ordinance and its amendments. Councilman Randy Delatte and the chairman endeavored to answer Councilman Mack's questions.

Public input: DeeDee Delatte, Livingston Parish Building and Permit Director

Ms. Delatte wished to explain that permitting is currently already taking place and is nothing new to the ordinance being presented for amendment. She further emphasized that the proposed ordinance amendment was in the event that if someone tears up a Parish road, it will give Public Works and the Parish some teeth to enforce that the damage must be repaired by the entity or person that did the damage. She continued to explain and clarify that this was more of a commercial phase for loggers and commercial dirt pits that would give the Parish protection. Councilman Mack articulated his viewpoint. The chair questioned if Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Advisor, had reviewed the ordinance. Mr. Moody stated that he had reviewed the ordinance and he did see what Councilman Mack was speaking about. He rationalized that the reality was, that most people would comply with the ordinance. Their whole idea was to make sure that these

that most people would comply with the ordinance. Their whole idea was to make sure that these people would put up a bond or be responsible for damages they have caused. He did agree that the great flexibility established in the ordinance could make the ordinance challengeable and could be a problem.

Councilman Mack continued with his questions. Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse and the chairman responded to his inquiries.

Councilman Randy Delatte called for the question.

LPR NO. 21-131
The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 8, 2021, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 22, 2021 on Motion of Tracy Girlinghouse and seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen:

L.P. ORDINANCE 21-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58 "ROADS AND DRAINAGE," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 58-14, "EXCAVATING OR DAMAGING ROAD, ETC.," AS FOLLOWS.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: MR. MACK, MR. MCMORRIS
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of April 2021.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 5)

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, "Adoption of the Minutes from the April 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Council".

LPR NO. 21-132

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to discontinue the reading of the minutes from the April 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11a, "Parish President's Report: Adopt resolution to approve/ratify the 2021 Road Program bids", and referred to the bid tabulation sheet in their meeting packets.

Mr. Billy Taylor, Parish Road Engineer, presented the four (4) bids received for the Livingston Parish Capital Improvements Program 2021. He submitted his recommendation to accept and approve the lowest bid of seven million one hundred ninety three thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars and sixteen cents (\$7,193,333.16) received from Barriere Construction Company. He explained that if the Council members approved his recommendation that evening, he approximated that it would take two or three (2-3) weeks to get the contracts, insurance, bonds and all other paperwork in place, then upon which, Barriere could begin work at the end of May when school lets out. Mr. Taylor answered questions from the Council members.

LPR NO. 21-133

MOTION was made by Maurice "Scooter" Keen and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to approve and ratify the 2021 bids as received by the Parish Road Engineer's recommendation to accept the low bid of seven million one hundred ninety three thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars and sixteen cents (\$7,193,333.16) received from Barriere Construction Company and authorize the Parish President to sign the contract.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11b, "Parish President's Report: Introduction of ordinance: Amend Livingston Parish Regulations Book".

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

L.P. ORDINANCE 21-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, "DISASTER EMERGENCIES," ARTICLE II, "COMMUNICATIONS," SECTION 18-27, "SAFETY REGULATIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair wished to explain the proposed ordinance. He advised that the Council members had adopted an ordinance two (2) weeks ago that required certain wording in the Regulations Booklet. He further explained that the Parish attorney and the clerks had worked on this proposed ordinance's wording so that when this ordinance is adopted, the Council will not have to amend the ordinance every time that the Regulations Booklet is amended. Any amendments will be done by the adoption of a resolution.

The chair announced that he would like to use his discretion, as he had been asked to move up agenda item number 17c, "Committee Report(s): Citizens Drainage Committee: Discussion and Recommendation(s), I. Drainage Cooperative Endeavor Agreement", from its placement on the bottom of the agenda, to which no one objected.

The chair invited the Citizens Drainage Committee members that were present to come from the audience and speak at the lectern and asked if they would give a report from the previous night's committee meeting.

Mr. Stephen Howze, member of the committee and board member of Gravity Drainage District No. 5, advised that the committee had met and they had voted to bring a Cooperative Endeavor agreement that has started and now has hit a wall. He explained that the committee members were in favor of it, even though some may be pulling out of the agreement and they were attending the Council meeting to recommend that everyone try and work together to try and get this Cooperative Endeavor going. He offered that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was for any opening, above or beneath, for the interstate only, not cleaning the north or south of the interstate. Mr. Howze stated that they felt that the Parish should be backing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. He stated that it was no brainer as they needed more water flowing from north to south. He advised that the main problem was that the state will not let them touch stuff, so it would be a battle with DPW with the state to get more openings and open up the canals. He indicated that anything that they could do to make openings, there were ways to find money to more drainage under the interstate. Mr. Howze closed by stating that the Citizens Drainage Committee was requesting that the Council members try help get the Parish and everyone who was working on this to get it moving.

The chair thanked Mr. Howze for his comments and invited Mr. Shane Marler, Citizens Drainage Committee chairman, from the audience to speak at the lectern.

Mr. Marler addressed the Council members and stated that the committee was all in favor for the Endeavor Agreement. He opined that it would be getting all of the entities together working on the same common goal, instead of the entities doing the same work as the other would be doing and the costs associated with that. He reported that the Citizens Drainage committee meetings were going well, they had speakers visiting the meetings educating the committee members.

The chair thanked Mr. Marler and the other committee members for the effort that they had put forth.

The chair called upon Councilman Randy Delatte who wished to state that the Citizens Drainage committee had opened eyes and ears in such a short time for so many people in this Parish. He further stated that the committee could do more if they had the information that they were seeking. Councilman Delatte advised that the committee had requested information a couple of months ago and did not have any response, continuing to state that maybe the information was not out there, he did not know. He stated that if no information is out there, then that proves just how far behind that they were fighting drainage. He further stated that he wasn't exactly sure what the Cooperative Endeavor could do for the Drainage Committee, other than provide information. If a drainage district has that information, then they would like to have that same information, because they are looking at it Parishwide. For the Citizens Drainage committee to have a plan, they need information from Public Works, from Administration, each drainage district, for the grants that are out, and they have no type of information whatsoever. Councilman Delatte asserted that they would be getting to a time and period that they will be just butting their heads against a wall and the Council would need to either support these guys or either have to tell them thank you for what you did already, but they needed to get these guys the support.

The chair informed Mr. Marler that if he needed help getting information from District 2, just send an email, and the chair knew some individuals that help him get the information that he was looking for. He also stated that the other Council members would do all that they could to make sure that they received the information that they have requested.

Mr. Marler responded and stated that he did not doubt that, and discussed the committee's first week trying to find their way of where to go, and they are still feeling their way in the dark, but would be turning the light switch on soon.

Councilman Delatte recalled a month or so ago, when the Budget was done, that there was money put aside for them to operate the drainage district with, not to go dig ditches or anything, but to

conduct studies or to find out information. The committee does not want to spend that money if they do not have to. Councilman Delatte recalled that the amount of money put aside was two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). The chair advised that he thought that money was if they had a match to the grant. Councilman Delatte stated that he saw many capable people in the audience that knew this Parish backwards and forwards. If they were able to come to the Drainage committee or to the Council members, and say that they could have a plan, but they would have to be able to see money. Would that money be available for that?

The chair advised that they could put it in the budget, but not be able to spend it, and they would have to go through Administration to spend it. They could put it in the Budget and ask for it to be spent a particular way, but they do not have that ability to spend that money.

The chair allowed an open discussion regarding funding the Citizens Drainage committee.

Councilman Shane Mack stated that he would like a copy of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that was in question. He discussed the newly created Gravity Drainage District No. 8 and the possibilities of working with the committee.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, "Adopt resolution approving Redistricting Services for the 2020 U.S. Census and authorize the Parish President to sign contract agreement - Garry Talbert". The chair explained that he had asked for this to be placed on the agenda from when the Council members had been presented a proposal about redistricting. He advised that the money to be spent and budgeted was in their meeting packets. The chair acknowledged that he had spoken with the Parish President and Administration and they had said grace over the dollars and the contract, budgeting the costs. He further explained that the pricing of services were the same as what the Parish had spent ten (10) years ago when reapportionment was implemented, everyone had spoken Mr. Cedric Floyd of Data Services and he also reviewed his many references.

LPR NO. 21-134

MOTION was made by Maurice "Scooter" Keen and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the contract for redistricting services for the 2020 U.S. Census with Mr. Cedric Floyd, President of Data Center, L.L.C. and authorize the Parish President to sign the contract.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, "Reaffirmation of LPR No. 19-408, a resolution to support the list of recommendations of road projects within the Economic Corridor submitted by the Master Plan Review Committee" and called upon Councilman Shane Mack.

Councilman Shane Mack requested that Mr. Gerald Burns address the Council members as the chairman of the Master Plan Review Committee.

Mr. Gerald Burns acknowledged the Council members and introduced himself as the chairman of the Master Plan Review Committee. He explained the reason needed for the update to the resolution. Through his meetings with Livingston Parish mayors, state representatives and senators, it had been noted by Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry and Senator Rogers Pope that at the bottom of the resolution that it was adopted by the Council in December of 2019 and thought that maybe it was a little outdated. He requested that the Council members adopt this resolution with a more current date it would help them understand why it was needed. Mr. Burns stated that the fourteen (14) projects listed on the last page of the resolution was featured in the local paper last year and was noticed by Senator Rogers Pope and Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr. and contacted Mr. Burns to find out if it was legitimate, to which began their meetings whereby they had requested ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) through the state Capital Outlay program based upon the resolution and the newspaper article and heralded the Council members on the positive initiative that they were doing. He further explained that the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) would be distributed over a five (5) year period and Senator Pope was highly optimistic that Livingston Parish would receive a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) this year that could be put towards engineering and environmental studies.

The chair wished to communicate the severe traffic problem in his district that happens twice a day located north and south on Louisiana Highway 16 from the taking in and letting out of Live Oak High School. He identified that a four (4) lane highway needed to be put in place from Oak Point to at least Fore Road and it was not presented on this list because it was outside of the Economic Corridor and there were other areas in the Parish that existed outside of the Economic Corridor that needed attention. Councilman Randy Delatte asked if the chair wished to amend the list and add to it. The chair stated that the list was for the Economic Corridor, and he did not mind reaffirming the resolution, but he also wished for some understanding with the State Legislators that this is not the end all, be all of what they funded in the Parish for road projects and there could be other areas that had a lot more hazardous conditions.

Mr. Burns acknowledged the chair and Councilman Delatte's statements and remembered that they both had made the same comments when the resolution was presented in the past. He advised that the Master Plan Review committee was doing what they were instructed to do referencing the Economic Corridor. He wanted to emphasize that like he had advised them before, this was a living document, and if you wanted to change it, change it.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON
LPR NO. 21-135**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adopt and ratify the following resolution previously adopted as LPR No. 19-408 on December 19, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council:

WHEREAS, the chairman of the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee submitted a letter dated November 21, 2019 to the Livingston Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important components to the Livingston Parish Comprehensive Master Plan is encouraging growth in the area near and between Interstate 12 and U.S. Highway 190, which is referred to as the "Economic Corridor" in the Comprehensive Master Plan; and with recommendations from the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee of a prioritized road list for the Economic Corridor identified in the Comprehensive Master Plan known as "Envision Livingston"; and

WHEREAS, a key concept of the Master Plan is that development follows infrastructure, including roads.

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee believes that prioritizing these road projects would encourage residential, commercial, and industrial growth within the Economic Corridor, which ultimately should lead to increased tax revenues by growing the tax base without having to raise tax rates; and

WHEREAS, additional advantages to these road projects would include increased access to Interstate 12 and Highway 190 for citizens who travel north and south upon those major roadways, whereby relieving congestion along existing arterial roadways, and ultimately decreasing response times for law enforcement and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee chairman did meet with various municipal, parish and political leaders and obtained knowledge and recommendations of furthering the proposed prioritized road list with additional considerations;

WHEREAS, the following road projects listed were compiled after receiving input from committee members, the mayors of Albany, Livingston, Walker, and Denham Springs, and the Livingston Parish President and were given a further prioritized list;

WHEREAS, this list of recommendations being attached and known as "Exhibit A", submitted by the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review and the aforementioned elected officials who have identified road projects within the Economic Corridor to prioritize has been evaluated and reviewed by the members of the Livingston Parish Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish Council wishes to vote in support and favor of this list known as "EXHIBIT A" and does hereby acknowledge that said list should continually be evaluated in relation to any changing circumstances.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sandy C. Teal, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Council Clerk of the Livingston Parish Council, State of Louisiana. I hereby further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Motion adopted by the Livingston Parish Council at a regular meeting held on December 19, 2019 and then said resolution was ratified again on April 22, 2021 in which meeting a quorum was present.

WITNESS MY official signature and seal of office at Livingston, Louisiana, this the 22nd day of April 2021.

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk
Livingston Parish Council

"EXHIBIT A"

Preliminary Road Priority List for The Economic Corridor

- 1. Cook Road Extension**
A. Four Lane new road from Louisiana Highway 16 to Juban Crossing Development. 100% funded from state funds and local parish match funds.
B. Tentative Right of way acquisition completion date December 2019.
C. Tentative Construction start date December 2020.
- 2. Juban Road Extension**
Louisiana Highway 190 to Lockhart Road (Louisiana Highway 1026) distance 1.2 miles.
A. Engineering design 100% complete
B. Wetlands determination 100% complete
C. Feasibility Study 100% completed
- 3. Florida Boulevard - Four Lanes from Louisiana Highway 16 - Hatchell Lane to Juban Road.**
Approximately 1.4 miles.
- 4. Florida Boulevard - Four lanes from Juban Road to Burgess Avenue**
Approximately .7 miles.
- 5. Florida Boulevard - Four Lanes from Burgess Ave. to Pendarvis Lane.**
Approximately .9 miles.
- 6. Florida Boulevard - Four lanes from Pendarvis Lane to Hwy 447 in Walker.**
Approximately 1.6 miles. Total all four = 4.6 miles
- 7. Install Round-a-Bout south of I-12 in Livingston.**
- 8. Four lane Louisiana Highway 63 south of I-12 in Livingston to Oliver Wheat Road. (Epic Pipe)**
Approximately .8 miles.
A. Four Lane Hwy 63 north of I-12 to Louisiana Highway 190.
B. Add four lane Round-a-Bout north of I-12 on Louisiana Highway 63.
- 9. Four Lane Louisiana Highway 43 from I-12 to Louisiana Highway 190 in Albany.**
Approximately 1.4 miles.
Four Lane Round-a-Bout north of I-12 in Albany.
- 10. Four lane Louisiana Highway 447 in Walker south of I-12 to Buddy Ellis Road.**
Approximately .8 miles.
A. Widen Overpass @ I-12 to four lanes.
B. Add four lane Round-a-Bout at Hwy 447 and Buddy Ellis Road.
- 11. Four lane Juban Road south of I-12 to Brown Road.**
Approximately 1.3 miles.
- 12. Four lane Demco Road in Denham Springs from Louisiana Highway 16 at Intersection of Cook Road to Range Avenue** Approximately 4 miles.
A. Add Round-a-Bout at Cook Road and Hwy 16.
- 13. New I-12 Interchange at Hwy 449 in Walker plus four lane connecting road to Louisiana Highway 190 at Louisiana Highway 449 Intersection.**
Approximately 1.6 miles.
- 14. New Round-a-Bout@ Louisiana Highway 190 and Woodside Landfill Entrance.**

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Requested waiver of Chapter 125, Subdivision Regulations, Section 125-1, "Definitions", to allow Heather Bourdeau (daughter) to live in a travel trailer located on Robert and Elaine Bourdeau's property addressed at 23725 LA Highway 442, Independence (between Pea Ridge and Ernest Stillely) in Council District 9", and called upon Councilman Shane Mack.

The chair asked Councilman Mack if he would be making a motion for the waiver to have a limited time, or if he wished to make a motion for in perpetuity? The chair questioned what Councilman Mack's wishes would be for this agenda item.

Councilman Shane Mack stated that they would need a significant amount of time for the waiver to be in place.

The chair asked if this would be a temporary home or Ms. Heather Bourdeau's permanent home. Councilman Mack responded and advised that this would be temporary home until she could afford to purchase a mobile home and suggested that the Council members allow a twenty-four (24) month time limit for the waiver.

LPR NO. 21-136

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to approve the requested waiver of Chapter 125, Subdivision Regulations, Section 125-1, "Definitions", to allow Heather Bourdeau (daughter) to live in a travel trailer located on Robert and Elaine Bourdeau's property (her parents); property addressed at 23725 LA Highway 442, Independence (between Pea Ridge and Ernest Stillely) in Council District 9", for a limited time period of twenty-four (24) months.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Adopt resolution to name an unnamed forty (40') servitude, "Stewart Hill Lane", located off of Dan Pierson Road in Council District 9", and called upon Councilman Shane Mack.

Councilman Mack advised that he was contacted by a constituent who wished to name an unknown road, Stewart Hill Lane, and upon contacting the Permit office, he explained that there was no other road in Livingston Parish named Stewart Hill Lane, but they do have a subdivision located in his district named Stewart Hills Subdivision. There were no other roads or addresses in the subdivision that were duplicated and he would like to make the motion to allow this unknown road to be named "Stewart Hill Lane".

The chair questioned if 911 had approved the road name. Councilman Mack suggested that they talk about that. Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse requested if they could approve the road name and then send it to 911 for approval. The chair stated that technically, it is submitted prior to coming to the Council for approval. The chair stated that if the Council wishes were that they could approve, but it still needed 911 approval. If the 911 office rejects the name, then they would need to come back and address it. The chair questioned Mr. Mack if there was an alternate name if it would be rejected. Councilman Mack stated that there was no alternate name. He explained that the Permit office had rejected this name.

The Building and Permit Director, Ms. DeeDee Delatte was in the audience and wished to address the Council members. She explained that the Permit office approves road names, and although there is a subdivision similar to the name that was requested, there are no road names for 911. The chair questioned if the Permit office would be good with the name. Ms. Delatte confirmed that she would allow the road name of "Stewart Hill Lane" and would send a letter with the road name approval. She explained that it would be different municipal numbers than what the subdivision had and would not be duplicated. The chair inquired if Ms. Delatte would be okay with it, and she answered in the affirmative.

LPR NO. 21-137

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to approve the requested name on the road petition of "Stewart Hill Lane" located off of Dan Pierson Road in Council District 9.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

Councilman Randy Delatte left the Council chambers at the minute mark of 43:44 and did not return.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, "Board (re)appointments/resignation(s)", and called on Councilman Gerald McMorris to address item number 16a, "Master Plan Review Committee".

Councilman McMorris advised that he wished to remove Kevin Hill from the Master Plan Review Committee and wished to replace his appointment with Derek Babcock.

LPR NO. 21-138

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by R.C "Bubba" Harris to remove Kevin Hill from the Master Plan Review Committee and replace him with Derek Babcock (Council District 6) to serve at the pleasure of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. DELATTE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda number 16b, "Gravity Drainage District No. 8", and called upon Councilman Shane Mack.

Councilman Mack stated that the Council members needed to appoint board members to the newly created Gravity Drainage District 8. He acknowledged that it was the Council's wishes to appoint four (4) of the Council members who served with that Gravity Drainage District boundary. He named Councilman Jeff Ard, Councilman Shane Mack, Councilman Gerald McMorris and Councilman Randy Delatte as those members to be appointed to the board. He stated that they would need a fifth member and they would be appointed at a different date.

LPR NO. 21-139

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to appoint the following Council members as board members to serve as mandated in Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1759(A) of the newly created Gravity Drainage District No. 8:

Councilman Jeff Ard Term will expire on April 8, 2023 (two years)
Councilman Shane Mack Term will expire on April 8, 2023 (two years)
Councilman Gerald McMorris Term will expire on April 8, 2025 (four years)
Councilman Randy Delatte Term will expire on April 8, 2025 (four years)

The remaining member to be appointed will serve a term of four (4) years and all five (5) appointments thereafter will be for a term of four (4) years.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16c, "Recreation District No. 5", and called upon Councilman Gerald McMorris.

Councilman McMorris explained that Cole Meyers had submitted his resignation letter as a board member Recreation District No. 5 South and that he wished to appoint Mr. Percy Elder to serve out the remainder of the term of that board appointment.

LPR NO. 21-140

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to accept the resignation letter of Cole Meyers, effective date of Monday, April 12, 2021 from Recreation District No. 5 South and appoint Percy Elder to serve out the remainder of his term that will expire on May 1, 2024.

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. HARRIS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. DELATTE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17a, "Committee Reports: Ordinance Committee", and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Girlinghouse stated that he was unable to attend the previously scheduled Ordinance committee and wished to defer to Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen, committee vice-chair, who served as the presiding officer of that meeting. Councilman Keen advised that the committee discussed two (2) ordinances, one was for Gravity One that had been asked by them to introduce that evening and was a mitigation ordinance.

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

L.P. ORDINANCE 21-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, BY ADDING SECTION 125-33, "PLACEMENT OF FILE," AS FOLLOWS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair explained the need to set the public hearing for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m.

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the next proposed ordinance to be introduced that came from the Ordinance committee.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

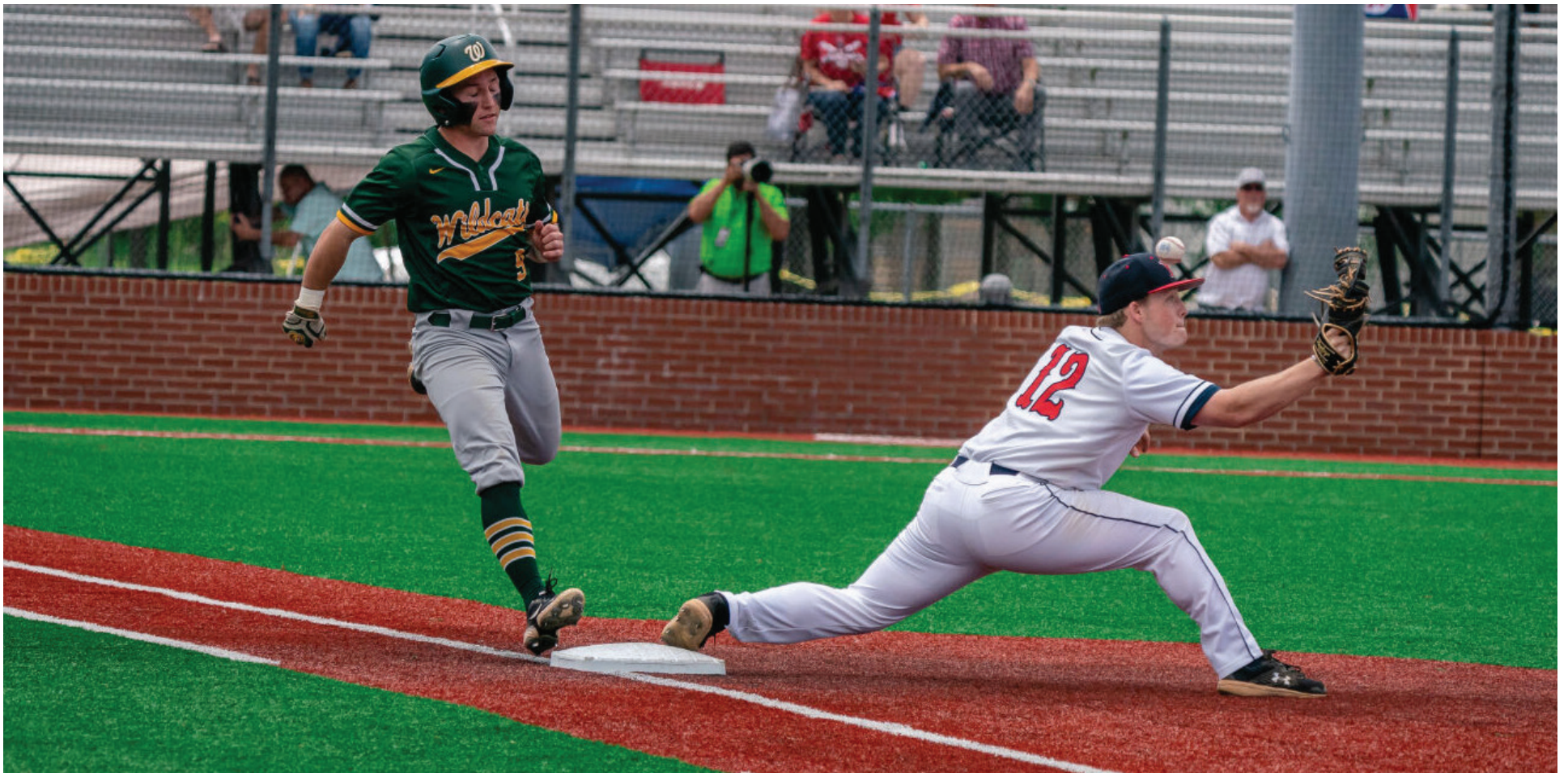
L.P. ORDINANCE 21-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTIONS 125-6, "SALE, ETC., PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PLAT.", 125-9, "SUBMITTALS.", 125-12, "REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR SUBDIVISIONS." AS FOLLOWS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

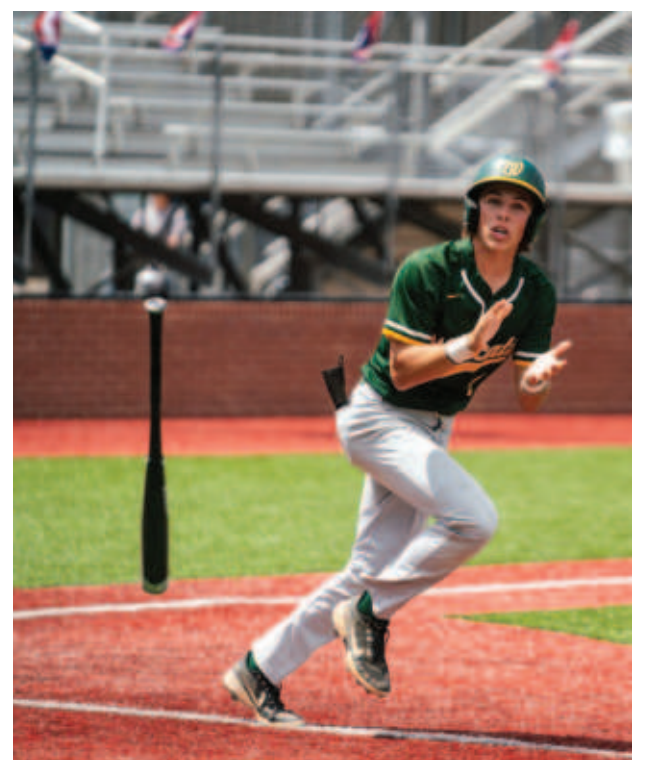
The chair addressed agenda item number 17b, "Finance committee", and inquired who had conducted the Finance committee in the absence of Councilman Jeff Ard, committee chairman.

Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen advised that he had been the presiding officer of their recent Finance committee and explained that Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director, had met with the committee. She informed the committee members that the sales tax collections were doing very well. Mr.



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Walker's Camden Carver reaches on an error at first base in the first inning of Thursday's semifinal game against West Monroe. Carver scored the Wildcats' only run of the game later in the inning.



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Top left, Doyle's Tyson Stewart waits on the ball while attempting to tag out a Rosepine baserunner. Top right, Doyle catcher Luke LeBourgeois. Above left, Walker's Cameron Crow runs to first base against West Monroe. Above right, Walker's Grant Edwards encourages the dugout.

CHEAP SEATS: WILDCATS, TIGERS MAKE MEMORIES IN SULPHUR

FROM 15

For Doyle, the goal was simple – state title or bust.

In 2019, the Tigers felt the sting of losing in the championship game to Kinder with a core group of sophomores forming the nucleus of the team.

That loss served as a springboard for the team last season as it started 8-0 before COVID-19 halted the spring sports season and left everyone wondering what might have been.

It was a missed opportunity for the Tigers, but it was also more motivation heading into this season, and they responded, especially when the playoffs rolled around.

How many teams can say they started their playoff runs with consecutive perfect games?

Doyle did it, with Andrew Yuratich, Logan Turner and Braden McLin combining for one in an 8-0 win over Oakdale in the first round, and Yuratich striking out 17 in a 6-0 win over Pine to open the regional series.

The biggest hurdle may have come from Kinder, which Doyle swept while getting 12 hits combined in the series. The key for the Tigers was putting the ball in play and taking advantage of miscues to score.

The formula changed in the semifinal win over Loreauville, which snapped a 50-inning scoreless streak for the Tigers, who got a three-run double from Tyson Stewart and a three-run home run from Abedn Kennedy in an 11-1 win.

That tie hit didn't materialize in a 1-0

loss to Rosepine in the championship game, but that doesn't mean it wasn't a fantastic game.

Yuratich started his second straight game in the state tournament and took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before Rosepine used two hits – a double and a single – to lead off the sixth inning, resulting in the game's only run.

Meanwhile, Walker's road to the state tournament also began a few years ago but under decidedly different circumstances, with the team's core group of seniors this season taking its share of lumps during summer ball as sophomores as the Wildcats made the playoffs in 2019 as the No. 29 seed after going 11-21 before losing to Zachary in the first round.

The Wildcats started last season 12-3 before the COVID-19 shutdown but carried things over into summer ball, notching 13 wins in 34 games against top-tier competition.

There's no doubt that helped this season, with Walker earning the No. 6 seed in the Class 5A playoffs while opening the postseason with a 5-0 win over Destrehan. Walker dropped the first of its series with West Ouachita but came back to take two games before sweeping New Iberia in two games to make the state tournament.

For Walker, the playoff run was about finding a way to win. Against Destrehan, it was a five-run fifth inning in a 5-0 win.

Walker also relied on solid pitching from several players, with Grant Edwards and Caleb Webb anchoring the staff, but in the series-clinching win over New Iberia the pair did damage at the plate. with Edwards

getting a two-run triple and Webb a three-run home run in a 10-1 win.

Webb got the starting nod in the semifinal game against West Monroe and threw a complete game in a 3-1 loss as all the scoring took place in the first inning.

Walker had a final chance to put a rally together in the seventh inning against West Monroe after Spencer Murray got a one-out double, but an over-the-shoulder catch by right fielder Kade Pittard gave the Rebels the second out before ending it.

Does that mean the Wildcats didn't play their tails off? No. Sometimes it just goes back to adage of 'That's baseball.' In this case, that may be the best way to describe the last games of the season for Doyle and Walker.

In Doyle's case, LSU signee Ethan Frey struck out 12, including some of the Tigers' top hitters in potential scoring situations.

The bottom line is the final two games of both of the final games Doyle and Walker played in this season was some of the best baseball of the season, and that's the way it should be at the state tournament.

That likely doesn't make either team feel any better about the outcome of their respective games, especially for seniors on both teams.

One of the most memorable images of the tournament was of Doyle's Kody Mitchell standing near third base watching the celebration across the field near the Rospine dugout at the conclusion of the Class 2A championship game.

It was a reminder that these teams, in these incarnations, will never take the field together again, but what these athletes do

have is memories from the state tournament that won't soon fade.

It's going to sting for a while, but coaches for both teams noted the roles their senior classes played in laying the groundwork for future teams.

"This was a great group of kids," Doyle coach Tim Beatty said. "We knew they were going to be a special bunch when they first came into the program. I preach 'hey man, good things happen to good people.' That's my big motto. We've done it the right way. They've done it the right way. It's a shame that ended (Friday), but hey, if it's got to end sometime, it might as well be (Friday) if it's going to end. We hate for it to happen, but I'm super proud of them, that's all I can say. First-class group of kids. First-class group of parents. We've got a principal (Lance Dawsey) that's been our support. We needed two runs. We needed two runs to make it happen. Moving forward, you're going to see a lot of new faces this year because these guys have been a staple for our team the last four years."

"I think it's set a new standard," Walker coach Randy Sandifer said. "I think the last two or three weeks have kind of shown the players and coaches what we're capable of, what we should start expecting in the future. I think Monday in freshman tryouts (we know) the type players we're going to be looking for in the future because I think we have a better understanding now of exactly what it takes to get here and the level of play you're going to have to play with to advance even to the second game when you get here."