

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 10, "Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness" and called upon Mark Harrell, Director. Mr. Harrell explained his agenda items and answered questions from the Councilmembers.

LPR NO. 17-374
MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by John Wascom to approve and authorize the Parish President to sign an agreement allowing Glasaway Gasway Bankston Architects to provide the Architectural/Engineering Services for the Town of Walker Community Safe Room project pursuant to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Number 1786-063-0016-Livingston Parish.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 17-375
MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to approve and authorize the Waterway Debris Cleanup Project and authorize funding in the amount of three hundred fifty-four thousand one hundred sixteen dollars (\$354,116.00) to fund the ten percent (10%) cost share associated with said Waterway Debris Project, the remaining ninety percent (90%) will be funded by the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

- Waterway Debris Cleanup Project:
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-101 West Calvee Creek - Hood Road to East Calvee Creek
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-102 West Calvee Creek - Buddy Hills to Hood Road
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-103 Tickfaw River - State Park to Louisiana Highway 42
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-104 Tickfaw River - Louisiana Highway 42 to Louisiana Highway 1
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-105 Tickfaw River - Louisiana Highway 442 to Louisiana Highway 1
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-106 Tickfaw River - Louisiana Highway 442 to the Parish Line
• Damage Survey Report 063-16-107 Lower Natabany

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NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Mr. Harrell was asked to address the waterways that the project would include. He advised that they would include:
• West Calvee, from the Bay to Buddy Hills
• Natabany, from Louisiana State Highway 22 to the interstate
• Tickfaw River, from the State Park to the St. Helena line

Mr. Harrell gave a brief report on his meeting with FEMA concerning temporary housing from the August 2016 Flood event and a possible ninety (90) day extension. The chair allowed a lengthy open discussion.

The chair addressed agenda item 11, "Establish Revocation Procedure for Streets, Quietlains, Servitudes and Rights-Of-Way, Introduction of ordinance" and called upon Councilman Shane Mack who explained the need for the ordinance.

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

LIVINGSTON PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 17-43

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," BY ADDING SECTION 13-3, "STREETS, QUIETLAINS, SERVITUDE AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY REVOCATION PROCEDURES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

LPR NO. 17-376
MOTION was offered by Shane Mack and duly seconded by John Wascom to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 12, "Amendment(s) Section 13-49.6 "Requirements for Minor Subdivisions", Introduction of ordinance" and called upon Councilman Shane Mack who requested that this item be deferred until the November 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Council.

LPR NO. 17-377
MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by John Wascom to reappoint Jane Dully Sullivan (resident of Council District 9), Raymond Addison (resident of Council District 9), and Don Kinchen (resident of Council District 9) to Fire Protection District No. 11, two (2) year terms to expire on November 10, 2019.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 17-378
MOTION was made by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to reappoint Debbie Henson (resident of Council District 2) to the Livingston Parish Library Board, five (5) year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 17-379
MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to approve the following:

Requests for waiver(s) intended for the allowance of permitting due to the restrictions of L.P. No. 17-22, "Section 13-46.1, Prohibitions and Restrictions of Use" for mobile/manufactured homes to be placed in a named subdivision for the intent of onsite, custom built, single family homes:

- Shadow Lake Estates
Benjamin Bridges - Councilman Shane Mack, District 9
28224 Shadow Lake Drive
Holden, LA 70744

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 17, "Discussion of Gravity Drainage 6 and Gravity Drainage 7 Tax Proposals" and allowed Councilmen Jeff Ard, Tab Lobell, and Shane Mack to explain in detail the importance of the tax proposals. Councilman R.C. "Hubba" Harris communicated questions that he had been addressing about these tax proposals, and explained how the Gravity Drainage District in his area worked. Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert also explained his experiences with the Gravity Drainage District in his area and encouraged his support of the tax proposals. Councilman John Wascom also discussed his knowledge of the success of Gravity Districts and how they work. Councilman Tracy (Girlinghouse) expressed his support and encouraged the public to review and look at areas in the Parish that have Gravity Drainage Districts and evaluate their successes.

The chair addressed agenda item 18, "District Attorney Report(s)". Mr. Christopher Moody advised that he did not have anything to report at this time.

The chair addressed agenda item 19a, "Ordinance Committee - Shane Mack, Chair" and called upon Councilman Shane Mack.

Councilman Shane Mack advised of proposed ordinance recommendations regarding the pond ordinance and the minor subdivision ordinance. He indicated that the pond ordinance would be addressed at the December 14, 2017 Council meeting and the minor subdivision ordinance would be brought up on the November 21, 2017 meeting agenda.

The chair called upon Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert to address agenda item 19b, "Finance Committee - Garry "Frog" Talbert". Councilman Talbert advised that the committee met earlier and discussed capital improvements, state and federal revenue that was in the General Fund, had questions answered, and would be meeting again on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 to look at final numbers on the proposed budget and amendments. He advised that the proposed 2017 Budget Amendments 2018 Budget ordinance would be recommended for introduction at the next Council meeting on November 21, 2017, to be adopted on December 14, 2017.

Councilman comments:

- Councilman John Wascom acknowledged former mayor of Walker, Travis Clark, in the audience.
• Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert desired to wish all five (5) Parish football teams good luck in their upcoming games. He also commended Live Oak High School for their ranking as fifth in the state of Louisiana.

Having no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 17-380
MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to adjourn the November 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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The Board of Commissioners certifies that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (as per LA RS 39:1306D).

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WARD 2 WATER DISTRICT OF LIVINGSTON PARISH WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, 7:00 PM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE 2018 YEAR. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON CARTER DRIVE IN DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.

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LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT 2 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017, 6:30 AM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE 2018 YEAR. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT 8639 Springfield Road, Watson, LA.

THE 2018 BUDGET TOTALS \$1,150,750.00 REFLECTING ALLOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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Following the hearing, at 6:30 p.m. a meeting of the Recreation Board will be held at this meeting, the entire proposed budget FYE December 31, 2018, and the amendments to the budget FYE December 31, 2017, will be adopted by the Board.

A summary of the entire budget FYE December 31, 2018, and the amendments to the budget FYE December 31, 2017, will be available at the Livingston Municipal Building, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, and all interested persons may inspect these documents between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The elderly and handicapped are urged to attend.

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THE 2018 BUDGET TOTALS \$4,180,000.00 REFLECTING ALLOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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THE 2018 BUDGET TOTALS \$2,619,900.00 REFLECTING ALLOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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Mack seeks another shot at drainage

By John Dupont
 The Livingston Parish News
LIVINGSTON — A supporter of the gravity drainage district tax proposals which failed on the Nov. 18 ballot said he is open to another try, but with a revamped approach and a different package.

The early plan would involve consolidation of Drainage Districts 6 and 7, District 9 Livingston Parish Councilman Shane Mack said. "It would give us a bigger voice, and I want to work with the constituents to develop a business plan and do it in enough time to get it right," he said. "We'd develop a plan, determine how much funding is needed and then decide what millage or

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE

MORGAN PREWITT | THE NEWS
 Holiday decorations surround customers waiting in long lines to check out during Bass Pro Shops' Black Friday sale on Nov. 24.

BLACK FRIDAY, SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY CALLED A "SUCCESS" BY LOCAL MERCHANTS

By John Dupont
 The Livingston Parish News
DENHAM SPRINGS — The early start on Black Friday has been a tradition for Denham Springs resident Kelli Joyner, but now she partakes in the ritual much closer to home.

Joyner was among a large crowd of who braved cold temperatures Thursday night, Nov. 23, at Juban Crossing for the early start for Black Friday.

Roughly three-quarters of the retail stores opened Thanksgiving night to give customers an early jump on the

crowd. "It's a shame to make people work on Thanksgiving, but at the same time I love coming here to get an early start," said Joyner, who lugged several bags of sales items out of Belk Department Store. "It's much easier, much more pleasant and much safer than what we usually go through when we shop in Baton Rouge — and without all the traffic."

While more Livingston Parish residents have opted to stay away from the Mall of Louisiana and big-box retailers in Baton Rouge, some residents from the

Capital City have ventured across the Amite River for the convenience.

Baton Rouge resident Nancy Do said the easy proximity to Interstate 12 — and less traffic — have made Juban Crossing more attractive for her.

"From where I live in Baton Rouge, it's also the same distance, she said. "I've come here the last three years, and I find it so much nicer than what I see in the malls."

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Fire District 5 asking for residents' help

By John Dupont
 The Livingston Parish News
DENHAM SPRINGS — Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 5 hopes for a little help from its friends over the next few weeks.

Residents and businesses in the fire district will receive donation requests in the mail, beginning Thursday, Nov. 30.

A significant drop in revenue, coupled with rising costs of opera-

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JOHN DUPONT | THE NEWS

The annual donation drive for Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 5 resumes after cancellation of the 2016 drive in the wake of the 2016 flood. The station on Myers Road near Lockhart Road sustained damages in the flood, and has operated from a trailer for the past year.

Sales taxes up slightly, matches '16

By Kevin Fambrough
 The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — As Livingston Parish, and public agencies and municipalities that count on sales taxes, prepare for the holiday shopping season, the Great Flood of 2016 is still affecting the tax numbers.

For October, the Livingston Parish School Board Sales Tax Office reported that the 17 public bodies and agencies it tracks generated \$8,806,073 in sales taxes.

This is \$509,692 more than the \$8,296,381 generated in September.

This is the third straight month of increases in sales taxes, good news.

But when compared to the tax numbers for October 2016, two months after the floodwaters rolled over Livingston Parish, the numbers appear in decline.

From example, when the parish tax total in October is compared to the taxes reported in October 2016, the \$8.8 million is a decline of 25 percent.

October 2016, fueled by spending that focused on home repairs, brought in \$11,671,236.

But after the first four months of the 2016-17 fiscal year, the total sales tax collected is actually 0.2 percent above the same period of each

BY THE NUMBERS

\$8.8M
 October 2017 tax total

\$8.2M
 October 2016 tax total

\$500K
 Increase in sales taxes

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Brown water still on tap



NEWS FILE PHOTO

Charity Bankston stands beside her pool in Albany in June. Despite treating fresh water with chemicals, the water remained visibly dark in color.

By Kevin Fambrough
 The Livingston Parish News

ALBANY — Six months after asking public officials for help, residents of an Albany subdivision say they are still having problem with their water.

Calvin Bankston said the water that comes out "looks like tea."

"It's just a continuation. Nothing has been done about it," said Bankston, a resident of Dawson Lane in Whispering Willows Subdivision.

The subdivision, approximately one mile south of Interstate 12

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"This is the small business world" Antique Village buzzes with activity, shoppers on Small Business Saturday

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European Wax Center opens Juban Crossing center

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News DENHAM SPRINGS — Melissa O'Connor didn't just decide to start a new business.

The manager of the European Wax Center, located in Suite 320 and Juban Crossing, worked for the center at its Baton Rouge location, which convinced her.

Two years ago, O'Connor met the people who opened a store on Highland Road and she worked there two to three days a week, she said.

"In a month, I loved it. I loved the company," O'Connor said. "It was very professional and the product line was amazing."

"I take what I learned in swimming and put into this," said O'Connor, who coached swimming for 22 years.

First, it was to find a good site. O'Connor said she looked at Lake Charles, Lafayette and Baton Rouge before choosing Juban Crossing.

With a daughter



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Above: European Wax Center at Juban Crossing offers its own skin care line. Left: Taking part in the ribbon-cutting were, from left, Cheryl Reid, Carnece Bell, assistant manager Robyn Francis, manager Melissa O'Connor, center manager Ariel Bernard and Emily Phillips.

living in the Denham Springs area, she was familiar with Livingston Parish.

"I liked the community. The community was so helpful, getting the permits and leasing," she said.

Since opening, she described the reception as "really going good."

European Wax Center took part in the Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event — "The turnout was huge" — to meet the community.

European Wax Center focuses on skin care and waxing, she said, offering services for women "from head to toe" and for men,

"except for the briefs area."

"Fifty percent of our guests are men," O'Connor said.

European Wax Center offers its own skin-care products line that involved "a lot of time and money spent in research to develop the products," O'Connor said.

One of the best-selling products is for ingrown hairs, she said.

This has been popular with men taking care of ingrown hairs in the neck area, she said.

Another area the center focuses on is eye-brows and browliners, O'Connor said.

Browliners have been light in color, but a new bronze line for dark-complexioned women is becoming popular, she said.

The center has its own exclusive line of wax, assistant manager Ariel Bernard said. The shapeless wax can be molded to the skin and peels off with less painful, she said.

Strut 365 is the center's product portfolio of three collections that address ingrown hairs, nonabrasive exfoliant and skin care, she said.

European Wax Center is selling "wax passes," buy nine visits and get three more for free. The

passes never expire, O'Connor said.

"It could take you two years to use them all," she said.

The staff providing waxing services are constantly re-training, she added.

"They must know the products, what it's used for and why it is good for the skin," O'Connor said.

The staff now includes 13, but as their customer base grows, they could add up to seven more employees in the next three months, O'Connor said.

European Wax Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through

Friday and 8 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday.

Walk-ins are welcome, but a reservation appointment is recommended to avoid waiting, she said.

Appointments can be booked through its website, O'Connor said, and clients can sign up for the rewards program.

Its referral program offers a \$10 credit for products or services for referring a guest, she said.

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Fire Protection District 5 unveils app, first in Louisiana

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News DENHAM SPRINGS — Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 5 may not represent a metropolitan area, but it can stake claim as the first in Louisiana to move one step further into the digital age.

The fire district recently became the first in the state to offer an app for Apple and Android cellphones and notebooks.

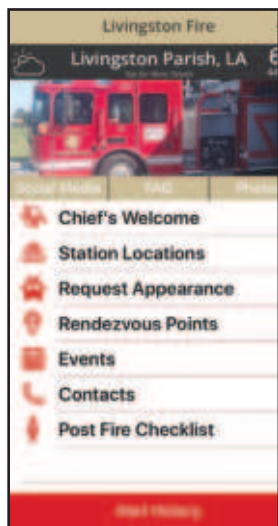
The app provides alerts on fires, weather, water levels and emergency-related issues. It also lists the fire stations.

The department paid \$2,000 for the app. It will also pay \$2,000 a year for maintenance. "It's been in the works for about six months and active for about a month," said Fire Chief Joe Kocrowski.

"We've spent the last six months, but it took us a while to get it to where it was user-friendly for us."

A mailout about app design started the legwork for Kocrowski to seek the setup of the app.

It seemed like the right time to move forward with it, he said.



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The newly released app for Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 5 is available for Apple and Android devices.

"The benefits far outweighed the costs," Kocrowski said.

"Keeping the people informed is the most important thing."

"The flood was the eye-opener for everyone, especially when AT&T went down," he said.

"It's not just based on our district. I want to base it in this whole area, so when storms come up, everyone will be informed."

The map pulls up locations of all fire stations.

The app will list

alerts of road closures, safe-point areas (such as the old Albertson's location), fire departments in the districts and a list of contacts from the fire district.

In emergency events, the app will provide subscribers with information on access to emergency services, sandbag distribution, wrecks and road closures.

Contacts bring email addresses, phone numbers and other information for each full-time employee.

One button provides links for contacts or an emergency will lead the user directly to 911, Kocrowski said.

"We are the only fire department in the state with this app ... nobody has it," he said. "We pride ourselves on being on the cutting edge."

"You may not know it from walking into our buildings, but we're a million-dollar department," Kocrowski said.

The app also includes information about upcoming events, such as the Santa Claus appearances throughout the coming weeks for the Christmas season.

Help needed with revenue reduced

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tion and maintenance, bring an additional sense of urgency to the annual \$32 donation request, Fire Chief Joe Kocrowski said.

"We're short on our budget at the same time costs continue to rise," he said. "Whether it's \$32 or \$5, every bit helps."

Reduction on assessed values of property Livingston Parish Assessor Jeff Taylor implemented after the Great Flood of 2016 will result in \$60,000 less for District 5 in 2018, Kocrowski said.

The chief said he understands the recovery is far from over, but the district needs the help to continue the same quality of service in a growing area.

"We realize a lot of people are rebuilding," he said. "Some of our firefighters are still trying to get back into their homes, and I'm just moving back in myself."

"On top of that, we're still awaiting funding to rebuild our station off Lockhart Road," Kocrowski said.

District 5 operates four stations and covers 27 square miles. The department is comprised of volunteers and full-time and part-time firefighters.

"We have five full-time firefighters who do a great job, but without the help of volunteers we'd have nothing," he said.

The donations help with maintenance and purchase of equipment.

"We recently had to change 10 tires on one of our units — and that alone cost \$7,000," Kocrowski said.

The rising premiums for health insurance — only allowed for its five full-time employees — have taken a bite out of the district funds.

The costs of equipping a volunteer firefighter with a hood, jacket and gloves runs around \$3,500.

The district also operated with 4 percent less money because of a state cut in revenue-sharing implemented by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

The state cuts cost District 5 more than \$20,000 in 2016.

District 5 took an additional hit in 2017 when its board opted out of sending the fund request originally scheduled for December 2016.

"We didn't do it last year because we didn't think it was right to send them out in the recovery," he said.

District 5 still received \$2,000 in donation, despite the cancellation of the drive.

The donations help with morale as well as funding, Kocrowski said.

"As nice as the donations are, some people write a note as well and thank us for things like taking care of their father or helping out in a car wreck," he said. "The letters of gratitude mean a lot to our department."

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The Walker City Council approved the promotions of three police officers. From left, with their new rank, are Sgt. Clint Walker, Cpl. Egan Carroll and Sgt. Laura Jenkins.



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The Walker City Council approved the hirings of three new officers. From left are Doug Mincin, Scott Glenn and Robert Butler. Mincin and Glenn were approved as full-time officers and Butler as a reserve officer.

Walker council OKs 3 police promotions, 3 hirings

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

WALKER — The Walker City Council approved the promotion of three officers in the Police Department and the hiring of two full-time and one reserve officer at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Cpl. Laura Jenkins and Cpl. Clint Walker were promoted to sergeants and Officer Egan Carroll was promoted to corporal.

Scott Glenn and Douglas Mincin were approved as full-time officers and Robert Butler was approved as a reserve officer.

Police Chief David Addison had Assistant Chief Kenneth Black and operations Lt. Deontony Williams introduce the officers and applicants, respectively, then they were allowed to address the council.

Cpl. Laura Jenkins has worked with the Police Department for 15 years, first as secretary to the chief before becoming a reserve officer in 2003.

She has served as the school resource officer and after graduating from the POST acad-

emy, she was put in charge of evidence and crime scenes.

She was promoted to corporal and directed the Cadet Program from 2006-15. In August, she transferred back to the Uniform Patrol Division.

“She has more experience than I do,” said Williams, who introduced Jenkins to the council.

“She has been doing the job already and has exceeded my expectations,” he said.

“Walker is my community,” said Jenkins, who graduated from Walker High. “I’ve had some great mentors and want to continue to serve the community.”

Cpl. Clint Walker has worked with the Police Department for 7 years. He previously worked for the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office for three years and the Lake Charles Police Department for one year.

He retired as a gunnery sergeant after 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Officer Egan Carroll has worked for the Police Department for three years and is the

department chaplain. He began as a reserve officer in 2014 and became full-time in October 2015.

He has prior experience with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office, and holds a master of arts degree in marriage/family counseling from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Glenn lives in Hammond and has worked for the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office for the past 1½ years. In 2008-09, he worked for the Walker Police Department.

He has also worked for the Acadia Police Department and Homer Police Department. He also has spent 10 years with Fire Protection District 4 and is a part-time firefighter with the district now.

Mincin lives in Livingston and has worked for the Livingston Police Department for the past seven years. He also worked for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office for seven years.

Butler has lived in Walker since 1988. He has served as a mili-

tary police officer in the U.S. Army and worked with the Walker Police Department as a reserve officer in 2010-11.

He retired after 18 years as an engineering projects manager with Jacobs Engineering Co.

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Albany family says it is spending \$30 a month on bottled water

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off La. 43, has had problems for years with water having an orange/brownish color.

“They said they can run something through the pipes but it would make it worse for a while,” Bankston said about the French Settlement Water Co., of Baton Rouge, which supplies their water.

“I could live without water for a week if it would get the problem fixed,” he said.

“If they had run it through the pipes in June, it could be fixed by now.”

“They say they keep opening the valve and flushing the system, but we still have this problem three times a month,” Bankston said.

“I ain’t about to drink it,” he said.

“People came out here and would tell us

‘I could live without water for a week if it would get the problem fixed.’

Calvin Bankston

Dawson Lane resident of Albany

it’s safe to drink, safe to drink. I told them to drink it and they said no.

“But they expect us to keep paying our water bill.”

Bankston’s monthly bill is \$20, but he said he spends \$30 bottled Kentwood water for drinking and cooking purposes.

The problem has existed for more a long time, Bankston said.

He said he finally got fed up in June and began contacting his parish councilman, state representative and the news media to get help.

“They keep telling us to document it, document it, document it,” he said.

Billy Edrington, president of French Settlement Water Co., has said the water supply is safe.

The water comes through a 4-inch water main that runs from Springfield, about six miles southeast of Whispering Willows, he has said.

Bankston said if he tells the water company he would refuse to pay his water bill until the problem is fixed, the company could just come out and cut off his water.

In June, Bankston and his wife, Charity, filled up their 5-foot above-ground pool, but the water went from clear to brown within a

week, they said.

Bankston said then that he used pool salt and chemicals to treat it without success because of what he said were “high levels of copper and iron.”

“If you run a bathtub full and let it sit, you would see what is in it,” Bankston said. “You would see it settle to the bottom.

“If you drained the water, you would have to re-rinse the tub to get it out,” he said.

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Council on Aging buys first building in Livingston

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — Sarah Easterly got a text around 7:30 a.m. one day in September.

The text came from Bridget Maher, manager of the Council on Aging meal site in Livingston, who sent Easterly a picture of a building that had just been put up for sale.

The building, located across the street from the old courthouse, didn't stay on the market long.

"We scooped it up," said Easterly, chairwoman of the board of the Livingston Parish Council on Aging.

After a five-week remodel, the new center is almost ready.

The Livingston Parish Council on Aging, comprised of four meal sites across the parish, recently purchased its first building and will open it up to senior citizens beginning Friday, Dec. 1.

The 2,500-square-foot facility, at 20170 Ohio St. in Livingston, will replace the previous meal site down the road at the Mission of the Sacred Heart, which has allowed the COA to use its facilities free of charge since 2006.

Kay Granger, executive director of the Council on Aging, said the Livingston site started off with just 20 people but has grown since the Great Flood of



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Left: The new meal site for the Livingston Council on Aging will have 2,500 square feet and include a cafeteria, craft/exercise room and an office. Above: The Council on Aging coordinates four meal sites across the parish. It recently purchased its first building and will open it up to senior citizens beginning on Friday, Dec. 1.

2016 to about 60 daily.

When the new center opens, she's hoping to be able to serve between 80-125 every day.

"They were elbow to elbow in there," Granger said. "This new building will be a lot bigger than they had before."

The building, which was purchased for \$150,000, has undergone extensive renovations since it was bought in September.

All the floors were replaced, nearly all of the walls were ripped down to create more space, six columns were installed for roof support, new doors and trim were added, and a

new awning was put in front.

COA also installed two more bathrooms, giving seniors four at the new facility, as well as LED lights in the ceilings, which were all completely stripped of their popcorn look and now have a smooth finish.

A stove, dishwasher, an air conditioner unit and other equipment were also donated to the new center, which will feature a cafeteria, a craft/exercise room, and an administrative office.

Sam Noto, an 80-year-old retired contractor who serves on the COA board of directors, has

been in charge of the project, working six days a week — at no cost — to make sure the building is operational at the start of next month.

"This has been done on a wing and a prayer," Easterly said. "It's been so overwhelming watching the generosity of people."

Work on the building is scheduled to wrap up early next week, just in time for the holidays, which the new site will commemorate with a 9-foot Christmas tree — another much-appreciated donation.

When the renovations are completed, the new COA meal site will of-

fer the same services as the other three in Denham Springs, Springfield and Maurepas.

Breakfast and lunch are provided five days a week at the council's four centers, which also deliver food to the homebound.

COA also provides transportation, utility assistance, entertainment, respite services and other commodities to senior citizens in the parish.

Right now, the Livingston site, which only has one bus, is having to make two trips each day to pick up seniors, who spend between 4-5 hours at their meal sites before being

dropped off at home in the early afternoon.

Granger said the four centers serve about 3,000 seniors a month: about 80-200 daily at Denham Springs, 60-80 at Springfield, 60 at Livingston, 15 at Maurepas.

Granger added that the month of October was one of the organization's biggest months, when it served more than 11,000 meals between the four locations.

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Juban Crossing taxes up 431 percent from '16

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2015-16 fiscal year.

The total for this fiscal year is \$34,772,742, compared with \$34,700,062 in 2015-16. This is also reflected by many other agencies.

Only three public agencies — the Town of Springfield, School District 33 and the motor vehicle sales tax — reported a drop in sales taxes in October over September.

Three taxes generated by two development districts and auto sales, which could be an economic gauge for spending in the coming holiday season, are still influenced by the Great Flood of 2016.

The Juban Crossing Economic Development District accounted for \$255,030 in October, an increase of \$39,497 over September's \$215,533.

But when last month is compared to October 2016, it is a 431 percent boost over \$47,994 taken in when many stores were still not open.

The Denham Springs Economic Development District brought in \$332,905, an increase of \$48,396 over September's \$324,509.

Again, when October 2017 is compared with October 2016, it shows a 24 percent increase in taxes from last year's \$268,558.

The motor vehicle sales tax collected \$1,245,893 in October, a decline of \$64,666 from September's \$1,310,559.

It also reflects a 72 percent drop from the \$4,511,991 collected in October 2016 when many parish residents had to replace flooded vehicles.

The 3-cent hotel-motel tax generated \$26,458 last month, an increase of \$1,681 over September's \$24,777.

Meanwhile the Livingston Parish Council's 1-cent sales tax accounted for \$1,604,214 in October, an increase of \$85,760 over September's \$1,518,454.

October 2016, last month's taxes were down 30 percent from \$2,281,380.

The half-cent sales tax of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office brought in \$818,299 last month, an increase of \$45,358 from September's \$772,941.

Compared with October 2016, October's taxes were down 28 percent from \$1,143,746.

Of five municipalities reporting to the School Board office, only one showed a decline in sales tax in October from September.

Springfield's 2-cent sales tax accounted for \$33,503, a decline of \$3,370 from September's \$36,873.

Walker's 1½-cent sales tax brought in \$362,033 in October, a jump of \$58,840 over September's \$303,193, the largest increase by municipality.

Denham Springs collected \$671,617 last

month from its 1½ cent tax, an increase of \$20,140 over September's \$651,477.

The Town of Livingston's 1-cent sales tax generated \$58,098 in October, an increase of \$11,995 over last month's \$46,103.

Albany's 1-cent sales tax took in \$33,069 last month, a small increase of \$287 over September's \$32,782.

When compared to taxes collected in October 2016, four of the five municipalities showed a decline in October 2017, linked to heavy post-recovery spending: Springfield, down 22 percent; Walker, down 33 percent; Denham Spring, down 9 percent; and Albany, down 18 percent.

Only the Town of Livingston showed an increase -- taking in \$7,729, or 3 percent more than it did last year (\$56,369).

The Livingston Par-

ish School Board's two taxes also follow in the same pattern.

The board's 2-cent sales tax accounted for \$3,309,818, an increase of \$184,673 over September's \$3,125,146.

Compared with October 2016's \$4,602,445, this is a drop of slightly more than 28 percent.

But the four-month total for 2017 is \$13,051,537 is only 1.5 percent less than the \$13,250,242 taken in the first four months of the 2016 fiscal year.

The board's half-cent sales tax brought in \$719,701 in October, an increase of \$24,388 over September's \$695,313.

Meanwhile, School District 22 collected \$175,761 last month, or \$5,671 above September's \$170,090 from its 1-cent tax.

School District 33's 1-cent tax generated \$10,375, a dip of \$4,908 from last month's \$11,283.

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Radio play

Above: The Spotlight Theatre Players presented the radio play "It's A Wonderful Life" on Saturday at Old City Hall in Denham Springs. George Bailey (Chase Bernard), left, talks with Nick the bartender (Mike Verrett), right, as the rest of the cast await their cues. Right: George and his future wife Mary (Miranda Powell) ponder their attraction to each other.



"Milk & Cookies With Santa" slated

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News DENHAM SPRINGS — A local Realtor and a group of real estate-related businesses have joined to offer "Milk & Cookies With Santa" for children.

The holiday event will be held from 2 pm. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 3, at The Brittny Howard Realty Group, 30984 La. 16 Suite 2-B, Denham Springs.

Howard, the founder of the realty group, recently coordinated her Second Annual Turkey Giveaway, to help families still working to recover from last year's flooding.

On Dec. 3, children will be able to come to her office and get a free photo with Santa and take part in holiday activities.

Mrs. Claus will read

the classic "A Visit From St. Nicholas," also known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

TO RSVP, parents should text SANTA to (225) 500-2012 by Saturday, Dec. 2.

Other businesses participating in the holiday event are Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Co., GMFS Mortgage, PrimeLending and HDMK Construction.

Chamber seeks nominees for business of year honors

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News DENHAM SPRINGS — The Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its Business of the Year awards.

The awards program recognizes outstanding Livingston Parish businesses and their impact to both the economy and community.

Deadline to nominate a business is Dec. 8. The businesses will be recognized at the Chamber's annual meeting on Jan. 17.

Chamber members are encouraged to nominate a peer business or their own business.

Once a nominee accepts the nomination, a business overview form is sent by the Chamber to the business.

A business must complete the business overview form, which allows the business to tell its own story and successes.

The deadline for nominated businesses to return the form to the Chamber is Dec. 21.

Awards are judged by an independent group outside of Louisiana.

After a business wins an award, there is a seven-year waiting period before they can be nominated again.

The award categories are Small Business of the Year, Medium Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year and Community Impact Award, or Non-Profit of the Year Award.

Award winners in 2016 were: Quality Engineering & Surveying, medium business; Elite Chiropractic & Sports Medicine, small

business; Walk On's Bistreaux & Bar, new business; and A Door of Hope, Community Impact Award.

To be eligible for one of the Business of the Year awards, the nominee must be an active business with a location in Livingston Parish, a member of the Chamber, have been in business for at least 3 years and be an independently owned business.

The Small Business of the Year Award nominee also must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: have annual revenue of less than \$2 million and 20 or less employees, revenue growth and/or jobs growth, products or services, provides exemplary customer service, encourages and provides professional development of staff and volunteers in the Livingston Parish community.

The Medium Business of the Year Award nominee also must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: have revenue between \$2 million and \$20 million annually with 50 or less employees, revenue growth and/or jobs growth, products or services, provides exemplary customer service, encourages and provides professional development of staff and volunteers in the Livingston Parish community.

The Large Business of the Year Award nominee also must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: revenue of \$20 million or more annually with

50 or more employees, revenue growth and/or jobs growth, products or services, provides exemplary customer service, encourages and provides professional development of staff and volunteers in the Livingston Parish community.

Nominees for the Community Impact Award (Non-Profit of the Year Award) must meet the following criteria: be an active 501-C3 organization operating in Livingston Parish, a member of the Chamber, have been in operation for at least 3 years and have shown exemplary support to Livingston Parish area.

The nominee must have demonstrated the following: outstanding contributions to the community or provide quantitative results of the initiative, have shown the impact, supporting data and need of the organization's work or have shown organizational excellence and responsibility to stakeholders.

The mission statement of the non-profit organization must be provided.

Anyone can nominate a member business or a 501C3. The Chamber reserves the right to request two letters of reference from a third party.

Nominees may furnish one of these if it did not submit the original nomination form.

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Parish Council ties future pay to Legislature decision

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — Members of the Livingston Parish Council, beginning with the next term, would receive 75 percent of whatever amount the Louisiana Legislature sets as the maximum pay – even if it results in a raise -- as part of a proposed ordinance.

Council members, at the Nov. 21 meeting, introduced the ordinance on a 9-1 vote.

The matter will go before a public hearing Dec. 14 before members make the final call on the measure.

District 3 Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen and District 2 member Garry “Frog” Talbert proposed the ordinance, which would keep pay of the Livingston members in line with those in other parishes.

At the same time, the ordinance would bar council members from setting the compensation amount.

Council members receive \$1,200 per month – 75 percent of the maximum \$1,600 monthly salary set by state lawmakers.

The state-imposed compensation cap amount has remained the same since 2007.

Livingston Parish Council members have received the same salary since 2002.

The proposal would prevent council members from setting their own pay, and would leave the decision up to

state legislators, Talbert said.

“This is not meant to give ourselves a raise,” he said. “It’s a matter of housecleaning, to make sure we keep the politics out of this.”

District 9 Councilman Shane Mack, who cast the lone opposing vote, questioned the need for the ordinance.

He also criticized the timing of the discussion, which came three days after voters in 80 percent of Livingston Parish shot down proposals to fund two gravity drainage districts.

The council should focus its attention on other issues, Mack said.

“I hated to go against my fellow councilmen, but I had to,” he said.

“We have so many problems as far as drainage, road maintenance, animal control ... so many things that truly need to be looked at with more of a priority than that situation.”

Any discussion of compensation should be considered taboo, Mack said.

“I understand it’s not really for us at this point in time, but I would just rather feel I accomplished something before I asked my boss for a raise,” Mack said.

“I don’t want to even talk about giving the council a raise right now, especially after the failure of the gravity drainage tax.”

Keen, meanwhile, has said during the past year that the parish needs to re-examine the compensation for

future councils.

“I don’t need the money and neither does Frog – we both have successful businesses,” Keen said prior to the meeting.

“But we need to offer a salary that attracts good people for the job.”

He said he did not recommend the ordinance in hopes of a pay raise.

“If we get re-elected and they don’t change it, we’ll get the same amount,” he said. “It tells the people that we’re not out to get the maximum, for one thing, and we didn’t vote in any increase for us.

“All we did was to fix the problem of using it politically against anyone else,” Keen said. “We’re the only elected officials in the parish who set our own pay.”

Talbert said the measure would only tie their pay to the legislative maximum.

“It would be like tying it to the Gross National Product. If it goes up, it goes up ... if it goes down, it goes down,” he said.

“Given the way the revenue situation is going in this state, nobody in the Legislature will vote to raise pay for parish councils or police juries.”

If the Legislature votes to raise the salary within the next two years, it would take effect with the next council, which will take office in January 2020, Talbert said.

Mack questioned the purpose of the legislation, even if it was to remain

the same.

“Nobody in the Legislature, including your brother (Rep. Sherman Mack), would vote parish councilmen a raise right now,” Talbert replied.

By comparison, parish councils in Iberville, Ascension, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana receive the maximum amount of \$1,600, as do the police juries in Pointe Coupee and St. Helena parishes.

Council Chairman Tracy Girlinghouse, who represents District 6, emphasized the measure does not mean the current or a future council will get a raise.

“Right now, we make \$1,200 a month and the state standard, so we’re setting this to three-quarters,” Girlinghouse said.

“We’re not voting a raise. We’re just setting it to where any future council is not setting its own pay.

“I want this to be clear because someone will go on Facebook and say we wanted to give ourselves a raise.

“They can even go on YouTube and watch this,” he said. “We’re taking the politics out of this. I’m not in this for the money and I don’t think any of us are.”

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Parish still seeking flood repair funds

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — The process to obtain federal funds for repairs ranging from schools to inundation of road surfacing remains sluggish, at best, for Livingston Parish.

The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is expected to file an appeal with FEMA for funding to repair roads inundated during the floods of 2106. FEMA has agreed to consider the request from Mark Harrell, director of the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, but repairs remain a long-term shot-in-the-dark.

“They’ve said they don’t like paying for it,” he said. “It’s very costly for them and too hard to quantify.”

Harrell met in Livingston Parish with FEMA Regional Administrator Tony Robinson from Denton, Texas, as well as acting FEMA Deputy Administrator for Recovery Keith Turri, from Washington D.C.

Other reimbursement for the parish includes recovery funds for the Livingston Parish school system, which faces a \$22 million shortfall from damages to school buildings during the flood.

The school-related issues remain a murky issue between FEMA and the parish.

“I asked a question last night about the schools, and they couldn’t tell me why they wouldn’t move forward, so we’ll dig in and see what they can tell us,” Harrell said.

The parish also seeks money for repairs to bridges, buildings, roads and sewer.

The money on those issues stand separately from the appeal the parish will make for inundation.

“You’re talking about damage you can see versus damages under the surface,” Harrell said. “You’re talking about two entirely different animals.”

Inundation of numerous roads across the parish over a one-week period of stagnant floodwater led to

deterioration.

Assessments of the roads inundated for indicate base and sub-base damage, Harrell said.

Inundation causes strength of a road to decrease by 50 percent or more.

The state has 60 days to file the appeal with FEMA.

An answer on the request will probably not come before the first quarter of 2018.

The parish has taken steps to justify the process and help FEMA determine which roads should be repaired for base- and sub-base damages, Harrell said.

He said he gave the agency a “scoring” method to determine which roads should undergo repair, based on the age of the road when it flooded.

Older roads would not score high in the assessment.

“We’re not going to take a 15-year-old road and ask for money after it flooded,” Harrell said.

“If you have a road in rough condition and it floods, and you lose a stretch of the base, you can’t ask for a large percentage of replacement since it has deteriorated over the years.”

He pegged Jack Allen Road near Livingston as a route which would score high on the assessment.

“That road was completed a week or two after the flood, so automatically you’re going to ask for a higher percentage,” Harrell said.

The response from the two representatives proved far more productive than other meetings with FEMA, he said.

Customer service, clean stores influence shopping

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Do stocked up on Christmas gifts, but also on household items.

She bought a large selection of towel bath mats and other items from Bath & Body Works.

“We found deals in these stores that you can’t get anywhere else, and they’re cheaper than what you find online,” she said.

“Plus, the stores are cleaner and the people are nicer.”

Crowds also flocked the following morning to longtime Livingston Parish favorites such as Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World, as well as Stine’s in Walker.

Apparel, hunting gear, camping equipment and smokers were among popular items at Bass Pro.

A long line greeted general manager Seth Theriot when he prepared for the 5 a.m. opening, but he said some arrived as early as midnight.

“It’s definitely a Black Friday atmosphere today,” Theriot said.

“The holidays are always a boost, but not just because of Christmas – for many, it’s the hunting gear they want.”

Crowds were constant at Stine’s, said assistant manager Ericka Palisi, whose store opened its doors at 6 a.m.

“It’s been a very good crowd ... we certainly can’t complain,” she said. “It’s always our biggest day of the year.”

Outdoor grills, appliance, power tools and toys were among the top-selling items at Stine, she said.

One other item remains a constant



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Boyd Barbier, center, and his son, Luke, with the rest of his family look at holiday decorations at Stine’s Walker location during the store’s Black Friday sale on Nov. 24.

seller for Stine’s, which has stores throughout Louisiana and in Natchez, Miss.

“Building materials are still very high in demand – still no shortage on those customers,” Palisi said.

“Even a year after the flood, we still help out a lot of customers who are trying to get back into their homes.”

Theriot, a longtime employee at Bass Pro, said the crowds easily measure up to pre-flood numbers.

“It’s definitely one of the biggest we’ve ever had for Black Friday,” he said. “In fact, it might be the biggest.”

The brisk sales carried over to Small Business Saturday, a tradition which began 10 years ago to encourage support of

smaller, locally owned retail stores.

Tina Hymel has

shopped locally for years, and she did it again on Small Business Saturday.

Hymel, her daughter, sister and niece hit the Antique Village for some early Christmas shopping.

Hymel, a Denham Springs resident, said she was “devastated” when the historic downtown area was inundated with floodwaters in August of 2016.

She said she was “glad” to see that business has returned.

Now, she’s ready to cross some items off her Christmas list.

“We have relatives ask us all the time, ‘Is that Antique Village still open?’” she said while perusing the different booths at the Rusty Rooster.

“They love coming here to shop, and so do we. We find the best take-homes here.”

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New drainage campaign possible

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sales tax to go after. "When you get knocked down, you can stay down or get up and try to do better," said Mack, who represents portions of Gravity Drainage Districts 6 and 7.

Mack said he may recommend a plan which includes four council members and one at-large member.

If or when he and other council members plan to propose another funded drainage district is another story, however.

Mack said he wants to take a better approach with the voters, an area for which he believes he and his fellow members dropped the ball.

"We should've done a better job informing the people of what's needed and why it's needed," he said. "I believe we should consolidate the districts, form a board, explain why we're doing, get a new business plan and get it right."

"I think it may be a little premature to say this is the new plan, but what I can say is that we have major, major trouble on the east side of the parish and something has to be done right now," Mack said.

"To make a difference, we need to start the plan now."

Mack does not believe the parish can improve the drainage problems without funded gravity drainage districts.

"People of Livingston Parish who don't have better drainage have a choice to make: Improve off-road drainage or not," Mack said.

"But the current conditions of 80 percent of Livingston Parish will not change, for now."

Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks said he does not believe

the council should move on another gravity drainage district tax proposal in the near future.

Even with less than 15 percent voter turnout, most residents will oppose most tax measures, he said.

"We're disappointed in the voter turnout and the outcome of the election, but we were not surprised," Ricks said. "We knew it was an uphill battle, and such a voter apathy toward taxes that I felt it probably was going to be very tough to pass it."

Council member Jeff Ard said the vote deals a setback to residents in the district who battled through the worst flood in recent money just one year earlier.

"We have people in this area who are hurting left and right," he said. "But other people figure that since it's not flooding in their yard, they don't care."

"That's the vibe I've gotten from people as I've asked about it - just as simple as that," Ard said. "If it doesn't affect them, they don't want it."

Ard doubts he will make another attempt to seek funding for the gravity drainage districts.

He said he believes the anti-tax sentiment will derail any future attempts. He said he would only bring it back on a crowded ballot.

"People say we throw things on little elections, but this was a little election with only 13 present of the parish saying what they think," Ard said.

"I don't know if it would hurt or help to put it on a big election, but I'm not hiding it from people."

Much of the opposition came from the same residents who lodged complaints about substandard drainage during flood events in March and August 2016, he said.

As long as the district goes unfunded, residents will have only a scant opportunity to get drainage improvements, Ard said.

"The parish is jumping all over these two districts trying to find whatever little money they can to do this for the people in that area, and those people get put last on the list," he said.

"This was the opportunity to make things work - but it didn't work. I'm not the type of person who asks people to support a tax, but this had a great benefit for that area," Ard said.

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Kiwanis parade sets theme

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — "A Hometown Christmas (Past, Present, Future)" will be the theme of the 2017 First Guaranty Bank Christmas Parade presented by the Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

The parade begins at Denham Springs High School and proceeds south on Range Avenue over Florida Boulevard. The procession continues onto Range Avenue and ends at Veterans Boulevard.

"This should be a fun community event," said Angela Wales, president of the Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs, which has

sponsored the parade the past four years.

"The purpose of the Kiwanis Club is to improve the lives of children, and this event brings joy to many children of the Denham Springs community."

The Denham Springs Fire Department is being honored as this year's parade marshal. The parade will feature floats, dance groups, bands, community law enforcement, royalty riders and much more.

First Guaranty Bank, the title sponsor of the parade, is called the "Santa Sponsor."

The second-level sponsors - listed as "Reindeer Sponsors" - include: Lake After

Hours, Prime Lending, All-Star Automotive Group, Plantation Management Corp., Walk-Ons Bistreaux & Bar, Maison de Fleur Assisted Living Facility and Avanti Senior Living.

"Snowman" sponsors include: Capital One Bank, Jeffrey's Collision Center, Alvin Fairburn & Associates, Hood Dental Care, Executone of Louisiana, Lake Sherwood Village, Hughes Safe & Lock, Pappi's Fajita Factory - Watson, 4-H Equipment, Southern Earth Sciences Inc., Milton J. Womack Inc., General Contractor; Le Triomphe Property Group; and Boyer, Herbert, Abels & Angelle.



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The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office is trying to identify this truck in a burglary investigation.

Burglary probe focuses on truck

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LIVINGSTON — Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office detectives are asking for help in identifying a vehicle and suspects in a burglary investigation, according to a Sheriff's Office spokesman.

A photo of a blue

truck was released, captured on a security video, spokesman Lori Steele said.

The vehicle is believed to be involved in two residential burglaries on Nov. 15 in the Walker South and Hammock area, she said.

One victim chased the

suspect out of the area. The suspect dropped off items at a residence on Oak Hills Drive, off of Brown Road, damaging the victim's yard, Steele said.

If anyone has information about the truck or suspect, contact the Sheriff's Office at (225) 686-2241.

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Net neutrality battle turns up underlying problems with economic theory

With a date set for the decision on whether or not to do away with the net neutrality rules put to paper during the Obama Administration, the whole situation is beginning to gain more notice.

Ajit Pai, Republican chairman of the FCC, pledged upon his appointment to do away with net neutrality in favor of a "free market" for the Internet.

So far, he's been a man of his word, as the good chairman laid forth his proposal and opened up with a public comment period. Mr. Pai has also been available (or, at least, someone from his office) for interviews and the like.

Now, similar to just about everything in America these days, the country is -- for the most part -- split between the "yaes" and the "nays" for regulation of Internet provision, and deregulation of the world wide web.

A quick description of net neutrality regulation is, simply, the enforcement of rules that keeps the Internet with lower barriers to entry, and available to everyone. The executive order was penned

by then-President Barack Obama in what was believed to be an effort to keep the Internet open in the face of several upcoming problems for cable and phone companies (the gatekeepers of the Internet) - rising costs of infrastructure; new, lower-cost entrants into the phone provider market; and the consistently declining numbers of households who were "unplugging" from cable.

Phone companies began rolling out the notorious data-plans, which capped your Internet usage, per month, and the consumer was forced to pay extra for every slice of data they downloaded over that limit. Some may remember, as well, that Cox (and AT&T, on a larger scale) were considering data caps, per household, in 2013, and some complained of speeds



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that were throttled (slowed) already at certain times of the day.

While the claims of throttling were, for the most part, hearsay, the message was clear -- Internet provision companies were preparing for the future in the wake of the rising content providers that included social media outlets, Netflix, Hulu, et. al.

People were not going to pay full bore for a slew of channels they didn't want, not anymore -- so the cable companies went after the data, and President Obama made the decision to stop that from happening.

That may have seemed like a good idea at the time, but Internet provider companies did what you would expect -- they simply stopped upping the ante. Consumers have noticed that download speeds haven't improved much in the past three years, while in the first 15 of the Internet they grew almost exponentially.

So, proponents of "free market economics" want the net neutrality laws to disappear, in favor of a free range Internet that will grow at speeds not before seen.

Many of these folks also

believe that government involvement in just about anything is a bad idea.

Individuals who are faithful to regulation suggest that the Internet is entirely too necessary -- like electricity, for instance -- to be subject to the whims of the market.

There are problems with both sides of the coin, of course, as regulation slows growth and deregulation often results in calamity.

Locally, unmitigated real estate growth has caused financial problems at the parish level -- as well as a few hiccups with drainage.

Nationally, well, many folks are still feeling the effects of the financial crash in the late 2000s.

However, consumers and businesses alike can easily turn the other cheek and discuss high taxes and regulations borne of a knee-jerk reaction to the late 2000s crash, as well as a bloated health care system with its own issues.

The fact of the matter is this - there is no right economic answer, because markets don't exist in a vacuum. Every decision has

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consequences - there's no crystal ball to give an exact answer on what will happen when the net neutrality laws are repealed (and, at this point, there's probably no stopping it) but the cost of Internet use will go up; the Internet will be fractured among those who can pay the Internet provision fees to appear on their site list - or, at least, have a decent site speed; and the cost for business will go up, as now most firms will be treated like stations on a TV list, paying a fee for appearance.

That's on top of companies already having to pay fees just to access the Internet and trade information.

On the other hand - are those who are for the net neutrality laws willing to accept slow (often, no) growth for Internet speeds and Internet companies?

Either way, the country has to pick one or the other -- or perhaps something in the middle. Switching from one end of the spectrum to the other costs more dollars than it saves as firms do their best to adjust to the new economic landscape.

EDITORIAL

Lessons learned from ill-fated drainage vote

Disappointment remains the common consensus among members of the Livingston Parish Council in the aftermath of the failure of three taxes that would have funded gravity drainage for 80 percent of the parish.

In the case of what went wrong, much of the fallout obviously stems from the tax fatigue among residents. On paper, it looked like a solid plan to improve gravity drainage through the cleaning of lateral ditches and small streams in areas from Albany west toward the Walker corporate limits, and south toward Port Vincent, French Settlement, Maurepas, Springfield and Killian.

Opposition was solid against the half-cent sales tax and 5-mill ad valorem tax for District 6, but

the District 7 tax failed by a much smaller margin. It's easy to blame an anti-tax sentiment for the ill-fated outcome, but part of the failure also lies in the presentation.

It all came down much too late.

In an age of digital media, websites would have allowed voters to read more about the issues. The Facebook pages helped, but perhaps something more comprehensive would have made a difference.

Additionally, Parish Council members who promoted the tax packages should have staged forums during the campaign rather than addressing municipalities the last few weeks before the election.

Had they made a more concerted effort over a

couple of months, they could have drummed up greater support for a proposal that could have brought Livingston Parish in line with neighboring areas in terms of drainage issues.

Instead, the drainage issues will remain very much the same -- if all goes well.

Drainage problems will not fix themselves. A crew of four workers who cover 80 percent of Livingston Parish cannot achieve what dedicated districts could have done.

Make no mistake: The voters have spoken. Parish Council members may someday bring the matter back to a vote, perhaps sooner than later.

If they choose to pursue that route, it would serve them best to ditch the playbook from the Nov. 18 election and start from scratch.

CALL & COMMENT

You know that America has hit bottom when the inmates in our prisons have a higher moral standard regarding child molestation and sexual assault of teenage girls - than the folks in the White House. God help us.

How can we expect America's young people to have faith in our government, when leaders like President Trump and Judge Roy Moore use ambiguous language to conceal the truth about their real feeling regarding matters as clear cut as racism and sexual abuse? ~ ~ We cannot..

President Trump has a lot to say about three black kids who shop lifted sun glasses in China...Trump wanted to make himself look important, and pontificate about leading a good life... when he does not answer questions about Judge Roy Moore's dalliance with teenage girls in Alabama.... If I had to chose which illegal act is the worst ...I'd go with ..molesting a 14 year old girl.. Why does the President want to comment about one crime and not the other? Because Judge Roy Moore is a serial sexual predator...just like Donald Trump.

It's reprehensible for Mr. Ricks and these parish councilmen to use last year's devastating flood to try to trick us into raising our taxes. They ignore the fact that the western part of our parish which has a gravity drainage district flooded worse than the eastern part of the parish. Even if we were taxed at 100% for drainage it would not prevent flooding from a 30 inch rainfall!

The lady next door keeps starting fires, literally. I have massive migraines and mistakenly told her this a couple of years ago. I asked that she not burn her garbage. Her response was to move her burn pile right across from my window If I complain, I'm sure it will get worse as her family owns the entire street. So, I suffer a lot but want someone t know. So, there, I said it, and it's done!

SUBMIT ONLINE

The Livingston Parish News encourages our readers to submit their comments online.

The other taboo word resurfaces

If public officials want to guarantee themselves the scorn of their constituents, they only need one simple word to apply to one explosive item.

The word is "yes." The item: Pay raise.

In fact, the words "pay raise" might draw more wrath than the words "taxes" or "zoning" in Livingston Parish.

It makes sense. Public officials go into office with the knowledge of what they will earn, and their constituents expect them to serve for the compensation they accepted upon their election.

Members of the Livingston Parish Council took what came across as a precautionary measure to ensure they or any future members take the liberties to vote themselves a pay hike.

As part of an ordinance proposal, they agreed they would accept 75 percent of the cap established by state law. If state legislators give the green light to a hike, the members would receive additional compensation.

It takes the politics out of the process, they say, because it no longer leaves the pay issue in their hands. At the same time, it allows them a pay hike without having to say they voted for it.

It makes sense because council members are the only parish servants who determine their own pay, as of now. Other top officials -- parish president, assessor and clerk of court, among others -- receive their salaries based on directives set by the state.

The 75 percent cap guarantees council members will never receive the maximum amount, which sets them apart from most parishes.

Livingston Parish Council member Maurice "Scooter" Keen brought up the pay hike proposal for future councils not long after he took office.

He said he did not need the money, but wanted to ensure a salary that made it worthwhile for a prospective candidate.

Look beyond the words pay hike, and Keen makes sense. Livingston Parish pays less than all other par-



JOHN DUPONT
 Random Thoughts

ishes in the greater Baton Rouge area.

Council members in Livingston Parish bring home \$1,200 per month. Members in Ascension, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, West Feliciana, West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee and St. Helena -- one of the most impoverished parishes in Louisiana -- take home the maximum pay allowed by law. In the case of St. Helena, it also includes extra pay for serving as a council chairman.

In their defense, it's a much more demanding job than what we see. My father served on the City Council for 20 years in my hometown of Plaquemine.

I remember the calls in the middle of the night because of low water pressure or a tree on a power line. I also remember seeing him field calls on Christmas Eve and Christmas in 1983 and 1989, two of the coldest periods of the 20th century.

Sometimes he finished in under an hour. Other times, it was an entire day's or night's work. The job does not have set hours.

As a teenager, I wondered why he took on the job with meager pay and, at times, long hours. It all came down to love for public service, and nothing else.

Granted, it goes with the territory, and they know it coming into

the game.

All discussion of a pay hike in Livingston Parish fizzled once the flood changed life as we know it here.

The talk resurfaced a little over a year after the flood. It does not guarantee a pay raise, and it probably will not happen.

Should the discussion have even arisen right now? It would have to come up at some point, but in a time when many residents continue in the recovery process, it still seems like a subject they should regard as "taboo," as council member Shane Mack said.

In the long run, the ordinance may not amount to much, particularly if the state does not raise the salary cap.

If they do, however, it could draw the ire of constituents, regardless of the amount. They can point at the state lawmakers in that case, but ultimately the ordinance would still leave the aftermath in their own laps.

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Why Roy Moore matters

Why would Christian conservatives in good conscience go to the polls Dec. 12 and vote for Judge Roy Moore, despite the charges of sexual misconduct with teenagers leveled against him?

Answer: That Alabama Senate race could determine whether *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. The lives of millions of unborn may be the stakes.

Republicans now hold 52 Senate seats. If Democrats pick up the Alabama seat, they need only two more to recapture the Senate, and with it the power to kill any conservative court nominee, as they killed Robert Bork.

Today, the GOP, holding Congress and the White House, has a narrow path to capture the Third Branch, the Supreme Court, and to dominate the federal courts for a decade. For this historic opportunity, the party can thank two senators, one retired, the other still sitting.

The first is former Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Bill Clinton lost control of both the House and Senate in his first off-year election. Barack Obama in 2010 lost six Senate seats and 54 seats and control of the House. And both presidents were more popular than Trump is today.

In 2013, Harry exercised the “nuclear option,” abolishing the filibuster for President Obama’s judicial nominees. The Senate no longer needed 60 votes to confirm judges. Fifty-one Senate votes could cut off debate, and confirm.

Iowa’s Chuck Grassley warned Harry against stripping the minority of its filibuster power. Such a move may come back to bite you, he told Harry. Grassley is now Judiciary Committee chairman.

And this year a GOP Senate voted to use the nuclear option to shut down a filibuster of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, who was then confirmed with 55 votes.

Yet the Democratic minority still had one card to play to block President Trump’s nominees -- the “blue slip courtesy.”

If a senator from the state where a federal judicial nominee resides asks for a hold on proceedings, by not returning a blue slip, the Judiciary Committee has traditionally honored that request and not held hearings.

Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota used the blue slip to block the Trump nomination of David Stras of Minnesota to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Franken calls Stras too ideological, too conservative.

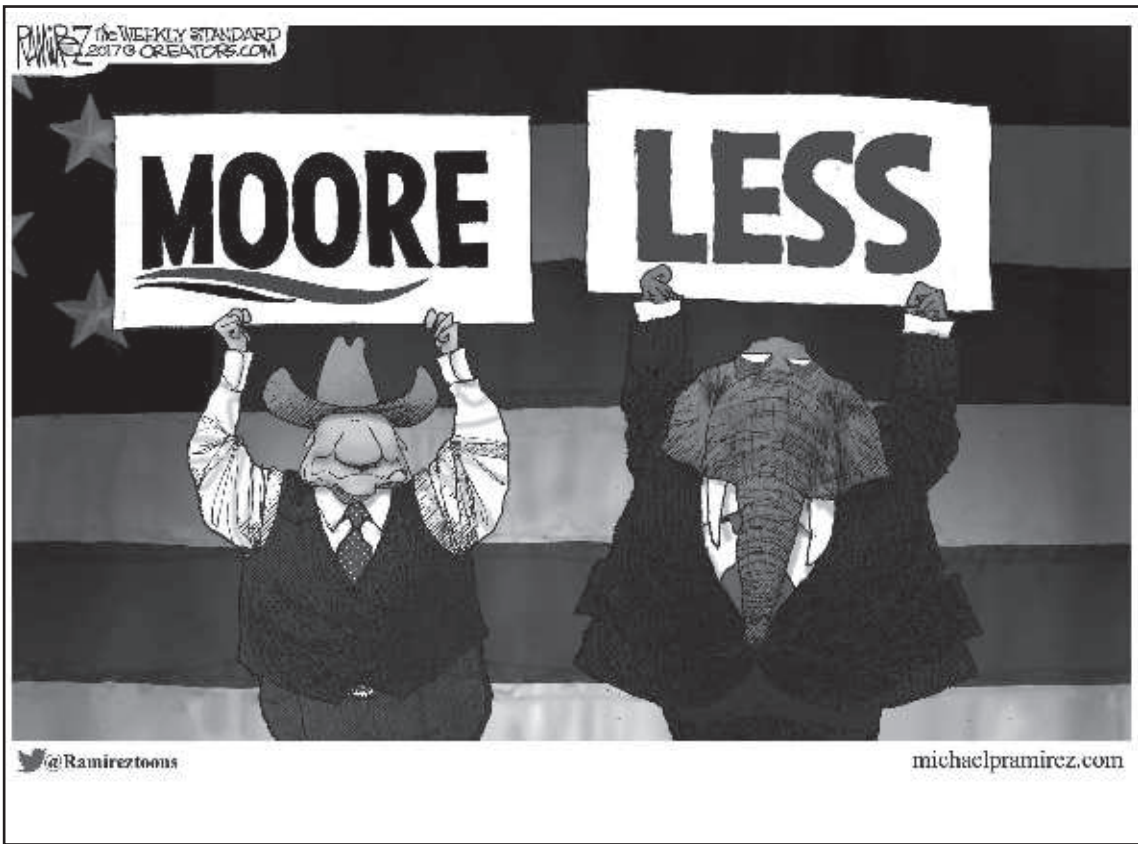
But Grassley has now decided to reject the blue slip courtesy for appellate court judges, since their jurisdiction is not just over a single state like Minnesota, but over an entire region.

Thus have the skids been greased for a conservative recapture of the federal judiciary unseen since the early days of FDR.

Eighteen of the 179 seats on the U.S. appellate courts and 119 of the 677 seats on federal district courts are already open. More will be opening up. No president in decades has seen the opportunity



PATRICK BUCHANAN



Trump has to remake the federal judiciary.

Not only are the federal court vacancies almost unprecedented, a GOP Senate and Trump are working in harness to fill them before January 2019, when a new Congress is sworn in.

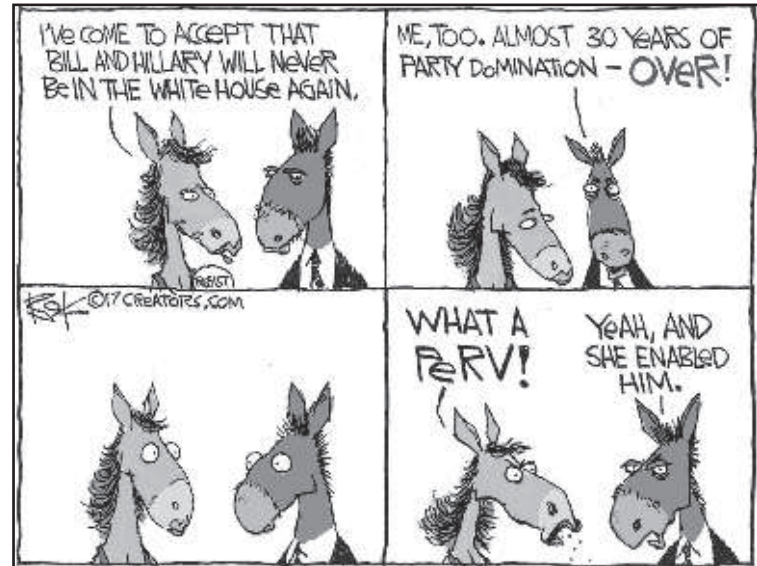
If Republicans blow this opportunity, it is unlikely to come again. For the Supreme Court has seemed within Republican grasp before, only to have it slip away because of presidential errors.

Nixon had four nominees to the Supreme Court confirmed and Gerald Ford saw his nominee, John Paul Stevens, unanimously confirmed. But of those five justices confirmed from 1969 to 1976, Stevens and Harry Blackmun joined the liberal bloc, and Chief Justice Warren Burger and Lewis Powell voted for *Roe v. Wade*.

Of Reagan’s three Supreme Court nominees confirmed, Sandra Day O’Connor and Anthony Kennedy cast crucial votes in 5-4 decisions to defeat the strict constructionists led by Antonin Scalia.

George H.W. Bush named Clarence Thomas to the court, but only after he had elevated David Souter, who also joined the liberal bloc.

Hence, both Trump, by whom he nominates, and a Republican Senate, with its power to confirm with 51 votes, are indispensable if we



are to end judicial dictatorship in America.

And 2018 is the crucial year.

While Democrats, with 25 Senate seats at risk, would seem to be facing more certain losses than the GOP, with one-third as many seats at stake, history teaches that the first off-year election of Trump could prove a disaster.

Consider. Though Ike ended the Korean War in his first year, he lost both Houses of Congress in his second. Reagan enacted one of the great tax cuts in history in his first year, and then lost 26 seats in the House in his second.

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If the election in Virginia this year is a harbinger of what is to come, GOP control of Congress could be washed away in a tidal wave in 2018.

Hence, this coming year may be a do-or-die year to recapture the Third Branch of Government for conservatism.

Which is why that Dec. 12 election in Alabama counts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parish President Layton Ricks supports Sen. Bill Cassidy

Dear Editor,
As Congress debates tax reform, an opportunity to bring additional assistance to Louisiana has surfaced. Our U.S. senator, Bill Cassidy, as a member of the committee writing the tax reform bill, was able to include disaster tax relief for those affected by the Great Flood of 2016.

Cassidy’s amendment would let families deduct personal casualty losses caused by the storm from their taxable income. It also provides an exception to the 10 percent penalty for early withdrawals from retirement plans to pay for recovery costs. This assistance would be critical for families in Livingston Parish who are still trying to put their lives back together.

I fully support Sen. Cassidy and his efforts to secure additional aid for families who were adversely impacted by last year’s flood. We will continue to work together with our congressional delegation as we are able to get more families back into their homes.

Many families have waited for their recovery. Disaster relief for the residents of Livingston Parish, included by Sen. Cassidy in the Senate tax reform plan, will help us get there sooner.

Sincerely,
Layton Ricks
Livingston Parish President

Cybersecurity: A burdgeoning political issue

Hang around the process long enough and you’ll recognize the same phrases being parroted in each and every regular session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Reduce unfunded accrued liability. Protect the TOPS scholarship program. Save the coast. Cut taxes. Control spending. Mold a better health care delivery system. Be smart on crime.

Just to name a few. There’s actually a fairly lengthy list of perennial policy issues in Baton Rouge. These topics surface annually, whether in actual legislation, non-binding resolutions or during debates.

But there’s a new subject worth keeping tabs on, a political issue that will sooner than later take its place alongside other recurring topics at the Capitol. For anyone who has a credit card or a Netflix account or a mobile banking app, it’s not an unfamiliar issue. For lawmakers and administrators, however, the threat is fresh and ever-evolving.

Data breaches and hacker mischief from the past several years have sent state governments scrambling to improve security practices, to find money for insurance policies, to push sensitive information behind firewalls and to investigate computer crimes.

Louisiana is no exception. In fact, over the past year the state Office of Risk Management has purchased cyber insurance for 65 percent of the agencies and departments that it insures. The goal is to cover the rest within the next two years, according to Jacques Berry, the communications director for the Division of Administration.

A Pew Charitable Trusts report published three weeks ago found that 38 percent of all U.S. states have purchased cyber insurance since 2011. That figure is up from 20 percent just two years ago.

Louisiana started its coverage in early 2016. Berry said the “most sensitive” agencies and departments were folded into the coverage first. The initial cost to the state was \$500,000 annually, but



that price tag has been slowly growing as more policies have been added.

The insurance covers credit monitoring, legal fees and general liability. Each agency or department pays for the coverage out of their own budgets. So far, thankfully, most haven’t needed to use their policies. “We’ve had one claim, a minor one earlier this year regarding an [Office of Group Benefits] customer data breach by our pharmacy provider,” Berry said. “Fewer than 100 OGB policyholders were affected.”

In many ways, it’s just the beginning for Louisiana in its digital war. Just consider what’s happening nationally. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 42 states have introduced more than 240 bills or resolutions this calendar year related to cybersecurity. Of that count, 27 states have enacted legislation.

States have been treating the related policy proposals as public safety issues while trying to address concerns for both the government and the private sector. Connecticut has a new law that creates the crime of computer extortion. Delaware has new guidelines for safeguarding state-involved business transactions. Michigan is spending more money on “cyber security staffing.”

Back in Louisiana, the House and Senate approved a resolution earlier this year that charges the Division of Administration with studying the “current status of mission critical information technology systems.” A report to lawmakers is due by Feb. 1 and the division is expected to identify risks, costs, outdated operations, ineffective technologies and more.

Authored by Reps. Barry Ivey of Central and Ray Garofalo of Chalmette,

the resolution frames the issue as a matter of public safety, like other states have done, and gives some jurisdiction over the report to the House and Senate select committees on homeland security.

Depending on the findings, and how much is able to be made public, the report could in some small way transform the 2018 regular session into a cybersecurity session. Which would be appropriate. After all, in addition to taking our tax dollars, our state government guards our Social Security numbers, banking details and credit card information.

There’s truly no time to spare, and the issue is just about as complex as it gets. As states try to figure out how to best tackle this beast, they’re also looking to the federal government for guidance. For example, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers and the National Governors Association want the White House to streamline some of its regulations that they argue are hampering efforts at the state level.

As long as it doesn’t lead to limited access to the internet experience as we know it, I think we can all agree that this issue deserves an annual seat at the policymaking table in Baton Rouge. Because the digital door has been kicked open, in our personal and professional lives, and in our government, and there’s no closing it now.

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Politics

State task force considers TOPS changes; Pope says no

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

BATON ROUGE — Three changes could go under consideration by a legislative task force commissioned to reshape the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

Members of the committee may consider expansion of the TOPS Tech program, along with conversion of a stipend and a hike in the minimum grade-point average for eligibility.

The items likely will play a part in the discussion for the final fact-finding meeting for the committee on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the State Capitol. The group began its meetings during the summer.

State Rep. J. Rogers Pope, who has made education the cornerstone of his agenda at the State Capital, said he would not support a hike in the GPA or conversion to a stipend program if the proposals make it to

the Legislature when it convenes in spring.

"I've never favored the hike in the GPA and I don't think I ever will," said Pope, R-Denham Springs. "I think what we have in place helps a lot of kids ... it has worked and continues to work well."

A GPA hike from 2.5 to 2.75 passed the Senate last year, but fizzled on the House floor.

Consideration of TOPS Tech expansion comes at a time when only 2 percent of the recipients — just over 1,110 — receive the award.

The TOPS Tech award requires only a minimum 17 on the ACT, versus 20 for TOPS Opportunity.

Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish, R-Jennings, believes the TOPS Tech program should continue for two years for students who work toward an associate degree in an academic field.

It would serve as a precursor to

education in a four-year college.

He also believes it would help the community colleges grow in use as a learning center for prospective employees in the industrial and technical industry.

But the expansion of the program would bring increased costs the same time state lawmakers grapple with a budget deficit of nearly \$1 billion for the 2018-19 fiscal year that begins July 1.

Pope was more favorable for the TOPS Tech expansion, but said he doubts it could make it to the final budget bill amid the fiscal turmoil that awaits legislators in the next regular session.

If not for the budget crunch, Pope said he would support the expansion of TOPS Tech — with one provision.

"If we could find additional money, I'd be all for TOPS Tech, but not if it means penalizing those with higher GPAs," he said.

Moorish also wants the task force to consider conversion of the TOPS award to a stipend, which would give each recipient \$5,200 per year — \$2,000 less than they receive for LSU tuition.

The move would send more high school graduates seeking universities out of state and penalize students who meet the current requirements to enter LSU.

James Collier, executive director of the Taylor Foundation, opposed the changes and said the state should leave the TOPS program as is.

Pope agreed with Collier. "It's a good program, and I believe the state should leave it as is," he said.

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FELONY ARRESTS

LIVINGSTON -- The following person were booked into the Livingston Parish Prison, according to booking records from the Sheriff's Office. These records do not reflect innocence or guilt:

July 9
Donna Crooms, 57, 39479 La. 621, Gonzales, possession of Schedule II CDS, possession of Schedule IV CDS, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia. Bond \$20,500.

July 10
Matthieu Brignac, 31, 28236 Hano Lane, Holden, fugitive. No bond.

Wallace Andrew Allen, 26, 6955 Homer Noste St., Denham Springs, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, resisting an officer, simple escape; aggravated escape, simple criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, simple battery of the infirm. Bond \$39,000.

Tyree D. Nicholas, 31, 539 Quinn Road, Amite, simple burglary. Bond \$15,000.

Albert Parent, 52, 6278 Prescott Road, Baton Rouge, theft of a motor vehicle, illegal possession of stolen things. Bond \$25,000.

Rogers Shelvin, 46, 105 Connie Circle, Lafayette, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Deon Sentell Gray, 37, 3047 Denham St., Baton Rouge, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Kyle H. Lemine, 38, 19532 Avants Road, Maurepas, fugitive. No bond.

Christopher W. Tharpe, 37, 35107 Quail Creek, Denham Springs, theft. Bond \$10,000.

Cid Schmidt, 41, 7364 Amite Church Road, Denham Springs, possession of marijuana (first offense), possession of Schedule IV CDS. Bond \$10,500.

Bruce Bennett, 55, 31477 Pea Ridge Road, Albany, probation. No bond.

Chance Barlow, 19, 15019 Peairs Road, Pride, safety belt use, stop signs and yield signs, DWI third offense, possession of marijuana (first offense), possession of Schedule IV CDS, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia. Bond \$61,267.

Jacob Dunn, 21, 22796 Lafouren Lane, Denham Springs, probation, possession of Schedule II CDS. No bond.

Latasha Harris, 37, 33837 Natures Way, Walker, operating vehicle with suspended license, security required, traffic bench warrant (failure to appear fee), expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, expired vehicle registration, operating vehicle with

suspended license, security required, fugitive, safety belt use, traffic bench warrant (failure to appear fee). No bond.

Najoua Harris, 19, 6612 Merrylee Ave., Baton Rouge, fugitive. No bond.

Ellen Spears, 55, 9974 Cochise, Denham Springs, criminal trespass, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia, possession of Schedule II CDS. Bond \$11,000.

Jennifer Teal, 29, 33650 Mack Road, Walker, simple battery. Bond \$500.

July 11
Joshua Terrell, 40, 26006 Big Ben Road, Denham Springs, taking contraband to/from penal institutions prohibited, possession of Schedule II CDS, failure to pay child support. Bond \$57,100.

James Walker, 51, 10568 La. 431, St. Amant, DWI first offense, careless operation, driving on right side of road. Bond \$1,469.

Justin Strickland, 40, 29973 Owens Circle, Holden, simple battery, simple assault. Bond \$1,000.

Ronnie Matthew Marsh, 18, 13345 Molly Melissa, Walker, possession of marijuana (first offense), driver must be licensed, careless operation. Bond \$969.

Jarmin N. Keller, 19, 30600 La. 16, Denham Springs, possession of marijuana (first offense), operating vehicle with suspended license, tail lamps, safety belt use. Bond \$1,074.

Shelita L. Samuel, 37, 4216 Fairfield, Baton Rouge, theft of goods, aggravated battery. Bond \$20,500.

Robby Wofford, 36, 25250 Pardue Road Lot 59, Springfield, possession of Schedule II CDS, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia, theft, criminal trespass. Bond \$11,500.

Eric David Maison-neuve, 15340 Lewis Road, Maurepas, domestic abuse battery. No bond.

Antoine Collar, 26, 120 East St., Denham Springs, telephone communications, improper language; harassment, simple assault. Bond \$500.

Tyler Turner, 33, 36145 La. 16, Denham Springs, failure to pay child support. No bond.

Deana Moore, 49, 12343 Buckingham Ave., Baton Rouge, maximum speed limit driving on roadway laned for traffic, resisting an officer. Bond \$1,014.

Nathan W. Barker, 25, 9141 Springridge Drive, Denham Springs, simple battery domestic violence, simple assault. No bond.

Michael Marquez, 56,

9039 Spring Ridge, Denham Springs, simple assault. Bond \$500.

Anthony Broussard, 22, 32774 Carol Ann Lane, Denham Springs, home invasion. Bond \$25,000.

Joseph D. Sanders, 20, 14450 Lockhart Lane, Walker, home invasion. Bond \$25,000.

Donnie Welsh, 39, 9007 Sharee Place, Denham Springs, failure to pay child support. Bond \$3,500.

July 12
Paul Poche, 36, 9160 Abundance Drive, Denham Springs, two counts indecent behavior with juveniles, misdemeanor sexual battery, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, licensee must give notice of change of address. No bond.

Evans Paul Oubre, 46, 30505 Norris Bendily Road, Denham Springs, switched plate, evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in vehicle, operating vehicle with suspended license. Bond \$1,500.

Jacob Bronston, 20, 24601 Kenneth Drive, Denham Springs, four counts simple burglary. Bond \$60,000.

James Williams, 24, 1548 Aviator Ave., New Orleans, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Jessie Antoine, 36, 2232 Ninth St., Lake Charles, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Carlton Menard, 41, 1003 Louise St., Rayne, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Scottie McKnight, 24, 207 Old Rafe Meyer Road, Baton Rouge, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

David Demarus, 17, 20575 Saun Drive, Denham Springs, possession of marijuana (first offense), illegal use of controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 years old, four counts simple burglary, theft of a firearm, illegal possession of stolen firearm. Bond \$111,000.

Trystan McMillion, 19, 13300 Vincent Place, Denham Springs, possession of marijuana (first offense), illegal use of controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 years old. Bond \$1,000.

Cassie Bronston, 17, 24601 Kenneth Drive, Denham Springs, possession of marijuana (first offense), illegal use of controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 years old. Bond \$1,000.

Justin Lemken, 31, 29454 S. Montpelier Ave., Albany, simple assault, aggravated battery, simple battery. Bond \$21,000.

Steven Michael Sylvester, 40, 7650 Droze Road, Greenwell

Springs, fugitive. No bond.

Jordan Kaylie Ville-neuve, 27, 250 Miller Lane, Amite, possession of marijuana (first offense), prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia, simple battery. Bond \$15,000.

Anthony Fontenot, 20, 7204 Main St., Sorrento, possession of marijuana (first offense), careless operation. Bond \$5,300.

Sean P. McQuiddy, 27, 11888 Coyell Drive, Walker, failure to pay child support. Bond \$425.

Kimberly Lee, 41, 28671 James Chapel Road South, Holden, possession of Schedule II CDS. Bond \$50,000.

Melissa Richards, 25, 2448 Millican Drive, Denham Springs, home invasion, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, traffic bench warrant (failure to appear), safety belt use, tags indicating exemption. Bond \$25,380.

David Parker, 32, 29705 James Chapel Road, Albany, probation. No bond.

Domingo Lamar Rodriguez, 38, 40054 Thomas Road, Hammond, simple burglary of a religious building, criminal mischief, criminal mischief, simple burglary of inhabited dwelling, simple burglary of a religious building, enter/remain in places/on land after being forbidden. Bond \$76,500.

July 13
Jennifer C. Sanchez, 35, 29574 Livingston Ave., Albany, theft of utility service. Bond \$500.

William Wilton, 24, 209 Delgado Drive, Baton Rouge, theft. Bond \$500.

Jordan Fournet, 23, 9595 Barber St., Denham Springs, theft of a motor vehicle. Bond \$25,000.

Angela Washington, 32, 846 Self Road, Greensburg, fugitive. No bond.

Gregory D. Gabriel, 25, 208 East St., Denham Springs, manufacture, cultivation, distribution w ITD Schedule I CDS, illegal carrying of weapon/use of weapon during a violent crime or in presence of CDS, prohibited acts/drug paraphernalia. Bond \$100,500.

Caleb W. Taylor, 19, 30172 Bridges Road, Livingston, probation. No bond.

Harry Noah Boswell, 39, 14611 Clarence St., Walker, brake equipment required, owner to secure registration, operating vehicle with suspended license, resisting an officer, domestic abuse battery, false certificates, operating vehicle with suspended license. Bond \$12,820.

Stephen C. Hennerichs,

43, 15510 Forrest Oak Drive, Prairieville, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Joseph P. Truax, 33, 11281 Truax Road, Denham Springs, parole. No bond.

Kenneth Galladora, 34, 48445 Sibley Road, Tickfaw, court remand. No bond.

Fallon H. Blades, 33, 17, 341 Suma Hill Road, Livingston, transported court return. No bond.

Victoria P. Palmer, 27, 23841 Stonegate Drive, Denham Springs, court remand. No bond.

Joshua Matthew Sibley, 35, 9478 Florida Blvd., Walker, domestic abuse battery child endangerment (felony). Bond \$15,000.

Brock Suire, 37, 19837 Pine Island Road, Abbeville, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Andre Weatherspoon, 33, 2848 Sycamore St., Baton Rouge, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Michael Jay Street, 25, 31044 Susie Circle, Denham Springs, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Lawrence Nelson, 40, 1708 Shirley Drive, New Orleans, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Kendrick Northern, 33, 2546 College Drive, Baton Rouge, theft. Bond \$10,000.

Joseph Deville, 40, 22137 Walker South Road Lot 45, Denham Springs, simple battery domestic violence, simple battery. Bond \$5,000.

Chelsee M. Bordelon, 27, homeless, Denham Springs, theft of goods, simple escape; aggravated escape, resisting an officer, public intimidation, disturbing the peace. Bond \$51,500.

Madelyn Ponders, 29, 33525 Duff Road, Walker, parole. No bond.

Michael Anthony Burkes, 26, 8801 Eastover Blvd., Denham Springs, simple criminal damage to property, simple obstruction of a highway of commerce, disturbing the peace, resisting an officer. Bond \$2,000.

July 14
Devin James Braud, 22, 15432 Penalber Road, Maurepas, hold for treatment. No bond.

Katherine Stevenson, 44, 16784 Kinchen Road, Livingston, drug court sanction. No bond.

Garrett Delaune, 25, 36916 Albin Road, Independence, theft (felony). No bond.

Nakia Knighten, 30, 103 Mallard, Hammond, careless operation, all drivers must secure license; emergency vehicle exception. Bond \$664.

Vincent Felix Riverye, 44, 31447 La. 22, Springfield, no driver license, operating vehicle with suspended license. Bond \$2,000.

Larry Wayne Pardue, 48, 21435 Bonnie Drive, Denham Springs, failure to pay child support. Bond \$30,000.

David Dick, 40, 13520 Henry Drive, Denham Springs operating vehicle with suspended license; two counts proper equipment required on vehicles, inspection tag required, amount of fees; credit or refund; duration of license, evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in vehicle. Bond \$2,405.

Aitlyn Whittington, 24, 40455 La. 42, Prairieville, transported court return, theft. No bond.

Michael Boone, 33, 205 Moon Ace, Slidell, transported court return, theft. \$10,000.

Huana L. Satterwhite, 39, 29153 Honeysuckle, Livingston, DWI first offense, careless operation. Bond \$1,252.

Kentrell Haywood, 32, 3153 Judson St., Shreveport, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Jeremy Ricks, 29, 1654 S. Lawn Blvd., New Orleans, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

Jamie Ordoyne, 41, 246 La. 307, Thibodaux, Department of Corrections incarceration. No bond.

John Gordon Bankston, 26, 25160 D Hutchinson Road, Holden, drug court sanction. No bond.

July 15
John J. Asber, 75, 153 N. 17th St., Baton Rouge, theft. Bond \$2,500.

Joshua David, 27, 34101 Weiss Road, Livingston, failure to pay child support. Bond \$1,000.

Octavia Bettina Reese, 31, no address, fugitive. No bond.

Patricia K. Delaville, 40, 10381 Thibodeaux, Denham Springs, violation of protective orders. Bond \$500.

Christopher M. Fancher, 33, 1636 Sailbury Drive, Baton Rouge, view outward or inward through windshield or windows; obscuring prohibited, safety belt use, criminal sanctions for operating motor vehicle not covered by security, possession of Schedule II CDS, fugitive. No bond.

James M. Lewis, 49, 21108 Diversion Canal Box 16, St. Amant, possession of Schedule II CDS, possession of Schedule IV CDS. Bond \$20,000.

July 16
Charles N. Tillman, 46, 5751 Djuanna St., Baton Rouge, violation of protective orders. Bond \$1,000.

OBITUARIES

Dennis Ray Lavigne
 “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord abides forever.” That word is the good news which was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:24-25 RSV. Dennis Ray Lavigne, 70, of Walker, Louisiana, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Dennis was a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University. He was a teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish School for 13 years and later retired from Exxon Mobil after 25 years of service. He served as church pianist for First Baptist Church of Denham Springs for 16 years. He was a member of Walker Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to time of service 2 p.m., officiated by Dr. Richard Blue. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Winnie Sue Carr Lavigne; son and daughter-in-law, Matthew Justin Lavigne and Amanda “Mandy” Benton Lavigne; daughter, Ashlynn Denise Lavigne; two grandsons, Rayden Scott Carr Lavigne and Adlar Cecil Lavigne; brother and sister-in-law, Leslie Joseph Lavigne and Sandra Sue Holden Lavigne; three sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Adlar Joseph “AJ” Lavigne and Alice Mae Hatchell Lavigne; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Forest Tumley “Jack” Carr and Sadie Mae Covey Carr. Pallbearers will be Ronnie Hohensee, David Jones, Thadd Lavigne, Gene Gilchrist, Marvin Zeigler, and Virgil “Twig” Webb. Honorary pallbearer will be William Pierre Jones. Please share your condolences at www.sealefuneral.com.



Sharon S. DeVrou
 She came unannounced, uninvited, and unwelcomed. We had never met her. We did not know her. She didn't even tell us her name. But she did not

need any pampering and was notably inconspicuous. So much so that, we did not even notice she had joined our family, but join she did. It would not be long before she revealed her true character. We soon learned that she was greedy, demanding, controlling, uncompromising, and unrelenting, brutal, and hateful. She would not leave until she had taken everything. Or so she thought. We initially noted her presence in October 2010 while celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary in Italy. The fact that someone would insert themselves into a cherished, personal anniversary speaks volumes as to their selfishness and lack of concern for anyone but themselves. But true to her modus operandi, it was subtle and almost imperceptible. But Sharon did notice the slight twinge in her right forearm when she tossed the jacket in the back seat. More notable was the numbness in her right hand. The numbness did not subside in the ensuing months. Sharon sought relief via her chiropractor, massage therapy, and exercise. Although these activities provided temporary respite, the symptoms worsened. Her right arm became weaker and right hand less functional. Alas, it seemed the neck injury suffered more than a decade earlier would need to be fixed via surgery. So in May 2012 Sharon went to see a neurosurgeon about possibly replacing the damaged disc in her neck. After just a few minutes of physical examination the neurosurgeon said he did not think the problem was structural. He would order X-rays and an MRI to confirm this diagnosis. He believed the problem to be neurological. Perhaps it is Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Muscular Dystrophy, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Sharon confidently said, “I do not have ALS.” He recommended we set up an appointment with a neurologist while waiting for results from the X-ray/MRI. Within two weeks it was confirmed the problem was not structural. Although the neck was misaligned from the previous injury, the discs and spinal cord channel were healthy and functional. During the same visit we met with the neurologist who ordered a battery of tests to be run, but no prognosis. We returned to the neurologist on June 1 to complete the last test and hear the diagnosis. The nerve

conduction test (NCT) is basically measuring nerve response while applying a mild form of electrocution. It is very painful. The neurologist came in after the technician finished the NCT. He repeated the NCT, then looked at Sharon and said you have ALS. When a person has ALS, or “Alice,” the motor nerves die. When nerves die muscles no longer receive the electrical signal needed to make them move and they shrink and waste away. And that is how Alice introduced herself to Sharon and me. We later realized Alice probably moved in at least a year earlier. Even then Sharon had difficulty using aerosol cans and pump sprays. We would quickly learn that ALS stands for Always Losing Something. Ability to: write, drive, walk; feed, wash, and bathe oneself, speak, and to breathe without mechanical assistance. I lost my career and personal significance at work (a gift if work means too much!) ALS also stands for Always Learning Something. We learned that the harder a person tried to fight Alice with exercise and overusing muscles, the quicker Alice kills the nerves, the muscles atrophy, and function decreases. Since there are no truly effective medications to even halt ALS, we learned that living with Alice means learning new ways to compensate for lost natural abilities (physical and occupational therapy is crucial). We learned to rely on friends and loved ones for simple, basic things of life. We learned what is true for everyone, but we cannot admit it to ourselves until forced to do so, controlling life is an illusion. All we can control is our response to life. Thus, we learned to be humble, resilient, hopeful, compassionate, faithful, patient, content, and at peace. Finally, and most importantly, ALS stands for Always Loving or being Loved by Someone. Strangers would open the door and announce that I, a man, was bringing Sharon into a ladies public restroom with genuine compassion. We learned to love and be compassionate to people. It would have been too easy to develop an attitude of, “what do you have to complain about? Try living with Alice.” Instead God gave us a perspective that we all complain about trivial, inconsequential things and not getting our way (control). We also realize that pain and suffering comes in many different forms. Would we have pre-

ferred to have Alzheimer's, brain cancer, or suffer from drug/alcohol addiction? Friends from work and church loved us by making us thousands of meals over a four-year period of time. People all over the world prayed faithfully for us. This most precious gift of love manifested itself in we never felt anxiety or a sense of bewilderment after the initial announcement. Lastly, we were given the gift of seeing GOD love us daily. Alice does not take a day off. There are no days or weeks of remission. Once function is lost, it's lost forever. Thus, having a God who is actively caring and comforting us, lifting us up on wings of eagles, giving us the strength, hope, peace, and love for the day is crucial. Alice had a profound, life altering impact on Sharon's final years on earth. But despite Alice's best efforts, she does not define who Sharon was. Alice may have taken Sharon's physical life, but she did not take everything, and nothing of worth and significance. Sharon was born on January 29, 1945 in small farm house built by her father on the side of a rocky hill in Madison County, Arkansas. As the fifth child, she was the only one to live with all eight siblings. Although part of a rural farming family, she eschewed that life style in favor of more artistic endeavors. She taught herself how to draw and later to paint. She did not consider herself a creative artist, ergo, creating an artistic interpretation. She enjoyed and excelled at painting birds, animals, flowers, landscapes, anything she thought was beautiful and notable. She extended her artistic talents to creating homes that would rival anything you would see in Southern Living magazine. During the 1970s she created, implemented and managed a young professional women's department for Sanger Harris department store in downtown Dallas. Later she managed a full service gift store in Magnolia, Arkansas. Sharon retired when we moved to Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she returned to painting while managing our home with profound excellence. She also used this time to grow closer to Jesus through close fellowship with other

Christian women. She continued these activities when we moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Except now she included painting gifts along with items that interested her. Apart from and more important than these “doings” was her desire to give to friends and family. She would spend countless hours on vacation looking for gifts to bring back to loved ones. I remember vividly sitting in Montepulciano Italy, thinking, “I cannot believe we came all the way to Italy to shop. We could do that in Baton Rouge.” But then I saw the light. She came out of a shop and began telling me that this man is the husband of the lady running the shop down the street. The young lady in the stationary shop leather binds the diaries, address books, journals she sells. Sharon connected with the locals in her own way, that frankly, was more intimate than my way of seeing and taking in everything. In the end, when we combined our ways, we both were richer than we would have been on our own. Hence, an essence and blessing of marriage. Not either, or, but both. There are many notable things that occurred during the Alice period. But I need to highlight one particular triumph. Sharon was right handed. She lost the use of right hand before anything else. She taught herself to draw and paint left handed. Many of the paintings and drawings are simply awe-inspiring. Later when she could no longer hold anything between her thumb and forefinger, she taught herself how pick up and hold the pencil, brush between her middle and 3rd finger. Furthermore, she drew and painted with her palm facing up and the back of her hand towards the paper/canvas. As “lefty” too began to fail she could only do pencil drawings. Some of which I colored in for her. These drawings show simultaneously the loss of hand control, but also her underlying abilities. In 2016 Sharon told me her she wished she had done more paintings sooner – she still had things to paint. A few months ago, when she was essentially bedridden, and barely able to eat or talk, I asked Sharon what single thing she wishes she could have back. I expected her to

say her painting. Instead she said she wished she could speak. I concur. We figured out a way to communicate. But she lost nearly all ability to converse with the people she loved. It hurt her, and me, more than all the other loses. So it was that Alice, the cowardly, selfish, unrelenting, mean-spirited thief came to steal Sharon's dignity, physical beauty and ultimately her life on earth. In that sense Alice is like many other diseases. But Alice failed to destroy Sharon. Instead Sharon triumphed over Alice by creating beauty that will endure long after Alice is a faint memory. On Nov. 25, 2017, God decided Alice would no longer be allowed to torment Sharon and invited her to join Him in heaven where I trust a full studio of paints and topics awaits her along with a mansion that needs decorating. Thank you Jesus for giving me such a wonderful friend for so many years. She was a gift beyond my hopes or wishes. It was my honor and privilege to care for her. She clung to Your promise that Your grace is sufficient for us. It was and is more than sufficient. I cling to it today as I miss you so much. May you be glorified! Jesus, I ask this one thing yet again, that for every nerve that died within Sharon you will enable an unsaved person to receive eternal life by accepting You as their Savior, and that for every muscle that atrophied, that you will strengthen a believer to walk faithfully, obediently, and thankfully before and for you. Alice tried, but she could not separate us from His love. In the end Sharon and I are more than conquerors because Jesus loved and loves us. God did a marvelous thing when He brought Sharon into my life 35 years ago. God did a marvelous thing by choosing a friend, partner, best friend for me who I was not worthy of. God did a marvelous thing by giving us an incredible marriage of 32 years. God did a marvelous thing by setting Sharon free from the hatefulness of ALS and bringing her home to Himself. Thank you Jesus. A Celebration Service will be held for Sharon at 10 a.m. on Dec. 9 at Grace Community Bible Church. Visitation at will be at 9:15 a.m.

Council OKs payment on sidewalk work

By John Dupont
 The Livingston Parish News
DENHAM SPRINGS — The Denham Springs City Council, in a short meeting Monday, Nov. 27, authorized its share of payment for a project that will provide sidewalks for students who walk to or from school. The council approved payment of \$20,650 to Command Constructions Industries for the Denham Springs Safe Route to School Project for Northside Elementary School. The total cost of the

project is \$295,242. The Safe Routes to School program, according to its website, aims to reverse the decline in children walking and bicycling to school, increase kids' safety and reverse

the nationwide trend toward childhood obesity and inactivity. Funding for the program is funneled to the city by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPORTS



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2017 LIVINGSTON PARISH TOURNAMENT

Parish hoops takes a place on center stage next week



Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

It will be a few months before most of the state's basketball teams reach a fever pitch about the season, maybe with some spirited district battles, for sure when the playoffs start to get close.

Livingston Parish teams get their annual jump-start on everybody else next week when the 2017 parish tournament revs up.

The parish's 18 teams will be in action at Hornsby Gym starting Tuesday for a five-day event that always seems to stir up plenty of intensity to go with a high level of competitive basketball.

Holden's girls and the Walker boys earned the No. 1 seeds in a vote of parish coaches and that's not a surprise at all. Not only are the Lady Rockets and Wildcats the reigning tournament champions, both are regarded as serious contenders to reach their respective state tournaments in a few months.

The girls' tournament features two



RENEE GLASCOCK | THE NEWS

Denham Springs High big man Xavier Miles and the Yellow Jackets are the No. 2 seed in the 2017 Livingston Parish Tournament.

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TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

At Hornsby Gym | Denham Springs High

GIRLS

- 1: Holden
- 2: Albany
- 3: DSHS
- 4: Walker
- 5: French Settlement
- 6: Doyle
- 7: Live Oak
- 8: Maurepas
- 9: Springfield

Tuesday

- Game 1: Maurepas vs. Springfield, 3 p.m.
 Game 2: Walker vs. FSHS, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

- Game 3: Albany vs. Live Oak, 3 p.m.
 Game 4: Doyle vs. DSHS, 6 p.m.

Thursday

Consolation bracket

- Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.

Championship bracket

- Game 6: Holden vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m.

Friday

Championship bracket

- Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m.
 Game 8: Game 6 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Consolation bracket

- Game 9: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 9 a.m.
 5th-place game, noon

Championship bracket

- 3rd-place game, 3 p.m.
 Championship game: 6 p.m.

BOYS

- 1: Walker
- 2: DSHS
- 3: Live Oak
- 4: Doyle
- 5: Springfield
- 6: Holden
- 7: Albany
- 8: Maurepas
- 9: French Settlement

Tuesday

- Game 1: Maurepas vs. FSHS, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 2: Doyle vs. Springfield, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Game 3: Holden vs. Live Oak, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 4: Albany vs. DSHS, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Consolation bracket

- Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4:30 p.m.

Championship bracket

- Game 6: Walker vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Championship bracket

- Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 8: Game 6 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Consolation bracket

- Game 9: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 10:30 a.m.
 5th-place game, 1:30 p.m.

Championship bracket

- 3rd-place game, 4:30 p.m.
 Championship game: 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 5A STATE QUARTERFINAL | ACADIANA 17, LIVE OAK 14

END OF THE LINE

COSTLY TRIO OF TURNOVERS, BIG-PLAY ACADIANA OFFENSE END EAGLES' MAGICAL RUN

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

WATSON -- As the final seconds ticked away Friday and reality

started to set in, there were slumped shoulders up and down the Live Oak sideline.

Afterward, the abruptness was fresh as seniors shared tears and hugs and one – Landon Roberts, who couldn't play because of a knee injury suffered in the playoff opener – held a American flag up high as he consoled his teammates.

Ends of season come harshly no matter what, but when an underdog that had a chance to pull off another stunner falls a little short, the ache is immediate and extra tough.

Acadiana 17, Live Oak 14. A wild ride over but not without a scrapbook full of memories that will be part of the Eagles' tradition moving forward.

It took a gadget play for the Rams to grab the lead on a night when they consistently moved the ball up and down the field, but struggled to cash in – largely because Live Oak's defense refused to yield.

"This is tough because we did so many things well to get here and played things well (Friday), but we also did some of the things that hurt

WEEK 13 SCOREBOARD

LHSAA playoffs
 Nov. 24
CLASS 5A state quarterfinal
 Acadiana 17, Live Oak 14

us a lot during the season," Live Oak coach Brett Beard said after his team's historic playoff run ended in the Class 5A state quarterfinals.

"We were really close and that stings, but I couldn't be prouder of what these guys accomplished the last couple of weeks to even give us a chance to be here."

The Eagles (7-6) were oh-so-close to one more week of playoff football, thanks to a solid first half when they refused to blink against the No. 3-seeded Rams (12-1) and a gritty defense that bent much more than usual but didn't bend on a pair of chances Acadiana had to seize more concrete control.

Sparked by the unexpected, Live Oak snatched momentum less than a minute into the second half with a rare pass play that reached the end zone.

The Eagles got the second-half kickoff, and after a delay while officials sorted through offsetting personal foul penalties after a fracas on the first snap of the period, Live Oak quarterback Sal Palermo faked a handoff, drifted back and rifled a perfect strike to Bryson Snapp.



BB'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Live Oak safety Eli Johnson (11) and linebacker Zach Legendre (17) wrap up Acadiana running back Ziggy Francis last Friday in a Class 5A state quarterfinal game. The Rams outlasted the Eagles 17-14.

Snapp, who had lined up wide left and ran a deep post, grabbed the ball over two Rams' defenders and angled his way downfield the rest of the way for a 79-ard touchdown strike. Nathan Holliday added the extra point and Live Oak was up 14-10 after the two defenses slugged it out for the first 24 minutes.

The Eagles held onto their lead when a long Acadiana drive that seemed destined for points came up empty because Live Oak's defense wouldn't budge from inside the 10-yard-line.

The Rams churned 78 yards on seven running plays to set up 1st-and-goal from the 4. But a false start flag pushed the Rams back. Jaylon Borel threw incomplete on first down, the Eagles stuffed Dillon Monette on second down and Live Oak linebacker Blake

Robinson crashed through and dropped Borel for an 11-yard sack on third down.

Noah Anderson, who had put the Rams in front with a 29-yard field goal late in the first half, attempted to pull his team closer from 36 yards away but his kick was wide right.

"We came up with some big plays to keep them from scoring," Beard said. "That's a testament to how hard these guys played on defense."

The Eagles were poised to

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DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH GIRLS SOCCER



HASKELL WHITTINGTON | THE NEWS

Denham's Claire Chevalier defends Parkview Baptist's Jenna Whittonne on Monday. The Lady Jackets jumped ahead early and claimed a 5-2 victory. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

DSHS pounces on Parkview on the way to a 5-2 triumph

By Adam Henderson

The Livingston Parish News

BATON ROUGE -- Denham Springs High used a strong start and finish to power past Parkview Baptist 5-2 on Monday.

The Lady Eagles flirted with a comeback once they went down 3-0, but the Lady Jackets were able to find an extra gear late and score two goals to pull away.

"If you were to ask me

what the most stable thing about our team is, I'd say it's the back line," DSHS coach Nikki Deshotel said. "So when things like this happen and we go up and down, it makes it look like we don't have a defense. That's where we have to do some work. We started this game with two girls in their own heads, and they both played defense and that doesn't help anything. You can't start on the right foot when you're already

doubting yourself before we have a kickoff."

LSU commitment Makenzie Maher opened the scoring in the 13th minute when she caught the Parkview keeper off her line and dropped a floater over her head and into the net from 30 yards out.

Four minutes later the Lady Jackets (3-2-1)

LADY JACKETS
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SHERIFF SALES

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TUCORA, CLAUDIA R JN

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TUCORA, CLAUDIA R JN

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 November 21, 2017, and laid over for publication of notice:

L.P. ORDINANCE 17-44

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH TO ADD A SECTION 2-2, "JUDICIAL BUILDING FUNDRAISING TO COURT SERVICE CHARGES."

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on December 14, 2017, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., at the Livingston Parish Council Chambers located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

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L.P. ORDINANCE 17-45

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPEAL SECTION 4.31 OF CHAPTER 4.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE PARAGRAPH (g), UTILITY VALATIONS PARAGRAPHS 1-4 ONLY; AND SECTION 4.5-14, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE, PARAGRAPH (g), UTILITY VALATIONS PARAGRAPHS 1-4 ONLY, AS NOW FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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L.P. ORDINANCE 17-46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AS PER SECTION 2-05(F) OF THE HOME RULI CHARTER AND LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 33:1231.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on December 14, 2017, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., at the Livingston Parish Council Chambers located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

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L.P. ORDINANCE NO.17-47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET AND ADOPTING THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH PRESIDENT-COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., at the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, Council Meeting Chambers, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

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Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
November 9, 2017

The Livingston Parish Council met in 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, November 9, 2017, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard
Gary "Frog" Talbert
John Wascom
R.C. "Bubba" Harris
Tracy Girlinghouse
Tab Lobell
Shane Mack

Absent:
Jill Averell
Maureen "Scouter" Keen

Also present:
Layton Backs, Parish President
Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

The chair called the meeting to order and 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.

The chair addressed agenda item 7, "Resolutions", having none, the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

The chair addressed agenda item 8, "Adoption of the Minutes from the October 25, 2017 regular meeting of the Council".

L.P. NO. 17-365
MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated October 25, 2017 of the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council; and adopted as written.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair advised that, for the sake of time, he would be skipping to agenda item 13, "Planning Department Recommendations, a. Audubon Lakes, 2nd Filing". With no objection, the chair then called upon Sam Digiarano to address this agenda item.

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NAYS: NONE

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ABSTAIN: NONE

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L.P. NO. 17-366
MOTION was made by Gary "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to accept the roads and improvements into the maintenance system for Audubon Lakes, 2nd Filing, located on Louisiana Highway 1024, Section 31, T55 R 3E, in Council District 2.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Councilman Gary "Frog" Talbert wished to make a motion for the release of the maintenance fund, but it would be contingent upon finding out who made damages in the front of the subdivision and hold them accountable. Mr. Digiarano stated that his office would respect that the developers and the previous developers "paid it" to get the corrections completed before the bond would be released.

L.P. NO. 17-367
MOTION was made by Gary "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to release the maintenance fund in the amount of fifty thousand, six hundred and forty two dollars (\$59,642.00) for Audubon Lakes, 2nd Filing, located on Louisiana Highway 1024, Section 31, T55 R 3E, in Council District 2, ~~approved~~ upon finding out who the responsible party in that made damages in the front of the subdivision, and holding them accountable for those damages.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Councilman Gary Talbert questioned Mr. Digiarano if turn arounds were installed on state highways. Mr. Digiarano concurred that turnarounds would be placed on each proposed bus on Cane Market Road.

L.P. NO. 17-368
MOTION was made by Gary "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Shane Mack to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and ~~approve the preliminary site plan for The Greens Condominiums Townhomes~~, located on Carney Club Drive, Sections 18 and 29, T68 R 3E, in Council District 3.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

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L.P. NO. 17-369
MOTION was made by Gary "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and ~~approve the preliminary site plan for Highlands Subdivision~~, located on Cane Market Road, Section 33, T55 R 3E, in Council District 3.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. KEEN, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

L.P. NO. 17-370
MOTION was made by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by John Wascom to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and ~~approve the preliminary site plan for Spring Lake Subdivision~~, located on Baton Rouge Road, Section 44, T55 R 3E, in Council District 5.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR.

DOYLE TOURNAMENT | LIVE OAK 55, LORANGER 36



RALPH MELANCON | THE NEWS
Left, Live Oak's DaDa Capling looks to force the ball inside vs. Loranger on Nov. 21 at the Doyle Tournament. The Eagles raced to a 55-36 triumph. Above, Guard Halen Cox drives to the basket.

Eagles' shooting improves in 55-36 win

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON -- Players are going to shoot the basketball. That's sort of one of the most important things that happens in basketball, after all.

When and from where those shots get launched can have a lot to do with the storyline of a game. Sometimes there even subplots within the framework of 32 minutes.

Live Oak knocked off Loranger 55-36 Tuesday at the Doyle Tournament and that was the bottom-line outcome.

Right at the surface of the Eagles' second victory in five early-season games was the important fact that they got better.

Sparked by Bryan Bayonne, Live Oak (2-3) shot a sizzling 66.7% (14 of 21) from the field in the second half to outscore the Wolves 31-15 over the final 16 minutes and cruise to their second win in the last three games.

Making shots was important, and improved shot selection was an underlying theme: The Eagles launched only one 3-pointer after half-time, instead relying on dribble-drives and post looks to grab control.

As well as the Eagles shot on their end, they also cranked their defense up a few notches. Loranger (2-1) missed 21 of the 25 field goals it attempted after half-time with 9 turnovers.

"We picked up the defensive intensity and started playing better fundamental



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Vince Bayonne pulls up for a jumper in Live Oak's 55-36 win over Loranger. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

man-to-man defense," Live Oak coach John Capps said.

"And when we had the ball, we attacked the basket much better and made layups." Bayonne led that parade.

After seeming out of sorts in the first half, the 6-foot-2 junior constantly beat the athletic Wolves down the court in transition or on press-break drives. He scored 8 points in the third quarter when the Eagles left Loranger in the dust, turning a 24-21 lead

into 36-25.

The Eagles' advantage was just 28-24 when Capps called a timeout at the 3:37 juncture of the third period. Coming out of that break, Bayonne soared in for a layup on a feed from twin brother Vince Bayonne, DaDa Capling powered up from the block on a pass from big man Jordan Alford, Bryan Bayonne notched another bucket on a fast-break pass from Capling and Vince Bayonne took a perfect pass from Ha-

len Cox in for a layup.

That 8-0 outburst in 1:55 pushed the lead to 36-24 and it never shrunk below double digits.

A similar surge of eight unanswered points in a 1:57 span in the opening stages of the last quarter removed most of the drama. In those two bookend runs, Live Oak connected on 9-of-13 shots.

"For some reason, we don't start games real well but we've finished them pretty well two of the last three

games, so that's a good sign," Capps said.

"We're getting better. We have lot of young guys playing a lot of minutes and it's taken some time to mold together, but we're getting there."

One reason for the growing cohesion is Cox, the unheralded guard. He scored 4 points Tuesday, but his impact went much deeper than scoring, with 7 rebounds, 3 assists and countless subtle plays that won't ever register in a stat column.

"He's just so solid," Capps said. "He gets to where he needs to help and is a great team defender. He does a lot of good things and a big reason why we're making some progress."

Lawrence Pierre led Live Oak with 15 points, 6 in the fourth quarter. Bryan Bayonne added 12 -- all in the second half -- and Jordan Alford managed to produce 10 points despite foul trouble.

LIVE OAK 55, LORANGER 36

Loranger 15 6 6 10 -- 36

Live Oak 14 10 12 19 -- 55

Loranger (36) -- Oscar Miller 6 4-8 16,

Prince Boykin 3 1-2 8, Brian Spears 1

2-6 5, Justin Addison 1 2-2 5, Kortavious

Spears 0 0-0 0, Rashe Besse 1 0-0 2,

Kevin Long 0 0-0 0. **Totals 12-9-18 36.**

Live Oak (55) -- DaDa Capling 4 0-0 8,

Bryan Bayonne 6 0-2 12, Vince Bayonne

2 0-0 4, Lawrence Pierre 7 1-3 15,

Jordan Alford 5 0-0 10, Halen Cox 2 0-0

4, Chase Vallot 1 0-0 3, Brayden Vallot 0

0-0 0, Ahmad Pink 0 0-0 0.

Totals 26 1-5 55.

3-point goals -- Loranger 3 (Boykin 1, Ad-

dison 1, B. Spears 1); Live Oak 2 (Pierre 1,

C. Vallot 1). Total fouls -- Loranger 11, Live

Oak 20. Fouled out -- Alford. Records:

Loranger 2-1, Live Oak 2-3.

Dutchtown 78, Live Oak 52

LIVINGSTON -- Live Oak

got offense early to

hang with Dutchtown,

but didn't have many

defensive answers in a

78-52 loss on Nov. 20.

The Eagles went

toe-to-toe for a quar-

ter with the Griffins,

with Lawrence Pierre

leading a balanced

attack with 5 of his

13 points in the first

stanza.

But the Griffins, in

their season opener,

started out hot and

stayed that way with

20 points in three of

the four quarters.

Nic Caldwell led

Dutchtown with 38

points, relentlessly at-

tacking Live Oak (1-3)

on drives and long-

range shots.

Bryan Bayonne

drained a pair of

3-pointers and added

11 points for the

Eagles, who will face

Loranger at 4 p.m. on

the second day of the

tournament.

DaDa Capling also

notched 11 points.

DUTCHTOWN 78, LIVE OAK 52

Live Oak 17 12 14 9 -- 52

Dutchtown 20 18 20 20 -- 78

Live Oak (52) -- Bryan Bayonne

3 3-4 11, Vince Bayonne 4 0-1 8,

Lawrence Pierre 4 4-4 13, DaDa

Capling 5 0-1 11, Halen Cox 2 0-0

5, Jordan Alford 1 2-4 4, Marlow

Hughes 0 0-0 0. **Totals 19 8-13 52.**

Dutchtown (78) -- Ricky Thomas

0 1-2 1, Ryan Brownfield 3 2-2 9,

Nicholas Caldwell 14 6-7 38, Gary

Smith 9 2-2 20, Ty Wilson 2 0-0 4,

T. Bellamy 0 0-0 0, Chase Bellamy

2 0-0 5, Derrick Youngblood 0 0-0

0, Jordan Jackson 0 0-2 0, Briant

Parker 0 1-2 1. **Totals 30 12-19 72.**

3-point goals -- Live Oak 6 (B. Bay-

onne 2, Pierre 2, Capling 1, Cox 1);

Dutchtown 6 (Caldwell 4, Brownfield

1, C. Bellamy 1). Total fouls -- Live

Oak 19, Dutchtown 15. Records:

Live Oak 1-3, Dutchtown 1-0.



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DOYLE TOURNAMENT | DSHS 60, DUTCHTOWN 53

Jackets top Griffins for key November win

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON – A few days before Thanksgiving isn't a time to peg exactly how a team's season is going to unfold. Doesn't mean that notching a noteworthy victory in late November isn't welcome, especially for Denham Springs High considering how the last two campaigns got started.

The Yellow Jackets came out blazing against Dutchtown on Nov. 21 at the Doyle Tournament and then made big plays in the clutch to clip the Griffins 60-53.

Denham improved to 3-1 by shrugging off a loss to St. Amant earlier, which marks the Jackets' best start in coach Kevin Caballero's three seasons.

The DSHS interior trio of Dorsett Washington, Xavier Miles and Bryan Harvey came up huge, combining for 30 points, 14 rebounds and 3 assists to anchor the win, and senior Ray Whitley delivered a much-needed crescendo with the game on the line.

"I thought the Port Allen win on the road to start the season was big, but this one was bigger," Caballero said. "It's good to go into Thanksgiving 3-1 and to beat a team like that. They're physical well-coached and talented, so I couldn't be prouder of my guys."

The Jackets didn't waste any time making their coach happy.

Denham scored on nine of its first 12 possessions, with all five starters chiming as the Jackets raced to a 19-6 lead. Dutchtown



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Left, Denham Springs forward Dorsett Washington charges past a Dutchtown defender on Nov. 21 at the Doyle Tournament. Above, Yellow Jackets' guard Ray Whitley looks to work the ball inside as Derrick Youngblood defends. DSHS topped the Griffins 60-53 to improve to 3-1. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

(2-1) had no answers for Miles inside when Whitley fed him on three consecutive possessions to pad the lead.

Combined, Miles and Washington knocked down 13-of-21 floor shots, while Harvey came off the bench to hit 2-of-4.

"They're buying in more than ever and see that stuff we run for them is working and they're getting the chance to do a lot more," said Whitley, who scored 12 points and recorded the 3 early assists.

Ignited by the inside attack, DSHS shot a red-hot 8-for-11 from the field in the opening quarter and cooled off only slightly by halftime to 65% (13 of 20).

A brief lull to begin the second quarter gave the Griffins (2-1) a chance to close the gap to 19-15 before Miles

re-engaged with an offensive rebound and driving bucket to notch Denham's first field goal of the period.

Dutchtown made a charge to get within 26-23 on Gary Smith fast-break drive, but Miles scored twice again inside on a mid-range jumper and a nifty spin move along the baseline.

The first half ended on a sour note when Whitley was tagged with his third foul on a battle for a rebound. Jordan Jackson hit two free throws with under a second on the clock to send the game to halftime with the Jackets leading 30-25.

Caballero and his coaches opted to start the second half with Whitley on the bench and the Griffins seized on the chance to roar back with 10 points in the initial

2:25 of the third quarter on two Ricky Thomas transition drives, two Smith hoops and Nic Caldwell's two on a break off of a steal that knotted the score, 35-35.

Suddenly back at square one, Denham went back to the basics by giving Washington a chance to take over and he obliged. He snapped the tie with a dribble-drive to trigger a stretch when he and Harvey scored the Jackets' final 10 points of the period.

"Coach told me I was going to have a big game and him having confidence in me helped me a bunch," Washington said after his best game since returning from the football team.

Despite Washington's surge, the Griffins refused to fade away. They scored eight of the first 10 points of the final quarter to burst in front 51-47 when Caldwell scored four straight points.

Denham's Julian White coaxed a 3-pointer to rattle in at the 3:07 juncture to pull the Jackets within 51-50 and

DSHS kept the difference at a single tally when Jay Henderson snatched an offensive carom and put the ball back in.

Dutchtown had a chance to stretch the lead but Jackson was called for a travel and Whitley pounced on the mistake. With the Griffins' defense cranked up, the Jackets' lightning-quick point guard slid around a screen, found open space in the circle and elevated to stick a jump shot to put his team in front 54-53.

"I was really just in rhythm," he said. "I got there and pulled up and I was letting it come to me and not forcing it."

Two empty Dutchtown possessions were costly because Whitley made sure to get his hands on the ball. When the Griffins were forced to foul, he went to the stripe and nailed six in a row on the final 40.1 seconds to seal the deal.

"Ray made six free throws in a row, which isn't real flashy like a dunk or shooting 3s, but that's what wins games

for you," Caballero said. Added Washington, "Ray is our guy. We're going to ride with him and die with him. Those free throws he made were really big."

DSHS 60, DUTCHTOWN 53

DSHS 19 11 15 15 -- 60

Dutchtown 10 15 18 10 -- 53

DSHS (60) -- Ray Whitley 3-4 6-6 12,

Jay Henderson 3-6 2-2 9, Xavier Miles

6-9 0-0 12, Cameron Johnson 1-4 0-0 2,

Dorsett Washington 7-12 0-0 14, Julian

White 1-1 1-2 4, Kaleb Drummer 0-1 0-0

0, D.J. Williams 1-2 1-1 3, Bryan Harvey

2-5 0-0 4, James Johnson 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals 24-44 10-11 60.

Dutchtown (53) -- Ricky Thomas 4-4

2-2 10, Ryan Brownfield 1-5 0-0 3,

Nicholas Caldwell 6-14 3-5 15, Gary

Smith 7-12 1-4 16, Ty Wilson 1-1 0-0

2, Chase Bellamy 1-3 3-4 5, Derrick

Youngblood 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Jackson

0-2 2-2 2, Briant Parker 0-1 2-1. Totals

20-42 11-17 53.

3-point goals -- DSHS 2-6 (White

1-1, Henderson 1-3, Whitley 0-1,

Johnson 0-1); Dutchtown 2-15 (Smith

1-3, Brownfield 1-4, Youngblood 0-1,

Caldwell 0-7). Total fouls -- DSHS 17,

Dutchtown 17. Fouled out -- Wilson.

Technical fouls -- Williams, Wilson.

Records: DSHS 3-1, Dutchtown 2-1.

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DOYLE TOURNAMENT | ST. AMANT 46, DSHS 42

St. Amant grinds past DSHS, 46-42

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON -- Of all the elements that go into winning a basketball game, the least controllable thing is shooting the ball.

So when Denham Springs High struggled to put the ball through the net Monday night against St. Amant at the Doyle Tournament, the Yellow Jackets hit a scoring lull that proved to be too long and deep to overcome in a 46-42 loss.

But third-year coach Kevin Caballero didn't dwell on the shooting woes. Instead, he looked at the glass half full – identifying that his crew did plenty else to like.

"If they will play with the intensity they have played with in our three games so far, we're going to be fine," Caballero said. "Those shots will go at some point. You have to keep getting good shots and taking good shots. Effort-wise, I couldn't be prouder. We really played hard."

Against the caliber of team that DSHS (2-1) will have to contend with on a regular basis starting in January and beyond if it has designs on returning to the playoffs.

The Gators (3-0) were the biggest and most athletic foe the Jackets have encountered early in the season and from the opening tip there was a mid-season feel to the game.

Defense was amped up. Passes were deflected. Shots were contested.

"This was a little more intense and we were ready for that," said senior Jay Henderson who led the Jackets with 13 points after hanging up 19 in a 57-38 romp past Northlake Christian earlier in the day. "We've been moving the ball well together and looking for each other and that helped against (St. Amant) because they were a tough team."

The two teams settled very little in the first two quarters, finishing tied 9-9 after 8 minutes and 17-17 at halftime.

Denham's shooting woes surfaced after a 3-for-5 start from the field when it missed 14 of its next 17 field goals, but pesky defense balanced that out. The Jackets came up with 8 steals in the initial 16 minutes among 13 Gator turnovers.

St. Amant cleaned their ball security up in the third quarter,



RENEE GLASCOCK | THE NEWS

Denham Springs High forward Xavier Miles defends a Northlake Christian player on Nov. 21 at the Doyle Tournament. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

but DSHS's cold shooting touch remained. In fact, it got worse.

Ray Whitley swished a 3-pointer just past the midway point of the third period and that was all the Jackets managed to knock down in 10 floor shots.

Whitley's trey boosted Denham in front 20-19, but St. Amant's Jahnoi

Daley drew a foul 16 seconds later and dropped in both free throws to flip the lead. Those foul shots also triggered a methodical 15-3 Gators' surge that stretched into the final stanza.

When Tyrone Johnson scored inside with 6:24 to go, the St. Amant lead had ballooned to 34-23 – with a D.J. Williams' 3-pointer the only interruption.

The deficit grew to 41-26 when Daley – who scored a game-high 24 points – connected on two more free throws.

Denham finally warmed up, with Williams, Whitley and Henderson all chiming in during a 10-2 burst.

Williams hit a pair of foul shots, Whitley drove for a jumper from the lane and Henderson grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. He drew a foul and made the free throw to whittle the gap to 42-33. Moments later, Henderson cranked in a 3 from the top of the key to pull the Jackets within 43-36. He was 3-for-6 from the floor and 5-for-5 at the stripe.

"My coaches and teammates have been motivating me," Henderson said. "We've worked real hard at practice and built some confidence together as a unit."

Right after Henderson got Denham as close to St. Amant as it had been in the final minutes of the third quarter, Julian White came up with a steal and fed Whitley on the right wing for a wide-open 3-point look.

The shot was on target but refused to drop in, the Gators rebounded and did enough to withstand DSHS down the stretch despite another Henderson trey and Whitley's long bomb at the buzzer.

ST. AMANT 46, DSHS 42

DSHS 9 8 3 22 -- 42

St. Amant 9 8 11 18 -- 46

DSHS (42) -- Jay Henderson 3-6 5-5 13, Ray Whitley 5-12 0-0

12, Cameron Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Julian White 1-5 0-0 3, Xavier

Miles 1-5 0-0 2, Kaleb Drummer 2-4 0-0 2, Dorsett Washington

0-4 0-4 0, D.J. Williams 1-3 3-4 6, Christian Knox 1-5 0-0 2,

Bryan Harvey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-48 8-13 42.

St. Amant (46) -- Jimmie Pittman 3-8 0-0 6, Jahnoi Daley 4-5

15-20 24, Richard Donaldson 0-0 0-0 0, Jerome Turner 1-4 0-0

3, Tshon Daley 1-2 0-0 2, Tyrone Johnson 3-8 3-6 9, Colbee

Harris 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 13-28 18-29 46.

3-point goals -- DSHS 6-19 (Whitley 2-4, Henderson 2-4, Wil-

liams 1-2, White 1-5, Johnson 0-3, Knox 0-1); St. Amant 2-3 (J.

Daley 2-2, Pittman 0-1). Total fouls -- DSHS 19, St. Amant 13.

Fouled out -- None. Records: DSHS 2-1, St. Amant 3-0.

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DOYLE TOURNAMENT | ST. AMANT 43, DOYLE 34

Doyle drops pair of games to larger foes

By Rob DeArmond

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON -- Sure, the Doyle boys went 0-2 on the final day of the Doyle Tournament on Tuesday, but Tigers' coach Daniel Kennedy is keeping the bigger picture in mind in the early stages of the season.

The Tigers dropped a 43-34 decision to Class 5A St. Amant in the tournament finale and lost to 3A Loranger 52-43 earlier in the day.

"I think over the last few years, we have kind of started to build on what we want this program to be," Kennedy said. "But the only way to really get there is you have to play good competition. So we did on our schedule. We didn't try to shy away. We wanted to play, not only size schools, we wanted to play what we felt like were some of the best teams that we could match up with, and I thought we did that (Tuesday) -- came up short -- but I thought we competed very well.

"I thought we played with a lot of intensity, really got after it on defense. I was pleased with our effort. If we don't play hard -- especially against good teams -- but if we don't play hard at all, then we're not a good team."

St. Amant 43, Doyle 34

The Tigers (5-2) trailed 14-13 at halftime, but Tristan Jones' 3-pointer keyed a 7-0 run that put Doyle up 20-14 and forced the Gators to take a timeout.

"(Coach) just told us to make sure we were taking care of the ball -- that we were getting good looks on offense -- we were going to start finishing, just make sure we kept taking care of the ball," Doyle's Hunter Stovall said of the run.

As quickly as Doyle took the lead, St. Amant answered, forcing a flurry of turnovers into points as Jahnoi Daley's

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3-pointer gave the Gators a 21-20 edge they never gave up.

Both teams played pressure defense, and the Tigers cut the lead to 24-23 on Kade Lewis' bucket. The Gators got a three-point play from Daley to pull ahead 27-23 before taking a 27-25 lead into the 4th quarter.

"We try to get after it," Kennedy said. "Even though we might not be the more athletic team, we still want to try to put pressure -- you can put pressure by different ways -- but we're not quick enough to play full-court man-to-man. We're not built that way, so we put pressure in different ways."

Doyle got as close as 33-30 on Eli Dawsey's reverse layup, but the Gators created turnovers and got rebounds down the stretch to stay ahead, 41-32.

The Tigers' defensive pressure gave the Gators fits early on as both teams tried to find a groove.

Dawsey's 3-pointer snapped a 4-4 tie and Doyle went into the second quarter with an 11-6 lead.

Daley was fouled on a 3-pointer and hit the free throw to cut the deficit to 11-10. Both teams struggled from there with neither scoring until Daley, who led the Gators with 17 points, hit a pair of free throws for a 12-11 lead with 2:10 to go in the half.

The Tigers got their only points of the quarter on a pair of



Top, Doyle's Eli Dawsey drives the ball past St. Amant's Richard Donaldson. Bottom, Deon Landor pushes off a St. Amant defender. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

Stovall free throws before Daley's layup gave the Gators the halftime lead.

"St. Amant's a really good team and defensive team as well," Kennedy said. "You obviously want to take good shots, and I thought for the most part, we took good shots. But just

because you're taking good shots, if it's contested, that's a hard shot, especially for a high school kid to make.

"Give their defense a whole lot of credit. Our struggles offensively had more to do with them really, than what I thought it did with us."

ST. AMANT 43, DOYLE 34

St. Amant	6	8	13	16	--	43
Doyle	11	2	12	9	--	34

St. Amant (43) -- Kenyon Hebert 0 0-0 0, Jimmie Pittman 1 2-4 7, KJ Franklin 0 0-0 0, Jahnoi Daley 3 7-8 17, Richard Donaldson 0 0-0 0, Connor Adams 0 0-0 0, Colbee Harris 0 0-0 3, Javin Aguilard 0 0-0 0, Tate Broussard 0 0-0 0, Jarome Turner 0 3-5 3, Tyrone Johnson 5 1-2 11, Tision Daley 0 0-0 0, Justin Gibson 0 0-0 0, Johnny Jonson 0 0-0 0. **Totals 9 6-19 43.**

Doyle (34) -- Tristan Jones 1 1-3 6, Braden Keen 0 0-0 0, Landon Wascom 2 1-2 5, Eli Dawsey 1 1-2 6, Logan Turner 0 0-0 0, Deon Landor 2 2-4 6, Luke Jones 0 0-0 0, Kade Lewis 1 1-2 3, Andrew Yuratch 0 0-0 0, Hunter Stovall 2 4-5 8, Cameron Jones 0 0-0 0, Thomas Hodges 0 0-0 0, Landon Wolfe 0 0-0 0, Tyson Stewart 0 0-0 0. **Totals 9 10-18 34.**
3-point goals -- St. Amant 4 (Daley 2, Pittman, Harris); Doyle 2 (Tristan Jones, Dawsey). Total fouls -- St. Amant 17, Doyle 20.

Loranger 52, Doyle 43

The Wolves led 14-13 after the first quarter but hit four 3-pointers during a 16-7 run which stretched the lead to 30-20 at halftime.

The Tigers cut it to 41-32 going into the 4th, but Loranger went 9-for-16 from the line in the final period.

LORANGER 52, DOYLE 43

Loranger	14	16	11	11	--	52
Doyle	13	7	12	11	--	43

Loranger (52) -- Oscar Miller 3 5-8 9, Bryan Spears 3 1-3, Justin Addison 1 5-7 13, Prince Boykin 2 2-6 18, Kortavious Spears 0 2-2 2, Rashone Besst 0 0-0 0, Jalon Hawkins 0 0-0 0, Ryan Rivers 0 0-0 0. **Totals 9 18-23 52.**
Doyle (43) -- Tristan Jones 1 5-6 16, Braden Keen 0 0-0 0, Landon Wascom 1 0-0 2, Eli Dawsey 0 1-2 4, Logan Turner 0 0-0 0, Deon Landor 2 2-3 6, Luke Jones 0 0-0 0, Kade Lewis 3 1-1 7, Andrew Yuratch 0 0-0 0, Hunter Stovall 0 0-0 0, Cameron Jones 0 0-0 0, Thomas Hodges 0 0-0 0, Tyson Stewart 1 0-0 2. **Totals 8 9-12 43.**
3-point goals -- Loranger 7 (Boykin 4, Addison 2, Spears); Doyle 6 (Tristan Jones 3, Stovall 2, Lewis 1).
Total fouls -- Loranger 14, Doyle 20.

FRENCH SETTLEMENT GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Lions capture tournament title

Staff report

French Settlement snapped a halftime tie to pull away for a 37-31 win over North Central in the championship game of the Sacred Heart of Ville Platte tournament on Nov. 22.

French Settlement advanced to the championship game of the Sacred Heart of Ville Platte tournament with a pair of wins Nov. 21.

Four players scored in double figures as the Lady Lions picked up a 64-23 win over St. Edmund in the semifinals. French Settlement connected on 10 3-pointers in a 65-42 win over Basile.

Three players scored in double figures as French Settlement hit 13 3-pointers held Catholic of New Iberia to single digits in every quarter in 69-24 win to open the tournament on Nov. 20.

FSHS 37, North Central 31

The game was tied at 20 at halftime, but the Lady Lions used an 11-2 run in the 3rd quarter to spark the win.

Bailey Karpinski and

Dannah Martin each scored 5 points during the burst, while North Central hit a pair of free throws in the quarter.

A pair of 3-pointers by Karpinski accounted for all of the Lady Lions' scoring in the 4th quarter as North Central closed out with a 9-6 run, hitting on 3 field goals and going 3-for-6 from the line.

Karpinski led FSHS with 16 points, including four 3-pointers.

Martin finished with 12 points, including three of the team's nine 3-pointers.

Payton Clouatre has the other two treys.

FSHS 37, NORTH CENTRAL 31

North Central	8	12	9	--	31	
FSHS	12	8	11	6	--	37

North Central (31) -- Keller 5 1-2 11, Terero 0 2-2 2, Tyler 3 4-8 10, White 1 0-0 2, Nevills 0 3-4 6. **Totals 9 10-16 31.**
French Settlement (37) -- Abby Wheat 0 0-0 0, Cailey Smith 0 0-0 0, Bailey Karpinski 2 0-0 16, Dannah Martin 1 1-1 12, Payton Clouatre 0 0-0 6, Alivia Schmidt 0 0-0 0, Shay Parker 0

0-0 0, Serenity Smith 0 3-4 3, Makayla Sheppard 0 0-0 0, Laurel Smiley 0 0-2 0, Jacelyn Avara 0 0-0 0, Sarah Petite. **Totals 3 4-7 37.**
3-pointers -- North Central 1 None; FSHS 9 (Karpinski 4, Martin 3, Clouatre 2). **Total fouls:** North Central 12, FSHS 17. **Records:** FSHS 6-0, North Central 1-3.

FSHS 64, St. Edmund 23

French Settlement led 43-7 at halftime to cruise into the title game.

Martin led the Lady Lions with 25 points, including five 3-points and a 6-for-6 effort from the line. Serenity Smith added 14 points, Laurel Smiley scored 12 and Clouatre scored 10 as the Lady Lions went 10-for 13 from the line.

FSHS 64, ST. EDMUND 23

FSHS	22	21	10	11	--	64
St. Edmund	6	1	12	4	--	23

FSHS (64) -- Abby Wheat 0 0-0 0, Cailey Smith 0 0-0 0, Bailey Karpinski 0 0-0 3, Dannah Martin 2 6-6 25, Payton Clouatre 3 1-2 10, Alivia Schmidt 0 0-0 0, Shay Parker 0 0-0 0, Serenity Smith 6 2-4 14, Makayla Sheppard 0 0-0 0, Laurel Smiley 4 1-1 12, Jacelynn Avara 0 0-0 0, Sarah Petite 0 0-0 0. **Totals 15 10-13 64.**
St. Edmund (23) -- A. Miller 1 0-0 2, K. Marcantel 1 0-0 2, M. Larrive 1 0-0 2, G. Fontenot 0 0-0 6, M. Lafleur 1 4-8 6, S. DeVillier 1 1-2 3, C. Leger 1 0-0 2. **Totals 6 5-10 23.**
3-pointers -- FSHS 7 (Martin 5,

Karpinski, Clouatre 1, Smiley 1); St. Edmund 2 (Fontenot 2). Total fouls: FSHS St. Edmund 8. Records: FSHS 5-0.

FSHS 65, Basile 42

The Lady Lions led 16-11 after the first quarter but used a 17-9 run in the second quarter to pull ahead 33-19 at halftime.

Martin paced French Settlement with 29 points, including seven 3-pointers.

Laurel Smiley chipped in 16 points, and Karpinski scored 14, including three 3-pointers.

FRENCH SETTLEMENT 65, BASILE 42

FSHS	16	17	13	19	--	65
Basile	11	8	9	14	--	42

FSHS (65) -- Abby Wheat 0 0-0 0, Cailey Smith 0 0-0 0, Bailey Karpinski 2 1-2 14, Dannah Martin 2 4-6 29, Payton Clouatre 1 2-4 4, Alivia Schmidt 0 0-0 0, Shay Parker 0 0-0 0, Serenity Smith 1 0-0 2, Makayla Sheppard 0 0-0 0, Laurel Smiley 6 4-5 16, Jacelynn Avara 0 0-0 0, Sarah Petite 0 0-0 0. **Totals 12 11-17.**
Basile (42) -- H. Giles 7 3-6 17, G. Fournet 2 2-2 12, C. Deshotel 3 0-0 6, R. Johnson 2 4 5, R. Ashford 0 2-2 2. **Totals 12 9-14 42.**
3-pointers -- FSHS 10 (Martin 7, Karpinski 3);

Basile 3 (Fournet 2, R. Johnson 1). **Total fouls:** FSHS 14, Basile 14. **Records:** FSHS 4-0, Basile 0-3.

FSHS 69, Catholic-New Iberia 24

The Lady Lions opened a 46-11 lead at halftime. Martin led FSHS with 27 points, including 15 in the 4th quarter.

Clouatre added 21 with 11 coming in the 1st quarter, and Karpinski added 10 points. Martin hit 6 treys, Clouatre added 4, Karpinski connected on 2, and Smiley hit one.

FSHS 69, CATHOLIC NEW-IBERIA 24

FSHS	20	16	10	23	--	69
CHNI	5	6	6	7	--	24

FSHS (69) -- Abby Wheat 0 0-0 0, Cailey Smith 0 0-0 0, Bailey Karpinski 2 0-0 10, Dannah Martin 4 1-2 27, Payton Clouatre 4 1-2 21, Alivia Schmidt 0 0-0 0, Shay Parker 0 0-0 0, Serenity Smith 2 0-3 4, Makayla Sheppard 0 0-0 0, Laurel Smiley 1 2-5 7, Jacelynn Avara 0 0-0 0, Sarah Petite 0 0-0 0. **Totals 13 4-14 69.**
CHNI (24) -- Borel 0 0-0 0, Bonin 1 0-0 2, Viator 0 0-0 0, Bienvenue 4 7-9 12, Guilbeau 1 0-0 2, L. Trappey 0 0-2 0, Mire 0 1-2 1, Narcisse 0 2-4 2, Narcisse 0 0-0 0, Suiro 0 0-0 0, J. Trappey 0 0-0 0, Gonsulin 0 0-0 0. **Totals 7 10-17 24.**
3-pointers -- FSHS 13 (Martin 6, Clouatre 4, Karpinski 2, Smiley 1); CHNI None). Total fouls: FSHS 18, CHNI 10.

DOYLE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Tigers grind past Albany; Holden falls vs. Loranger

Staff report
LIVINGSTON -- Doyle had to grind past Albany, but the Tigers found a way. Deon Landor paced Doyle (5-0) with 11 points, 7 in the opening quarter. The Tigers connected on five 3-pointers from four different players to finally subdue the Hornets.

Brandon Wright led Albany with 14 points and sparked a strong first quarter with 8 points as the Hornets grabbed a 12-10 lead. Trey Yelverton added 12.

Dutchtown 71, Albany 29
The Hornets struggled to keep pace with the Class 5A Griffins in their second game of the day.

Dutchtown (2-0) blazed to a 52-12 lead by halftime, with Gary Smith's 8 first-quarter points and Chase Bellamy's 12 in the second quarter fueling the onslaught.

Yelverton led Albany (0-6) with 9 points.

DUTCHTOWN 71, ALBANY 29
Dutchtown 20 32 8 11 -- 71
Albany 4 8 8 9 -- 29

Dutchtown (71) -- Ricky Thomas 1 1-2 3, Ryan Brownfield 6 1-2 15, Nicholas Caldwell 1 0-0 2, Gary Smith 3 4-4 10, Ty Wilson 2 0-0 4, T. Bellamy 2 0-0 5, Chase Bellamy 7 2-4 18, Derrick Youngblood 3 1-1 9, Jordan Jackson 2 0-0 4, Briant Parker 0 0-2 0, Drelon Monroe 0 1-2 1. **Totals 27 10-17 71.**

Albany (29) -- Caleb Puma 0 0-0 0, Brandon Wright 2 0-0 5, Trey Yelverton 4 0-0 9, Bryant Hanwinkel 1 0-0 2, Tyler Quamme 2 3-4 7, Da'Shawn Doherty 1 0-0 2, Drake Miller 0 2-2 2, Tyree Callahan 1 0-0 2, Latrell 0 0-2 0. **Totals 11 5-8 29.**

3-point goals -- Albany 2 (Wright 3, Yelverton 1); Doyle 5 (Jones 2, Dawsey 1, Stovall 1, Keen 1). **Total fouls** -- Albany 12, Doyle 18. **Fouled out** -- Stewart. **Records:** Albany 0-5, Doyle 5-0.



Albany's Tyler Quamme (32) and Doyle's Kade Lewis fight for the ball at the tip-off of last Monday's game in the Doyle Tournament. Doyle picked up a 37-33 win.

fouls -- Dutchtown 16, Albany 14.
Fouled out -- Parker. **Records:** Dutchtown 2-0, Albany 0-6.

Loranger 67, Holden 48
Cole Forbes was a consistent scoring threat for the Rockets with 15 points, but

SMALL SCHOOLS ROUNDUP

Springfield boys notch two wins

Staff report
SPRINGFIELD -- Springfield got strong second-half efforts from Isaiah Jackson and Bryce Johnson to key a 50-44 win over Pearl River on Monday.

The Bulldogs (3-2) trailed 39-26 at halftime, but Johnson had 7 points and Jackson 6 in a 13-5 third-quarter run that put Springfield ahead 39-34 heading into the 4th quarter.

Jackson scored all 11 of the Bulldogs' points in the final period, going 2-for-2 from the field and 7-for-8 from the line. Jackson paced Springfield with 22 points, while Johnson had 13.

Doyle 40, Plaquemine 34
Doyle (4-3) held Plaquemine to 11 points in the first half in building a 23-11 advantage.

Plaquemine, however, chipped away at the lead with second-half runs of 13-10 and 10-7 to close the gap.

Elise Jones led Doyle with 14 points, and Kourtlynn Lacey added 7.

DOYLE 40, PLAQUEMINE 34
Doyle 9 14 10 7 -- 40
Plaquemine 5 6 13 10 -- 34

Doyle (40) -- Kourtlynn Lacey 3 1-2 7, Presleigh Scott 0 0-0 0, Elise Jones 3 2-2 14, Sydney Taylor 2 0-1 4, Jasmine Nesser 0 0-0 0, Meghan Watson 1 3-3 5, Zoey Jacob 0 0-0 0, Kylie Merrell 3 0-0 6, Morgan Blades 2 0-2 4, Claire Glascock 0 0-0 0, Madison Duhon 0 0-0 0, Amber Smith 0 0-0 0. **Totals 14 6-10 40.**

Plaquemine (34) -- C. Rank 3 0-0 6, T. Watkins 2 2-2 6, S. Weeks 3 5-5 11, E. James 1 1-2 3, B. Dillon 2 4-4 8. **Totals 11 12-13 34.**

3-pointers -- Doyle 2 (Jones 2); Plaquemine None. **Total fouls:** Doyle 13, Plaquemine 17. **Records:** Doyle 4-3.

Springfield 58
Ascension Christian 26
Jackson scored 20 points, and Johnson added 13 as Springfield rolled over Ascension Christian on Nov. 20.

Springfield (2-2) led 31-11 at halftime, holding Ascension Christian to single digits in every quarter.

Jackson took over in the 3rd quarter, scoring 9 points on three field goals and a 3-pointer, as the Bulldogs stretched the lead to 49-19.

Johnson did his damage with 7 points in the 2nd quarter. Trent Martin added 8 points including a pair of 3-pointers, Isaiah Netter had 6 points, Trevor Martin had 5, and Collin Hayden scored 4.

Dutchtown 55, Doyle 29
Dutchtown held Doyle to single digits in every quarter but the 4th to cruise to the victory.

A 21-2 run in the 1st quarter helped the Lady Griffins open a 43-10 lead at halftime.

Jones led Doyle with 6 points, and Lacey, Sydney Taylor and Zoey Jacob each had 5.

GIRLS BASKETBALL | CENTRAL LOUISIANA TOURNAMENT

Albany, Holden go undefeated

Staff report
Albany and Holden both went undefeated in the Central Louisiana Thanksgiving Tournament last week in the Alexandria Area.

Albany went 3-0, posting a 60-34 victory over Winnfield and a 59-39 win over Simpson on Nov 21.

The Lady Hornets 33 points in the second quarter to roll to an 80-57 win over University on Nov 20.

Holden scored a 65-50 win over Merryville and a 57-28 victory over Pitkin.

20, Myrissa Gregoire 0 0-0 0, Laila McCallister 0 0-0 0, Michaela Carter 0 0-0 0, Cassie Baygents 0 0-0 0, Kaleigh Johnson 0 0-0 0. **Totals 19 15-17 59.**

Simpson (39) -- Torie Lalcotte 5 1-4 11, Kenzie Rachal 0 0-0 0, Sarah Flatt 3 0-0 6, Payton Miller 1 2-2 4, Ally Berry 2 0-0 7, Brooke Roberts 2 1-2 5, Ashtyn Mills 0 0-0 0, Ashley Addison 3 0-0 6. **Totals 16 4-8 39.**

3-pointers -- Albany 2 (Woods, Hoyt); Simpson 1 (Berry). **Total fouls:** Albany 9, Simpson 13. **Records:** Albany 4-1, Simpson 4-7.

McClain 2 3-5 7, Kenya Cage 0 0-0 0, Javonna Barfield 0 0-0 0, Tiliyah Davis 1 0-0 2. **Totals 11 6-19 34.**

3-pointers -- Albany 2 (Woods 2); Winnfield 2 (Pikes, Paul). **Total fouls:** Albany 21, Winnfield 17.

Albany 80
University High 57
Albany snapped an 18-all tie with a 33-10 run in the 2nd quarter. The Lady Hornets (2-1) hit their first 10 shots of the quarter, sparked by Kelly (10 points), Tristan Miles (8 points) and D'Fonseca (6 points).

Camryn Woods had 9 points and Kelly 6 during a 17-14 run in the 3rd quarter that extended the lead to 68-32 going into the final quarter.

Kelly led Albany with 22 points, D'Fonseca finished with 20, Woods chipped in 19 and Miles had 15.

Holden 65, Merryville 50
The Lady Rockets (9-0) rallied from a 32-29 deficit with an 18-10 run in the 3rd quarter.

Holden's Jaycee Hughes scored 11 of her 22 points in the 4th quarter to key an 18-8 run. K.K. Kropog added 13 points, and Amanda Fekete scored 10 for the Lady Rockets.

Family Christian 66
Maurepas 22
BATON ROUGE -- There wasn't much chatter coming from the Maurepas bench before half, more or less the result of the 31-point hole the Wolves dug for themselves by the end of the second quarter.

That hole ended up being a bit deeper by the end of the fourth quarter Monday.

The Wolves (5-5) missed all of their 18 3-point attempts and fared only slightly better from inside the 3-point line.

The Flames were paced by Jaylen Ray's 16 points and Josh Barrow's 14. Guard Trev Washington added 11. The Wolves played the fourth quarter without Hunter Dupuy, who hit the ground hard after coming down with a rebound late in the third.

DUTCHTOWN 55, DOYLE 29
Dutchtown (55) -- Graves 3 0-0 6, Halbeaux 3 1-2 7, Cain 3 4-4 10, Scott 4 2-2 10, Dean 2 0-0 4, Barber 6 2-2 14, Jones 1 0-0 2, Anderson 1 0-0 2. **Totals 23 9-10 55.**

Doyle (29) -- Kourtlynn Lacey 1 3-3 5, Presleigh Scott 0 0-0 0, Elise Jones 2 2-2 6, Sydney Taylor 1 3-4 5, Jasmine Nesser 0 0-0 0, Meghan Watson 1 0-0 2, Zoey Jacob 1 3-4 5, Kylie Morrel 1 0-0 2, Morgan Blades 0 3-4 3, Claire Glascock 0 0-0 0, Madison Duhon 0 0-2 3, Amber Smith 0 0-0 0. **Totals 6 14-20 29.**

3-pointers -- Dutchtown none; Doyle 1 (Duhon). **Total fouls:** Dutchtown 17, Doyle 10.

Albany 50, Simpson 39
Natalie Kelly scored 20 points, and the Lady Hornets (4-1) held Simpson to 14 points in the second half after building a 34-25 lead at halftime.

Kelly scored 7 points during a 21-7 run in the 3rd quarter that stretched the lead to 55-32 going into the final quarter.

Camryn Woods added 13 points for Albany, while Layla D'Fonseca chipped in 8 as the Lady Hornets went 15-for-17 from the line.

Albany 60, Winnfield 34
Albany held Winnfield to single digits in every quarter but the 4th as it built a 48-19 lead.

Kelly (8 points) and Woods (7 points) keyed and 18-7 run in the 2nd quarter for a 36-14 halftime advantage.

Kelly finished with 14 points, D'Fonseca had 13 and Woods 12 to pace the Lady Hornets.

ALBANY 80, U- HIGH 57
Albany (80) -- Kelli Landry 0 0-0 0, Camryn Woods 6 1-2 19, Honour Johnson 0 0-0 0, BrookeLynn Saxon 0 0-0 0, Tristan Miles 5 5-6 15, Haley Miles 1 0-0 2, Grace Purvis 0 0-0 0, Devyn Hoyt 0 0-0 0, Madeline Oubre 1 0-0 2, Mahogany Williams 0 0-0 0, Layla D'Fonseca 5 10-11 20, Natalie Kelly 9 4-4 22, Myrissa Gregoire 0 0-0 0, Laila McCallister 0 0-0 0, Michaela Carter 0 0-0 0, Cassie Baygents 0 0-0 0, Kaleigh Johnson 0 0-0 0. **Totals 27 20-23 80.**

University (57) -- Prummer 0 1-2 1, A. Fisher 5 8-8 21, M. Miles 0 0-0 0, G. Cartwright 0 0-0 0, K. White 0 0-0 0, C. Engle 1 0-2 8, F. Kuentua 3 2-6 8, K. Paul 8 0-2, C. Ross 0 0-0 0, E. Doomes 0 0-0 0, C. Temple 0 0-0 0. **Totals 17 11-20 57.**

3-pointers -- Albany 2 (Woods 2); University 4 (Engle 2, Fisher 1, Paul 1). **Total fouls:** Albany 17, University 14.

HOLDEN 65, MERRYVILLE 50
Holden 12 17 18 18 -- 65
Merryville 12 20 10 8 -- 50

Holden (65) -- Victoria Richardson 2 0-0 4, Taylor Forbes 2 1-2 5, Hannah Harris 0 0-0 0, Gabby Sharp 0 0-0 0, Emma Hutchinson 1 0-0 2, Kaylee Hughes 4 0-0 8, K.K. Kropog 5 3-6 13, Reanna Sheridan 0 0-0 0, Shelby Forbes 0 1-2 1, Amanda Fekete 3 4-6 10, Jaycee Hughes 8 6-6 22, Emily Stafford 0 0-0 0, Madeline Richardson 0 0-0 0, Meghan Briethaupt 0 0-0 0, Reagan Stewart 0 0-0 0, Camille Comish. **Totals 25 15-22 65.**

Merryville (50) -- Duncan 2 0-1 4, Hooper 0 0-0 0, Lewis 3 0-0 6, Cournoyer 5 10-10 26, Williams 1 0-0 2, Burr 0 0-0 0, Mahfouz 5 2-4 12, Blackman 0 0-0 0. **Totals 16 12-13 50.**

3-pointers -- Holden none; Merryville 2 (Cournoyer 2). **Total fouls:** Holden 17, Merryville 19. **Records:** Holden 9-0.

Doyle girls go 1-2 in tournament
Doyle's girls went 1-2 in the Dunham Tournament last week, scoring a 40-34 win over Plaquemine and dropping a 55-24 decision to Dutchtown on Nov. 21.

South Terrebonne held Doyle to single digits in every quarter but the 4th to pick up a 44-34 win on Nov 20.

South Terrebonne 44
Doyle 34
South Terrebonne led 18-12 at halftime but used a 13-6 run in the 3rd quarter to pull away.

Doyle (3-2) responded with a 16-13 run in the final period.

Elise Jones led Doyle with 7 points, Sydney Taylor, Claire Glascock, Morgan Blades and Madison Duhon had 6.

ALBANY 59, SIMPSON 39
Albany 19 15 21 4 -- 59
Simpson 13 12 7 7 -- 39

Albany (59) -- Kellie Landy 0 0-1 0, Camryn Woods 3 4-4 13, Honour Johnson 0 0-0 0, Brooke Saxon 0 0-0 0, Tristan Miles 3 1-1 7, Haley Meyers 3 0-0 6, Grace Purvis 0 0-0 0, Devyn Hoyt 1 0-0 5, Maddy Oubre 0 0-0 0, Mahogany Williams 0 0-0 0, Layla D'Fonseca 2 4-5 8, Natalie Kelly 7 6-7

Winnfield (34) -- Mikker Evans 0 0-2 0, Bria Pikes 0 1-4 4, Kolby Wells 3 0-0 6, Tyra Tripett 4 1-2 9, Janeice Ross 0 0-0 0, Cassidy Roberson 0 0-0 0, Jade Briggs 0 0-2 0, Kiarra Bombard 0 0-0 0, Ivory Maxwell 0 0-0 0, Alexis Pottain 0 0-0 0, Z'Niyah Paul 1 1-4 6, Amaya

University (57) -- Prummer 0 1-2 1, A. Fisher 5 8-8 21, M. Miles 0 0-0 0, G. Cartwright 0 0-0 0, K. White 0 0-0 0, C. Engle 1 0-2 8, F. Kuentua 3 2-6 8, K. Paul 8 0-2, C. Ross 0 0-0 0, E. Doomes 0 0-0 0, C. Temple 0 0-0 0. **Totals 17 11-20 57.**

3-pointers -- Albany 2 (Woods 2); University 4 (Engle 2, Fisher 1, Paul 1). **Total fouls:** Albany 17, University 14.

Holden 57, Pitkin 28
Holden held Pitkin to single digits in every quarter and jumped out to 28-12 lead at halftime to cruise to the win.

Jaycee Hughes led the Lady Rockets with 18 points. Kropog and Fekete each scored 12, and Holden went 11-for-19 from the line.

Doyle girls go 1-2 in tournament
Doyle's girls went 1-2 in the Dunham Tournament last week, scoring a 40-34 win over Plaquemine and dropping a 55-24 decision to Dutchtown on Nov. 21.

South Terrebonne held Doyle to single digits in every quarter but the 4th to pick up a 44-34 win on Nov 20.

SOUTH TERREBONNE 44
DOYLE 34
Doyle 8 4 6 16 -- 34
S. Terrebonne 6 12 13 13 -- 44

Doyle (33) -- Kourtlynn Lacy 0 0-0 0, Kourtlynn Lacey 0 0-0 0, Elise Jones 3 1-2 7, Sydney Taylor 1 4-6 6, Jasmine Nesser 0 0-0 0, Meghan Watson 1 1-2 3, Zoey Jacob 0 0-0 0, Kylie Merrell 0 0-0 0, Morgan Blades 3 0-4 6, Claire Glascock 0 0-0 6, Madison Duhon 0 0-0 0, Amber Smith 0 0-0 0. **Totals 11 6-14 33.**

South Terrebonne (43) -- Chloe Flemming 3 4-5 10, Lexie Maddox 2 3-5 7, Beth LeBlanc 1 3-4 5, Allie Maddox 1 1-5 6, Paityn Landry 5 1-2 11, Laura White 1 0-0 5. **Totals 13 12-21.**

3-pointers -- Doyle 2 (Glascock 2); South Terrebonne 2 (Allie Maddox, White). **Total fouls:** Doyle 18, South Terrebonne 12.

MAUREPAS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Maurepas douses Flames 54-17 in non-district game

Staff report
Special to the News
BATON ROUGE -- The Maurepas Lady Wolves allowed only five points in the first half Monday against the Family Christian Lady Flames on their way to a 54-17 win.

The Lady Flames shot 31 times from the field. Only five shots found their mark, with the majority of those coming late in the fourth quarter.

Maurepas guard Keegan Marchand scored 10 points and finished her night a little early, seeing sparse action after half time as coach Brittany Lauzervich sought to get her younger players some early-season action.

While Family Christian (1-4) limped to a 16% shooting percentage, the Lady Wolves (6-5) didn't fare much better in the early going, scoring only 12 points

on the backs of Marchand and Madison Picou.

The only field goals Family Christian made in the first half came on a pair of second-chance opportunities by forward Cyntrell Smith.

Lady Wolves' forward Morgan LeBlanc paced her team with 12 points, while Picou chipped in 11. As a unit, Maurepas attempted a whopping 59 shots, connecting on 22 (37.3%).

MAUREPAS 54, FAMILY CHRISTIAN 17
Maurepas 12 14 17 11 -- 54
Family Christian 4 1 3 9 -- 17

Maurepas (54) -- Morgan LeBlanc 6 9-0 5 12, Madison Picou 4 7-0 0 11, Keegan Marchand 2 3-1 4 10, Amelia Sharp 2 3-1 2 5, Laigen Loupe 1 1-2 2 4, McKenna Lessard 1 3-2 2 4, Emma Gautreau 1 7-2 2 4, Hannah Gautreau 2 8-0 0 4, Dru' Bantaa 1 3-0 0 2. **Totals 22-59 8-17 54.**

Family Christian (17) -- Annie Barham 2 9-4 6 6, Lexi Rachal 1 5-3 5 4, Cyntrell Smith 2 3-0 0 4, Hannah Crawford 0 1-0 0 0, Shelby Stewart 0 1-0 0 0, Danielle Bermudez 0 2-0 1 0, Lyndi Rachal 0 1-0 2 0. **Totals 5-22 7-14 17.**

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CLASS 5A GIRLS BASKETBALL

DSHS claims 3 wins in Marksville

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

MARKSVILLE -- Denham Springs High's three-headed inside monster revved up to full speed in three wins at the Marksville Tournament this week.

The Lady Jackets (4-0) eked out a 54-53 win over Rapides, blew out Marksville 50-20 and fought past Booker T. Washington with a new wrinkle playing a big role.

DSHS had to stave off BTW, which stormed back from being down all game

long and when the Lady Jackets needed a big shot, Kennedy King responded with a pair of fourth-quarter 3-pointers.

Other than King's late daggers, Denham relied almost exclusively on Maia Robinson, Kate Thompson and Desiree Jones inside in all three games.

Robinson paced DSHS with 22 points in the final after dominating Marksville with 23. She battled through foul woes in the tournament opener, but still supplied 10

points vs. Rapides.

The Lady Jackets' inside trio accounted for 135 of their team's 162 points in the tournament.

DSHS 58, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON 49
BTW 10 13 9 17 -- 49
DSHS 16 11 15 16 -- 58
BTW (49) -- Tumblin 3 2-2 10, Rothchild 2 0-0 5, Dolliole 4 3-6 12, Spears 4 0-0 9, Kirton 5 0-0 13, Upshaw 0 0-0 0. **Totals 18 5-8 49.**
DSHS (58) -- Raychelle Riley 0 0-0 0, Maddie Howell 0 0-0 0, Kate Thompson 8 0-0 17, Desiree Jones 6 1-4 13, Maia Robinson 11 0-3 22, Trenisha Muse 1 0-0 2, Kennedy King 0 4-4 4. **Totals 26 5-11 57.**

3-point goals -- BTW 8 (Kirton 3, Tumblin 2, Rothchild, Dolliole 1, Spears 1); DSHS 1 (Thompson 1). Total fouls -- BTW 13, DSHS 10. Records: DSHS 4-0.

DSHS 50, MARKSVILLE 20

DSHS 12 14 15 9 -- 50
Rapides 8 3 7 2 -- 20
DSHS (50) -- Kennedy King 1 0-0 3, Raychelle Riley 1 0-0 2, Kate Thompson 2 1-2 5, Desiree Jones 6 0-0 12, Maia Robinson 9 5-5 23, Trenisha Muse 1 0-0 2, Maddie Howell 0 0-0 0. **Totals 20 9-10 50.**
Marksville (20) -- Barkley 3 4-7 11, Jacob 3 0-0 8, Jordan 0 1-2 1, A. Friels 0 0-0 0, Francisco 0 0-0 0, K. Friels 0 0-0 0. **Totals 6 5-9 20.**
 3-point goals -- DSHS 1 (King 1); Marksville 3 (Jacob 2, Barkley 1). Total fouls -- DSHS 7, Marksville 3. Records: Marksville 3-1, DSHS 3-0.

DSHS 54, RAPIDES 53

DSHS 16 14 9 15 -- 54
Rapides 10 22 11 10 -- 53
DSHS (54) -- Raychelle Riley 1 0-0 3, Maddie Howell 0 0-0 0, Kate Thompson 5 7-8 17, Desiree Jones 6 4-6 16, Maia Robinson 4 2-4 10, Trenisha Muse 1 0-0 2, Kennedy King 2 0-0 6. **Totals 19 13-18 54.**
Rapides (53) -- Compton 3 1-1 8, Martin 5 0-4 13, Newton 0 1-2 1, Lewis 10 5-12 26, Malone 1 0-0 2, Browne 1 1-2 3. **Totals 20 8-21 53.**
 3-point goals -- DSHS 3 (King 2, Riley 1); Rapides 5 (Martin 3, Compton 1, Lewis 1). Total fouls -- DSHS 6, Rapides 14. Fouled out -- Robinson. Records: DSHS 2-0, Rapides 2-1

Lady Cats churn out 3 more wins

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

WALKER -- Walker bounced back from its first loss of the season, scoring a 44-38 win over St. Mary's on Monday.

The Lady Cats fell behind 12-10 after a quarter but erupted on a 26-2 run in the second quarter to take a commanding lead.

Breanna Zeringue scored 11 of her game-high 20 points during the run, and Asia Garner had 8 of her 10 points in the same span. Walker went 7-for-9 from the free-throw line in the quarter.

St. Mary's used a 9-2 run in the 3rd quarter to trim the lead to 38-23 heading into the final period.

St. Mary's closed with a 15-6 run as Zeringue went 4-for-6 from the line in the 4th quarter.

Walker connected on five 3-pointers in the game and went 11-for-15 from the line.

Walker lost to Northwest on Saturday, 44-24.

Brianna Moore 0 0-0 0, Katelyn McQuiston 0 0-0 0, McKayla Rothman 0 0-0 0, Lillie Waguespack 0 0-0 0, Lauren Pool 0 0-0 0, Asia Garner 2 3-4 10, Breanna Zeringue 2 6-9 20, Candace Ellis 0 2-2 8, Victoria Smith 2 0-0 4. **Totals 9 11-15 44.**
 3-pointers -- St. Mary's 2 (H. Duncan 2); Walker 5 (Breanna Zeringue 2, Candace Ellis 2, Asia Garner 1). Total fouls: St. Mary's 16, Walker 12. Records: St. Mary's 2-6, Walker 6-1.

Lady Cats sweep pair in Lafayette LAFAYETTE -- Walker remained unbeaten with a blowout and a grind-it-out close call at the Lafayette Christian Tournament on Tuesday, routing Jeanerette 47-15 before notching a gritty 55-48 win against Lincoln Prep later in the day.

Senior guard Breanna Zeringue continued her scoring spree against the Lady Panthers (1-2), notching 31 points. She supplied 12 points in the opening period when Walker (5-0) raced in front 17-7 and added 8 more in the second when the Lady Cats expanded their lead to 36-16.

Lincoln Prep made a charge in the fourth quarter, aided by Walker's struggle at the free-throw line. The Lady Cats missed 11 of 19 free throws in the closing minutes to allow the Lady Panthers to creep closer.

WALKER 55, LINCOLN PREP 48
Walker 17 19 9 10 -- 55
Lincoln Prep 7 9 3 19 -- 48

Walker (55) -- Raven Barze 1 1-4 4, Kaitlyn Hayes 3 1-1 7, Asia Garner 2 2-9 7, Breanna Zeringue 7 8-12 27, Candace Ellis 3 4-4 10, Delaney Anderson 0 0-0 0, Lauren Pool 0 0-0 0. **Totals 16 8-16 30 55.**

Lincoln Prep (48) -- Aujaney Simmons 2 2-3 6, Cage Justice 1 1-2 3, Jesse Anderson 4 2-2 12, Jade Anderson 2 1-2 5, Alexia Perkins 8 1-6 17, Auniyah Rhone 2 0-0 5. **Totals 19 7-15 48.**

3-point goals -- Walker 7 (Zeringue 5, Barze 1, Garner 1); Lincoln Prep 3 (Jesse Anderson 2, Rhone 1). Total fouls -- Walker 24, Lincoln Prep 18. Fouled out -- Zeringue, Jade Anderson. Records: Walker 5-0, Lincoln Prep 1-2.

Walker 47, Jeanerette 15

The Lady Cats wasted little time seizing control, with Zeringue putting up 8 points in the opening quarter. Jeanerette (0-3) never found much offensive success, scoring 7 points or fewer in every quarter.

WALKER 47, JEANERETTE 15
Walker 16 8 7 16 -- 47
Jeanerette 3 7 1 4 -- 15

Jeanerette (15) -- Jordan 0 1-2 1, Lively 3 0-0 7, Williams 2 0-0 5, Ayro 0 2-2 2, Sigre 0 0-2 0. **Totals 5 3-4 15.**

Walker (47) -- Raven Barze 1 1-2 3, Kaitlyn Hayes 0 0-0 0, Asia Garner 1 4-6 6, Breanna Zeringue 6 0-0 13, Candace Ellis 4 1-4 9, Delaney Anderson 3 0-0 8, Lauren Pool 2 0-2 4, Mekayla Rothman 3 0-0 6, Victoria Smith 0 0-0 0, Madison Ziegler 0 0-0 0. **Totals 19 6-14 47.**

3-point goals -- Jeanerette 2 (Lively 1, Williams 1), Walker 3 (Anderson 2, Zeringue 1). Total fouls -- Jeanerette 8, Walker 17. Records: Jeanerette 0-3, Walker 4-0.

Flowers erupts for 31, in Lady Eagles' romp past Lady Wolves

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

MAUREPAS -- Dijone Flowers gives opposing coaches only a few options when they game plan for Live Oak.

No matter what the scheme is, the Lady Eagles' star is bound to get her points. Sometimes she manages to get more than usual and that was the case Tuesday against Maurepas.

Flowers erupted for 31 points, burying three 3-pointers among her 13 made shots to lead Live Oak past the Lady Wolves 52-28.

Maurepas (5-5) hung close for a half, but hit a drought that lasted the entire third quarter. Meanwhile, Flowers never let up.

She scored 11 points in the first quarter and added 12 more in the third as Live Oak (3-1) pumped the lead to 37-19.

Keegan Marchand

led the Lady Wolves with 7 points. Harmony Johnson and Zyriah Pink added 8 points apiece for the Lady Eagles.

LIVE OAK 52, MAUREPAS 28

Live Oak 17 7 13 15 -- 52
Maurepas 13 6 0 9 -- 28
Live Oak (52) -- Harmony Johnson 4 0-0 8, Dijone Flowers 13 2-2 31, Zyriah Pink 2 4-6 8, Jamie Elenbaas 1 0-0 2, Jaelyn Day 0 0-0 0, Carson Felder 1 0-0 2, Aislinn White 0 1-2 1, Kate Campbell 0 0-0 0, Haleigh Longmire 0 0-0 0, Jessica Horne 0 0-0 0, Ashlynn Lassard 0 0-0 0. **Totals 21 7-10 52.**

Maurepas (28) -- Laigen Loupe 1 0-0 3, Hannah Delatte 0 2-2 2, Keegan Marchand 2 1-2 7, Sarah Crawford 1 0-1 2, Madison Picou 2 0-1 5, McKenna Lessard 2 1-2 5, Hannah Gautreau 1 2-2 4, Amelia Sharp 0 0-0 0, Emma Gautreau 0 2-2 2. **Totals 9 6-11 28.**

3-point goals -- Live Oak 3 (Flowers 3), Maurepas 4 (Marchand 2, Loupe 1, Picou 1). Total fouls -- Live Oak 17, Maurepas 11. Records: Live Oak 3-1, Maurepas 5-5.

GIRLS SOCCER

Freshmen shine as Walker cruises 7-1 to stay unbeaten

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

WALKER -- Success fits well for the Walker girls.

The Lady Cats won their third match in a row to begin the 2017-18 season with a 7-1 rout over Riverside Academy on Saturday.

Freshmen forwards Sydney Nester and Kiley Jones led the way, scoring 3 goals and 2 goals, respectively.

Sophomore midfielder Emily Hernandez and junior midfielder Erin Reed added the other goals. Hernandez, Nester, Jones, Abby Crowell, Kendall Louiviere and Haley Marshall all recorded assists.

Walker goalkeeper Madeline Watson had seven saves

Walker 8, Dunham 0 BATON ROUGE -- Walker eclipsed its win total from last season by picking up a second win on the season Tuesday by drubbing Dunham 8-0.

Junior forward Haley Marshall scored a hat trick while freshman Kiley Jones and Sydney Nester supported the Lady Cats (2-0) with braces. Sophomore midfielder Emily Hernandez also scored a goal for the Wildcats.

In addition to her two goals, Jones supplied two assists, with Jourdan Miley, Kendall Louiviere, Abby Crowell and Nester each supplying one.

Lady Jackets: Early barrage enough in 5-2 triumph

From B1

doubled down on their lead when Anndee Barr cleaned up a loose ball in the box and knocked it into the bottom right corner of the net.

"Their defensive line was holding us tight," Maher said, recalling her first goal. "So I knew if we wanted to get behind them we'd have to draw them out. So I was just turning out sooner and on that first shot I turned and took a quick shot. It just happened to flip over her head."

Maher bagged her second goal of the match when she outclassed her defender on a run and angled the ball across the face of the goalkeeper to put Denham ahead 3-0 before halftime.

She has scored so many in her career that she had to be reminded how she scored it.

"I think one my teammates played me a ball in behind and I dribbled around too close and took an outside touch to counter it," Maher said.

Parkview Baptist (0-3-1) joined the scoring just before halftime when Anna-Kate Smith pulled back from 15 yards out and found the inside of the far post after being played into position by Sydney Charles.

In the second half, Charles split two Denham defenders and made the most of her one-on-one opportunity with a crisp shot that burned through the top of the net.

Just like that, the Lady Jackets' three-goal lead was whittled away to 3-2.

"I think at halftime we were a little too comfortable with the score of the game," Maher said. "And we got on the field a little too relaxed than the other team. They were coming out with more pace than we were, but we got back into the groove of things eventually."

Once Denham's lead contracted to a single goal, the game tightened up and fell into a lull where 30 minutes passed without any significant action and produced single shot from Parkview's Charles, which was easily saved.

Barr had a direct and open chance directly on top of the penalty spot, but tripped trying to corral the ball for what was building to a likely goal.

Denham was finally able to break out of the funk in the 77th minute when Julia Browning put some air under a shot from 20 yards out. The Eagles' keeper did her part and tipped the ball up, but the ball bounced on the underside of the crossbar and into the net.

In stoppage time Maher secured her hat trick and sealed the game when she made another impressive run for her third goal.

DSHS doubled up on Parkview Baptist 8-4 on shots with six shots on target. All of Parkview's shots were on target.



Above, Denham Springs High senior Makenzie Maher pushes the ball up the field Monday vs. Parkview Baptist. The Lady Jackets notched a 5-2 victory. Below, Denham's Claire Chevalier passes the ball.



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BOYS SOCCER

Cats battle Vandebilt tough, fall 2-0 in defensive battle

By Adam Henderson
The Livingston Parish News

WALKER -- Vandebilt Catholic defeated Walker 2-1 on Nov. 21.

The Wildcats opened the game with two corner shots and three shots in the first 20 minutes, but Vandebilt scored first off their first corner of the game. The goal came on a first touch from Mason Landry off a ball that landed directly in front of the goalkeeper. Vandebilt closed out the half with five more shots, two of which were on target from Landry.

"I think we played a decent game," Walker coach Todd Wall said. "We haven't had as much time to practice and we haven't had as many games to warm up with. So I'm not totally disappointed because when you play a team this talented and you make any mistake, they'll capitalize on it. And that's it, we made two mistakes and they scored two goals."

For the early stages of the game, Walker (1-1) was content with letting the Terriers possess the ball in the final third of the field, waiting to advance in the wings on the counter. Vandebilt adjusted over the course of the game and the Wildcats struggled to find a way back into sustained attacks in the first half.

"In the first half we came out with a lot of intensity," WHS senior Caleb Wall said. "We wanted to come out and show this team that we can beat them. In the second half we kind of got tired and sloppy. We need to pick it up at practice and get a little more fit, start playing with the ball more when we get tired and finish some more opportunities."



Caleb Wall

SCOREBOARD & SCHEDULE

Nov. 21	East Ascension 4, DSHS 3 Vandebilt Catholic 2, Walker 0
Nov. 24	DSHS 3, Airline 0 DSHS 6, Comeaux 0
Nov. 25	DSHS 3, Pineville 0 DSHS 0, Alexandria 0
Monday	U-High 3, Walker 1
Thursday	Belaire at Walker, 6 p.m.
Friday	DSHS at High School Showcase Gulfport, Miss. Live Oak at the Lion Cup Ascension Christian
Saturday	DSHS at High School Showcase Gulfport, Miss. Live Oak at the Lion Cup Ascension Christian
Monday	DSHS at Ponchatoula, 6 p.m.
Tuesday	Walker vs. St. Michael (Burbank), 6 p.m. Live Oak at Central Lafourche, 6 p.m. Walker at Live Oak, 6 p.m.



MORGAN PREWITT | THE NEWS

Above, Walker's Evan Kimball battles Vandebilt's Clay Collins for possession on Nov. 21. Below, Walker's Anthony Davis sprints to recover possession from Vandebilt's Matthew Rotolo. The Wildcats fell 2-0. For a complete photo gallery, go to LivingstonParishNews.com.

Vandebilt doubled its lead on the other side of halftime when Walker's Kolbe David received a yellow card inside the penalty area. Vandebilt's Clay Collins buried the following penalty kick with ease to put the Wildcats down two goals.

The Terriers (2-1) kept the pressure on for the rest of the match, pushing for four corners and three more shots in the remaining 15 minutes of the match.

Towards the end Walker of the game, had chances but failed to capitalize. A loose ball in the box was knocked away before any Wildcat could get a foot on the ball. A minute later, Brice Baker's laser shot beamed off the bottom of the crossbar and in front of the goal.

Vandebilt fired off twice as many shots as Walker, 10-5, six of which were on goal. After the Terriers survived the initial onslaught from the Wildcats, the visitors' depth took over.

Walker is off until Mon-

day when it travels to University High. As the competition improves, the Cats hope to improve their quality of play.

"Every time we step on the field, we get better and better," Todd Wall said. "The boys have heart. They're going to play hard. That's what we got out of (Tuesday)."

Added Caleb Wall, "This team plays a lot harder than I thought coming into the season expecting. I know we're going to be good, we have the players and the talent. We just have to come out and work hard and play harder."

The Wildcats dropped a 3-1 decision to University High on Monday.



MICHAEL TORTORICH | THE NEWS

Denham's Daniel Goerges plays the ball as teammate Collin Turner looks on.

Lovett, Collins come up big as the Yellow Jackets cruise to Rebel Cup championship

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News

PINEVILLE -- Don't look now, but the Denham Springs High boys found their groove last weekend.

After a pair of tough one-goal losses to begin the 2017-18 season, the Yellow Jackets blazed to the tournament championship at the Rebel Cup by winning three matches and tying a fourth.

Denham (3-2-1) got a huge weekend from goalkeeper Brandon Lovett, who didn't allow a goal as the Jackets blanked Airline 3-0, Comeaux 6-0 and Pineville 3-0. The final contest ended in a 0-0 tie with Alexandria.

Collin Turner notched five goals in the four games, including a hat trick against Comeaux. Also notching goals for DSHS were Jordan Licciardi (2), Daniel Georges, Austin Scott, Cameron Restivo, Cameron Hamby and Will Chevalier. Chevalier, Elmer Romero and Luke Turner recorded assists.

With a ton of momentum established, Denham heads to Gulfport, Miss., for a showcase event. The Jackets will face Biloxi, Pascagoula and St. Patrick.

DSHS finishes a busy stretch at 6 p.m. Monday at Ponchatoula.

East Ascension 4, Denham Springs 3

GONZALES -- Jose Ortega scored a goal for the Yellow Jackets and provided an assist on Will Chevalier's opening goal, but the Spartans had a little too much offense to notch the victory on Nov. 21.

Chevalier returned the favor when he provided an assist on Ortega's following goal. Collin Turner also scored for Denham Springs, but the three goals were not enough.

Denham dropped to 0-2 with the loss. The Jackets head to Pineville for the Rebel Cup this weekend, where they play Airline and Pineville on Friday and Comeaux and Alexandria on Saturday.

Live Oak 1, Ponchatoula 1

WATSON -- Live Oak goalkeeper Nate Bermes recorded eight saves to push Live Oak to a draw with Ponchatoula on Tuesday.

Cole Schultz scored the lone goal for the Eagles (0-1-2), one of their nine shots, six on goal.

LIVINGSTON PARISH SPORTS SCOREBOARD & SCHEDULE

Nov. 20

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DSHS 54, Rapides Parish 53
Albany 80, U-High 57
South Terrebonne 44, Doyle 34
Doyle 40, Plaquemine 34
St. Mary's Tournament
FSHS 59, Catholic-New Iberia 24

BOYS BASKETBALL

Springfield 58, Ascension Christian 26
Capitol 40, French Settlement 37
Church Academy 83, FSHS 46

Albany 59, Simpson 39
FSHS Settlement 65, Basile 42

WRESTLING

Spartan Invitational | East Ascension

Team scores

1. St. Amant 155, 2. East Ascension 151.5, 3. Live Oak 114.5, 4. Fontainebleau 98.5, 5. Sam Houston 89, 6. Basile 75.5, 7. Bonnabel 75, 8. Comeaux 70, 9. St. Michael 69, 10. Lafayette 59, 11. Catholic High 56, 12. Dutchtown 49, 13. McKinley 44, 14. Brusly 43, 15. Baton Rouge High 31, 16. Summerfield 21, 17. (tie) Central 8, East Jefferson 8

Live Oak individuals

113 pounds: Champion -- Clayton Hill def. Tyree Morris (St. Amant), 9-5
132: 4th place -- Bayley Hebert lost to Isaiah Johnson (McKinley) by fall at 5:58
145: 6th place -- Nawab Singh lost to Yader Vindel (Bonnabel) by fall at 1:18
152: 1st place -- Camdyn Ingram def. Aaron Johns (Sam Houston), 12-5
182: 3rd place -- Austin Cook def. Alex

Newman (St. Amant) by fall at 1:36
285: 1st place -- Anthony Ingram def. Donald Paul (Comeaux) by fall at 2:57

Nov. 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holden 57, Pitkin 28
FSHS 37, North Central 31

Nov. 24

FOOTBALL

Acadiana 17, Live Oak 14

Nov. 25

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northwest 44, Walker 24

GIRLS SOCCER

Walker 7, Riverside Academy 1

Thursday

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LADY WARRIORS TOURNAMENT

At DSHS

Live Oak vs. Capitol, 5 p.m.
Glen Oaks at DSHS, 6:30 p.m.

At Walker

St. Katherine at Walker, 5 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Walker at Lee, 7 p.m.
Catholic High at Live Oak, 7 p.m.
Springfield at East Iberville, 6 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER

DSHS at East Ascension, 6 p.m.

Friday

GIRLS SOCCER

Live Oak at Sulphur, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LADY WARRIORS TOURNAMENT

At DSHS

Mt. Carmel at DSHS, 6:30 p.m.

At Walker

Baker at Walker, 6:30 p.m.

At Dunham

Live Oak at Dunham, 4 p.m.
Brusly at Albany, 6 p.m.
Hannan at Doyle, 6:30 p.m.
False River at FSHS, 6 p.m.

Maurepas at TCA Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Live Oak at Parkview Baptist, 7 p.m.
Gold Dome Classic (St. Amant)
DSHS vs. Woodlawn, 4:15 p.m.
Hannan at Doyle, 7:30 p.m.
False River at FSHS, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Loranger, 7 p.m.
North Vermillion at Doyle, 6:30 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

WRESTLING

Live Oak at Stanley Rauch Tournament (Shaw HS) | New Orleans

Maurepas at TCA Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER

Acadia at DSHS, noon

WRESTLING

Live Oak at Stanley Rauch Tournament (Shaw HS) | New Orleans

Monday, Dec. 4

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Live Oak at Episcopal, 7 p.m.
Loranger at Springfield, 5 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

DSHS at Hammond, 7 p.m.
Walker at Central Lafourche, 6 p.m.
Woodlawn at Live Oak, 7 p.m.
Kentwood at Albany, 7 p.m.
Doyle at Runnels, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Live Oak at Pope John Paul II, 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

DSHS at Ponchatoula, 6 p.m.

Nov. 21

GIRLS SOCCER

Walker 8, Dunham 0
West Feliciana 2, Live Oak 1

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Live Oak 52, Maurepas 28
DSHS 58, West Feliciana 49
DSHS 50, Marksville 20
Walker 47, Jeanerette 15
Walker 55, Lincoln Prep 48
Albany 60, Winnfield 34
Holden 65, Merryville 50

Albany 59, Simpson 39
FSHS Settlement 65, Basile 42

WRESTLING

Spartan Invitational | East Ascension

Team scores

1. St. Amant 155, 2. East Ascension 151.5, 3. Live Oak 114.5, 4. Fontainebleau 98.5, 5. Sam Houston 89, 6. Basile 75.5, 7. Bonnabel 75, 8. Comeaux 70, 9. St. Michael 69, 10. Lafayette 59, 11. Catholic High 56, 12. Dutchtown 49, 13. McKinley 44, 14. Brusly 43, 15. Baton Rouge High 31, 16. Summerfield 21, 17. (tie) Central 8, East Jefferson 8

Live Oak individuals

113 pounds: Champion -- Clayton Hill def. Tyree Morris (St. Amant), 9-5
132: 4th place -- Bayley Hebert lost to Isaiah Johnson (McKinley) by fall at 5:58
145: 6th place -- Nawab Singh lost to Yader Vindel (Bonnabel) by fall at 1:18
152: 1st place -- Camdyn Ingram def. Aaron Johns (Sam Houston), 12-5
182: 3rd place -- Austin Cook def. Alex

Newman (St. Amant) by fall at 1:36
285: 1st place -- Anthony Ingram def. Donald Paul (Comeaux) by fall at 2:57

Nov. 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holden 57, Pitkin 28
FSHS 37, North Central 31

Nov. 24

FOOTBALL

Acadiana 17, Live Oak 14

Nov. 25

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northwest 44, Walker 24

GIRLS SOCCER

Walker 7, Riverside Academy 1

Thursday

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LADY WARRIORS TOURNAMENT

At DSHS

Live Oak vs. Capitol, 5 p.m.
Glen Oaks at DSHS, 6:30 p.m.

At Walker

St. Katherine at Walker, 5 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Walker at Lee, 7 p.m.
Catholic High at Live Oak, 7 p.m.
Springfield at East Iberville, 6 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER

DSHS at East Ascension, 6 p.m.

Friday

GIRLS SOCCER

Live Oak at Sulphur, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LADY WARRIORS TOURNAMENT

At DSHS

Mt. Carmel at DSHS, 6:30 p.m.

At Walker

Baker at Walker, 6:30 p.m.

At Dunham

Live Oak at Dunham, 4 p.m.
Brusly at Albany, 6 p.m.
Hannan at Doyle, 6:30 p.m.
False River at FSHS, 6 p.m.

Maurepas at TCA Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Live Oak at Parkview Baptist, 7 p.m.
Gold Dome Classic (St. Amant)
DSHS vs. Woodlawn, 4:15 p.m.
Hannan at Doyle, 7:30 p.m.
False River at FSHS, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Loranger, 7 p.m.
North Vermillion at Doyle, 6:30 p.m.
Maurepas at TCA Tournament

WRESTLING

Live Oak at Stanley Rauch Tournament (Shaw HS) | New Orleans

Maurepas at TCA Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER

Acadia at DSHS, noon

WRESTLING

Live Oak at Stanley Rauch Tournament (Shaw HS) | New Orleans

Monday, Dec. 4

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Live Oak at Episcopal, 7 p.m.
Loranger at Springfield, 5 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

DSHS at Hammond, 7 p.m.
Walker at Central Lafourche, 6 p.m.
Woodlawn at Live Oak, 7 p.m.
Kentwood at Albany, 7 p.m.
Doyle at Runnels, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Live Oak at Pope John Paul II, 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

DSHS at Ponchatoula, 6 p.m.

Progress in 2017 is cause to smile through the tears

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

--- **Dr. Seuss**

Things happen as you get to be an older sportswriter, especially when you happen to have your own senior in high school at home.

You get sentimental and subsequently, Dr. Seuss quotes make a whole more sense.

And with the Livingston Parish football season officially over, the above quote from the doc came to mind.

The last couple of weeks, old-man-with-a-senior sentimentality kicked in as I was there for the end of first Walker's and then Live Oak's 2017 football seasons, and the end of high school careers for a large group of young men who have played major roles in establishing their respective programs in Class 5A.

While I wasn't there at the finish line with Denham Springs High, Albany or Springfield, the same applies to the crew of seniors at each of those schools.

For every one of those seniors and really every player and coach, nobody could give better advice than Dr. Seuss: Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

What makes this particular crew of seniors unique is that they have been the backbone of a historic run of football success in Livingston Parish.

Among the five schools there were 11 playoff appearances over a three-year span, which also overlapped with the grit and resolve that so many LP athletes showed during the recovery from The Great Flood of 2016.

All five programs are at different levels, but not a whole lot separates four of the five.

Watching Live Oak the last two

weeks, the thing that struck me is that the Eagles have unquestionably arrived as a perennial 5A playoff contender. Their system is built for long-term sustained success, although losing this senior class will create some challenges.

Likewise for Live Oak to keep making progress, some more offensive versatility is a must, especially with a strong-armed quarterback like Sal Palermo coming back.

Walker and Albany are right there at the door of breaking through. The only thing the Wildcats and Hornets lack is getting over the hurdle of winning that first playoff game.

Much like Live Oak's loss to Acadiana last Friday, Walker was oh-so-close to a signature victory when it fell to Landry-Walker 14-7 in the opening round.

What was really impressive about that performance was how much the Wildcats closed the gap between their first-ever 5A playoff game the year before (a 30-point loss) to having a shot vs. a very talented team on its home field.

DSHS accomplished the first step toward regaining sustained respectability by getting back to the playoffs after sitting out in 2016, but the Yellow Jackets are still a step behind their two parish 5A foes - and yes, I know they beat Live Oak 38-6. This is more of a big-picture perspective.

For Denham to remain headed on the right arc, there needs to be some more consistency on both sides



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Dr. Seuss was onto to something on his outlook of how to approach the ends and beginnings.



END OF THE BENCH

Randy Rosetta

of the ball. Bill Conides was handcuffed a bit this season because his offensive system isn't one that can be installed, mastered and get to the point where it purrs in a matter of 9 months. That and the necessary commitment to Tyre Golmond since he was one of the best running backs in the state made the entire 2017 season an exercise in trial-and-error, which makes the strides DSHS took all the more meaningful.

Springfield is the one parish program wobbling badly right now, which seems to be more a cyclical product than anything else.

Anybody grumbling too much should keep in mind that Ryan Serpas and his coaches didn't suddenly forget what they knew about football three years ago, the Bulldogs were in the Class 2A state quarterfinals and two years before that it was the semifinal round.

Springfield showed some early promise this fall with a pair of wins before an unseemly spate of season-ending injuries that

reached double digits by late in the season kicked in.

Coaches won't use injuries as excuses, but I will and call what happened to the Bulldogs this season a legitimate reason.

At any level, losing 12 players to injuries is a thorny proposition to overcome. At the 2A level, losing 12 players is devastating. I have a hunch that things will get better for the Bulldogs if they can avoid that kind of injury bug in the future.

That future is what all five parish teams slide their focus to now because the here-and-now in Livingston Parish wrapped up as the final seconds dripped off the clock at Live Oak on Friday.

As emotionally jolting as that end was at first and might still be for a while, don't forget to smile.

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CLASS 5A STATE QUARTERFINAL | ACADIANA 17, LIVE OAK 14

Live Oak: Magic runs out for Eagles vs. Acadiana

From B1

ACADIANA 17, LIVE OAK 14

Acadiana	7	3	0	7	--	17
Live Oak	0	7	7	0	--	14
AC -- Ziggy Francis 3 run (Noah Anderson kick)						
LO -- Sal Palermo 1 run (Nathan Holliday kick)						
AC -- Anderson 29 FG						
LO -- Bryan Snapp 79 pass from Sal Palermo (Holliday kick)						
AC -- Larryll Greene 59 pass from Francis (Anderson kick)						
	AC	LO				
First downs	20	10				
Total yards	433	304				
Rushes-yards	51-367	30-183				
Passing yards	66	121				
Passes	3-7-0	3-4-0				
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-3				
Punts-Avg.	3-29.0	3-30.7				
Penalties-yards	14-90	7-70				

hold their ground again when Acadiana got the ball back following a punt.

The Rams self-destructed all night with penalties and seemed to have blown that possession up with an illegal shift and unsportsmanlike conduct infraction on one play.

Those flags moved Acadiana from the Live Oak 42-yard-line back to the Rams' 38. Monette carved out 2 yards on second down and on the next play, Borel tossed to Ziggy Francis to the right side for an apparent sweep, but he stopped and unloaded a downfield pass to Larryll Greene wide open on the right side. Greene dashed the rest of the distance and fought off two Eagles' defenders the last 5 yards to get into the end zone and put Acadiana back in front with 9:58 left in the game.

"We just bit a little too much on that and left their guy open," Beard said. "We knew they could hurt us on play action, but that was a great call at the right time and it hurt us."

Nothing hurt Live Oak more than three lost fumbles, though, including the last one on the ensuing kickoff after the trick-play TD.

Wesley Daigle fielded a pooch kick and returned to the 21, but lost the ball as he went down and Jaylen James recovered.

In perfect position to pad the lead, Acadiana imploded instead after getting to the 6-yard-line. Three illegal shift flags and a false start created 4th-and-goal from the 4 and the Eagles bowed up and didn't allow the Rams to cross the goal line.

But that series, despite the stutter-steps caused by all the penalties, took a valuable 3:17 off the clock. Live Oak went three-and-out and had to punt and Acadiana found enough rhythm to run out the final 4:26 with three first downs.

Following the Palermo-to-Snapp bomb, the Eagles' offense generated only 41 more yards and two first downs the rest of the second half. That came after Live Oak outgained the Rams 184 yards to 164 in the first two periods.

"In the first half, we were outmanning them all over the field," Eagles' center Jacobey Lee said. "Then in the second half they made adjustments and we didn't make the right ones and they

came out on top."

Indeed, the Eagles did find some success on offense in the first half but self-inflicted wounds proved costly.

Down 7-0 after Acadiana came out clicking and drove 94 yards for a touchdown on the game's opening series, Live Oak went to work with its flexbone.

Khalil Smith plowed to an immediate first down and the Eagles caught a break when the Rams ran into Holliday on a punt. Palermo wiggled his way loose for a 27-yard pickup on a keeper to the Acadiana 33-yard-line, but he fumbled the following snap and the Rams recovered.

Live Oak forged a 7-7 tie with a rapid-fire six-play, 81-yard series that began late in the first quarter and concluded on the first play of the second when Palermo sneaked in from the 1. Palermo fueled the march with a 33-yard dash.

The Eagles overcame a pass interference on the first play of the next Rams' possession, as well as Francis' 21-yard gallop to convert a 3rd-and-8 by forcing a punt when Robinson recorded his first sack.

With a golden chance to seize momentum, Live Oak posed an immediate threat when Palermo flipped the field by lofting a pretty play-action strike to Hagen Long to gobble up 42 yards.

That drive ended on the next play when Palermo's pitch to Kee Hawkins on an option was errant and Vontrevious Monette scooped the ball up and wobbled downfield 11 yards.

"Those two that we turned over were possible touchdowns and that's two scores we left off the board," Lee said. "In a game like this, that really hurt us."

The teams exchanged punts



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Above, Live Oak quarterback Sal Palermo looks to make a cut against Acadiana's defense last Friday in a Class 5A state quarterfinal playoff game. Below, Live Oak's Jordan Lee (12) struggles to get as many yards as he can on a kickoff return. The Eagles fell to the Rams, 17-14, to end the 2017 season.



and Acadiana managed to gain an edge in field position with 3:03 to go before halftime. Dillon Monette enhanced that advantage when he bolted 25 yards to move the Rams into Live Oak territory.

A personal foul on the Eagles on a 6-yard Monette run took the ball to the 17, but the drive stalled at the 8-yard-line. Acadiana initially lined up to go on 4th-and-1, but a false start infraction forced a field-goal try instead and Anderson delivered to a 10-7 halftime lead.

That set the stage for the second-half tug-o-war that the Eagles narrowly lost.

"This senior class accomplished something that nobody

else in Live Oak history has," Beard said. The Eagles went 19-11 the last three seasons and won the first three playoff games in school history. "They should be very proud of what they have done to help put this program on the map."

Added Lee, "When we talk to the young guys, we're going to tell them to work hard and get further than we did. I know they can. This is not the end of Live Oak football, no matter what."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

- Palermo led the Eagles with 110 rushing yards on 10 carries, but didn't gain a yard in the second half.
- The trouble staying on the field left Live Oak

with only 34 offensive snaps for the game, compared to 58 for the Rams. The Eagles recorded 10 first downs, but none in the fourth quarter when they ran only three plays for 5 total yards.

Monette was a handful for Live Oak's defense all night and gashed the Eagles for 271 rushing yards on 23 carries, Francis added 97 yards on 20 attempts.

Acadiana stung Live Oak for seven running plays of 20 yards or more, plus the decisive long TD pass for 59 yards. Those eight snaps accounted for 274 yards. The final tally in total offense was 433 yards, the most the Eagles allowed all season.

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DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH BASKETBALL



Above, Denham guard Micah Banks drives around Broadmoor's Zacorey Lewis on Monday. Banks scored 7 points off the bench to help the Yellow Jackets rally past the Bucs 47-41. Below, D.J. Williams floats in for a basket.

RALPH MELANCON | THE NEWS

Jackets use team approach to rally past Broadmoor

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS -- Identifying a superstar on the Denham Springs High boys' roster is challenging if not futile.

As far as third-year Yellow Jackets' coach Kevin Caballero can tell, that's not a bad thing at all, and his team showed why again Monday night.

Playing with a pass-the-torch mentality, Denham withstood a shaky beginning against Broadmoor and grabbed control with an impressive third-quarter burst on the way to a 47-41 triumph at Hornsby Gym.

D.J. Williams converted 6-of-8 free throws in the fourth quarter as the Jackets (4-1) refused to buckle when the Buccaneers (3-4) kept threatening to erase a comfortable lead that the third-quarter run established.

"We held that lead and kept holding until we could finish it out," Caballero said. "That's maybe not something we could've done last year, but these guys have gotten older and are playing well together."

Together is a key word for DSHS. Williams led the way Monday with 11 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists, but he was part of a characteristic group effort.

Jay Henderson was steady on the way to 10 points and 5 rebounds. Xavier Miles was a strong presence inside with 7 points and 3 boards. Micah Banks scored 7 off the bench, 5 in the tide-turning third quarter. Ray Whitley scored 6, recorded 4 assists and came up with 4 steals.

None of the above took the game over, but the Jackets didn't need one man to do so. They seem to click better when the next-man-up approach kicks in.

"I'm real happy with the number of guys we've been able to play so far," Caballero said. "We may not have any 1st-team all-district type guys, but we have 8-9 guys who can play and make contributions in different ways."

That was spot-on true when Denham grabbed control. Broadmoor was on the cusp of pulling way in the second quarter when big man Nigel Jones scored 6 of his 14 first-half points down the stretch to build a 24-18 lead before Jackets' guard Julian White swished two free throws to send the game to halftime with his team down 24-20.

Things changed quickly after the break. Banks cranked in Denham's first 3-pointer from the left corner on a pass from Whitley and won a scramble for a loose ball moments later to score inside and put the Jackets ahead 25-24 with 5:47 on the third-quarter clock.

DSHS was just getting revved up. Whitley notched 4 points in a row – stopping and popping from the circle and then gliding past three defenders on a dribble-drive. Two possessions later, Henderson buried a step-back trey to cap a 12-0 burst that put the Jackets on top 32-20.

"Energy as a team," Williams said about the key to the second-half rally. "We finally came together and realized we could do something if we stick together."

The Bucs got off the mat with the last six points of the period to pull within 32-30, but Denham refused to fold.

To counteract Jones, Caballero switched his team to a zone defense and it worked by slowing Broadmoor down and forcing the Bucs to try and execute offense instead of scoring in transition.

Slowing things down equated to poor shooting: Broadmoor was 7-for-24 (29.2%) from the floor in the second half and Jones – who scored 24 points – was 6-of-14 and 0-for-4 from 3-point range.

"I guess going to the zone was the thing to do," Caballero said. "I was worried about rebounding, but we held on our own."

Added Williams, "I felt like (the zone) was necessary against that team because they had a lot of athletes."

Miles nudged the DSHS lead to 34-30 on



a nice inside move at the 6:39 juncture of the final quarter and the Jackets maintained that advantage most of the rest of the night.

Jones scored inside and was fouled, but he missed the free throw and a chance to close the gap to 42-40. Henderson, Williams and Miles iced the win in the final 43.6 seconds from the foul stripe.

Denham continued to build on the best start in Caballero's tenure with a fourth win in five games. Last season the Jackets staggered to a 3-9 start after beginning 4-8 in 2015-16.

"I'm happy for these guys for having some success," Caballero said. "We came out a little lax and were a step slow, but we kept playing hard and didn't give up in that second half."

The Jackets play in the Gold Dome Invitational this week, which is hosted by St. Amant but will be played at Dutchtown because the Gators' gym isn't completely repaired from The Great Flood of 2016.

TIP-INS

- The Jackets shot 57.1% (8-for-14) in the second half after struggling to make shots (7-for-23) in the opening 16 minutes.
- DSHS went the entire second quarter without a turnover and played the whole third quarter without a foul. The Jackets weren't ticketed for their first foul until the 6:20 mark of the final period.
- Denham out-rebounded Broadmoor 30-29 with half their caroms controlled by guards. Of the Bucs' total, 15 rebounds came on offense.
- Broadmoor's struggles against the Jackets' zone were easy to spot. The Bucs knocked down only 1-of-12 shots from outside the 3-point arc compared to 44.7% shooting (17 of 38) from inside the circle.
- Jones was 11-for-22 shooting and the rest of the team was 7-for-28.

DSHS 47, BROADMOOR 41

Broadmoor 14 10 6 11 -- 41
DSHS 11 9 12 15 -- 47
Broadmoor (41) – Najee Jones 1-5 0-0-2, Namir Jones 3-10 0-0-6, Nigel Jones 11-22 2-3-24, Koren Williamson 1-5 0-0-3, Erin Nealond 1-1 0-0-2, Chyristian Montenegro 0-0 0-0-0, Zacorey Lewis 0-2 1-4, 1, Isaiah Washington 1-5 1-2-3. **Totals 18-50 4-9 41.**
DSHS (47) – Ray Whitley 3-8 0-0-6, Jay Henderson 3-7 3-4 10, Dorsett Washington 1-6 0-0-2, Xavier Miles 2-3 3-5-7, Julian White 0-0 2-2-2, Bryan Harvey 1-2 0-0-2, Kaleb Drummer 0-1 0-2-0, D.J. Williams 2-3 7-10 11, Micah Banks 3-7 0-0-7. **Totals 15-37 15-23 47.**
 3-point goals – Broadmoor 1-12 (Williamson 1-3, Najee Jones 0-1, I. Washington 0-1, Namir Jones 0-3, Nigel Jones 0-4): DSHS 2-5 (Banks 1-2, Henderson 1-2, Whitley 0-1). Total fouls – Broadmoor 16, DSHS 12. Fouled out – I. Washington. Records: Broadmoor 3-4, DSHS 4-1.

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WALKER BOYS BASKETBALL

Davis, Moore step up to spark deep Wildcats past Green Wave, 83-72

By Rob DeArmond

The Livingston Parish News

PONCHATOULA – When Walker coach Anthony Schiro summoned him off the bench early in Monday's game, Le Davis knew what he needed to do.

"Set the tone," Davis said. "Just do what I've got to do to get a win."

Davis and Dalton Moore combined for 36 points off the bench, breaking open a tight game to help the Wildcats pick up an 83-72 win over Ponchatoula.

"We've got a deep bench, we really do," Schiro said.

"I've got some guys on the bench that can come in and give us that lift, and there's not much difference in who we've got starting the game."

Both teams struggled early, forging a 6-6 tie.

"We got frustrated a little bit, but we've got to keep playing," said Jalen Cook, who had 16 points for the Wildcats. "We know our defense will put us back in the game."

Walker (2-0) did just that, turning up the defensive pressure, forcing a flurry of Green Wave turnovers to key a 10-0 run and a 16-6 lead.

"Our pressure does create a lot of turnovers for us," Schiro said. "That's one thing we do a lot of times to try to get that spark, that energy going – is to put a little pressure on people up front, get them throwing the ball around and see if we can't get some deflections, maybe a few steals, just to get some turnovers and get us going a little bit."

The Green Wave (1-3) got consecutive baskets to cut the lead to 16-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Ponchatoula grabbed the momentum early in the second quarter as Connor Osborne's putback off a steal cut the lead to 22-18.

After a timeout, the Wildcats got back on track, with Davis scoring 6 of his 19 points as Walker continued

to take advantage of Green Wave turnovers to extend the lead to 34-22.

Ponchatoula's Ted Tardo hit a pair of 3-pointers to close out the first half with the Wildcats leading 34-28.

The Green Wave cut it to 40-37 on Osborne's 3-pointer early in the 3rd quarter, but Walker continued its defensive pressure, pushing the lead to 51-40 on Qae Clark's basket.

Clark scored all 9 of his points in the 3rd quarter.

Moore scored 7 of his 17 points, including a 3-pointer, which gave the Wildcats a 59-45 lead heading into the 4th quarter.

"That was kind of a highlight of what we should be doing almost all game long," Schiro said of the 3rd quarter. "It's early in the season. These guys have only had a couple weeks of practice, a lot of them, coming off the football field. That was just a little spark of what we know we're capable of doing."

Walker extended the lead to 66-48 on Moore's steal and layup and led 79-64 after Brian Thomas collected his own rebound for a putback on a missed free throw with 1:07 to play.



Davis



Moore

WALKER 83, PONCHATOULA 72

Walker	16	18	25	24	--	83
Ponchatoula	10	18	17	27	--	72

Walker (83) -- Le Davis 7-2-4 19, Qae Clark 3 0-0-9, Jordan Hoggatt 0 0-0-0, Jalen Cook 6-4-5 16, Graham Smith 0 0-0-0, Darius Hampton 0 0-0-0, Jalen Perkins 3 0-0-6, Dalton Moore 7 0-0-17, Josh Cook 1 1-3-3, Brian Thomas 5 1-2-11, Calvin Watson 1 0-0-2, Anthony Bell 0 0-0-0, Trent Montgomery 0 0-0-0. **Totals 33 8-14 83.**
Ponchatoula (72) -- Connor Osborne 2 2-4 15, Ted Tardo 0 2-2-8, Colton Ciuzio 2 0-0-7, Damari Coleman 0 2-2-2, DaMontez McGary 3 4-10 10, Davioscia Mosely 8 0-0-16, Ryan Elzy 1 0-0-2, Ben Burton 0 0-0-0, Chava Ketchens 2 1-1-5, TJ Finley 0 0-0-6, Jacob Adams 0 0-0-0, Uland Thorn 0 0-0-0, Peyton Anderson 0 1-2-1. **Totals 18 12-21 72.**
 3-point goals -- Walker 3 (Davis 1, Clark 1, Moore 1); Ponchatoula 8 (Osborne 3, Tardo 2, Finley 2, Ciuzio 1). Total fouls -- Walker 18, Ponchatoula 14. Technical foul -- Jalen Cook. Records: Walker 2-0, Ponchatoula 1-3.

Tournament: Wall-to-wall hoops are on the schedule next week

From B1

teams who are unbeaten and five others with only one loss as of Nov. 28.

Class 3A state runnerup Albany landed the No. 2 seed and draws Live Oak at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Denham Springs High and Walker – two teams expected to vie for the District 4-5A top spot – round out the top four seeds, but will get tested by District 10-2A frontrunners Doyle and French Settlement.

Maurepas and Springfield round out the girls' field and will collide in the first game of the event at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The winner moves on to face the Lady Rockets at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The boys' tournament features three first-year coaches, although one of them is intimately familiar with the parish tournament after playing in it.

First-year French Settlement coach Chase Delrie is a former DSHS point guard during the Yellow Jackets' five-year run of tournament crowns. His crew will face off against Maurepas in the

first game of the boys tournament at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, with the winner advancing to take on Walker at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Springfield earned the No. 5 seed, which means first-year coach Blake Zito will get an early look at 10-2A rival Doyle in the first round at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Kenny Almond has coached longer than any of his peers on either side of the bracket, but this will be his first spin through the parish tournament. Almond's Holden crew takes on No. 3 seed Live Oak at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Denham boys nailed down the No. 2 seed and a first-round meeting with Albany at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The tournament semifinals are set for Friday (3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and the championship games will unfold at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Above left, Leticia Ortiz and her daughter, Noelia, look at decorations at the Rusty Rooster in the Denham Springs Antique Village during Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25, 2017. Above right, Ethan Adams looks at a book in Cavalier House Books.

Antique Village buzzes with activity, shoppers on Small Business Saturday

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

Pam Brown doesn’t do online shopping. She’s even taught her 17-year-old daughter Katie to do — or not do — the same.

For Brown, there’s a certain pleasure whenever she strolls through a local shop, not knowing what she’ll end up walking out with. She’s repeated this shopping pattern for years now, slowly turning her home into a trove of furnishings, decorations and antiques collected from different stores all over the country.

She doesn’t think her home would look — or feel — the same if she had spent all that time sitting in front of a laptop, looking at a picture of what to buy instead of the real thing.

“I don’t support online shopping,” said Brown, who owns Collectibles America, a hand-crafted jewelry store out in Prairieville. “It’s a different generation, but I won’t do it. I believe you have to support your local shops and businesses.

“My house has its own unique story, and it would be much different if I hadn’t been out in the real world looking for those things.”

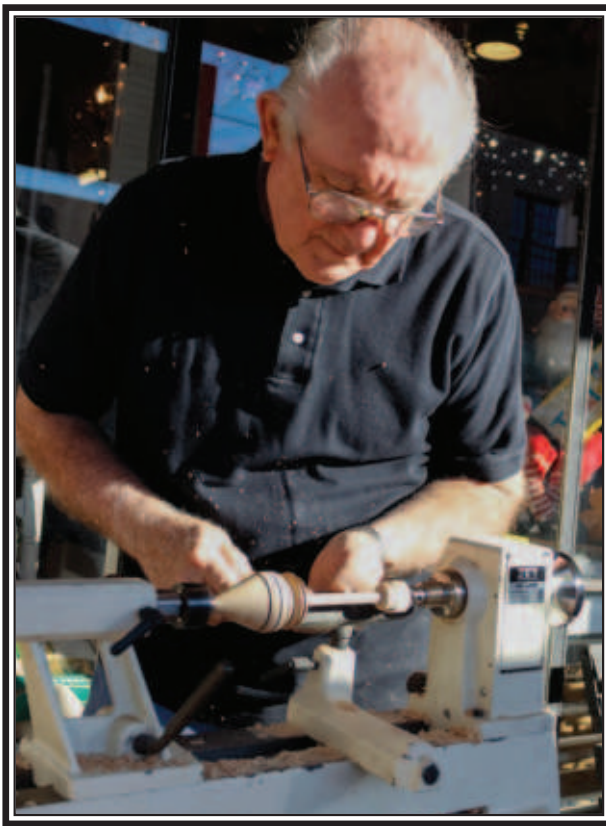
Brown put her money where her mouth is on Saturday, when she had a “mom-daughter date” with her daughter, sister and niece during a Christmas Open House and Small Business Saturday in the Denham Springs Antique Village.

But they weren’t the only ones there as people streamed in and out of the downtown area all day, hoping to take advantage of the many deals and discounts available on this kickoff to the holiday shopping season.

Small Business Saturday began 10 years ago to encourage support of smaller, locally-owned retail stores, but the Christmas Open House has been going on much longer than that, “probably around 25 years,” said Al Bye, director of the Denham Springs Antique Merchants Association and owner of Theatre Antiques Mall.

Since 2015, the event has been a part of the Christmas in the Village festivities, falling on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, coming to save the day for those who missed out on Black Friday opportunities.

Like she’s been doing for years — “ever since Katie was in a stroller,” she proudly says— there was Brown, popping inside some of the 30 or so shops in



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Above left, John Parker makes a top on a wood lathe. Above right, he uses a chisel and wood lathe to make the finishing touches on a top.

the Antique Village. After spending many holiday seasons walking up and down Range Avenue, she knows some of the store owners by name.

Just part of the charm that comes with shopping locally, she says.

“We come here every year and find the best things,” Brown excitedly said while shopping at the Rusty Rooster. “You can’t beat it.”

All the businesses in the Antique Village get into the holiday spirit, especially on Small Business Saturday, when all offer sales — and some tasty snacks — to go along with their Christmas decorations.

This year’s event included free pictures with Santa Claus at the Bee’s Knees, one of his elves at Theatre Antiques Mall, and the Grinch at the Creole Collection, as well as a carousel and other rides next



to Old City Hall.

Liz Bentivegna, the owner of Rusty Rooster, had a Christmas spread of cookies, brownies and other sweet treats for customers to enjoy as they searched through her shop’s stockpile of antiques and collectibles, which come from 22 different vendors.

This is her ninth Christmas working in the Village, and to her, nothing beats this time of year.

“It just gets crazy — I love it,” she said. “People come in here at 10 in the morning and I’ll see them walking outside at 4:30 in the afternoon. There’s so much many options available in this area.

“If you’re not gonna find it on this street, you’re not gonna find it.”

The Antique Village and all its shops will be buzzing plenty over the next month as the Third Annual Christmas in the Village celebration gets revved up.

The next scheduled event is Chef’s Evening on Thursday, Nov. 30, followed by the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Train Station Park on Thursday, Dec. 7 and the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9.

There will also be a live nativity program at Train Station Park on Saturday, Dec. 16 and Christmas caroling every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Dec. 23 (excluding Dec. 16).

And, of course, there will be plenty of shopping in between everything.

“This is the small business world,” Bye said.

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Above, Cade Bates (left) and his sister, Emma, pose for a photo with the Grinch, The Creole Collection Antiques’ owner Chris Bouregeois. Emma later made up with the Grinch after he gave her a cookie.



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Above, Santa Claus rides a carousel near Old City Hall.



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Above, Allie Foret gets her face painted as a red-nosed reindeer. See more pictures from this event at www.livingstonparishnews.com.

“Santa, Santa!”

Lighting of Old City Hall kicks off Christmas in the Village

By David Gray
The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — The chants from the Young Artist Academy Gospel Choir could be heard loud and clear as they stood on the steps of Old City Hall.

“Santa, Santa!” cried aloud more than 25 children who were all eager for a glimpse of Ol’ Saint Nick.

As they called out Santa’s name, a horse-drawn sleigh made its way up Benton Street, stopping at the Mattie Street intersection.

And to the children’s delight, out hopped Father Christmas.

“Ho, ho, ho!” cried the jolly old fella.

Santa Claus’ grand entrance at the end of the night highlighted the Lighting of Old City Hall, a community event that has kicked off the Annual Christmas in the Village celebration for three years running.

For two hours on a crisp, 50-degree Friday night, people of all ages packed onto Mattie Street for the family-friendly party, which has grown each year after being introduced in 2015.

People enjoyed rides on horse-drawn carriages or spun around on the carousel and berry-go-round. They sipped on steaming hot chocolate, courtesy of CC’s Coffee House, and nibbled on cookies and s’mores.

When people weren’t eating or on one of the rides, they fed vanilla wafers to Bubbles the Camel, which has been coming to the event for two years, or took a quick stroll through Sanctuary Park, stopping every now and then for selfies in front of the blow-up Santa or the gingerbread house.

And this was all before the program started.

At 6 p.m., the Young Artist Academy Gospel Choir, comprised of children 5-18 years old, entertained the crowd with classic holiday jingles such as “Jingle Bells” and “Joy to the World,” singing loud from the steps to Old City Hall.

Once the choir sang its last tune, Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry and his wife Marian led everyone in a countdown, with thousands of lights twinkling to life when they all screamed “One!”

Capping off the night was Santa, who arrived a few minutes after Old City Hall was lit up to the chants of overjoyed children.

For Al Bye, director of the Denham Springs Antique Merchants Association, this was the perfect way to launch the month-long Christmas in the Village celebration.

“Tonight is all about families and community coming out here and kick off the Christmas season in a communal way,” Bye said, “and you couldn’t have asked for a better night.”

Bye said the Lighting of Old City Hall has grown each year since it debuted in 2015, when the first Christmas in the Village festivities were held.

Beginning with “a little skit, Santa Claus, and a speech from the mayor,” the event now includes two horse-drawn carriages, two rides, hot chocolate and treats, a choir concert, a photo booth, letters to Santa, and Bubbles the camel.

And the best part — it’s all free, partly because of the growing number of sponsors Christmas in the Village has attracted.

The program, which is being presented by the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, has more than 40 local businesses helping sponsor the activities. Main Street Manager Donna Jennings, who begins locking up sponsors long before the first meetings take place in August, said “not even half” that total were sponsors last year.

Though many people work together to put the event on, Bye credited Landry for being the first one to throw the idea out there.

“I want to say it was collective because as soon as it was mentioned everyone jumped on board, but the mayor is the one who really pushed this,” Bye said. “He wanted people to be able to say every year ‘I want to go to the Antique Village’ this Christmas.

“He’s been here every year and supports us all the way through.”

The fun is only beginning in the Denham Springs Antique Village, which will be buzzing plenty over the next month.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, Denham Springs Main Street will put on the 17th Annual Holiday Chef’s Evening and Wine Tasting, an advanced-ticket event that will run from 7-9 p.m. in the Antique Village.

A week later, on Thursday, Dec. 7, the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club will present the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Train Station Park. That event will last from 6-7 p.m. with performances from the Livingston Parish Children’s Choir and the Young Artist Academy Gospel Choir.

There will also be feature face painting, cookie decorating, and a toy collection for Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard’s Annual Christmas Crusade.

The First Guaranty Christmas Parade presented by the Kiwanis Club will highlight the festivities on Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 2 p.m. The parade will start at Denham Springs High School and go up Range Avenue through the Antique Village.

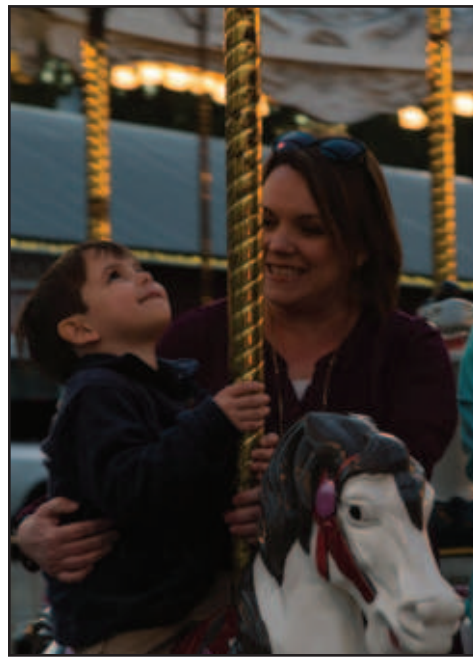
A live nativity program will take place at Train Station Park from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. Livingston Parish SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will put on the program, which will include live animals, singing, and dress-up photo opportunities.

To top it off, every Saturday from Nov. 25 until Dec. 23 (excluding Dec. 16) will feature Christmas Caroling



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Above: Children crowd around Santa Claus after the jolly old fella makes a grand entrance at the Lighting of Old City Hall on Friday, Nov. 24. Below left: Four-year-old Luke LeBlanc rides on the carousel with his mother. Below right: The Young Artist Academy Gospel Choir performs under the direction of Gladier Dalton. Bottom: Marian Landry, wife of Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry, plays with her pals Fred, left, and Gus, right.



in the Village from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 10 music stops in the area.

But even with a month’s worth of holiday activities ahead, organizers are already looking ahead.

“Believe it or not, we’re already thinking about next year and what it would take to make it even bet-

ter,” Bye said. “Like every year, we’re going to learn from this one.”

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Kindergarteners under Karen Parrino chow down on early Thanksgiving Feast



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KAREN PARRINO

Clockwise, from front left: North Live Oak Elementary kindergarteners Georgia Bradley, Ally Vellier, Colt Daigre, Kenadi Blouin and Maddox Scarbrough enjoy their meals at a table together during a Thanksgiving Feast in Karen Parrino’s kindergarten class.

Story Submitted

Karen Parrino’s kindergarten class at North Live Oak Elementary shared a traditional Thanksgiving Feast with turkey and all the trimmings.

Students created Native American vests, headbands and necklaces and shared things they are thankful for before chowing down on turkey, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese and a roll.

To submit stories and photos for our Living and Arts & Entertainment sections, e-mail David at lifestylelpn@gmail.com.

2017 Christmas in the Village Schedule

<p>November 24th Lighting of Old City Hall 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>December 7th Kiwanis Lighting of the Christmas Tree 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</p>
<p>November 25th Christmas Open House 10:00 am - 5:00 pm “It’s A Wonderful Life” 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm</p>	<p>December 9th First Guaranty Christmas Parade presented by Denham Springs Kiwanis 2:00 pm</p>
<p>November 30th Chef’s Evening & Wine Tasting Advanced Tickets Required 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>December 16th Christmas Alive Nativity 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</p>

November 25th, December 2nd, 16th & 23rd
Christmas Caroling in the Village

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Above: Denham Springs Memorial Cemetery was one of 138 Jessica H. Schexnayder and Mary H. Manhein documented in their book "Fragile Grounds: Louisiana's Endangered Cemeteries." Bottom left: Jessica H. Schexnayder, left, and Mary H. Manhein were the featured authors during a book signing at Cavalier House Books on Saturday, Nov. 25. Bottom right: From left, Jessica H. Schexnayder and Mary H. Mahein sign a copy of their book "Fragile Grounds: Louisiana's Endangered Cemeteries" for Ron Leonard and his wife Denise.

Local authors release book documenting endangered cemeteries in south Louisiana

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

Jessica H. Schexnayder's camera caught the bull's eye — literally. She was standing in the middle of the Amite Baptist "Old" Cemetery, trying to document damage two days after the Great Flood of 2016, when the image of a longhorn bull with tan and white splotches popped up in her lens.

Schexnayder never learned how the bull got inside the cemetery, whether it was carried in with the floodwaters that inundated Livingston Parish or just happened to walk in through the front gate.

But there it stood, only a few paces away, and it didn't look happy — nostrils flaring, legs kicking.

Schexnayder quickly forgot about her research and got out just before her husband John slammed the gate to the cemetery shut.

The bull did his best to make sure the couple didn't try to come back in.

"He definitely headbutted the door a few times," Schexnayder recalled. "It was a scary moment."

Schexnayder's encounter with a live bull is just one of the many stories behind her and co-author Mary H. Manhein's book "Fragile Grounds: Louisiana's Endangered Cemeteries," which combines data, photographs and stories of endangered cemeteries in Louisiana's coastal zone and beyond.

In "Fragile Grounds," the researchers explain how burial places "link the fragile land to the frailty of the state's threatened community structures" while also highlighting the state's "vibrant diversity" and the need to document its unique burial customs and traditions.

Schexnayder, a retired communications coordinator for Louisiana Sea Grant who lives in Denham Springs, and Manhein, a retired director of the LSU Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services Laboratory, spent nearly five years doing research for their book, documenting 138 cemeteries across 20 coastal parishes and four others across Louisiana.

But what started as project solely for documentation purposes quickly grew into much more.

"As we started collecting this data, people would come up to us in a cemetery and say, 'Let me show you where my family member is buried,'" Schexnayder said. "They wanted to tell

us their stories.

"So this book wound up becoming a collection of the hard science and the social science of south Louisiana."

Schexnayder said the project itself first started out from a student paper she wrote for a forensic anthropology class Manhein was teaching.

The students got to choose their own topic, and Schexnayder, who grew near a family cemetery in east Texas, chose to write on cemeteries and eminent domain ("the power of the government to take property for the good of development for public use").

As a child, Schexnayder said she was "always fascinated" by headstones and the "stories behind the names," but this project gave her an inside look into the danger surrounding some of them.

"When I wrote the paper, I started thinking about how the cemeteries on our coastline would be affected, much like with eminent domain, and what happens to the cemeteries on our coasts as the coasts erode and storm surge comes in and land sinks.

"I put those things together and said, 'Oh my goodness, these cemeteries are going to be in the Gulf of Mexico!'"

After getting the necessary funding from the Louisiana Sea Grant, Schexnayder asked Manhein, an internationally respected forensic anthropologist, to join her in documenting the threatened cemeteries before they were "lost forever."

Manhein agreed, triggering a five-year project that covered hundreds of miles, loads of data, and somewhere around 11,000 photographs, though Schexnayder isn't entirely sure.

"I lost count," she joked.

The book, dedicated to "the resilient people of Louisiana," is 148 pages and divided into four sections: The Laws, the Land and the People; South Louisiana Burial Customs and Traditions; Select Coastal Zone Cemeteries; and Select Cemeteries Beyond the Coastal Zone.

There are nearly 250 photographs or illustrations in the book, along with 16 charts, graphs or maps. There is also a preface, an afterword, three appendixes and an index.

In the first section, "The Laws, the Land and the People," the authors explain Coastal Louisiana's troubling land-loss rate — about a football field every half hour and nearly 80 percent of the nation's total coastal land loss — and the affects it has on the cemeteries,

some of which are now "permanently inundated, very near to being submerged or lost to erosion."

Manhein and Schexnayder also documented how storms — 54 they counted from 1851-2015 — have impacted these burials grounds, using a map to chart the paths of all the storms in the Louisiana's coastal zone, which is comprised of 20 of the state's 64 parishes.

"Isn't that insane?" Manhein asked, looking at the lines of many intersecting storm paths sprawled all over the map.

In the second section, "South Louisiana Burial Customs and Traditions," Manhein and Schexnayder spend 20 pages defining the different burial types — like oven vaults, copings, stepped tombs and tabletops — and customs — All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and the Whitewashing of Graves — found throughout the state.

"The way we bury in south Louisiana has intrigued people across the country when they hear of it," said Manhein. "In the book, we defined a lot of the terms like 'copings' and 'burial vaults' because you don't have so much of that in other parts of the country.

"This book just gives people an opportunity to see, in a single volume, the breadth of what we have in south Louisiana and try to understand it."

The authors even debunked a few common misconceptions in this section, most notably the truth behind the above-ground-burial rituals in New Orleans.

Hint: It's not due to the higher water table.

"We laugh about this a lot: Even people in New Orleans think the burials are above the ground because of the water table," Manhein said. "That's not true. The burial vaults you see above ground in New Orleans are there as a result of the Spanish and French influence when they lived there because that's how they buried.

"It's kind of a misnomer that people even from Louisiana don't understand."

The final two sections of the book dive into stories from cemeteries both inside and outside of the coastal zone, interweaving hard data, photographs and oral histories from more than 40 sites.

Some of the cemeteries, such as the St. Louis I Cemetery in New Orleans, are well-known tourist attractions with the decayed remains of thousands of people, while others, like the Cocodrie

Gravesite in Terrebonne Parish, are less known, holding the remains of a single family.

One of the authors' favorite visits was to the Mount Zion River Lake Plantation Cemetery, where lies at least five generations of author Ernest J. Gaines' ancestors, the "inspiration for his stories," the book says.

"We wanted to demonstrate the variety of cemeteries that are out there," Manhein said. "We chose ones that are endangered and ones that are not so endangered to highlight the variation in the way we bury here in south Louisiana.

"There's only so much you can do, so one of the main goals of our project was to document what we could before it was lost forever."

The authors documented nine cemeteries in Livingston Parish, whose lower half lies in the coastal zone, but only two are written about in the book: Denham Springs Memorial Cemetery and Amite Baptist "Old" Cemetery, where Schexnayder had her encounter with the bull.

Don't worry: Her picture of the bull made the final cut.

"There was no zoom," Schexnayder jokingly recalled. "He was standing that close to me."

So far, the authors have received mostly positive feedback from their book. They sold out in 10 minutes during the Louisiana Book Festival and were running out of copies during a book signing at Cavalier House Books on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Schexnayder also said the Louisiana Department of Health recently asked for some of their data to be used for Hurricane Harvey restoration in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes in southwest Louisiana, right on Texas border.

"Part of this book is really a call to action for people to preserve cemeteries or go out in their own community and document and preserve," Schexnayder said. "We're hoping that what we have done eventually becomes a digital record for the state of Louisiana.

"It's a tangible link to an intangible past."

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“Run! Boudin, Run!”

Ponchatoula children's author visits Albany-Springfield Library

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

ALBANY — Reading bedtime stories to her oldest son Kellan, Ariane O’Pry Trammell started to develop ideas of her own.

And in the five years since, those ideas have resulted in three children’s books, with a fourth on the way.

Trammell, a local children’s author and illustrator, brought some of those colorful stories to life during a reading at the Albany-Springfield Branch of the Livingston Parish Library System on Monday, Nov. 20, when she entertained children and their parents with tales from her “Run! Boudin, Run!” children’s series.

Speaking in a hearty Cajun-French accent, Trammell, a mother of two from Ponchatoula, read from and showed illustrations of her books “Run! Boudin, Run!” and “Cicada’s Song,” the first two in her Cajun book series.

“He rang proud from atop his highest limb, but there’s no other creatures that want to hear that noise from him,” Trammell read aloud in her Cajun-French dialect.

“You quiet down,” yelled the beaver from her damn. “That’s way too loud,” said the fox inside his den.”

But Trammell, an artist by trade, wasn’t finished after the book reading: She was also the guest presenter during the library’s monthly installment of The Art Studio, showing a dozen or so teens fundamental illustration techniques while leading them in hands-on practice.

Trammell has done the illustrations for more than 30 books in the last 12 years. That experience, combined with those late-night bedtime readings, made her want to write her own book.

“I had illustrated for so many children’s authors, so when I started reading books to my babies, I got in-

spired,” she said. “I would see them do little things every day that would give me ideas. I thought they would be good in a book.”

However, it took Trammell some time before she put the bayou in her stories.

Before coming out with her Cajun series, Trammell wrote “Where the Grass is Always Greener,” which tells the story of a draft horse named Dandy who pursues his lifelong dream of being a champion show jumper.

Trammell called the release of her first book “a learning experience,” saying that the publishing site she used “really took advantage of me,” which forced her to cancel her contract and later re-release the book.

She decided to take sole control of her work from then on, but that wasn’t the only change: Instead of writing about a show horse, the Louisiana native decided to write about her roots.

Set in the heart of the bayou, “Run! Boudin, Run” follows the story of its titular character, who befriends an alligator named Fais-Do and other wetland critters after getting chased through a Louisiana swamp one summer afternoon.

Trammell said Boudin, the outdoors-loving protagonist of the book, is based on her 7-year-old son Kellan, who likes to “run around barefoot, loves animals, and is always out playing in the mud.”

Fais-Do, the alligator who winds up being adopted as Boudin’s pet, is based on another real-life character: none other than Ole Hardhide, the community alligator that has lived in the heart of downtown Ponchatoula since 1972.

At first, Trammell said the idea was to write about a bad alligator going to jail, but that slowly changed as she put her pen to paper.

“When I sat down and started writing, it all



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Ariane O’Pry Trammell, a local children’s author and illustrator, brought some of those colorful stories to life during a reading at the Albany-Springfield Branch of the Livingston Parish Library System on Monday.

just poured out of me,” she recalled. “It was a story that was already meant to be written.”

Trammell also included her youngest son, 20-month-old Gavin, in her stories, using him as the inspiration behind T-Boy, Boudin’s younger brother who briefly appears in “Run! Boudin, Run!” before taking a more active role in “Cicada’s Song.”

With two books in the series already out, Trammell said she’s currently wrapping up work on “Couillon the Crawfish,” the third book in the series she’s hoping to release by Easter of 2018.

But those at the Albany-Springfield Branch on Monday got an inside look into the story when Trammell picked up a few pieces of loose leaf paper and read the text from that book. She also pulled out her laptop and showed the

audiences some of her early sketches.

Ever since her first fiasco with a publishing site, Trammell has taken a more hands-on approach with her books. She writes the stories, does “all” the illustrations, layout and design, and uses a print-on-demand website to order copies.

However, there is one thing the self-publishing writer receives some help on: Her brother-in-law, who is an English teacher, helps with the punctuation.

“I throw commas everywhere,” she joked.

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LPCC set for annual Christmas concert



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Members of the Apprentice Choir sing while showing off their rehearsed choreography during the Livingston Parish Children’s Choir’s 26th Annual Spring Concert on May 5.

Staff Report

The Livingston Parish News The Livingston Parish Children’s Choir (LPCC), comprised of 107 singers in grades K-12, will hold its 27th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. inside the sanctuary at Live Oak Methodist Church in Watson on Friday, Dec. 1.

Tickets for the show are \$5 each, and there is a free nursery.

The LPCC, which features 21 singers who have earned All-District or All-State status in the Louisiana Music Educators and American Choral Directors associations, is divided into three groups: the Apprentice Choir, made up of children in grades K-2; the Chorus, made up of children in grades 3-9; and the Chorale, an auditioned choir made up of grades 4-12.

The three choirs will deliver their own performances before coming together for a grand finale performance of “Joy to the World/O Come All Ye Faithful,” which will be arranged and directed by LPCC co-founder Regina Walker.

The program provides a comprehensive short course on classical concert etiquette designed to maximize the enjoyment of the

choir’s performance.

The organizers indicate in the rules that audience members should never arrive or leave during a performance, they should sit quietly and not block the view of people behind them, turn cell phones to silent and to please hold applause until after the choral director has lowered her hands.

Future LPCC performances include: Chorale Christmas Recording Concert, free of charge, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; and Denham Springs Train Station Christmas Concert (all LPCC choirs), free of charge, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Train Station Park in the Denham Springs Antique Village.

The Chorale Choir will also perform in the Henry Leck Choral Festival in Montreal & Quebec City, Canada, from June 21-27, 2018.

The LPCC spring semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. LPCC has two entry-level choirs: Apprentice (grades K-3) and Chorus (3-9), which rehearse on Tuesdays in Denham Springs at New Covenant Church on Florida Boulevard (Apprentice is 4:30-5:45 p.m., Chorus 6-7:15 p.m.)

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SUBMITTED BY LAUREN CLARDY

Lauren Ashley Clardy and Shawn Daniel Jones will wed on Jan. 6, 2018.

Lauren Ashley Clardy & Shawn Daniel Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clardy of Holden, Louisiana, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ashley Clardy, to Shawn Daniel Jones, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Danny Jones of Jonesboro, Illinois.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman of Holden, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clardy of Anna, Illinois. Lauren is a 2014 graduate of Holden High School, where she currently works as a contract tutor while attending Southeastern Louisiana University.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hicks of Mayflower, Arizona, and Mrs. Mildred Jones of Union City, Tennessee. Shawn is a 2013 graduate of Vienna High School and a 2017 graduate of Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center. He currently works as an LPN at Southeast Health Gastroenterology Clinic.

Lauren and Shawn's wedding will take place Jan. 6, 2018.



SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL BARBAZON

For the second year in a row, the Walker Renegade Cheerleaders, pictured at right, took home the Southern Louisiana Youth Football Association Cheer Championship in Central, Louisiana on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Walker Renegade Cheerleaders emerge as champions for second consecutive year

Staff Report

For the second straight year, the Walker Renegade Cheerleaders came out on top.

The Walker Renegade Cheerleaders were awarded first place against five other squads from around the area during the Southern Louisiana Youth Football Association (SLYFA) Cheer Championship in Central, Louisiana on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Squads from Walker, Denham

Springs, Live Oak, Prairieville, Gonzales and St. Amant competed against each other and performed five-minute routines in front of a three-judge panel, which determined the day's winners.

And for two years now, that's been the Renegade Cheerleaders out of Walker. This year's squad was comprised of 45 girls ages 4-13, all of which performed the same routine together during the championship weekend.

Dr. Strickland visits Seventh Ward Elementary School to discuss bee keeping

Story Submitted

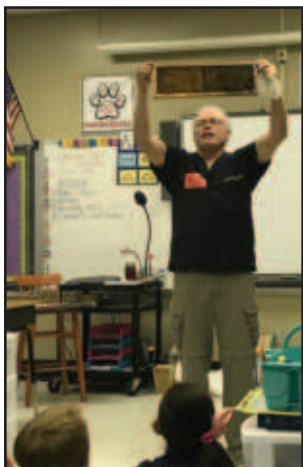
Dr. Doug Strickland visited Seventh Ward Elementary on Nov. 1 to share information about bee keeping as part of the culmination of a unit on bees.

He shared information about the importance of the queen bee, the proper attire to wear when handling bees, and how honey is made.

The students were engaged and enjoyed learning about the bee keeping process.

The students had many questions, and Dr. Strickland was eager to answer each of them.

Dr. Strickland's bees were lost during the Great Flood of 2016, but his new hive will hopefully have honey this spring.



SUBMITTED BY LAURA DUNLAP

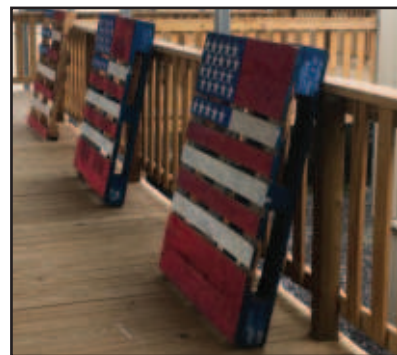
Dr. Doug Strickland holds up a beehive frame during his bee discussion at Seventh Ward Elementary School.

Southside Elementary School 4-H Club paints patriotic pallets

Story Submitted

The Southside Elementary School 4-H Club members stayed after school to paint wood pallets as a community service project on Nov. 1, in preparation of the Veteran's Day Program held Nov. 9.

They revamped recycled wooden pallets by painting each one like the American Flag.



Their American-made pallets were beautifully placed along the

walkway to the program's entrance continuing into the area, creating an awesome patriotic room for our Veteran guests.

After the program, the pallets were raffled off to Veterans.

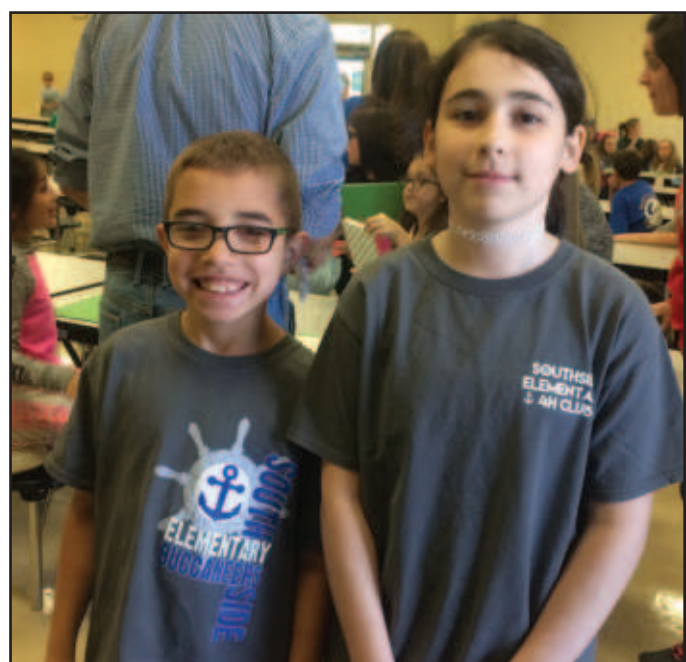
News and photo submitted by: Dara Fontenot, 4th grade club reporter; Kailey Watts, 5th grade club reporter

Girl Scout Cassette Troop 10353 collects for food pantry

The 7th grade Girl Scout Cassette Troop 10353 collected a wagon full of non-perishables to benefit Hebron Baptist Church's food pantry. Pictured are (from left) Brianna Nieves, Erin Bickham, Abigail Cobb and Maren Armstrong. Not pictured is Leader Ashleigh Bickham.



SUBMITTED BY ASHLEIGH BICKHAM



SUBMITTED BY MELISSA FONTENOT

Southside Elementary 4-H

Southside Elementary 4-H officers, Gavin Davis, vice president, left, and Dara Jade Fontenot, reporter, right, participated in the 2017 4-H Officer Training Day on Oct. 30 at North Corbin Junior High in Walker. They learned what their role as that specific officer is and set goals for the coming year. They are ready for the next SSE 4-H meeting to put it into action.

Denham Springs Pilot Club visits Golden Age, Harvest Manor



SUBMITTED BY KATHY DEGENERES

Members of the Denham Springs Pilot Club visited Golden Age and Harvest Manor Nursing Homes in Denham Springs as part of their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Honoring the veterans with some special treats were, from left, Terri Borde, president; Charla Fletcher, Stella Corley, Nina Huffstetler, and Sandy LeBlanc.

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“Good morning, Maurepas!”

Maurepas’ student-run morning newscast strikes chord with entire community

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

MAUREPAS — “Three minutes,” hollered Maurepas teacher Frédéric Ledent as the student-only news crew bustled back and forth around him.

At a laptop in the small, bright green production room, jam-packed with studio equipment, two flat screen televisions, a sound mixer and a microphone, sat co-anchor Bryce Felps, who was putting the finishing touches on the script.

Landon Loupe, who was in charge of the TriCaster on this November morning, nodded approvingly as he watched from behind.

“Two minutes,” Ledent called out. Co-anchor Emma Gautreau rehearsed the script in her head as she sat in the adjacent production room, also bright green but containing much more: three cameras, six lights, a table, a few stools and three much bigger flat screen televisions.

A few feet away from her, Bralyn Kitchens and Alexis Meier performed last-minute checks on Cameras 1 and 2.

“One minute!” Crew manager Dakota Fabre gave the okay at precisely 7:43 a.m., just after the bell stopped ringing. Sophomore Kameron Amie turned on the microphones while Loupe flipped on the tricaster.

“You’re live,” Ledent whispered. “Good morning, Maurepas!” students and teachers cheerfully said on a taped collage before Hannah Gautreau, who was running the teleprompter, turned it over to the two anchors for the day’s news.

This is the first year the school has had “Maurepas Live,” a student-run morning news broadcast that airs daily and uses skills taught in the school’s newly-added digital media skills class.

The Maurepas School is one of a few in Livingston Parish, including Springfield and French Settlement, that offer such a course, which teaches students how to produce their own news cast as part of an initiative by Livingston Parish School Board member Jim Richardson, a retired principal from French Settlement.

Teacher Laci Williams, who runs the class at Maurepas alongside Ledent, said the program first started under Janet Blankenship at Springfield.

After seeing the success it had there, it was brought over to Maurepas, which was able to purchase \$18,260.64 worth of studio equipment thanks to funds garnered by Richardson.

“He’s responsible for making all of this happen,” Ledent said of Richardson.

Since it began, “Maurepas Live” has been a hit at the school and in the community. While students and teachers watch from classrooms,

family members watch via an online stream through the school’s website or Vimeo at their homes or at work — and complain when they can’t.

“The parents got really upset when the tricaster was down for a couple of weeks,” joked Assistant Principal Delle Blount. “It’s become something they watch every day.”

In their digital media class, which Blankenship teaches via video conference, Maurepas students learn how to edit their own news clips and use the equipment necessary for the broadcast — the cameras, the wiring, the tricaster, the sound mixer, the teleprompter and the microphones.

Once class is over, students put their lessons to use, writing the scripts — which include school news covering everything from important dates to club meetings to the lunch menu for grades K-12 — and conducting interviews with sports coaches, teachers, and students across campus.

After that, they put it all together and air it live the next day.

Not your familiar morning announcements.

“What we’re doing with the broadcast, instead of just going over the loudspeaker and giving announcements, we’re making it more fun and interesting,” Williams said. “Kids are actually listening to the announcements now in a more engaging way.”

On this Wednesday morning — “National STEM/STEAM Day,” the script read — Felps and Emma Gautreau are in front of the Camera 1, their faces popping up on televisions, computers, and smartphones all over the area.

Though they’re on stools surrounded by green walls, lights, cameras and the rest of the crew, all the audience sees are two anchors seated alone at a green desk in a newsroom, with a news screen flashing images below them and a projection of La. Hwy. 22 behind.

After Felps acknowledged National STEM/STEAM Day, the broadcast cut to the Maurepas Live crew, comprised of four students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the school’s mission statement, a ritual filmed in different spots around campus.

It cut back to the two anchors after that for them to deliver the “History of the Day” segment (“In 2016, Donald Trump was elected president”) and a happy-birthday shout out. The broadcast then switched over to two more cast members for the lunch menu — chicken bacon flatbread with ranch dressing, fries, chilled pears and fresh milk “straight from the cow.”

The broadcasts usually last between 6-8 minutes and interweave sports, pop culture, weather, cooking segments with regular school news. After finishing the broadcast,



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Above: Nearly two dozen students, in one way or another, contribute to Maurepas Live, a daily morning news broadcast put on by students at the Maurepas School. Below: From front to back, Hannah Gautreau, teacher Laci Williams, Landon Loupe and Kameron Amie get ready for another broadcast of Maurepas Live.



students get to show their playful side, usually through bloopers and group dances.

Though everyone was nervous at first, Felps, the lead anchor, said the news team has gotten more comfortable running the broadcasts, adding that they’re “constantly” thinking up new ideas for the show.

A sophomore who now hears shouts of “It’s Bryce” whenever he walks around campus, Felps said he hopes the school can acquire more resources to do more things with the show, perhaps even a live stream of school and sporting events some day.

“We want to get as many people in the community involved as possible so they can see everything that’s going on here,” he proudly said.

Blount, who was a huge advocate for the program because of its

hands-on experience and potential scholarship opportunities, said she has seen “huge growth” in the students who produce the daily newscast.

“They’re growing up and taking charge,” she said. “When they first started, you could tell they were nervous because they were still learning to work under pressure of doing it live.”

“Now, they’re getting that experience and learning the importance of being a team because none of that works with just one person on his or her own.”

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SCA Beta collects more than 500 canned, boxed goods in food drive



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY NADEGE VAN CAMP

The Southland Christian Academy Beta Club recently volunteered at the Greater Baton Rouge food bank after holding a school-wide food drive through October and November.

Staff Report

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The Southland Christian Academy Beta Club lived up to the school’s mascot — the Saints.

The SCA Beta Club, made up of 17 students, held a school-wide food drive from Oct. 16 until Nov. 16.

During the food drive, the school had each of its homerooms collect non-perishable food items (canned and boxed goods only), and the one that gathered the most was awarded a pizza party. All told, the school collected more than 500 items for families in need in the community.

After the food drive ended, the

SCA Beta Club brought it all to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, where they volunteered on Saturday, Nov. 18. Thirteen Beta members, one teacher and four parents helped sort and package food items for four hours.

For its next community service project, the SCA Beta Club and Choir will visit and spend time with residents of Golden Age Nursing Home in Denham Springs on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Beta members plan on singing, doing activities and passing out gifts.

Southland Christian Academy, comprised of grades Pre-K-12, is located at 7000 Gloryland Way in Denham Springs.

Look, smell of artificial Christmas trees doesn't compare to the real thing

As soon as the Thanksgiving meal is complete, the rush for Christmas is on. The centerpiece of the Christmas decoration is a fresh tree. Artificial trees have made great strides, but as good as they look, the smell cannot be duplicated. The key is to get a fresh tree. You are not going to get any fresher than a tree cut on a Christmas tree farm. If you see your tree growing and participate in harvesting it, then you know it is fresh. For trees that are already cut before you purchase them, you need to perform a few freshness tests to make sure they will last the whole holiday season. First, check the needles by giving them a slight tug. Needles should not readily pull out and they should be soft and pliable. Lift the tree a few inches off the ground and drop it on the butt to see if there is a drop of



SHARPE'S POINT

Kenny Sharpe

green needles; there should only be a few. The tree should have a strong smell and a good green color. When you get your tree home, cut an inch or two off the butt of the tree so it can uptake water and then put it in a large pan of water. Check the water level daily and do not let it run dry. Keep trees away from fireplaces, candles, heaters, drafts and vents. Trees look smaller on the lot and taller in the house, so know the height you can accommodate and do not forget to include the height of the stand and topper. Also, check to see that the tree trunk is straight, as a leaning tree has a

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tendency to topple over once it is decorated. Check electrical cords for frays and test your smoke alarm batteries now.

Thanksgiving was full of food, fun, family and even had a few frosts. Cold weather just makes food taste better, and I am thankful for all of those. Along with those frosts, I was able to light the fireplace, and that smell added to the Thanksgiving experience. Fireplace safety is a concern. Santa does not need all that much soot and ashes for the few naughty people on his

list. We need to make sure that we do not have buildup of creosote on the inside of the chimney walls, as creosote is highly flammable. Even though you have a fire down in the firebox of your fireplace, you do not want a chimney fire as it can damage your chimney and catch the house on fire. Creosote is the black tar-like substance that is created when you burn green wood or soft wood species like pine. Green wood will burn at a lower temperature because it has a higher percentage of moisture, and a lot of the heat is used to burn off the moisture in the wood. Creosote can also be a problem in

wood burning stoves and inserts because we cut the air down on the draft to slow the fire down so it will burn and give heat all night. Burning dry wood produces much less creosote. If you are cutting your own wood, you will know if it is dry or seasoned. If you are purchasing wood, check by looking at the ends of the wood. Seasoned wood will have cracks in the ends that are left by the drying process. Now might be a good time to contact a chimney sweep to check out your fireplace and chimney. He will have long scrub brushes and the correct equipment to clean the chimney

without making a huge mess. This is not the safest do-it-yourself job, but you can take a mirror and look up the chimney to see if the inside walls look clean or have creosote stuck to them. If you have creosote inside your chimney, some of the job will be performed from the roof, and that is where it gets tricky. Electrical lines and the forces of gravity should keep you on the ground, so leave this one to the professionals. **KENNY SHARPE** is county agent with the LSU Cooperative Extension Service in Livingston Parish. For more information on these or related topics contact Kenny at 225-686-3020 or visit www.lsuagcenter.com/livingston.

Denham Springs Garden Club collects items for homeless veterans



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Above left: The Denham Springs Garden Club met on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the home of member Virginia Bruce to collect items for homeless veterans at the Raven Outreach Center in Baton Rouge. Above right: Nancy Delahaye, the District VI director who oversees 20 garden clubs in the area, recently served as the guest speaker for the Denham Springs Garden Club.

By David Gray
The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — During its most recent monthly meeting, the Denham Springs Garden Club collected items for homeless veterans at the Raven Outreach Center in Baton Rouge. Items collected were personal hygiene products, gallon trash bags, men's underpants and undershirts, socks, white towels, twin-sized white sheets, pillows, laundry detergent, bathroom and cleaning supplies. After bringing their donations to the home of Virginia Bruce, the Garden Club got down to normal business with Nancy Delahaye, the District VI director who oversees 20 garden clubs in the area, serving as the guest speaker.

During her speech, Delahaye, a Plaquemine resident, spoke on the importance of attracting younger members to garden clubs. When she wrapped up, Virginia presented her with a gift bag. DSGC member Alice Pittman spoke after Delahaye and offered information on the Raven Outreach Center and a brief history on Veteran's Day. Once the meeting ended, Virginia's husband Jim gave DSGC members a tour of his fascinating collection of antiques in his shop, which he has been hoarding for close to 30 years. This was only the third meeting for the Denham Springs Garden Club in the last year. The organization took the year off following the Great Flood of 2016. The club regularly meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:45 a.m.

Parish getting set for plethora of Christmas parades this holiday season

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No matter where you live in Livingston Parish, there will be a parade near you at some point this holiday season. The parish will soon launch into a two-week period of parades in five different towns and communities, beginning Dec. 2 and ending Dec. 16. Getting everything started will be the City of Walker's Christmas Parade, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 starting at 6 p.m., with line-up beginning at 4 p.m. at Walker High School, located at 12646 Burgess Ave. Starting at Walker High School, the procession will travel down Burgess Avenue, turn right onto Hwy. 444, turn right onto Florida Boulevard to Palmetto before returning to the high school. Registration forms are available at www.walker.la.us. For more information, call 665-4356. The Annual Springfield Parade will be the next to hit the parish, starting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4. Line-up begins at 6 p.m. at the AmVet Hall, located near the intersection between Highways 42 and 43. The 1.3-mile parade route will head east on Hwy. 42 before going down Main Street and ending at Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 2. No horses, mules, or animal-drawn wagons are allowed, nor sirens — Christmas music only. Winners will be announced at a reception following the parade at the fire department. Two parades will be held in the parish on Saturday, Dec. 9. The first will be the First Guaranty Bank

Christmas Parade, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs, at 2 p.m., with line-up beginning at 9 a.m. The parade begins at Denham Springs High School and travels down Range Avenue through the Antique Village before turning right onto Florida Blvd. and ending at Veterans Boulevard. The theme this year is "A Hometown Christmas (Past, Present, Future)." Entry fee is \$100, and forms are available at <https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/789/File/2017ParadeApplication.pdf>. For more information, call 803-2234, 791-7964, 788-1544 or 571-5669. The Town of Livingston will put on its Annual Christmas Parade later that same day, starting at 6:30 p.m. with the line-up beginning at 5 p.m. The parade will head out from Doyle Elementary School and travel south on Charlie Watts Road before turning left onto Will Hughes Road. After that, the procession will turn left onto Frost Road, turn right onto Florida Boulevard, then turn right and end on Circle Drive. Those interested in participating in the Livingston parade are asked to fill out an entry form at Livingston Town Hall on Circle Drive. Wrapping up the parade action will be the French Settlement Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Parade, which starts at the Moonlight Inn parking lot at noon on Saturday, Dec. 16. A rainout date is set for Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. During the tour, the Creole House Museum will be open for tours and snacks.

Cail Miceli discusses Braveheart with Kappas



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LAURA DUNLAP

Pictured at the October meeting of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota are Brenda Gates, hostess; Laura Dunlap, hostess; Cail Miceli, Braveheart; and Chrystal Gauthreaux, hostess.

Story Submitted
The Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota, a professional teacher's organization, held their monthly meeting at Big Mike's Sports Bar & Grill on Oct. 26. The ladies gathered to enjoy appetizers, fellowship, and to hear from guest speaker Cail Miceli with Braveheart. Miceli shared the various opportunities for volunteerism within Braveheart and the services they provide for children entering foster care. Attendees were greeted at the meeting by hostesses Laura Dunlap, Brenda Gates, and Chrystal Gauthreaux. Kappa members are looking forward to their next meeting, where they will be learning more about bee keeping with Dr. Doug Strickland.

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Walker High graduates come together for seven-class reunion



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Above left: Class of 1958, from left, Sharon Marchesseault Littleton, Suzanne Aydell Howze, Curtis Jones, Glen Lee Stewart McGee, Barbara Cockerham McMorris, Martha Pendarvis Tompley, Dianne Bunch Stafford, Martha Mims Comeaux, Ola Mae Mack Milling, Larry Wascom, Clifford Story, J.T. Edwards, James Sibley, Barbara Sibley Coxie, Joe Erwin, Stella Sibley Duncan, Roger Dunlap and Ashley Moore. **Above middle:** Class of 1959, from left, Donand Holland, Herman Wilkinson, Nela Glascock Smith, Mary Alice Sibley McGee, Jewel Martin Gilchrist, Edna Lockhart Gain, Louise Barksdale Melton, Zemly Courtney Erwin, Marie Truax Aydell, C.C. Cockerham, William Aydell, Ronnie Lovett and Otis White. **Above right:** Class of 1960, front row, from left, Janice Mack Dunlap, Annette Jones Sullivan, Amy Lockhart, Sandra McManus, Verla Burge Rushing and Carolyn Wilkinson Fletcher. Back row, from left, Travis Clark, Donald Burgess, Elgene Erwin, Hubert Dunbar, Charles Dedon, Larry Milton, Glenn Sibley and Luther Edwards.

Story Submitted

More than 120 graduates of Walker High School gathered at their old stomping grounds for a seven-class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The graduates, which were comprised of classes from 1958-1964, met at Walker Freshman High, which was built in 1930 and served as the main high school until the mid-1970s when the current high school opened. Old friends dined in the cafe-

teria, which was serving jambalaya, white beans, cole slaw and a roll for the main course. On the opposite side were three tables covered with even more food such as desserts, salad, chips, crackers and other snacks.

Each class also had a table full of old school memorabilia — like lettermen jackets, green palm palms, and class photos — on display in the auditorium for graduates to take a trip down memory lane.



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Left: Class of 1963, kneeling, from left, Jerry Dedon, Sammy Wilkinson, Herbert "Wimp" Ballard. Standing, from left, Leoma White Davis, Barbara Watson Brown, Calla McManus, Ann Peak Wilkinson, Shirley Crocker Williams, Delores Swain Stafford, Ralph Sibley, Carolyn Allen Spicer, Billy Pat Goins.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Above left: Class of 1961, front row, from left, Delores Tuberville Erwin, Frances Milton Perry, Ann Erwin Sibley, Thelma Jones Comeaux, Dotty Eberhart Marler, Bobbie Graham Palmer, Anita Hood Cockerham, Gail Arnold, Betty May Covington, Viloot Sutcliffe Jones and John Hudspeth. Back row, from left, John Haynes, Jimmy Lovett, Shirley Wesley McMorris, Jo Ann Harris Severio, Ginger Jackson Guitrau, Cline Peak, Lynwood Stafford, Lee Roy Graham, Elwood Wascom and Gene Gilchrist. **Above middle:** Class of 1962, from left, Wayne Bendily, Gail Buff Hermesch, Kenneth Aime, Andrea Aydell Stafford, Prentis Jones, Lane Holland, Carroll Graham, Diane Sibley Milton, Wayne Sibley, Claudia Martin Brooks, Mitchell Williams, Gail Graham, Sherry Muse Ellis, Barbara Collins Arledge. Not pictured, Leslie Lavigne. **Above right:** Class of 1964, kneeling, from left, V.J. Jones, Charles Milton, James Weatherford, Victor Lovett and Jack Middleton. Standing, from left, Ginger Watson Glascock, Toni Thompson Graham, Jennette Lockhart Sibley, Linda Harris Hull, Diane Palmer Johnson, Bertha Jones Haynes, Nell Graham Wickwire, Jo Ann Strickland Lott, Margie Rushing Holland. Special guest was the first Walker High football, coach Jerry Morgan Sr., and his wife Ann.

WHS cheerleaders raise \$3,695 for St. Jude Children's research hospital

Story Submitted

The Walker High School cheerleaders held their annual St. Jude Game Day on Sept. 8.

Each fall, the cheerleaders raise funds to support St. Jude Children's research hospital, an organization which helps children with life-threatening diseases without ever charging their families for treatment.

This year, the girls hosted a cheer clinic and a free-dress day at school, held a raffle, and sold balloons at halftime of the football game. The girls raised \$3,695, which will all be

donated to St. Jude.

The squad includes captain Lauren Meades, co-captains Reyna Lejeune and Mallory Ott, Taylor Applegarth, Ja'Myra Dickson, Alyssa Fontenot, Makinsay Fredricks, Madison Roy, Kayla Spearman, Abigail Ard, Abbey Aucoin, Dariyn Lemoine, Brandi Chustz, Ali Furlow, Lindsey Kish, Laney, Whittington, Shelby Jordan, Mackenzie Lemoine, McKenzie Turner, Katelynn Duthu, Kaley Baronne, and Courtney Long.

The coach is Savannah Harley and sponsor is Shannon Babin.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RHONDA MELANCON

The Walker High School cheerleaders held their annual St. Jude Game Day on September 8, 2017, raising \$3,695 for St. Jude Children's research hospital.

Local artist to lead acrylic painting class at Arts Council

Staff Report

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The Arts Council of Livingston Parish will hold an acrylic painting class with local artist Michelle Conques on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The class will run from 10:30 a.m. until noon and will be held at the gallery at 133 Hummell Street in Denham Springs. During the session, Conques, who has taught special classes in advanced acrylic techniques in the past, will show children ages 8-12 how to paint Christmas angels.

A prepayment of \$10 is required to register, and all supplies are included. Register by calling 225-664-1168 or emailing artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net. Additional classes can be found at www.artslivingston.org.

Conques is a professional artist who shows her

acrylic paintings at major shows and regularly sells her paintings, according to her bio on her website.

She majored in fine arts at Ohio State University, Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee, studying with well-known artists Paul Zepelinsky, John Richardson, Charles Reid, David Lyle Millard, Emerson Burkhardt and Gus Baker.

During her career, Conques' work has been on display at Gallery 600 Julia in New Orleans, Circa 1857 in Baton Rouge, and Acadian Frame & Art in Baton Rouge. One of her paintings was even added to the permanent collection at the Parthenon in Centennial Park in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 2014, the Arts Council of Livingston Parish named Conques its Artist of the Year.



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Nine-year-old Jamie Duncan cuts her black fabric for the cyanotype photograph she's making during an art class held at the Arts Council of Livingston Parish in June.

Denham Springs Class 1962 holds 55-year reunion

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SHARLET WAX



The Denham Springs High School Class of 1962 held a 55-year reunion at Big Mike's Bar and Grill in Denham Springs on Saturday, Nov. 18. Seated, from left: Jean Yarborough Galbo, Linda Martin Mincey, Heidi Gill Webb, Sharlet Whitehead Wax. Standing, from left: Charles Cook, Richard Williamson, Anita Williams Bryan, Robert McMurray, Steve Grantham, Ken Jordan, Royce Spence, Wesley Sorenson, Gail Brackin Sumrall, Billy Kelly, Marguerite Slaton DeDon, Hilda Gordon Jordan, Janet Miller Womack, Hal Raspberry, Bea Fugler Kemp, Janelle Brown Trosclair, Virginia Forbes Firmin, Jane Harlan David and Leslie Core Bennett.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Patriotic Art Scholarship

VFW Post 7017 Auxiliary announces its kick-off for the annual Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$21,000 in national scholarships. Students must submit an original piece of artwork on paper or canvas. For more information on this opportunity, call Debbie Sutton at 225-665-2930, or visit VFWAuxiliary.org and click Scholarships.

Marvel vs. DC

A battle of epic proportions! Marvel versus DC, who will win? Ages 12-18 can visit the library for a night of obstacle courses, trivia, and all things Marvel and DC. Compete at the Watson Library on Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. to see who will be crowned as the ultimate Comicverse! Registration required. For more information, call the library or visit www.mylpl.info.

DIY Christmas

Celebrate the holidays at the library! Get in the spirit by making Christmas decorations for your home or to give as gifts at a workshop at the Albany-Springfield Library on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. All materials supplied. Registration required. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Egyptian Relic Hunter

Do you like adventures and archaeology? Do you want to be the next Indiana Jones or Lara Croft? Ages 8-11 are invited to visit the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. as staffers dig deep into the past to uncover treasures! Registration required. Visit www.mylpl.info.

LPL Improv Group

Teens and adults are invited to learn and develop improvisational/sketch skills by participating in interactive activities and exercises to get the creative juices flowing. Visit the Main Library on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. for some acting fun that improves communication skills and provides a safe environment for creative learning and self-growth. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Chef's Evening/Wine Tasting

The annual Holiday Chef's Evening and Wine Tasting Event returns this year on Nov. 30. Local chefs will set up in shops in the Denham Springs Antique Village from 7-9 p.m. and will present tastings of selected items from their menus. Visitors can enjoy everything from seafood to pasta dishes to desserts and more while they shop for Christmas. Shops in the Village offer antiques, collectibles, art, books, stained glass, furniture, clothing, gifts, food, jewelry, accessories and much more. Admission cost is a \$25 donation. The event is presented by the Denham Springs Main Street Commission. All proceeds benefit improvements and promotional events in the Antique village. Tickets are available on PayPal through their website, denhamspringsmainstreet.org. For more information, call 667-7512.

Fellowship and Bible study

Hope Center will host a Fellowship and Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. The church is located at 10161 Florida Blvd. in Walker, in the Crossways Fellowship Hall. For more information, call 225-380-5040.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Community Nativity Celebration

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will host its First Annual "Joy to the World" Nativity Community Celebration on Dec. 1-2. Congregations of the church, located at 25367 Riverton Drive in Denham Springs, are inviting the public free of charge to celebrate the birth of Jesus through nativity displays and musical performances of Christian music, both vocal and instrumental. Fifteen musical organizations are scheduled to give 30-minute performances over the two days. The event is scheduled for Dec. 1 from 5-8 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 12-6 p.m.

LPCC Christmas Concert

The Livingston Parish Children's Choirs present their 27th annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Live Oak United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5 each, and there is a free nursery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

CKC Sanctioned Dog Show

Every Dog Club presents the Fall 2017 CKC Sanctioned Conformation Dog Show on Dec. 2 at the Livingston Parish Fair Grounds in the Town of Livingston. Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the conformation begins at 10 a.m., rain or shine. First-timers welcome. Cost

is \$20 per entry class. Conformation, designer, handler, dog costume. Register online at everydogclub.org/events. For more information, call 985-277-9347 or visit Every Dog Club on Facebook.

Christmas in the Village

The City of Denham Springs will host events in the Antique Village during the Christmas season. Festivities continue with Christmas Caroling in the Village on Dec. 2, Dec. 16 and Dec. 23. There will be 10 music stops along Range Avenue in the Antique Village with rounds at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. There will also be a Live Nativity at Train Station Park on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.denhamspringsantiquedistrict.com.

Walker Christmas Parade

The City of Walker Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. Line up starts at 4 p.m. at Walker High School. The procession will travel down Burgess Avenue, turn right onto Hwy. 447, turn right onto Florida Blvd. to Palmetto, then end at the high school. Registration forms are available at www.walker.la.us. For more information, call 665-4356.

A Rockin' Christmas Revue

The Spotlight Theatre Players present A Rockin' Christmas Revue on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at The Old South Jamboree. The show will feature Robert Reynolds and his big band, which includes saxophones, trombones, bass and guitar. The Country Christmas show will also include Jamboree regulars like Carlton Jones, Deb Carpenter, Tracie Ardoin, June Barker, Tommy Raborn and more. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, visit www.stpds.com or contact Jones at 225-936-0349 or carltonjones@cox.net.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Joseph Winter Wonderland

St. Joseph Catholic Church will host its 9th Annual Winter Wonderland Food Festival: A Taste of French Settlement from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. Food will include chicken & andouille gumbo, seafood pistolettes, seafood gumbo, fried fish, jambalaya, pastalaya, chicken tenders, hamburgers and more. The event will feature a Sweet Shop with homemade candy, cakes and cookies, as well as craft booths with local artists and vendors selling paintings, jewelry, wreaths, LSU & Saints items, bows, gift baskets and more. There will be free activities for children, including a hay ride, a train ride, and a visit with Santa. There will also be a classic car and truck show. A key feature Father Jason Palermo's miniature collection, which depicts New York City, Walt Disney World and London. The church is located at 15710 La. Hwy. 16 in French Settlement.

Christmas Tour of Homes

An upcoming fundraiser for the Denham Springs High School Project Graduation will be A Season of Restoration - Christmas Tour of Homes, which will be held Dec. 3 from 1 - 5 p.m. The tour will feature six flooded and restored homes. Tickets will go on sale Oct. 16 at Denham Springs High, P-Beau's, Keller Williams in Denham Springs and The Guided Sparrow in the Denham Springs Antique Village. Tickets are \$15 advanced sales or \$20 at the door. Advanced purchase is encouraged due to the limited amount of tickets available.

Christmas in the Park

The annual Town of Livingston Christmas in the Park will be held Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Area churches and high school bands will gather at Circle Drive Park to set the Christmas spirit for the town with music and treats.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Adult Book Club meeting

The Albany-Springfield Adult Book Club reads fiction, nonfiction, and biographies. Their mission is to read selections that help club members grow. The next meeting will be at the Albany-Springfield Library on Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Wiggle Worms

Did you know that music and dance foster important literacy development in early childhood? Research shows that music and dance activities enhance life-long learning and neural development. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited wiggle and dance at the Main Library on Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. or the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Chess @ Your Library

Are you a chess player looking for new opponents? Or have you never played but want to learn? Teens and adults are invited to attend Chess @ Your Library at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. to play a few matches, brush up, or learn the basics. All skill levels are welcome. Registration required. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Springfield Christmas Parade

The annual Springfield Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 4. Line-up begins at the AmVet Hall (Hwy. 42 & Hwy. 43) at 6 p.m., and the parade will begin at 7 p.m. Route: east on Hwy. 42 & Hwy. 22, then down Main Street to end at Springfield Fire Department. No horses, mules, or animal-drawn wagons allowed. No sirens. Christmas music only. Winners will be announced at a reception following the parade at the fire department.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Joyful Reads Book Club

Do you love uplifting tales of hope and faith? If so, visit the South Library on Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. for coffee and a lively discussion at the Joyful Reads Book Club. On the first Tuesday of every month, they will have a different inspirational book to read and discuss. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Teen Book Club

Are you a teen that loves to read? Join the Teen Book Club at the Denham Springs-Walker Library! The next meeting will be on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. Enjoy refreshments as you talk about books you have read. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Snow Stories

Even snuggled inside, the library is having Snow Stories! Visit the Watson Library on Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. or the Main Library on Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. for a holiday-themed puppet show and make popsicle stick ornaments at this family-oriented program. Registration required. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Teen Anime Club

Are you an anime addict? Do you go mad for manga? Those in grades 7-12 are invited to the Main Library on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. to watch anime and discuss manga and learn about Japanese culture. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Children's Art Classes

Instructor Kerry Curtin is hosting his fall drawing and painting art classes in three sessions for grades 2-6 at South Live Oak Elementary School in Room 602 (drive to the back of the school). The classes will take place on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m., and each session is four classes. Fee is \$45 per session for non-members (\$40 for ACLP members). Students should bring #2 pencils and a drawing pad no larger than 16"x20". Session 3: Nov. 14, 28, Dec 5, 12. The classes are sponsored by the Arts Council of Livingston Parish. Make payment to ACLP at the first class meeting for each session. For more information or to enroll, call 954-2700.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Livingston Parish Republican Women

The Livingston Parish Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting on Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Big Mike's Sports Bar & Grill, 123 Aspen Square in Denham Springs, which is just north of I-12 off of Range Ave. The guest speakers will be representatives from The Christmas Crusade, Assess the Need, and Mighty Moms. Attendees are encouraged bringing an unwrapped toy. The public is welcome to attend. There is a charge for lunch; reservations are recommended and may be made by contacting Terri Day at 225-931-9206 or e-mail terriday@eatel.net.

After School

Ages 12-18 are invited to hang out at the Main Library every Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Enjoy technology, video games, movies, and snacks. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Mighty Moms: After school meal

Students are invited to stop by the Main Library every Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for a free after school meal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Make a Waterlily Pincushion Craft

It's simple! Visit the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. to learn how to make a lovely waterlily pincushion. It would make a wonderful gift with a personal touch, or you can keep it for yourself. Registration required. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Emoji Gift Grab

Create your own emoji gifts and play games to have more emoji fun! All materials provided - bring your imagination. It's emoji fun! Visit the Main Library on Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Young Writers Club

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Young Writers Club meets Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. Open to ages 12-18, the club's goal is to help each other become better writers, to provide inspiration, and to offer advice and support. Each meeting, members practice writing in many different styles and genres to fine-tune skills and challenge themselves. All writers welcome. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Bookies Book Club

The South Branch Bookies motto is "Bet you're going to like this next book!" Each month, this book club hosts a festive gathering for ages 18 and up with refreshments and sometimes costumes based on the book they are reading. The next meeting is Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Teen Advisory Board

The Livingston Parish Library's Teen Advisory Board meets at the Watson Li-

brary on Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Ages 12-18 can suggest programs they would like to see, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for the Young Adult section. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Lightbulb snowman ornament

Come to the library and make your very own snowman Christmas ornament with a lightbulb! It's easy, fun, and looks great on your tree! Visit the Albany-Springfield Library on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Visit www.mylpl.info.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Kiwanis Club will host the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Train Station Park on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

Christmas in the Pines

Macedonia Baptist Church, 34685 Hwy. 1036, Holden, will celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth with music and fellowship on Dec. 7. Service will begin at 6 p.m. and will include special music and congregational singing. There will be a meal served afterwards. This is a great way to experience Christmas in the old-fashioned way. For more information, call Rev. Roger Dunlap at 225-664-4448.

Writer's Circle

Are you a writer who is looking for some feedback? Come to the Writer's Circle at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. All writers are welcome. The group provides a forum for sharing writing, a venue for learning more about the writing craft, and more. Visit www.mylpl.info.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Denham Christmas Parade

The 2017 First Guaranty Bank Christmas Parade, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs, will be held on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The theme is "A Home-town Christmas (Past, Present, Future)." Line-up starts at 9 a.m. The parade begins at Denham Springs High School and travels down Range Ave. through the Antique Village, turns right onto Florida Blvd. and ends at Veterans Blvd. Entry fee is \$100. Entry forms are available at <https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/789/File/2017ParadeApplication.pdf>. For more information, call 803-2234, 791-7964, 788-1544 or 571-5669.

Livingston Christmas Parade

The annual Town of Livingston Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Line up begins at 5 p.m. The parade will start at Doyle Elementary School, travel south on Charlie Watts Rd., turn left onto Will Hughes Rd., turn left onto Hwy. 63/Frost Rd., turn right onto Hwy. 190/Florida Blvd., then turn right and end on Circle Drive. Those interested in participating in the parade are asked to fill out an entry form at Livingston Town Hall on Circle Drive.

Santa in the Park

Look who's coming to town ... Santa will be at Sidney Hutchinson Park on Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, cookies and face painting provided by Walker Baptist Church.

"The Nutcracker"

Come and enjoy "The Nutcracker," a holiday spectacular that has fascinated people around the globe for centuries. The Tri-Parish Ballet production follows the E.T.A. Hoffman tale of "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." They will present two shows, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., at the Suma Hall Conference Center in Satsuma. The Saturday show is a mini benefit performance for the Livingston Parish Food Pantry. Admission is a non-perishable food item. Sunday's show is full-length. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Tri-Parish Ballet Office. The production will feature dancers from Livingston, East Baton Rouge, and Acceesion parishes. Both performances will also have guest artists from The Orlando Ballet performing the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. "The Nutcracker" is funded in part by the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program. For more information, call 665-3414.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Christmas Open House, Plantation Style

The public is invited to a Plantation Christmas Open House at the Carter House in Carter Plantation, 30325 Carter Cemetery Rd., Springfield, which will be open for tours on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, from 2-4 p.m. both days. The only plantation still standing in Livingston Parish will have each room decorated in holiday styles from the past to the present, and Santa will be there! The house was built between 1817-1820 and has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979. The tour, complete with history of the plantation and those who lived there, is perfect for grandparents, parents, kids and groups of all ages. Tickets are \$5/person, \$10/family. Children under 12 and HCHS members are admitted free. Tickets will be entered in a drawing for a door prize. Proceeds will go toward restoration work and flood damage repairs to the properties. Special tours are available upon request. Call 225-747-0660, e-mail carterhousesociety@gmail.com, or visit historiccarterhouse.org. To place an announcement, email lifestylelpn@gmail.com.

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 Vicki Parks 153

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Tri-Parish Ballet to present "The Nutcracker" this holiday season

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

Once again, the Tri-Parish Ballet will dazzle audiences this Christmas season with performances of "The Nutcracker," which follows E.T.A Hoffman's tale of "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King."

The first performance will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. followed by another at 2 p.m. Sunday. Both will be at the Suma Hall Conference Center, located at 28975 S. Satsuma Road in Satsuma.

Saturday's performance will double as a mini-benefit performance for the Livingston Parish food pantry. Admission for the show that night is a non-perishable food item.

The next day, Dec. 10, the Ballet will put on its full-length, traditional version of "The Nutcracker." Tickets for Sunday's show are \$15 each and may be purchased through the Tri-Par-



DAVID GRAY | THE NEWS

Members of the Tri-Parish Ballet join together for a final routine to conclude their performance at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Wednesday, July 19.

ish Ballet Office by calling (225) 665-3414.

This annual holiday spectacular, put on by dancers across Livingston, East Baton Rouge and Ascension

parishes, is the only production of "The Nutcracker" in the Livingston Parish. Both performances will feature guest artists from The Orlando Ballet performing

the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier.

The Tri-Parish's "Nutcracker" is funded in part by the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana

Division of the Arts and the Arts Council of Greater of Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.

In addition to its annual Christmas performance, the Tri-Parish Ballet also puts on an annual summer tour, traveling to libraries, nursing homes, and day camps in the local and surrounding areas.

This summer, 11 dancers of the Ballet did nearly 20 shows of "The Little Mermaid" in a two-week span, including shows at all five branches of the Livingston Parish Library System.

For more information, call (225) 665-3414 or email triparishballet@aol.com.

David Gray is the Lifestyle editor at The Livingston Parish News. He can be reached via email at davidjgray225@gmail.com. You can also follow him on Twitter @davidj_gray.

Popular cookbook author, political cartoonist to visit Cavalier House Books

Staff Report

Two authors will make separate visits to Cavalier House Books in the Denham Springs Antique Village for book signings this week.

Matt Moore, a popular cookbook author, chef and entrepreneur from Nashville, Tennessee, and Fred Mulhearn, a political cartoonist and retired attorney out of Ruston, Louisiana, will be mingle with patrons during book signings at the local bookstore on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Moore, whose work has landed him on The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Southern Living Magazine and Esquire, will appear at Cavalier House Books during the 17th Annual Holiday Chef's Evening and Wine Tasting, an advanced-ticket event that will run 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 in the Antique Village.

As a chef, Moore specializes in updated Southern cuisine with Mediterra-

nean and Middle Eastern influences. He has three books listed on his website: "Have Her Over for Dinner: A Gentleman's Guide to Classic, Simple Meals," "South's Best Butts: Pitmaster Secrets for Southern Barbecue Perfection," and "A Southern Gentleman's Kitchen."

Two days after Moore visits, Mulhearn will make his own trip to Cavalier House Books to sign copies of "Looziana Political Cartoons: The Best of Fred Mulhearn" from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

For many years, Mulhearn's editorial cartoons have appeared in Louisiana newspapers, leading to the unofficial title of "Louisiana's Own Cartoonist."

"Looziana Political Cartoons" contains more than 300 editorial cartoons from 1980-2017. His first book, "Life in Looziana," is one of the all-time best sellers at Cavalier House Books.

Live Oak Junior High competes in 17th annual math competition at LSMSA

Story Submitted

NATCHITOCHEES – Twelve schools competed in the 17th annual mathematics competition sponsored by the Department of Math and Computer Science at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts on Nov. 16.

The schools were Natchitoches Magnet School, Caddo Middle Magnet School, Rapides Academy, St. John Berchman's Cathedral School, D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Rusheon Middle School, St. Jude School, NSU Middle Lab School, Cope Middle School, Sterlington Middle School, Grace Christian School and Live Oak Junior High.

The contest consisted of individual and team competitions. The exercises in each contest came from algebra, geometry and other areas of mathematics, and not from any specific curriculum.

The questions were designed to challenge students to draw from their knowledge of mathematics, to think, to synthesize concepts and to solve problems.

All 132 competitors went home with an LSM-



SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL EVANS

Above left, Jennifer Mangum, math instructor, Colt Crain, a junior from Walker, and Presley Simmons, a senior from Walker, chat before the start of the team competition at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts in Natchitoches. Above right, members of the Live Oak Junior High math team work on a problem during the team competition.

SA T-shirt, which was funded by the LSMSA Foundation.

Individual winners were: Andrew Wang, first, Sterlington; Aghni Mudi, second, Caddo Magnet; Andrew Miganar, third, Caddo Magnet; Ryo Lopez, fourth, Cope Middle; and Devin Ennis, fifth, Cope Middle.

Team winners were: Sterlington B, first; Caddo Magnet A, second; Caddo Magnet B, third; Cope Middle A, fourth; and Natchitoches Magnet A, fifth.

Overall winners were: Caddo Middle, first; Cope Middle, second; Sterlington, third; Natchitoches Magnet, fourth; and Grace Christian, fifth.

HONOR ROLLS

Honor rolls listed below are for the first nine weeks of the 2017-2018 school year. Students with all As will appear in print and online; students with all As and Bs will be online only. Visit www.livingstonparishnews.com to see the full list. The honor rolls are printed alphabetically by school.

Springfield Elementary School All As 1st Grade

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Tre'Miya Nevaeh Chester
Scottie Cormier
Lane Wesley Cox
Brylea Deshay Craig
Gabriel Jhamare Dantzler
Lily Claire Davis
Akiriah Jaslyn Dudley
Piper Nicole Farr
Jayden Oneal George
Madelynn Rose Giacona
Sophie Elaine Hill
Claire Elise Kirkpatrick
Reed Ourso Kugler
Jacques Oliver Langlois
Delilah L. May
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Tiberius Hayden McSwain
Aubrey Eugene Mitchell
Jaxon Daniel Neu
Shawn Anthony Owens
Brayden Michael Perkins
Kenadie Marie Richardson
Colleen Elizabeth Sandberg
Jayleigh Brooke Sharp
Ali Marie Starkey
Craig Alan White
Amelia Sue Jeannette White
Timothy Isaiah White
Tucker Blake Wilson
2nd grade
Carmen Sherre Abels
Xavier Timothy Adams
Jackson Paul Aucoin
Trinden Chance Bellazer
Noah Evan Clark
Amaree Jacob Dantzler
Jaiden Alaina Domingue
Christian Joseph Fenore

Kailee Elizabeth Gilbert
Ereanna Charlesa Harris
Addeline Leann Jones
Emma Claire Kelley
Braeden Alexander Kelly
Baylynn Jolee LaMarca
Camryn Grace Lexia
Addison Faith Manchack
Chase Andrew Michel
Avery Elise Moore
Conner Michael William Morgan

Joby Dean Mullins
Ally Rae Puissegur
George Elijah Smith
Shermyon Semaj Smith
Brady Gage Stewart
Aiden Shane-Freeman Sutton
Jayde Marie Wall
Trent Eric Wall
3rd grade
Dai'Shawn Ja'Kobe Dantzler
Kimberly Renee Fletcher
Bryce Alan Gasperez
Shane William Geissler
Riley Derrick Jones
Dakota Deron Petty
Kairi Elizabetha Timberlake
4th grade
Steven Alexander Antisan
Madison Janell Brown
Lily Alida Effler
Kaliyah Teresa Kaye Fynaut
Brennan Cole McKinney
Madison Brooke Sauerwin
Dylan Cole Stewart
Cheyenne Renee Marion Thornton

Jasmine Alexis Tijerina
Makenna Noel Ward
Ethan Lewis White
Springfield Middle School All As 5th grade
Asia Trunell Cox
Isaiah Corey Granier
Sydney Grace Kinchen
Abigail Grace Lagarosse
Annalise Hope Lee
Berkley Claire Mitchel
Andrew Alan Roache
Abigail Gracie Rodgers
William Thomas Sanders

5th grade
Asia Trunell Cox
Isaiah Corey Granier
Sydney Grace Kinchen
Abigail Grace Lagarosse
Annalise Hope Lee
Berkley Claire Mitchel
Andrew Alan Roache
Abigail Gracie Rodgers
William Thomas Sanders

5th grade
Asia Trunell Cox
Isaiah Corey Granier
Sydney Grace Kinchen
Abigail Grace Lagarosse
Annalise Hope Lee
Berkley Claire Mitchel
Andrew Alan Roache
Abigail Gracie Rodgers
William Thomas Sanders

Seth Ronald Spiers
Mary June White
6th grade
William Alexander
Jake Anthony

Cartaginese
Melanie Ann Fletcher
Morgan Lyn'Tera Gilbert
Julia Kate Simon
7th grade
Hope Michelle Adams
Ethin Micheal Butler
Maxwell Ryan Davis
Peyton Lane Ellis
Gavin Joseph Landry
Katie Jo Riddle
8th grade
Matthew James Larpenter

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Sadie J. Barker
Eliza F Bordelon
Benson Borer
Jaimee Rachelle Burkins
Ivi Grace Butler
Aiden Canales
Victor Chase
Jason Efferson
Henri Matthew Falks
Kenlee Jayde Gay
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Haleigh Kador
Izabella Nicole Lambert
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Evelynn Norsworthy
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Evan Price
Kyle Riche
Cora Nicole Rodriguez
Christopher Saenz
Brett Sellers
Adelaide Shelton
Aden Shifflett
Sawyer Smith
Nathan Andrew Wade
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Laynie D. Beck
Harlyn Rain Bel
Wyatt Burkins
Julianna F. Champlin
Nevaeh Denise Nikole Conley
Kennedie Daigle
Austin B. Devall

3rd grade
Gabrielle Akkari
Vaughn Barnett
Caleb Brady Beard
Noah T. Cockerham
Jace Cox
Neal D. Fortenberry
Victor M. Gomez
Marcus Wayne Kador
Koltan Miller
Madison E. Plana
Breanna Ratliff
Kayleigh Hellean Street
McKenna N. Thibodeaux
Micah L. Thibodeaux
4th grade
Daisy Marie Baio
Allie M. Duplantis
Brayden Lewis
Jayden J. Melvin
5th grade
Owen Martin Cahill
Jayden A. Greer
Grace A. Ross
Westside Junior High School All As 6th grade
Addison Amedee
Aidan Bonnette
Lawson Jacob Borne
Hannah R. Capello
Alaina L. Cope
Jake Dalton
Casandra Joy Dante
Chase Michael David
Ivory D. Dickerson

6th grade
Addison Amedee
Aidan Bonnette
Lawson Jacob Borne
Hannah R. Capello
Alaina L. Cope
Jake Dalton
Casandra Joy Dante
Chase Michael David
Ivory D. Dickerson

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Davin Sean Donaldson
Kaeden Esser
Madison Elizabeth Eymard
Jaiden Taylor Heck
John Thomas Henry
Harrison Holland
Maia Gianna LeBlanc
Patrick Kyle McKenzie
Hunter Merritt
Christian Minks
Nicholas James Parker
Emily Marie Sterling
La'Mya Renee Vidrine
Averi Wadenpfohl
Chandler Woodruff
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Carson Boyer
Riley E. Braswell
Ella Claire Carter
Tony James Courville
Karissa Bernadette Englert
Annabelle Fontenot
Madelyn Jayne Foster
Anna Claire Geautreaux
Cade Allen Grunewald
Avery Lee Guidry
Madyson Hanley
Bailey Elizabeth Kogel
Austin Lee Lockhart
Anna Paige Long
Abby Marler
Mackenzie Abigail Meyer
Ava Belle Pitarro
Hayden Rea
Daniel B. Schwarz
Samantha Nicole Smith
Athena Ruth Destiny Smith

8th grade
Cody Lee Boyer
Alexis Covington
Dusty James Diez
Zoe Duncan
Mikaley Duthu
Carlie Anne Ellis
Rayne England
Hunter Farris
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Jonah Bradford Hoffman
Joseph Michael Holman
Alyssa Lanae Hughes
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Sara M. Waguespack
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