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## DOTD to look at work on road

Public meeting slated on South Range Avenue safety improvements

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

**DENHAM SPRINGS** — The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will conduct a public meeting on proposed safety improvements on South Range Avenue.

The public meeting has been scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at First Pentecostal Church of Denham Springs, 1020 S. Range Ave., a DOTD news release said.

The project is between the northern couplet and 700 feet north of Aspen Square Road, the news release said.

The project proposes modifying the two-way left turn lane allowing dedicated left turns, signal retiming, driveway closure and adding bulb-outs for U-turns.

The public meeting is an "open house" style meeting with no formal presentations. The public is invited to visit, ask questions, and offer comments.

DOTD representatives will be available at the open house to answer questions and discuss

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The Water Resources Development Act, a bill handled by the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, chaired by Congressman Garret Graves, R-La., will help the Comite River Diversion Canal, seen here.



GRAVES LEGISLATION, POSITION WILL SPUR CORPS TO MORE ACTION

## TABLES TURNED

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Garret Graves, R-Baton Rouge, accompanied President Donald Trump and bipartisan leaders at the White House on Wednesday as a major piece of legislation produced under Graves' leadership -- the Watershed Resources Development Act -- was signed into law.

A bill geared to increase resilience against hurricanes, storms and floods became law Oct. 23 when President Trump signed the Watershed Resources Development Act.

The bill was spearheaded by the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, chaired by Congressman Garret Graves, R-La.

Graves and other committee members accompanied President Trump at the White House for the signing of

the bill.

The new law builds on Graves' ongoing efforts to make the Army Corps of Engineers work for the American people so our communities are more resilient against hurricanes, storms and floods, while ensuring the long-term viability of our nation's water infrastructure.

"The status quo gives Washington bureaucrats job security, but it doesn't represent the priorities of the American people. We're changing that," Graves said. "This bill is about delivering proactive solutions so that communities actually benefit from enhanced flood protection instead of having to endure decades of studies and inaction; so state, local and other folks on the ground can play a larger role in getting projects

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### BY THE NUMBERS

\$343m

to Comite diversion project

\$15m

to flood protection, coasts

5

days act signed into law

## Voter turnout strong; early voting to end on Tuesday

### BY THE NUMBERS

868

Voters on first day

393

Voters on second

2

days left in early voting

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**LIVINGSTON** — Livingston Parish Registrar of Voters Jared Andrews did not anticipate what he has seen since the start of the early voting session.

Turnout has been strong for the Nov. 6 election, which includes the half-cent sales tax for the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office to staff school resource officers on each campus throughout the parish.

"We've had more voters

than expected -- much more," Andrews said.

A total of 868 lined up at the Registrar of Voters Office on opening day Oct. 23 and another 393 by noon the following day.

"It's probably twice as much as we normally see for early voting," Andrews said.

The SRO proposition and the congressional race have probably been the biggest catalysts for the strong turnout, he said.

Early voting ends Tuesday, Oct. 30, throughout Louisiana for races to decide congressional members, a secretary of state and six state constitutional amendments.

In addition, voters will also decide on term limits for the Livingston Parish Council and Parish President.

The ballot will include races for mayor in Denham Springs and Albany. A special election in Killian will determine who will fill the remainder of the

term of Craig McGehee, who resigned in June 2017.

Voters in Albany and Denham Springs will also choose five council members in both municipalities, while Albany will vote on who will serve as police chief for the next four years.

School Board seats for District 8 and 9 are also on the ballot.

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## Killian faces missing its meeting for October

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**KILLIAN** — The town's Board of Aldermen will likely scrap plans for an October meeting and wait until after the Nov. 6 election to convene.

The delay also leaves uncertainty over who will preside as mayor at the next meeting.

The acrimonious mayoral race between Mayor Peter Bock and Alderman/former Mayor Gillis Windham

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## City ponders tracking group homes

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

**DENHAM SPRINGS** — Sober living homes, which house individuals undergoing drug or alcohol rehabilitation, are in Denham Springs, but the city knows little about them or if it can regulate them.

Mayor Gerard Landry said at the Oct. 22 council meeting there might be two such homes in the city, but a member of the audience said there are four.

City Attorney Stephanie Bond-Hulett told the council that there may be "several" in Denham Springs, but what the city can do is restricted by federal law.

The federal Fair Housing Act and American Disabilities Act (ADA) come into play, she said.

Alcohol and drug addiction are considered disabilities under the ADA and the city cannot discriminate against people with disabilities, she said.

The Fair Housing Act prevents discrimination in housing for a number of reasons -- race, sex, religion, for example -- and disabilities. A city passing legislation to regulate such homes could be



KEVIN FAMBROUGH | THE NEWS

Denham Springs City Council member Rene Delahoussaye, right, discusses the issue of sober living homes in the city. From left are Mayor Gerard Landry and council member Lori Lamm-Williams.

sued in federal court.

Hulett submitted two forms to the mayor and council that could help the city at least know if and where such homes are in the city, an application form and a letter asking for information.

The forms were sent out Oct. 10 to the

possible sober living homes and the city is waiting until Oct. 31 to get a reply, Hulett said.

"Then we will determine what action to take," she said.

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**REAL ESTATE REPORT:  
LIVINGSTON PARISH**

**670**  
Total listings

**\$170.086,935**  
Total inventory

**\$1.995 million**  
High price

**\$17,900**  
Low price

**\$253,861**  
Average

**\$215,350**  
Median

**108**  
Average days on market

**1418**  
High days on market

**0**  
Low days on market

**1. Approve as published in the official journal minutes of the October 9, 2018 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the minutes of October 9, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**2. Update on I-12 wall lawsuit by Josh Palmintier, Attorney for deGravelles & Palmintier Law Firm.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith the City Council tabled the update. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**3. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 180 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential of a 1.82 acre tract of land, Lots A through C, located in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (R-DAT-18).**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Public comments were heard by Donna Allelo. Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council closed the public hearing.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**4. Discuss and take appropriate action on an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 180 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential of a 1.82 acre tract of land, Lots A through C, located in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (R-DAT-18).**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 180 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential of a 1.82 acre tract of land, Lots A through C, located in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (R-DAT-18).

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The above becomes Ordinance No. 18-07

**5. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Appendix B, Chapter 14, Sections 14.05.3.2, 14.05.3.4 and 14.05.3.5 relative to Fence Heights.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. No public comments were given. Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council closed the public hearing.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**6. Discuss and take appropriate action on an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Appendix B, Chapter 14, Sections 14.05.3.2, 14.05.3.4 and 14.05.3.5 relative to Fence Heights.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council *tabled* taking any action adopting an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Appendix B, Chapter 14, Sections 14.05.3.2, 14.05.3.4 and 14.05.3.5 relative to Fence Heights.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**7. Discuss and take appropriate action declaring the following as surplus: 1) Police Unit 351, Ford, CRV, 2002, VIN 2FAFP71W42X109475; 2) Police Unit 545, Ford, I.L., 2004, VIN 1FMDU64W84ZA15530; 3) Police Unit, Dodge, CHA, 2007, VIN 2B3LA43R47H628355.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council declared as surplus the following: 1) Police Unit 351, Ford, CRV, 2002, VIN 2FAFP71W42X109475; 2) Police Unit 545, Ford, I.L., 2004, VIN 1FMDU64W84ZA15530; 3) Police Unit, Dodge, CHA, 2007, VIN 2B3LA43R47H628355.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**8. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute an Agreement with Cox Wireless Access, LLC to allow for installation of small cells within right of ways controlled by the City.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council *tabled* taking any action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute an Agreement with Cox Wireless Access, LLC to allow for installation of small cells within right of ways controlled by the City.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**9. Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing the City Attorney to request DOTD to add "approaching intersection" signage on 4-H Club Road north of the intersection of Bass Pro Blvd. and also to request grass cutting and maintenance at the intersections of 4-H Club Road at Bass Pro Blvd. and 4-H Club Road at Vincent Road.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council authorized the City Attorney to request DOTD to add "approaching intersection" signage on 4-H Club Road north of the intersection of Bass Pro Blvd. and also to request grass cutting and maintenance at the intersections of 4-H Club Road at Bass Pro Blvd. and 4-H Club Road at Vincent Road.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**10. Discussion and update on Sober Living Homes in the City of Denham Springs.**

Discussion and update on Sober Living Homes in the City of Denham Springs with Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney, Mayor Landry, City Council and Rick Foster, Building Official. Federal and State laws were outlined, as well as City requirements. Public comments were given.

**Adjournment**  
Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council adjourned the meeting.  
Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:  
Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Gerard Landry, Mayor

Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #5/SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT #5**

**REGULAR MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of Gravity Drainage District #5 was held on September 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Present were Jimmy Dunlap, Richard Harris, Bob Huffman and Preston Killcrease.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Harris.

The minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2018 were presented to the Board. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Killcrease seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

Superintendent Jimmy Hopkins provided the foreman's report. Mr. Hopkins stated that crews were in the process of cutting and spraying various ditches throughout the district. Mr. Hopkins also stated that several residents in Madison Oaks contacted him about a drainage issue. Mr. Hopkins stated that there is a fifteen (15) foot servitude behind the homes and that the swale ditch has silted in over the years and needs to be re-established. In order to do the work, the property lines need to be identified to determine where the servitude starts.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Huffman made a motion authorizing engineer Eddie Aydell to survey the area to establish the property lines in a portion of Madison Oaks subdivision. Mr. Killcrease seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Hopkins informed the board that a resident in Suburban Acres has requested culverts to be placed in the lateral ditch behind her home. Mr. Huffman made motion authorizing engineer Eddie Aydell to speak to the landowner about the possibility of acquiring a servitude for the drainage ditch before any drainage improvements take place. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Huffman made a motion to add to the October 8, 2018 agenda, a personnel issue regarding District Clerk Stephanie Miller to be discussed in executive session pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17. Mr. Killcrease seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD HARRIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE MILLER, DISTRICT CLERK

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #5/SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT #5**

**FINANCIAL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 7:00 PM

The financial meeting of Gravity Drainage District #5 was held on September 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Present were Jimmy Dunlap, Richard Harris, Stephen Howze, Bob Huffman and Stacy Yawn.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Harris.

The minutes of the meeting held September 10, 2018 were presented to the Board. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

District Clerk Stephanie Miller presented the financial statements as of September 24, 2018. After review and discussion by the Board, Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept the statements as presented. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

District Clerk Stephanie Miller presented the quotes received to install security cameras in the conference room. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the quote received from Certified Alarms for \$1,722.70. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Huffman made a motion to hire a Livingston Parish Sheriff's deputy to provide security for the meeting scheduled for October 8, 2018. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD HARRIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE MILLER, DISTRICT CLERK

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #5/SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT #5**

**REGULAR MEETING**

OCTOBER 8, 2018 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of Gravity Drainage District #5 was held on October 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Present were Jimmy Dunlap, Richard Harris, Stephen Howze, Bob Huffman and Stacy Yawn.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Harris.

The minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2018 were presented to the Board. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Howze seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Howze seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Huffman made a motion to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Board Chairman Richard Harris stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to suspend District Clerk Stephanie Miller for one day without pay due to an incident that occurred at a previous board meeting. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Superintendent Jimmy Hopkins provided the foreman's report. Mr. Hopkins stated that crews were in the process of cutting and spraying various ditches throughout the District.

Mr. Hopkins informed the board of a swimming pool that appears to be in the servitude in Collins Place. After discussion by the Board and with legal counsel Colt Fore, Mr. Howze made a motion authorizing Mr. Fore to research the Board's options with regard to addressing the servitude issue in Collins Place. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Yawn made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Howze, Huffman, Yawn

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD HARRIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

STEPHANIE MILLER, DISTRICT CLERK

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

- 9.706 ACRES BEING LOT 1 FOREST RIDGE ESTATES SEC 45-6-3, on LA Hwy 16

These properties must be cut by Saturday, November 9, 2018. Failure to do so will result in the City bringing the property into compliance and placing a lien on the property for the associated costs.

Publish: October 25, 2018 & October 30, 2018

21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON STATE OF LOUISIANA NO. 8215 DIVISION "C" SUCCESSION OF CLIFFORD CARLOCK FILED; DEPUTY CLERK NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that Kevin Carlock and Chad Carlock as Co-Administrators of the Succession of CLIFFORD CARLOCK, has, pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, article 3281, filed a Petition with this Honorable Court for authority to sell at private sale, for the price of twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) and 00/100 dollars, the Succession's interest in and to the following described property: One certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Town of Baker, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, in that subdivision known as Baker Heights, and designated on the Official Plat of Baker Heights Subdivision, which plat is recorded as Original 29, Bundle 3479, Official Records of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana as LOT ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104), said lot measuring, as shown on said map, Eighty (80') feet frontage on Coolidge Street by a depth of One Hundred Thirty Five (135') feet between parallel lines. Subject to a five (5) foot servitude across the rear of said lot for public utility purposed.

Municipal Address: 3313 Coolidge St., Baker, LA 70714

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with law, notice is hereby given that Chad Carlock and Kevin Carlock as Co-Administrators of the Succession of Clifford Carlock, proposes to sell the aforesaid immovable property, at private sale, for the price and upon the terms aforesaid, and the heirs, legatees, and creditors are required to make opposition, if any they have or can, to such sale, within ten (10) days, including Sundays and holidays, from date whereon the last publication of this notice appears. Doug Welborn CLERK OF COURT TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON Attorney: Olivia Keen Address: 9456 Jefferson Hwy., Suite E. Telephone: (504) 834-9733 Publication Livingston News

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-07**

TO AMEND SECTION 1.02 OF ARTICLE ONE OF THE DENHAM SPRINGS ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1990, AS AMENDED, CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1001 BY ADDING THERETO, PARAGRAPH 180 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING FROM C-3 COMMERCIAL TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL OF A 1.82 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOTS A THROUGH C, LOCATED IN SECTION 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA (R-DAT-18).

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana, now acting as the governing authority of said City, in legal session convened that:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (180) of Section 1.02 Article 1 of the Denham Springs Zoning Ordinance of 1990, City Ordinance 1001, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 1.2\*\*\*\*

(180) A CERTAIN 1.82 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN SECTION 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA (R-DAT-18). ALL ACCORDING TO MAP SHOWING SURVEY A CERTAIN 1.82 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN SECTIONS 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR DONNA ALLELO, DATED AUGUST 13, 2018, BY ALVIN FAIBURN, JR., P.L.S.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or part of ordinance in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance in the conveyance records of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 4. Be it further ordained that the Clerk be and she is hereby instructed, authorized and directed to have said ordinance published one time in the official journal of the City of Denham Springs, and upon such publication the ordinance shall become effective.

The above and foregoing ordinance was introduced at a prior meeting, a public hearing was advertised and held thereon, and upon reading of the title was submitted to an official vote as a whole and the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance adopted on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

ATTEST:

Gerard Landry, Mayor

Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING OCTOBER 22, 2018

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2018, in the Meeting Room of the Denham Springs City Hall with Mayor Gerard Landry presiding.

It was noted that Mayor, all Council Members and the press were notified according to state law.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Robert Poole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: René Delahoussaye, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Smith and Jeff Wesley. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Also present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Shannon Womack, Police Chief; Rick Foster, Building Official.

Yeas: Dunlap, Harris, Huffman, Killcrease

Nays: None

Absent: None

# Current mortgages cannot reflect **HARP** re-financing to qualify

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effort. To qualify for HARP, you must meet the following criteria:

•**Fannie/Freddie Involvement** – Your mortgage must either be guaranteed or owned by Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, and it must have been originated on or before May 31st, 2009. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac both have loan lookup links on their websites if you are not sure that your loan is held by one of those entities.

The loan cannot have previous HARP refinancing, with the exception of Fannie Mae loans that were refinanced between March and May of 2009.

•**Current Payments** – Your payment history must be solid, with no late payments within the previous 6 months and only one late payment allowed within 12 months. Missed payments are not allowed.

•**Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio** – LTV quotients as low as 80% may be accepted. Since the program is targeted toward securing better rates and improving long-term affordability for underwater homeowners, LTV ratios over 100% are common.

•**Ability to Pay** – As with any other loan, you must demonstrate the ability to repay the loan under the new terms. There is no limit on the debt-to-income (DTI) ratio that precludes you from



qualifying through HARP, but a lender may still decide that you have insufficient income or too large of an overall debt burden. If

you want to reduce your interest payments and lower your debt, join MoneyTips and try our free Debt Optimizer. If you believe that you

may qualify, check with your current lender/mortgage servicer to see if they participate in the HARP program and investigate your refi-

ancing options. It is wise to check rates and costs with other lenders to get the best terms possible. Mortgage refinancing calculators are available online for you to test different rates and terms and verify the best deal for your situation. MoneyTips is happy to help you get free refinance quotes from top lenders.

When speaking to a lender, you will need your previous year's income tax return and the minimum account balances and monthly payments on all debts, including credit cards. If you have any other liens, you will need to pass along that information as well.

More details on the program may be found at [harp.gov](http://harp.gov).



## Negotiate collections with confidence

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curveballs that a collection agency might use to persuade, confuse, or bully you. By doing so, you will feel more prepared and comfortable during the actual negotiations.

**Record the Negotiation** – Recording the negotiation provides a reference to clarify any terms and head off any disputes over agreement terms. Make sure to let the collection agency know that you are recording the conversation.

**Get It in Writing** – Insist on receiving a written copy of the agreement before sending any payments. Make sure that the

written terms match the verbal agreement.

**Avoid Pay-for-Delete** – Pay-for-delete refers to the practice of asking a collection agency to remove the credit delinquency from your report in exchange for paying off the loan balance. The intent is to raise your credit score rapidly. While it has worked for some, pay-for-delete should generally be a last resort.

The credit bureau Experian estimates that only 10% of collection agencies will agree to a pay-for-delete deal. Pay-for-delete may not be illegal, but it is a shady practice at best – and you have to wonder whether the agency will follow through

on their end of the bargain. If a collection agency were willing to ignore a signed deal with credit bureaus to provide complete and accurate information, why would they keep any signed agreement with you?

Now that you are prepared, negotiate with confidence. McBride offers a final piece of advice: “Be sure that whatever you resolve, make sure that it gets noted as ‘paid in full’ on your credit report.” Don’t go through all the effort of negotiating a payment plan and seeing it through, only to get no credit (pun intended) for your efforts.

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**0-to-60 in**  
*4.5 seconds*

**From A7**

automatic manages power. We drove an AWD GT2 with its standard torque-vectoring technology for more stable high-speed cornering. Aiding the driving experience is Stinger’s standard five-mode chassis, which includes Custom, Eco, Sport, Comfort and Smart settings. Custom allows tailoring of suspension firmness, throttle response, shift points and exhaust sound; Smart changes things automatically according to the situation. We stuck mainly with Sport, which provides a very firm ride on ragged pavement and noticeable shift points from the eight-speed, even under gentle throttle. But, admittedly, we weren’t always gentle, often enjoying



Stinger’s zero-to-60 enthusiasm of 4.5 seconds -- enthusiasm slightly delayed by turbo lag. But wait a beat and then -- zooooom -- see ya later! In 170 miles, 50 on the highway, we realized 19 mpg, although we invariably disabled the auto-engine-shut off feature because its kick-back-on was so irritating. As beautiful as a concept car, Stinger also is quite functional as a family hauler. This

hatchback boasts 41 cubic feet of seats-folded cargo room. Meanwhile, passenger space in the cabin is marvelous up front and quite good in back. Just be sure to duck under that rakish roofline to avoid bonkin’ your noggin getting into the back seat. Inside, our GT2 showed sporty aluminum accents, a flat-bottom wheel and well bolstered Nappa leather seats. Infotainment stuff is

easy to use, with handy toggle switches on the wheel -- no need to take your eyes off the road to tune the radio, set cruise-control speed or tailor the gauge pod’s reconfigurable screen. Among Stinger’s available active safety nannies are Driver Attention Alert, Forward Collision Assistance with integrated Auto Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Detection, Advanced Smart Cruise Control that can bring Stinger to a full

stop, Lane Keep Assist and Rear Cross Traffic Alert. Our GT2 was very cool, indeed, if you can make friends with the idea of a 50-grand Kia. Our car for 2019 stickers at \$53,185, although a base, turbo-four can be had for \$33,895 -- and it looks just as good. Finally, full disclosure: The GT2 we drove was a 2018, but the 2019 is identical save now-standard heated rear seats and Surround View Monitor

*Sleep apnea can hamper decision-making and memory*

**From A7**

Sleep apnea occurs at all ages, but is most common in people over the age of 40. It is more common in men, as well as women who are postmenopausal. Being overweight is a risk factor for sleep apnea, as is a family history of the condition. Some

physical features increase the risk of sleep apnea, such as having a narrow airway or a large tongue, tonsils or uvula.

**How does sleep apnea affect me?**

Sleep apnea can cause a host of issues for people if it is left untreated. It can hamper cognitive function like

decision-making and memory. The lack of sleep it causes can lead to depressed mood and attention problems. It can also lead to long-term health problems like hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, stroke and more. Jim Morrison, executive director of South Bay Post Acute Care, has worked with older adults who’ve snored

their whole lives without realizing they have sleep apnea, and their health has suffered for the lack of a proper diagnosis. “Elderly people with sleep apnea have a higher risk of suffering a stroke. If you or your partner snore loudly, consider talking to your doctor about whether you could have sleep apnea.”

**How can sleep apnea be treated?**

The most common treatment for sleep apnea is a face mask known as a CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure). The face mask creates an open airway for air to flow through. While the mask is worn, pressure in the upper airway

is increased, allowing it to stay open while a person sleeps. If you or your partner is a loud snorer, your log-sawing could be putting you at risk of health problems. Talk to your doctor if you think you may be suffering from sleep apnea. With treatment, you can get the good night’s sleep you didn’t know you were missing.

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# Cassidy shepherding health-care reform in Senate

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — Work continues on legislation aimed at taking greater control on the rising health-care costs for Americans, said U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La.

Double- and triple-digit increases in health insurance premiums and rising out-of-pocket expenses continue to pose hardships for much of the population, he said.

“A growing percentage of our nation’s gross domestic product is consumed by healthcare costs—far more than other developed countries,” Cassidy said. “We need solutions.”

To get health-care costs under control, the federal government must restore market forces and equip patients to be involved in their care, he said.

“That means empowering the doctor-patient relationship, which benefits not just the patient’s health, but also the patient’s pocketbook,” Cassidy said.



Cassidy

“Currently, practice, laws and regulations work to keep the power and money surrounding healthcare decisions in the hands of bureaucrats, lawyers and lobbyists.”

“That is wrong” he said. “As a doctor, I know that giving power to patients creates a healthcare system that is aligned with patients’ health and financial interests.”

President Donald Trump and HHS Secretary Alex Azar understand the incentives in our healthcare system are not aligned with the interests of patients, Cassidy said.

“As I proposed, when a sole-source generic-drug manufacturer exists, U.S. buyers should be able to buy that drug on the international market, as long as the supply chain and facility are certified safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration,” he said.

“The FDA recently announced

it would form a working group to explore this policy, and that’s a good sign for American consumers.”

The administration has also taken action to stop back-end rebates for drugs, which create a perverse incentive for companies to raise drug prices in order to gain formulary access, according to Dr. Cassidy.

The CMS requested information from stakeholders on effectively ending the practice in Part D, and the Office of Management and Budget is now reviewing a proposed rule concerning the safe harbor for pharmacy benefit managers, which allows these rebates to occur.

The administration also effectively banned PBMs from using gag clauses to stop pharmacists from telling a patient when paying the cash price for a drug could be cheaper than using their insurance.

“I worked with my colleagues on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to pass legislation that would end gag clauses in the private market, and I hope to

see the legislation passed and signed into law this year,” Dr. Cassidy said.

The committee also tackled so-called “pay-for-delay” deals, where brand-name drug companies pay generic-drug makers to stay out of the market.

“While manufacturers of small-molecule brands and generics must report these deals to the Federal Trade Commission, currently, biologics and biosimilars — the most expensive drugs on the market — do not,” Cassidy said.

“The committee passed a bill to fix this, which will save taxpayers roughly \$100 million over the next 10 years and get cheaper biosimilars to patients faster.

“These are strong steps that will help lower healthcare costs for patients — and we’re just getting started,” he said.

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# Denham Springs council amends fence-height ordinance

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — City residents have the option of higher fences, up to 8 feet.

The council approved an ordinance to amend the city Code of Ordinances, Appendix B, Chapter 14, Sections 14.05.3.2, 14.05.3.4 and 14.05.3.5 relative to fence heights on Oct. 22.

The amendment affects three sections of the city code dealing with fence heights.

One part increases the height of fences from 6 feet to 8 feet.

Councilman Rene Delahoussaye said, “We have had a lot of problems and approved several variances through the years. No one asks for a fence over 10-foot, so 8-foot is adequate.”

Whenever a variance request comes up, it has to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission, taking up its time,

he said.

Fences will not be required to be 8-foot tall, Delahoussaye said; homeowners and businesses will just have an option to go that high.

The second part changes how the fence height is defined as “measured from the ground, at a point where the fence makes contact with the ground, to the highest part of the fence.”

A fence built with standard 8-foot boards must be built “so that three-fourths of the fence shall be no higher than a maximum of 2 inches off the ground.”

The third part deals with exceptions to the 8-foot height, allowing decorative posts, lights, columns and gates “which are integral parts of an 8-foot fence to go above 8 feet not higher than 10 feet.”

Fence heights up to 10 feet will be permitted along a



THE NEWS FILE PHOTO

The Denham Springs City Council amended the city code related to fence heights. It raised the maximum height from 6 to 8 feet.

boundary between a residential and commercial or industrial district.

Permit applications must accompany a request for this type of fence with drawings from a professional of record.

The 10-foot fence may be extended by security wire for

a commercial permit, but it will have to be determined by a city building inspector on an individual basis.

These applications also must include a drawing from a professional of record.

Developers may apply for a blanket height variance for an entire subdivision, the section says.

The council also approved an ordinance to amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Zoning Commission Ordinance to add Paragraph 180 for the purpose of rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential a 1.82-acre tract of land at 214 Tate Road.

When the area was annexed into the city, all of it was zoned C-3 but it contained three residential lots, Landry said.

The amendment was a form of bookkeeping so the residents can take care of their homes, he said.

In other action, the council:

- Authorized the city attorney to request the state Department of Transportation and Development to add “approaching intersection” signs on 4-H Club Road north of the intersection of Bass Pro Boulevard and to request grass cutting and maintenance at the intersections of 4-H Club Road at Bass Pro Boulevard and 4-H Club Road at Vincent Road.

Council member Lori Lamm-Williams said 12 accidents have occurred at the Bass Pro intersection in the past year and a warning was needed as motorists approach it.

- Declared three police units as surplus, a 2002 Ford, 2004 Ford and 2007 Dodge.

- Authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to execute an agreement with Cox Wireless Access to allow installation of small cells within right of ways controlled by the city.

## Comments on work can be mailed

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issues related to the project.

Oral and written comments on the project can be submitted at the meeting.

Comments also can

be mailed to Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Compliance Programs, Section 37, Title VI/ADA Program Manager, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245.

Mailed comments must be postmarked by Dec. 9.

If anyone requires special assistance, due to a disability, contact DOTD at (225) 379-1923, at least five working days prior to the meeting.

## Voting includes six amendments

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State constitutional amendments include:

- Prohibiting convicted felons from seeking public office.
- Unanimous jury for non-capital felonies.
- Permit donations from political subdivi-

sions.

- Transportation Trust Fund.
  - Extension of eligibility for tax exemptions.
  - Reappraisal of residential property.
  - Authorization of fantasy sports contests.
- Hours will run from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Registrar of Voters

office on 29938 South Magnolia Street.

For more information on early voting, call (225) 686-3054.

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# Graves says coastal restoration coming

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built faster and at lower costs to taxpayers; so permitting starts to make sense and we stop paying for redundant studies that only delay projects and the restoration of the environment, and; so our economy keeps growing through investments in our shipping capabilities that allow us to keep pace with global trends.

“With transparency and accountability, we’re shifting the focus away from pushing paper and putting it where it belongs: on turning dirt and getting the work done,” he said.

The bill includes numerous Graves-authored policies that positively affect Louisiana’s flood defense, rivers and ports, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, environmental and other water resources-related priorities.

“Getting these ideas across the goal line is a big deal for Louisiana – it means less bureaucracy and more turning dirt in our state’s fight to make our communities more resilient against flooding and hurricanes and to restore our coastal ecosystem,” Graves said.

“This new law cuts the federal government red tape that so often gums up progress and begins the process of fundamentally transforming operations at the Corps to produce better,

faster outcomes.”

The bipartisan leaders of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee released the following statements on the Senate’s passage of the legislation:

“I am proud of the fact that our Committee, the House, and the Senate have worked together to send bipartisan WRDA legislation to the president in each of the last three congresses,” said Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster, R-Pa.

“These laws are essential federal commitments to improving the harbors, ports, waterways, locks, dams, and other water infrastructure that makes our transportation network more efficient, the country competitively stronger, and our communities safer from flooding.”

“Passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 is a win for our Nation’s coastal communities,” said Transportation and Infrastructure Committee ranking member Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon.

“This critical legislation authorizes water infrastructure projects developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that will strengthen our ports, harbors, and waterways, and will create and sustain jobs.”

# Parish mapping system upgraded

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News  
LIVINGSTON — New pictometry set to go live by spring 2019 will make the Livingston Parish mapping system one of the most advanced in the state, Assessor Jeff Taylor said.

Livingston Parish will be one of the first three in the state to upgrade to 1-inch pixels for the mapping system, which significantly improves clarity, he said.

“It will be like night and day,” Taylor said.

Calcasieu will be the first parish in the state to incorporate the imagery upon completion of the flyover in December. Livingston and Lafayette parishes will go through the process at the same time, Taylor said.

The upgrade will cost the Assessor’s Office \$230,000, he said.

The current imagery measures between 2.5 and 3 pixels.

The upgrade will allow the Assessor’s Office to gauge measurement of many structures through the computer imagery rather than going out to the properties, Taylor said.

“The imagery will allow us to see the measurement eaves,” he said. “We’ll still go



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The Livingston Parish mapping system is set for an upgrade that will improve imagery, Assessor Jeff Taylor said. The upgrade will go into effect by spring 2019.

out in the field, but this process will cut the field work way back.”

The upgrade will not trigger a staff reduction, Taylor said.

“Our biggest thing is that sometimes you have people who don’t want you around their backyard, and we understand that,” Taylor said.

“We’ve also had a couple times in which dogs have attacked my

workers, including one time when we had to send the worker to a hospital, so this will make it safer for us.”

Eagle View, a firm based in Bothell, Wash., will do the flyover. The company developed software in 2007 that can measure a roof by use of photography.

The flyover takes approximately a week and downloads within one

more week, Taylor said.

The last flyover for Livingston Parish took place in February 2017, six months after the Great Flood of 2016.

The Livingston Parish system first went live in March 2015.

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Suspect

# Denham Springs police seek to ID man

Staff report

The Livingston Parish News  
DENHAM SPRINGS — The Denham Springs Police Department is trying to identify a man who used a stolen credit card.

Photos were released

showing the man getting inside the passenger side of a white GMC Yukon after making purchases with a stolen credit card.

“He is also a person of interest in at least one of

our recent vehicle burglaries,” according to a police news release.

If anyone has information him, contact Denham Springs Police Department detectives at (225) 665-5106 ext.

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**32.4% – Yes, politics should not be a career choice**  
**21.6% – No, let the voters decide**  
**2.7% – Indifferent**

# OPINION

“The fact of the matter is this -- Polio is still around and a very real problem for some folks...”

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## Let's talk about polio, and how we can make it history

**W**hen was the last time you heard about polio? Maybe it was quite recent, as for Rotary International it was World Polio Day on Oct 24h, but for most it would probably be a good bet to say it's been since the 1970s or 1980s since the debilitating – and sometimes deadly – disease entered conversation.



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the world donate to the foundation every year, the initiative went into high gear thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. To date, it has contributed nearly \$1.6



The fact of the matter is this – Polio is still around and still a very real problem for some folks in Africa and the Middle East.

Year-to-date, there have been 22 – total - cases of the Wild Polio Virus in both of those geographic areas.

If you were curious, that's down from almost 350,000 new cases per year – capped in 1987.

In 1988, Rotary International changed the major focus of its foundation – a top 5 non-profit in the world, when judged upon merit of financial responsibility and spending – to polio eradication.

The year 2018 marks the 30-year anniversary of the initiative, and incidences of polio have dropped 99.9 percent.

During that time, more than 2.5 billion children received vaccination for the virus.

While Rotarians all over

billion to polio eradication.

Recently, the foundation pledged a two-for-one match, up to \$450 million total, for the Rotary Foundation as the final catalyst to end the disease forever.

A country is considered “polio-free” if it goes three years without a new case.

Currently, with Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan as the only areas left on the list, the end game is upon the Rotarians, CDC, and other groups that have worked so diligently to eradicate the virus.

But, this is also the hardest time in the life cycle.

Dealing with large swathes of humans in the beginning is easy, although an interesting experience in customs and habits, but dealing with the final few cases and making sure that

the virus is gone for good takes time, patience, and money.

The \$450 million would go to immunize almost the same number in children, per year, as well as improve the surveillance of local water sources and sewers for the disease.

You can always donate to Rotary International, if you choose, to help with the cause of erasing polio

from the planet.

Or, you can just spread the word – awareness of the fact that such a devastating disease will soon meet its end is inspirational for most.

Much of the effort was put forth in the era of modern medicine, so who's to say what could be next?

HIV? Cancer? Both?

It's a great time to be alive, and Rotary International is doing it part to help make the world a better place.

Myself? I am a Paul Harris Fellow, a designation given to those who have donated \$1,000 (or more) to the Rotary Foundation.

**J. MCHUGH DAVID Jr.** is Editor and Publisher of the Livingston Parish News.

### CALL & COMMENT

**On Monday, October 22,** Sheriff Jason Ard indicated that any revenue generated above the cost to operate the School Resource Officer Program would be retained by his office for other operations of his office. Come on Sheriff Ard, is this really a tax for the School System or the Sheriff's Office?

**Well the Council on** aging is on it again, they put some uneducated under qualified person in charge of these seniors. she doesnt care anything about us seniors. we had the best center in livingston with a manager that actually cared for us and loved us, she spent her money and bought food for the hungry and shes gone to the store to get sweater for a cold senior. she took time to listen and she cared, anything we ever needed we knew she would help us get. but they couldnt stand that. instead they some person who knows nothing about us or even cares. who has a office of other people who are a click and protect each other it not about us seniors. I will never go back to council on aging again.

**Older people on** a fixed income cannot afford a sales tax for a Sheriff's deputy at every school. If the parents of school children want this, they should pay for it, not everybody in the parish.

**District 8 is the** largest district in Livingston Parish, and it has the least number of parish roads in the improvement road plan... Well, minus the roads to the hunting camp. Those don't count. Why is section 8 the largest but has the least in the road improvement plan? Is it because of poor representation or all of District 8's parish roads are in excellent shape?

### CALL & COMMENT

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### EDITORIAL

## Bridge shutdown creates ripple effect

**N**early 30 miles separate Interstate 12 from the Sunshine Bridge, so it seems a shutdown would have little effect on Livingston Parish.

Not so. The crane barge pulled by a Marquette Transportation tug hit the 54-year-old bridge and put it out of commission until at least January. Repair costs will run at least \$5 million, according to the state Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

The shutdown of the east-west connection between St. James and Ascension parishes has created a ripple effect felt throughout the Baton Rouge-New Orleans region. Livingston Parish residents have

felt the effect in different ways. For many, it has meant a much longer commute to work each day for those who make their living in the plants along Mississippi River petrochemical corridor.

Even those who do not travel toward the Sunshine Bridge feel some of the effect, largely due to increased traffic flow throughout the region. Much of it comes along Interstate 10 and some take the Huey Long Bridge near Port Allen as part of a considerably longer commute these days.

In the process, the estimated 50,000 vehicles that travel the bridge per day have created an overflow that spills into other parts of the greater Baton Rouge area, including Livingston Parish, where more than 200,000 vehicles

per day travel Interstate 12, according to the DOTD.

The damages to the bridge have led to increased traffic and longer travel times throughout the region. It's a far cry after the bridge -- the brainchild of Gov. Jimmie Davis -- was deemed “The Bridge to Nowhere” and considered the Sunshine Bridge an epic waste of tax dollars.

The shutdown will likely bolster the arguments in favor of another bridge along the Mississippi River and creation of more highways, perhaps another link between Ascension and Livingston parishes.

The collision has also demonstrated the value, perhaps like never before, of the route formerly known as “The Bridge to Nowhere.”

## Nov. 6 ballot a measuring stick for voter apathy

**T**he weeks leading into a major election usually bring with them a barrage of campaign ads and a share of controversial allegations hurled between candidates -- both true and not so true.

The Nov. 6 election, a little over a week away, has provided very little of that. On the state front and the local front, it has been relatively subdued, especially for this stage in the game.

On the state level, the secretary of state race has perhaps generated the most buzz, particularly in light of Rick Edmond's allegations that interim Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin rigged bidding for new election machines. He brought the allegations to light in September and once

again in October during a form among candidates hosted by the Press Club of Baton Rouge.

The Secretary of State's Office, in a presentation to the state Legislature, provided a cost estimate of \$40 million to \$60 million to replace the state's voting machines.

The current bid under review is at \$95 million.

Edmonds said he had called upon Ardoin to end the process, but the interim secretary did not oblige.

Ardoin has said the final price tag will likely come out much less than the bid the manufacturer submitted, comparing it to “MFSP vs. final selling price” when purchasing a car or truck.

Ardoin dismissed Edmonds's claim as “bologna” at the forum.

The interim secretary has since launched a TV ad that does not call out opponents. Instead, it lashes out at Democrats, perhaps because five of his nine opponents are also on the GOP ticket.

The lack of a personal issue in the race has watered down much of the intrigue in the race, radio show host/political analyst Jim Engster told a Baton Rouge TV station last week. In addition, most voters do not find much glamour with the secretary of state -- and many do not know the functions of the office.

The congressional 6th District seat has also been relatively quiet, largely because Congressman Garret Graves has built a significant amount of name recognition in a district top-heavy with Republican support.

In addition, he has drawn praise from some Democrats, largely because of his work with the post-flood issues in south Louisiana.

Voters will also decide on six constitutional amendments, including the diversion of money in the Transportation Trust Fund to State Police for traffic control.

Another amendment would call for prohibition of a convicted felon from seeking or holding public office for five years of completion of sentence, unless the felon is pardoned.

Closer to home, it's been hit or miss.

The parish vote on a perpetual half-cent sales tax for placement of school resource officers on all 46 sites -- 45 schools and the central office -- in the Livingston Parish school system has drawn a lot of discussion, both pro and con. The scuttle comes without the use of political signs or door-to-door canvassing, although Sheriff Jason Ard has spoken at a few churches to

tout the plan.

The SRO proposal may also have contributed to the large turnout during the first two days of early voting. More than twice the number of early birds have cast their ballot, Registrar of Voters Jared said, and the SRO tax is likely the catalyst.

The mayoral race in Albany has drawn significant local interest due to incumbent Gene Glasscock facing opposition from two hopefuls, Eileen Bates McCarroll and Richard Herring Jr.

The long-simmering feud between Killian Mayor Peter Bock and Alderman/former Mayor Gillis Windham will come to a head in an election to fill the remainder of the term after Craig McGehee resigned in 2017.

Even so, it's relegated to a remote part of the parish and a population of just over 1,000, so it has not attracted much interest outside the immediate area.

The discussion has been surprisingly quiet, particularly on the long-argued issue of term limits on the ballot, which was a focal point of discussion in candidate forums in 2015.

The race for Denham Springs mayor between incumbent Gerard Landry and first-time candidate Thomas Berry has also been relatively mum.

The SRO could spur a solid turnout on Tuesday, Nov. 6, although the turnout in other parishes -- particularly those without local items on the ballot -- should reveal plenty about the interest in the Secretary of State's office and other elections.

Didn't someone recently mention voter apathy?

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**JOHN DUPONT**  
 Random Thoughts

# Hornsby Creek Bridge work done; Satsuma Road opens

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**SATSUMA** — Barricades blocking vehicles for seven months on a frequently traveled road fell along the wayside Wednesday in favor of a free flow of traffic.

Construction crews opened the stretch of La. 1024 upon completion of a new concrete bridge that replaced a dilapidated timber bridge over Hornsby Creek.

The \$1.5 million project was funded through FEMA-



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Left: The new Hornsby Creek Bridge on La. 1024 in Satsuma officially opened to traffic on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Above: Dan Tanner, a project manager for Forte & Tablada, helps Huey Comeaux, assistant director for the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works, with removal of "Road Closed" barricades as they open the road to the new Bridge.

**This has been a long time coming ... The application, all the permitting ...**

Mark Harrell  
LPOHSEP director

allocated hazardous mitigation grant the parish received after damages from Hurricane Gustav in 2012.

The bridge opened after seven months of construction. The project came in two months ahead of schedule, according to Kresten Brown, project manager for Forte & Tablada, which handled the project

design and construction management.

The 36.5-foot elevation of the new bridge is three feet higher than the previous structure, he said.

The timber bridge was nearing collapse at the time the project began, said Mark Harrell, director of the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency

Preparedness.

The new bridge will not hold back water along Hornsby Creek, an issue that created problems with the old bridge, he said.

The project had been on the drawing board for approximately six years.

"This has been a long time coming," he said. "The application, all the permitting and

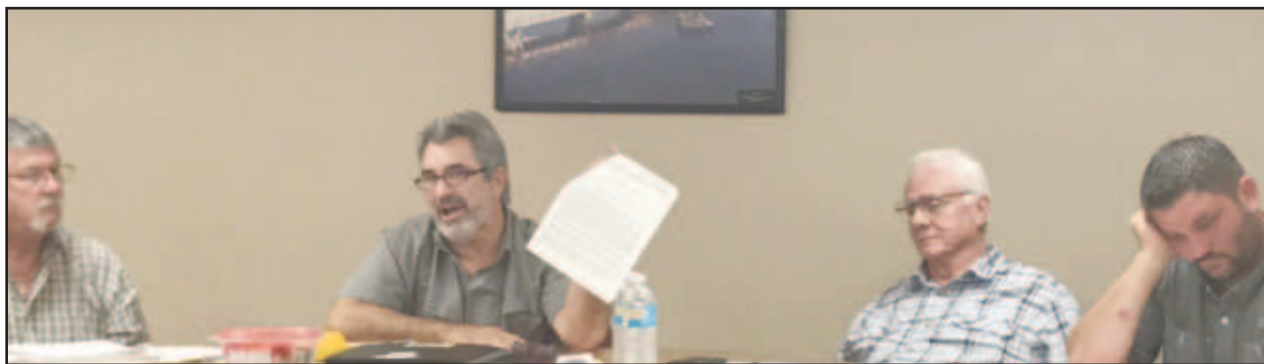
everything else takes long, and then you send it to the state and FEMA, and it takes time to work through the process."

Completion of the bridge will pave the way for the cleanup of Hornsby Creek as part of additional HGMP funding.

The parish received the extra money through a shift of \$50 million in from

the Cypress Ridge mitigation to allow for extended debris cleanup, as part of a bill Congressman Garret Graves spearheaded earlier this year on Capitol Hill.

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The Killian Board of Aldermen are seen at its Sept. 11 meeting. The board will likely scrap its October meeting due in part to the resignation of the town clerk.

## Next board meeting would be after election

From A1

will come to a head in the Nov. 6 election. The winner will take office immediately after the election and serve the remainder of Craig McGehee, who resigned in May 2017 to accept a job in Midland, Texas.

The town scrapped the Oct. 9 meeting because it could neither complete the financial statements or coordinate an agenda in time.

Town business fell into disarray upon the abrupt resignation of clerk Julie Monteleone at the end of the Sept. 11 meeting.

"I never imagined we'd go through anything like this, but this is an odd set of circumstances forced upon us," Bock said. "It is what it is at this point, I feel like I lost my right arm when Julie resigned."

The ongoing training for the town secretary Kathy Posey, and a lag on completion of financial reports would likely stop any chances

to assemble before the end of the month, May-Bock said Tuesday.

"We don't have time to train her for everything," Bock said. "She just got trained to handle magistrate court."

Operations at town hall remained in limbo for four weeks, until Bock hired a secretary.

Bock chose to hire a secretary rather than a clerk because a clerk from the Louisiana Municipal Association informed him it did not require approval from the aldermen.

"She's having to learn a lot on her own, so it's much more time-consuming," he said.

The new secretary has traveled back and forth to the Town of Livingston, where she has undergone training by an instructor certified by the Louisiana Municipal Association, which provides the service at no charge.

"It's not an easy job to train for because of all the regulations they're required to fol-

low," Bock said.

The town has managed to complete payroll, billing for the water company and bills in spite of the training process.

The process is slower, however, because Posey has not yet been trained in Quickbooks.

The town may have dodged one bullet, however.

Posey and Bock will meet CPA Phil Hebert on Nov. 5 to hopes of landing a new accountant for the town.

Hebert would replace the Baton Rouge firm of Champagne & Associates, which notified the mayor three weeks ago it would not cease its association with the town.

The accountant's resignation created a quandary because it left the town in a scramble to find another firm to conduct the annual audit, which must be completed by Dec. 31 in accordance with state law, Bock said.

The appointment would likely require

board approval, which may require a special meeting.

The audit could begin in early November, barring further delays, Bock said.

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## Call & Comment

From A41

**Livingston Parish has** some of the highest taxes in the nation and our Sheriff wants to add more sales taxes. I will vote NO to the Sheriff Jason Ard tax.

**Always can tell** when fall is in the air the wind blows out the north and ammonia smell and white powder dust blows off the top of cancer hill aka (Woodside landfill) and puts a pinch in our homes and white dust all over everything to the south enough is enough politicians are making a killing off that place that is reason nothing is being done

**I am writing for help!** I have called over the past 6 months about the traffic light on Centerville crossing over Range Going west by the nail salon. The light is very dim. On sunny afternoons you have to guess if it is red, yellow or green. I have made many reports, in August the lady told me they see the problem and it would be fixed. Here it is late October and still broken. IS it going to take an accident to get this fixed. This has been broken since the flood of 2016. WHY CAN SOMEONE NOT FIX IT?? I need someone in authority to call me Debbie Sutton 225-333-2790.

## SBA rule change to help Restore La.

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**LIVINGSTON** — The Louisiana Office of Community Development said additional funding might be available for applicants in the Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program.

Recent changes to federal law state that Small Business Administration loans for disaster recovery will no longer count as a duplication of benefits.

"The governor has been working for this change to SBA loan policy since the Great Floods of 2016," said Pat Forbes, OCD executive director.

"In the past, the Federal Emergency

Management Agency insisted that survivors apply for an SBA loan without fully disclosing it could affect their ability to access other federal funding later.

"This kept many of Louisiana's homeowners from getting the assistance they needed to recover. We are waiting to hear from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to see if this change will apply to our small businesses, too."

President Donald Trump signed the legislation into law in early October and the governor has submitted the required request for a waiver.

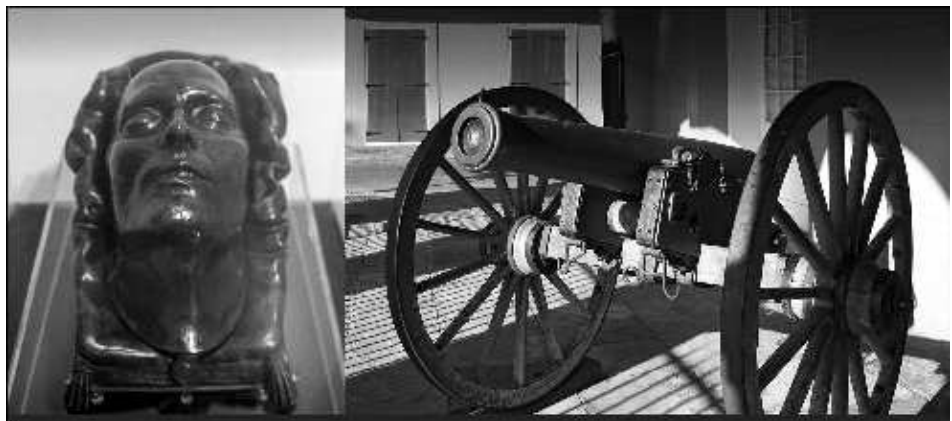
Once the president approves the waiver

request and HUD issues its guidance for the funds, assuming that guidance allows it, Restore Louisiana lenders will update awards for all current applicants, regardless of their stage in the program.

OCD noted the following:

- If a business affected by the SBA DOB policy applied to or received an award in the program, the owner should contact the lender that serviced the application.

- If a business did not apply to the program because of an SBA loan, the owner should contact an RLSB lender in that parish to discuss possible participation in the program.



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**Denham Springs City Attorney Stephanie Bond-Hulett explains to the City Council at its Oct. 22 meeting that regulating sober living homes is hard because of federal regulations.**

## City bound by ADA, federal housing rules

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“Everybody is trying to figure out how to handle this,” Landry said.

“We want to serve our citizens, but we have to deal with rules and regulations,” the mayor said.

A sober living home would need the same permits as a R-1 single-family residential home since it is a home, Hulett said.

“If we say they are not a single family in R-1, then they would have to request a ‘reasonable accommodation,’” she said.

When the home would file for the reasonable accommodation request, “We would know the property owner,” Bond said.

The city could learn who is staying at the home and ask what their disability is, she said.

“We can ask what the ADA allows us to ask – what is your disability?” she said.

Building official Rick Foster said the city code on square footage in a residential home per person would generally mean two persons per bedroom.

If any other room is converted into a bedroom, it would require a city permit, he said.

“Who protects us,” asked council member Lori Lamm-Williams.

“The federal government,” Hulett replied. “You have to write them.”

The city attorney said the Louisiana Municipal Association, U.S. Rep. Garret Graves and U.S. Sens. John Kennedy and Bill Cassidy have been contacted to see what guidance the city can get and how to approach the issue.

The state fire marshal tried to get sprinkler systems installed in some sober living homes, Hulett said, but was unable since they were residential homes and residential homes cannot be ordered to install them.

Research has shown that people in rehabilitation programs, when living in a home setting, do well in their treatment, Hulett said.

“If functioning properly, the house would be a model neighbor,” she said, “But few are functional models.”

Such homes will increase with the growing opioid problem, council member Rene Delahoussaye said.

“This is a business and anytime it is a business, there are people who will take advantage of it,” he said.

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# Holiday to mark center’s reopening

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**PORT VINCENT** — Ghosts, ghouls and goblins will highlight the official return of a local landmark that had been vacant two years.

The annual Halloween party will mark the official reopening of the Port Vincent Community Center two years after it incurred extensive damage in the Great Flood of 2016.

“Getting the community center back is a big relief not just for us, but for everything else in general in our village,” Mayor Johnnie “JJ” Page said. “It’s the centerpiece of our community and it holds a lot of history for this area.”

The event will feature more treats than tricks.

Jambalaya, pizza, hot dogs, nachos, snacks and beverages will be served free of charge at the event. Page will donate the jambalaya, Domino’s will provide the pizza and Village Market will donate other items for the festivities.

“We also have another resident providing chili, others are providing snacks and other items,” Page said. “Everybody comes together for this event.”

All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

The event was held under the pavilion last year, but this year’s event will mark the official return inside the building, which underwent extensive renovation after the flood.

The final price tag hovered around \$105,000, Page said.

The project included replacement of walls, flooring, a fresh coat of paint, servicing of the air condition system and a new stainless steel sink in the kitchen.

Much of the cost came on work to a portion which had no airflow. Workers from Schexnayder Restoration elevated it five inches, added larger floor seals and poured concrete footings to stabilize that portion of the building.

The village has since resumed renting the facility for events. Four events are already on the books and Alcoholics Anonymous uses it for weekly meetings on Wednesday nights.

The community center



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**Work is completed on the Port Vincent Community Center, a 19th-century building which has served as a schoolhouse and town hall over the years.**

originally served as a school upon its construction in the 1890s until 1945, when the school closed and students were transferred to French Settlement and Seventh Ward Elementary

schools. It later served as the village’s town hall until construction of the present-day municipal building approximately three miles east on La. 16.

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## Commercial property insurance costs to dip

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**LIVINGSTON** — Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon announced his decision to approve a recent request for an 8.3 percent net decrease in rates for commercial property policies issued by Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

“The Department of Insurance has conducted the required actuarial analysis, and I am approving the requested decrease in these commercial policies,” Donelon said.

“This decrease will continue to provide welcome financial relief to the 1,628 existing as well as new commercial policyholders when these rates become effective February 1, 2019.”

The reduced rates for 2019 represent the second consecutive year that Citizens’ commercial rates were approved at a decrease from the previous year.

The 2018 rates represented a 5.2 percent decrease below the 2017 rate calculation.

These reductions come as a result of many factors including favorable loss experience and a soft reinsurance market.

“As commissioner of insurance, I am very pleased with this rate trend. It reflects the hard work and professionalism of Louisiana Citizens’ management team as well as the prudent stewardship of its Board of Directors,” Donelon said.

“It is a strong indication that Citizens is in good hands and can continue to provide protection to insureds in our state as the insurer of last resort for those unable to get property insurance elsewhere.”

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## Walker's Hope Veterinary Clinic celebrates first year

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## Dangers of sleep apnea

**Amy Osmond Cook**  
 Health & Wellness  
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In the middle of the night, when the family is sound asleep in their beds, a thunderous sound shakes the rafters. It isn't a bulldozer operator burning the midnight oil outside your home, but the sound of one oblivious family member snoring away.

Snoring is something that has disturbed happy sleepers since the beginning of time, but it could be more than just an annoyance.

In the United States, 18 million of these snorers may be taking breaks in their breathing without knowing it. These millions have sleep apnea, though it is estimated that 80 percent of sleep apnea cases are undiagnosed.

Here are five facts about sleep apnea to know:

### Is it snoring or sleep apnea?

Millions of people snore, but many of them may not know they could have sleep

apnea. Sleep apnea is more than just snoring. It occurs when breathing stops for 10 seconds or more. This break in breathing can happen many times during the night, causing people to wake up feeling unrested. Other signs of sleep apnea include waking up with a dry throat, morning headaches and attention problems.

### What causes sleep apnea?

Sleep apnea can be caused by physical or neurological issues or both. Obstructive sleep

apnea is caused by soft tissue blocking the airway. This happens as muscles relax during sleep, which allows the soft tissue in the mouth and throat to sink into the throat and block the airway. Central sleep apnea is caused when signals from the brain do not work correctly and stop or slow breathing.

### Who is at risk for sleep apnea?

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# HARP can lessen debt

## Federal program helps reduce mortgage payments

### MoneyTips

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The Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) has arguably been one of the most successful programs to assist homeowners affected by the subprime mortgage crisis. According to HousingWire, almost 3.5 million homeowners have been assisted by the program, with around 1 million of those homeowners having been underwater (owing more on their home than it was worth).

HARP was created to help homeowners who were in decent enough financial shape to avoid foreclosure, but who were unable to secure refinancing because the drop in their home values left them underwater or otherwise unable to meet traditional criteria. HARP does not reduce the amount of principal owed, but it does rework the terms in order to secure better interest rates, lower monthly payments, or save on collective interest.

Many homeowners who can take advantage of HARP refinancing have already done so. However, there are probably still some homeowners who are

not aware that they qualify for the HARP program, or who did not qualify under the original terms but do under the revisions of the last few years.

If you qualify for the program and have not yet refinanced, you have until the end of December 2018 to complete your refinancing

**HARP**  
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### BY THE NUMBERS

**3.5 mil**  
 Number of applicants

**1 mil**  
 Applicants under water

**2**  
 Months before program evaluated

## Learn how to handle, negotiate debt collection

### MoneyTips

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Do you have a bill that has been turned over to a collection agency? Of course, you'll want to make things right as well as remove the negative effect on your credit score. But what if you can't afford to pay the bill in full? Why not try to negotiate with the debt collector? They likely bought the debt at a significant discount and may be more willing to

accept a deal – and then you are on the path to a clearer mind and a better credit score.

If you decide to negotiate, make sure that you are prepared to follow through properly. Don't try to short-cut by paying third parties to do it for you. Bankrate.com Chief Financial Analyst Greg McBride agrees, noting, "Don't fall for this idea that another company's going to be able to resolve this

for you if you just pay them some fee." McBride suggests sticking with the creditor or collection agency that owns the debt, since the current debt owner is the only one that can verify to the credit bureau that the debt has been paid.

Consider the following steps to be fully prepared for your negotiation.

**Verify the Debt – Are you sure that the debt is even yours**

**to pay? The debt collector is obligated to send you certain verifying information about the debt if you request a debt validation letter within 30 days of first contact. Look over the information and learn more about the debt. Details may help in the negotiations.**

**Set Up a Budget-Based Repayment Plan – Create an updated budget so you know how much you can realistically afford to pay to the collection agency each month. Give yourself some slack**

**in this budget for contingencies, and start negotiations from this point. Be prepared to counter-offer with a value that contains higher monthly payments than your first offer but still stays within your affordability limits.**

**Practice Your Negotiation – Write down some talking points and practice what you will say aloud. Try to anticipate any**

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## Kia gets into style, speed with 'Stinger'

**By Dan Wiese**

Brand Ave. Studios

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In broad terms, new car purchases generally fall into one of two categories: aspirational or persperational.

An "aspirational" purchase is a car the buyer longs to own. A "persperational" purchase is a car the buyer settles for to avoid sweating a high car payment.

Kia made its name selling the latter. Now it's in the business of offering the former. Exhibit A is the Kia Stinger.

Stinger's siren call is styling. With its tough-

guy front grimace and Euro-centric fastback, this car is a knockout. Our favorite angle, however, is the profile, where a long hood and, aft of the A-pillar, a teardrop-shaped cabin had us reminiscing about the '61 Jaguar E-Type coupe. Yeah, it's that striking. Add our car's red Brembo brake calipers peeking out of big, 19-inch wheels hugged by staggered Michelin performance rubber -- 225/40s in front, 255/35s in back -- and this car looks like a modern classic.

Agreeing with us, obviously, was the guy in the big ol' honkin'

Ford F-250 Crew Cab, who stuck a beefy arm out the window to give us a thumbs-up.

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The Kia Stinger

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## SPRINGFIELD VOLLEYBALL

# Springfield eyes playoffs after rough season

By Rob DeArmond

The Livingston Parish News

**SPRINGFIELD** — It's safe to say Springfield's volleyball season hasn't gone as planned.

Still, the Lady Bulldogs are positioned for postseason play with the expansion of the playoff field to 32 teams this season.

Getting there has been anything but easy for Springfield (8-15), which lost five seniors from a team that drew a first-round bye in the Division III playoffs last year.

"Going into the season, we knew it would be a rebuilding year," Springfield coach

Miranda Lobell said. "We knew that from the beginning. When you lose five starters, it's gotta be. We definitely didn't expect the extent to which it would be a rebuilding year ... It's been really tough."

Even with that rebuilding process in the back of its collective mind, Springfield got off to a 4-6 start.

"The first few games, we were like, 'Wow! This is not going to be the rebuilding year that we thought,'" Lobell said. "We're coming out, and we're doing something. Then, we took a hit."

That hit came from

concussions to three key players – Rachel Wheat, Haley Austin and Amber Traylor.

Traylor's concussion came at the Woodlawn Tournament, while Wheat's came a few games before that as she continued to practice and played another game unaware of the concussion.

"Concussions are not something that you generally talk about in volleyball," Miranda Lobell said. "They don't happen."

Traylor made her way back into the lineup

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Springfield's Tabby Lobell huddles with teammates earlier this season.

## WALKER HALL OF FAME



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Members of the Walker High 1959 state championship basketball team are: Eunice Moore Boucher (center). Standing (from left) Sherri Muse Ellis, Frances Milton Perry, Thelma Jones Comeaux, Ginger Jackson Guitrau, Louise Barksdale Melton and Mary Alice Sibley McCaa.

# PAYING HOMAGE

## WALKER USHERS IN NEW ERA WITH FIRST HALL OF FAME CLASS

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

**WALKER** — Trophies, team photos, press clippings – and fond memories – had their place as Walker High School inducted its inaugural class into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nine individuals were honored Oct. 18 before an audience of almost 200. Also recognized was the first state championship team in WHS history.

"It seems just a few months ago we were planning this, and it is truly amazing to recognize these people," said Jason St. Pierre, Walker High principal.

"It is an honor to stand here and induct you," St. Pierre told the inductees.

The inaugural class focused on those who helped shape the WHS athletic program before 1960.

"You laid the foundation for our athletic programs and your accolades," St. Pierre said.

Inducted were Leonard C. Allen, coach of the 1959 Class B girls state basketball champions; athletes Mary Graham Allen, Hubert Lee Barksdale, Huey DeCoto, Rudy Forbes, Mary Alice Sibley McCaa and Steve Stafford; and lifetime supporters Glenn Ellis and Juanita Stafford Jackson.

McCaa, DeCoto and Forbes attended the induction; the others were inducted posthumously.

Members of the 1959 championship team attending were: Louise Barksdale Melton, Ginger Jackson Guitrau, Thelma Jones Comeaux, Frances Milton Perry, Eunice Moore Boucher, Sherri Muse Ellis and Mary Alice Sibley McCaa.

Other team members recognized included: Betty Lazarus Armstrong, Catherine Rushing Achord, Bernice Avants Harrell, Kathleen Lockhart Chavers, Evelyn Turbeville Stevens, Amelia Storey Ruffin, Delores Turbeville Erwin and team mom Joyce Allen Lambert.

Master of ceremonies Aaron Ellis said plaques for each inductee will be placed

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Denham collects honor

By William Weathers

The Livingston Parish News

**DENHAM SPRINGS** — The Denham Springs volleyball team may not have won a district championship, but the 2018 team that's headed for postseason play next week will still leave behind a legacy of sorts.

The Lady Jackets were one of seven teams statewide to receive the LHSAA's Sportsmanship Award, an honor bestowed by the Capital City Board of Volleyball Officials.

"I'm very proud of the girls," Denham Springs coach Pam Dubuy said. "It does reflect who we are as a team."

The LHSAA, which first introduced the award four years ago, has asked each of its seven officials associations to nominate one team from their respective area.

Capital City Board of Volleyball Officials chose Denham Springs High School from a region that encompasses a total of 49 teams.

"It's an honor, I didn't expect it," DSHS senior Olivia Alexander said. "I didn't realize we would be one to get it. Coach said she had a surprise. It was exciting to get it on Senior Night."

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## VOLLEYBALL | LIVE OAK 3, PLAQUEMINE 1



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Live Oak's Camryn Gerage (7) prepares to hit over a Plaquemine block.

# Live Oak finds spark to pull away from Plaquemine

By Adam Henderson

The Livingston Parish News

**WATSON** — Live Oak survived two early slugfests to put away Plaquemine 28-26, 24-26, 25-19, 25-11 in Monday's district encounter.

While the first two sets were well-contested, the Lady Eagles (23-13 overall, 12-2) played excellent

in the next two sets to close out the match.

"I'm proud of them," Live Oak coach Chastity Sims said. "They fought through it. They could have backed down, but they stuck with it and trusted each other. I'm happy with the result."

Camryn Gerage and Olivia Betz represented

half of Live Oak's senior class that was honored prior to the match and delivered in a big way.

Gerage led the team with 14 aces and four kills, while Betz had 13 kills, three aces, and 10 digs. Libero Savannah

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# Livingston Parish Fair pageant winners, ages 0-8



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE KING

Above left, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, ages 0-5 months: Queen and Most Photogenic, Amelia Darlyn Myers, daughter of Allen and Olivia Myers from Walker; first place and Best Dressed, Anniston Blake Moore; second place, Camryn White; and third place, Kimber Wagner. Above middle, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, ages 6-11 months: Queen and Best Dressed, Adaline Laverne Watts, daughter of Dakota and Julie Watts from Livingston; first place, Jude Fridge; second place, Kennedy Rose Drew; third place, Zella Daniel; and Most Photogenic, Sydney Raye Walton. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, ages 12-17 months: Queen, Best Dressed and Most Photogenic, Reese Major, daughter of Steven and Brandy Major from Walker; first place, Brylee McLin; second place, Gracie Ann Shirah; and third place, Emery Borum.



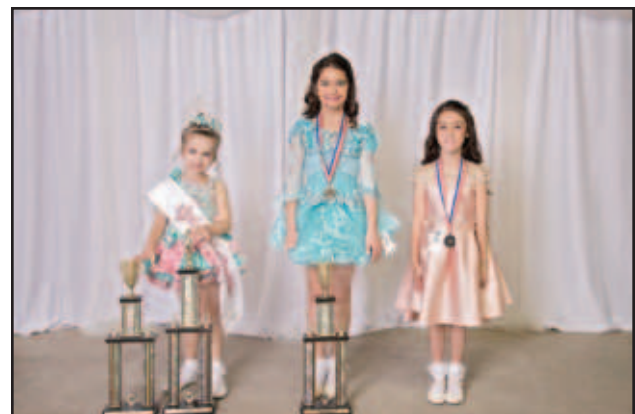
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Above left, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's boys division, ages 0-11 months: King, Best Dressed and Most Photogenic, Jett Michael LeCroy, son of Nick and Taylor LeCroy from Holden; first place, Denver "Brandtly" Ballard; and second place, Jay Holifield. Above middle, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's boys division, ages 1-2 years: King and Most Photogenic, Thadeus Poe, son of Johnathan and Mara Poe from Walker; first place, Bowan Lea; second place and Best Dressed, River Lambert; and third place, Eli Ficklin. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's boys division, ages 3-4 years: King and Best Dressed, Robert Toups, Jr., son of Robert and Charish Toups from Denham Springs; first place, Easton Lambert; second place and Most Photogenic, Ryker Beckley; and third place, Bradley Oliver Whited.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE KING

Above left, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, ages 18-23 months: Queen, Best Dressed and Most Photogenic, Collins Camile Landry, daughter of Korey and Jennifer Landry from Walker; first place, Alivia Hart; second place, Harper Sage Sibley; and third place, Blake Rose Dubois. Above middle, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, age 2 years: Queen Bryleigh Gabta, daughter of James and Kristi Gabta from Holden; first place, Emery Eddy; second place and Best Dressed, Beckett Kamille Blount; third place, Scarlett Hillen; and Most Photogenic, Enelia Granger. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, age 3 years: Queen Claire Hardy, daughter of Casey and Julia Hardy from Livingston; first place, Best Dressed and Most Photogenic, Saylor Jackson; second place, Sofia Grace Smith; and third place, Emma Jane Boone.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE KING

Above left, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's girls division, age 4 years: Queen Aaliyah Lace Johnston, daughter of Justin and Sara Johnston from Livingston; first place, Kenzlee Henderson; second place, Ryleigh Barbay; third place and Most Photogenic, Sophie Reese Poche; and Best Dressed, Bret Milton. Above middle, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Petite Miss division, ages 5-6 years: Queen, Sidney Lauzervich, daughter of Clay and Brittany Lauzervich from Maurepas; first place and Most Photogenic, Katie Noble; second place and Best Dressed, Braelynn Burchfield; and third place, Addison Hart. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Tiny Miss division, ages 7-8 years: Queen and Best Dressed, Rosalina Toups, daughter of Robert and Cherish Toups from Denham Springs; first place and Most Photogenic, Kendyl Ortego; and second place, Lilah Gordon.

## Walker High, Denham Springs High put 15 students on All-State Honor Bands

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News The Louisiana Music Educators Association has announced its 2018-19 All-State Honor Band, which has more than a dozen students from Livingston Parish schools. Walker High and Denham Springs High put a combined 15 students on the All-State Symphonic Band, Orchestra and Concert Band. Auditions for the honor band were held Saturday, Oct. 13.

Listed below are the Livingston Parish students selected to the LMEA All-State Honor Band:

- Symphonic Band**
- Peyton Berry, clarinet, Walker High
  - Victoria Seeger, clarinet, Denham Springs High
  - Ryan Aime, euphonium, Walker High
  - Kateland Howard, horn, Denham Springs High
  - Tim Marquess, percussion, Denham Springs High
  - Aron Tapalla, trombone, Walker High
  - Samuel Van Oss, trombone, Denham Springs High
  - Colby Eisenberg, tuba, Denham Springs High

- Christian Noto, tuba, Walker High
- Orchestra Winds & Percussion**
- Ethan Barker, percussion, Walker High

- Dakota Espinosa, percussion, Denham Springs High
- Kaylee Hibbard, trumpet, Walker High

- Concert Band**
- Savannah Cecchini, flute, Denham

- Springs High
- Abby Rossnagel, flute, Walker High

- Anthony Grant, alto saxophone, Walker High

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# Denham Springs resident celebrates 103rd birthday

By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News  
A party more than 100 years in the making was held Thursday, Oct. 16, at Golden Age Nursing Home in Denham Springs in honor of Kathryn Prine, a resident who was celebrating her 103rd birthday.

Kathryn was born on Oct. 16, 1915, in Texarkana, Texas. In the early 1940s, Kathryn and her first husband Jack Holt moved to Baton Rouge. After Jack's passing in 1967, Kathryn married Walker native Lloyd Prine, and the two had many adventures around the world. Among them was the time they hiked more than 1,000 miles of the Appalachian Trail in the mid-1980s, when both were well in their 70s. Kathryn and Lloyd moved to Baton Rouge and later to Walker in the 2000s.

Kathryn is the mother of four children: Jack, Karen, Linda and Sherry. She also has 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.



Kathryn Prine, middle, gets ready to take a bite of her birthday cake with her daughters Linda Gauthreaux, left, and Sherry Cole at her side. Prine, a resident of Golden Age Nursing Home in Denham Springs, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Oct. 16.

MORGAN PREWITT | THE NEWS

## Eastside Elementary teachers receive 'Adopt a Teacher' giveaways



**Story Submitted**  
Gulf Bank representatives Mark Juneau and Brittainy Fields honored three Eastside Elementary teachers with their Adopt a Teacher wishlist giveaway. Honorees were kindergarten teacher Toni Bourg, 3rd grade teacher Sherrye Ginn and 5th grade teacher Britney Romito.

Adopt a Teacher is a contest where teachers create a wish list of items they want or need for their classrooms. The teachers must explain how they would use these items in the classroom and why the students would benefit from having these in the materials.

The teachers received items such as a digital camera for classroom activities, learning games for stations, stools for flexible seating, and art materials for students. Each student from these three homerooms also received a bag of treats including snacks, pencils, and a bank.

SUBMITTED BY TONI BOURG

Pictured in Toni Bourg's Eastside Elementary kindergarten classroom are (front row, from left) Peyton Jolie, Hollis Creel, Waylon Nicosia, Haven Hensley, Elyzabeth Garrett, Michael Langlois, (middle row) Caden Marcotte, Sabrina Gillespie, Brynlee LeBlanc, Alliyah Washington, Sophia Thevenot, Amelia McNeal, Maya Magee, Jacob Guillory, (back row) Toni Bourg, Brittainy Fields and Mark Juneau.

## Denham Springs native Jaycelin Carter named 2018 Rodeo Queen



PHOTO BY DEBBIE KING

Pictured are the participants in the Livingston Parish Fair's 2018 Rodeo Queen competition. From left, Kaycee Sibley of Holden, second alternate; Ashle' Hudspeth of Walker, first alternate and Best Western Attire; and Jaycelin Carter, 2018 Rodeo Queen.

**Staff Report**

The Livingston Parish News  
A year after finishing in second place, Jaycelin Carter has first place all to herself. Carter, the daughter of Jodi and Eric Hoffman and Eddie Beard of Denham Springs, was named the Livingston Parish Fair's 2018 Rodeo Queen on Monday, Oct. 8. Finishing behind Carter were Ashle' Hudspeth of Walker, who also won Best Western Wear, and Kaycee Sibley of Holden. Carter, a Denham Springs High graduate, was presented her

crown and sash by 2017 Rodeo Queen, Katelynn McLin. All contestants were from Livingston Parish and dressed in Western attire of several styles. They were judged on appearance, personal-

ity, and overall impression while on the horse. As Rodeo Queen, Carter and her horse, Shotgun, took part in Saturday night's PCA RODEO, sponsored by Ram Rodeo.

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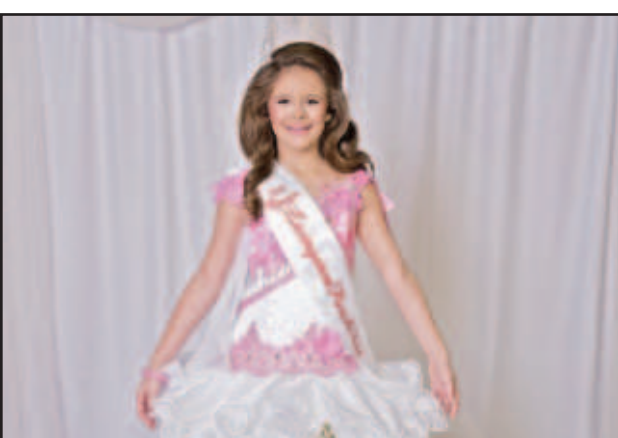
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# Livingston Parish Fair pageant winners, ages 9 and older



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Above left, pictured is the winner of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Little Miss division, ages 9-10 years: Queen, Best Dressed and Most Photogenic, Berklie Blount, daughter of Dustin and Courtney Blount from Livingston. Above middle, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Deb Miss division, ages 11-12 years: Queen and Best Dressed, Marissa Andrews, daughter of Blaine and Kimberly Andrews from Livingston; first place, Fallon Gnann; second place, Gracie Hinrichs; third place and Most Photogenic, MacKenzie Scanlan; and fourth place, Presly Cox. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Teen Miss division, ages 13-14 years: Queen and Best Dressed, Avery Gnann, daughter of Gary Gnann and Jeannie Zeringue from Denham Springs; first place, Abigail Lout; second place and Most Photogenic, Madelyn Ruth Morgan; third place, Aubrey Jones; and fourth place, Saylor Marchand.



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Above left, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Junior Miss division, ages 15-16 years: Queen and Best Dressed, Ashleigh Traylor, daughter of Dennis and Michelle Traylor from Springfield; first place and Most Photogenic, Bailey Jones; and second place, Elizabeth Beregi. Above right, from left, are the winners of the Livingston Parish Fair Pageant's Senior Miss division, ages 17 and older: Queen and Best Dressed, Madison Paige Watts, daughter of Ryland Watts and Lynn Bryson from Livingston; first place, Madison Grace Burnette; second place, Most Photogenic and Best Interview, Hannah Gautreau; third place, Malorie Dee Langlois; and Miss Congeniality, Courtney Edwards.

## PCA Rodeo hits Livingston Parish Fair



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Above, Ty Wainwright competes in the bull riding event during the PCA Rodeo. The rodeo drew dozens of competitors to the Livingston Parish Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 13. Above right, Jessie Stockstill competes in the breakaway roping event. Below, Lori Chestnut rounds the second barrel during the barrel racing event. Bottom, a member of the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders carries a flag.



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Denham Springs High's Peyton Watson (4) tries to hit over a St. Amant double block attempt during Wednesday's match.

# Denham closes district with loss

**By William Weathers**  
The Livingston Parish News  
**DENHAM SPRINGS** — The only good thing after Denham Springs' 3-0 loss to St. Amant on Wednesday in the District 4-I finale for both teams at Grady Hornsby Gym was that the Lady Jackets hope to use the match as a learning experience for the state playoffs.

They would also just as soon avoid any of the league's heavy hitters — district champion St. Amant, Dutchtown or East Ascension — three of the state's Top 10 teams — at least in the first round of postseason play.

"It may be frustrating for us now, but it does prepare us well for the playoffs," DSHS outside hitter Sophie Faircloth said of her team's 25-22, 25-11, 25-19 setback. "We're not going to be going up against Dutchtown, EA and St. Amant. It will hopefully make the playoffs feel like they're a little bit easier to handle."

Denham Springs (17-20 overall, 2-6) will take part in Episcopal's Halloween Tournament on Saturday to close out the regular season with matches against University, Ponchatoula and Vanderbilt Catholic.

The Lady Jackets, who have an unofficial power rating of No. 28, will learn their postseason destination on Monday and begin Division I state playoff action on Thursday.

"One good thing about us is we may have some trouble in games, but we never give up," Faircloth said. "We take each day as a new day and that works in our

favor. We're going to take the time between now and the playoffs and work on some things that will be helpful."

For the second straight match, DSHS opened in favorable position only to see a set excruciatingly slip away at the end.

The Lady Jackets went back-and-forth in the opening set Monday at Dutchtown only to fade down the stretch and falter, 25-17.

St. Amant (18-15, 7-1) never trailed in an opening set that was tied four times when the Lady Gators took a 12-11 lead on a tip at the net.

DSHS found itself trailing 20-14 and then climbed back into contention behind Olivia Alexander's serving and a potential momentum-building sequence with a double block from Shelby Prest and Peyton Watson that eventually led to a point from Prest, narrowing the deficit to 22-18.

"It's an incredible feeling to go back to coach and hear her say, 'that was fun for me to watch,'" Faircloth said.

DSHS managed only one more point on an unforced hitting error, watching St. Amant score the last four points to secure the set, three of which came on errors from the Lady Jackets.

"I think we played great defensively the first set," DSHS coach Pam Dubuy said.

Kailey Dunham had one of her team-high three kills to tie the second set at 2-2 when St. Amant went on a run that produced a lead of 11-6 that includ-

ed breaking DSHS's service three straight times.

Prest had one of her eight assists to Faircloth for a kill and a long return brought the Lady Jackets to within 12-8 with Destiny Nassri making it 13-9 with a short return near the net.

That was as close as DSHS could get with St. Amant's play at the net proving too much to overcome, leading to a 17-11 advantage and 25-11 victory on the strength of seven consecutive points.

"If we could have played three sets like the first one I would have been perfectly happy," Dubuy said. "But in the second and third sets it was like, what happened to that team. Where did those guys go? We called timeout to try to get them to fix the serve-serve and get it back."

St. Amant built commanding leads of 20-9 and 21-10 when DSHS experienced a flicker of hope with Dunham serving five points.

Prest picked up assists on kills by Sydney Mayo and Brianna Heil, with Heil adding another kill to narrow the score to 23-17, when St. Amant closed out the match with a pair of kills.

"It was happening earlier in the season where we could carry the momentum and keep it going," Faircloth said. "It's coming down to the wire and this was our last district game and there was some pressure. We all want to win and move up in the ranks (power points). We're going to have to work on picking each other up."

# Competitive first set fades in DSHS loss to Dutchtown

**By William Weathers**  
The Livingston Parish News  
**DUTCHTOWN** — Nearly three weeks ago when Denham Springs hosted Dutchtown, the Lady Jackets showed signs of hanging around a while, taking the third set from the Lady Griffins in a 3-1 defeat.

Denham Springs had similar intentions, this time opening Monday's District 4-I match by pushing Dutchtown, the state's No. 3 team in the LHSAA's power ratings, throughout the first set.

Then the Lady Griffins wrapped up that set, rattling off the last five points for a 25-17 win, before taking control of the second and third sets (25-13, 25-12) to complete a 3-0 victory at Dutchtown High over the Lady Jackets.

"I think our biggest issue was finishing," Denham Springs setter Shelby Prest said. "It's always been our issue. We play so hard throughout the entire game and get to a certain point where we think, 'oh we made it this far, let's slow down'. We really need to work on finishing."

"What happens is the other team gets a good play and all these girls (Dutchtown) are good hitters, they get that good hit and we get down," said Prest, who led Denham Springs with six assists and had four kills. "It's a momentum thing. It's momentum killer and then we can't come

back from that." Denham Springs never led in the match but came tantalizingly close to doing so in the first set, twice trailing Dutchtown (31-6, 6-1) by one point.

The Lady Jackets rallied from deficits of 9-5 and 11-7 to close within 14-13 with Kailey Dunham serving when the Lady Griffins pushed a return wide.

DSHS' Destiny Nassri was then blocked at the net to break Dunham's service, but the Griffins opened the door with three straight unforced errors, enabling the Jackets to trail 17-16 on Peyton Watson's block.

Dunham had a team-high four kills with Watson and Brinley Williamson adding two apiece.

Dutchtown led 20-17 before reeling off the set's last five points with middle blocker Zoe Wooten contributing two kills, while the Jackets also had a serve-serve error and had a long return.

"We stayed competitive," Denham Springs coach Pam Dubuy said. "But we weren't clicking on all cylinders."

DSHS trailed 6-0 in the second game with Wooten opening with a pair of kills. The Lady Griffins also had an ace, while the Lady Jackets committed an unforced hitting error into the net and twice went long on return shots.

Dutchtown's lead

never dipped below four points after a serve-serve error during Dunham's service made it 17-13.

Consecutive kills spurred the Griffins who went on to score the last eight points of the set.

"The first game they did all right," Dubuy said. "Then they got down in the second (set) and I looked up it was 13-8. If we hadn't gotten down, it would have been tied 8-8. They were kind of giving up on themselves and it snowballed from there in the third game."

Prest felt DSHS had trouble with its ability to successfully block Dutchtown's taller team, especially Wooten, India Bennett and Lauren Launey.

"I thought we handled the middle relatively well," she said. "Where it killed us is we got touches on blocks and didn't know how to handle them. They would ricochet, and no one would follow."

Dutchtown bolted to leads of 9-1 and 10-2 in the final set, a combination of Wooten's two kills with fours and some miscommunication on the defensive end, that put the Jackets in a deep hole they were unable to climb out of.

"It's part of the game," Dubuy said. "We have to take this and learn from it and go on and get ready for the next one and see what you can do."

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(Games played through Oct. 24)

District 4-I	District 4-II	District 7-III
St. Amant 18-15 7-1	Lee 30-3 13-0	Belaire def. Broadmoor 25-10, 25-18, 30-28
Dutchtown 32-6 7-1	Live Oak 23-13 12-2	
East Ascension 22-13 4-4	Plaquemine 14-13 9-5	
Denham Springs 17-20 2-6	Woodlawn 16-14 9-5	
Walker 5-27 0-8	Scotlandville 8-17 4-8	
	Tara 17-21 5-9	
	Belaire 2-14 2-12	
	Broadmoor 0-16 0-14	
<b>Last week's results</b>	<b>Last week's results</b>	<b>Last week's results</b>
Denham Springs def. Ascension Christian 25-18, 25-11, 26-24; def. Walker 25-15, 25-7, 25-11; lost to Dutchtown 25-17, 25-13, 25-12; lost to St. Amant 25-22, 25-11, 25-19	Live Oak def. Episcopal 19-25, 25-23, 25-13; def. White Castle 25-15, 25-11; lost to Woodlawn 17-25, 27-25 25-13, lost to Baton Rouge, 11-25, 25-22, 15-6, lost to University 25-17, 25-20; def. Plaquemine 28-26, 26-28, 25-19, 25-11; def. Belaire 25-17, 25-12, 25-9	Springfield 8-15 0-4
Walker lost to Scotlandville 26-24, 26-24, 25-20; lost to Denham Springs 25-15, 25-7, 25-11; def. Northeast 25-20, 20-25, 25-12, 25-18	Scotlandville def. Walker 26-24, 26-24, 25-20; def. Tara 25-18, 25-17, 25-23	Springfield def. Amite 25-10, 25-5, 25-15
Dutchtown def. Northshore 25-22, 23-25, 15-8, lost to Country Day 25-21, 25-22, def. Notre Dame 25-22, 22-25, 20-18, def. St. Amant 22-25, 26-24, 18-16, lost to Hannan 25-22, 25-15; def. East Ascension 25-17, 24-26, 25-13, 20-25, 15-6	Woodlawn lost to Episcopal 25-9, 27-25; def. Live Oak 17-25, 27-25 25-13, def. White Castle 25-13, 25-16, lost Baton Rouge 25-12, 25-9; def. Belaire 25-11, 25-3, 26-24	Loranger lost to Ponchatoula 25-10, 25-21, 19-25, 25-11; def. West Feliciana 25-21, 25-22, 17-25, 27-25
East Ascension lost to Mt. Carmel 25-17, 25-21; lost to St. Thomas More 25-12, 25-16; def. Vanderbilt 21-25, 25-10, 16-14; lost to St. Joseph's 21-25, 25-21, 16-14	Tara lost to University 25-13, 25-11, lost to Runnels 25-15, 21-25, 15-9; lost to Madison Prep 25-17, 25-12, def. West Feliciana 25-21, 22-25, 15-11; def. Broadmoor 25-14, 25-8, 25-15	
St. Amant def. Cabrini 16-25, 25-21, 15-9; lost to Teurlings 25-15, 25-15; def. St. Joseph's 16-25, 25-20, 15-11; lost to Dutchtown 25-22, 24-26, 18-16	Plaquemine def. Woodlawn 25-20, 25-20, 25-20	
	Lee High def. Broadmoor 25-10,	

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**VOLLEYBALL | WALKER 3, NORTHEAST 1**

# Walker gets boost with victory over Northeast

**By Adam Henderson**  
The Livingston Parish News

**WALKER** — The Walker volleyball team took one step toward the off-season on a high note. The Lady Cats also picked up a boost of morale heading into their regular-season finale with a 25-20, 20-25, 25-12, 25-18 victory Tuesday over Northeast.

“I was really excited to see the pieces fall together,” coach Kaylee Guidry said. “Those are the things we’ve been lacking. We’ve had some parts, but not all of them. I think (in this match) we had them all. Just to see them put the things we have been practicing into play was nice.”

Walker (5-28) visited Zachary on Thursday to close out the season. Senior Hannah Lilly and Lillie Waguespack led the Lady Cats at the net, with Lilly recording five kills and two blocks, while Waguespack recorded six kills and five digs.

“I feel like we reacted a little quicker than usual,” Lilly said. “(Waguespack) was really strong and I was really strong as well.”

“From the beginning until now, they are so much more confident,” Guidry said. “They’re working the net so much more than they were at the beginning of the year. Just to

see them grow and develop has been nice. To know that Lillie (Waguespack) has another year or two ahead of her is awesome because she has steadily developed. I’m excited to see what her future is.

“And for Hannah (Lilly), she just got started so it’s sad to see her career come to an end here shortly, but she has definitely grown and developed,” Guidry said. “I think she has created a passion within herself that she didn’t know was there, and she brought it to play.”

Walker emerged from a tight back-and-forth first set, taking a 20-17 lead on Ryan LeDoux’s ace and maintaining all the way through to a 25-20 win.

Northeast evened the match, grabbing a 13-9 lead that turned into a 21-13 before Walker stormed back to within a point.

The Lady Vikings eventually regained momentum and secured a 25-20 win.

Gabby Hunt served a pair of aces, fueling an 8-3 advantage in the third set, a margin that grew to 16-9 en route to a 25-12 triumph.

Walker climbed back into contention, facing several one-point deficits before tying the set at 9-all and taking a lead on a mis-hit.

The Lady Cats were

then able to hold off a strong surge and wrap up their home finale, 25-18.

“We really gave it our all,” Lilly said. “We really showed up and did what we had to do.”

Walker stopped a nine-match losing streak in the process, potentially inspiring hope heading into the offseason after their match with Zachary.

The Lady Cats knew a program turnaround would not happen overnight but have quietly put in work to continue to grow and improve which helped result in Tuesday night’s showing.

“I wish it would have started at the beginning of the season, like we all had anticipated,” Lilly said. “But it gives us hope for next year and the people that are younger. It’s falling into place faster for them than it did for us. So that’s real exciting.”

“They have had an awesome attitude,” Guidry said. “You would think with our record that they wouldn’t have the attitude that you want to have, but they’ve actually had a really great attitude. As a coach, that is what I want to see. In every practice they come in, ready to get better. And in the games, they’re there, they’re fighting. “Our thing is if we



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Walker High's Lydia Magee (18) and Alexis Shirley (8) attempt to bump the ball against Northeast on Tuesday.

see somebody on the court and they're not in the right state of mind, we're going up to them

and we're saying, 'get on my back, you're coming with me,' Guidry said. “We’re not doing the

bad body language and the pity parties. That’s out the door. This is a new team.”

## Live Oak: Lady Eagles find groove to defeat Plaquemine

**From B1**

Noble finished with eight digs and Jamie Elenbaas had 30 assists, two kills, six aces, and two digs.

“They made a lot of good plays,” Sims said. “We told them that Camryn and Betz were our running backs and wide receiver, Noble was our safety that had to see everything on defense and let them know what was going on. Jamie was our quarterback and had to run everything. Why the football reference, I don’t know. It’s just what we went with, but it paid off in the end.”

Betz was less pleased with her team’s performance, as she felt like there is more in the tank. She asserted that Live Oak can play at a higher level, and they’ll need to do so to find success in the playoffs.

“You can always do better,” Betz said. “It was our last home game, so we wanted to play way better, but we couldn’t...we always have little things we can work on, like mis-serves or shanks. That’s what’s killed us, little mistakes.”

“I think we need to work on that but other than that, I thought we played well. It’s just the little mistakes that get us,” Betz said. “This might get us through round one or two of the playoffs. But we definitely need to step it up. Still some room for improvement.”

Live Oak rushed out to a 13-6 lead to start the match.

Plaquemine quickly



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Live Oak's Savannah Noble (8) bumps the ball against Plaquemine.

worked its way back into the match after a timeout, slicing the lead to 16-15. The Green Devils then tied the set and took a 19-18 lead on back-to-back aces.

Live Oak mounted a late rally in return, tying the set at 23 on Kate Campbell’s ace. The Lady Eagles took a 27-26 lead on a mishit out of bounds and Gerage’s kill sealed the first-set win.

The second set started out just as tight, with both teams exchanging leads.

Plaquemine was able to work a 13-10 lead, the largest of the set, that forced Live Oak into a timeout when Live Oak stormed back to tie the match on Skylar Kelley’s ace.

Two balls hit out of

bounds gave the Lady Eagles a 18-16 edge when the Green Devils rallied to make it 21-21 and then 24-24 before watching the home team hit two balls out of bounds to pull even at 1-all in the match.

Live Oak jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the third set and maintained that comfortable lead for most of the set.

The Green Devils whittled the margin down to 18-16, but the Lady Eagles quickly regained separation and put away the set 25-19.

“We gave them one game, we couldn’t give them another,” Betz said. “We were ready to finish and play.”

Live Oak raced out to a

fast 8-1 start in the fourth set and then allowed Plaquemine to work its way back to within 11-9.

The Lady Eagles were able to make up ground and bolster their lead back to 17-9 where, from

that point, they were able to lock up the set.

“These are the type of games we need to have at the end of the season,” Sims said. “Just to keep our confidence up

going into playoffs...I told themselves that they need to give themselves a pat on the back because they overcame for sure. They need to be proud of themselves.”

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**WALKER HIGH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



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Left, Walker High principal Jason St. Pierre presents a Hall of Fame award on the behalf of the late Glenn Ellis to Janice Ellis Tiner, his daughter, along with sons, Leslie Ellis (left) and Carlton Ellis. Above, Steve Stafford Jr. receives a Hall of Fame award on the behalf of his late father Steve Stafford Sr. from St. Pierre.



**Hall of Fame: Walker High inducts nine in inaugural class**

From B1

in the foyer of the new basketball gym when construction is complete.

Also coming to the new gym will be a display case for the school's championship trophies, St. Pierre said.

Some of those trophies on display included four more state championship trophies brought home by girls basketball teams in Class A in 1967 and 1968 and Class 2A in 1972 and 1977.

Also, on display were the most recent additions, the 2015 Class 5A girls basketball state runners-up trophy and 2018 Class 5A state champion boys basketball trophy.

"It's a proud moment for Walker High School and the Walker community in general," said Bo Graham, Livingston Parish School Board member and 1972 graduate of WHS. "When the list of inductees was released, I looked at it and reflected who had an influence on me."

When he started school in 1960, Graham said Glenn Ellis was his bus driver; his seventh-grade teacher was Juanita Jackson.

When Walker began a summer baseball league, Graham said he played two years for Rudy Forbes, then coached against him. Leonard Allen was his high school principal and Huey DeCoto was the referee at his basketball games.

"I can't say how much they have meant to Walker and the lives they touched," Graham said.

Video interviews of the inductees, or their families, were aired, offering a glimpse of another Walker, a small, rural community with all of its schools at one Burgess Avenue site.

"Walker was just gravel roads," said DeCoto, a basketball and baseball letterman named to the Class B all-state basketball team as a senior. "It was a problem getting to school; when it rained it was so muddy."

Today's Walker Freshman High was the high school. A two-story wooden building next to it housed the elementary grades. Steam heat came from a boiler fed with coal; his graduating class numbered only 24, DeCoto said.

"I love the game of basketball," said DeCoto, who became a high school and college referee. "Leonard Allen taught me how to referee."

He remembered Allen welcoming him on his arrival before a Walker game, saying he was glad DeCoto was sent. Allen's treatment



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Top, Walker High principal Jason St. Pierre presents a Hall of Fame award on the behalf of the late Leonard C. Allen to his son, George Allen, and his wife, Joyce Allen Lambert. Bottom, St. Pierre presents the Hall of Fame award on the behalf of the late Mary Graham to her daughter, Deborah Allen Armenio, and son, Johnny Allen.

changed with the tipoff as he challenged the officials' calls.

DeCoto said when he asked Allen why the change, the coach just replied, "The game started; the game started."

"The 1950-1960s were great years for Livingston Parish basketball and Walker basketball," DeCoto said.

Joyce Allen Lambert, the widow of Leonard Allen, recalled girls basketball in the 1950s was a 3-on-3 game. Players did not cross midcourt with three playing offense and three playing defense.

"You don't realize what that meant to him to win the state title in 1959," she said. Allen's teams were also a state runner-up once and state semifinalist six times.

"You girls gave him that dream," she said. Allen also had the opportunity to see one of his players join the

professional ranks.

Among the items on display was the 1959 letter from Hazel Walker's Arkansas Travelers Professional Basketball Team to Mary Graham Allen.

It offered her \$250 a month and \$50 on the first and 15th of the month for food. The team agreed to paid for uniforms, hotels, doctor bills and insurance.

Walker said a player careful with her money could send home \$130 a month.

Allen, a two-time all-state Class B selection who scored 2,621 points in her last two years at WHS, played two years with the Arkansas Travelers.

Loyalty also ran deep at WHS, which Lambert demonstrated to DeCoto at one game.

"He called something he should not have called," Lambert said.

DeCoto had watched the Walker players warm up and watched

their moves and made a violation call in the game, she said.

Lambert said she stood up in the stands and told him he was not welcome in her house.

Overcoming the wrath of a coach's wife was not as hard as Hubert Barksdale's overcoming osteomyelitis.

Jessie Barksdale recounted how his father was diagnosed with the rare bone infection as a child, spending a year in a cast. He was told he would never walk again.

"In junior high, he went into the gym and found out he could play basketball with no problems," Barksdale said.

Barksdale was named Class B all-state in 1959, scoring 1,251 points for a 28.4 average.

Hubert Barksdale passed away too young, his son said, but left an impact.

"If we could all make an impression on a

child the way he did, the world would be a better place," Jessie Barksdale said.

But not all Hall of Fame careers began in a gym.

Steve Stafford wanted a basketball when he was young, said his son, Steve Stafford Jr.

An older brother brought him a basketball and put up a goal with a burlap sack net on a tree, he said.

The school bus stopped at the intersection of Cane Market Road and U.S. 190, Stafford said, so his father ran home two miles every day.

"After his chores, he played basketball until dark," Stafford said, practice that led him to be named Class B all-state and two-time all-district.

Before he passed away, his father learned he would be inducted into the Hall of Fame, Stafford said.

"He would be grateful for what people are doing for him," he said.

Warped boards were not the challenge that Juanita Stafford Jackson faced when she revived girls basketball at WHS, according to her daughter, Linda Jackson.

The 1926 Walker High graduate spent her first year teaching at French Settlement in 1929 and coached the girls basketball team.

After spending the next year at Holden, her mother came to Walker.

Jackson and her future players raised the money for balls, goals and backboards, Linda Jackson said. Their court was a dirt playground with the lanes and boundaries chalked off.

Juanita Jackson served as volunteer coach for three years -- with no pay -- until a male coach was hired, her daughter said.

From there, her mother supported the girls program, raising funds for uniforms, providing transportation and serving as chaperone on road trips.

Creating the foundations of the girls basketball program eventually paid off when Walker won the Class B state title in 1959.

"Coach Allen was something else," said Mary Alice Sibley McCaa, who sat at a table with her teammates and their 1959 trophy.

That team went 48-1, winning seven tournaments, before defeating Pioneer High 43-38 at the WHS gym for the title.

"We had no doubt we would win," McCaa said, "We had a well-balanced team. We were all good friends. It was four of the best years of my life."

DeCoto summed up the lessons learned while laying the foundation for an athletic program of more than 20 sports today at WHS.

"Be prompt. Do your studies and listen to your teachers. They know what they're talking about," he said.

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Above, accepting a Hall of Fame award on the behalf of the late Hubert Lee Barksdale are Jesse Barksdale, his son, and Louise Barksdale Melton, his daughter, from Walker High principal Jason St. Pierre. Top right, Huey P. DeCoto receives Hall of Fame award from Walker High principal Jason St. Pierre. Bottom right, Rudolph "Rudy" Forbes receives a Hall of Fame award from St. Pierre.



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**WALKER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES BIOGRAPHIES**

**By Kevin Fambrough**  
The Livingston Parish News

**WALKER** — Nine individuals make up the inaugural class of the Walker high School Hall of Fame honored on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Inducted were coach Leonard C. Allen, athletes Mary Graham Allen, Hubert Lee Barksdale, Huey DeCoto, Rudy Forbes, Mary Alice Sibley McCaa and Steve Stafford and lifetime supporters Glenn Ellis and Juanita Stafford Jackson.

Here are biographies of the inductees:

**Leonard C. Allen, coach, (1954-66)**

In 12 years as head basketball coach, his teams won a state title, were state runners-up, a state semifinalist six times and won six district titles. ... Coached several all-state players and one future professional basketball player. ... Teams only missed the playoffs twice. ... Later became WHS principal and served in that role until 1974.

**Mary Graham Allen, athlete, Class of 1958**

Was a two-time All-State Class B basketball player (1957-58), scoring 2,621 points in her junior and seniors season where she was selected to at least eight all-tournament teams. ... Scored a career-high 58 points as a senior and had 26 in a playoff win over Elton High. ... She played two years with Hazel Walker's Arkansas Travelers Professional Basketball Team after graduation. ... Perfected a hook shot with either hand and was reported by newspapers to be the first girl to shoot a 10-to-15-foot jump shot.

**Hubert Lee Barksdale, athlete, Class of 1959**

Led WHS to the District 16-B basketball title as a senior, averaging 33.7 points a game in the district tournament. ... Scored 44 points in the state semifinals against Mt. Hermon. ... Was named to the All-State Class B team, scoring 1,251 points in 44 games, for a 28.4 average. ... Member of WHS team that reached the state semifinals in 1957, falling to eventual champion Ringgold High. ... Was selected to all-tournament team at the Wedge Kyes Tournament in Baton Rouge as a senior. ... Enlisted in the U.S. Army and played basketball and fast-pitch softball at Fort Benning, Ga.

**Huey DeCoto, athlete, Class of 1954**

Was a two-sport letterman as a senior, leading to the second round of the basketball playoffs at Northwestern State College and was named to the All-State Class B first team. ... Helped WHS advance to the Class B quarterfinal round and was named to the Tri-Parish team as a junior. ... Helped the Wildcats to a District 16-B runner-up to U-High in baseball and reached the second round of the playoffs. ... He and teammate Rudy Forbes led WHS to an 11-2 record in 1954. ... Served as an LHSAA basketball official for 53 years, he also officiated football and baseball games.

**Rudy Forbes, athlete, Class of 1955**

Excelled in both baseball and basketball, starting for three years in the latter. ... Scored 40 points in a win over St. Francisville his senior year and was named to several all-tournament teams and the Tri-Parish Team as a junior. ... Pitched the WHS baseball team to the state quarterfinals as a sophomore in 1953 and once



Walker High School principal Jason St. Pierre presents Hall of Fame award on the behalf of the late Juanita Stafford Jackson to her daughters Linda Jackson (left) and Ginger Jackson.

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struck out 15 batters against Zachary. ... Turned down a chance to sign a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and returned to Walker to start a family.

**Mary Alice Sibley McCaa, athlete, Class of 1959**

Was a member of the 1959 Class B state champion basketball team and named to the Class B second team as a defensive guard. ... Also played on a state runner-up team and two state semifinalists. ... Received an academic scholarship to Northwestern State College and retired after 28 years as a teacher in Livingston Parish.

**Steve Stafford, athlete, Class of 1953**

Two-sport athlete in basketball and baseball. ... Earned All-State Class B team honors as a senior where he led WHS to the state quarterfinals, scoring 27 points in a loss to Ringgold High. ... In the second round of the playoffs, he scored 32 against Port Allen. ... Was named to the all-district team twice and the Tri-Parish All-Tournament Team in 1953. ... Scored 19 points in a win over Denham Springs in the first homecoming game held at WHS on Nov. 29, 1951.

**Glenn Ellis, lifetime supporter**

Served as a Livingston Parish school bus driver for 29 years, retiring in 1964, but volunteered to help in a number of areas with the school system. ... Was the official clock operator at WHS basketball games and drove the bus to away games for the boys and girls basketball teams. ... When the first gym was built in the 1940's, he helped build the bleachers between his morning and afternoon bus routes. ... Was one of the first members of the Walker Recreation District. ... The Young Men's Athletic Club began the Glenn Ellis Award in 1974 for the WHS senior athlete who represented the character that Ellis exemplified. In 1975, the new WHS gym was named in his honor.

**Juanita Stafford Jackson, lifetime supporter, Class of 1926**

Was responsible for the revival of girls basketball at WHS in the 1940's. ... With her students, they raised the funds to purchase basketballs, goals and backboards that were installed on a dirt playground. ... Served as the volunteer head coach and with her husband, raised funds for uniforms and warmup suits. ... In later years, she provided transportation and was chaperone on road trips. ... Organized the first band at WHS and the WHS Alumni Association. ... In 1972, she retired after 32 years teaching in Walker schools, then continued as a teacher for almost 20 years in private settings.



Walker High principal Jason St. Pierre presents a Hall of Fame award to Mary Alice Sibley McCaa.

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Springfield volleyball coach Miranda Lobell talks with her team earlier this season.

## Springfield: Lady Bulldogs navigate injuries

From B1

after missing about a week, but Wheat wasn't as fortunate.

"At first, I didn't think it was as bad as it was," junior Tabby Lobell said, noting that she expected Wheat to miss about two weeks maximum. "Two weeks -- we can get through two weeks of a season. It's a chunk of a season, but we can make it."

"She told me that she was out for the rest of the season, and I kind of started to actually worry because the lineup that we had practiced (with) all summer, the whole beginning of the season, there was no way we could go with that any more," Tabby Lobell said. "I knew it was going to be a real struggle because the people that were going to be taking her spot did not have near as much experience as her."

Around the time Traylor returned to the lineup and before the start of district play, Austin and her mother were involved in an auto accident, which resulted in Austin getting a concussion and forced her to miss school and be placed on bed rest while dealing with its effects.

Those losses forced Miranda Lobell to change the team's lineups drastically. She said she's used four main lineups this season, but she's also been able to move individual players around to suit situations during games.

"It's just really trying to capitalize on the strengths that people do have and help other people overcome any of their weaknesses," Miranda Lobell said. "If you're not the best passer, but you're one of the tallest girls on the team, I might need



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Springfield High's Dali Hughes (4) bumps the ball in front of Tabby Lobell (10) earlier this season.

you in the front row, but back row, I (might have) somebody else that can help out and do a little bit better job, then that's who's going to be put in."

For Tabby Lobell, it's meant becoming a calming presence for a group of younger players who are contributing at the varsity level a bit earlier than expected.

"It's been so long since I started a varsity game, so I don't really get those nerves any more," Tabby Lobell said. "But I just grab them on the shoulders, and it's like, 'Shake it out. You've got this. You're here for a reason. You're on this court because you can play this position, so just take a deep breath (and) do the job that we know you can do.'"

The experience has also helped Tabby Lobell realize there were some aspects of her game she could improve upon, mainly communication with her teammates.

"We do have to work on communication a lot," Tabby Lobell said. "I know when I'm on the court, sometimes it's just easier for me to not talk so that I just keep my composure and keep my cool. It is something I need to work on more as a

player -- to talk more to my team.

"Sometimes it can be a good thing, and sometimes it's just a really bad thing. It is tough, but also I know that everybody's giving it their (best) out there, and no matter what, I know that in the back of my head. It's just really hard to not treat it like it's club season sometimes."

It's also meant the Lobell's who are sisters, having some sisterly moments on the court this season as Tabby Lobell has become sort of a coach on the floor.

"It's really bad," Tabby Lobell said. "It actually ends up being me and Miranda say(ing) that same things at the same time, and all of the girls are like 'Ya'll are the same person.'" I can't help it. I'm just so close to them."

Even with the injuries, the Lady Bulldogs were No. 24 in the LHSAA's unofficial Division III power rankings heading into Tuesday's 3-0 win over Amite despite not winning a district contest this season.

"Unfortunately, I think our record doesn't necessarily reflect how close a lot of our games have been," Miranda Lobell said, pointing to the team's matches against Pearl River and Lorange. "They went past three sets, sometimes five sets, and so I don't think our record necessarily reflects how good the games have been. Almost every time the game has been a toss-up, unfortunately, we've come up on the bottom side of that."

While Springfield waits to learn its playoff opponent Monday, both Lobells are already looking forward to next season, with

Miranda Lobell pointing out the club experience a handful of the team's younger players -- Kansas Johnson, Anna Barnum, Skylar Kobitz and Dali Hughes -- gained over the summer, which she hopes they'll be able to build upon this offseason.

"They're getting a lot of experience and a lot of playing time," Miranda Lobell said. "That will only make them better for next season."

Tabby Lobell is hoping this rough season pays off next year.

"I think everybody is very excited about next season to see what we can go since all of the younger girls are getting so much experience this year," she said. "Between this experience and practice over the summer, everybody's just real excited to see what's going to happen next year."

## Denham:

# Volleyball team earns sportsmanship award

From B1

"Our team is filled with great girls who are all sweet," Alexander said. "I can understand why they would nominate us for that because all the girls on our team are so supportive, it doesn't matter if you're on our team or the other team."

Dubuy waited until last Wednesday's Senior Night match with Walker to share the news. They received a certificate from the CCBVO that evening and the entire team will be recognized with a plaque at the LHSAA High School All-Star volleyball match, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. at Dominican High School in New Orleans.

"I think it's definitely well earned," DSHS senior Shelby Prest said. "All of these girls show amazing sportsmanship. They also pick up other girls. If someone has a great kill, we will tell them."

The LHSAA began the program in 2014 in recognition for going "Beyond the Game", with the hope of inspiring others through model sportsmanship, both on and off the court.

Dubuy said sportsmanship has always been an important virtue since taking over the program three years ago.

"To me sportsmanship is more important than wins and losses," she said. "It's not just how you carry yourself on the court, but off the court as well. It also reflects on the school, the community, the parents, the players and coaches. It reflects on everything."

Sportsmanship has always been huge to me."

The team honor simply reinforced what Prest already believed about her teammates.

"It made me feel this season was definitely worth something," she said. "It's something more than I thought. It's not something you go around boasting about. It's something that's noticed. It's very heartwarming that a bunch of people noticed."

Alexander said it's customary after every match, win or lose, that Denham Springs shakes hands with the opposing team and praises its play.

"They pat you on the back and tell you great game," she said. "That's nice to see they notice that. If we lose, we're still going to tell you great game. That's how we are."

Nedda Taylor, assignment secretary for the CCBVO, said by definition, good sporting behavior means playing a game by the rules, respecting those rules, and being courteous to teammates, the officials, and the other team.

She said that a good sport, whether they're ahead or win the contest, are respectful afterward and handle themselves with dignity and pride, something that's exhibited by the entire team.

"If we don't win anything at least we'll have that to look back on," Alexander said. "We're going to go there (all-star game) with the same class and grace that we always do. It will be really fun, especially to go as a team. It's something we can be proud of."

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Below right, a dozen Chorale singers from the Livingston Parish Children's Choir lent their harmonized voices to Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel," the first time the choir has been invited to sing as part of an opera. Pictured are (on stairs, from left) Ashley Williams, Rebekah Roppolo, Lauren Price, Aubrey Johnson, Ellie Dozier, Erin Norton, Lindsay Miller, (front, from left) Melody Johnson, Addison Knight, Brennan Michelli, Elizabeth Flurry and Rainey Price. Above left, the Chorale singers join others in singing near the end of the show. Above middle, the Chorale singers play children that were turned into gingerbread people by an evil witch. Above right, the Chorale singers perform a scene from the balcony inside First Baptist Church in downtown Baton Rouge.

## 'Your singers are good'

### Singers from Livingston Parish Children's Choir lend voices to Opéra Louisiane's 'Hansel and Gretel'



By David Gray

The Livingston Parish News

Chorale singers have performed in Old North Church in Boston, Carnegie Hall in New York City, Disney World in Orlando, and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., among several other in-country venues.

They've performed multiple seasons with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, have sang at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, and have performed for former President George W. Bush and former Gov. Bobby Jindal.

They've even taken their vocal talents outside the U.S., singing in countries such as Italy, Mexico, Austria and England.

But recently, a collection of Chorale members did something

no other singer in the acclaimed Livingston Parish Children's Choir (LPCC) has done before — they sang as part of an opera.

And because of the professionalism they showed, they've been invited to do it again.

A dozen Chorale singers in grades 4-12 lent their harmonized voices to Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel."

This operatic version of the classic fairy tale featured professional singers from across the country, a children's chorus, student dancers from the Dance Center and the School for Performing Arts, and "a more funky than fearsome witch," among other colorful characters.

The production, under the direction of Julie Wright-Costa and music director Michael Borowitz,

took place inside the grand sanctuary at First Baptist Church in downtown Baton Rouge, where more than 2,400 engaged children enjoyed the lively show over a four-day span, Oct. 18-21.

LPCC Director Barbara Walker called it an "experience of a lifetime" for her young singers from the Chorale, the LPCC's 4th-12th grade auditioned choir that tours the country and beyond.

"We've never been invited to do an opera before, so this was quite exciting and a wonderful introduction to the world of opera," she said. "You could see by the bios on the singers that this wasn't just local people putting on a show — these were auditioned singers from throughout the country that came in to do this.

"This was a lovely experience for my kids, and they got to

perform for 2,400 kids their own age."

The production followed the familiar storyline: When Hansel and Gretel are sent by their mother into the haunted forest to gather fruit, they come upon the candy-covered gingerbread house owned by the evil witch (played by Cassandra Black), who takes them captive.

The siblings ultimately defeat the witch and free her other captives — played by the LPCC singers, who portrayed children that the witch had turned into gingerbread people before Hansel and Gretel set them free.

Playing the titular roles were the mezzo-soprano Gillian Cotter (Hansel) and soprano Emily Tweedy (Gretel), two accomplished opera performers who showered their young castmates with praise.

Tweedy went so far as to pen "the sweetest note" to the Chorale members, Walker said. In the note, Tweedy said seeing the LPCC singers together stirred up memories of her own childhood — when she too sang in a children's choir and had her first introduction to opera.

The LPCC singers also drew praise from their directors, particularly for their dedication to the project.

"Julie and Michael really made the children feel special, and they were very impressed that they understood the musical concepts they were doing," Walker said. "If they wanted a crescendo or long phrases, they were able to do the things musically they were asked to do and retain it on stage.

"I remember the second musical rehearsal was supposed to be a three-hour rehearsal, but after the first hour [the LPCC singers] were sent home," Walker later said. "They told me, 'your singers are good.'"

This won't be the last time the young singers perform with Opéra Louisiane — they've been invited to do it again for "Carmen," an opera set in southern Spain that tells the story of the downfall of Don José, a naive soldier who is seduced by the fiery gypsy Carmen.

The production of "Carmen" will take place April 26-28 inside the Manship Theatre at LSU.

"I told the kids, 'We got invited to do 'Hansel and Gretel' because of the Chorale's reputation, but we got invited to do 'Carmen' because of you — because you were well-prepared, and you were good musicians, and you were easy to work with,'" Walker said.



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Above, the evil witch (played by Cassandra Black, middle) grabs Hansel (Gillian Cotter, left) and Gretel (Emily Tweedy) by the hair during Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel."



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Above, Hansel (Gillian Cotter), left, holds up something for Gretel (Emily Tweedy) to examine.



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Above, cast members of Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel" perform a scene.



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Above, Emily Tweedy, middle, spends some time with Livingston Parish Children's Choir Chorale singers, from left, Rainey Price, Addison Knight, Elizabeth Flurry and Brennan Michelli. Tweedy played one of the lead roles in Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel" Oct. 18-21, while a dozen LPCC singers played gingerbread people.



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Above, dancers in Opéra Louisiane's Young People's Opera Program production of "Hansel and Gretel" dance in a circle.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**Bass Pro Shops**

Here is the October schedule for Bass Pro Shops in Denham Springs: Oct. 28 - Halloween Event: 12-5 p.m. Free Photo, Craft and Pumpkin Toss; Oct. 29-30 - Halloween Event: 5-7 p.m. Free Photo and Craft; Oct. 31 - Halloween Night: 4-8 p.m. Free Photo, Craft and Pumpkin Toss, 5-8 p.m. Trick or Treat, 5-7 p.m. Cookie Decorating, 6 p.m. Costume Parade (meet at front entrance).

**Open Door Family Fest**

Open Door Baptist Church invites you to our annual Family Fest on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 3-6 p.m. The evening will include trunk-or-treat, pony rides, inflatables, food, and much more. The event is free and full of fun. Children are encouraged to dress up in their not-so-scary costumes. There will be prize drawings throughout the afternoon. For more information, call (225) 667-4679 or visit [opendooronline.com](http://opendooronline.com).

**First UMC Fall Festival**

First United Methodist of Denham Springs, 316 Centerville St. NW, will host a Fall Festival on Oct. 28 from 4-6 p.m. It will be family friendly with games, snacks, crafts, and Trunk-or-Treat. There will also be contests for best pre-carved pumpkin, best costume and best truck, as well as a cake walk.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**Storytimes**

The Livingston Parish Library hosts storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers that focus on developing early literacy skills – those skills necessary in order to begin to learn to read. Denham Springs-Walker Library: ages 0-2, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m.; ages 0-5, Oct. 29 & 30, 10:30 a.m.; Main Library: ages 0-5, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.; Watson Library: ages 0-5, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.; South Library: ages 0-5, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.; Albany-Springfield Library, ages 0-5, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**23rd Annual Golf Outing**

The Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce will host its 23rd Annual Golf Outing on Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Carter Plantation in Springfield. Witches' brew, party stops, best decorated and best party hole will keep the fun going all day, and there will be prizes, winners and a party on every hole. Check-in and the pre-event mixer is at 11 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 12 p.m.

**Intermediate Word**

Ages 12 and up are invited to the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. for an Intermediate Word class. This class is for students that have completed the Microsoft Word Basics class. More advanced features of Word will be covered. Registration required. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**Rotolos Pizzeria**

On Oct. 30, the Denham Springs Rotolos Pizzeria will host a fundraiser for the Denham Springs High School Boys Soccer team.

**Fall Foliage Painting**

Ages 18 and up are invited to visit the Albany-Springfield Library on Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. for a very simple but interesting painting class using four colors of acrylic paints. You can already feel the coming of fall in this beautiful, frameable piece of art! Registration is required. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**Think You YouTube?**

So you're obsessed with all things YouTube? Visit the Watson Library on Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. for a night of YouTube fun filled with challenges, dances, trivia and more. Ages 12-18. Registration required. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**Backyard Composting class**

The LSU AgCenter is offering a Trash to Treasure - Backyard Composting class at Main Library on Oct. 30 from 6-7 p.m. The class will be taught by Jessie Hoover, an LSU AgCenter Horticulture Agent with responsibilities in East and West Feliciana, St. Helena and Tangipahoa parishes. For more information or to get on an e-mail list to learn about future events, contact LSU AgCenter Horticulture Agent Mary Helen Ferguson at 225-686-3020 or [mhferguson@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:mhferguson@agcenter.lsu.edu). For accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact her at least one week before the class.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**TOPS meeting**

The local Denham Springs chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at Amite Baptist Church, located at 32728 Hwy. 1019, Denham Springs, in Bldg B, Room 116. Weigh-in begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a meeting at 9 a.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend a free meeting before joining. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support and wellness organization open to both men and women. TOPS is affordable with low annual fees and monthly chapter dues. For more information, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 1-800-932-8677.

**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. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**Feeding Young Minds**

Stop by the Main Library on Oct. 31 at 2:30 p.m. for a free meal sponsored by Mighty Moms in partnership with LPPS School Food Services. Feeding Young Minds is an initiative working to stop childhood hunger in Livingston Parish.

**Virtual Wednesdays**

Escape your Wednesday by exploring virtual worlds at the library! Bring yourself, your family, and your friends to take turns on a variety of games on the HTC VIVE at the Denham Springs Walker Library on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The library also has VR headsets that you can use with your smartphone to try out even more virtual realities! For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**Trick-or-Treat**

Hours for Trick-or-Treat in Livingston Parish are as follows: Denham Springs - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.; Walker - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.; Livingston - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.; French Settlement - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.; Springfield - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.; Albany - Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; and unincorporated Livingston Parish - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

**South Park Trunk-or-Treat**

R.C. "Bubba" Harris, District 5 Parish Councilman, and the Livingston Young Professionals (LYP) will host the 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event at South Park on Vincent Road in Denham Springs on Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. This year, organizers will give away prize baskets for the Top 3 best decorated trunks, thanks to Raising Cane's, Don's Seafood and Chili's. LYP will be there as zombies spreading some scary cheer, and you can join! Contact Ross Kinchen at (985) 320-1843 for details.

**Juban Crossing Trick-or-Treat**

Visit Juban Crossing in Denham Springs for the inaugural Trick-or-Treat event on Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. Attend for a great time! There will be candy and fun for all, as well as a costume contest and face painting. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. AT&T is hosting the event, and participants should start there for a treat bag. Other participating stores are: European Wax Center, Cato, Carter's/Oshkosh Bigosh, Rouses Market, Kirklands, Forever 21, Old Navy, GNC-Livewell, Verizon, Maurice's, Belk, Kay Jewelers, Bed Bath & Beyond, Juban Crossing Modern Dentistry, Moe's Southwest Grill, Marble Slab Creamery/Great American Cookie, Walk On's, Burgersmith, Pot & Paddle, Chicken Salad Chick, Cafe Americain, Torrid, Movie Tavern, Michael's, Sprint, Shoe Carnival, Dress Barn, Ulta, and PetSmart.

**"Jump for a Cause"**

Airborne Extreme Trampoline Park, 730 S. Range Road, will host "Jump for a Cause" from 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 31 for the special-needs community, and children with special needs will be able to Trick-or-Treat from 6-8 p.m.

**SLU Fall Carnival**

Area children are invited to participate in Southeastern Louisiana University's 14th annual Fall Carnival on Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. on the lawn of the Pennington Student Activity Center, located at 1350 N. General Pershing. The free event will include all of the typical traditions of Halloween in a safe, carnival atmosphere. Although children of all ages are invited, the event targets children in kindergarten through fourth grade and will include games with prizes, candy, spacewalks, a balloon artist, and more. Parents and guardians are asked to accompany their children throughout the evening. For more information, call 985-549-5703 or email [multicultural@southeastern.edu](mailto:multicultural@southeastern.edu).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**Southern Fabworks**

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Southern Fabworks LLC, 30035 Industrial Park Drive, Walker, on Nov. 1 at 10:30 a.m.

**Spy School**

Think you've got what it takes to be the next James Bond? Go undercover at the Albany-Springfield Library on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and test your skills at the Livingston Parish Library's Spy School to earn your Secret Agent status. Registration is required. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**Teen Advisory Board**

The Livingston Parish Library's Teen Advisory Board meets at the Watson Library on Nov. 1 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. For more information, call the library or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**Livingston COA Open House**

The Livingston Council on Aging will host an Open House at the Livingston meal site, located at 20170 Ohio St. in Livingston, on Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Attend for fun, food, entertainment and door prizes. All seniors 60 years of age and older are welcome to attend.

**COA Barn Dance**

The Livingston Council on Aging will host a themed Barn Dance for senior citizens 60 years or older at the Denham Springs meal site, located at 949 Government Dr., on Nov. 2 from 6-9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Dinner will be served, and live music provided. Attend for a fun-filled evening.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**'100 Under 100' exhibit**

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish will host a "100 Under 100" Exhibit for the months of November and December. Artists of various mediums will fill the gallery with 100 items priced under \$100, as well as a few over, for the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Now is the time to find the perfect gift of art for that art lover or that hard to buy for person while supporting local artists. The exhibit will begin on Saturday, Nov. 3 and end on Saturday, Dec. 22. Please join our artists for an opening reception that will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the gallery. It is free to the public and light refreshments will be provided. The Arts Council is open Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m. until noon and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The gallery is located at 133 Hummell Street in Denham Springs. For more information, email the Arts Council at [artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net](mailto:artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net), visit [www.artslivingston.org](http://www.artslivingston.org), or call (225) 664-1168.

**Midway Baptist Fall Fest**

Visit Midway Baptist Church, 27284 S. Satsuma Road, Livingston, for the 2018 Fall Fest on Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be live music, free food, and games for all ages. Bring your entire family out for a time of fun. All activities will be free. They look forward to spending the day with you and your family.

**Watercolor Scarecrows**

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish invites children ages 8-12 years old to a Watercolor Painting Class on Nov. 3 from 10-11:30 a.m. Join instructor Shelly Frederick at the gallery, 133 Hummell St. in Denham Springs. Students will watercolor paint a fall scarecrow design. The cost for the class is \$10, which includes supplies. To register, visit their website, [www.artslivingston.org](http://www.artslivingston.org), and select Book a Class. Register early, as space is limited. Please dress in appropriate clothing for a painting class. No outside food or drink allowed. For more information, call 225-664-1168 or email [artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net](mailto:artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net).

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 4. Set your clocks back one hour.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**Election Day**

Midterm elections, which will include several local offices as well as 35 Senate seats and all 435 House of Representatives seats, will be held Nov. 6 from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Bring your picture ID to vote.

**Hope Chests support group**

Hope Chests, a support group for breast cancer patients and their families, will have their next meeting on Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation of Baton Rouge, 9001 Summa Ave., in the 3rd floor lobby. Attend for adult coloring and a time of reflection. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [sprescott@ochsner.org](mailto:sprescott@ochsner.org) or call 761-5296. Sponsored by Ochsner Health Systems and generous donor gifts.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**Communicating "bad" news in a good way**

Dr. Michael Gibney will host a seminar called "Communicating 'Bad' News in a Good Way" at Our Lady of the Lake, 5000 O'Donovan Blvd., Walker, in the community room on the second floor, on Nov. 8 from 5-7 p.m. Organizers will lead a discussion on why communication of "bad" news concerning health is important, describe a 6-step guide for delivering bad news, develop a mental protocol of what to do at each step and practice some useful expressions and show that learning to communicate "bad" news to parishioners is a critical skill. There will be light refreshments.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**Run 4 Color...Run 4 Hope 5K**

A Door of Hope will host their 5K Run 4 Color...Run 4 Hope on Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The run starts at 9 a.m. There will be a 1K fun run for kids and their parents as well as games and face painting. For adults, there will be a program on the stage bringing awareness to several issues representing each color: addiction, child abuse, domestic violence, abortion, mental illness, etc. Testimo-

nies will be shared. There will be music and food. The public is invited to help break the cycle of life-controlling issues and raise funds to do so. To register, visit EventBrite and type: Run 4 Color...Run 4 Hope!

**Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar**

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host a Christmas Bazaar in the main hall on Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jambalaya and tamales will be for sale both days. There will also be a homemade bake shop and sweet shop, plenty of arts and crafts, Christmas ornaments, Christmas decorations, toys and gifts, miscellaneous items and a little of everything! The church is located on Hatchell Lane in Denham Springs.

**Brice Harris Golf Tournament**

The 6th annual Brice Harris Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Nov. 10 at Greystone Country Club in Denham Springs. Check-in starts at 11 a.m., and tee-off is at 1 p.m. Team rules: \$390 per three-man team. Price includes entry into "Red Blast" and one mulligan per player. The first 36 team entries will be accepted, and there will be prizes for Top 5 teams as well as door prizes. Justin Harris and Johnny Stockton will be providing jambalaya. Sponsorship: \$50 donation for a banner ad; \$5 raffle for two Yeti Ice Chests. Food and drinks will be provided thanks to the sponsors. Lunch will be served before the tournament begins. Thank you for supporting the Brice Harris Endowment & Harris Family!

**Santa at Bass Pro Shops**

Santa will arrive at Bass Pro Shops on Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. The event starts with a parade down Bass Pro Blvd., and it will include hot chocolate and cookies, Christmas carolers, lighting of the Christmas Tree, and opening of Santa's Wonderland with several activities for kids to enjoy. There will also be a free 4x6 photo and a free stocking craft to decorate. Visitors can also register for a gift card giveaway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACLP call for entries**

Former and current residents of Livingston Parish are invited to submit their original traditional and contemporary art for possible exhibition and possible publication in a coffee-table style book entitled "Preserving the Culture of Livingston Parish." Juried entries of fiber art, paintings, photographs, pottery, sculptures, and woodworking pieces as inspired by life in Livingston Parish will be considered. Submissions will be accepted through Nov. 30. For more information, visit [www.artslivingston.org](http://www.artslivingston.org).

**VFW Travelers Florida trip**

The VFW Travelers, a senior citizen travel group, invites you to join them on a trip to Orlando and Cocoa Beach, Florida. The trip is scheduled for April 8-13, 2019. We will spend an entire day at the Holy Land Experience, a theme park about the Bible, and also visit Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach Pier, Gatorland, Tiffany Chapel and Florida Natural Museum. The cost of the trip is \$580 (double occupancy), which includes transportation, eight meals, admission to attractions and lodging. Our travel group is for adults 55 and older. For more information, call Debbie at (225) 665-2930 or Vi at (225) 665-1201. You can also visit our website at [www.grouptrips.com](http://www.grouptrips.com), code "vfwtravelers."

**Americanism contests**

VFW Post and Auxiliary 7017 of Denham Springs will sponsor the Americanism Program, which is open to students from Kindergarten through 5th grade and is based on three patriotic picture contests and one essay contest as follows: Category 1- Kindergarten - Color the American flag on 9x12-inch paper; Category 2 - 1st and 2nd grade - Draw and color the American flag on 9x12-inch paper; Category 3 - 3rd and 4th grade - Draw and color a historical event on 9x12-inch paper; Category 4 - 5th grade - Write or type an essay in 500 words or less on the topic "How I Honor Veterans." Please include the student's name, the school name and the teacher's name on every entry in all categories. Deadline for all entries is Oct. 31. For more information, visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or call Vi Singleton at 665-1201.

**Patriot's Pen**

Calling all junior high students in grades 6-8: Do you want to win a possible \$5,000? Enter the Patriot's Pen Contest and write a patriotic essay on the topic "Why I Honor the American Flag." The national winner wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. For more information, call Debbie Sutton at 225-665-2930 or email [vss2930@cox.net](mailto:vss2930@cox.net).

**Voice of Democracy**

Calling all high school students in grades 9-12: Do you want to win a possible \$30,000 scholarship? Enter the VFW and Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Contest and submit a patriotic audio essay on the topic "Why My Vote Matters." Call Debbie Sutton at 225-665-2930 or Carl Karnish at 225-916-7157. You can also email Debbie at [vss2930@cox.net](mailto:vss2930@cox.net).

To place an announcement, email [jamie@lpn1898.com](mailto:jamie@lpn1898.com).

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