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LA braces for Zika

Initial cases came from citizens who traveled

By Alice Dowty

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Louisiana health officials are preparing for the Zika virus, a disease carried by common mosquitoes which causes serious birth defects.

The spread of Zika through mosquito populations is hard to track, because an estimated four out of five infected people feel few, if any, symptoms, according to Dr. Frank Welch with the Louisiana Department of Health. A total of 19 people in Louisiana have been diagnosed with Zika, all of whom had recently traveled out of state.

South Louisiana has active parish by

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A train hit a truck near U.S. 190 at the intersection of Martin Lane around 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9. The truck belonged to Dennis Stewart Equipment Hauling of Baton Rouge.

Train smashes truck in Livingston

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — One man was injured when a train struck his hauling truck at the intersection of U.S. 190 and Martin Lane Tuesday afternoon.

Air Med transported the unidentified driver from the scene around 3:25 p.m., 30 minutes after the collision.

Henry Page, the driver of the truck, sustained minor to moderate injuries to the head, according to Lori Steele, a spokesperson for Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. His condition is listed as stable.

Page, 53, will be charged with failure to stop at a railroad crossing.

The semi belonged to Dennis

Stewart Equipment Hauling of Baton Rouge. The truck was not pulling a trailer at the time of the accident.

The cab of the 18-wheeler was traveling westbound.

The impact ignited a blaze on the truck, but emergency crews

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City of Denham Springs fireman Ben Guy opens a fire hydrant for a PIAL test. Watching process is fireman Cliff Amand.

Denham keeps fire rating

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Fire Chief Melvin Wheat said the Denham Springs Fire Department will maintain its Class 2 fire rating.

Wheat made the announcement to the Denham

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FS Police Chief drops out of election

By John Dupont

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FRENCH SETTLEMENT — Longtime Police Chief Harry Brignac in an interview Tuesday night cited embarrassment for his failure to submit financial disclosure reports, which forced him to withdraw his November re-election bid.

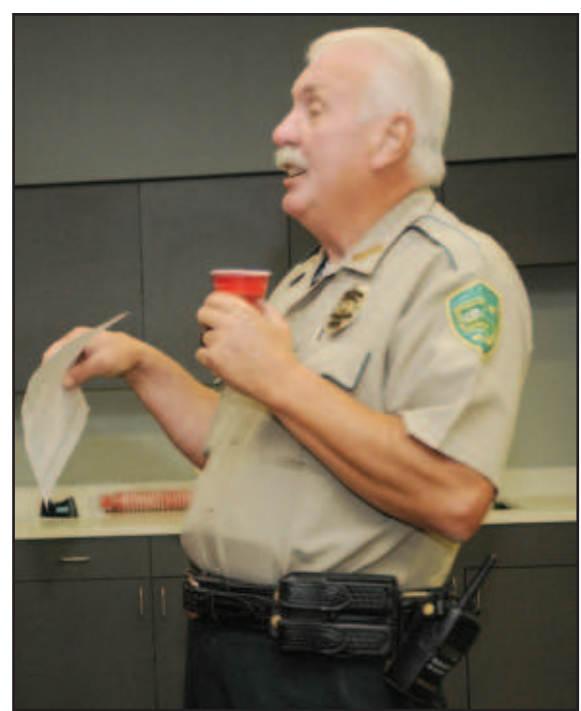
"If you had thirty-three years in a job and you were paid a small amount of money, and another man has been making 15,000 or 20,000 more, wouldn't you be embarrassed?" he said in telephone interview. "I didn't do it, and now I'll pay the consequences."

The consequences became official late last week when the Secretary of State Tom Schedler's office signed off on Brignac's exit from the Nov. 8 primary race.

The Board of Ethics fined Brignac a total \$3,000 for failure to file Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statements in 2013 and 2014, according to records filed in the Livingston Parish Courthouse.

The total reflects two fines of \$1,500.

The Village of French Settlement pays Brignac \$27,000 per year and whatever over



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French Settlement police chief Harry Brignac qualified for the November 8th election in July, however recent events have removed him from the election. Brignac hopes to re-claim his position in a special election.

time comes from storms or other emergencies, according to Mayor Toni Guitrau. He also receives \$500 per month in state supplemental

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Dardenne: Louisiana may have to borrow funds

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

BATON ROUGE — Cash flow challenges could force state government to borrow money to stay afloat later this year, Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne said during an address at the Aug. 8 luncheon of the Press Club of Baton Rouge.

A \$200 million shortfall from last year's budget and the lack of treasury funds to keep departments in the black could force the state to seek money elsewhere as soon as late October, he said.

The "budget architect" for Governor John Bel Edwards said state agencies should brace for possible cuts or reductions in services, particularly once the state Revenue Anticipation Committee this fall determines the effect new taxes have had on the budget.

A lower-than-expected intake of funds from the corporate tax revenue contributed to the anticipated shortfall, along with the lack of available inter-fund borrowing, Dardenne said.

State agencies previously relied on \$3 billion in treasury funds to fill gaps, but the Jindal Administration used those funds sweeps and other one-time money to fill budget gaps.

"That money hasn't come back again," Dardenne said. "With those funding sweeps, that money doesn't exist anymore and our borrowing ability has been depleted."

"We have a cash flow problem in this state," he said.

The state may borrow from a conventional bank rather than a bond commission so it will not reflect indebtedness on bond commission notes, Dardenne said.

A rebound on oil prices could help ease the shortfall, along with an uptick the state has seen in sales tax revenue since lawmakers approved a 1-cent sales tax hike during the 2016 Legislative Session.

"But our long-term goal is to repeal the one-penny tax hike," Dardenne said. "We ought to not be as dependent on sales tax as we are now."

Dardenne doubts Governor John Bel Edwards will

call a third special session this year to address the anticipated shortfall.

"The regular session is a fiscal session, and we can deal with fiscal matters in that session," he said. "I don't think anyone is planning one. I hope it's not the case."

A Donald Trump victory in November would likely derail the state's Medicaid Expansion, Louisiana Division of Administration Jay Dardenne said Monday.

A Trump win over Democrat Hillary Clinton and a Republican majority in the House and Senate would likely open the gate for them to move forward with a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," Dardenne told the Press Club of Baton Rouge at its weekly luncheon.

"It would create a bit of uncertainty in terms of the dollars we receive from Obama Care," he said. "I have no idea what will happen with it if Trump wins. Right now, Medicaid expansion has been beneficial to the state."

State Treasurer John Kennedy said Monday night he vehemently disagrees with Dardenne on the need for Obama Care.

"I think he's dead wrong, absolutely wrong," Kennedy said. "I think Obama Care sucks and that it's an absolute disaster."

"Between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, I think Trump will be the one who will fix healthcare for this country," he said. "I think Jay is absolutely wrong, and he knows better than that. I think he's just trying to follow what the governor says because he works for the governor. I can't believe Jay even said that."

Dardenne and Governor John Bel Edwards plan to announce a revamped plan in its private-public partnerships, a cornerstone of the public healthcare plan reform initiated during Governor Bobby Jindal's administration.

"Changes are in store for the cooperative endeavor agreements in which hospitals will know what they're getting for the services they

provide," Dardenne said.

The reform would also spur a renewed commitment to medical education for state universities.

"It's not just for medical schools in New Orleans and Shreveport to survive, but also to flourish," Dardenne said. "It would also enable programs in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Monroe to be as successful as well so they can not only learn in this state, but carry out their careers in Louisiana."

Healthcare is far from the only area of concern for the Edwards Administration.

Dardenne remained apprehensive about the "front-loading" funding of the Taylor Opportunity Program Scholarship for the 2016-17 college year.

The bill passed the House and Senate in the final hour of a special session June 23 will fund TOPS at 93 percent for the fall semester, but only 47 percent in spring — a move that could hurt colleges and students alike.

"Students can expect sticker shock on college tuition in January," he said.

Sheriff's office to host blood donation on Aug. 17 at OLOL-Walker

By Kevin Fambrough

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office will host a replenish-

ment blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at its office, 20300 Government Blvd.

The blood drive will be run by

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center.

Donors are asked to eat first and bring a picture ID. They must be

17 or older; donors who are 16 must have their parents' consent. For information, contact Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center at 765-8843.

Denham, Walker continue to run city-funded abatement against Zika

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parish abatement programs, Welch said, and the state is depending on those programs to monitor for Zika-infected mosquitoes. So far, none of the trapped mosquitoes from Louisiana have tested positive for the Zika virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC also reports that Louisiana has had no neuroinvasive West Nile cases this year. West Nile, like Zika, is carried by the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which is common in Livingston Parish and the Deep South generally. Doctors believe that the Asian Tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus), also common in Livingston Parish, can carry the Zika virus.

People returning to Livingston Parish from a vacation could be carriers. The Zika virus has reached epidemic proportions in parts of Latin America and is also a problem in the Caribbean, Mexico, most of South America, and the Pacific Islands, according to the CDC.

Cases are increasing in Puerto Rico, a United States territory. Over 2,500 cases have been confirmed in U.S. territories, according to the CDC.

Travelers to these

places can be bitten by Zika-infected mosquitoes and unknowingly bring the disease home. The disease would spread as such travelers are bitten by local mosquitoes. About 320 pregnant women in the U.S. have Zika, and about 279 in the U.S. territories.

So far, the CDC says Florida is the only state with Zika infections known to come from local mosquitoes.

The danger to unborn babies is not limited to the expectant mother being bitten by an infected mosquito. Infected husbands can also pass the disease to their pregnant wives through sexual contact. Zika infections are linked to microcephaly, a particular type of brain damage in newborns. The CDC gave Louisiana \$400,000 for Zika emergency preparedness planning, and \$2 million to improve the state's ability to detect and monitor people infected with Zika.

Livingston Parish no longer has a mosquito abatement program, so mosquito populations here are no longer tested.

Mayor Rick Ramsey said although Walker kills mosquitoes by spraying street to street, he has no way of knowing what sort of diseases the mosquitoes might be carrying.

Walker, Denham Springs and the Town of Livingston all got trucks specifically equipped for mosquito spraying from Livingston Parish government, after parish-wide spraying stopped. The municipal programs started last year, when they received the trucks.

Walker's schedule covers the town once a month, Ramsey said. It takes about three hours for two days for the truck to spray the city, a total of six hours a month.

Walker's abatement program started in April, and will probably continue through October, as it did last year, Ramsey said.

"We do it for quality of life as well as safety," Ramsey said. "It's very effective in areas where homes are in close proximity."

Mayor Gerard Landry said Denham Springs began spraying in June.

"We've been spraying four nights every other week," Landry said, with the truck traveling each of four sections of the city Monday through Thursday. "Last year around this time, we went up to every week, but that hasn't been necessary so far this year."

Denham Springs has spent \$3,568 so far this year on chemicals to make the spray. Landry

said that in addition to making outdoor life more pleasant for residents, "if spraying saved one life, it would be well worth the expense."

Mayor Derral Jones said every street in Livingston is sprayed once a week, the same schedule followed last year.

Jones also said that municipal and subdivision programs are much more effective than rural spraying.

"I'm told that the spray won't do any good 350 feet from the road," Jones said.

State health officials say that federal funds are needed to produce

a vaccine, but the U.S. Congress recessed this summer without approving President Barack Obama's request for \$1.9 billion to prepare for the disease before it spreads outside Florida. The money was to be used for vaccine trials, research, and developing ways to speed up test results. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has diverted funds originally meant for other types of research to work on a Zika vaccine.

Former Livingston Parish Mosquito Abatement Director Jeanine Tessmer advised residents in 2012 to fight

infestation and West Nile infection in their own yards by getting rid of all containers with standing water. Pool covers, saucers under potted plants, clogged roof gutters, and patio chairs all collect enough water for a mosquito to lay its eggs. Tessmer said residents should do everything they can, because breeding opportunities are everywhere. Even dead, curled up, magnolia leaves on the ground can collect enough water to allow a mosquito to breed, Tessmer said.

The mosquitoes' favorite breeding ground is contaminated ditch water, she said.

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Crash likened to explosion

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from Acadian Ambulance pulled the driver from the floor of the cab before the blaze spread, a witness said.

The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Livingston Parish Fire District No. 6 cleared the tracks after approximately 75 minutes, which allowed the train to back away from the truck.

It also cleared the way for a school bus full of children to cross on to U.S. 190 after the collision left them stranded behind the tracks.

Vallery Watts, owner of the V. Watts Furniture Store, watched the collision from the front of his store across the road on U.S. 190.

"The train was blowing the whistle, so I don't know how he couldn't hear it," Watts said. "They had a fire going all the way from the collision to where the train stopped, but they were able to get him from the floor-board in time."

Watts said he called 911 as soon as the accident occurred.

Across the tracks, his daughter-in-law described what she heard at the time of the accident.

"It was like a big explosion," said Dana Watts, who also called for emergency crews.

Jesse Martin, who also lives near the



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Above, Acadian Ambulance personnel take truck driver Henry Page to a waiting AirMed helicopter after the crash. The driver's status was listed as 'stable'. At right, crews from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office and Livingston Parish Fire District No. 6 work the scene of a train collision with a hauling truck on U.S. 190 near Martin Lane in Livingston. It took roughly 75 minutes to clear the crash enough for the train to back away, and some hours before the train was able to continue on its way.



scene of the accident, could not recall seeing another train wreck at that intersection.

"Never before, and I've lived here all my life," said Martin, 43.

‘They had a fire going all the way from the collision to where the train stopped, but they were able to get him (passenger) from the floor board in time.’

Vallery Watts

Owner, V. Watts furniture store

Denham man arrested in Westwego for rape

By Tommy Comeaux

The Livingston Parish News

WESTWEGO, LA. — Almost a year after officials discovered a Westwego middle school student “was obviously pregnant,” Jose Moreno Cervantes of Denham Springs was arrested by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, charged with three counts of aggravated rape of a victim under 13 and one count of aggravated rape.

Records obtained by The News from the Westwego Police Department and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office indicate the alleged crimes were uncovered originally by school officials from two separate Westwego schools in late August 2015.

Cervantes, 32 at the time of the crimes of which he is accused and now 34, was arrested June 28 around 12:50 p.m. at an address on Dolhonde Street in Gretna by a Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office deputy. When booked, Cervantes said his home address was 30852 Lilac St., Denham Springs.

Bond was set for Cervantes at \$500,000

on each of the three counts of aggravated rape of a victim under 13 and an additional \$500,000 on the aggravated rape charge. As of Tuesday, Cervantes was still imprisoned at the Jefferson Parish Detention Center.

No trial date has been set for Cervantes, who will be tried in Louisiana's 24th Judicial District Court. If convicted, he faces a mandatory sentence of life without parole for each count of aggravated rape of a victim under 13.

Law enforcement officers claim Cervantes began the alleged sexual assaults on the victim when she was 11 and continued until she was 12 in Westwego and in another location in Jefferson Parish. Cervantes was reported by the Sheriff's Office as being “one of (the victim's) boyfriends.”

The police records report the school resource supervisor at Worley Middle School was contacted by the



Cervantes

social worker for a Westwego elementary school to advise the supervisor a student from the previous school year was seen walking to school and noticed the child “had gained significant weight and had a protruding stomach.”

In an interview with the Sheriff's Office, the victim acknowledged the allegations of rape and described the crime Cervantes was accused of in graphic detail, convincing law enforcement she understood the crime.

Due to Louisiana law concerning grievous offenses against a family member or dating partner known as “Gwen's Law,” Cervantes could have been held without bail until his trial because of “the potential threat or danger the defendant poses to the victim,” especially in the case of a child.

Gwen's Law also requires the judge to consider “as a condition of bail, a requirement that the defendant wear an electronic monitoring device and be placed under...electronic monitoring and house arrest.”

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WalletHub returns to stress us out, about stress

Recently, Baton Rouge was ranked as one of the most stressful places in the nation to live. Only two Louisiana cities rank ahead of the Red Stick (No. 13) – New Orleans (No. 8), and Shreveport (No. 6).

According to the study, the top 5 most stressful cities are Detroit, Michigan; Mobile, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee; and Cleveland, Ohio.

The study, which was performed by a group called WalletHub – which also ran a ranking several years ago placing Denham Springs as one of the “Most Dangerous Places to Live in Louisiana” – tracks 27 variables, weights them, and places their final score into five categories.

While this study, and many studies done by the arm-chair ranking company WalletHub, are flawed in their results they do bring about some interesting thought patterns. While the company ranked Denham Springs as “most dangerous,” what we really found was that our local law enforcement was actually reporting every single ticket they wrote to the FBI and other federal databases – good on them.

The five categories used in 2016 to reach its conclusion include “Work-related stress”, “Money-related stress”, “Family-related stress”, “Health & safety-related stress”, and “Coping with stress” Baton Rouge drew a ranking of 121, 39, 11, 38, and 5 in those categories, respectively, and the lower the number the worse

your score.

According to the study, the ranking of “5” given to Baton Rouge in the “Coping with stress” category can be attributed to its lack of psychiatrists per capita – which some might consider a good thing. The “11” in “Family-related stress” was assigned due to a high divorce rate and a large number of single mothers.

The 11 also drew weight from a low score in the “well-being” category, whatever that means.

However, the 121 score in “Work-related stress” draws some attention – how is that possible? According to Congressman Garret Graves, there are few places in our nation that can even compete with our traffic situation. Thousands upon thousands of suburbanites sit in traffic on I-10 and I-12 – from all directions – each day waiting to get to their jobs in Baton Rouge.

Why’d they leave? More affordable housing, in the onset, but mostly the schools – but that’s a different story altogether.

Upon further inspection, the study says it only took into account information that could be pulled from “within city limits,” it does not take into account, for instance, the entire Baton Rouge metro area.



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This nugget of information provides local readers with one conclusion and one conclusion only – this is a very, very incomplete ranking.

In 2012, a study was done on Livingston Parish regarding the commute into Baton Rouge. The findings showed that 2 out of 3 people hopped in their car in the morning to go to work in either Baton Rouge or a river parish (see: industrial plants).

That 66 percent ratio contributes, in large part, to massive commute times in the morning. Ascension Parish faces some of the same problems, as people invade the Red Stick from the south every morning for the same reasons.

With everything being considered, that 121 ranking jumps into the top 10, more than likely the top 5.

Combined with poor educational standards in the Baton Rouge metro area, and rising taxes under the leadership of Gov. John Bel Edwards (who believes we’re just one more tax away from prosperity) one would have to rank the Baton Rouge metro somewhere between 1 and 3 regarding “work-related stress”.

Making it one of the most stressful places in the nation.

However, some of the other rankings might improve when including the non-incorporated areas of Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas. Many families, including affluent ones, have left the metro areas for the suburbs – giving the “money-related stress” and “family-related

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stress” rankings a boost.

Still, thinking back on the overturned truck last week shutting down Baton Rouge in absolute fashion, we come back to the crux of the issue – transportation and commute

It comes as a great irony for some that one of the biggest places for tourism in the nation – the state of Louisiana and, more specifically, New Orleans – rank so high on this list. People come to the Crescent City to unwind and blow off some steam, yet the very people who live there are considered some of the most stressed in the nation.

While the study is flawed, New Orleans suffers from some of the same issues Baton Rouge does with regard to traffic.

With a \$12 billion backlog at DOTD for major infrastructure projects, it’s no wonder the State has to look toward the federal government for grant money to improve roads and interstates – and yet, the capital outlay budget still includes pet projects in communities that are not focused on infrastructure and utility improvements.

What does this study show? While it may lack some important information about the area surrounding Baton Rouge, it does make citizens wonder how long before we start to focus on the real issues that plague south Louisiana – roads and education, both of which – combined – can help reduce every single one of those stress rankings.

EDITORIAL

Plenty of projects, but very little cash

The prioritization of capital outlay projects by the state Bond Commission brought news some in Livingston Parish will like, while others likely will feel short-changed.

Projects such as the long-awaited Juban Road widening will get \$11.8 million in Priority 1 funding, which means the money is in place to begin work. It’s great news for the stretch of highway along what has become a very busy traffic area since the retail development opened two years ago. An additional \$4.6 million will go into Priority 5, which means the state must still secure funds for the work.

The rapidly growing Watson area will see some relief from the tie-ups on the La. 64/La. 1019 intersection. The \$1 million the state will put in Priority 1 funding for the project will go toward roundabouts, which have become a more common – although not always well-received – means of easing traffic flow.

On the other end of the spectrum, capital outlay funds will only cover roundabouts on La. 447 at Interstate 12 in Walker, which will likely add fuel to the frustration of motorists who endure long traffic jams in one of Livingston’s fastest growing interchanges.

The state put only \$800,000 in Priority 2 funding for the widening of U.S. 190, a vital east-west artery for southeast Louisiana and a consistently busy route through the Livingston corridor.

The Cook Road Extension, another piece of the puzzle for the Juban Crossing development, only drew \$100,000, much to the frustration of local lawmakers.

The other 63 parishes in the state probably echo the sentiments we feel in Livingston Parish. We want more and we believe our areas deserve it more than others.

The funds – and lack, thereof – pose a critical stumbling block for those projects.

Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne

said all Capital Outlay funding will go to road-work and maintenance of existing state buildings, particularly college campuses.

It’s hard to dispute that move in a time of deep deficits, and perhaps an additional \$200 million shortfall from the previous fiscal year.

Even worse, it’s hard to find a solution that would sit well with the majority of the state. Some will suggest a tax hike, perhaps on gasoline – maybe a fair solution – but still unpopular.

Others believe lawmakers could find other ways to cut the budget and free money for more road projects.

Those arguments likely will consume plenty of time from lawmakers in the 2017 legislative session, in which they can discuss taxes and other fiscal issues.

Until then, the shortage of state funds and a \$12 billion backlog of road projects will leave Livingston and other parishes with no other choice than to settle for whatever they can get.

Louisiana campaign cash reports becoming outdated

The Louisiana Legislature has done a poor job of keeping pace with the ever-changing world of campaign finance. That’s especially true when it comes to super PACs, which are political action committees that are allowed to raise unlimited amounts of money thanks to a 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision. Super PACs can be used for various purposes, but more times than not they spend money on either supporting or attacking candidates.

In defense of the Legislature, this is somewhat of a new trend in Louisiana and last year’s race for governor was the first time super PACs ever played on the state level.

We had, of course, seen them spend money here on congressional and national races that pre-dated 2015, but those instances fell under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission.

Today, however, there’s enough overlap between super PACs and state campaign finance accounts that lawmakers should begin taking steps to increase transparency and strengthen reporting requirements.

There’s no reason why this topic should not be on the

agendas of the House and Senate governmental affairs committees in time for the 2017 regular session.

One learning lesson comes courtesy of Treasurer John Kennedy, who reported to the Louisiana Ethics Administration in February that his state campaign finance account contained \$2.8 million. But Kennedy, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, cannot use any of that cash to run for federal office this year. That’s because state-sanctioned donations are prohibited from being used in federal campaigns, and vice versa.

U.S. Sen. David Vitter, who is vacating his seat, faced the same challenge last year when he was running for governor. He had a load of donations in his federal campaign account, but was unable to use the money in his bid for governor, a state race.

So Vitter found a legal

workaround — he donated the money he had raised as a U.S. senator to a super PAC that had been formed independently to support his candidacy for governor.

Kennedy has done the same thing this year, except he has donated money from his state campaign account to a super PAC called ESACFund, which will in turn be spending the cash in the U.S. Senate race to boost the treasurer’s profile and, more than likely, attack his opponents.

It is perfectly legal and, quite frankly, it represents the new frontier for financing modern political campaigns. Kennedy is not the first to transfer campaign money in such a way and he will not be the last. In fact, similar transfers from other candidates should be expected in the coming months.

But here’s the rub. Since Kennedy is not up for re-election this year for treasurer, he only has to file annual reports to the Louisiana Ethics Administration.

That means we won’t be able to see exactly how much he donated to his allied super PAC, or what he is currently spending his state-sanctioned donations on, until early 2017. By then Kennedy will have either been elected

to the U.S. Senate or he’ll still be treasurer.

A simple solution would be for the state to transition to quarterly reporting deadlines, instead of annual submissions in non-election years.

The Federal Election Commission already requires reports be filed in January, April, July and October. Louisiana should follow suit. And not because of the situation involving Kennedy, but rather in the interest of good government.

Funding would certainly be an issue. How would the state Ethics Administration be able to financially handle the increased workload?

The most common sense approach would be for campaigns to foot the bill.

It’s not as if campaigns in Louisiana these days can’t spare the money.

Plus, regulations can be drafted in a such way that any fine created is proportional to the amount of money being raised. In doing so, lawmakers won’t be forced to erect even more barriers for those who want to run for public office without establishment support.

Just think about last year’s race for governor, which was the most expensive ever

waged. Candidates, super PACs, political parties and other groups spent nearly \$50 million trying to influence the outcome. The top four candidates alone spent a collective \$30 million.

Campaign fundraising has become a major industry in Louisiana and it deserves the scrutiny applied to any other multi-million dollar trade. Moreover, any candidate with the best interest of the state in mind couldn’t possibly oppose issues of transparency.

If it’s worth it to spend thousands of dollars on signage to make sure voters know their choices, then it’s definitely worth it to spend a fraction of that to update Louisiana’s campaign finance reporting system.

Whether you like what’s happening in the world of campaign finance or if you’re disturbed by it, there’s little that can be done to slow down the train.

After all, money is what fuels American politics. Information, though, is just as valuable and there’s nothing wrong with insisting that candidates give us more of it on a regular basis.

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Blood drive for Officer Nick Tullier

First United Methodist Church of Denham Springs hosted a Blood Drive Sunday, August 7 in cooperation with OLOL Hospital to benefit Deputy Nick Tullier. The Sunday School class also sponsored a Bake Sale with proceeds dedicated to benefit Nick. There were 39 blood donors and with other donations, the bake sale raised over \$1,000. For those still wanting to make donations, please donate directly to the account set up in Nick Tullier's name at Whitney Bank. Shown donating blood is Watson resident Chip Chappell. Chappell and his daughter, Ansley Chappell look at a video game on a iPhone.



Local delegation meets with state administrators to get infrastructure back on track

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Two Livingston Parish members of the Louisiana legislative delegation left with some good news – and some not-so-good – after a meeting with state Chief of Staff Ben Nevers.

State Sen. Dale Erdey and Rep. J. Rogers Pope said Tuesday they got assurance from Nevers that Priority 1 funding came to fruition for key projects in Livingston Parish, while others will remain on the backburner.

The meeting of the state Bond Commission in July put several road projects on the front line, including \$11.8 million in Priority 1 funding for the widening of Juban Road, which has become of the busiest thoroughfares in Living-

ton Parish since Juban Crossing opened in fall 2014. Another \$4.6 million landed Priority 5 funding.

"It's in the design phase now, and they're fixing to seek right of way and do some clearing," said Pope, R-Denham Springs.

Fifteen miles to the north, the Bond Commission allocated \$1 million in Priority 1 funding for work on the intersection of La. 64 at La. 1019, which will likely include the addition of a roundabout in the first phase, said Erdey, R-Livingston.

"It's sorely needed in that area," he said. The remaining \$8 million for the project received Priority 5 funding.

The Cook Road Extension, another proposed route for the Juban Crossing corridor, did not fare so well. The state funneled only

\$100,000 on the project, which ranked high on the wish list for prospective merchants and developers.

"This project was put under the knife in the first round of funding," Erdey said. "You can't even buy the shovels for that price."

"It's on life support," he said. "The meeting we had with Ben was to give it the shot of oxygen it needs to keep it going."

Local legislators asked for \$4.5 million in Priority 1 funds.

"We could've lived with \$2.5 million Priority 1 – that was our goal," Erdey said.

The state relegated the U.S.190 widening and improvement project to Priority 2 funding of \$800,000 on the route, often a busy alternative to I-12 during lengthy bottlenecks.

"We're renegotiating it now," Pope said. "It will be expensive, and we're going to need the federal government to get on this as well."

The parish and state will also need the feds to come to the table on improvements to the La. 447 widening along the I-12 interchange, both men said. The state appropriated funds for two roundabouts along La. 447 to move traffic more freely along the congested route.

"Even with that, you're going to need a four-lane overpass to make this work," he said. "We think roundabouts will help some, but they're not the ultimate answer."

Pope and Erdey plan to meet with state Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Shawn Wilson to drum up more support for the project.

Chief will remain until Dec. 31

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compensation, on which the village pays the taxes.

Brignac has also received pay from the "Click It or Ticket" program and DWI grants the last two years, Guitrau said.

He also has exclusive use of police units, a cell phone, the town's iPad and has had a village trailer for several years, she said.

"We don't have sales tax or property tax and we pay as much as we can to our officers," she said.

The Board of Ethics required the filings in 2008. Brignac filed the report from 2008 until 2012.

"I don't understand his comment about embarrassment when he reported the first four years with no problem," she said.

Guitrau said she was unaware until the day before The News broke the story that the Ethics Board had been contacting Brignac for a year or longer.

"I was in shock," she said. "I had no idea they had been contacting him for that long."

Brignac, 69, backed out of the race on an Objection to Candidacy the Louisiana Board of Ethics filed against him in 21st Judicial Court.

He went unopposed during the qualifying period for the Nov. 8 election. A deal between Brignac and the Board of Ethics will allow him to remain chief until Dec. 31.

The French Settlement Board of Aldermen will have to appoint an interim chief until a special election, which could take place as early as March.

Brignac said he plans to fork up the cash to pay the fines and hopefully regain his seat.

"I'll have to find the money, and when I do, I'll run again," he said. "People here really want me as chief of police because I've helped them."

Brignac has gone unopposed three times since voters first put him in office in 2004.

"The reason I went unopposed was because nobody would do this job for the amount of money it pays," he said. "I'm rarely in the office because I'm either in the office to check e-mail, and then I go back onto the streets."

Brignac said he has every intention of regaining his job.

"If they appoint me to serve until the

special election, I'll stay and run in the special election," he said. "If they don't appoint me, I'll have a four-month vacation and then I'll run for office."

"I look at it this way – I screwed up and shouldn't have done things this way," Brignac said. "I'll know in January if I'm reappointed and I'll know in a special election whether or not I get another chance."

Guitrau said she does not know how she and the Board of Aldermen will address appointment of an interim chief.

"This has all fallen in our laps, so we have to wait and see what happens," she said. "It's still many months away, and we have plenty of time to think about who can fill the seat until an election."

"These aren't normal circumstances ... it caught us all by shock," Guitrau said. "I have to get to the legal side of this and get the answers."

The BOE filed the objection to Brignac's candidacy July 28, six days after the qualifying period ended for the Nov. 8 election. State law required that the hearing take place within four days of the date it was filed.

The Board states it issued a demand for payment Aug. 18, 2015 "in an attempt to amicably resolve the matter."

The BOE also stated that Brignac's failure to pay would result in the matter being transferred to the Attorney General's Office for collection "and that his failure to pay would have an adverse effect on his ability to run for office in the future."

The Board stated it issued Objection of Candidacy letters Aug. 27, 2015 and June 8 which stated that nonpayment would lead to its attempt to halt a reelection bid.

The BOE imposed the second fine on Brignac after it said he failed to file a 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement on May 15, 2015. He received a Notice of Delinquency on Nov. 4, 2015, in which the Board demanded payment within two weeks.

Nearly 80 percent of the votes cast in a Nov. 21 election in French Settlement asked the village to keep the police chief's post an elected position.

A March 25 primary election would be the earliest date in 2017 to let village voters decide on a police chief, according to the Secretary of State website.

Mayoral primaries in Springfield and Killian are already scheduled for that date. Run-off elections – if necessary – would be held April 29.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Arabie
Joseph Melvin Arabie, a native of Church Point and a resident of St. Francisville, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, at the age of 76. He was a 1958 graduate of Iota High School. He was manager of A&P Food Stores, Kroger, and Sunbeam Bakery. He was also the owner of Chad's AG Food in Livingston. Joseph attended First Baptist Church in St. Francisville. Joseph was an avid fisherman who also had a passion for family and this time was best spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joseph is survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Doris Odom Arabie; daughters, Rhonda Love, Cynthia Stevens (Kary), Debra Sablatura (John), and Michelle Alexander; grandchildren, Chad Stevens, Eric Stevens, Taylor Bergeron, Morgan Bergeron, Clayton Alexander, Kyle Alexander, Cody Love, Ashley Love, Chris Love, Rusty Love, and Jacqueline Love; sisters, Geneva Bellard (Rodney) and Jeanette Young (Freddie); brother, Lee Arabie (Brenda); and brother-in-law, Robert Odom (Gail); and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Zannie and Dula Arabie; son-in-law, Robert Alexander; brother, Thomas Arabie; and sister, Bertha Arabie. Visitation was at Greenoaks Funeral Home on Wednesday, Aug. 10, until funeral service. Interment followed on the grounds of Greenoaks Memorial Park. Pallbearers were grandsons - Cody Love, Chad Stevens, Eric Stevens, Taylor Bergeron, Clayton Alexander, Kyle Alexander. Condolences are welcome at www.greenoaksfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude.

Laura Cowart
Laura Belle Fontenot Cowart, age 93, went to her heavenly home on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016, at Belle Maison Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family. She was a native of Evangeline Parish and a resident of Albany. Laura Belle enjoyed life, was an excellent cook, and especially en-

joyed spending time with her loving family, friends, and her cat, Tabby. She was a loving, beautiful, and caring woman who will be greatly missed. Laura Belle is survived by her sons, Perry Wayne Cowart and wife Lorraine; Kenneth Carl Cowart and wife Susan; grandchildren, Trina Guzan and husband David; Mark Cowart and wife Rebecca; Wilford Wade Cowart and wife Kristen; Matthew Cowart and friend Juanita Jones; John Cowart and wife Melissa; Sharee Jones and husband Trey; and great-grandchildren, Alexis, Maci, Andrew, Joshua, Tyler, Rini, and Jacob Cowart; Griffin, Grace and Gage Guzan; Andrew and Avery Jones. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Wilford Cowart; daughter, Rita Joy Cowart; granddaughter, Lily Guzan; parents, Edwin and Rita Rozas Fontenot; and siblings, Sibyl, Berna, Ellie, and Mervin Fontenot. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Monday, Aug. 8, until the funeral service. Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina, O.P. and Brother Sammy Smith officiated. Interment followed in Greenlawn Mausoleum, Hammond. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: New Century Hospice, 32948 La Highway 16, Denham Springs, LA 70706. (225) 791-7775. Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Gerald Day
"That we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us." - Helen Keller. Gerald "Pete" Day, 67, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, with his loving wife of 41 years by his side. He was born on July 31, 1949, and was a resident of Livingston. Pete is survived by his wife, Judy Day; son, Chuck Day; daughter and son-in-law, Daniele and Juan Martinez; brothers

and sisters-in-law, Ivy and Maxine Day and Michael and Teri Day; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends who loved him as their family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Burnette and Yvonne Day; and daughter, Tina Gray. Visitation was at Walker Baptist Church on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Wednesday, Aug. 10, until services, performed by Dr. Richard Blue. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Oscar Hartfield Jr.
A resident of Denham Springs, Oscar "Buddy" Hartfield Jr. passed away at his home on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016, at the age of 64. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked for United Rentals for over 28 years. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Sunday, Aug. 7, and Monday, Aug. 8, until funeral services. Burial followed in Evergreen Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Rita Ryan Hartfield; daughter, Angela Milling; two stepdaughters, Jenny Miller and Wendy Santangelo and husband Carlo; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Laura Vernetta Ryan and husband Craig; special niece, Jessica Comeaux Floyd and husband James; and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Hartfield Sr.; mother, Vergie Owens; and brother, Steve Hartfield. Pallbearers were Jim Barbaro, Gary Barbaro, Jeff Cargill, James Floyd, Caden Holland, and Chuck Ward. The family would like to extend a special thank you to St. Joseph Hospice and his United Rentals family for their care and support. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Joseph Hedrick Jr.
Joseph A. Hedrick Jr. was born March 1, 1934, to the union of Joseph Adelbert Hedrick Sr. and Addie Mae Underwood Hedrick. Mr. Hedrick was retired from the

United States Army and as purchasing agent with Franklin Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Bryan Hedrick; and sister, Louise Caranna. Survivors include two sons, Joseph "Joey" Hedrick and wife Suzette of Denham Springs, and Tommy Hedrick and wife Angela of Baskin; four grandchildren, Jacob Hedrick, Madison Hedrick, Ashley Hurst and Matthew Hedrick; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A graveside service was held Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Holbaugh Cemetery in Imboden, Ark. Online condolences may be made at www.gillfirstnational.com.

Rocky Holmes
A native of New Orleans and a resident of Walker, Rocky Joseph Holmes passed away, due to liver cancer in Walker on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016. He was 63 years old and was self-employed. A graveside service was held at Salem Cemetery in Walker on Monday, Aug. 8. He is survived by his special companion, Diane Updegraff; daughters, Penny Lynch, Jennie Shepherd, Katie Holmes, and Kelli Hurst; son, Rocky Holmes Jr.; sister, Penny Lucci; brothers, Clifford, Ricky, Nicky, and Jimmy; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Holmes; father, Johnny Holmes Sr.; and mother, Katherine Holmes. Arrangements by Church Funeral Services, Walker 225-271-4574. www.churchfuneralservices.com.

Charleene King
A ceremony celebrating the life of Mrs. Charleene Ann King was held Sunday, Aug. 7, at Fundamental Baptist Church, South Frost Road in Livingston. Interment followed in the church cemetery under the direction of Church Funeral Services of Livingston Parish. Mrs. King was born on March 14, 1942, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and passed from this life on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016, at North Oaks Medical Center Hammond at the age of 74. She was a longtime resident of Livingston

Parish, a retired registered nurse and served with the United States Navy. She is survived by her children, Charles and Danielle Howington, Byron and Shawn Rawles, Tracy and Katherine Watts; sisters, Pan Denison and Judy Wintemate; grandchildren, Chaise, Madeleine, Corey, Jacob, Matthew, David, Callie, Benjamin, Adam, Emily, Jonathan, Anna, Aaron, Cayson, Elizabeth and Ann Claire; great-grandchildren, Makenna, Morgann, Micaiah, Merriek, Dakota, Rennington, Avery, Camden, Rebecca, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ann Ruth, Laurali, Emmaline, Adelynn and Hadley; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert Merriel and Helen Leah Rowell Jury.

Carlene Malone
A resident of Denham Springs, Carlene T. Malone passed away at her home on Sunday, July 31, 2016, at the age of 57. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Tuesday, Aug. 9, until memorial services. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Scott Lynch, Jennie Shepherd, Katie Holmes, and Kelli Hurst; son, Rocky Holmes Jr.; sister, Penny Lucci; brothers, Clifford, Ricky, Nicky, and Jimmy; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Shirley Davis; and sister, Tammy Langlois. Carlene loved to cook and enjoyed fishing, camping, and time with family and friends. She loved her dog, Bella, and her parrots, Bud, Bandit, and Fancy. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Richard May
Richard Amos May, 72, a resident of Denham Springs, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6, 2016, in his home. He is survived by wife, Virginia C. May; three children; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister. Memorial service will be held at Luke 10:27 Church on Centerville St., Denham Springs, on Saturday,

Aug. 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. In honor of him being a lifelong LSU fan, we're asking that LSU attire be worn. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted.

Dillon Simon
Dillon Joseph Simon, a loving son, grandson, brother, nephew and friend went to his eternal home on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016. He was 24 years old. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his mother, Cheryl Simon; two brothers, Logan Simon, Chance Cade; maternal grandmother, Relda Cade; paternal grandparents, Wally Sr. and Nell Rose Simon; two uncles, Don Cade and wife Katherine "KK", Frank Mullally, Wally Simon Jr. and wife Susan, Winston Simon; aunt, Stephanie Ravencraft and husband Rodney; and numerous cousins and many friends. Visitation will be at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitation resumes at the funeral home on Friday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. He was preceded in death by his father, Wendel Joseph Simon; maternal grandfather, J.W. Cade; and numerous family members.

Robert Thompson Jr.
Robert "Bobby Pops" Thompson Jr. passed away on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016 at his home in Denham Springs, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 60. A memorial service will be held at his home in Denham Springs on Saturday, Aug. 13. He is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Shirley Marie Russo Thompson; daughters, Christy Ann Thompson Hughes and husband Billy, and Annie Elizabeth Thompson; son, Josh Joseph Guidry; grandchildren, Cynthia, Billy, Nathan, and Kayla; great-grandchild, Layndon; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joseph and Christina Russo; many nieces and nephews; and best special friends, Catherine and David Lane. Arrangements by Church Funeral Services & Crematory, Walker. 225-271-4574. www.churchfuneralservices.com.

FELONY ARRESTS

LIVINGSTON — The following persons were booked into the Livingston Parish Prison, according to booking records from the Sheriff's office. These records do not reflect innocence or guilt:
June 8 :
Nicholas Ordoyne, 28, 1412 Lee Dr., Thibodeaux, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, misrepresentation during booking, obstructing public passages, speeding, resisting an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$16,705.
Brian McMorris, 30, F104 Swann Lake Dr., Livingston, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs and possession of Schedule I drugs with intent to distribute. Bond was set at \$110,000.
Eric Butler, 33, 30879 Ivy St., Denham Springs, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs and possession of Schedule III drugs. Bond was set at \$20,430.
Christopher Adkins, 30, 982 Hwy. 441, Marinquin, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of Schedule IV drugs and possession of marijuana. Bond information was not provided.
Tamara Gordon, 27, 12677 Buddy Ellis Road, Denham Springs, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$15,000.
Christopher Stoetznner, 30, 19751 Music Lane, Springfield, was

charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$10,000.
Tristan Methvien, 20, 17061 Dykes Road, French Settlement, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$10,000.
Mitchell Waldroup, 27, 30905 Burgess Road, Lot 3, Denham Springs, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of marijuana, driving with a suspended license, expired MVI, switched plate and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$19,480.
June 9 :
Dorothy Thomassie, 28, 13624 Keith St., Walker, was charged with DWI (first), possession of

Schedule IV drugs, switched plate and parking in space for disabled persons. Bond was set at \$8,000.
Julie Kirkland, 44, 39349 Dutch Lane, Poncha-toula, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of Schedule IV drugs, two counts of forgery and speeding. Bond was set at \$50,218.
John Mays, 24, 4006 Magnolia Progress Road, McComb, Miss., was charged with five counts of simple burglary. Bond information was not provided.
Brandon Middleton, 36, 17230 Olive Dr., Livingston, was charged with possession of Legend Drug with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of proba-

tion. Bond was set at \$10,500.
Ashley Smith, 22, 17230 Oliver Dr., Livingston, was charged with possession of Legend Drug with intent to distribute. Bond was set at \$20,000.
Cheyenne Martin, 34, 36926 Albin Road, Independence, was charged with possession of Schedule I drugs with intent to distribute. Bond was set at \$15,000.
April Gentry, 38, 36926 Albin Road, Independence, was charged

with possession of Schedule I drugs with intent to distribute and simple battery involving domestic violence.

Bond was set at \$26,500.
June 10 :
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Attending an appreciation luncheon by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office on Aug. 5 for Spectrum Water Technology, a parish business that has provided assistance to the department and the Livingston Parish Detention, were, from left, Jason Godfrey and Duane Fruge, owners of Spectrum; Sheriff Jason Ard; and Perry Rushing and Steve Spencer, parish Detention Center.

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Sheriff's office hosts fundraiser for fallen law enforcement

By Kevin Fambrough
The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office held an appreciation lunch for a local business, and in return, more than \$4,000 was raised to help the families of fallen law enforcement officers.

The Sheriff's Office cooking trailer prepared meals for 50 people to thank Spectrum Water Technology for its help.

The Livingston Parish Detention Center, on Charlie Watts Road, is across from the manufacturing shop for Spectrum Water Technology.

Spectrum is a sales and service company focusing on wastewater treatment and dewatering of sludges. It also manufactures specialty equipment to be used in the field.

On occasion, the Detention Center staff or Sheriff's Office has asked Spectrum to work on certain pieces of equipment used in the parish or

around the Detention Center.

In appreciation, the Sheriff Office's hosted a luncheon for Spectrum employees, other members of the community, and friends from surrounding areas

The attendees and others donated a total of \$4,355 to the "Baton Rouge Police Union for Fallen Heroes Fund," which supports the families of all fallen law enforcement officers in the Baton Rouge area.

Felony Arrests

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Arnold Road, Denham Springs, was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Tyler Chenault, 24, 51080 Hwy. 1065, Independence, was charged with DWI (third), aggravated flight from an officer, reckless operation and expired MVI. Bond was set at \$75,865.

James Milton, 38, 42204 Old Baton Rouge Hwy., Hammond, was charged with two counts of felony theft, two counts of hit and run driving and two counts of illegal possession of stolen things. Bond was set at \$85,500.

Brandon Rogers, 28, 52714 Alessi Road, Independence, was charged with two counts of simple burglary, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and failure to pay child support. Bond was set at \$44,500.

Daniel Lipscomb, 33, 23213 Blood River Road, Springfield, was charged with simple battery involving domestic violence and violation of protective orders. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Garrett Freeman, 24, 57377 Oak Ave., Slidell, was charged with seven counts of monetary instrument abuse, theft, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$190,000.

Rating takes three hours of training for seven days

From A1

Springs City Council on Tuesday night at its meeting.

Insurance companies use fire ratings to set insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties.

A good fire rating can be an economic development tool to attract businesses.

"We're proud of this," Wheat said in a separate interview Tuesday. "These guys work hard. They worked hard to get (the rating) and worked hard to maintain it."

"We're gone from a 72.5 to 82.9. The proof is right there of what we're doing."

In 2006, the Fire Department had a 72.5 score from the Insurance Services Office (ISO), Wheat said. When evaluated in 2011, that score was 84.27, good enough for a Class 2 rating.

The Fire Department received an 82.9 this time from the ISO, the fire chief said. The evaluation is done every five years.

The drop came from a formula ISO uses, he said, and did not reflect on the department.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an independent agency that evaluates the fire

department, water department and communications systems. It rates the results on a scale of 1, the best, to 10.

The ISO rates communities in the following areas: alarm system, 10 percent; fire suppression, 50 percent; water supply, 40 percent; and fire investigation and public education, 5 percent.

"To get the rating takes three hours of training seven days a week," Wheat said of his 29-man department.

"Right now we aren't doing night drills because it is too hot. But when it cools down a little in September or October, we will start night drills again."

Firefighters also train climbing the 104-foot "stick," or aerial tower ladder, on a firetruck.

They have to climb it in boots and full gear, "not just climb it in a uniform," Wheat said.

While his firefighters are training, Wheat said, "My part is to go out and network, get into the field and learn what is going on around Louisiana and other states."

By studying other departments, Wheat said he can pick up tips or ideas that would help the Fire Department serve the city and maintain its Class 2 rating.

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Right, Mackenzie Bozeman of Livingston was born with a rare genetic disorder. Only 50 people in the world have been diagnosed with Cantú syndrome. A benefit volleyball tournament and jambalaya cookoff will be held Saturday, August 27, at Laguna Beach Volleyball. Sign up by calling Mackenzie's mom, Jade, at 406-697-6502.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED



Above, parents James and Jade Bozeman are pictured with their daughter, Mackenzie, after one of her many doctor visits.

By Lisa Dowty

The Livingston Parish News

The Livingston Parish community is rallying behind little Mackenzie Bozeman of Livingston, who is capturing the hearts of everyone she meets with her sweet laugh and infectious smile.

Nurses and doctors always call her Snow White because of her dark hair and fair skin which is due to her anemia and genetic disorder.

Mackenzie's rare condition is called Cantú syndrome. She is one out of only 50 in the world with this condition which effects the 12th chromosome and allows the potassium channels to stay open when they should close before birth. This effects many vital organs including the heart and kidneys.

The one-year-old is defying the odds of many doctors' predictions.

Parents Daniel and Jade Bozeman were told by many doctors that Mackenzie would never be able to see, crawl or walk. "She continues to thrive despite what we have been told, and she is now getting braces for her legs to help her walk," Jade said.

A benefit volleyball tournament and jambalaya cookoff will be held Saturday, August 27, at Laguna Beach Volleyball, located at Florida Boulevard and Eden Church Road in Denham Springs. Teams of four to six people are still needed to sign up for the event for \$50.

All proceeds from the event will send Mackenzie and her parents to the Rare Patient Advocacy Summit in California in September.

"The summit will allow us a unique opportunity to talk with medical researchers and geneticists from all over the world," Jade said.

The Bozeman family has traveled throughout the country seeking medical help from many specialists to help their daughter, but Jade says she puts the most trust into Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Briana Blount Mayo at Pediatric Associates of Denham Springs.

"Briana is amazing," Jade said. "Any time I've had a concern or wanted a test run, she's always been there to make sure everything stays on track. She's gotten us in to see every specialist we've needed. She really cares, which makes a huge difference

when it comes to health care."

Mayo said Mackenzie has a beautiful smile that melts the hearts of everyone she meets.

"Her mother is so educated when it comes to her daughter's condition, which made me think she was a medical professional herself when I first met her."

Mackenzie was born April 23, 2015, at only 35 weeks.

"I remember being on the operating table and watching doctors and nurses in chaos, but all was quiet in my head," Jade said. "All I could think is, 'Why isn't she crying? What is going on?'"

As time went, Daniel and Jade realized Mackenzie was not like other babies.

"She was sleeping 23 hours a day, wouldn't feed and her muscle tone was almost nonexistent. We couldn't get rid of her jaundice and she began to lose weight," Jade said.

Every two months, almost like clockwork, Mackenzie was admitted to hospitals for various infections.

"We saw so many doctors until we eventually received the correct diagnosis of Cantú syndrome, after traveling to see specialists all over the country," Jade said. "She also tested positive for the BRCA-1 gene; this is the gene which makes her more susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer. She was also diagnosed with transaminitis, immune deficiency, anemia, mild liver damage, spastic muscles and a congenital brain defect called dysgenesis of the corpus callosum."

Mackenzie now sees 13 specialists and multiple therapists.

Mr. and Mrs. Bozeman said they feel like Mackenzie's whole life has been a miracle.

"Some of my best memories are

ONE-YEAR-OLD MACKENZIE BOZEMAN OF Livingston is only one of 50 in the world diagnosed with Cantú syndrome. A benefit volleyball tournament and jambalaya cook-off for Mackenzie will be held August 27 at Laguna Beach in Denham Springs.

For the love of little "SNOW WHITE Mackenzie"

watching her crawl for the first time when they said she wouldn't, and watching how happy she's stayed throughout all of her testing and hospital stays," Jade said.

The volleyball fundraiser and jambalaya cookoff is kid-friendly and open to the public. There will be many raffles and giveaways.

Anyone wishing to sign up for the volleyball benefit and jambalaya cookoff can call Jade at 406-697-6502.

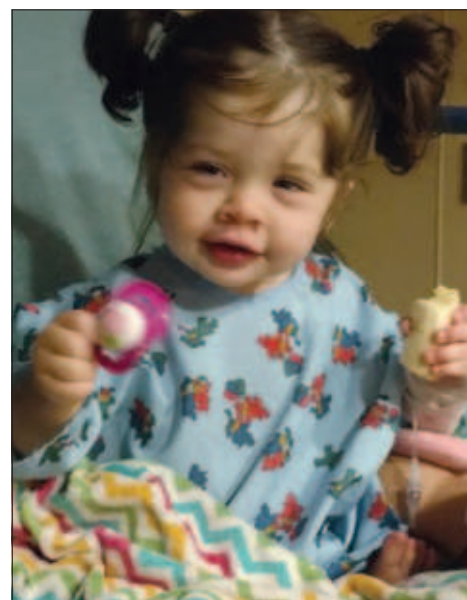
Jade also invites the Livingston Parish community to look for "Keeping Up With Mackenzie" on Facebook to follow her daughter's progress.



Above, Mackenzie is often referred to as Snow White by doctors, nurses and specialists due to her fair complexion and long black hair. She is pictured with her mother, Jade.



Above, Mackenzie Bozeman's adorable smile catches the attention of everyone she comes across in the Livingston Parish community.



Above, despite her many visits to the ER, medical tests and medications, Mackenzie Bozeman of Livingston continues to smile.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Free lunch for first responders

Wastewater Treatment Systems and Operations (WTSO), 8623 MG Blount Lane, Denham Springs, will hold a free lunch for all first responders on Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fall Garden Workshop

Interested in starting a vegetable garden or just need tips for how to cultivate your garden for the fall? Visit the South Branch Library where the Livingston Parish Master Gardeners will host a Fall Garden Workshop on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Learn how to take advantage of our Louisiana climate and garden year-round. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Call 686-4170 or register at www.mylpl.info.

August events at Bass Pro

August is Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Donation Month and ask every customer if they would like to round up their purchase. Upcoming events at Bass Pro include: Preferred Rewards Night, Aug. 11, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fall Hunting Classic, Aug. 12 - 28; Bow and Optics Trade-Ins, Aug. 12 - 21; and Game Camera and Hunting Boots Trade-Ins, Aug. 20 - 28. Free seminars on Aug. 20 are Archery Tune-Up at 11 a.m., Get Close: Scent Control Products at 2 p.m.; and Archery Skills: Perfecting Your Shot at 4 p.m. Also on Aug. 20, a Women's Hunting Workshop will be held at 3 p.m. Free seminars on Aug. 21 are Boots 101: Footwear for Outing Experience at 11 a.m.; and Knives and Tools Guide at 3 p.m. First 20 to each seminar receives a Bass Pro Shops Logo Tumbler. On Aug. 20 and 21, there will be a NRA Membership Drive. Sign up to be an NRA member and receive a \$10 Bass Pro Shops Gift Card. August 27 and 28 will be the Next Generation Weekend from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with BB Shooting Range, Archery Challenge, free photo download and crafts. First 100 kids to get cards punched will receive a Turkey look draw bag. For more information, call 225-271-3100.

Book 2 Movie: The Fifth Wave

You've read the book The 5th Wave and felt the thrill of surviving an alien invasion. Ages 12-18 can experience it on the big screen at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Enjoy snacks and the movie adaptation of this popular book. The movie is rated PG-13. Call 686-4140.

Video gaming for adults

Video games aren't just for kids. Visit the Livingston Branch Library's gaming night for adults on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Bring friends and compete against other patrons. For ages 17 and up only. Registration required by 686-4160 or register at www.mylpl.info.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Gospel Explosion

A Gospel Explosion Musical Tribute honoring the late George Perkins will be held Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at North Park in Denham Springs. The event will feature many gospel groups and artists such as The Veal Brothers of Gloster, Miss., The Lighthouse Singers, Kenneth Mitchell and The Voices of Praise of Baton Rouge, Marvin Brown & God Anointed of Meridian, Miss., The Voices of Harmony featuring Howard Thompson, Lil Blessings of Hammond, Evangelist Rose Pittman, and Unity Praise Team of Walker. In the honor of Mr. Perkins, backpacks and school supplies will be given to those in attendance. For more information, call 394-7200.

ACLP August Exhibit

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish will feature Denham Springs Fine Art Association Members in August. Participants include Pat Zeller, Joette LeBlanc, Mary Rebstock, Mary Jane Hunt, Kathy Tedaldi, Kevin Paninski, Bonnie Williams, Pat Delk, Dave Tanner, Chris Jones, Michelle Conques, Lynne Jones, Mary Head, Elizabeth Thompson, and Charlotte Walker. There will be a reception on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where attendees can meet the artists at 133 Hummell St., Denham Springs. Visit www.artslivingston.org.

Splash, Roll, Mini Triathlon

PARDS Splash, Roll, and Run Mini Triathlon will be held Aug. 13 at 8 a.m. at PARDS Fitness and Aquatics Center, Denham Springs, for ages 15 and up. The Kids Triathlon is for ages 5 - 14. Cost is \$65 for an individual and \$85 for a team. Registration online at Cajuntiming.com. For more information, call Sandi McGrew and/or Courtney Stevens at 664-5405.

Kids Splash & Run Aquathon

PARDS Kids Splash and Run Aquathon will be held Aug. 13 at 7:15 a.m. at PARDS Fitness and Aquatics Center, Denham Springs. For ages 11 - 14. Fee is \$45. Registration online at Cajuntiming.com. For more information, call Sandi McGrew and/or Courtney Stevens at 664-5405.

Keeping Teens Safe

Parents are invited to a panel discussion for a chance to discuss serious topics with experts from our community and other parents on Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. Panel will consist of Sheriff Jason Ard, representatives from Livingston Youth and Family Counseling, the Louisiana Crisis Intervention Center, Trafficking Hope, and other community organizations. While this discussion is geared toward parents of teens, parents of children of all ages are welcome. Call 686-4140.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Off the Hook Knit Club

Join the Denham Springs-Walker Library's Off The Hook Knit and Crochet Club on Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. There will be music and snacks. Bring your project and questions. Call 686-4140.

Chronicle at Emmanuel Baptist

The gospel group "Chronicle" will be giving a concert of praise and worship at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10453 Arnold Road, Denham Springs, on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. For more information, send an e-mail to hacoperator4all@yahoo.com.

Believe, Become, Belong

Believe, Become, Belong. The Hope Center has a new meeting location at 10161 Florida Blvd., Walker. The Hope Center offers Bible study and fellowship every Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, call 225-380-5040.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Grief Support Group

The Hospice of Baton Rouge H.O.P.E. Grief Support offers free 6-week support group sessions providing a safe place sharing and growth through grief with Group Facilitator Christine Brasseaux, LMSW, THBR Social Worker. Group sessions are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 15, 22, 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26. All sessions are held at the Chapel on the first floor at Ochsner Medical Center off O'Neal Lane in Baton Rouge. Call Denise Domingue at the Hospice of Baton Rouge at 225-767-4673 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Quilting Guild

The Quilting Guild will meet on Aug. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This new club will meet at the Livingston Branch Library on the first and third Monday of each month. Bring all your sewing supplies for the day. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 686-4160.

Teen Book Club

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Teen Book Club meets Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss books, enjoy refreshments, and more. If you are a teen who loves to read, this is the club for you. Call 686-4140.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

LEGO Robotics Club

Enthusiasts ages 8-18 are invited to join a group that meets monthly at the Albany-Springfield Library to learn more about how LEGO building and simple robots can be combined using Edison technology. The first meeting will be held Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Register by calling 686-4130 or register at www.mylpl.info.

Young Writers Club

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Young Writers Club meets Aug. 16 at 5 p.m. Open to ages 10-18, the club's goal is to help each another become better writers, to provide inspiration, and to offer advice and support. Each meeting, members practice writing in many different styles and genres to fine-tune skills and challenge themselves. Writers of all genres are welcome. Call 686-4140.

South Branch Anime Club

The South Branch Library's Teen Anime Club for ages 12-18 meets Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Meetings include previews of anime, manga, snacks, crafts, fan art, fan fiction, and more. Call 686-4170.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Game Night

Enjoy a night out with the family at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. Play for video games, board games and other family-friendly games for every age. Call 686-4140.

Watson Teen Anime Club

The Watson Library's Teen Anime Club for ages 12-18 meets Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Meetings include previews of anime, manga, snacks, crafts, fan art, fan fiction, and more. Call 686-4180.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Book Babies

Bring all the kids for a play date at the Watson Library on Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m. There are baby safe areas and big kid activities too. Enjoy stories, music, games, and more every third Friday of the month. Call 686-4180.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Benefit for Officer Tullier

A benefit for Officer Nicholas Tullier will be held at Elmo's Bar, located at 35104 Weiss Road in Walker on Aug. 20 beginning at noon. Live music by Jody Vicknair and the Whiskey River Band, George Allen Truax and Billy Harris. There will also be a live auction, \$1 raffle, 50/50 drawing, jambalaya and spaghetti plates for \$6 and much more. For donation or more information, call Ashley at 225-305-3234, Emma at 225-485-3886 or Elmo's at 225-435-0555.

Benefit for Kris Rutland

A benefit has been scheduled on Aug. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Kris Rutland at the Friendship Community Benefit Center, located at the corner of Walker North Road (Hwy. 447) and Springfield Road (Hwy.1019). Due to a history of blood clots, Kris had a foot amputated July 15 and when that is healed, his leg must be amputated below the knee. Jambalaya, pastalaya and spaghetti will be served. Purchase food at the event or get tickets now. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Teresa Hall Rutland (225) 978-2477.

"Fall Watercolor Resist"

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish is offering a free children's "Fall Watercolor Resist" art class on Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For ages 8 - 14 with Instructor Kerry Curtin. Must pre-register by calling 664-1168 or email artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net.

Local Missions Opportunity

Be a part of the life-changing job skills program for unemployed women in Livingston Parish. Be a mentor who spends an hour each week encouraging, loving, and serving as prayer partner for one unemployed woman participant. Volunteers are also needed to teach, greet students, serve snacks, recruit, promote, organize and plan events, such as the graduation celebration set for late November. Training for mentors and volunteers will be held at Hebron Baptist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 20. A 10-week program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to learn computer, job, Bible study, and life skills. Interviews to select participants will be held on Sept. 1 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Walker Baptist Church. Donated materials, or financial contributions to purchase school supplies, Bibles, copies and other essentials are also welcome. Call 664-9309, e-mail info@elbamissions.org or visit elbamissions.org.

DS-Walker Anime Club

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Teen Anime Club for ages 12-18 meets Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. Meetings include previews of anime, manga, snacks, crafts, fan art, fan fiction, and more. Call 686-4140.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Revival at Magnolia Baptist

A revival at Magnolia Baptist Church will be held Aug. 21 - 24 at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service. On Monday - Wednesday, revival will be held at 7 p.m. nightly. Enjoy a time of worship and revival with the Rev. Gordon McDaniel preaching and the Rev. Danny Grieg singing. For more information, call 225-567-9540.

Yoga & Meditation

Relax your mind and body with this free yoga and meditation class at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. If you do not have a yoga mat, bring a towel or small blanket. For ages 18 and up. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Registration is required by calling 686-4140 or register at www.mylpl.info.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Princess Tea Party

Abundant Life Church will host its 7th Annual "God's Little Princess Tea Party" for girls ages three and up. It will be held Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Outreach Center. Come dressed in your sparkly best with ribbons and boas and glitter galore. Tables this year will be themed with beautiful princess finery such as Frozen, Cinderella, Belle, Ariel, Paris Design, Fashion Dress-up, Minnie Mouse, Cup Cakes and more. Princesses will be royally served tea and tasty delights by the royal maidens in the royal court. There will be lots of fun activities, games, gifts, and a Royal Story. If you would like your princess to attend, purchase tickets at abundantlifechurch.tv/princessstea. Tickets are \$15 each. Princesses ages 3-5 need to have a parent present. Seating is limited.

South Branch Game Night

Enjoy a night out with the family at the South Branch Parish Library on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Play video games, board games and other family-friendly games. Call 686-4170.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Looking Glass Lanterns

Ages 12-18 can create an 'Alice' themed glass jar lantern using image transfer techniques. Make a classic story button, fill in story-inspired coloring sheets, and enjoy tea time cookies while your projects dry at the Albany-Springfield Library (686-4130) on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. and the South Branch Library (686-4170) on Aug. 30 at 5:30 p.m. Register by calling preferred library or register at www.mylpl.info.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

LPL Improv Group

Teens and adults are invited to learn and develop improvisational/sketch skills at the Livingston Branch Library on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. Participate in interactive activities and exercises to get the creative juices flowing. Enjoy some acting fun that improves communication skills and provides a safe environment for creative learning and self-growth. For more information, call 686-4160.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Percy Jackson: Capture Flag

Welcome to Camp Half Blood. Armor up and engage in training exercises before you test your skills playing Capture the Flag after hours at the Livingston Branch Library on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. For ages 12-18. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Register by calling 686-4160 or register at www.mylpl.info.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Benefit for Fallen Officers

A benefit will be held at the Denham Springs Walmart on Aug. 27 for the families of the fallen officers of Livingston Parish and critically-injured Nick Tullier. Volunteers, will sell jambalaya and pastalaya dinners for \$8 each from noon until supplies run out. Pre-paid tickets will be available at S&E Heating & Air, located at 103 Business Park Dr, Denham Springs. There is also a non-profit benefit account set up at First Guaranty Bank labeled "Families of Fallen Officers of Livingston Parish" that accepts monetary donations. These donations can be made at any First Guaranty Bank location. One hundred percent of any proceeds from the jambalaya benefit and the non-profit account will go to those families. For more information, call Todd Cole at (225) 302-0424 or Kim Cole at (225) 287-8369.

"Evening in the Park"

Livingston Youth and Family Counseling will hold their annual "Evening in The Park" fundraiser on Aug. 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tony Dugas North Park Recreation Center in Denham Springs. Enjoy an evening filled with dinner and dancing to the music of Big River Express for \$55 per person. Also browse the silent auction for unique items. A set of 4 LSU season tickets with parking pass will be raffled off for \$20 per ticket. LYFC is a 501 (c) 3 (not for profit) organization dedicated to helping families prevent and resolve problems through affordable professional mental health counseling. Contact LYFC by phone at 665-7242 or email at lynn@lyfcounseling.org.

Volleyball for Mackenzie

Mackenzie Bozeman of Livingston was born with an extremely rare genetic disorder, damaging vital organs as well as a congenital brain defect. Because she is 1-50 throughout the world with her disorder and the only one in the world with her exact variant the doctor's have little to no knowledge of her disorder. A volleyball benefit will be held in her name at Laguna Beach Volleyball, 8026 Florida Blvd., Denham Springs, on Aug. 27 from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Teams are needed. \$50 per team of four to six people. There will also be raffles, giveaways, food and drinks. Sign up by calling Mackenzie's mother, Jade, at (406) 697-6502. Online donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/hopeisinhergenes. Follow her journey at facebook.com/keepingupwithmackenzie.

Parish Fair Concessions

The 79th Livingston Parish Fair will be auctioning off the concession stands and kitchen on Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. at the fair office. For more information, call Sharon at 985-974-0964.

Evangelist Steve Warren

Evangelist Steve Warren will be the special guest at Community Chapel, located at 35490 Walker North Road, on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. Food and fellowship will follow. For more information, call 664-8162.

The Coming Up column runs regularly as space permits and includes free announcements of special events occurring in Livingston Parish involving non-profit civic and other organizations. Coming Up also includes events from paid advertisements occurring in and outside Livingston Parish. To place an announcement, call Lisa Dowty at 665-5176 or e-mail to family@livingstonparishnews.com.



SUBMITTED BY JASON ST. PIERRE

Walker High School Digital Media Camp visits WAFB

Walker High School Principal Jason St. Pierre formed a Digital Media Camp this summer for 26 4th-8th grade students from Walker, Denham and Live Oak schools to introduce them to the television broadcasting program at Walker High. The camp instructor was Cedric Lee, who is an assistant at the Walker High television station. The group visited WAFB Channel 9 to tour the studio and watch the noon newscast on July 27. Camp participants included Drew Alford, Sarah Arceneaux, Austin Avant, Barett Broussard, Ali Clark, Ava Cosby, Jake Dalton, Kirin Esser, Valerie Gautreaux, Benton Gerard, Hudson Hanks, Lawson Kennedy, Reese Kennedy, Logan LaBauve, Billy Langley, Adyson LaRue, Layvin LaRue, Isabella Lavigne, Miles Manuel, Mitchell Mayfield, Charlie Middleton, Aubree Olivier, Brody Rabalais, TJ Silvio, Kyndall Smith, Jase Stafford, Callan Thornton, Kaylee Timonet and Connor Wilder.



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At left, Kenneth "Razor" Jackson accepts his trophy as the winner of the 3rd Annual Steak Cook-off at Junior's Meat Market in French Settlement on July 30. Pictured in the background is Rodney Dupuy. Above, judges at the cook-off are (from left) Rodney Dupuy, Darrell Arceneaux, Jeb Glascock, Junior Aydell, Wayne Strickland, Bruce Mitchell and Janet K. Mitchell.

Lazy dog winner is Marshall the Fire Dog

By Lisa Dowty

The Livingston Parish News

WALKER — A dog named Marshall and his family visited the Livingston Parish News last week to claim his gift basket for being this year's Lazy Dog winner.

Marshall's winning photo with 4-year-old Beau Pickett of Walker received the most votes at livingstonparishnews.com out of 65 submitted photos for this year's competition.

The photo features Marshall with his best friend Beau reading a book about firetrucks.

Marshall was adopted from the Livingston Parish Animal Shelter by Beau's parents, Jake and Tonya Pickett.

"He formed a strong bond with my son very quickly," Tonya Pickett said. "Beau became devastated when Marshall wandered off and went missing for about a week."

Ironically, Marshall showed up at the District 10 Fire Station, where Jake and Tonya are volunteer firefighters.

"A person who lives across the street from the fire station saw Beau and gave us a call," Tonya said. "Needless to say, Beau was overjoyed."

The young boy and his dog enjoy reading books, swimming and taking long naps.

"I hope more people will go to the Livingston Parish Animal Shelter to find a loving companion for their child," Tonya said.

The Livingston Parish Animal Shelter is located at 13525 Florida Blvd., in the town of Livingston.

The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for adoptions.



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(Clockwise from above left) The winner of this year's Livingston Parish News Lazy Dog Photo Competition went to a lovable K9 named Marshall. Beau Pickett of Walker, age 4, holds up the issue of the Livingston Parish News featuring himself and his beloved dog, Marshall. Owners are (from left) 4-year-old Beau, Tonya and Jake Pickett of Walker. Beau Pickett spends a lazy afternoon in the pool with his best friend, Marshall the Fire Dog. During the long and hot summer days, Beau and Marshall like to sleep until noon.



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Control yellow jackets now for worry-free tailgating

The dog days of summer bring about a decline in food sources for yellow jackets and pushes them to move in closer to human habitat in search of food. I have had several reports over the past few weeks of yellow jacket and bumblebee encounters.

Just in time for football season and tailgating yellow jackets can crash your party. The presence of food, sodas, wild game or fish is like an open invitation and they readily come and invite all of their roommates.

They are very fond of sugary soft drinks and you should be especially careful of setting down your soda outside this time of year. Drinking a wasp with a nasty disposition is



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Kenny Sharpe

no way to end your picnic. They are also meat eaters and like pet food and just about any food you put in a garbage can. It is bad enough to have to protect your food but even worse is when you encounter them in their nest. Both yellow jackets and bumble bees will make a nest in the ground and they are usually not easy to detect unless you just happen to see them coming and going.

Yellow jackets are wasps and they live in a paper nest. These nests are about as large around as a

dinner plate and they have multiple layers just like a high rise condominium. There can be enormous numbers of yellow jackets in one nest ranging from hundreds to thousands.

I have seen yellow jackets in the walls of houses and in seats of abandoned cars. They like the levees of ponds and firewood stacks. I have seen them in flower pots and in the middle of pastures.

Yellow jackets do not take kindly to you stepping in their nest, running over them with your lawnmower or tractor or running a string line trimmer over their home. They are tenacious in their pursuit and will follow you inside.

My last encounter with yellow jackets was but a few weeks

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ago while I was cutting my lawn. I noticed a hole in the ground near a stump. I could see yellow jacket wings flashing in the sun as they were constantly com-

ing and going from the nest. Fortunately I got to see them before I got too close.

There is little value in using a can of wasp spray on a yellow jacket nest. The delivery is too slow and you will be eaten up before you can get enough spray in the nest. The better delivery system is with a bucket. I will make up about 3 gallons of insecticide solution in a 5 gallon bucket. At the end I add several ounces of liquid soap. The soap will act as a spreader sticker plus add weight to the wasp's wings and slow them down to make for an easier escape.

I will wait for an early morning or late afternoon to make sure everyone is on the nest. I do not want the sun up but do want it to be light

enough for me to see if the wasps decide to attack. Walk up quietly to the entrance of the nest and dump the whole bucket at one time, do not take the time to pour. A lot of the insecticide will go in the hole or drain into the hole. Drop the bucket and run inside. Observe the nest in 8 to 12 hours during the sunlight to evaluate your success rate. Repeat the process if any live yellow jackets are detected.

Use a household insecticide such as Sevin, Orthene or a pyrethrin.

KENNY SHARPE is county agent with the LSU Cooperative Extension Service in Livingston Parish. For more information on these or related topics contact Kenny at 225-686-3020 or visit www.lsuagcenter.com/livingston.



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Assessing the Need

Above, Watson resident Remie Rowell, 3, donates a dollar to Assessor's Office employee Tommy Glover during the Assess the Need donation drive at the Watson Walmart. At left, Doyle Elementary Teacher Brooke Law accepts a donation for Assess the Need from Southside Junior High student Summer Forrest at the Walker Walmart. Livingston Parish Assessor Jeff Taylor and a team of volunteers work to provide school supplies for nearly 3,000 needy children in Livingston Parish Public Schools for the start of each new school year. Volunteers accepted donations of school supplies on the last weekend before school started at three Livingston Parish Walmart stores.



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Farmers Market every Saturday

The Livingston Parish Farmers' Market invites shoppers to attend the market each Saturday from 7 a.m. until 12 noon.

They will find fresh, seasonal produce and fruit plus grain-fed beef without added hormones, unprocessed honey, fresh yard eggs, homemade hot sauce, pastries, and jellies.

The market also has craft vendors with soy candles, goat milk and honey lotions, soaps, quilts, jewelry, clothes and plants.

With a nice family atmosphere and water furnished by New Covenant Church, the market sets up in the New Covenant Baptist Church parking lot on Florida Blvd (Hwy 190) across from McDonald's in Denham Springs.

For more information or an application to join the market, call Market Director Ray Gill at (225) 505-3993.

CONTACT US

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26384 Wax Rd, DS Beautiful tree shaded park-Black top streets. 3br/2ba starting at \$700. Call 225-665-9290.

3br/2ba, \$650/mo, 2br/1ba, \$595/mo, \$600/dep on each. Both Homes have all Kitchen Appliances Central A/H, Washer/Dryer, Covered Porch, & Storage Bldg. 9/10 of a mile from I-12 in Denham Springs, LA., No Pets. 225-664-8063.

Courtney Run Mobile Home Park has 2 units available both 3 bed room 2 bath, deposit plus 1st months rent due before move in. 950-1050 per month, good schools, will work with you on the deposit. To see available units call James at 225-921-1600

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Very nice 3br & 2br mobile homes for rent in quiet park in Watson. \$600-\$650 mo. No pets. Call 225-937-5036.

WANT TO BUY/MOBILE HOMES

Will buy mobile home with cash, but don't have much. Call (601) 543-8219

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1996 Chevy Caprice Classic. 1owner. \$2,500.00. Call (225) 337-1409.

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Green Peanuts (30lb. bags) Super Jumbo \$25 Virginia White \$20 Washed and Graded \$33 Call for availability (601)765-8609. Mitchell Farms/Collins, MS.

GARAGE SALE

Indoor multi-family garage sale. 6 to 2 Sat., Aug. 13. At J&W Auction House - 2126 Florida Blvd. SW (corner of Hwy 190 & 4-H Club)

HELP WANTED

Caregiver needed for special needs adult. This is a temporary job for 6 weeks. \$12 per hr. 30weeks. A complete screening required. Hours are 8am-2 pm. Non-smoker. No inside pets. Call (225) 572-6018

Full time or part time help wanted for a restaurant in Denham Springs. Duties include cashier and prep. Only mature and serious should apply. 225-673-6544

Looking for 2 experienced hair dressers with clientel. Booth rental. Call and talk to Johnny or Sue. (225) 664-5306.

Smoothie King Sherwood Forest Blvd Baton Rouge now hiring. Great job for health and nutrition oriented people and college students. Must be neat clean and energetic. Apply in person at 3851 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.

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HONORING GEORGE PERKINS WITH GOSPEL EXPLOSION



A gospel concert honoring the late George Perkins will be held Saturday, August 13, at North Park beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each or \$20 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, call Theresa Perkins at 225-394-7200, Mary Johnson at 225-664-1907, Sylvia Jackson at 985-974-3363 or Shirley Young at 985-687-2877.



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The Unity Praise Team (from left) Rhonda Myles, Darlene Cotton and Altrese Colar Gross, who performed at last year's event, will perform again at Saturday's Gospel Explosion at North Park.



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In a spontaneous response, the audience joins in praise during last year's Praise & Worship Gospel Explosion on August 16, 2015.



Lighthouse Singers



Evangelist Rose Pittman will be one of many special guests honoring the late George Perkins at the Gospel Explosion Concert on Saturday.



The Veal Brothers



Marvin Brown & God Anointed



Kenneth Mitchell & Voices of Praise



The Voices of Harmony

THE SWEET SOUND OF gospel music will fill North Park on Saturday at 6 p.m. with a concert honoring the late George Perkins.

By Lisa Dowty

The Livingston Parish News

George Perkins is being honored for the many lives he touched through his music and love for his community with a concert at the North Park Recreation Center on Saturday, August 13, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Gospel Explosion Musical Tribute will feature many gospel groups and artists such as The Veal Brothers of Gloster, Miss., The Lighthouse Singers, Kenneth Mitchell & The Voices of Praise of Baton Rouge, Marvin Brown & God Anointed of Meridian, Miss., The Voices of Harmony featuring Howard Thompson, Lil Blessings of Hammond, Evangelist Rose Pittman, and Unity Praise Team of Walker.

Also in honor of Mr. Perkins, backpacks and school supplies will be given to those in attendance.

Perkins' daughter, Theresa, is the organizer of the fourth musical tribute since his death in 2013.

"He has truly left us with a legacy that will never be forgotten and must be continued," Theresa said.

The man known for his integrity who took stances for the equal rights of others was born in Walker on August 17, 1942.

He attended the segregated West Livingston High School, now known as the L.M. Lockhart Center at 320 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Denham Springs.

At the age of 17, he began singing in church as a member of the local Silver Stars quartet. The Silver Stars proved to be popular, appearing at local church services and gospel music programs.

While Perkins maintained a busy singing career, he also managed to graduate from business college, eventually becoming an insurance agent.

"Two years later, fate would enter Perkins' life in a way no one could have predicted," Theresa said. "He recorded and arranged the song 'Cryin' in the Streets' that sold over one million copies and provided him the opportunity to perform at the Apollo Theater."

The lyrics were about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement.

"In Baton Rouge, the song was a hit on the radio station WXOK, where it became the number one song for two months. Perkins performed throughout the south in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina," Theresa said.

He had the Number 3 record in New York, which was quite an accomplishment for a down-home Southern R&B record.

The local hit "Cryin' in the Streets" reached national heights on the Billboard R&B charts, rising to Number 12 all over the country.

"He became a community leader

in the Hammond area after joining Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the male chorus," Theresa said. "He co-chaired the Board of Deacons and was in charge of the church's video recording."

Perkins became an insurance sales representative and later a cable TV franchise owner by trade.

"He was best known as one of the originators of the Tangipahoa Black Festival which began in 1984," Theresa said. "In 1987, the name was changed to the Tangipahoa Parish Black Heritage Festival. With the new name, Perkins and other leaders of the organization decided they needed a permanent facility and contacted the parish school system to purchase a boarded-up school on 7.3 acres of land that was left over from integration."

Over the years, the facility was renovated and became the Tangipahoa Parish African American Heritage Museum and Veterans Archive.

"He could be found there on most days working in whatever capacity in which he was needed from acting as tour guide to researching records to taking on kitchen duty," Theresa said. "He also served his community in other ways. He was a member of the advisory board for North Oaks Hospital and served as the first

black councilman for District 3 in the city of Hammond."

Perkins later served as an assistant to State Representative Henry "Tank" Powell and was a founding member of the second Saturday breakfast group which invited members of the community to gather monthly.

"All people were invited regardless of racial and social divides to discuss issues of concern to the community," Theresa said.

Perkins was a member of the Masonic Order Prince Hall affiliation, the past worshipful master of Oak Grove Lodge #117 in Hammond and a grand officer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge for the State of Louisiana.

"He continued in the insurance business throughout this time, retiring from secular music around the turn of the '80s but still singing gospel music in his local church," Theresa said.

He was the lead singer of the gospel quartet George Perkins and The Voices of Harmony which included his daughter, Theresa, nephew, Walter Bell, and Eric Dangerfield, Marshall Jackson, Adrien Berry, Mark Cook, and Leo Dickens.

Advanced tickets are \$15 each or \$20 at the door.

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Beauty in History

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Carter House is parish's last plantation home

Story and photos
by Tommy Comeaux

The Livingston Parish News

The Carter House, once a lonely, simple home on a 2,000-acre tract of land in the middle of nowhere, the parish's last standing plantation house, is now surrounded by a new subdivision filled with huge, modern homes that still make the beautiful home seem modest.

The property was a Spanish land grant acquired by James Rheims (or Rheims, since both spellings appear in historic documents) but Rheims did nothing with the property, not even harvesting the wealth of timber covering the huge piece of land.

It was not until the property was sold to Thomas Freeman, a free man of color, in 1817, that the potential of the land was envisioned, according to Vickie Robinson, chairman of the board of directors of the Historic Carter House Society Inc., a non-profit organization that has taken over the upkeep of the old place.

Freeman, believed to have moved to Loui-

siana from Virginia, built the original house from lumber harvested from and milled on his land and bricks made in a kiln Freeman had constructed on the property. It was a simple but functional house in the dogtrot style so popular at the time with common people, those without wealth.

The style is represented by four rooms under one roof with a breezeway forming a "T" between the rooms to allow for the circulation of air through the building, a necessity in the heat of south Louisiana summers.

The four rooms still exist, although many improvements were done to the Carter House in the 200 years since it was built. The breezeway has been closed in, a sunroom and huge dining room have been added to the rear of the building and upstairs, not open to the public, are two bedrooms and a bathroom, Robinson said.

When Freeman owned the property and home he called it Sycamore and Livingston Parish was part of St. Helena Parish and after the two enti-



ties were divided, the 2,000 acres and modest house were sold to William Breed.

The first owner of the property with a political background, Breed was appointed sheriff of the parish in 1832 and later became a state representative, Robinson said, adding many of the property's owners were politicians or lawyers or in some cases, both.

Long after Breed's death in 1843, George Richardson purchased

Sycamore Plantation in 1856. He married the former Margaret Eliza Hamilton and although Margaret died in 1836, the couple had nine children.

"We have been told that George Richardson had five daughters and he had five plantations so he gave each daughter a plantation and the one that got this plantation was named Amanda," Robinson said.

Amanda Richardson married Marcus Tulli-

er Carter and, keeping with the plantation's political tradition, Carter was an attorney who would become a judge and district attorney. It is from the union of Amanda and Marcus and their resulting six children the home acquired the name Carter Plantation.

Now bearing the Federal style of architecture, the raised home is one and half stories high and includes front and rear galleries, its original four rooms on the ground floor and a central hallway added later.

The kitchen and dining room, additions to the simple house Freeman had built years earlier, were destroyed by fire in the late 1880s and replaced later.

Open almost every other weekend during the summer and for a few days during the holiday season when it is decorated for the season and by appointment, Carter Plantation was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

Robinson said the society also invites the public to use the beautiful old home for weddings, fami-

ly reunions, bridal showers, luncheons or business meetings.

In the mission statement outlining the Historic Carter House Society's role in the site, its purpose "is to foster appreciation of Carter Plantation's unique history, to carry out historic research, preservation of the historic Carter House and Carter Plantation education and to provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences."

With those responsibilities comes a significant financial obligation and Robinson said the society is dependent on funds raised through grants, donations, society dues and fundraisers, adding members of the group are planning one for later this year to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the formation of the society.

For more information, or to schedule an event or a personal tour, visit the Carter Plantation website, www.carterplantation-cdd.com or call (225) 747-0660.

Check out more photos from Carter House on our website, www.livingstonparishnews.com.



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Acorn Theatre presents 'Romeo and Juliet'

The Acorn Theatre production of "Romeo and Juliet" was held at Wholly Ground Coffee House in Walker on Aug. 4 - 6. The unique production of the classic Shakespeare play was set in post-Civil War era Appalachian Mountains. In photos clockwise from top left, Romeo is played by Joey Carroll and Haley Miller plays the part of Juliet; Romeo declares his love for Juliet to Benvolio (Courtney Jarrell, left) and Mercutio (Justin Stafford); Romeo confides in Friar Lawrence (Shane Stewart) that he is love with a Capulet, the daughter of his family's great enemy; Juliet's nurse, played by Elizabeth Thomas, gives Romeo a mouthful to make sure he has good intentions with the fair Juliet; and Carroll and Miller perform the famous "Romeo and Juliet" balcony scene.

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BASKETBALL

Same court, new challenge

Denham native Mark Whitehead embraces new basketball role as SEC officiating supervisor

By Randy Rosetta

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Had fate taken a different and more well-traveled path, Mark Whitehead would be relaxing right now with an eye on mapping out what figured to be a very hectic winter of basketball.

Because of a twist that the Denham Springs' native didn't ever imagine would emerge after he walked off the court at NRG Stadium in Houston last April after calling a lop-sided Final 4 semifinal game between Villanova and Oklahoma, Whitehead's career is on a different arc.

Back in June, the SEC announced that Whitehead, a 1978 DSHS graduate, had been appointed the coordinator of men's basketball officials as part of the league's latest effort to upgrade the conference's stature in the national landscape.

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey has known Whitehead for years dating back to his time in the Southland Conference and pegged the former Yellow Jacket basketball, baseball and track standout for the job.

What that means for the 56-year-old Whitehead who still calls Denham home with his wife Terri is that instead of juggling a schedule of games that has included 90 nights of running up-and-down basketball courts with some of the best athletes in the world, he will take on a much different role.

"I'm still going to watch a lot of games, but through a

different lens," Whitehead said in a recent one-on-one interview. "It's going to be a lot different than what I've done for the last 29 years. I'm going to be watching 50-60 games in person and a whole lot more on TV and video, but what I'll be monitoring now is what those three guys calling the game are doing."

In this new spot — which has since been expanded to include a job as the coordinator of officials in the American Athletic Conference and Atlantic Sun Conference — Whitehead will evaluate referees on a game-by-game basis. The process began this summer when he spent extensive time in Orlando observing a young crop of hopeful referees they looked to gain a foothold on the career ladder.

All of this is still very new to Whitehead, who for most of the last three decades has been regarded as one of the best officials in the college game. The 2016 Final 4 was his fifth, an assignment that is earned by merit throughout the season.

Ever since taking the step from calling high school games around Louisiana in the early 1990s, Whitehead has called games in every major conference, including the SEC, and has crossed paths with a slew of current and future Hall-of-Fame coaches and players.

"One thing about Mark is that he has come up the right way — the hard way — and has paid his dues," said Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy, who spent several years at Southeastern Louisiana, where both



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TERRI WHITEHEAD

Denham Springs' native Mark Whitehead called college basketball at the highest level of the last 29 years and for current and future Hall of Fame coaches like Kansas' Bill Self (above). Below, Whitehead's final game in stripes was at the 2016 Final 4 when he officiated the national semifinal between Villanova and Oklahoma with Tom Eades (left) and Tony Padilla.

he and Whitehead graduated from in the early 1980s. "It's good to have guy who is respected and who knows games of officiating as well as he does be in a spot like this."

Added Whitehead, "This will definitely be something different for me. I never had planned to seek a job like this. I thought I'd still be calling games for 4-8 good years and then retiring. By all of this happening in such a short period of time, there hasn't been an adjustment period. But I'm happy I took the

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Hometown proud

Tasmin Mitchell has shown his value is much bigger off the court in Denham

As far as items checked off a career to-do list, there probably aren't a whole lot of things left for Tasmin Mitchell to accomplish on the basketball court.

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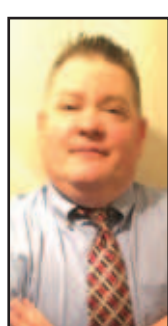
That stage of his life is down the road, though, because the affable and chiseled 6-foot-7 Mitchell still has plenty left in his basketball tank.

The resume' is mighty impressive:

- ◆ Four-year starter for the Yellow Jackets, four-time All-State
- ◆ As a senior at DSHS in 2005 he

was the Class 5A Player of the Year, Mr. Basketball and tabbed an All-American by McDonald's, Parade Magazine and EA Sports.

- ◆ Starter on two SEC championship teams at LSU, including the 2006 Final 4 team
- ◆ Third-leading



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THE BENCH
Randy Rosetta

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DSAA hosts montly meeting, with Chris Blair as the speaker

The Denham Springs Athletic Association will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday with new LSU play-by-play man Chris Blair as the guest speaker. The monthly get-together is at Big Mike's in Denham.

Blair is set to enter his first football season as the radio voice of the Tigers after joining the LSU Sports Network late last year and calling

his first season of baseball games at LSU in the spring.

A Kentucky native, Blair was Georgia Southern's radio voice for 10 seasons and he also spent the early portion of his career in Greenville and Columbia, South Carolina. Blair basically grew up inside a radio station, working at age 14 for his father, also a long-time broadcaster.] For more information on the DSAA at (225) 405.9161.



DAVID NORMAND | THE NEWS

Bulldogs at work

Springfield assistant coach John Pace shows a player proper tackling techniques on Monday, the first day the Bulldogs wore full pads.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Doughty helps U.S. bounces back to win bronze medal at World Cup

DSHS star chimed in with 2 hits, 2 runs as Team USA eased past Panama 8-3 to finish tournament on a high note

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The Livingston Parish News

IWAKI, JAPAN — Behind some outstanding team pitching and a clutch six-run 7th inning, the USA Baseball 15U National Team brushed aside some of the disappointment from the last few days to claim the bronze medal at the WBSU U-15 World Cup with an 8-3 triumph over Panama on Sunday. Denham Springs' native Cade Doughty tallied two hits, an RBI and two runs scored to help key the victory, which wrapped up a 7-2 showing on the international stage. After losing to Cuba and Colombia to miss out on the gold-medal game, the U.S. showed heart to take down a scrappy and talented Panama squad.

The two nations were locked in an impressive pitchers' duel for much of the game, as the score sat at 1-1 entering the 7th inning. The American bats finally got it going after getting a clutch out with the bases loaded from pitcher Jared Jones (Whittier, Calif.) and the U.S. defense to end the top half of the seventh.

Coleman Brigman (San Jose, Calif.) opened the bottom half of the 7th with a one-out double. Jones followed with his single, Jasiah Dixon (Santa Ana, Calif.) collected an RBI with a sacrifice bunt, Anthony Volpe (Watchung, N.J.) poked a run-scoring single, Justin Campbell (Simi Valley, Calif.) was walked intentionally, Doughty chased in a run with a single and Colton Olatin (Spring Hill, Fla.) capped the big rally with an RBI hit.

Team USA added an insurance run in the 8th on another Volpe RBI single, and LHP Nick Gorby (Port St. Lucie, Fla.) turned in 2 solid innings on the mound (3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 2 SO) to close out the U.S. win.

Zach Martinez (Peoria, Ariz.) got the day going on the mound for the U.S. with 4.1 strong innings where he allowed a run on four hits and two walks while striking out two batters. Jones followed and turned in 2.2 clutch frames with nly two hits allowed.

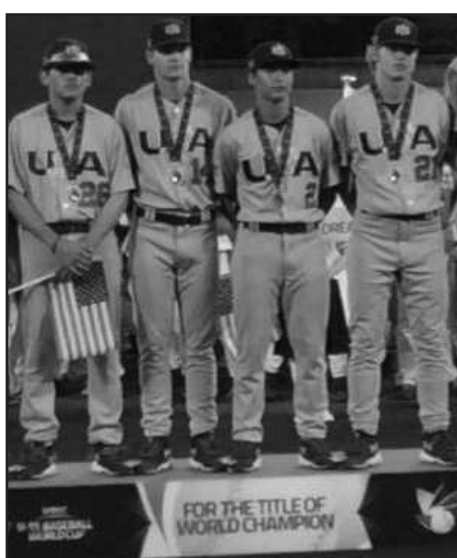
Volpe led the U.S. with two hits, two RBIs, a walk and run scored, while Carter Young (Selah, Wash.) posted two hits, an RBI, walk and run scored and Brigman had a hit, RBI and run scored.

QUOTES

Manager Mike Strickland

On team overcoming disappointment to win bronze ...

"We played 20 bad minutes of baseball that cost us, which was that inning that got kind of sideways on us against Cuba. (Not playing for gold) was tough and it was tough on our guys, but much like anything, when you set your goal at the absolute pinnacle of what's out there and you get hit in the face and you know you're not going to be able to attain it there is a tremendous amount of disappointment



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNIFER DOUGHTY

Cade Doughty wrapped up play in Japan last week with Team USA at the World Cup. The Denham Springs' native (No. 14 in all three photos) played a key role as the U.S. bounced back to claim the bronze medal by defeating Panama 8-3.

and self-introspection. It showed yesterday in what we did, and it showed a little bit today, but these guys finally made the decision that 'we are going to be accountable and we aren't going to back down from the goal we set but we are going to continue to move forward.' That's what you saw today."

Colombia 7, Team USA 5 (10)

The U.S. had its chances against Colombia Saturday but failed to capitalize and the Colombians plated three runs in the 10th inning to claim a 7-5 win in the final game of the super round.

Despite trailing for much of the game, the U.S. had several chances to claim the momentum at different points during the contest but struggled immensely at the plate with runners in scoring position. The Americans left two runners on base in the 2nd inning, two in the 5th, two in the 7th, three in the 9th and three in the 10th as part of a whopping 15 runners that failed to cross home plate.

After allowing the tying run to score in the top of the 9th, the potential winning run was left stranded at second base when the third out was recorded.

Colombia made the U.S. pay for the missed opportunity in the 9th, as it scored three runs in the 10th with the help of the international tiebreaker scenario that places runners on first and second base to start the inning. The U.S. answered with a run in the bottom half of the inning, but a long fly out with two outs and the bases loaded sealed Team USA's fate.

The U.S. had its backs against the wall for much of the game, as it had to rally from a 3-1 deficit that lasted until the 7th inning, when the Americans put together a complete inning, highlighted by an Volpe being hit by pitch and Young walking with the bases loaded to tie the game 3-3. Two



batters later, Campbell tallied a sacrifice fly to center field to give the U.S. its first lead of the game.

Colombia had little success in the early going, as U.S. starting pitcher Landon Sims (Cumming, Ga.) was perfect through 3 innings. The Colombians broke through in the

4th and 5th innings to score three runs that proved to be their lone runs until the 9th inning.

Campbell led the U.S. offense with two hits, two walks, an RBI and a run scored while Christian Cairo (Clearwater, Fla.) posted two hits and two runs scored.

Jason Ard golf event

Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard will host his 5th annual golf tournament on Sept. 9 at Carter Plantation in Springfield.

The event includes a four-man scramble with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

- Fees are:
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The entry fee is \$180

for golfers ages 12-18 and \$100 for participants ages 9-11 and all competitors will receive tee gifts at check-in. All golfers must be USSSA Registered, which is free.

The deadline to enter is 10 p.m. Thursday. For additional information, contact Robert Boudreaux at (337) 278.8431 or robert.boudreaux@ussssa.com.

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Metairie native and longtime college coach Billy Kennedy thinks the SEC found the perfect man for the Coordinator of Officials in Denham Springs' Mark Whitehead.

New job with the SEC fits Whitehead very well

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job and I'm looking forward to it." What the job will also entail is a different relationship with coaches in the SEC. Whitehead has gotten to know all 14 men at different levels. With Louisiana natives like Kennedy and LSU's Johnny Jones, there are established relationships as a foundation for those bonds. By evolving into a supervisory role and one that is a go-between with the league and the coaches, Whitehead gets a chance to establish a different kind of relationship with the figureheads of each SEC program. "I've talked to every coach to find out what their thought process is and how they think the game needs to get better - what they think officiating needs to do to make it better in our league," Whitehead said. "The biggest issues are communication and mistakes in last 4 minutes of games. What officials need to be able to do is look these guys in the eye and talk to them. Tell them 'I missed a call.' Be honest because that's what they want. "In this job, there's no question that I'm rooting for the officials. Those are the guys I am pulling for to do well. But I also want to do whatever I can to help the SEC get back to where it was as one of the best league in the country, and making sure we have the best officials in the country is a big part of that." And that task is on Whitehead's plate starting in November. The process isn't as simple as it might sound. Every SEC game includes an on-site evaluator who grades the officials. Now the game is also recorded, loaded on an iPad for

each official, as well as another person who evaluates games off-site. Once all the evaluations are combined, each official is provided information which will include positive feedback as well as areas he needs to improve in. Mingled in with that busy work, it will be Whitehead who gets the phone calls from coaches, administrators and the league office in cases of controversy. "There's never been a perfect game played, coached or officiated, but all of us are all striving for that perfection," Whitehead said. "Can we show improvement and are we making sure our guys are getting better because they're working smarter and with passion." Passion is a big key, Whitehead said, because it has a ripple effect on how effective referees can be. "You better have some passion because the players and the coaches sure do," Whitehead said. "Calling the games is the fun part. It's all the travel to get to games that wears guys out. We're hoping to reduce guys' travel because with less travel, you are able to get more rest, and the healthier guys are, the better the officiating." In Whitehead, the SEC has found the right man to pull all that together, Kennedy said. "He understands how competitive it is and how important it is to get the best officials," Kennedy said. "He knows we've got to get better in the SEC and we all feel like that's an area we can improve on."

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COURTESY OF TERRI WHITEHEAD
Denham Springs' native Mark Whitehead called the 2016 Final 4 game between Oklahoma and Villanova last April, his fifth and final invitation to the biggest stage of college basketball. He is stepping into a role as the Coordinator of SEC Officials this year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #2 has declared property in the Watson area located at 7510 Thames Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70706 as surplus. We will be accepting sealed written bids by September 6, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Drainage District office at 8629 Springfield Rd in Watson. All bids must be above the appraised value. Contact Manager Carl Chuitz at (225) 278-9529 for further information.

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form solicited for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on Tuesday, May 26, 2016, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on July 14, 2016, as follows: This Ordinance was introduced by Jeff Awarick.

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 16-20

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING RELATED DISPOSITIVE ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston has an ownership interest in approximately 100 acres as described in attachment A and

WHEREAS, the herein below described property is no longer needed for a public purpose and should be declared surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston wishes to sell said property at an open bid public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston has requested an appraisal of said property to fix the minimum bid price which will be ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$110,600.00) plus cost of appraisal and attorney fees;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston will advertise the sale of said property at public auction as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Livingston Parish Council in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the herein below described property is no longer needed for public purposes and is surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Livingston Parish Council does hereby authorize the sale of its interest in the herein below described property for an amount not less than the appraised value as indicated and such sale shall take place on the 24th day of August, 2016 at 10:00am in the 17th Floor Conference Room at 20359 Government Blvd., Livingston, LA 70754.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications which are given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be as prescribed by law.

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

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. TAUBERT, MR. THARLES, MR. ARD, MR. GURLINGHOUSE, MR. LOBELLE, MR. AVERETT, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACKS

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 14th of July, 2016.

John Rosetta
John Rosetta, Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandy Teal
Sandy Teal, Council Clerk

Layton Rube
Layton Rube, Parish President

Exhibit A - Legal Description

EXHIBIT A TO L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 16-20

See Attached Legal Description

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONTAINED WITHIN THE CARRIER MORNINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 159.5 acres (more or less) together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated in Sections 26 and 35, T15S, R4E, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

From the Northeast corner of Section 46, T15S, R4E, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, proceed South 89 deg. 55 min. 08 sec. West 2177.91 feet and corner, thence proceed South 07 deg. 17 min. East 750.9 feet to the Corner of Coles Road (aka's Clover Cemetery Road); thence from the intersection of Coles Road and Winder Road, proceed along the centerline of said Winder Road South 15 deg. 18 min. 43 sec. East 1213.01 feet to its intersection with the centerline of Duncan's Bluff Road and corner, thence continue down the centerline of Duncan's Bluff Road South 48 deg. 22 min. 17 sec. West 186.51 feet; South 81 deg. 11 min. 54 sec. West 1499.42 feet; South 61 deg. 38 min. 58 sec. West 1892.25 feet; South 42 deg. 07 min. 24 sec. West 221.15 feet; South 86 deg. 47 min. 56 sec. West 145.52 feet; South 53 deg. 20 min. 56 sec. West 165.72 feet; South 77 deg. 11 min. 58 sec. West 188.73 feet; South 60 deg. 14 min. 08 sec. West 442.26 feet; South 24 deg. 51 min. 30 sec. West 226.34 feet; South 28 deg. 20 min. 51 sec. West 275.87 feet; South 10 deg. 25 min. 32 sec. East 258.11 feet; South 24 deg. 06 min. 18 sec. West 277.42 feet; South 14 deg. 10 min. 59 sec. West 179.79 feet; South 04 deg. 20 min. 34 sec. East 274.29 feet; South 17 deg. 56 min. 18 sec. West 234.08 feet; South 11 deg. 08 min. 29 sec. West 497.57 feet; South 24 deg. 36 min. 35 sec. West 214.77 feet; South 21 deg. 15 min. 00 sec. West 154.06 feet and corner; South 63 deg. 56 min. 22 sec. West 475.36 feet and corner; South 08 deg. 53 min. 44 sec. East 294 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue down the centerline of Duncan's Bluff Road; South 08 deg. 55 min. 44 sec. East 38.84 feet; South 36 deg. 27 min. 08 sec. East 248.53 feet; South 42 deg. 21 min. 14 sec. East 219.24 feet; South 02 deg. 35 min. 22 sec. East 153.10 feet; South 13 deg. 21 min. 44 sec. East 459.30 feet; South 14 deg. 22 min. 26 sec. East 412.01 feet; South 07 deg. 52 min. 09 sec. West 155.51 feet; South 21 deg. 10 min. 02 sec. West 90.88 feet to the intersection of Duncan Bluff Road with the Richardson's Landing Road, thence proceed due South 2,394.25 feet to the right ascending bank of the Broad River and corner; thence continue Northwesterly along the East Bank of the Broad River in an upstream direction 6,100 feet (more or less) to an iron pipe and corner, thence proceed North 78 deg. 46 min. 56 sec. East 1490.0 feet and corner, thence proceed South 86 deg. 05 min. 04 sec. East 400.00 feet back to the Point of Beginning.

Being Tract 1-3 as shown on that certain survey by Mrs. D. Adams, Reg. Land Surveyor, dated July 10, 1989.

PUBLIC NOTICE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) WASTE MANAGEMENT OF LOUISIANA, LLC WOODSIDE LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for Waste Management of Louisiana, Woodside Landfill and Recycling Center, 2544 Woodside Drive, Watson, LA 70763. The facility is located approximately 2 miles east of the Town of Walker, approximately one-half mile south of the intersection of US Highway 190 and Woodside Drive in Walker, Livingston Parish. Upon the effective date of the final permit, the LPDES permit shall replace the previously issued LPDES permit.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into an unnamed ditch, thence into Middle Colwell Creek, thence into the Arnie River, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and propagation of fish and wildlife. Under the SIC Code 4933, the applicant proposes to discharge non-contact recreation, storm water runoff from the active disposal area and maintenance and fuel storage area, vehicle/water truck wash, treated sanitary wastewater, and treated leachate.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Comments and requests for a public hearing in connection of the final decision can be submitted via personal delivery, U.S. mail, email, or fax. Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Thursday, September 15, 2016. Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 8th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70821, U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4113, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4113. Emails may be submitted to LDEQ.PUBLICPARTICIPATION@LDEQ.LA.GOV and fees sent to (225) 219-2376.

Please see additional restrictions for comment submission, final delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.ldeq.louisiana.gov/permit/default.asp?tabid=2226> or call (225) 219-2376. If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final

permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for modification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit, and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 128, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.ldeq.louisiana.gov.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding the permit action should be directed to Melissa Rehall, LDEQ, Water Permit Division, P.O. Box 4113, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4113, phone: (225) 219-2159.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4113, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4113, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5377).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permit public notice webpage at www.ldeq.louisiana.gov/apps/publicnotice/draft.asp and general information related to the public participation webpage can be viewed at www.ldeq.louisiana.gov/publicnotice/default.asp.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permit public notice list. Several http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email_Notifications_0103_P01.

All correspondence should specify A# Number 11767, Permit Number L20100200, and Activity Number PE-R2014000.

Scheduled Publication Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 in the Livingston Parish News

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the City of Walker by the Mayor and City Council at the Administrative Offices in the Walker Municipal Building located at 20315 Monka Boulevard, Walker, Louisiana 70754 until 11:00 A.M., August 24, 2016.

ANY PERSON REQUIREING STATUTORY ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BIDDING DATE.

FOR: Livingston Parish Industrial Park R&T Job No. 12167

Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

Parsons and Tishko, Inc.
1234 Del Este Ave, Suite 600
Denham Springs, LA 70704
PHONE: (225) 663-1021

Open deposit of \$ 400.00 for each set of documents. Deposits on the first set are fully refundable if all tentative prime bidders appear on the date of the opening in good condition and are returned 100 days after receipt of bids. Fifty percent of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon receipt of documents as stated above.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to the percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of certified check, cash, or check on the attached bid bond form drawn by a money order (issued to the Treasurer of Louisiana, signed by the money order's issuer) or cashier's check. Security must be filed on the contract. U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service (U.S. Treasury) will accept for a contract equal to or greater than the contract amount, it must be in a secure company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If security is provided other than by filing on the Treasury bid, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of public works surplus as shown by audits most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$50,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with a bid in an amount in the limit printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$50,000 limitation provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of the policyholder's surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and the policyholder's surplus is shown by the insurer's most recent financial statements that were filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The bond shall be signed by the money order's issuer or cashier.

All contractors will be required to be registered with SGM (System for Award Management). The information can be found at www.SGM.gov.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond within five (5) business days of the award in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Security must be filed currently on the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service (U.S. Treasury) and accepted for a contract equal to or greater than the contract amount, it must be in a secure company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If security is provided other than by filing on the Treasury bid, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of public works surplus as shown by audits most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$50,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with a bid in an amount in the limit printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$50,000 limitation provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of the policyholder's surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and the policyholder's surplus is shown by the insurer's most recent financial statements that were filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The bond shall be signed by the money order's issuer or cashier.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

At 10:00 a.m. on August 17th at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1036 Parham Boulevard, Walker, Louisiana

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:250-2163 for the classification of Municipal Public Works Construction under a request to occupy until provision and requirements of LA R.S. 33:212 (A)(2)(c). The bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except for the provision of LA R.S. 38:222-1.

Bids for this project may be submitted online at www.centralbid.com/secure. Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2212 (A)(2)(B) and 38:2212 (A)(2)(C) modification and award are the option of the contractor. Bids shall not be made electronically. If you are bidding documents, download and review bid notices by email, your company name will need to register with Central Auction House at www.centralbid.com/secure. If you are not bidding electronically, contact the project engineer at centralbid.com 225-831-8111.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this project. In accordance with LA R.S. 38:222 (A)(2)(b), the provision and acceptance of this contract, those stated in the advertisement hereon, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as advertisements and shall be waived by any contractor.

Bid Dates: July 28th, August 1st, and August 14th

Request for Qualifications

Livingston Parish, Louisiana

Livingston Parish is hereby requesting written submittals of a Statement of Qualifications from firms interested in providing Professional Engineering services to be performed at the direction of the Livingston Parish Government Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) for improvements to the Haynes Settlement Water System.

Description: Services required for this "Project" include those basic and supplemental services necessary to make improvements and extensions to the residential water system totaling approximately 2,900 linear feet (LF) within the established roadside ditch right-of-way. This project includes all valves, hydrants, meters, and piping to complete the project. Existing residences in the area are operating under individual private well supply systems. This project will establish water service tie-ins to these areas. Firms submitting a statement of qualifications must identify all firms that they expect to use to provide supplemental services.

The selected firm shall be responsible for all professional services required or related to the design, bidding, and construction administration of the Project. LOHSEP has been awarded funds from the 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) application for Livingston Parish. The selected firm shall be responsible for professional services complying with the CWEF grant as provided by LOHSEP for this Project.

Interested firms should submit one original and four (4) copies of their statement of qualifications along with a completed Standard Form to Heather Crain, Grant Coordinator, for the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness at P.O. Box 1060 Livingston, LA 70754 at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 25, 2016. The Standard Form shall be provided by LOHSEP. It is requested that the Consultants submit the Standard Form only. Additional information is discouraged. Later submissions will not be considered.

Only those firms that have obtained the official RFQ package from the LOHSEP will be considered. To obtain a package, please contact Ms. Crain at 225-686-4415 or send an e-mail to hcrain@lp.gov. Livingston Parish reserves the right to reject all of the submittals in response to this Request for Qualifications.

Mark Harrell
Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Livingston Parish

Public Notice

Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, pursuant to LA-R.S. 40:1758, will be holding a public sale to the following firearms by means of public auction at Sheriff Healy's Auction: www.louisianasheriffs.com, 2041 Patsie Ellis Road, Denham Springs, La. The sale dates will begin on September 8th 2016 and continue to all consecutive business days. For further information on dates and a complete release contact Sheriff Healy at 404.04. Anyone planning to purchase should provide proof of ownership and contact the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office at (225) 686-2241 no later than September 8th 2016.

21.20 sq yards	
AGC-AK47 Edge	
AK-101	41
AKM-101	38
Astra-Ultra	6.35
Ray State	256g
Terrigen pistol dagger	
Beretta	5m
Beretta	5mm
Beretta	30m
Beretta	35
Beretta	70C
Beretta	18C
Beretta	40C
Browning	70m
Browning	35-25

Browning	270	Marlin	22	Ruger	9mm
Browning	12ga	Marlin	22	Ruger	22
Browning	12ga	Marlin	22	Ruger	22
Browning	6mm	Marlin	22	Ruger	9mm
Bryco	9mm	Marlin	22	Ruger	45
Bryco	380	Marlin	22	Ruger	45
Bryco	9mm	Marlin	22	Ruger	357
Bryco	380	Marlin	22	Ruger	45
Bryco	9mm	Marlin	30-30	Ruger	22
Bushmaster	223	Marlin	30-30	Ruger	22mag
Bushmaster	223	Marlin	22	Ruger	357
CBC		Marlin	30-30	Ruger	44 mag
CF Policia Fed	1911	Marlin	22	Ruger	22
Charter Arms	38	Marlin	30-30	Ruger	40
Charter Arms	38	Marlin	22	S&W	44mag
Chinese SKS		Marlin	22	S&W	38
Chinese SKS		Marlin	22	S&W	357
Chinese SKS		Marlin	22	S&W	38
Chinese SKS		Marlin	22	S&W	38
Chinese SKS		Marlin	22	S&W	357
Cobra	380	Marlin	30-30	S&W	9mm
Cobra	380	Marlin	22	S&W	38
Colt	1911	Mausser	unk	S&W	38
Colt	1911	Mausser	7.65	S&W	9mm
Colt	32	Maverick	12ga	S&W	357
Colt	38	Maverick	12ga	S&W	9mm
Colt	38	Maverick	12ga	S&W	357
Colt Commander		Modern Western Ranger	22	S&W	9mm
Conn. Valley Arms pistol		Mossberg	410 pump	S&W	38
Crossman bb pistol		Mossberg	20ga	S&W	357
Crossman bb pistol		Mossberg	16ga	S&W	357
Daewoo	40	Mossberg	12ga	S&W	38
Daisy bb gun		Mossberg	12ga	S&W	40
Davis	32	Mossberg	12ga	S&W	38
Davis	380	Mossberg	410	S&W	38
Davis	380	Mossberg	12ga	Savage	22
Davis	380	Mossberg	20ga	Savage	22
Desert Eagle	45	Mossberg	12ga	Sears & Roebuck	22
Dixie Gunworks	44	Mossberg	12ga	SKS	
EAA Corp	380	Mossberg	12ga	SKS	
Eastfield	12ga	Mossberg	22	SKS	
ERA	12ga	Mossberg	12ga	SKS Norinco	
Excel	12ga	Mossberg	12ga	Spanish made	38 long
FIE corp	25	New England	20ga	Springfield	22
Fox B series	12ga	New England	12ga	Springfield	mod 15
Glock	9mm	New England	410	Springfield	12ga
Glock	17	New England	410	Springfield	9mm
Glock	9mm	New England	410	Star	9mm
Glock	17	New England	12ga	Stevens	22
H&R	410	New England	243	Stevens	22
H&R	20ga	New England	410	Steven	22
H&R	20ga	Para Ordnance	45	Steven	20ga
H&R	12ga	Phoenix Arms	25	Stevens	12ga
H&R	410	Phoenix Arms	22	Stevens	22
H&R	20ga	Raven Arms	25	Stevens	12ga
H&R	32	Remington	22	Stevens	12ga
H&R	32	Remington	20ga	Sundance	25
H&R	22	Remington	22	Taurus	9mm
H&R	22	Remington	1100	Taurus	38
H&R	32	Remington	1100	Taurus	357
Hawes Firearms	22	Remington	22	Taurus	357
Hi point	380	Remington	30-06	Taurus	38 spec
Hi point	380	Remington	22	Taurus	357
Hi point	9mm	Remington	16ga	Taurus	40
Hi point	9mm	Remington	1100	Taurus	judge
Hi point	380	Remington	1100	Taurus	25
Hi point	45	Remington	20ga	Taurus	9mm
High Standards	22	Remington	1100	Taurus	38 special
Inter Arms	38	Remington	22	Taurus	40
Inter Arms	38	Remington	7400	Taurus	38
Italian made	45 cal	Remington	410	Thompson	.50 cal
Ithaca	12ga	Remington	Viper 22	Thompson	.45 pistol
Iver Johnson	22	Remington	22	Titan	25
JC Higgins	22	Remington	22	Titan Tiger	38
JC Higgins	16ga	Remington	12ga	Titan Tiger	38
Jennings	32	Remington	22	Traditions	.50 cal
Jennings	22	Revelation	20ga	Universal	.30 cal
Jennings	22	Revolution	12ga	Universal Arms	30
Jennings	380	RG	22	unk	22mag revolver
Jennings	22	RG	22	US Army	38 special
Jennings crossbow		RG	22	Weatherby	300 mag
Jukar Spain	45	RG	22	Weatherby	7mm
Kahr	40	Rock River	223	Webley	38
Kahr	40	Rohm	22	Walther	22
Kimel Ind	32	Rossi	12ga	Whelen Barrel & Action	
Llama	9mm	Rossi	410	Winchester	12ga
Lorcin	25	Rossi	357	Winchester	20ga
Lorcin	380	Rossi	44	Winchester	12ga
Luger	22	Rossi	38	Winchester	12ga
Marksmen bb pistol		Rossi	38	Winchester	12ga
Marlin	22	Ruger	22	Winchester	12ga
Marlin	22	Ruger	mini 14	Winchester	22
Marlin	22	Ruger	22	Winchester	22
Marlin	22	Ruger	9mm	Winchester	12ga
Marlin	22	Ruger	22	Winchester	20ga

Livingston Parish Convention and Visitor's Bureau will hold their monthly Board Meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 11:00 in Denham Springs at Don's Seafood Restaurant.

Publication

Community Utilities of Louisiana Inc. ("CULI") applied with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") for a rate increase. It will affect all customers in the CULI service areas, formerly owned by Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC. ("Density"), in the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana and enable CULI to make improvements to the systems. CULI has requested that for all wastewater customers in the subdivisions transferred from Density, the proposed average rates will be a two-step phase-in increase in year one and then again in year two, which will be the final rate, as follows: residential average wastewater flat rate will increase to \$68.00 and then to \$98.15 and commercial average wastewater flat rate will increase to \$156.56 and then to \$225.97. Additionally, CULI reserves the right and may propose interim rate increases agreed upon with the LPSC for the same customers named above. Customers can contact the Louisiana Public Service Commission with questions or comments at (225) 342-4404.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Livingston owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in the town. The gas system consists of an underground network of pipelines throughout the town and unincorporated areas adjacent to the town limits. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a reliable and safe economic source of energy for heating purposes to the homes and businesses adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. The pipeline system has the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas to the customers.

The hazards of natural gas are it is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air, and can ignite and/or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:

- Adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence
- Testing the odorant level each calendar quarter
- Performing annual gas leakage surveys
- Conducting periodic pipeline patrols

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:

- A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas)
- A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route
- Blowing dirt, grass, or leaves near a pipeline
- Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas
- A gas smell similar to rotten eggs

Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or elsewhere inside of a building should call the Town of Livingston immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the Town of Livingston.

Pipeline markers are maintained to inform the public of the gas line location. State and federal laws require excavation to notify LA One-Call two full working days. If any excavation is planned you must notify LA One-Call which will notify the Town to locate the gas lines. The Town of Livingston maintains memberships on the LA One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report gas related issues call the Town of Livingston at 225-229-6396 (24 hours) or the LA One-Call Center phone number is 811. This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public notices and damage prevention awareness notices.

"This Declaration is an Equal Opportunity Provider"

Project No. 1633

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ROOF REPLACEMENT TO: LIVE OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL, Livingston Parish School Board, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706, as designated on the drawings.

Sealed bids from contractors will be received by Ziler Architects, A Professional Architectural Corporation, at the offices of the Livingston Parish School Board, located at 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana (225-686-7044), until September 6, 2016 at 2:00pm CDST, for all labor, materials and equipment required to fully complete the project entitled "ROOF REPLACEMENT TO: LIVE OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL, Livingston Parish School Board, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706", as designated on the drawings. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place stated.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of Ziler Architects, A Professional Architectural Corporation, 101 Calco Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70503. (337) 269-6326.

Official Bid Documents are also available at Central Bidding. Electronic Bids are accepted at Central Bidding. Central Bidding can be accessed at www.centralbidding.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Contractors, sub-contractors, and material suppliers licensed under R.S. 37:2151-2163 may secure from the office of the architect, complete sets of Contract Documents as follows:

Bidding and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the Architect upon payment of a deposit of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$150.00) DOLLARS for each set.

According to Act No. 478, July 9, 1988, Section 1, R.S. 38:2212: Deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less actual cost of reproduction will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids.

General contractors qualify for a full refund on the first set of bidding documents and half refund on all additional sets. No refund will be given to contractors that have requested bidding documents and returned them prior to the bid and/or do not submit a bid. No refund will be given to contractor that has been awarded the project. Subcontractors qualify for half refund. ALL PLANS MUST BE RETURNED, COMPLETE WITH ADDENDA, IN GOOD CONDITION TO QUALIFY FOR REFUND.

A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for August 23, 2016 at 10:00 am CDST, Live Oak Middle School, located at 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706.

Contract, if awarded, will be on a single lump sum basis to bidders licensed under the provisions of Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Louisiana. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after time and date of opening.

Bids will be evaluated by the Purchaser based on cost, quality adaptability of the particular material to the use intended and delivery time of material. The purchaser reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive informalities, and select the material that best suits his needs, whether the price is the lowest or not.

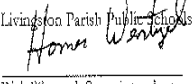
Award and execution of the contract: If the Bidder is notified of the acceptance of the bid within thirty (30) calendar days of the opening of bids, he agrees to execute a contract for the work accepted in the

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Project No. 1633

form AIA Document A101, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the owner that the instrument is ready for signature, and that he will complete the work within 100 calendar days. Liquidated damages shall be assessed in the amount of \$300.00 per day in accordance with the requirements as stated in the contract.

Contractors or contracting firms submitting bids in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. **Contractors shall be licensed for the classification of "Roofing Sheet Metal and Siding"**. Bids in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more, not submitted in accordance with this requirement, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Livingston Parish Public Schools

 Rick Weintzel, Superintendent

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TAKEN AT A SPECIAL SESSION HELD AT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 13909 FLORIDA BLVD., LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016.

The Livingston Parish School Board met in a special session in the School Board Office Conference Room, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at seven o'clock p.m. pursuant to the following notice:

July 18, 2016

There will be a Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish School Board at the School Board Office, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana on **THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016, at SEVEN O'CLOCK PM** for the following purpose and to take whatever action is necessary:

1. Approval of the minutes of the School Board Meeting held on July 7, 2016
2. Consider and approve a resolution for the naming of the Albany High School Basketball Court - Board Member Sid Kinchen
3. Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the adjusted millage rates and the increased rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum for the 2016 tax year - Business Manager Terry Hughes
4. Discussion and adoption of millage rates for the 2016 tax year - Business Manager Terry Hughes
 - A. Adopt the adjusted millage rates
 - B. Set forth the adjusted millage rates and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates
 - C. Adopt other authorized millages
5. Discussion and action on approval of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Agencies for fiscal year 2015-2016 - Business Manager Terry Hughes
6. Discussion and action on appointing an Inspector for additions and renovations, Walker High School - Ziler & Associates, "Professional of Record"; M. D. Descant, LLC, Contractor - Board Member Jimmy Watson
7. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Live Oak Elementary car rider parking lot construction and repairs - Labarre Associates, Inc., "Professional of Record"; Industrial Enterprises, Inc., Contractor - Phillip Kern
8. Discussion and action on the Superintendent's recommendation for the following position:
 - A. Supervisor of Instruction/Middle School - Central Office

9. Approval of Volunteer Coaches for the 2016-2017 school year - Assistant Superintendent Steve Parrill
10. Approval of Personnel Changes - Human Resource Director Bruce Chaffin (See attached lists)
11. Approval of payment of invoices

(The Livingston Parish School Board reserves the right to enter into an Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with LSA-R.S. 42:17 et seq. to review matters of litigation strategy and settlement negotiations.)

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Debra Sawyer of the LPPS Special Education office at (225) 686-4248. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the LPPS to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT,

Sincerely,

Homer "Rick" Wentzel, Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Malcolm Sibley, and upon roll call the following members were present:

PRESENT: Ms. Kellee Dickerson, Ms. Jan Benton, Ms. Karen Schmitt, Mr. Buddy Mincey, Jr., Mr. Jeff Cox, Mr. James Watson, Mr. James Richardson, Mr. Sid Kinchen, Mr. Malcolm Sibley
 ABSENT: None

1. A motion was offered by Ms. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Dickerson to approve the minutes of the Livingston Parish School Board meeting held on July 7, 2016. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

2. After an introduction by Board Member Sid Kinchen, Albany High School principal, Jill Prokop, read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
 BY THE
 LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 HONORING
 JO ANN SMITH**



WHEREAS, Mrs. Jo Ann Smith spent thirty (30) years of her life as an educator, mentor, guide, coach, and friend to students, parents and fellow employees of the Livingston Parish School Board, providing immeasurable benefits to generations of students in Livingston Parish;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jo Ann Smith worked with great commitment, passion, and care as both a teacher and coach at Albany High School from 1964-1992;

WHEREAS, during her time as the head girls' basketball coach at Albany High School, Mrs. Jo Ann Smith compiled over 700 career wins, reached the Louisiana State playoffs every year she coached, won 3 state championships, finished runner-up on 2 more occasions, was honored as the South Regional Coach of the Year and as a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 1992, and was a 1994 inductee into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish School Board wishes to establish an enduring reminder and to celebrate the life and contributions of Mrs. Jo Ann Smith to the Livingston Parish School System and Albany High School;

THEREFORE, the Livingston Parish School Board does hereby honor and commemorate the record of achievement, the myriad of accomplishments and the lifetime contributions of Mrs. Jo Ann Smith by naming the basketball court of the Albany High School gymnasium the "JO ANN SMITH COURT", to bear her name in perpetuity.

WHEREUPON, the vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted this 21st day of July, 2016.

/s/ Homer Wentzel /s/ Malcolm Sibley
 Homer "Rick" Wentzel, SECRETARY Malcolm Sibley, PRESIDENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Kinchen, seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt the resolution to name the basketball court of the Albany High School gymnasium in honor of Mrs. Jo Ann Smith. Before the vote, members of the board and audience expressed their admiration and respect for Ms. Smith. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote on thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

3. A public hearing was called to discuss the adoption of the adjusted millage rates of the 2016 tax rolls with Business Manager Terry Hughes offering the following statement:

The proposed millage rates for 2016 will be as follows:

Parish-wide:	
General Fund Constitutional	3.29 mills
General Fund Additional Support	7.18 mills
District No. 5 - Construction	5.00 mills
7 Mill Maintenance	7.00 mills

Sinking Fund:	
District 01 Denham Springs	9.64 mills (reduction 1.33 mills)
District 04 Walker	8.19 mills (reduction 1.33 mills)
District 4-1 Walker	15.25 mills (reduction 1.33 mills)
District 22 Live Oak	18.17 mills (reduction 1.33 mills)
District 32A French Settlement	0 mills (reduction 12.32 mills)
District 33 Maurepas	12.07 mills (reduction 1.33 mills)
District 24 Albany	0 mills
District 25 Holden	0 mills
District 26 Doyle	0 mills
District 26-1 Doyle	0 mills
District 27A Springfield	0 mills
District 31 Frost	0 mills

The reduction of 1.33 mills at the district level will offset the combined increase of the three parish-wides that were subject to reassessment and roll forward of 1.33 mills.

Thereupon, the floor was open for comments from any member of the public who wished to speak. Being none, the public hearing was closed.

4. A motion was offered by Ms. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Mincey to adopt the following Resolution:

**LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 MILLAGE RESOLUTION NO. 1**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Livingston Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 21, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

School Regular Parish-wide Constitutional Tax (General Fund)	3.01 mills
School Parish-wide Additional Support Tax (General Fund)	6.56 mills
School Parish-wide District No. 5 (Construction)	4.57 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Livingston, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

- B and C. A motion was offered by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Kinchen to adopt the following resolutions:

**LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 MILLAGE RESOLUTION NO. 2**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Livingston Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 21, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
School Regular Parish-wide Constitutional Tax (General Fund)	3.01 mills	3.29 mills
School Parish-wide Additional Support Tax (General Fund)	6.56 mills	7.18 mills
School Parish-wide District No. 5 (Construction)	4.57 mills	5.00 mills
Debt Service (Sinking Fund):		
Denham Springs District No. 1		9.64 mills
Walker District No. 4		8.19 mills
Walker District No. 4-1		15.25 mills
Live Oak District No. 22		18.17 mills
Albany District No. 24		0.00 mills
Holden District No. 25		0.00 mills
Doyle District No. 26		0.00 mills
Doyle District No. 26-1		0.00 mills
Springfield District No. 27-A		0.00 mills
Frost District No. 31		0.00 mills
French Settlement District No. 32-A		0.00 mills
Maurepas District No. 33		12.07 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Livingston, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**MILLAGE RESOLUTION
 (Renewal Tax Only)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Livingston Parish School Board:

MILLAGE

School Parish-Wide Special Maintenance Tax (7 Mill Maintenance)	7.00 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2016, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

5. Upon motion offered by Mr. Mincey, seconded by Ms. Dickerson the adoption of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagement of Government Entities for year 2015-2016 was approved. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

6. A motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Cox to appoint Mr. Wayne Sibley as Inspector for additions and renovations, Walker High School - Ziler & Associates, "Professional of Record"; M. D. Descant, LLC, Contractor. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Mr. Sibley
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

7. Change Order No. 1 for Live Oak Elementary car rider parking lot construction and repairs - Labare Associates, Inc. "Professional of Record"; Industrial Enterprises, Inc., Contractor, was approved upon motion offered by Ms. Dickerson, seconded by Ms. Benton as follows: the Contract Sum will be decreased by this Change Order in the amount of \$7,182.50. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

8. A. The Superintendent recommended the appointment of Steve Vampran for the position of Supervisor of Instruction/Middle School, Central Office, with a performance-based contract effective July 22, 2016 - June 30, 2019. A motion was offered by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Cox to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, and the vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

9. A motion was offered by Ms. Dickerson seconded by Ms. Benton to approve the following Volunteer Coaches for the 2016/2017 School Year as presented by Assistant Superintendent Steve Parrill:

- > Denham Springs Junior High School - Tony Morrison
- > Denham Springs Junior High School - Edward Gettys
- > Live Oak Middle School - Lonnie "Dean" Everett
- > Live Oak Middle School - David Bozeman
- > Live Oak Middle School - Russ Brown
- > Live Oak Middle School - Billy Burge
- > Live Oak Middle School - Jordan Carmack
- > Live Oak Middle School - Richard Davies
- > Live Oak Middle School - Breanna Erwin
- > Live Oak Middle School - Charles Long
- > Live Oak Middle School - Rodney Myers
- > Live Oak Middle School - Gage Lockwood
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Tim Ard
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Brian Brunson
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Paul Howard
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Myles Leblanc
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Clint Osborne
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Jeff Wilson
- > North Corbin Junior High School - Herbert Travis
- > Southside Junior High School - Sydney Wilkinson
- > Westside Junior High School - Broderick Montgomery

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

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

10. A motion was offered by Ms. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Benton to approve the Personnel Lists as submitted by the Personnel Department. (A copy of the Personnel Lists are hereby attached and become a part of these minutes). Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

11. Payment of invoices was approved upon motion offered by Ms. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Benton, and the vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Benton, Ms. Schmitt, Mr. Mincey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The President declared that the motion carried and was duly adopted.

There being no further business before the Board, the President declared that the meeting adjourn, and the Board adjourned at 7:38 PM until Thursday, August 4, 2016.

/s/ Homer Wentzel /s/ Malcolm Sibley
 Homer "Rick" Wentzel, Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary Malcolm Sibley, President

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CALL AN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 5 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), acting as the governing authority of the District (the "Governing Authority") at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2016, at its regular meeting place, the Livingston Town Hall, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston, Louisiana, at 7:00 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize a renewal of the existing ten (10) years, fifteen (15) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation by the District (the "Tax"), the proceeds of the Tax shall be dedicated and used solely for the purpose of acquiring, improving and maintaining recreational facilities for the District, title to which shall be in the public, upon approval by the qualified voters therein, and if passed, for such Tax to be levied thereafter.

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By ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Denham Springs will open the Public Housing Waiting list ONLY on DATE: AUGUST 8, 2016

TIME: 8:30 A.M. UNTIL 12 NOON ONLY AND 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

ADDRESS: 600 EUGENE STREET

DENHAM SPRINGS, LA 70726

Please bring the following items: Picture identification, social security cards (All members of household), and birth certificates (All members of household)

THE APPLICANT MUST APPEAR IN PERSON (NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED)

Fred Banks

Executive Director

PUBLISH: August 4

August 11

August 18

The Ward Two Water District will receive separate sealed Bids for the 2011 Water System Expansion, Juban Crossing Ground Storage Tank, Contract No. 16-1475-12. The work consists of site preparation, construct a one million gallon ground storage tank, booster pump station, electrical controls, back-up generator, and chlorination facility.

The Ward Two Water District will receive Bids until 10:00 AM local time, August 23, 2016 at Ward Two Water District Office, 30772 Carter Street, Denham Springs, LA 70727. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after the specified closing time. The outside of the Bid envelope shall be marked with the project title, name and address of the Bidder and current Contractor's license number.

The attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for compliance with:

- Department of Health and Hospitals Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Guidance
- Historical Preservation Clause, 36 CFR, Part 8, verbatim
- Endangered Species Clause, Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, verbatim
- EPA 5700-49, Certification Regarding Disbarment
- Employment Verifications System (E-Verify)
- Davis-Bacon labor standards
- Applicable OSHA requirements

Funding for this project will be through the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program. All contractors and sub-contractors will be required to comply with Davis-Bacon and other related LDHF, DWRLF requirements.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Ward Two Water District Office, 30772 Carter Street, Denham Springs, LA 70727

Owen and White, Inc., 8755 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from Lettermans Blue Print and Supply (<http://www.lettermansbidconnect.com>). Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at: Owen and White, Inc.; Roy A. Waggenpack, P.E.; Email: Roy@owenandwhite.com. Phone Number: (225) 926-5125.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within 45 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

SHERIFF SALE

SHERIFF'S SALE

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LOUISIANA
 IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

HARLEY-DAVIDSON CREDIT CORP., AS ASSIGNEE OF EAGLEMARK SAVINGS BANK
 VERSUS NO. 152699
 SHERRI JONES

Under and by virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the above Honorable Court in the above entitled and numbered cause, bearing date of JULY 15, 2016; and to me directed, commanding me to seize and sell CERTAIN MOVABLE property

belonging to:
 SHERRI JONES

Defendants.

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

WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2016

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

2013 BLACK HARLEY-DAVIDSON FLTRU ROAD GLIDE ULTRA, bearing vehicle identification number 1HD1KGM14DB670119

Terms of Sale for Cash to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law.

CASHIERS CHECK AT TIME OF SALE WITH LETTER OF CREDIT

Sheriff's Office, Livingston, Louisiana on this day JULY 27, 2016.

Attorney: BRADLEY J. CHAUVIN

Advertise:
 AUGUST 11, 2016

Jason Ard, Sheriff
 Parish of Livingston
 State of Louisiana

 Deputy Sheriff

SPRINGFIELD FOOTBALL



PHOYOS DAVID NORMAND | THE NEWS

Above, Springfield head football coach Ryan Serpas talks to his team before the start of practice about the proper form of tackling on the first day of wearing shoulder pads. Below left, Springfield players work on a drill during pre-season practice. Below right, Springfield running back Damariae Claiborne runs a route drill. Second from bottom left, Springfield back Damariae Claiborne runs after taking a hand off from a quarterback. Second from bottom right, Springfield junior kicker Steven Johnson practices his punting. Johnson can kick with both feet. Bottom left, Springfield defensive lineman Maverick May sets up to block during a drill. Bottom right, Springfield defensive lineman Maverick May runs through a defensive drill.



FALL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

PARDS will offer several fall leagues

PARDS will be a busy place in the fall with offerings in competitive fall baseball, youth flag football and adult basketball.

The fall baseball league will include games for ages 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13-15 and 16-18. Registration is available through Aug. 26, with games starting Sept. 6. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights. The team fee is \$750. The youth football league

is open to players ages 5-12. Registration is open now and continues through Sept. 2. Games begin Oct. 10.

The adult basketball league is for players 18 and older. Registration is open now through Sept. 6. Games will be played on Sundays starting on Sept. 11. The team fee is \$450.

For more information, contact John Arbour at johnarbourjr@yahoo.com or (225) 665.5405.

Walker Parks & Rec set to host fall leagues for youth & adults

Walker Parks and Recreation will host a fall ball baseball and softball league for boys and girls ages 5-15. This will be a 'bring-your-own-team' league. Registration fees are \$500 per team for teams ages 7-15 and \$250 per team for all t-ball teams.

Walker Parks and Rec will also host an adult co-ed league and that registration fee will be \$400 per team. Reg-

istration will be held at the Walker ballpark office beginning on Monday, Aug. 8, and will run through Thursday, Aug. 25. Games will begin in September and will be played on week nights at the Walker for 5 weeks.

For more information call (225) 665.3755, email traci.westmoreland@walker-la.gov or visit www.walkerparksandrecreation.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

The News seeks volleyball, cross country & soccer schedules and rosters
With the new school year about to get rolling, The Livingston Parish News is seeking schedules and rosters from area coaches in all fall sports, including sub-varsity and middle school.

We will also need your help throughout the fall with results, stats, schedule changes, etc. You can e-mail the schedules and/or rosters to sports@livingstonparishnews.com or drop by the office at 688 Hatchell Lane in Denham Springs.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact News Sports Editor Randy Rosetta at either (225) 610.5507 or randyr@livingstonparishnews.com.

The News seeks help & information
With the new school year about to get rolling, The Livingston Parish News wants to remind area coaches that we need your help to get your results online and in print in as timely a manner as possible. As The News forges full-speed ahead and transition into a dual role as your most reliable daily digital resource online to go with being your twice-a-week printed newspaper, we need coaches to update us on a daily (and nightly) basis about how your team is doing. As much as we'd love to be at every event, that isn't possible, so to get news out about your team, we need your assistance. Please contact News Sports Editor Randy Rosetta at either (225) 610.5507 or randyr@livingstonparishnews.com.

AJGT Oak Harbor Junior Classic
Livingston Parish junior golfers ages 11-18 are invited to compete in the AJGT Oak Harbor Junior Classic at Oak Harbor Golf Club in Slidell from Aug. 27-28. The two-day, 36-hole tournament is ranked by the

Junior Golf Scoreboard and hosted by the Arrowhead Junior Golf Tour. The tournament entry fee is \$185, which includes two days of green fees, tee gifts, and trophies in four age divisions.

Recommended accommodations are available at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in. Please call (985) 639.0890 for reservations and group rate.

The tournament extended registration deadline is noon on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

To enter, please call Diane Ford at (985) 630.3066 or enter online at www.arrowheadjgt.com.

LSU volleyball kids' clinic
Registration for LSU volleyball's annual free kids' clinic for participants in 8th grade or below is now available. The clinic, which is open to all experience levels, will take place from noon-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, inside the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

Check-in for the day's activities will begin at 11 a.m. and last until noon at the lower southwest entrance of the PMAC. Participants of the kid's clinic are encouraged to stay for the annual Purple & Gold Scrimmage.

Admission is free to the intra-squad match, which begins at 2 p.m.. Following the match, the 2016 squad will sign autographs in the courtside club located in the lower northwest portal.

For questions about the event, contact LSU Marketing and Promotions at promotions@lsu.edu.

Lions baseball will host meeting for potential walk-ons
The Southeastern Louisiana baseball program will hold an informational meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 for players interested in attending the team's walk-on tryout. Interested students must attend the meeting in the baseball office in order to obtain required NCAA and university paperwork prior to the

FOOTBALL

Walker High will host Punt, Pass & Kick

Walker High will host the inaugural Raising Canes Punt, Pass & Kick competition at the school on Aug. 20. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 6-13 with separate competitions for boys and girls. The cost is \$10 per participant who register early, \$15 for those who register at the gate. Registration will begin an hour prior to the start time for each age division.

Each participant will receive a free T-shirt and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners in each boys and girls age division.

There will be a \$5 admission fee for non-participants and conces-

sions will be available. The four age groups are Ages 6/7, 8/9, 10/11 and 12/13 and are based on the child's age as of Dec. 31, 2015.

Start times are:
10 a.m. – 6/7 girls
10:30 a.m. – 6/7 boys
11 a.m. – 8/9 girls
11:30 a.m. – 8/9 boys
Noon – 10/11 girls
12:30 p.m. – 10/11 boys
1 p.m. – 12/13 girls
1:30 p.m. – 12/13 boys

For more information, contact WHS Brandon Lawley at (225) 975.1271 or Jonathan Mailhes at (318) 376.0456.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHORTS

DSHS season football passes on sale
Football season is almost here and Denham Springs will have a busy fall playing at home.

2016 season passes are on sale now for Yellow Jacket fans: The cost is \$70 for a pass that is good for a reserved seat to all seven varsity home games, the jamboree and four junior varsity games. Parking passes are also available for \$50.

For more information, contact Julie Jacobson at julie.jacobson@lpsb.org.

LOH football season tickets available for pickup
All Live Oak Eagle football fans

who have purchased 2016 season tickets may pick them up at the high school between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday from Robert Graves in the Guidance Office.

WHS Huddle Club will meet Thursday
The Walker High football team will host Huddle Club meetings at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the high school cafeteria to get parents, fans and alumni ready for each week's game this season.

The Huddle Club will meet at the same time every Thursday before games either in the cafeteria or WHS gym. For more information, e-mail info@whsfootball.org.

tryout. For more information regarding walk-on tryouts, contact assistant baseball coach Andrew Gipson at Andrew.Gipson@southeastern.edu.

Volleyball for Mackenzie Bozeman
A girl named Mackenzie of Livingston was born with an extremely rare genetic disorder, damaging vital organs as well as a congenital brain defect. Because she is 1-50 throughout the world with her disorder and the only one in the world with her exact variant the doctors have little to no knowledge of it.

A volleyball benefit will be held in her name at Laguna Beach Volleyball (8026 Florida Blvd. | Denham Springs) from 4-10:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. The cost to enter is \$50 per team of 4-6 people. There will also be raffles, giveaways, food and drinks.

Sign up by calling Jade at (406) 697.6502. Online donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/hopeisinhergenes. Follow Mackenzie's journey at facebook.com/keepingupwithmackenzie.

Live Oak Wrestling Club registration
Live Oak Wrestling Club is now registering for the 2016-2017 season. Information is available at www.liveoakwrestle.com or on Facebook (Live Oak Wrestling Club). Also, those interested can contact LOWCeagles@yahoo.com or 225-636-1066. Or register at the training facility on Commerce Drive in Watson Monday-Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m.

DSHS Hall of Fame videos for sale
For a limited time, the Denham Springs Athletic Association will make available to the public copies of the DVD video of the DSHS Athletic Hall of Fame banquet held at Forrest Grove. Included with the video is a 30-minute segment of nostalgic action photographs of numerous Yellow Jacket athletes and coaches covering a variety of sports and many decades of DSHS

athletics. Please call Jim Spring at (225) 588-0366 to order. Price is \$10.

DSHS seeks Jacket football history
Denham Springs High School is establishing a complete history of the Yellow Jacket football program, focusing especially on the early years from 1930-1975. Local supporter Kirk Smart has designed a new website (www.denhamspringsfootball.com) dedicated to DSHS football.

He is seeking public support for any newspaper articles, old photographs, team pictures, old programs, season records and scores, and statistics from this era. Scrapbook and yearbook documentation welcome. Contact Smart at kirksmart@denhamspringsfootball.com or (225) 236-2335.

Walker seeks football history
The Walker High School football program is looking for old team photos, records or other historic materials about the history of football at the school. Any information or leads are welcome. Contact Coach James Roberts at 225-975-2923 or email james.roberts@lpsb.org.

PARDS T-box available
The PARDS driving range has a grass T-box located behind the main baseball stadium that is open from noon until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on weekends. The facility is closed Monday. Bag prices are \$6.50 for large, \$4.50 for small. For more information call (225) 665-5405.

Sports Shorts regularly publishes items of interest to the Livingston Parish sports community concerning programs and events such as registrations, tryouts, benefits and other activities.

To submit an item for Sports Shorts, call (225) 665.5176, fax to (225) 667.0167 or e-mail to sports@livingstonparishnews.com.



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TASMIN MITCHELL CLINICS



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Left, 7-year-old old Reagan Mitchell practices her free-throw shooting. Above, Tasmin Mitchell works with 7-year-old Kamrym Talbert on a defensive drill. Right, James Johnson, Jr. dribbles around cones during a drill at Tasmin Mitchell's clinic. Below, Boys clinic attendees at the 2016 Tasmin Mitchell basketball clinic pose for a group picture.



Mitchell's legacy is about giving back

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scorer in Tigers' history with 1,989 points and sixth-leading rebounder with 950

Glossy numbers exploits be sure. Thing is, what Mitchell has done the last five summers in his hometown outside of the spotlight has been equally as impactful if not more so.

On the list of favorite people I have covered in nearly 30 years as a sports journalist, Mitchell shares the penthouse with a very select few. From the first time I met him – heck when anybody meets him – that electric smile, massive hand wrapped around yours like he has known you forever and magnetic personality make it impossible not to love the young man.

It's a running joke, but one that nobody who knows Mitchell doubts: Someday he will be mayor of Denham Springs. At least.

The myriad reasons that will come to fruition when that happens was back on full display last weekend when Mitchell hosted his annual free clinic for kids.

Hot gym in the heat of August. No problem. Open the doors and let whoever wants to come in. Lunch on Tasmin. Basketball knowledge was also on the menu.

Most importantly, there was Mitchell talking about life, teaching lessons and influencing the kids who we all need to embrace the future and the thorny challenges ahead like he has. With gusto, optimism and hard work.

One of the first people who ever connected me with Mitchell was long-time Baton Rouge area strength coach Gayle Hatch. First thing he told me was that nobody would outwork Mitchell because that had been instilled in him by his



mother, Collette.

That smile mentioned above? Not sure I ever saw Mitchell on the basketball court without it, even during a dismal fifth-year senior season when he was one of the few bright spots on a really bad LSU team.

His coach that season was Trent Johnson, a man I consider a friend, but not one prone to get warm and fuzzy about much. He did when he talked about Mitchell as that season wound down, choking up on more than one occasion and praising the DSHS graduate for how he had handled adversity just like he did all the positive things that happened in his five years with the Tigers.

Early in Mitchell's career, his first LSU coach, John Brady – also a man I consider a friend – constantly talked about how mature Mitchell's game was and how valuable he was in ways most people couldn't identify.

On a team with plenty of star power and personality, Mitchell stepped into his role as a freshman and became a grinder. Never would you have guessed that this was a guy who for years had always been the best player on the court because he found a way to fit in.

tant shots Mitchell ever took and made came late in that freshman season when he scored on a layup from right under the basket to help LSU edge Auburn 65-61. Why so big? Because that was the only points of the night for Mitchell, who earlier that week could barely walk because of a sprained ankle.

When his team needed him, though, he gutted out 26 minutes, played a role as a decoy and made sure he was in the right place at the right time when the game was on the line.

That is Tasmin Mitchell in a nutshell. Those are the kinds of lessons he has passed on to kids from his beloved hometown at his clinics.

Shortly after the latest one wrapped up, Mitchell posted a message on Facebook of thankfulness for having the opportunity to give back to his community. He wrote about the joy from seeing kids embrace basketball and his message. He wrote that the clinic made his heart smile.

That's Tasmin Mitchell. And that's somebody Denham Springs and all of Louisiana should be very proud of.

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