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\$1.9 billion

The size of state government's deficit that lawmakers must address

\$750 million

The amount of revenue needed by June 30 to keep hospitals, colleges and universities solvent

\$216 million

The amount of revenue that a one-cent sales tax would raise in three months

3rd

Louisiana now has the third highest average sales tax rate in the nation at 9.1%.

1st

An additional "temporary" 1-cent sales tax to an average 10.1% would top the nation.



Clockwise from top left are state Sen. Dale Erdey, and state Representatives J. Rogers Pope, Valarie Hodges and Sherman Mack.

Parish lawmakers leery of sales tax proposals

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

BATON ROUGE – State lawmakers must examine "the big picture" before they vote on a one-cent sales tax says one Livingston Parish legislator.

That's State Sen. Dale Erdey's take on tax proposals to ease a \$750 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. Gov.

John Bel Edwards in an address Jan. 20 said the \$750 million deficit for the current fiscal year and a \$1.9 billion hole for next year marks the largest-ever shortfall for the state.

"We've reached the end of the road," he said. "The severity of the problems here are very real, much more pronounced than what

we've seen in the past."

The tax hike, cuts and infusion of one-time money only covers the current fiscal year's deficit and not the \$1.9 billion deficit the state faces for 2017 budget, which begins July 1.

Erdey, R-Livingston, who has served on budget committees during his time in the Legislature, said he and other

lawmakers face difficult decisions in the upcoming special session set for next month.

"Certainly, he's on target with respect to the severity of the problems we have," Erdey said. "In my opinion, we've been robbing Peter to pay Paul for a long time

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Summer softball central?

Parish tourism promoters seek deal with USAAA

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

ALBANY – A national group that oversees youth softball leagues may bring tournaments as many as 16 weekend-long tournaments – and a big influx of revenue – to Livingston Parish this year.

The Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau and the United States Specialty Sports Association hope to shake hands on an agreement that would bring players and families from surrounding areas and neighboring states, LCVB Executive Director Eric

Sherry Jacobs, the USSSA Softball Tournament director, wants to host a tournament in Livingston Parish every weekend from March through July, Edwards said Wednesday at the meeting of the bureau's board.

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Ready to fight over White

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON – Gov. John Bel Edwards backed away from plans to replace state Superintendent of Education John White, but the move does not come as a shock to two state officials from Livingston Parish.

A move to oust White failed to draw the eight votes needed for the governor to replace him.

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Edmonston

Diving into dumpster problems

By McHugh David

The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — The City Council Monday night enacted a new dumpster regulation ordinance for the municipality.

The ordinance comes in the wake of public disapproval of the placement of some dumpsters in areas that expose them to public view, as



Poole



Williams

health risk.

Councilman Chris Davis was absent. Jimmy Britton, a resident of South Range Avenue, cited constant new development in his area.

"It is a vital revenue producing part of the City and other businesses that are planned to move there," Britton said of South Range,

specifically the Bass Pro development. "However, I am concerned about appearance of South Range Avenue, specifically the exposed dumpsters."

Britton went on to say that residents and businesses alike strive to keep their shop fronts appropriate and clean.

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Huge comeback for Lady Jackets, Walker nips Live Oak



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This high school softball tournament at Live Oak last year drew dozens of teams and hundreds of spectators for a weekend as the cars in the background illustrate. Livingston Parish tourism promoters believe the parish has facilities to attract even more visitors over summer weekends, which would fill up motels and pump up the local economy.

Parish tourism could use more motels

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“We’ve been known for tournaments, but not those that continuously come back,” he said. “To have that in the area from March through July would be a huge economic impact.”

Assistant Director Jonathan Taylor said he was unsure if North Park would host tournament games. “They cater more to local citizens and local recreation,” he said. “They don’t have the facilities.”

Taylor said he will meet with Bill Joubert of Southeastern Louisiana University’s Business Development Center to conduct a study the economic impact on the parish.

“If you have a ten-team tournament, with family members and everyone else involved, you could potentially bring a couple thousand people to the area,” he said. “Let’s say you have ten rooms

and ten teams, that’s one hundred rooms.”

Rooms at an average of \$75 per night for traveling teams could bring as much as \$15,000 a weekend based on rental of 100 hotel rooms.

Dining, shopping and fuel purchases also figure into the mix, Taylor said.

“Bringing in these events is one of our main tourist attractions because it’s easy to track, just by going on a website,” he said. “When there’s a big tournament, our hotels are full – not just here, but they go to Hammond and Baton Rouge.

“We still don’t have enough hotel rooms,” Taylor said. “We need more mid-scale hotels like the Marriotts.”

Weekend-long tournaments are not limited only to baseball and softball. Cheerleading, basketball and karate have also become big draws, he said.

“There’s plenty out there, and we’re a prime location,”

Taylor said.

In other business, Edwards said he does not know what to expect out of the announcement of potential state budget cuts proposed by Gov. John Bel Edwards (no relation to the LCVB director).

The 15 percent across-the-board cuts would probably have little or no effect on the LCVB, but less money in the enterprise fund would mean trigger more conservative spending, the director said.

State tourism may potentially have a built-in advantage with the new administration, Taylor said.

“We’re in a good position with former Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne (as Commissioner of Administration),” he said. “That’s the key because he’s in direct communication with the governor.

“I’m not going to say we won’t get cut, but I’m sure he’ll protect us as much as possible,” Taylor said.

Denham tries to correct main street eyesores

From A1

He also said that the city has “gone too far with the Denham Green initiative” to turn back now. Councilwoman Lori Lamm-Williams agreed with Britton, stating that having high standards is not a bad thing.

The ordinance, named “Regulation of Dumpsters and Similar Containers in the City of Denham Springs,” applies to any multi-family complex or commercial establishment utilizing a dumpster.

According to City Councilman Robert Poole, Articles K and L, listed under section 3, are the best parts of the ordinance. K states that “no overflow of any material shall be permitted from the dumpster, nor shall any accumulation of any material next to the dumpster be permitted.”

L states “dumpsters located within the City of Denham Springs must be placed on a contract for service under which the dumpster will be emptied no less than two times per month by a qualified disposal service.”

Poole did want to change the language in part of the ordinance to allow individuals to opt for City approved garbage collection. After Council discussion, the ordinance was kept as is, so that businesses and multi-family housing will adhere to the “at least twice a month” collection rule for their dumpsters.

‘Dumpsters located within the City of Denham Springs must be placed on a contract for service under which the dumpster will be emptied no less than two times per month ...’

New dumpster ordinance

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the Council:

■ Approved a move for Series 2014 Bonds and Series 2015 Bonds from Regions Bank to Whitney Bank, on recommendation from financial advisor Jim Ryan

■ Applied for an LCLE (Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement) grant, up to \$2,056, for Police overtime

■ Approved the rezoning of Lots 2 and 3, between Hazelnut and LaSalle Street, from R-1 Residential to C-1 Commercial for the expansion of an accounting firm

■ Unanimously approved the dedication of the Spring Park Pavilion to the late Mrs. Arie Murphy, who had kept the park maintained until her passing roughly one year ago at age 103.



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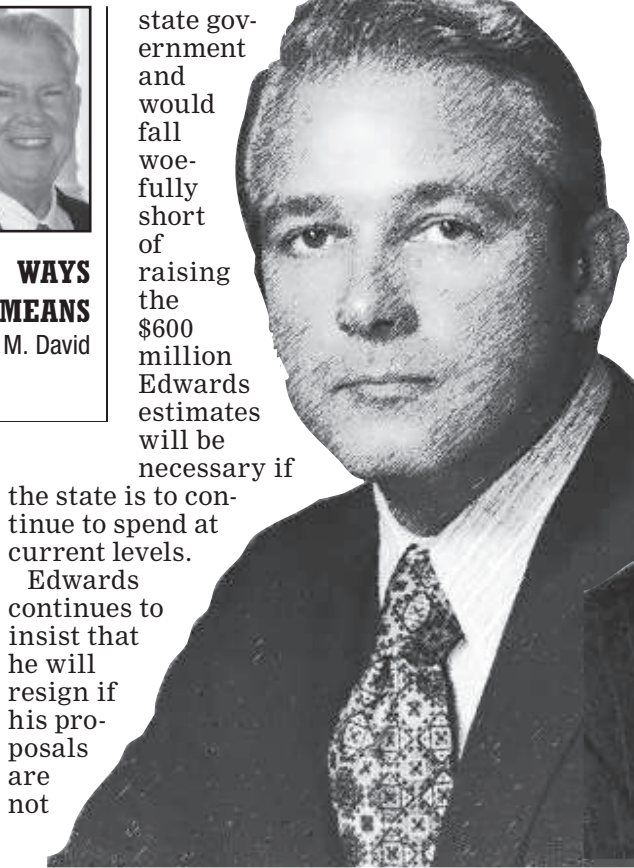
Louisiana taxpayers brace themselves

As Louisianians sweat out what our politicians may opt to do to us to extricate themselves from a fiscal cavern, here's a column from Feb. 27, 1986, to remind us that we've been on the brink before under a different Governor Edwards.

The hope of Louisiana taxpayers for a free ride out of the fiscal doldrums faded into the graveyard of political promises this week is Governor Edwin Edwards, during a debate against Kevin Reilly, dropped the subtle bomb that, oh by the way, in addition to gambling in a lottery the state will need a 5.75 mill property tax to continue its current level of spending. Louisianians have enjoyed freedom from state property taxes parenthesis not to be confused with local property taxes parenthesis for almost 15 years now, although the “new” Constitution, in effect since 1974, allows the legislature to impose up to a 5.75 mill tax without a constitutional amendment. Even this tax, however, will be subject to the hallowed homestead exemption, established in 1974 as the first \$50,000 of value in owner occupied residences and subsequently raised to \$75,000. The homestead exemption serves to throw the burden of any property tax in Louisiana whether state or local, on businesses, rental unit owners, and the holders of raw land. The owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 pays property taxes on only 10 percent of the \$25,000 over and above this exemption. A 5.75 mill tax, then, would cost that owner .00575 multiplied by 2500, or \$14.37 a year. The owner of a \$100,000 piece of raw land, on the other hand, would pay \$57.50. Neither sum figures to bankrupt taxpayers of any variety, which is one reason why the public affairs research Council has long advocated at least the minimum state property tax allowed in the Constitution as a source of state revenue and a means by which the government can lessen its dependence on oil and gas severance taxes. On the other hand, because of the homestead exemption and the relatively small amount of the property tax allowed under existing law, the concept represents anything but a bonanza for



WAYS AND MEANS Jeff M. David



Edwin Edwards



Kevin Reilly

state government and would fall woefully short of raising the \$600 million Edwards estimates will be necessary if the state is to continue to spend at current levels. Edwards continues to insist that he will resign if his proposals are not enacted, and is, in effect now dumping the entire revenue raising program in the laps of the legislature, daring them to exert the leadership he asserts can come only from him to find another means out of the mess. Here, the governor is scoring some scathingly accurate points, for the Louisiana Legislature has rarely, if ever, been able to enact major legislation without gubernatorial leadership. Indeed, the legislative system itself is organized to react and compromise to proposals, not to initiate them. There is sure to be as much, if not more, opposition to a property tax as to gambling or a lottery as a means of raising revenue. If Edwards is simply unwilling to listen to other proposals,

a strong possibility exists for a stalemate in the legislative process this spring and summer without any viable alternative to what the governor is proposing. The state fiscal year begins July 1, while the session is still incorrect progress, a date which may well live in infamy for Louisiana. If the legislature has been unable to change the ever worsening financial situation either by enacting Edwards' plan or by making massive cuts, the government could come to a screeching halt, without the funds necessary to meet its day-to-day obligations. JEFF M. DAVID was the Publisher of The Livingston Parish News from July 1977 until October 2015.

EDITORIAL

Politics and pandering

So Donald Trump won't be attending the final Republican candidate debate. And Chelsea Clinton thinks Oscar nominee Charlotte Rampling is “Outrageous, ignorant & offensive” for sticking up for the integrity of her profession. What do both of these scenarios have in common? Political pandering. Trump has now caught on with a base of supporters harboring deep resentments toward the left wing media they see as biased, unfair to conservatives and generally hostile to traditional American values. So, ironically perhaps, he chose one of the most conservative female media celebrities around — Fox's Megyn Kelly — as a target of his wrath. Kelly, who had the audacity to ask The Donald a question he didn't like at another debate last fall, is one of the moderators at the upcoming one. For that reason, Trump is boycotting. Will he win over hearts and minds this way? Only to the extent that this behavior demonstrates that he is a bold, larger-than-life personality not afraid to rock the boat. His opponents are way off the mark in complaining that if he's afraid to face Kelly, he can't possibly handle Vladimir Putin or the mullahs of Iran. Most reasonable people would conclude the opposite. Meanwhile, back at the Clinton camp, surrogate Chelsea is used to tweet supportive messages for the black actors boycotting the Oscars, which did not nominate any black actors this year. Rampling drew the ire of the left by challenging the notion that recognition of her work and the work of others is somehow racist because the individuals happen to be white. Chelsea's mom needs a big African-American turnout to get her past Bernie Sanders and ultimately to win the White House. The phrase “black lives matter” takes on its own meaning as a literal truth to that campaign. Megyn Kelly is no threat to conservatism in America or Trump and Hollywood is certainly no stranger to left field protests. Both serve a purpose right now for politicians hoping to ingratiate themselves to certain supporters. At the end of the day, it's all pandering.

Washington Mardi Gras highlights legislative goodwill

An historic snowfall in the Beltway last week brought out the best in Louisiana's political class during the marathon events of Washington Mardi Gras. Snow blanketed the city, shutting down airports and hindering even travel by car, but it didn't break the spirits of those attending the state's premiere political event. Bipartisan foolishness peaked Saturday at high noon during a legislative snowball fight. Democratic state Rep. Ted James, along with Republican Reps. Chris Broadwater and Jean-Paul Coussan, hoisted U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy in the air to throw him in a snow pile. James remarked later on Twitter that it was proof that Republicans and Democrats can “carry the same Bill.” After a fast start to the political year, marked by some tough fiscal decisions by Gov. John Bel Edwards and a brutal House speaker election, the levity was a welcomed departure. Edwards also attended the festivities, marking the first time in three years that a governor made the trip. But Edwards worked more than he partied. He showed up at only a few events as he conducted meetings with federal officials and worked from his hotel room. While everyone else was hitting up the parties that surround the Mardi Gras ball and dinner-dance, the governor's schedule served as a reminder that pomp and pageantry would soon be replaced by harsh realities. Even inside the 65th Parish, which the bar at the Washington Hilton becomes around this time of year, good-natured conversations eventually turned into chatter about the budget. A \$750 million shortfall for the current fiscal year and a \$1.9 billion gap for the next dominated most talks. From Baton Rouge, before he traveled to D.C., Edwards announced the major planks in his plan to right the budget. There was nothing easy or breezy about it. “John Bel is trying to ruin Mardi Gras!” Those were actually the words of a lobbyist at the Hilton bar that evening. It was a clear sign that the political hangover was beginning. Adding a penny to the state's 4-cent sales tax is the chief target of criticism from conservatives. It would be the quickest of turns, to be passed during the special session that begins the week after Fat Tuesday and implemented by early April. It would bring in an estimated \$216 million before the fiscal year ends in June. Republicans in the House aren't happy about that option, or the proposals to hike



POLITICS Jeremy Alford

the cigarette tax by 22 cents and tweak the corporate and personal income tax brackets. Some are saying the tax increases will never get through the lower chamber and conservatives insist they are prepared to move forward with drastic cuts. Yet even that is a tall order in a budget that's already tight. Republicans will be getting together for a private retreat soon and they hope to come up with their own plan. There has been some talk of additional money coming in from new fines being levied by the Office of Motor Vehicles, as well as last year's tax credit changes, but the administration isn't factoring in any such injection. Treasurer John Kennedy, who is expected to announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate race soon, will be a loud lead voice against the tax increases. He has already issued a press release decrying higher taxes and he's fielding media requests from across the state. Kennedy will not have an incumbent to run against this fall in the Senate contest, but opposing the governor's agenda is shaping up to be one of his campaign planks. Getting 70 votes in the House will be difficult, but time will probably work in Edwards' favor. Lawmakers will be pressed in the special session to find a solution quickly for the current budget year and university and hospital officials are already working them hard. Despite the challenges, there was a tremendous amount of goodwill floating around during Washington Mardi Gras. The snowball fight alone was a rare display of camaraderie from a Legislature that's becoming mired in partisan politics. But now that the party's over, lawmakers will be more likely to throw verbal hand grenades than snowballs, which is unfortunate. If Washington Mardi Gras proved anything, it's that compromises are possible and Louisiana's political class still has a sense of humor. There won't be a blizzard in Baton Rouge this spring to keep everyone locked indoors, but maybe Edwards and the Legislature can recapture that same sense of togetherness to forge meaningful alliances. The state will need it. JEREMY ALFORD is the publisher of LaPolitics Weekly and LaPolitics.com. He can be reached at JJA@LaPolitics.com.



CALL & COMMENT

I just heard on the news they're going to spend all kind of money finding out what killed Derrick Todd Lee. Then the state wonders why they're broke. The man is dead. Leave it alone. He should have been dead a long time ago instead of spending all this money taking him to doctors and hospitals keeping him alive.

When is Perrilloux going to quit persecuting Delahoussaye?

So much for Rogers Pope being a conservative. He slam-dunked the conservatives in his district sucking up to John Bel Edwards. You definitely lost my vote.

President Obama did not tank the economy. The Republicans with Bush tanked the economy. Your right to work laws helped eliminate your good-paying jobs. There are good-paying jobs out there if you've got the training. Everybody's got to suffer a little sometimes.

I'm calling about something that gripes me — the people that come to your jobs or your street all wanting support or for you to give money so kids can play on a ball team. If you want your kids to play, you should pay your own way. We've got families to raise too. It just kind of gripes me when all these people come around.

With all the news on television and in the paper about raising taxes and cutting budgets, it would seem natural that the legislature might decide to go ahead and triple the alcohol tax and the cigarette tax. At the same

time we ought to consider doing away with the so-called vouchers to allow students to attend private or charter schools. That might not save much money, but at least it would keep it in the public schools what little money they have.

Louisiana has finally figured out the cost of Gov. Jindal's pandering to Grover Norquist for personal political gain. The full effects of the smoke and mirror tricks to deceive the public about balanced budgets now come to light. Now we have to look carefully at those legislators who also signed the pledge and wonder where they're loyalties lie. Let's hope it all works out.

Residents of District #2, I would like to take to the medium in which I was wrongfully accused of not attending the DEQ air quality hearing and set the record straight. That meeting was held at LOHS the same night the boys JV and varsity basketball teams were playing Livonia High School. I was appreciative that the meeting was at LOHS because it allowed me to see the first period of the JV game and the second half of the varsity game of which my son played. When I ran for public office I knew there would be choices that had to be made between family and community so I am not complaining that I had to miss part of his game, but I would appreciate that if you need to comment you make sure you are close to being accurate with your comments. As a public official we do not always know when there are meetings that we might need to attend. I would like to take this time to share my council phone number and email address so

you can contact me. (225) 250-7417 gtaalbert@lpcgov.com. Thank you, Garry Talbert

Editor's note: The News took at face value the accuracy of the claim in the comment. For that we apologize to Mr. Talbert.

On this day in 1888, one of the worst blizzards in American history strikes the Northeast, killing more than 400 people and dumping as much as 55 inches of snow in some areas. New York City ground to a near halt in the face of massive snow drifts and powerful winds from the storm. Wow. Climate change even back then.

I was amused by the editorial "Artful dodger gives a speech" in which editor tells us the president, in his SOTU address, cherry picked statistics on the economy when he actually tripled the national debt. The editorial fails to mention that since the end of WWII, all Republican Presidents have seen an increase in the debt burden, and all Democrats have seen a decrease. A clear way to understand the Bush and Obama economic performances is to compare the percent of debt to GDP ratios. Under Bush debt rose to 28 percent of GDP, and under Obama debt to GDP has fallen to just under 20 percent. Hey, the president is not the only artful cherry picker around these parts by a long shot!

Editor's note: U.S. debt to GDP as of 2014 was 102.98 percent. In 2008 it was 76 percent. Perhaps the amused commenter meant "deficit" rather than debt. Two very different things. We will give credit to a Democrat for being the last president to have the country out of debt. That was Andrew Jackson.

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community unrivaled in our state. His intelligence and vision will be greatly missed.

All high school coaches are feared. Some are respected. Lloyd DeGeneres was feared, respected and loved. He was one of us. RIP, Big D.

LETTER

Dear Editor,
I'm writing thank you notes and I'd like to thank two people lost to us to whom I owe a great deal. Jeff David, through the Denham Springs and Livingston Parish News, enabled the great prosperity our parish now faces by fostering an informed and cohesive

WEB POLL RESULTS*

How do you feel about the U.S.-Iran prisoner swap?

- Happy the American hostages are home — 40%
- Iran humiliated Obama-Kerry — 30%
- Iran will take more American hostages — 25%
- Don't know — 5%

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The rejection election

With the Iowa caucuses a week away, the front-runner for the Republican nomination, who leads in all the polls, is Donald Trump. The consensus candidate of the Democratic Party elite, Hillary Clinton, has been thrown onto the defensive by a Socialist from Vermont who seems to want to burn down Wall Street.

Not so long ago, Clinton was pulling down \$225,000 a speech from Goldman Sachs. Today, she sounds like William Jennings Bryan.

Taken together, the candidacies of Trump, Sanders, Ben Carson and Ted Cruz represent a rejection of the establishment. And, imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, other Republican campaigns are now channeling Trump's.

This then is a rejection election. Half the nation appears to want the regime overthrown. And if spring brings the defeat of Sanders and the triumph of Trump, the fall will feature the angry outsider against the queen of the liberal establishment. This could be a third seminal election in a century.

In the depths of the Depression in 1932, a Republican Party that had given us 13 presidents since Lincoln in 1860, and only two Democrats, was crushed by FDR. From '32 to '64, Democrats won seven elections, with the GOP prevailing but twice, with Eisenhower. And from 1930 to 1980, Democrats controlled both houses of Congress for 46 of the 50 years.

The second seminal election was 1968, when the racial, social, cultural and political revolution of the 1960s, and Vietnam War, tore the Democratic Party asunder, bringing Richard Nixon to power. Seizing his opportunity, Nixon created a "New Majority" that would win four of five presidential elections from 1972 through 1988.

What killed the New Majority?

First, the counterculture of the 1960s captured the arts, entertainment, education and media to become the dominant culture and convert much of the nation and most of its elite.

Second, mass immigration from Asia, Africa and especially Latin America, legal and illegal, changed the ethnic composition of the country.

White Americans, over 90 percent of the electorate in 1968, are down to 70 percent today, and about 60 percent of the population.

And minorities vote 80 percent Democratic.

Third, Republicans in power not only failed to roll back the Great Society but also collaborated in its expansion. Half the U.S. population today depends on government benefits.

Consider Medicare and Social Security, the largest and most expensive federal programs, critical to seniors and the elderly who give Republicans the largest share of their votes. If Republicans start curtailing and cutting those programs, they will come to know the fate of Barry Goldwater.

Still, whether we have a President Clinton, Trump, Sanders or Cruz in 2017, America appears about to move in a radically new direction.

Foreign policy retrenchment seems at hand. With Trump and Sanders boasting of having opposed the Iraq war, and Cruz joining them in opposing nation-building schemes, Americans will not unite on any new large-scale military intervention. To lead a divided country into a new war is normally a recipe for political upheaval and party suicide.

Understandably, the interventionists and neocons at National Review, Commentary, and the Weekly Standard are fulminating against Trump. For many are the Beltway rice bowls in danger of being broken today.

Second, Republicans will either bring an end to mass migration, or the new millions coming in will bring an end to the presidential aspirations of the Republican Party.

Third, as Sanders has tabled the issue of income equality and wage stagnation, and Trump has identified the principal suspect — trade deals that enrich transnational companies at the cost of American prosperity, sovereignty and independence — we are almost surely at the end of this present era of globalization.

As in the late 19th century, we may be at the onset of a new nationalism in the United States.

A vast slice of the electorate in both parties today is angry — over no-win wars, wage stagnation and millions continuing to pour across our bleeding borders from all over the world. And that slice of America holds both parties responsible for the policies that produced this.

This is what America seems to be saying.

Thus, given the deepening divisions within, as well as between the parties, either an outsider prevails this year, or Balkanization is coming to America, as it has already come to Europe.

For the Sanders, Trump, Cruz and Carson voters, the status quo seems not only unacceptable, but intolerable. And if their candidates and causes do not prevail, they are probably not going to accept defeat stoically, and go quietly into that good night, but continue to disrupt the system until it responds.

Unlike previous elections in our time, save perhaps 1980, this appears to be something of a revolutionary moment.

We could be on the verge of a real leap into the dark.

Where are we going? One recalls the observation of one Democrat after the stunning and surprise landslide of 1932:

"Well, the American people have spoken, and in his own good time, Franklin will tell us what they have said."

Patrick Buchanan, longtime political columnist, former presidential adviser and presidential candidate and author of nine books.



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DENHAM SPRINGS POLICE

Denham Springs Police confiscated 6 lbs. of marijuana, \$18,000 cash and several firearms during an arrest Friday at a residence on Plymouth Street. The street value on the marijuana was estimated at \$38,000, DSPD Detective Glen Lemoine said.

City Police value drug haul in arrest at \$40,000

By John Dupont
The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS – Police officers arrested a Denham Springs man for possession of nearly \$40,000 in illegal drugs after an early morning raid Friday.

Darrel W. Donahue remains in custody at Livingston Parish Detention Center on a \$150,500 bond. He was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana,



Donahue

possession of a firearm with CDS, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and cruelty to animals.

The Denham Springs Police Department made the arrest after an investigation on the sale of marijuana at Duncan's residence on Plymouth Street, according to

Detective Glen Lemoine, a spokesman for DSPD.

Agents recovered almost 6 lbs. of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$38,000, Lemoine said. They also confiscated more than \$18,000 in drug proceeds, along with a firearm.

Donahue had two prior arrests for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Lemoine said.

COURT NEWS

LIVINGSTON — District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that the following sentences were handed down by Judge Jeff Johnson on Dec. 10:

Quincey Grayer, 22, of Walker, pled no contest to unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, simple escape, domestic abuse battery, and resisting an officer. He was sentenced to two years.

Carl Johnson, 51, of Baker, pled no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to six months. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for two years. He is ordered to pay a fine of \$633 along with court costs.

Justin Johnson, 23, of Springfield, pled no contest to possession of marijuana and criminal mischief. He was sentenced to six months. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for two years. He is ordered to pay a \$500 fine along with court costs.

Isaac King III, 25, of Denham Springs, pled no contest to two counts of possession of schedule I controlled dangerous substances and obstruction of justice. He was sentenced to five years. Time is to be served concurrently.

Skylar Major, 21, of Maringouin, pled no contest to indecent behavior with a juvenile. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years. He is ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine along with court costs.

Madeline Pounders, 27, of Walker, pled no contest to possession of schedule II, schedule III, and schedule IV controlled dangerous substances. She was sentenced to three years. Time is to be served concurrently.

Donna Tynes, 44, of Denham Springs, pled no contest to two counts of possession of schedule II controlled dangerous substances. She was sentenced to five years. Time is to be served concurrently.

She received credit for time served.

Malinda Wagner, 40, of Holden, pled no contest to possession/distribution/ sale of legend drug without a prescription. She was sentenced to three years. Time is to be served concurrently. She received credit for time served.

The following sentences were handed down by Judge Bruce Bennett on Dec. 14:

Daniel Dale, 35, of Walker, pled no contest to possession of schedule I controlled dangerous substances, identity theft, and misdemeanor theft. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years.

Kolby Ducote, 34, of Walker, pled no contest to possession of schedule II and schedule III controlled dangerous substances. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years.

Brennon Griffin, 21, of Denham Springs, pled no contest to aggravated battery. He was sentenced to five years. Three years of the sentence were suspended and he was placed on probation for five years.

Brandon Hatch, 33, of Denham Springs, pled no contest to possession of schedule II controlled dangerous substances. He was sentenced to three years. Time is to be served concurrently. He received credit for time served.

Thomas Johnson, 41, of Denham Springs, pled guilty to possession of schedule I and schedule III controlled dangerous substances. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years.

Garrett Martin, 22, of Baton Rouge, pled no contest to possession of schedule I and possession of schedule II controlled dangerous substances. The sentence was deferred and he was placed on probation for five years.

Jeffrey McCarroll, 25, of Denham Springs, pled no contest to possession with intent to distribute schedule I controlled dangerous substances. The sentence was deferred and he was placed on probation for five years. He is ordered to pay a \$500 fine along with court costs.

Cody McLin, 23, of Walker, pled no contest to simple criminal damage to property and unauthorized use of movables. He was sentenced to eight years. Five years of the sentence was suspended. He is ordered to pay restitution.

Jay Oldbear, 44, of Springfield, pled no contest to two counts of first offense domestic abuse battery. He was sentenced to six months. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for two years. He is ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 along with court costs.

Preston Payne, 21, of Walker, pled no contest to possession of schedule IV controlled dangerous substances. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was deferred and he was placed on probation for five years.

Jessica Scott, 33, of Walker, pled no contest to theft of assets of an aged/disabled person, identity theft, access device fraud, and misdemeanor theft. She was sentenced to 10 years. The sentence was suspended and she was placed in the parish jail for six months on each count. She is ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine along with court costs.

Timothy Watts, 55, of Walker, pled no contest to illegal carrying of a weapon. He was sentenced to six months.

Brian Wright, 44, of Kentwood, pled no contest to possession of schedule II controlled dangerous substances. He was sentenced to five years. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years. He is ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine along with court costs.

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James Andre

James “Hobo” Vernon Andre, a native of Plaquemine and a resident of Denham Springs, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Andre; daughter, Diane Andre; and brothers, John Andre and wife Genevieve and Joseph Henry Andre. He was preceded in death by his son, James D. Andre; parents, Joseph and Nora Andre; sisters, Evelyn Herbert and Jeanette Davis; and sister-in-law, Aline Andre. Visitation was at Greenoaks Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 25, until funeral service. Interment followed on the grounds of Greenoaks Memorial Park.

June Berthelot

Martha June Dunlap Berthelot went to her eternal home Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, after a lengthy illness. She was 77, a native of Walker, and a resident of Denham Springs. She was a retired Educator with Livingston Parish School Board. She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her loving husband of 53 years, Earl J. Berthelot Jr.; two sons, Mitch and Joey Berthelot; three grandsons, Taylor, Chris and Nick Berthelot; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home in Denham Springs on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. until Celebration of Life Service at 2 p.m., conducted by Brother Roger Dunlap. Burial will follow in Judson Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Kris Berthelot; mother, Bessie Dunlap; and her siblings. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Margarette Crotwell

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” II Timothy 4:7. Margarette Joyce Hill Wilkinson Crotwell, our beloved angel, passed away at her home in Walker on Sunday evening, Jan. 24, 2016. She was born on Sept. 14, 1928. A more caring and giving person you could ever know. She retired from the Livingston Parish School Board. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Berlin Harry Wilkinson; son, Harry Wayne Wilkinson; parents, Ira Dallie and Lilly Eugene Hill; two brothers, Sidney Hill, Ira “Boe” Hill; and two sisters, Louise Allen and Barbara Carpenter. She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Fred Crotwell; son, Ronnie Wilkinson and wife Vicki; daughter, Debera Cutrer; brother, Pat Hill and wife Betty Ann; sister, Lucy Roddy; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was greatly loved and missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home in Denham Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 27, until Celebration of Life Service, conducted by Brother Carl Rushing. Burial followed in Felder Cemetery. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Sean Cruz

Sean Christopher Cruz was born March 19, 1980, and died Jan. 23, 2016, at Baton

Rouge General on Bluebonnet at the age of 35. He was a resident of Denham Springs. Sean was a passionate outdoorsman and loved spending time at the camp with his wife, children, family and friends. Sean is survived by his wife, Tiffany; daughter, Jasmine, age 8; Sean, II, age 4; parents, Robert and Ellen Stevenson; father, Peter Cruz; sister, Renee; and husband Ryan Collins; nephew, Caleb; brother, Corrie Cruz; step-sister, Annalynn Stevenson; niece, Lelanni; half-brother, PJ Cruz; mother-in-law, Lynn Revels; and brothers-in-law, Christopher Revels and Ben Revels. Sean was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Rosa Cruz Manglona, Maryann S. Cruz, and Millie Stevenson; grandfathers, Raimundo Manglona, Joe O. Cruz, and Joe L. Stevenson; as well as a special uncle, William R. Stevenson. Pallbearers are Billy Joe Stevenson, Brett Hebert, Logan Hebert, Ben Revels, Phil Shaffett and B.J. Stevenson. Honorary pallbearers are Charles “Tony” Ray, and Tim Cedotal. Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Friday, Jan. 29, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Visitation will resume on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 9 a.m. The Rev. Russell Henson will conduct funeral services at 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Evergreen Memorial Park. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Gerald Dixon

Gerald William Dixon, 71, a resident of Denham Springs and a native of Pottsville, Pa., passed away at 12:10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, at Ochsner Medical Center, Baton Rouge. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam Era. He owned Gerry’s Maintenance and Repair, retired from Tiger Services, and worked for Exxon. Gerald was a great father, and took care of many kids who weren’t his own. He was a member of Baker Masonic Lodge, #441 F&AM since 1986, and a member of the Aca-cia Shrine Temple. He started the motorcycle group for the Shriners, and was a hobo named “Leftover” with the Shriners. He was also very active with the Shriners Hospital, and used to race cars in his younger years. The family would like anybody with bugs or bikes to please bring them to the funeral in Gerald’s honor. Gerald is survived by three children, Laurann Martin, Francene Quinn (Steve), and Gerald Manuel Dixon (Chandra Johnson); two sisters, Sandralee Massey and Annette Carr; two brothers, John Dixon (Vera), and Ronald S. Dixon (Linda); two grandchildren, John Bourgeois (Jennifer Burns) and Ronald Martin (Cassy); and 12 great-grandchildren, Reese Martin, Riley Martin, Ronnie Martin, Nicholas Martin, Memori Martin, Johnnie Blaz Chambers, Alexis Bourgeois, Devin Dixon, Ray Ray Burns, D.J. Burns, Skylar Dixon, and Laura Marie Martin. He was preceded in death by wife, Laura Dixon; and his parents, Adam and Anna Dixon. Visitation was at Baker Funeral Home, 6401 Groom Road, Baker, on Monday, Jan. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 26, until religious services in the chapel, conducted by the Rev. Johnathan King and the Rev. Lau-

ri Rayborn. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Baker. Serving as pallbearers were Gerald M. Dixon, John Bourgeois, Ronald Martin, Paul Gleason, Samuel Moore, and Neil Kahn. Sign the online guest book at www.Baker-FuneralHomeOnline.com.

Dorothy Dodson

Dorothy Jean Newbury Dodson, a native of Tucumcari, N.M., and a resident of Denham Springs, passed away at her home on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at the age of 67. Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs. Elder Larry Wilson conducted the funeral services in the funeral home chapel. Graveside service will be held in May Cemetery, May, Texas, on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Jerry Dale Dodson Sr.; three sons, Jerry Dale Dodson Jr. and wife Amy of Cisco, Texas, Jeffrey Dean Dodson and wife Laura of Seguin, Texas, and Joseph Dane Dodson and wife Sarah of Early, Texas; sister, Marie Aten and husband Bill of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Dorothy Newbury; and her brother, Jimmy Newbury. She was a member of Grace Bible Baptist Church. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Barry Ducote Sr.

Barry J. Ducote, Sr., 71 years of age, born Feb. 20, 1944, in Plaquemine, LA, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, at Lane Regional Medical Center in Zachary. He retired in 2006 from a John Deere Tractor Co. with 38 years of service that began with the Gladden John Deere Tractor Co. He was a cancer survivor of 16 years, who fought the valiant fight every day with determination and a strong faith. He credited the prayers of friends, relatives and acquaintances for giving him the courage and ability to continue the fight. He was a member of the New Roads Lions Club, False River Country Club and numerous hunting camps throughout his life. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was very proud of his fishing camp. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 29, at St. Mary of False River, New Roads, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for immediate family, and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for relatives and friends, followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be at St Ann’s Mausoleum in Morganza. Lunch will be held in the St. Ann Church Hall after the services are completed. Mr. Ducote’s survivors include his wife of 49 years, Sandra Fremin Ducote; son, Barry J. Ducote Jr., Las Vegas, NV; daughter, Monica D. Saizan and husband Travis S. Saizan, Ventress; father-in-law, Dudley P. Fremin, Morganza; sister, Mildred D. Kent, Denham Springs; sister, Katherine D. Loupe and husband J.R. Loupe of Port Allen; brother, Ralph L. Ducote and wife Linda Ducote of Torbert, LA; brother, Francis Ducote of Port Allen; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elvina Riche Ducote; father, Neyland Ducote; brother, Edwin H.

Ducote and wife Katherine; brother, Robert Ducote; sister, Althea Sterling; brother, Neyland Ducote Jr.; brother, Franklin Ducote; and brother, Roland J. Ducote. Pallbearers will be Curtis Ducote, nephew; Michael Ducote, nephew; Ronald Kent, nephew; Rusty Loupe, Godchild, nephew; Corey McAdams, fishing buddy; and Paul D. Robinson, hunting buddy. Niland Funeral Home of New Roads, LA is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77030 or St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Glen Duvall Jr.

Glen “Rusty” Richard Duvall Jr. went to be with our Lord on Jan. 21, 2016, at his home at the age of 50. He was a native of Dallas, Texas, and a current resident of Denham Springs. He was a dedicated team member of DSLD Homes. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Sunday, Jan. 24. Visitation continued Monday, Jan. 25, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Denham Springs. Bishop Joel Bonnette conducted the funeral services. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, in Brashear Cemetery in Brashear, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Lizeth Delgado Duvall; daughter, Angela Delgado, age seven; son, Samuel Glen Duvall, age four months; father, Glen Duvall Sr. of Denham Springs; brother, Randy Duvall and wife Candace, and their daughters, Skylar and Madison all of Wyllie, Texas; brother, Tony Duvall and wife Ilene, their daughter Maggie and son Zachary, all of Denham Springs; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins spread all over Texas. He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Nell Duvall. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Eula LaPorte

Eula Mae LaPorte, age 86, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016. She was a native of Amite and a resident of Denham Springs. Mae is survived by her daughter, Linda Binder Ross; son, Timothy Binder; grandchildren, Renee and Jason Binder, and Haley, Andrew, and Matthew Ross; as well as one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny Rayford and Katie Thompson; as well as her son, Joseph “Joey” H. Binder III. Relatives and friends of the family were invited to the visitation at McLin & Manley Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 25, until the funeral service, officiated by Pastor Val Taylor. Interment followed in Greenoaks Memorial Park. To offer condolences to the family, sign the online guest book at www.mclinfuneralhome.com.

Addie McCurnin

Addie F. Hill McCurnin, 76, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, at her home in Walker. She retired from the State of Louisiana as Medical Examiner after 20 plus years of work. She always enjoyed being outdoors, espe-

cially taking care of her flower gardens. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend and will be missed dearly. Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. until service at 11 a.m., officiated by the Rev. Barry Posse. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park, Denham Springs. She is survived by her children, Jamie and Leon McCurnin, and Tootie Allen; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Glancy Hill; and her special niece, caregiver and friend, Michelle Hill and her husband Glancy Dale Hill who took care of her tirelessly and always with a smile. She was preceded in death by her husband, James McCurnin; daughter, Sharon McCurnin; parents, Leon and Hazel Newsom Hill; and her beloved Chihuahua, Charlie. A special thank you to Candace Messanger for the love and care given to Addie.

Mary McGowan

A resident of Denham Springs, Mary Evelyn Johnson McGowan passed away on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, at the Crossing and Clarity Hospice. She was 76. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Dr. Mark Crosby conducted the funeral services. Burial followed in Denham Springs Memorial Park. She is survived by two sons, James Swindle and Robert Swindle and wife Lisa; two daughters, Francis Martin and husband David and Felicia Bowers and husband Frank; 16 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Francis, Roy, Mark, Michael, Andy, Mary, David Jr., Brian, Jolene, Frank Jr., Robert, Michael, Joseph, Stephanie and Carlee; numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Paul Johnson and wife Pat; and sister, Francis Boyles and husband Eddie. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jeff and Earlina Johnston; husband, Michael McGowan; son, Jeffrey Swindle; daughter, Dorothy Chitwood; and sister, Carolyn Chaney. She loved the Lord and her greatest joy was spending time with family. Sign the online guest book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Annette Olah

Annette Faye Olah, age 54 and a resident of Albany, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at North Oaks Medical Center. Annette was born on Friday, Jan. 12, 1962, in Hammond. She is survived by her aunts, Mary Gainey, Sherran Dodd Rusk and Julie Bergeron. She is also survived by numerous nieces nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by parents, James Louis Olah and Sinda Dodd Olah; and brother, James Lewis Olah. Friends were received Sunday, Jan. 24, at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home in Hammond until services. Interment followed in the Hungarian Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Albany. An online guest book is available at www.harrymckneely.com.

Catherine Scott

Catherine A. Scott, age 88 and a resident of Denham Springs, departed this life on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at The Carpenter House. Service was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, on Wednesday, Jan. 27. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Scott, and a host of other relatives and friends. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home in Denham Springs. (225) 665-8002.

Sally Tigner

Sally Ann Dushane Tigner, a native of Monroe, Mich., and a resident of Watson, passed away at her home on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the age of 74. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Albert Charles Tigner; her precious dog, Herbie; and her daughters and son-in-laws, Charlotte and Joseph White, Bonny and Richard Evans, and Donnie Howze. Sally has nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five grand-pups. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra Tigner-Howze. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, at the House of Prayer Holiness Church on Weiss Road at 11 a.m. with a repass and fellowship to follow immediately afterwards. The family wishes to thank the staff of Mercy Hospice for their excellent care.

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Not enough votes to dump White

From A1

Kathy Edmonston, a newly elected Board of Elementary and Secondary Education member from District 6, said the move did not surprise her.

"It seems like it shocked a lot of people, but it didn't shock me," she said. "I had a feeling based on the results that it was going to take a lot of people to do that."

Edwards spoke out against White during the campaign. Edwards has been outspoken in his criticism of Common Core.

The governor had also lashed out at White for his aggressive push for standardized testing associated with that Common Core. Edwards also spoke out against the voucher program and charter schools, two other issues White has heavily promoted.

Several allies of White, many of whom clashed with Edwards, retained spots on the BESE panel, which would ultimately decide whether or not to keep the superintendent. Eight of the 11 board members would need to vote against White to allow for his replacement.

The vote left Edwards little choice but to work with White, at least for the time being, Edmonston said.

"I think the governor has decided to work on issues that will affect teachers and students," she said.

White will stay on board on a month-to-month contract at \$275,000 per year.

Richard Carbo, a spokesman for Edwards, told reporters "the governor will keep an open line of communication going forward regarding how to best address ongoing needs and improve the state's educational system."

The governor's decision disappointed Edmonston, who expected Edwards to oust White not long after inauguration.

"Based on his background and what the governor had said, I thought that would've been the case," she said. "He's not doing what he said he'd do when he was in campaign mode."

State Rep. J. Rogers Pope, R-Denham Springs, said he will not rejoice any move to keep White in office.

Pope and Edwards echoed sentiments on the reforms White touted during the Jindal Administration.

"It's a dilemma with the new administration, myself and others whom I'd sure would like to see John White pack his bags and leave," he said. "It came down to getting enough votes from the BESE Board, and that hasn't happened."

The representative – a former Livingston Parish School Board superintendent – remains hopeful that White's tenure will not last much longer.

"Getting him to move on is a work in progress, one that won't happen overnight," he said. "Mr. White is a good man and a good person, I'll say that much, but we in education want him to move down the road."

'Standstill' budget would be good news for schools

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON – The head of the Livingston Parish School System hopes a "standstill" in the funding mechanism will be the worst-case scenario for state public schools as lawmakers hammer out plans to close a \$1.9 gap in the 2017 state budget.

Superintendent of Schools John Watson said Livingston Parish could weather a "standstill" in the Minimum Funding Program, the state allocates funds to public school.

"Our primary goal is to not affect instruction in the classroom," he said. "Unfortunately, if they do make cuts, we'd have to deal with them."

Watson said he has not discussed local cuts because he has not yet heard of a plan to cut K-12, although Governor John Bel Edwards in an address last week mentioned it as a possibility.

"For now, we're just opening that at worst, we will get the standstill MFP, which would provide us the same



Watson

pupil dollar amount," Watson said. "Our primary objective is for it not to affect the students."

Although

the state has not cut spending for K-12 in more than a decade, school systems have had to work through indirect budget cuts.

State Rep. J. Rogers Pope, R-Denham Springs, does not believe the MFP will fall victim to the budget ax.

"If all the agencies are cut, administration can cut the MFP by one percent, and that can only be done outside the academic area," he said. "We've never done that before, and I don't think it's the impetus or direction that the legislative body or administration wants."

School systems state wide have only received two increases in MFP formula – both at 2.75 percent – over the last eight years.

"We've all gotten used

to the standstill, but that's not the ideal way to operate," Watson said.

At the same time, the costs of materials and upkeep, among other items, continue to rise.

"It all goes back to how you define a budget cut," Watson said.

The state last bumped up the MFP in 2013. The 2.75 increase was funded through a measure by legislators the final day of the session that year.

The Livingston Parish School System, with 26,000 students in 46 schools across the parish, has always kept a tight rein on the coffers, the superintendent said.

"We have a low amount of extra programs and services, one of the lowest in the state," Watson said. "We'd deal with budget cuts if we had to, but it wouldn't be easy."

The timing of the cuts would not help matters, he said.

The state will determine funding for K-12 during the regular legislative session, which begins in March.

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Livestock Show

By John Dupont
The Livingston Parish News

LIVINGSTON — More than 120 local school students competed Friday and Saturday in the 2016 Livingston Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show at the Livingston Parish Fairgrounds.

Competition was held in seven categories at the event. The winners are:

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Best in Show
Standard- Hannah Rhodus

Best in Show Bantam- Luke Tynes

Champion pen of broilers- Timothy Edgens

Reserve Champion pen of broilers- Brennan Hebert

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Commercial Heifer- Savannah Stafford

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Senior Showmanship- Brylie Aucoin

Dairy

AOB- Emma Hutchinson

Jersey- Megan Mincey

Commercial Dairy Heifer- Kaycee Sibley

Supreme Champion Dairy- Megan Mincey

Junior Showmanship- Orrin Cobb

Intermediate- Emma

Hutchinson

Senior- Westin Cobb

Swine

AOB Breeding- Dylan Fontenot

Duroc Breeding- Madeline Oubre

Hampshire Breeding- Sydney Salassi

Yorkshire Breeding- Sydney Salassi

Supreme Champion Breeding Swine- Madeline Oubre

Commercial Gilt- Sydney Salassi

AOB Market- Samuel Henry

Duroc Market- William Pankey

Hampshire Market- Megan Threeton

Yorkshire Market- Sydney Salassi

Cross Market- Kacey Threeton

Barrow Market- Hunter Threeton

Grand Champion Market Hog- Hunter Threeton

Reserve Champion Market Hog- Kacey Threeton

Junior Showmanship- Macie Langlois

Intermediate Showmanship- Dylan Fontenot

Senior Showmanship- Jesse Purvis



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Jesse Purvis, 15, of Holden High School, guides his Yorkshire hog, for which he won the grand prize in the showmanship competition. Also pictured is Nathan King, 16, of Walker High School, who won second place in the event.

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Senior Livestock Exhibitors at the 2016 Livingston Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show were (from left, front) Janie Richardson of Springfield High School; Jaycelin Carter and Hannah Rhodus, of Denham Springs High School; Brent McDaniel, Brooke Cavalier, Brianna Mullens and (back) Chris Nolan of Live Oak High School; and Matt Seguin of Walker High School.



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2016 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Belt Buckle winners are, (from left, kneeling) Madeline Oubre, Champion Breeding Gilt; Luke Tynes, Best in Show Bantam; Christian Corsentino, Champion Bull, Champion Junior Beef Showman; Ashley Veazey, Best Opposite Sex Rabbit; Macie Langlois, Champion Junior Swine Showman; Luke Pirie, Champion Ewe and Champion Sheep Showman; (middle row) Janie Richardson, Champion Buck; Megan Mincey, Champion Dairy, Champion Senior Beef Showman; Hunter Threeton, Champion Market Hog; Dylan Fontenot, Champion Intermediate Swine Showman; Savannah Stafford, Champion Intermediate Beef Showman; Irelyn Stafford, Champion Market Steer; Cali Green (pictured for Emily Tucker), Champion Junior Goat Showman; Cole Forbes, Supreme Beef Heifer and Sydney Salassi, Champion Commercial Gilt; (back row) Colton Smith, Best in Show Rabbit; Jesse Purvis, Champion Senior Swine Showman; Orrin Cobb, Champion Junior Dairy Showman; Hannah Rhodus, Best in Show Standard Chicken; Timothy Edgens, Champion Broilers; Westin Cobb, Champion Senior Dairy Showman; and Emma Hutchinson, Champion Intermediate Dairy Showman.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited is looking to start a Livingston Parish Chapter. There will be a meeting at Bass Pro Shops on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs conference room. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about Ducks Unlimited conservation work and how it directly benefits Louisiana hunters. There will be food, drinks, raffle prizes and free membership given to all who attend. To RSVP, send an e-mail to zbrown@ducks.org.

Watson LEGO Club

The Watson Library hosts LEGO Club for ages 6-11 on Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. The club meets each month for a different theme, craft and snack. LEGOs are provided. For more information, call the Watson Library at 664-3963.

Sit and Sew

Bring a sandwich along with a project or two out to the Livingston Branch Library on Jan. 28 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Spend some creative time with friends and the community. Registration is required by calling 686-2436 or register at www.mylpl.info.

VITA Tax Preparation

The Livingston Library hosts free tax preparation for participants with an income limit of \$60,000 for 2015. Bring tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s, and information for deductions and credits along with a copy of last year's tax return and a Social Security card for yourself, a spouse and dependents. You may also bring proof of a bank account for direct deposit. Volunteers will prepare most simple returns, but more complicated returns will not be processed. Co-sponsored by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Internal Revenue Service. Program by appointment only at the Livingston Branch Library (686-2436) on Jan. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Jan. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Denham Springs-Walker Library (665-8118) on Jan. 28 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; and the Albany-Springfield Branch (567-1441) on Jan. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration required by calling preferred library.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Harry Potter Night

Welcome to Hogwarts. Visit the Denham Springs-Walker Library for a Harry Potter filled evening that includes wand making, a game of Quidditch, butter beer, trivia, and more on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. This program is intended for ages 18 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required by calling the library at 665-8118 or register at www.mylpl.info.

Livingston Parish Rotary Club

The next meeting of the Rotary Club of Livingston Parish will be held Jan. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Big Mike's in Denham Springs. Guest speaker will be Livingston Parish Council Chairman John Wascom. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 225-907-7270 or go to www.rotary6200.org.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Mardi Gras Boat Parade

The Krewe of Diversion 22nd Annual Mardi Gras Boat Parade will be held Jan. 30 at noon featuring Grand Marshall Whitney Vann. Registration at Manny's on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 per boat. All proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Food and St. Jude items will be sold at Manny's starting at noon on the day of the parade. Live auction starts at 5:30 p.m. or after all participating boats are back at Manny's. For more information, call David or Vivian Stevens at 225-939-2135 or 225-324-5695.

Gumbo Cook-Off

Watson's 6th Annual Bird and Sausage Gumbo Cook-Off will be held Jan. 30 behind Double D Daiquiris at 32334 Hwy 16. A \$10 donation to enter lets you enjoy gumbo from 50 cooking teams, food from local restaurants, Kid's Corral and live music. Fun starts at 11 a.m. All proceeds from this year's event goes to Quad Vets Transitional Housing Program. For more information, call Bobby Jo Guerin 667-5403.

Spring Soccer Registration

LPSA Walk Up Registration for the Spring 2016 Season will be held Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Academy Sports+Outdoors at Juban Crossing in Denham Springs. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required for all new players. Registration forms and online registration are located at www.lpsa.org. For more information, send an e-mail to rachelnester@hotmail.com or call (225) 772-6417.

DS Mardi Gras Parade

The Krewe of Denham Springs 2016 Mardi Gras Parade will be held Jan. 30. The theme is "Fairytale Dreams." Parade rolls at 3 p.m. from Denham Springs High School, travels south on Range through Antique District, turns west onto Florida Blvd., and ends at the intersection of Veteran's Blvd. & Florida. Anyone interested in participating in the parade can contact Roni or Carl Juneau at carl-juneau@cox.net or 225-937-9090.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Fifth Sunday Singing

Historic Macedonia Baptist Church, Hwy. 1036, Holden, will hold a Fifth Sunday Singing on Jan. 31. Special musical guest will be Denver Popules. Service will start at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds. For more information, call Brother Roger Dunlap at 664-4448.

Believe, Become, Belong

Believe, Become, Belong. The Hope Center offers Bible study and fellowship every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Suma Crossing, Suite B, Exit 19 off I-12. For more information, call 225-380-5040.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Springfield FFA 5K Run

Register now for the annual FFA 5K Run benefiting TARC. This year's theme is Show Your Character. Event will be held Feb. 27. The location of the event has changed. The 5K will be held at Carter Plantation in Springfield. Dress as your favorite character. Registration is due by Feb. 1. Registration forms can be found at www.oucoursesystems.com/school/webpage/11651752/1125141.

Quilting Guild

The Livingston Branch Library's Quilting Guild meets Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This new club will meet at the Main Branch on the first and third Monday of each month. Bring all sewing supplies for the day. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 686-2436.

Chess at the library

Adults and teens are invited to the Denham Springs-Walker Library to meet new people, play a few matches, brush up, or learn the basics of Chess on Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Registration required by calling 665-8118 or register at www.mylpl.info.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Vintage Disney

Ages 3 - 11 can travel back in time with Disney. Discover vintage Disney classics with games, crafts, and activities inspired by the characters your parents and grandparents grew up with. Event will be held at the following libraries: Albany-Springfield (567-1441) on Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m.; South Branch (698-3015) on Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m.; Denham Springs-Walker (665-5118) on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.; and the Livingston Branch (686-2436) on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. Registration is required by calling your preferred library or register at www.mylpl.info.

Coloring and Coffee

Coloring is a relaxing activity, even for adults. Ages 18 and up are invited to color, eat snacks, listen to music, and socialize at different branches of the Livingston Parish Library. Libraries will supply intricate coloring sheets and colored pencils. Event will be held at 10 a.m. at each of the following libraries: Watson, Feb. 2; Livingston Branch, Feb. 4; Denham Springs-Walker, Feb. 10; and Albany-Springfield, Feb. 17. Call your preferred library for more information.

Teen Advisory Board

Ages 12-18 are invited to join the new Teen Advisory Board at the Watson Library. The group meets Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. TAB members plan library programs, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for the young adult section. For more information, call 664-3963.

Teen Anime Club

The Livingston Branch Library's Teen Anime Club for ages 12-18 meets Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. Meetings include previews of anime, manga, snacks, crafts, fan art, fan fiction, and more. For more information, call 686-2436.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Republican Women

The Livingston Parish Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting on Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Big Mike's, 123 Aspen Square in Denham Springs, which is just north of I-12 off of Range Ave. Guest speaker is Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry. The public is welcome to attend. There is a charge for lunch; reservations are recommended and may be made by contacting Darla Steagall at 337-0490 or e-mail darlasteagall@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Winter Adventure in Narnia

Ages 3-11 can travel through the Watson Library's magical wardrobe into Narnia, where they will complete quests for Aslan the lion and reach the final prize on Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required by calling 664-3963 or register at www.mylpl.info.

Young Writers Club

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Young Writers Club meets Feb. 4 and Feb. 16, both at 5 p.m. Open to ages 10-18, the goal of the club is to write for both publication and performance. Young writers are encouraged to explore their writing interests and develop their voice and style through exciting collaborative activities. The program also offers free workshops in poetry, short stories, and creative nonfiction. Join now to help write and perform in the annual murder mystery dinner theater in May. For more information, call 665-8118.

Music Club

Join the Livingston Branch Library's Music Club. Bring your own instruments, or play the library's on-hand, guitar, bass, ukulele, accordion, or drum set. Work together to learn one song a month. For more information, call 686-2436.

Writers Circle

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Writers Circle meets Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Published and unpublished adult writers of fiction or nonfiction for adults, young adults, or children are welcome. The group provides a forum for sharing writing, a venue for learning more about the writing craft and information about publishing/self-publishing. For more information, call 665-8118.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

COA Valentine's Dance

Livingston Council on Aging will host a Valentine's Dance featuring the Doug Owens Band on Feb. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Denham Springs Senior Center located at 949 Government Dr., Denham Springs, next door to City Hall. Cost is \$6 a person or \$10 per couple. There will be refreshments and door prizes. No alcoholic beverages allowed. For more information, call 664-9343.

Woven Heart Ornament

Visit the Denham Springs-Walker Library to learn basic weaving techniques and take home your own woven heart ornament on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. Registration is required by calling 665-8118 or register at www.mylpl.info.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Tin Lizzy's Boat Parade

Tin Lizzy's, 29592 Hwy. 22, Springfield, will hold a Mardi Gras boat parade on Feb. 6. The bar opens at noon, boat parade begins at 2 p.m. and "River City Hit Squad" begins at 5 p.m. For more information, call (225) 695-6787.

Picking and Singing

The monthly gospel Picking and Singing at Plainview Baptist Church will be held Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. All musicians, singers and listeners are invited. Plainview is located at the corner of Walker South Road and Joe May Road. For more information, send an e-mail to arsie126@cox.net or call Hilton at (225) 243-6683.

Science Saturday

Explore the world of science at the Watson Library on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Learn about science and conduct experiments every first Saturday of the month. For more information, call 664-3963.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Friend Day at Crossway

Friend Day will be held Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at Crossway Church, located at 10161 Florida Blvd., Walker. For more information, call 225-380-5040.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Small Business Consulting

If you own a small business or are interested in starting one, take advantage of free business consulting at the Livingston Branch Library on Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Receive a private, one-hour consulting session in areas including business plans, advertising plans, inventory control, financial projections, cost analysis, and much more. This event is sponsored by the Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) at Southeastern Louisiana University. Registration is required by calling 664-6638.

Knit and Crochet Club

Join the Albany-Springfield Library's Off the Hook Knit and Crochet group on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. There will be music and snacks. Bring your project and any questions. For more information, call 567-1441.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Valentine Banquet

Live Oak United Methodist Church presents 17th annual Valentine Banquet and youth fundraiser. Dinner shows will be on Feb. 12 - 14, Feb. 19 and 20, with a free show on Feb. 21. Tickets are now on sale. Call 664-4801 or visit www.loumc.org.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party of Livingston Parish Executive Committee is holding a caucus to elect new officers, members and delegates on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Big Mike's in Denham Springs. Public is invited. The event Facebook page is located at www.facebook.com/events/911775068936435.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2016 Benefit Kick Off

The Friendship Community Benefit Center, located at the corner of Walker North Road (Hwy. 447) and Springfield Road (Hwy. 1019), will hold their kick off benefit for 2016 on Feb. 20 for maintenance and upkeep of the benefit center. Jambalaya, pastalaya and spaghetti plates will be sold. For more information, call Paul Kelly at 225-571-8893.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Sacred Harp Group

A Sacred Harp Group is now forming for those interested in learning the age old tradition of shape note singing. Everyone is welcome to join. The first group meeting will be held Feb. 21 at First United Methodist Church in Denham Springs. For more information, call Kathryn or Jonathan at 225-200-5878.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Alzheimer's Support

Free support group meetings for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's is being offered at Immaculate Conception Church, located on Hatchell Lane in Denham Springs. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held Feb. 24. For more information, call 225-334-7494.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Colyell Jambalaya Cook Off

The 8th Annual Colyell Community Benefit Jambalaya Cook Off will be held March 12 at Colyell Ballpark on Perrilloux Road. To register or for more information, call 225-698-6673 or 225-276-9241.

Power of HOPE Banquet

The Power of HOPE Banquet with Carol Everett will be held March 12 at 6 p.m. at 30372 Eden Church Road, Denham Springs. Everett will share her testimony which is detailed in her book, "Blood Money - Getting Rich off a Woman's Right to Choose." Dinner provided by Courtlands Catering. There will be a silent auction. All proceeds will go to A Door of Hope Ministries. Registration is free. To register, go to <http://power-ofhope2016.eventbrite.com>. For more information, call 665-4673.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Wildcat Roar Festival

The annual Wildcat Roar Festival at Walker Elementary School, 13327 Wildcat Dr., on March 18 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 19 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be rides, games, food, garage sale, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$1 until noon on March 18. After noon, tickets are \$2 each. Call Walker Elementary School at 665-5534.

Miss Wildcat Beauty Pageant

The Miss Wildcat Roar Beauty Pageant for newborns through age 12 (Natural Pageant; Attire: Sunday's Best) will be held at Walker Elementary School Gymnasium, 13327 Wildcat Dr., on March 18. You do not have to attend Walker Elementary to participate. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Competition begins at 7 p.m. Call Walker Elementary at 665-5534 or send an e-mail to Christian.Jeffers@LPSB.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Free CPR Class

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District #5 will host a free CPR class (infant to adult) on March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon or 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Space is limited. To register, contact Chad Robinson at 664-1679 ext. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 familly@livingstonparishnews.com.

What’s up at LA School for Math, Science and the Arts?

NATCHITOCHES – Established by the state legislature in 1982, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts is located on the campus of Northwestern State University. It is a state-supported residential high school with competitive admissions for Louisiana’s high-achieving, highly-motivated students in grades 10-12, with many students from Livingston Parish among them.

Students at LSMSA recently had an opportunity to participate in a variety of classes during Special Projects Week held Jan. 4-8. Topics ranged from highly academic subjects in science, history and English to popular culture topics such as James Bond movies and Star Wars versus Star Trek, to creative projects such as art in the 21st century and paper maiche.

These activities give students the opportunity to explore an area which they may not encounter in a traditional classroom setting, but one which is enriching for them all the same.

“Students may spend a week thinking about representations of American teenagers or learning the strategies of chess or taking part in community service,” said Dr. Kristi Key, director of academic services. “These possibilities are rich and worthwhile and reflect the larger living and



SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Carrie Thomas, a junior from Denham Springs, was one of seven LSMSA students who qualified for LMEA District II Honor Bands.



SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Above left, Casandra Saxon, a sophomore from Livingston, makes a paper-maiche creature head on a wall mount, a special project offered by Amanda Roe.

Above, Kamryn Dick, a sophomore from Walker, prepares her schedule for the second semester.



SUBMITTED BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Hayden Scott, a senior from Denham Springs, served as one of six hosts on Exploration Day.



At left, Bryce Cason (left) a senior from Denham Springs, joins Bailey Dixon, a senior from Zachary, to participate in the protein modeling special project offered by Dr. Allison Landry.

learning community at LSMSA.”

Student ambassadors welcomed prospective students and their families to Exploration Day held on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts. Among them was

Hayden Scott, a senior from Denham Springs.

Prospective students had an opportunity to sit in on classes throughout the day. They also ate lunch in the cafeteria and asked questions about classes and residential life during a stu-

dent-led panel. Parents had an opportunity to learn more about academic programs, residential life and the College Counseling Center.

Seven students from the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts qualified

for LMEA District II Honor Bands and participated in a clinic and concert Jan. 22-23. Among them was Carrie Thomas, a junior from Denham Springs who played fourth chair horn.

LSMSA was recently ranked as the ninth

best public school in the nation and the best high school in Louisiana in Niche’s 2016 Best Public High Schools in America.

For more information about the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, visit lsmsa.edu.

HONOR ROLLS

From B4

Blaize McKenzie Foster
Jesse Guevara
Wyatt Michael Ingram
Jackson Paul Just
Conrad Hudson Manso
Caden Scott McLaughlin
Miranda Celeste Mendoza
Makayla Grace Nelson
Ava Gray Orillion
Olivia Grace Palmer
Brenton Paul
Hope Nicole Lynn Sands
Shea M Shanks
Zachary Paul Shills
Dillon Lee Thomas
Xander Christopher Vallejo
Gavin Blake Waguespack
Chase Joseph Wright

3rd Grade

Sophie Mae Barnett
Natalie S Bauder
Amanda Beth Chamberlain
Caden Alexander Clark
Jazmin Dominique-Nevaeh Copeland
Leanne Reese Easterling
Claire Marie Findley
Christian Brandt Genre
Gabriel Porter Jones
Caleb Robert Klug
Jessie N Lacombe
Isabella Claire Livingston
Cy Walker Martin
Jaxon P Martin
Ethan B Nardo
Hayden Lawrence Nietherhammer
Landry Joseph Smart
Olivia Catherine Vice

4th Grade

Madelyn Ballenger
Kayleigh Darrie Ellis
Hunter Cole Graham
Nhu-y Ngoc La
Isabella Annice Miller
Branden Joshua Moore
Hayden M Price
Sydney Nicole Roy
Mason Daniel Verzwylt
Marisa Elena Weatherly
Kaylan Albrielle Williams

5th Grade

Anna Arbour
Courtney Rose Arnold
Logan Peter Burge
Brea Michelle Dry
Kody James Duff
Katelyn Mechelle Dupree
Kade Alexander Ford
Marissa Lynn Hanna
Rylan Dean Hiatt
Alonna Ann Ingram
Joshua Adam Maher Jaffar
Francesca Lorri Java
Sarah Abigail Johnson
Carson Laws
Aaron Eli Mendoza
Harrison Lucas Nietherhammer
Ian Robert Rains
Kiarra Leigh Ratliff
Kylie Marie Rhodus
Katie Leanne Roberson
Axel Marlin Rodriguez
Emma Catherine Shupe
Sarah Ashleigh Tauzy
Jeshaun Vicente Villacorta
Avery Irissa Wiggins



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Photographers (from left) Gene Backman, Rick LeCompte and Earl Arboneaux were the guest speakers at recent photography seminars at the Arts Council of Livingston Parish Gallery in conjunction with an exhibit by the Louisiana Photographic Society.

Photography seminars at the Arts Council

Interested amateurs packed the classroom at the Arts Council of Livingston Parish offices at 133 Hummell St. in Denham Springs Jan. 9 during a reception for the January gallery exhibit by the Louisiana Photographic Society.

Three experienced photographers lectured on a wide range of subjects.

Gene Backman, a retired chemist with Dow, has been taking photos for over 35 years, and since joining the Louisiana Photographic Society in 2005 has won over 60 ribbons in club competitions and was named Black & White Photographer of the Year five times and is now the president.

Backman discussed the new rage in equipment, mirrorless cameras, comparing them with DSLR cameras and discussing their respective advantages and shortcomings.

Rick LeCompte, winner of LPB’s Peoples Choice Award 2015, curator of ViewBug and consultant in photography for the

LSU Museum of Art and the Baton Rouge Gallery, spoke to the crowd about Photoshop. Although it is a huge program, LeCompte assured the audience that there was

much they could do with its individual small parts to create imaginative, artful effects.

Earl Arboneaux, another award-winning photographer, discussed

composition, unifying the subjects in your photos by using shapes, spaces, colors, light and creative design to make your photos more appealing to the viewer.



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Rick LeCompte provides a course on Photoshop to a packed classroom.

HONOR ROLLS

Honor rolls below are from the first 9-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year: Albany Lower Elementary School All A's 1st Grade Brianna Charlene Abron McKenzie Nicole Adams Savana Gray Bangs Reese Claire Boudreaux Kaylin Nichole Bradford William James Bridges Amber Lee Burton Noah James Castella Aidan Paul Chambless Kelsie Churchwell Seth Michael Angelo Cooley Kyle Wayne Cowart Julianna Marie Crain Remy Austin Cramer Kailie Adriana Diaz Flaherty Kole Anthony Domiano Aubrey Rose Dorsey Harli Lane Dugas Hudson Cole Efferson Ryan Anthony Garcia Alexander Duer Gonzalez-Lugo Lizabeth Marie Guillie Logan Charles Guillie Jerome Clark-Anthony Guy Jayvee West Hagg Brock Sebastian Hampton Amelia Ann Heck Olivia Grace Hill Addie Blair Hines Paul Eugene Hoyt Camron Joseph Jackson Drew Rose Jefcoat Aidyn Kohl Johnson Mykris Jerome Johnson Michael Joseph Keiser Hudson Jay Kimble Ian Paul Kreko Dylan Blaine Lloyd Peyton Karl McCain Jake Allen Milton Braydin Pipes Mizell Victoria Lynn Monteleone Devin Michael Murray Shyann Rose Murray Jacob Ryan Myers Camryn Rae Nelson Taylor Bond Payne Brianna Marie Pierson John Waylon Ponder Brayden Gage Prokop Rylee Grace Ray Jace Dylan Reyes Bryce Russell Saucier Kayleigh Sara Sciortino Kailey Ciara Settoon Ava Grace Shockley Elijah Landry Shockley Corine Elizabeth Smith Aliyanna Maria Sosa Westin Kane Starkey Hanna Faith Sullivan Beau Carter Thompson Terrell Flanagan Thompson Erik Alexander Velasquez Braden Lynn Waits Marley Marie Weinberger Warren Scott Whiddon Catherine Emma Willie 2nd Grade Elizabeth Grace Bordelon Journei Rhae Carpenter Emma Rose Centanni Jacy Marie Coats Harmoni Elise Cutrer Preslie Claire Dempster Jack Joseph DePaula Dalton Cole Flaherty Abner Tai Hernandez Zelaya Daniel Colton Horton Angelina Hong-Yue Huang Ava Belinda Jackson Rylea Terez Landry Parker Vincent Lato Maria Fernanda Loya-Zamora Kaidyn Elise McLean Emma Kate McWilliams Lawson Bruce Pierre Madison Nicole Puckett Payten Aubree Puckett Lillian McKenzie Reck Jason Rhodus Maggie Danielle Richardson Brooke Danielle Ridder Laila Lynntora Marie Robertson Donovan Woodrow Rogers Kaitlyn Ruth Sawyer Abigail Margie Self Colin Dane Smith David Alexander Snee Olivia Joyce Starns Austin Reed Stewart Britney Clair Thibodeaux Peyton Michelle Trosclair Zoe Elizabeth Troyer Emma Reese Wagner Cassidy Marie Williams Frankie Elvis Williams Carver All A's and B's 1st Grade Alexandra Natalie Alvarado Brooklyn Chanel Bankston Trudy Alizabeth Bendily Brody Dwayne Billingsley Claudio Calihua Titus Eli Campbell Lana Lang Cox Theresa Denise Crawford Daysha Renea Cryer Marissa Cuccia Zoev Shaundale Davis	Brentley Grace DePhillips Brody Joseph Deslatte Brinley Layne Ellis Gwendolyn E'Lisa Feagins Wyatt Matthew Gilliland Baylor Reed Giroir Miley Paige Grice Sophia Marie Heck Ethan Terry James Ellie Reese Johnson Caiden Brance Knight Briannalyn Adriana Koehn Jewels Ella Lilly Jesse Paul Logarbo Noah Garrett Mayeux Daniel Thomas Patterson Jaelynn Berniece 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Main photo, Denham High graduate Daniel Wendt, drum major for the LSU Tiger Band pictured marching onto the field, will be the Grand Marshal of the Krewe of Denham Springs Parade.

Local area PARADES

DATES AND ROUTES OF PARADES IN LIVINGSTON PARISH, HAMMOND AND BATON ROUGE.

Mardi Gras parades in Livingston Parish are three in number – one street parade and two boat parades. The Krewe of Denham Springs street parade and Krewe of Diversion will follow each other back to back this Saturday, so heads up if you don't want to miss them. The Krewe of Tickfaw parade will wait until the weekend before Fat Tuesday, rolling on Saturday, Feb. 6. We're also listing all information available to us about parades in Hammond and Baton Rouge as we go to press on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

IN LIVINGSTON PARISH

22nd Annual St. Jude Krewe of Diversion Mardi Gras Boat Parade will line up on the Diversion Canal



A crew of Lifesavers for St. Jude went all out to decorate their boat on their theme, even wearing varicolored shirts.

under the La. Hwy. 22 bridge **Jan. 30** and head out at **noon** to end at Manny's Bar & Grill, where food and St. Jude items will be sold. When boats have returned, 1st place boat and costume awards will be given and a live auction will be held.

Registration will be at Manny's Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. where dinner will be served. The fee of \$35 should be payable to LFACC (Louisiana Friends Against Childhood Cancer) with all proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information, call David or Vivian Stevens at 939-2135 or 324-5695.

36th Annual Krewe of Denham Springs Mardi Gras Parade will assemble **Jan. 30** at Denham



Krewe of Fleur de Lis member Brandy Pitre tosses beads to the crowd below as the parade rolls along Range Ave. from Denham Springs High School.

Spring High with more than 30 independent entries already booked

and more coming in. An additional nine member floats will roll, one carrying Grand Marshal Denham Springs High School graduate Daniel Wendt, who is now LSU's drum major, and another carrying King and Queen, Marshal Jerry Denton and wife Michelle. The parade will roll at **3 p.m.** rain or shine and will proceed south on Range through the Antique Village to Florida Boulevard and then west on Florida to Veterans Boulevard.

Among many other entries on the theme "Fairytale Dreams," both marching and riding, will be floats, high school bands, including those from Denham Springs and Live Oak, 30 horses from the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders, marching groups and classic cars. Walker R.O.T.C. members will assist with crowd control. Additional entries including floats, cars, trucks, 4-wheelers, bikes, marchers and more will be accepted even on parade day, and all, even those who have pre-registered, must report between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To enter now, contact Roni Juneau at 937-9090.

The Krewe of Tickfaw Mardi Gras Boat Parade on the Tickfaw River will be held **Feb. 6** and head out at



Red, white and blue are always popular colors at a parade.

2 p.m. from Shelly O'Neal Estates 2 and travel downriver to Warsaw Marina then turn back past Tin Lizzy's and end at Boopalu's, where baskets will be awarded for first, second and third place at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The parade has a patriotic theme and the Grand Marshal is Wallace Sibley with Quad Area Vets, which will receive all proceeds. The cost to enter is \$30. Forms and fees may be turned in at Boopalu's in advance or at a mandatory captains' meeting to be held on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at Lagniappe in Springfield.

The Krewe of Tickfaw Ball will be held at Lagniappe Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. and will cost \$35 including a steak dinner and music by 484 South Band. Those arriving after 9 p.m. will only be charged \$20.

Right, Frankie Moore of Denham Springs will ride as queen of the 2016 Spanish Town Mardi Gras Parade.



HAMMOND

Krewe of Omega with 140 members, the oldest Mardi Gras paraders in Tangipahoa, is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a special "alligraw" throw from 11 professional Krewe floats and several dozen more, and will roll **Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m.** from University Center west to General Pershing, left onto W. Dakota, right onto Magnolia to East Thomas, left to NW Railroad, left to Oak Street and north back to the University Center. Organizers promise, "Our members are generous and they are going to have a great time." For more information, call 985-345-3442.

BATON ROUGE

The 15th annual all-female **Krewe of Artemis** parade will roll with the theme "Artemis Celebrates 15 Years of Fun" at **7 p.m. Jan. 29** on River Road north from the Baton Rouge River Center up to the Pentagon Barracks, east to Third, south to Spanish Town, east to Fourth, south to Main, east to Ninth, south to Laurel, west to Sixth, south to Convention, west to River Road, and south back to the River Center, tossing signature high heeled shoes, footballs, tambourines, stuffed animals, float beads and lighted throws. 803-6901. kreweofartemis.net.

The **Krewe Mystique de la Capitale**, the oldest parading krewe in Baton Rouge, will roll out its 40th annual family-oriented parade of bands, 12 to 14 floats, trucks and marchers at **2 p.m. Jan. 30**. The parade will assemble at Government and St. Philip near the River Center, move north on River Road, then around the Pentagon Barracks to Third Street, south to Spanish Town, east to Fourth, south to Main, east to Ninth, south to Laurel, west to Sixth, south to Convention and west on Convention to River Road to return to start. krewemystique.com.

The 18th annual **Krewe of Orion** parade with the theme "Orion Jet Sets" will start at **6:30 p.m. Jan. 30** at Government and St. Philip near the River Center, move north on River Road, then around the Pentagon Barracks to Spanish Town, east to Fourth, south to Main, east to Ninth, south to Laurel, west to Sixth, south to Convention and west on Convention to River Road to return to start, with marching bands and masked and costumed riders throwing

medallions, footballs, cups, plush animals, swords, doubloons, lighted throws, and beads. King and Queen are David Renoud and Crystal Coppola.

Many will enjoy the parade at the **Masquerade in the River Center Exhibition Hall** where it marches through the party, interrupting the dancing to live dance music. Dress is black tie and full length gowns. Purchase tickets at kreweoforion.com or call 324-0426.

The 17th Annual CAAWS Mystic Krewe of Mutts Parade themed "Paw Wars – The Furs Unleashed," starts and ends on North Blvd. and includes Seventh, Convention and Fourth streets, lines up at **1:30 p.m. Jan. 31** along St. Louis Street at North Boulevard and rolls at 2 p.m. **Bark in the Park** along North Boulevard at Town Square and Galvez Plaza with vendors with food, information, shopping, contests, activities and demonstrations, lasts from **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** with contests for Best Costume, Best Float and Best Group Theme judged at 11 a.m. Royalty selected by CAAWS volunteers are adoptees from CAAWS. Registration of dogs and people for parade and contests is required and can be done online at caaws.org or on parade day.

The **Krewe of Southdowns** family-oriented flambeaux parade with the theme "Under the Big Top," celebrating 29 years in 2016, will roll at **7 p.m. Feb. 5**. It will start at Glasgow Middle School and roll south on Glasgow from Hyacinth to Whitehaven, west to Lee, north to Hyacinth, east to Edinburgh, north to Arrowhead, west to Stuart, south to Whitehaven, west to Stephens, north to Hyacinth, west to Cherrydale, north to Morning Glory, east to Cloverdale, north to end at Perkins. Check their website, southdowns.org, for updates on the route and more.

The **35th annual Spanish Town Parade** of 100-120 crazy floats with the theme "Pink Party" with marching bands, King Chris Frink, Queen Frankie Moore of Denham Springs and Grand Marshall Mary Alice Gray will start at **noon Feb. 6** on Spanish Town Road at 5th St. and travel east to Ninth, south to North Street, west to Fourth, south to Florida, east to Seventh, south to Convention, west to Lafayette, and north to disband at Main St. Families will find an alcohol free zone on the north side of Convention between Fifth and Seventh. A map at spanishtownmardigras.com shows locations of toilets.

LET'S GO!

PARADES

A complete schedule of Livingston Parish, Hammond and Baton Rouge Parades is on Page B6.

FESTIVALS & OUTDOORS

6th Annual Watson Bird & Sausage Gumbo Cook Off. Behind Double D Daiquiris at 32334 La. 16, DS. Jan. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with music and dancing all day, kids activities noon-4 p.m. \$10 admission benefits homeless veterans. 337-0041 or 281-0498.

South Central District Livestock Show.

Lamar Dixon Expo Center, 9039 St. Landry Road, Gonzales. Feb. 4-6. 450-1009. lamardixonexpocenter.com.

CONCERTS

BRSO Masterworks III presents Perspective: Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, **Bruch** with guest violin prodigy Adé Williams and **Hayden's** (LSU graduate) premiere of Clara. Baton Rouge River Center Theatre. Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$39-\$49. 383-0500. www.brs.org.

The HillBenders present The Who's "Tommy," a Bluegrass Opry. Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$30. 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

Edgar Meyer, bassist. LSU College of Music & Dramatic Arts. Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$20. 578-3621.

Colton Dixon at REV Conference. Abundant Life Church, 206 Edgewood Drive, DS. Jan. 29, 6 p.m. 665-7000. alcfamily.com.

Barry Manilow. Smoothie King Center, NO. Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. \$36-\$557. 888-456-8499. Ticketnetwork.com.

Concert Spectacular with LSU Wind Ensemble, A Cappella Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Piano and Chamber group, and LSU Jazz Guitar Ensemble. LSU Union Theater. Raphael Semmes Road. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. \$15. 578-5128. www.lsu.edu/union.

Def Leppard. Lafayette Cajundome. Feb. 3, 7 p.m. \$35-\$405. Ticketmaster.com.

THEATER & DANCE

Movies at Manship: "Of Mind and Music" with post show Q&A with director, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., \$8.50; **"Anesthesia,"** Feb. 3, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., \$8.50. Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

"The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr" (abridged). Theatre Baton Rouge, 7955 Florida Blvd. Jan. 28-31, Feb. 4-7, 7:30 p.m.; matinées 2 p.m. \$19-\$24. 924-6496. theatrebr.org.

Family Dinner comedy Troupe Improv Night (R). Hartley/Vey Theatre, Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$5. 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

Doctor Kaboom LIVE WIRE: The Electricity Tour. Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. Jan. 31, 2 p.m. \$15 (+\$10 for Kids Club pre-show at 12:30 p.m. with experiment on stage, art project and snack). 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

Shaping Sound - an electrifying mash-up of dance styles and musical genres. LSU Union Theater. Raphael Semmes Road. Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. \$48. 578-5128. www.lsu.edu/union.

SOCIALS & DANCES

Senior Sock Hop. Lamar Dixon Expo Center, 9039 St. Landry Road, Gonzales. Jan. 29. 450-1009. lamardixonexpocenter.com.

Krewe of Tickfaw Mardi Gras Ball. Lagniappe Restaurant, Springfield. Jan. 30, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. with steak dinner \$35; 9 p.m. after steak dinner for music by 484 South Band \$20. 414-0258.

Coloring & Coffee - adults enjoy coloring intricate sheets with colored pencils supplied while they eat snacks, listen to music and socialize. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road, Feb. 2, 10 a.m., 664-3963; Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston, Feb. 4, 10 a.m., 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

Tiger Gridiron Club Bayou Bash with food, giveaway contests, Golden Girls, auctions, videos, guest speakers. BR River Center, 275 S. River Road, BR. Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

CLUBS

American Farmhouse, 9559 Hooper Road, Central: Gary Bello & Friends, Jan. 29. 636-2684.

Belle of Baton Rouge Casino Atrium, River Road: Big Sam & The Brass-a-holics, Jan. 29. 242-2600.

The Blues Room, 244 Lafayette St., BR: Wil Jackson Blues Band, Jan. 29; The Rock-O-Laz, Jan. 30; Hall of Fame Blues Jam with Cleveland Jefferson and Friends, Feb. 3. 650-3111.

Canal Bank Club, French Settlement: LA 2, Jan. 31. 698-9074.

Crazy Dave's Daiquiri Bar & Grill, 28293 Frost Road, Livingston: Jam Crackers, Jan. 29; Rusty Yates, Jan. 30. 686-2121.

Double D Daiquiris, 32334 Hwy. 16, DS: Eric Stelly, Jan. 28; Psycho Jo, Jan. 30. 243-5688.

The Hangout, 22899 La. Hwy. 22, Maurepas: Todd O'Neill, Jan. 29; Gin Rummies, Jan. 30. 695-3035.

Laguna Beach Daiquiris, 8028 Florida Blvd., DS: Karaoke, Jan. 28, Feb. 2, 4; Debbie Landry, Jan. 29; Rae & The Line, Jan. 30; Pat-E acoustic, Jan. 31; Rhett Guillot, Feb. 1; Jordan Babin, Feb. 3. 667-3738.

Magnolia Sports Bar, 6865 Magnolia Bridge Road, DS: Trix, Jan. 29; Full Circle, Jan. 30. 667-0205.

Moonlight Inn, French Settlement: LA Nite Band w/ Donnie Junot, Jan. 28, Feb. 4. 698-6759.

Papi's Fajita Factory, 1775 South Range Ave., DS: Mr. Puppet, Jan. 28. 664-0006.

Park Place, Gonzales: Karaoke, Jan. 28, 31-Feb. 4; Austin & The DJ's, Jan. 29; Side Effects, Jan. 30. 644-8901.

River Rats Bar, 14365 Mecca Road, French Settlement: Joey Baggett, Jan. 29; Southern Touch, Peacemaker, Jan. 30; Sr. Puppet, Jan. 31. 698-0815.

Roux House, 143 Third St., BR: Luke Wade, Jan. 28; piano bar, Jan. 29; Band Camp, Jan. 30; Gypsy Riot, Jan. 31. 344-2583.

The Spanish Moon, 1109 Highland Road, BR: JG of Drysocket benefit, Jan. 29; Yesterday's Trash: A Fashion Show, Jan. 30; Vanessa Carlton, Feb. 3; The Rakers, Matt Sigur, Feb. 4. 383-6666.

Sullivan's Steak House, 5252 Corporate Blvd., BR: Cold Grits, Jan. 28; Voyage, Jan. 29; Leauxco, Jan. 30; Gin Rummies, Feb. 4. 925-1161.

Superior Grill, 5435 Government St., BR: Rewind, Jan. 28; United We Jam, Jan. 29; Chris LeBlanc, Jan. 30; Chase Tyler, Feb. 4. 927-2022.

Texas Club, 456 Donmoor, BR: Old Dominion w/ CJ Solar, Feb. 4. 928-4655.

Tin Lizzy's Landin', 29592, La. 22, Killian: River City Hit Squad, Feb. 6. 695-6787.

Varsity Theatre, Highland Road, BR: The Molly Ringwalds, Jan. 29; Bonerama, Jan. 30; 10 Years + P.O.D., Feb. 2. 383-7018.

EXHIBITS

Surreal Salon 8, A National Juried Exhibition of Pop-Surrealist/Lowbrow Art, through Jan. 28; **Paul Dean, Heather Ryan Kelley and Kelly A Mueller,** Jan. 31-Feb. 25 with reception Feb. 3, 7-9 p.m. BR Gallery Center for Contemporary Art, 1442 City Park Lane. 383-1470. www.batonrougegallery.org.

Louisiana Photographic Society, through Jan. 28; **"Shape and Form" by Livingston Parish Talented Art Students and art from the Gray's Creek Gator Art Club** during February with reception, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arts Council of Livingston Parish Gallery, 133 Hummell St., DS. 664-1168. ArtsLivingston.org.

Movement, Motion & Rhythm - works of eight sculptors. Hammond Regional Art Center, 217 E. Thomas St. Through Jan. 29. 985-542-7113. hammondarts.org.

Finding the Forgotten ... In the Shadows of the Mind. Manship Gallery, 2nd floor, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St. Through Jan. 31. 344-0334.

Livingston Parish Library Has Talent! Artwork by library staff members, through January; **mixed media by Kerry Curtin,** during February. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

Snowmen collection of staff members and holiday quilts by local community residents, through January; **artwork by Albany Lower Elementary First Grade students and oil paintings on canvas by Nancy Mancuso,** during February and March. Albany-Springfield Branch Library, 26941 La. 43. Through January. 567-1441. www.mylpl.info.

Brushy Creek Meteor Crater Paintings by Marsha Allen Needham. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Through February. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

"Heaux, Heaux, Heaux, Indigeaux" book display by Wendy Woods and Sherry Martin; Holiday Book Marks by Lynette Ernest; Porcelain Dolls collection of Jennifer Draper. South Branch Library, 23477 La. 444. Through February. 698-3015. www.mylpl.info.

Small art pieces and paintings by Pat Zeller. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Through March. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

READINGS, LECTURES CAMPS & CLASSES

Preschool Story Times: Albany-Springfield Library, Thursdays, 10 a.m. 0-4 years, 567-1441; Denham Springs-Walker Library, Mondays, 9:45 2-under, 10:30 3-5 years, and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. 5 years, 665-8118; Watson Library, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., 2-under 1st and 3rd Thursdays 10 a.m., 664-3963; Main Branch, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (babies too), 686-2436; and South Branch, Wednesdays 10 a.m. (babies too), 698-3015. www.mylpl.info.

Sit & Sew - Almost four hours of uninterrupted sewing on your or our (must reserve) machines, work on your own project, get help or learn something new, bring a sandwich and stay a while. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Jan. 28, 3:30-7 p.m. Registration required. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

LEGO Club - ages 6-11 create constructions based on a theme, make a craft and enjoy a snack, with LEGOs provided. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

Harry Potter Night with wand making, Quidditch, butter beer, trivia, more, for ages 18-up. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. Jan. 29, 6 p.m. Registration required. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

Quilting Guild - meetings of the new Main Branch Library Quilting Guild will be held

the first and third Monday of each month. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Light refreshments, bring your sewing supplies for the day. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

Chess @ Your Library - for experienced teen and adult players looking for opponents or new players looking for help. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. Feb. 1, 6 p.m. Registration required. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

Coloring & Coffee - adults enjoy coloring intricate sheets with colored pencils supplied while they eat snacks, listen to music and socialize. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road, Feb. 2, 10 a.m., 664-3963; Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Feb. 4, 10 a.m. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

Vintage Disney - Ages 3-11 discover vintage Disney classics with games, crafts, and activities inspired by the characters their parents and grandparents grew up with. Albany-Springfield Branch Library, 26941 La. 43. Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m. Registration required. 567-1441. www.mylpl.info.

Teen Anime Club - ages 12-18 preview anime and manga, enjoy snacks crafts, fan art, fan fiction and more. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Feb. 2, 6 p.m. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

Young Writers Club - ages 10-18 write for both publication and performance, explore interests, develop voice and style through collaborative activities and workshops. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. Feb. 4, 5 p.m. Registration required. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

Winter Adventure in Narnia - ages 3-11 travel to Narnia, complete quests for Aslan the lion and reach the final prize. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

Music Club - bring your instrument or try out the library's guitar, bass, ukulele, accordion or drum set and work on one song a month. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Feb. 4, 6 p.m. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

Writers Circle - for published and unpublished adult writers in all genres to share, gain information about their craft and publishing. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. 665-8118. Registration required. www.mylpl.info.

OTHER

Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. **Solar System Gallery and Hall of Astronomers;** and Space Theater shows, **"Journey to the Stars," "Magic Tree House Space Mission," "Flight of the Butterflies," "Lewis & Clark Great Journey West,"** through May 31. Louisiana Art & Science Museum and Pennington Planetarium, 100 S. River Road, BR. 344-5272. www.lasm.org.

ADVANCE TICKETS

Chris Brown, Feb. 12; **Rihanna & Travis Scott,** March 8; **Fall Out Boy,** March 19; **Selena Gomez,** June 14; **Maroon 5, Tove Lo, R. City,** Sept. 5; **5 Seconds of Summer,** Sept. 16. Smoothie King Center, NO. 888-456-8499. Ticketnetwork.com.

Kinky Boots, Feb. 16. Saenger Theater, 143 N. Rampart St., NO. 800-488-5252.

Carrie Underwood: The Storyteller Tour, April 24; **Janet Jackson: Unbreakable World Tour,** May 28. Lafayette Cajundome. Ticketmaster.com.

CONTACT US

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APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Newly installed Arts Council of Livingston Parish Board of Directors officers are particularly well suited to their current focus on arts in education. Each of them has already displayed their interest in bringing arts to the attention of children and adults who haven't previously been involved in creative activities. Mary Felder, the new president, is best known to the public for her quilting and fabric arts, which have been exhibited and honored both here, where she was named the Arts Council 2011 Artist of the Year, and in the wider art community, where her work has been selected by LSU's juried National Compact Competition, the



Felder



Ducote-Breaux



Reynolds



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Frederick

Brush with Burden juried show and the Zumbrotta, Minn., Crossings Art Gallery.

Felder belongs to several local guilds, founded and served as president of the Livingston Parish Quilt Guild, served as president of the Contemporary Fiber Artists of Louisiana and is the Arts Councils liaison with the Louisiana Northshore Quilt Trail.

In the context of arts in education, Felder teaches and lectures locally on fabric arts, has mounted many exhibits at the Arts

Council gallery and parish libraries and assisted in writing grants to provide professional artists to parish elementary schools.

"I believe it is important that we all do our part to provide art experiences for young people in our parish," Felder said.

Vice President Cherie Ducote-Breaux is relatively new to the Arts Council, but has become an integral part of its activities. She is a self-taught jeweler working in everything from rolled paper beads and beads

made from nail polish, both of which she has taught in Arts Council classes, but also in more conventional beaded necklaces and earrings crafted from wood, glass, crystal, copper and more.

She has recently started the Bead-y-ful Designers club, which meets monthly, and the display case in the gallery frequently holds her work.

Secretary Charlotte Reynolds was introduced in the Jan. 21 Applause column as the new administrative assistant, the face the Arts Council presents to the public. She is eminently suited to that role, and has 18 years of experience in bringing creative arts to children in the public school system.

Treasurer Judy Averette is quite simply an arts activist who delights in pursuing the Arts Council's goals and has served in the past as

president, when she was involved in renovating the Arts Council offices at 133 Hummell St. and in founding Spotlight Theater.

Among other projects, she started monthly art classes for children with a minimal fee and found resources to provide supplies and fees for the artists. She has written many grants to provide professional artists to schools who don't have artists on staff, grants which have provided art instruction to eight schools.

"I am so proud that the Arts Council of Livingston Parish has reached other parts of the parish," Averette said. "We have provided professional visual and performing arts teachers where over 2000 students benefited over the last two years."

Past President Shelly Frederick is a familiar teacher of Arts Council

classes. She began with Donna Dewberry One-Stroke painting for which she is certified, but has since expanded into a wide variety of media, from knitting to paper crafts, and teaches them all, sometimes without charging a fee, or one that covers only the cost of materials. Frederick is particularly skilled in introducing people to their own creativity in creating beauty from objects that others might find rather ordinary.

For more information on exhibits, classes and other Arts Council activities, visit artslivingston.org. To speak to Reynolds during open hours, call 664-1168.

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When and where to prune your roses

My shrub roses have bloomed straight through the winter and that is true for most people. They have blooms on them right now but do not let that deter you from pruning.

Shrub roses are also called landscape roses and are the type of roses that are much more maintenance free than the old fashioned hybrid tea types. Some of the most popular of the shrub roses are Knock Out and Home Run.

Roses used to be for only the most patient and skilled rose gardeners. It took great care to maintain roses and especially lots of spraying to keep diseases at bay. Landscape roses have a lot of disease resistance



SHARPE'S POINT

Kenny Sharpe

bred into the plant and their growth habits and blooming characteristics allow most of us to grow roses without all the fuss.

One characteristic that we see in shrub roses, especially Knock Out roses, is that they tend to get larger in south Louisiana than advertised. Once plants get well established they can put on a lot of growth in our long growing season, especially with the amount of rainfall we have been getting.

Late January and early February is the

ideal time to prune roses and it is the best time to work on large overgrown roses. Shrub roses can be pruned now and again in August, but it is the winter pruning when you can really get serious about plant size reduction. You can be aggressive now and remove up to two-thirds of their total growth if needed to get plants back in their intended space. I would not however prune them lower than two feet from the ground.

You definitely want to remove any diseased or dead wood now. Start in the interior of the plant and remove any branches that are crossing over the inside of the plant. Then selectively cut back branches that will reduce both height and width until

you get to the desired size.

For hybrid tea style

‘Late January and early February is the ideal time to prune roses and it is the best time to work on large overgrown roses.’

roses you should select four to eight healthy canes to keep and cut

them back to within 24 to 30 inches of the ground. Remove small and weak canes that are smaller than a pencil. Prune out all diseased canes and any dead wood.

If you will make your cuts just above an outside bud your new growth will grow outward. You can easily see the bud swell. If you cut just above an inside bud, you will usually produce growth that crosses the inside of the plant and will cut down on air flow. Air flow helps promote drying and cuts down on diseases, which is especially important in traditional roses. You will also find that cutting to the outside bud produces a more attractive plant and usually larger blooms since they can collect

more sunlight.

Climbing roses would be the exception to this pruning regime. Old fashioned climbing roses such as Seven Sisters produce all their flowers on last year's wood so pruning now would remove all of your flower buds for the 2016 bloom. Wait until climbing rose have finished blooming, usually May, and then prune them back if needed.

Even though it is hard to prune back your roses that are in bloom they will recover quickly and you will be rewarded with a huge spring flush of flowers.

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.

Legion Hall repairs planned

Plans to repair and reopen American Legion Post 178 located at 911 Florida Blvd. in Denham Springs are underway.

Once it is open it will be an educational resource for veterans including PTSD counseling, help with benefits/paperwork, and military funeral information to name a few.

Once the post is open it can again offer youth programs and be used as an emergency shelter for the community.

A jambalaya dinner sale will be held Saturday, March 5, at the corner of Range Avenue and Florida Boulevard in the Albertson's parking lot.

Legionnaires are looking for volunteers to help them raise money to rebuild their American Legion Post.

SUBMITTED BY NORMAN CLARK

This sign fronts a run-down American Legion building. Funds and volunteers are needed to complete repairs.



Farmers Market on 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.

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686-1075

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667-3729



BASKETBALL

Denham leads District

Lady Jackets use second half comeback over Zachary to stay unbeaten in 4-5A

By Sam Muffoletto
The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Down by as many as 17 points in the first half, Denham Springs looked like an entirely different team coming out of the locker room at halftime.

The Lady Jackets played lights-out in the second half for a heart-pounding 53-48 win over Zachary in a battle of unbeaten teams in District 4-5A action Friday night inside the Grady Hornsby Gym.

DSHS carried a 4-0 record into its first-round finale this past Tuesday back at home against Central. The Lady Jackets, winners of their last 15 straight games, improved to 21-2 overall. Denham opens the second round of district play at Walker Friday night.

Zachary meanwhile, slipped to 3-1 in league play and 17-9 overall.

It may have looked like disciplinary wind-sprints as the DSHS girls took to the floor just prior to the third period, but the running was actually just to loosen them up after a lengthy halftime pep-talk by head coach Shelly LaPrarie. The

combination actually worked wonders as Denham Springs scored the first 11 points of the second half to quickly chop down a 14-point halftime deficit to three, 27-24, in just three and a half minutes.

Caroline Taylor began the run with a driving lay-up, followed by a three-point play by Treemeka Spikes off a feed from Christina Canale.

Canale then turned a steal into a lay-up of her own and then teammate Lexi McMorris drove the paint twice for back-to-back buckets.

After a basket by Zachary's Jamecia Profit finally broke a Lady Broncos' drought — which had consisted of four misses from the floor and five turnovers — back came the Lady Jackets with six straight points to take their first lead since 2-0 at 30-29 with 1:49 to play in the third.

Taylor scored five of those six points on a 3-pointer and a lay-in.

Although Zachary's Tamia Veal was able to drop in a couple of buckets underneath in the final minute and a

half of the third period, a spin-move and basket by Spikes and a three-point play by McMorris off one of seven Zachary turnovers in the stanza sent Denham Springs into the fourth period up 35-33.

In the 22-6 advantage in the third, McMorris scored eight points, Taylor seven, Spikes five and Canale two.

Zachary did manage to regain the lead early in the fourth period, as Rayah Haynes knocked down a 3-pointer followed by a basket by Profit off an inbound pass.

After another driving hoop by Taylor off a steal, Zachary maintained its lead for only another 30 seconds.

Beginning with another basket by Taylor off a picture-perfect pass from McMorris, the Lady Jackets reeled off eight points on four field goals, the final two by reserve Desiree Jones to open up Denham's largest lead of the night at 46-39.

A 3-pointer by ZHS' Bryana Langford made it a four-point game (46-42) with 3:09 to play, but

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Denham Springs High's Caroline Taylor scores on a short jumper in front of Zachary's Aleah Haynes.

Last-second three lifts Walker over Eagles

By Scott Varner
The Livingston Parish News

WATSON — Le Davis didn't have a lot to say, mostly because he wasn't sure exactly how to describe how the last few seconds played out Friday night when Walker and Live Oak squared off in District 4-5A play.

The Wildcat sophomore pumped in a 3-pointer from the left wing with 3.4 seconds left to vault Walker to a 51-49 lead. That margin held up despite a flawlessly executed last-ditch shot by the Eagles fell short as time expired.

Davis' timely dagger was the fourth option on a play drawn up by Wildcats coach Anthony Schiro, and the fact that it worked is emblematic of why Walker has won 11 games in a row and stands 2-0 in district play with a pair of white-knuckle victories.

"We've been playing like that all year long," Schiro said. "So unselfish and willing to give the ball to the guy who's got the best shot. This was a good team effort on a night when we didn't do a lot of things right, but still found a way to win."

This time, Davis' outside shooting touch was the way, or at least the final way.

Asked if he has ever hit a bigger shot, Davis answered "Nuh-uh."

Was it a play he had to think much about? "It was just natural," Davis said.

How would he explain how the play unfolded? "I can't explain it," he said.

Hard to blame Davis for being a bit in shock because there was a lot of that to go around.

Live Oak (14-9, 0-2

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RALPH MELANCON | THE NEWS

Walker's Jacobi Scott battles Live Oak defender Mark Rudison for position.

SOCCER



MCHUGH DAVID | THE NEWS

Denham's Cameron Hamby wins a header battle at mid-field.

Denham ties Holy Cross

By McHugh David
The Livingston Parish News

DENHAM SPRINGS — Although the visiting Holy Cross Tigers were a Division II squad, they sure didn't play like it Friday night.

The Top 10 visiting team gave Denham all they could handle for most of the cold, wind-

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WRESTLING



JOHN DUPONT | THE NEWS

Live Oak second at home Duals

Live Oak junior grappler Ean Hill maintains control over his opponent. The Eagles placed second among contenders at the matches they held Saturday in Watson. See page C7 for more action shots and meet results.



MCHUGH DAVID | THE NEWS

Above, Denham's Kyle Alain gets in a physical battle with a Holy Cross mid-fielder for possession. At right, Denham's Taylor Trepagnier fights around a Holy Cross offender to clear the ball. Below right, Denham's Cam Hilliard battles for an open shot with two Holy Cross defenders.

Denham hosts final two District tilts

From C1

blown first half, until the Jackets caught some momentum after the 30' mark and kept pum-meling away at a Tigers team that was against the ropes.

Despite that onslaught which had Holy Cross reeling at the end of the first half, Denham Springs suffered a rebound as the visiting Tigers rolled off three straight to start the second half, taking a 4-3 lead. The Jackets battled back to a 4-4 tie.

Denham's Cam Hilliard started it off early for the Jackets, creating enough separation between himself and a Holy Cross defender to hit a rocket shot against the opposite corner from about 30

yards out. Eight minutes later, Holy Cross would respond after breaking through the Jacket back line. However, that didn't seem to matter much as Cade Murry reeled off two straight in the 33' and 37'. During that span, it was all Holy Cross could do to keep the Jackets from racking up more points, as Hilliard and Murry kept the pressure up.

Hilliard and Murry had three shots on goal apiece, with Murry tallying four goals on the night, Hilliard with one. Stephen Bingham, Cameron Hamby, Taylor Trepagnier, and Kyle Alain all had one shot apiece.

With the momentum going their way, and both teams seemingly adjusted to the frigid tempera-

tures, it looked to be all Denham going forward - until the Tigers came out strong, rolling off three straight goals in the first 11' of the second half.

Murry managed to save the day and place Denham in a tie situation in the 17' with a score. The game then turned into a defensive struggle.

With new rules in play, with teams only squaring off once in the District Round Robin, the 15-7-5 Jackets will need two big wins to finish off the season as they currently sit at No. 6 in the LHSAA Unofficial Power Ratings. Both games will tally toward their District record, which rests at 1-2. Denham was set to host both games, Catholic at 6 p.m. this Tuesday and Walker at 6 p.m. on Friday.



SOCCER



LP Express claims 'Pride of the Parish' Middle School Tournament Title

Going out with a bang, the LP Express boys and girls teams each took home the championship trophy following the recent Pride of the Parish Middle School Soccer Tournament. This is LP Express' last year as a parish-wide substitute for middle school soccer. The four-night tournament was held in December and January at both DSHS and LOHS stadiums, and also included teams from Live Oak Middle School and Southside Junior High.

At top, pictured are, from left: Madelyn Vaughn, Emily Ellis, Aubrey Johnson, Taylor Deshotel, Dejah Marsh, Katelyn Shaffer, Sydney Nester, Gueslee Brownell, Alexis McCray, Charleigh Naquin, Coach Paige Frederick, Karson Smith, Baylee Kimbal, Victoria Germany and Farrah Deshotel.

Above, pictured are, front row (from left): Tyler Burkett, Noah Burgess; middle row from left, Jared Browning, Jonathan Baio, Jacob Duckworth, Tyler Foster, Quin Reed, Hayden Baio, Camrin Ritchie, Sam Katzenmeyer, Liam Reed; back row from left, Assistant Coach Lori Browning, Alex Lobo, Evan Kimble, Eli Katzenmeyer, Justin Browning, Caleb Tate, Drew Neale, Austin Garon, Gage Smith, Wes Price, Blaze Berthelot and Coach Ralph Burgess.

At left, Grace Fruge, a seventh grader at Juban Parc Junior High, won First Place in the Pride of the Parish Tournament Logo Contest, competing against other area middle school students. In recognition of her award-winning logo, Grace was presented a certificate and a Raising Cane's gift card on championship night Jan. 20.

SUBMITTED BY SAM BARNES



At left, Zachary High's Tamia Veal stretches her arms as Denham Springs High's Maia Robinson ducks around for a shot and basket. At right, Zachary High's Bayah Haynes tries not to bump into Denham Springs High's Christina Canale as she goes up for a shot early in their game Friday night.

Lady Jackets found defensive stride in second half

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then LaPrarie began taking the air out the ball with a stall-game. Both teams missed front-ends of one-and-one situations at the free throw line at the 1:50 and 1:45 marks, but McMorris hit both ends of a double-bonus situation with 1:39 left to widen the lead by the six. Langford trimmed it back to four once more with a jumper with 1:10 to play, but Spikes hit two free throws and McMorris 1-of-2 at the line to re-pad the lead to seven, 51-44 with just 37 seconds remaining.

"I'm just so proud of them to show so much heart and to fight back like that," said LaPrarie. "It showed what this team is about. I really believe that's what we are about, heart, effort and playing hard. "We felt like this was a big game for us," said LaPrarie of defeating Zachary at home in the first round. "We needed to take care of this opportunity at home, because it is harder on the road. But I'm just so proud of them to keep working and fighting together to get the job done." Spikes led a trio of double-figure scorers for Denham with

16 points, followed by Taylor with 13 and McMorris 12. The three combined for only seven points in the first half, with McMorris being held scoreless over the first two quarters. The Lady Broncos scored the final 10 points of the opening period to take a 16-6 lead and then reeled off the first seven points of the second period to power their way to a 23-6 advantage. While Zachary was 6-for-10 from the field in the opening period, Denham was just 3-of-17 from the floor to go along with six turnovers. The Lady Jackets

missed its first four field goal attempts in the second period, while turning the ball over five times in just under four minutes. Beginning with an inside bucket by Spikes, free throw by Spikes 30 seconds later and then a lay-in by Taylor off a Zachary turnover, Denham quickly trimmed the deficit to 12 points at 23-11. Zachary answered with back-to-back buckets, but Spikes closed out the first-half scoring with an offensive put-back to send the Lady Jackets into the locker room at halftime down 27-13. Denham was just 6-for-32 from the field in the first half, including 0-for-5 from outside the arc. The Lady Jackets turned the ball over 12 times in the first half. Zachary had 14 first-half turnovers and Denham shot just a tad better, connecting on 10 of 27 field goal attempts, with one 3-pointer in three attempts. "We just felt like that in the first quarter, they (ZHS) were making us take shots that we don't take," said LaPrarie. "But we just had to settle down. We finally started hitting some shots in the second quarter, but we went in there at halftime and talked about when we were

down by 15 at half to St. Michael's earlier in the season. We didn't end up winning that ball game, but we did cut that lead in half in the third quarter. "So with that experience, we knew we could come out and play better in the second half," said LaPrarie. "I told them 'we're getting beat at our own game. We're getting beat on the boards ladies and we don't do that.' So they went to work down there on the boards, went to work offensively and got some stops defensively. Our defense wasn't working for us in the first half and that's something we rely on. But the main thing, was we started getting one bucket at a time and started fighting back." After such a dismal shooting performance in the first half, Denham Springs connected on 16 of 26 from the floor over the final two period. Also after committing double-digit turnovers in the first half, the Lady Jackets turned the ball just four times in the second half. Langford, Veal and Rayah Haynes shared scoring honors for Zachary with 11 points apiece.

"I told them 'we're getting beat at our own game. We're getting beat on the boards ladies and we don't do that.' So they went to work down there on the board, went to work offensively and got some stops defensively."

Head Coach Shelly LaPrarie

Commenting on comeback

16, Caroline Taylor 13, Lexi McMorris 12, Christina Canale 6, Desiree Jones 4, Maia Robinson 2. ZACHARY: Bryana Langford 11, Rayah Haynes 11, Tomia Veal 11, Jamecia Profit 5, Aleah Haynes 4, Danielle Fleming 4, Mya McDaniels 2.

Zachary 16 11 6 15 — 48
Denham 6 7 22 18 — 53
DENHAM SPRINGS — Tremeeeka Spikes



Above, Denham Springs High's Tremeeeka Spikes dribbles around Zachary's Tamia Veal. At right, After losing her footing Denham Springs High's Lexi McMorris keeps her dribble alive against Zachary High's Mya McDaniels. McMorris recovered to pass the ball to a teammate.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Live Oak Wrestling Club registration

Live Oak Wrestling Club is now registering for the 2015-2016 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 through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

DSHS Hall of Fame videos for sale

For a limited time, the Denham Springs Athletic Association can 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Walker Planning and Zoning will hold a public meeting on February 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm for the following:

- Resubdivide of Lots 1-6 and 13-18, Square 30, of Corbin Townsite into Lots 1-A, 1-B, and 15-A located at corner of Mayer Street and Latil Street for Comercia Bank

DOCUMENT 00105 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by Livingston Parish Public Schools, located at 13809 Florida Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754 until Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 2:00 pm for the:

Southside Jr High School
Gym Expansion
28633 LA Hwy. 16
Denham Springs, LA 70726

At which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Electronic bids will also be accepted. Please find bid related materials and place your electronic bids at WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM. Bids received after the above time will be considered unopened. Complete bidding documents may be obtained from:

ALVIN FAIRBURN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
1289 Del Este Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726
PHONE (225)685-1515 FAX (225)685-1523

upon payment of \$150.00 per set. Deposits on the final set of documents furnished to properly licensed bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. On sets of documents issued to sub-contractors and others, one-half (1/2) the deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Plans may be created by regular mail upon receipt of \$150.00 plus an additional non-refundable charge of \$30.00 per set of documents.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at: Southside Jr High School, 28633 La Hwy 16, Denham Springs, La 70726 on Monday February 8, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and any alternatives and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The successful contractor will be required to enter into a contract with the OWNER and to furnish all the materials, perform all of the work, supervise, coordinate, administer and be responsible for the work of the entire project. No bids may be withdrawn after the closing time for receipt of bids for at least forty-five (45) days. The bond of the low bidder will be held for forty-five (45) days, or until the contract is signed, whichever is shorter.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND: A performance and payment bond for the work will be required upon execution of the contract, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of said contract written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and who is currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Services List. The bond shall be countersigned by a person who is under contract and who is licensed as an insurance agent in the State of Louisiana, and who is residing in this state.

Livingston Parish Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with L.A. R.S. 66:2212 (A) (1) (iv), the provisions and requirements of this section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

PLEASE PUBLISH:
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Friday, January 22, 2016
Saturday, January 23, 2016

Livingston Parish Public Schools
John Watson, Clerk of Board

Public Notice

Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, pursuant to L.S.A.-R.S. 40:1798, will be offering at public sale the following firearms related to the years of 2005-2006 by means of public auction at Southern Heirs Auction (www.southernheirs.com), 13041 Buddy Ellis Road, Denham Springs, La. The sale dates will began on February 27th 2016 and continue at all consecutive dates. For further information on dates and sale procedure please contact Southern Heirs Auction. Anyone claiming ownership shall provide proof of ownership and contact the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office at (225) 686-2241 ext 345 prior to February 21st 2016.

Amm 22 caliber rifle
Browning 22 Semi Auto rifle
Browning 60mm Handgun
Kahr 40 caliber Handgun
Charter 38 Handgun
Chinese SKS 7.62 Rifle
Chinese SKS 7.62 Rifle
Cobra 38 Handgun
Colt 357 Lawman Handgun
Colt 45 caliber 1911 Handgun
Davis 32 caliber Handgun
Glenfield 22 single shot rifle
Glenfield/Marlin 22 rifle
Glenfield/Marlin 22 rifle
Glock 40 Handgun
H&R 22 Handgun
H&R 20 gauge Shotgun
H&R 20 gauge Shotgun
H&R 12 gauge Shotgun
Highpoint 9mm Rifle
High Standard 22 pump rifle
High Standard 22 Derringer
Ithaca 12 gauge Shotgun
JC Higgins 22 Rifle
Jennings 9mm Handgun
Jennings 380 Handgun
Jennings 380 Handgun
Lorcin 380 Handgun
Marlin 22 auto Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 22 Auto Rifle
Marlin 22 Bolt Rifle

Benjamin 177 Pellet Rifle
Browning 20 gauge Pump
Bycoo 380 Handgun
Charter 38 Handgun
Charter 32 Handgun
Chinese SKS 7.62 Rifle
Chinese SKS 7.62 Rifle
Colt 223 Rifle
Colt 357 Trooper Handgun
CZ 9mm Handgun
Davis 32 caliber Handgun
Glenfield 22 rifle (broken)
Glenfield/Marlin 22 Rifle
Glock 40 Handgun
H&R 22 Handgun
H&R 12 gauge Shotgun
H&R 12 gauge Shotgun
H&R 410 Shotgun
Highpoint 9mm Rifle
High Standard 22 Derringer
Interdynamic KG99 Rifle
Iver Johnson 38 Handgun
Jennings 22 Handgun
Jennings 380 Handgun
Jennings 25 Handgun
KBI 380 Handgun
Marksman BB Gun
Marlin 22 Auto Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 22 Lever Rifle
Marlin 22 Rifle
Marlin 12 Gauge Shotgun

Marlin 30-30 Rifle
Mossberg 22 Semi Auto Rifle
Mossberg 12 gauge Shotgun
New England 20 gauge Shotgun
New England 20 gauge Shotgun
New England 20 gauge Shotgun
New England 20 gauge Shotgun
New England 12 gauge Shotgun
New England 12 gauge Shotgun
New England 12 gauge Shotgun
New Haven 20 gauge Shotgun
North Haven 12 gauge Bolt
Ranger 20 Gauge Shotgun
Raven 25 Handgun
Raven 25 Handgun
Raven 32 Handgun
Remington 20 gauge 870
Remington 12 gauge 870
Remington 12 gauge 870
Remington 12 gauge 870
Remington 22 auto Rifle
Remington 22 Viper Rifle
Remington 12 gauge 1100
Remington 12 gauge 1100
Remington 12 gauge 1100
Remington 552 22 Rifle
Remington 30-06 Semi Auto
Remington 30-06 Rifle
Ruger 22 Carbine
Ruger 22 Handgun
Ruger 22 Handgun
Ruger 22 Handgun Revolver
Ruger 9mm Handgun
Savage 22 Rifle
Sears 22 Rifle
Sentinal 22 Handgun
Shadow Air Rifle 1000
Smith&Wesson 38 handgun
Smith&Wesson 38 Handgun
Smith&Wesson 9mm Handgun
Smith&Wesson 38 Airweight Handgun
Smith&Wesson 38 Handgun
Stevens 16 gauge Shotgun
Stevens 12 gauge Shotgun
Stevens 12 gauge double barrel
Stevens 12 gauge Shotgun
Taurus 357 Handgun
Taurus 45 Handgun
Titan 25 handgun
Walther BB Handgun
Winchester 22 Auto Rifle
Winchester 22 Auto Rifle
Winchester 30-06 Bolt Rifle
Winchester 12 gauge shotgun

Winchester 30-30 Rifle
Winchester 20 gauge semi-auto
Winchester 20 gauge Shotgun
Winchester 270 Pump Rifle
Wooden Stock Air Rifle
22 single shot rifle
22 Bolt Rifle
22 Bolt Rifle

Winchester 12 gauge 1300 Shotgun
Winchester 22 Rifle
Winchester 22 Bolt Rifle
Winchester 12 gauge Shotgun
SKS 7.62
12 gauge Single Shot
Bolt Action Rifle
22 Auto Rifle

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on September 8, 2015 by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (the "District"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified in and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (the "District"), renew the levy and collection of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$170,000.00 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in the year 2017 and ending in the year 2026, for the purposes of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, purchasing fire trucks and other fire-fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service in and for said District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

WARD/ PRECINCT	PRECINCT NAME	PRECINCT LOCATION
091063 (PART OF)	N Livingston Voting Precinct	32511 LA Hwy 63, Livingston
0609 (PART OF)	Fire District No. 11 Station	33815 LA Hwy 43, Independence
0610 (PART OF)	Holden High School	30120 LA Hwy 441, Holden
0611	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0311A	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0012	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0013A (PART OF)	Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library	26941 LA Hwy 43, Hammond
0013B (PART OF)	Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library	26941 LA Hwy 43, Hammond
0050	Albany Maintenance Bldg	29869 S Montpelier Ave, Albany

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

The special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Parish, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at 29816 South Montpelier Road, Albany, Louisiana, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at the special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Albany, Louisiana, on this, the 8th of September, 2015.

St John Thomas
John Thomas, Chairman

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LIVINGSTON HELD AT THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20550 CIRCLE DRIVE, LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 10, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR DERRAL JONES, ALDERMAN DAVID MCCREARY, ALDERMAN RANDY MORGAN, ALDERMAN JOEY SIBLEY, ALDERMAN WADE WILSON, AND ALDERMAN JAMES NESOM.

ABSENT: NONE.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FYE DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FYE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Also present Clerk Lea McDonald, Bruce Harrell with Bruce Harrell and Company, Gene Comeaux, Thomas Johnson and Jamie Webb with the News.

Mayor Jones called the Public Hearing to order.

Mayor Jones discussed the budget message, proposed budget for FYE December 31, 2016 and the amendments to the budget FYE December 31, 2015.

Bruce Harrell pointed out a few highlights in the proposed budget and amended budget.

The floor was opened for input.

No comments were made.

Mr. Joey Sibley made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. David McCreary, for the public hearing to adjourn. Motion carried.

D.D. Jones
D.D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lea McDonald
Lea McDonald, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LIVINGSTON HELD AT THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20550 CIRCLE DRIVE, LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 10, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

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ABSENT: ALDERMAN WADE WILSON.

Also present Clerk Lea McDonald, Town Attorney Mike Lee, Bruce Harrell with Bruce Harrell and Company, Gene Comeaux, Thomas Johnson and Jamie Webb with the News.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order.

Mr. James Nesom gave an invocation and Mr. Joey Sibley led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Randy Morgan made a motion, duly second by David McCreary, to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Mr. James Nesom made a motion, duly second by Mr. Joey Sibley, to pay the bills for November, 2015. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed.

Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission to create two lots for two dwelling from property located on South Cedar Street.

Mr. Randy Morgan made a motion, duly second by Mr. David McCreary, to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the request by Tadpole Investments to create two lots for two dwellings from the property located on South Cedar Street. Motion carried.

- B. Compilation Engagement Letter with Bruce Harrell & Co. FYE December 31, 2015.

Mr. David McCreary made a motion, duly second by Mr. Joey Sibley, to authorize Mayor Jones to sign t an engagement letter with Bruce Harrell & Co. to conduct the annual financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

- C. Adopt Budget FYE December 31, 2015.

Mr. Randy Morgan made a motion, duly second by Mr. Joey Sibley, to adopt the following ordinance:

BUDGET ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the year beginning January 01, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF LIVINGSTON, in a special meeting convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Revenues for the Town, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town during the same period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2016 budget.

SECTION 5: The attached detailed estimates for the twelve months beginning January 01, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town during the same period.

SECTION 6: Detail of Salaries as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:404.1
Mayor's Salary - Present annual salary of \$57,000 will be increased to \$59,000. Presently \$400 per regular meeting and \$150 per special meeting – one special meeting a month will increase to \$500 per month for any number of meetings.
Council - \$400 per regular meeting and \$150 per special meeting – one special meeting a month will increase to \$500 per month for any number of meetings.
Clerk and Tax Collector - Presently \$22.75 per hour will be increased to \$24.00 per hour. Presently \$400.00 per month for meetings will increase to \$500.00.
Town Attorney - Presently \$500 per month salary or \$6,000 per year salary plus his per diem rate on extra work performed. Proposed to remain the same.
Chief of Police - Presently \$49,000 annual salary, plus supplemental pay will be increased to \$50,200 annual salary, plus supplemental pay.
Director of Public Works and Utilities - Presently \$22.00 per hour will be increased to 23.25 per hour.

The above pay rates have been included in the proposed budget for the year ending December 31, 2016. The detailed rates do not include reductions for cafeteria plans, retirement benefits, or tax deferred plans. The Town's share of related employment taxes and retirement costs have been increased accordingly.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman David McCreary, Alderman Randy Morgan, Alderman Joey Sibley, and Alderman James Nesom.
NAYS: Alderman Wade Wilson.
ABSENT: None.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this 10th day of December, 2015.

D.D. Jones
DERRAL JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Lea McDonald
LEA McDONALD, CLERK

D. Adopt Amendments to the Budget FYE December 31, 2015.

Mr. Joey Sibley made a motion, duly second by Mr. James Nesom, to adopt amendments to the budget FYE December 31, 2015.

The veto thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman David McCreary, Alderman Randy Morgan, Alderman Joey Sibley, and Alderman James Nesom.
NAYS: Alderman Wade Wilson.
ABSENT: None.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this 10th day of December, 2015.

D.D. Jones
DERRAL JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Lea McDonald
LEA McDONALD, CLERK

E. Old Utility Accounts to write off.

Mr. Joey Sibley made a motion, duly second by Mr. Randy Morgan, to table this item until January 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. David McCreary made a motion, duly second by Mr. Joey Sibley, for the meeting to adjourn. Motion carried.

D.D. Jones
D.D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lea McDonald
Lea McDonald, Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 24 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (the "District"), on January 21, 2016, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(BOND)

Shall School District No. 24 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$13,400,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto, purchasing, erecting and/or improving school buildings and other school related facilities within and for the District and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated 43.50 mills to be levied in the first year of issue to pay said Bonds?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
6B	(IN PART) North Livingston Voting Precinct, 32511 LA Hwy. 63, Livingston, Louisiana
9	(IN PART) Fire District No. 21 Station, 33815 LA Hwy. 43, Independence, Louisiana
10	(IN PART) Holden High School, 30120 LA Hwy. 441, Holden, Louisiana
11	(IN PART) Albany Elementary School, 29777 S. Montpelier Avenue, Albany, Louisiana
11A	(IN PART) Albany Elementary School, 29777 S. Montpelier Avenue, Albany, Louisiana
13A	(IN PART) Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 LA Hwy. 43, Hammond, Louisiana

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
13B	(IN PART) Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 LA Hwy. 43, Hammond, Louisiana
12	Albany Elementary School, 29777 S. Montpelier Avenue, Albany, Louisiana
30	Albany Maintenance Building, 29869 S. Montpelier Avenue, Albany, Louisiana

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Livingston Parish School Board Office, School Board Office Conference Room, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016, at SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this, the 21st day of January, 2016.

ATTEST: */s/ Malcolm Sibley*
President
/s/ John Watson
Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 27A of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on December 10, 2015, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(BOND)

Shall School District No. 27A of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$14,250,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto, purchasing, erecting and/or improving school buildings and other school related facilities within and for the District and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated 36.25 mills to be levied in the first year of issue to pay said Bonds?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
13A	(IN PART) Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 LA Hwy. 43, Hammond
13B	(IN PART) Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 LA Hwy. 43, Hammond
14	Springfield High School, 32000 LA Hwy. 42, Springfield
15	(IN PART) Killian Voting Precint, 28284 LA Hwy. 22, Springfield
19A	(IN PART) Frost Elementary School, 19672 LA Hwy. 42, Livingston
22	(IN PART) Livingston Parish South Branch Library, 23477 LA Hwy. 444, Livingston
31	Springfield High School, 32000 LA Hwy. 42, Springfield
32	Killian Voting Precint, 28284 LA Hwy. 22, Springfield

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
38	(IN PART) Springfield High School, 32000 LA Hwy. 42, Springfield

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ Malcolm Sibley
President
/s/ John Watson
Secretary

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
STANDBY CONTRACT FOR
DEBRIS MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES
RFP # 16-0225**

The Parish of Livingston is soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP)/Solicitation from professionals to provide debris monitoring and management services in the event of a natural or manmade catastrophe.

Our community is subject to the ravages of such disasters and catastrophes. Therefore as set forth by FEMA, each community should be prepared in advance for such an occurrence. One step in this process is to contract with qualified firms for them to be on standby to assist immediately in the Response, Logistics, and/or Recovery from any such disaster.

We are therefore soliciting proposals from experienced disaster management and emergency response firms for debris monitoring and management services. This solicitation contains detailed requirements and directions. Please follow them very closely. Failure to follow these directions, provide the required attachments, or submit the proposal in the required format, may lead to disqualification.

Proposers shall be judged on multiple criteria, not primarily on price, and the firm or firms found to be the most qualified and in the Owner's best interest shall be selected. Minority, women-owned, and small disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to participate.

Interested parties are invited to obtain a Request for Proposal package by contacting Ms. Heather Crain at (225) 686-4415 or by sending an e-mail request to hecrain@lpgov.com or by mailing a written request to Ms. Heather Crain, Grant Coordinator, P.O. Box 1060, Livingston, LA 70754.

Proposals are to be addressed as follows for mail, express delivery or hand delivery:

Owner/Representative: **Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Mark Harrell, Director
Layton Ricks, Parish President**

Title: **Owner:**

Physical Address: **20355 Government Blvd, Suite D
Livingston, LA 70754
Office: 225-686-3066
Fax: 225-686-7280**

Mailing Address: **Post Office Box 1060
Livingston, LA 70754**

Responses to this RFP must be received no later than 4 p.m. on February 25, 2016. Proposals shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope or package, addressed to the Owner. The name

and address of the prospective Contractor, the date and hour of the proposal submittal, and the title "Request for Proposals for Disaster Debris Monitoring and Management Services" RFP shall be placed on the outside of the envelope.

Livingston Parish is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Parish encourages all small and minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises to apply.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
STANDBY CONTRACT FOR
DEBRIS REMOVAL AND SITE MANAGEMENT FOR DEBRIS REDUCTION AND
EMERGENCY ROADWAY DEBRIS CLEARANCE
RFP # 16-0225**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
S-620**

Pursuant to provisions of R.S. 33:112 et seq., of the Louisiana Statutes, a Public Hearing will be held to consider the resubdivision of Tracts A, B, C, & D into Tracts A-1 & C-1 thru C-4, located on Florida Avenue SW and Riverview Drive in Section 68, T75-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (S-620).

Said Public Hearing will be held in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 941 Government Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.**

**DENHAM SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
FRED BANKS, CHAIRMAN**

Publish: 1/28/16

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS/DENHAM SPRINGS TREATMENT PLANT
DRAFT LOUISIANA SEWAGE SLUDGE AND BIOSOLIDS USE OR DISPOSAL PERMIT**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit prepared for City of Denham Springs, Denham Springs Treatment Plant, P. O. Box 1629, Denham Springs, LA 70727. The facility is a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) and generator of sewage sludge located at 9300 Forrest Debate Road, in Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, prepared the draft Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit for the City of Denham Springs to prepare sewage sludge generated at the Denham Springs Treatment Plant to produce Exceptional Quality Biosolids for beneficial use. Upon expiration of the comment period, the Administrative Authority will issue a final permit decision.

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification 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, MARCH 3, 2016.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV and focus sent to (225) 219-3309.

Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.ldeq.louisiana.gov/portals/default.aspx?tabid=2226> or call (225) 219-3276. Emails should follow the statewide email policies. For more information regarding statewide email policies, go to <http://www.louisiana.gov/eos/email-policies.htm>.

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 notification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit, and fact sheet 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 DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Ms. Suzanne Rohlf, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3223.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-4JDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and fact sheet can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at www.deq.louisiana.gov/eos/pubNotices/default.asp and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portals/tabid/2198/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email_Notifications_DEQ_PN/.

All correspondence should specify **AI Number 1908, Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit Number LAJ01908, and Activity Number PER2015001.**

Scheduled Publication Date: January 28, 2016

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD AT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 13909 FLORIDA BLVD., LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016.

The Livingston Parish School Board met in a regular session in the School Board Office Conference Room, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at seven o'clock PM pursuant to the following notice:

January 4, 2016

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish School Board at the School Board Office, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.** for the following purpose and to take whatever action is necessary:

1. Election of Board Officers for 2016, President and Vice-President
2. Approval of the minutes of the School Board Meeting held on December 10, 2015
3. Authority to advertise for bids for additions and renovations, Walker High School – Ziler & Associates, "Professional of Record" – Board Member Jimmy Watson
4. Discussion and action on resolution opposing the approval of New Schools for Baton Rouge as a Local Charter Authorizer – Superintendent John Watson
5. Approval of Volunteer Coach for the 2015-2016 school year – Assistant Superintendent Rick Wentzel
6. Discussion and action on the Superintendent's recommendation for the following position:
 - Principal South Walker Elementary School
7. Approval of Personnel Changes – Human Resource Director Bruce Chaffin (See attached list)
8. Discussion and action on approval of Principal Designee, South Walker Elementary for 2015-2016 School Year - Human Resource Director Bruce Chaffin
9. Approval of payment of invoices

ADDENDUM

10. Discussion and action on Intergovernmental Agreement for Use of Baseball Facilities and Football and Basketball Facilities – Board Member Kellie Dickerson

(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,

John Watson, 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. Kellie Dickerson, Ms. Jan Benton, Ms. Karen Schmitt, Mr. Buddy Mincey, Jr., Mr. James Watson, Mr. James Richardson, Mr. Sid Kinchen, Mr. Malcolm Sibley
ABSENT: Mr. Jeff Cox

1. A motion was offered by Mr. Mincey, seconded by Mr. Richardson to nominate Mr. Malcolm Sibley to serve as President of the Livingston Parish School Board for the year 2016. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Sibley was declared President of the Board for the year 2016.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kinchen, seconded by Ms. Benton to nominate Mr. Buddy Mincey, Jr. to serve as Vice-President of the Livingston Parish School Board for the year 2016. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Mincey was declared Vice-President of the Board for the year 2016.

2. A motion was offered by Mr. Kinchen, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes as corrected of the Livingston Parish School Board meeting held on December 10, 2015. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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

3. A motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Richardson to grant the Superintendent authority to advertise for bids additions and renovations, Walker High School -- Ziler & Associates, "Professional of Record". The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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

4. A motion was offered by Mr. Mincey, seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF NEW SCHOOLS for BATON ROUGE
AS A LOCAL CHARTER AUTHORIZER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) is considering New Schools for Baton Rouge as the first Local Charter Authorizer in the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the concept of a local charter authorizer is vesting a private corporation run by an unelected Board of Directors with the authority to award charters for other private entities to operate "public" charter schools;

WHEREAS, the award of such a charter by the private local charter authorizer, results in the effective diversion of local tax dollars, collected by a local school district, run by a duly elected local school board, to the hands of the private charter entity;

WHEREAS, the charter for such schools is never reviewed by or ruled upon by any person elected by the very taxpayers that are to be called upon to provide the public taxpayer funding;

WHEREAS, the charter recipient can then contract the full and complete authority to collect the taxpayer dollars and operate the charter school as a private FOR-PROFIT corporation, "operators", with no accountability;

WHEREAS, historically such pro-profit charter operators have taken the position that the employees at the so-called "public charter schools" were NOT SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS, and have only recently, and reluctantly, after engaging legal counsel to fight the issue, acknowledged that they are subject to the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics;

WHEREAS, the charter schools will only be subject to the supervision and administration of the unelected board of directors of the private charter recipient and the unelected board of directors of the private local charter authorizer, leaving no redress to the taxpayer for holding anyone accountable for the expenditure of public tax dollars;

WHEREAS, any charter school granted a charter by New Schools for Baton Rouge, in its role as a local charter authorizer, will divert funds from, potentially, all of the school districts in the Baton Rouge Regional Labor Market that includes the following Local Education Agencies (school districts): East Baton Rouge Parish School System, the Zachary Community School System, the Baker School System the Central Community School System, the Ascension Parish School System, the East Feliciana School System, the Iberville Parish School System, the Livingston Parish School System, the Plaquemine Coupee School System, the St. Helena Parish School System, the Tangipahoa Parish School System, the Washington Parish School System, the West Baton Parish School System and the West Feliciana Parish School System;

THHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish School Board and the Superintendent respectfully urges BESE to decline to designate New Schools for Baton Rouge as a local charter authorizer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to BESE, the State Superintendent of Education, and to each and every member of the Livingston Parish legislative delegation, and to Governor-elect John Bel Edwards.

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

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

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

5. A motion was offered by Ms. Dickerson seconded by Mr. Schmitt to approve the following Volunteer Coach for the 2015/2016 School Year as presented by Assistant Superintendent Rick Wentzel:

Live Oak High School Benjamin McGrew

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

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

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

6. A. The Superintendent recommended the appointment of Belinda Avant for the position of Principal, South Walker School, with a performance based contract effective January 4, 2016 – June 30, 2018. A motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Benton 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. Watson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Sibley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cox

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

7. A motion was offered by Mr. Kinchen, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the Personnel Change as submitted by the Personnel Department with the following change: (A copy of the Personnel List is hereby attached and becomes a part of these minutes).

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS:

OTHERS:

- CHANGE:** 2. PAULA GREEN - HOLDEN SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL - RETIREMENT EFF 1/5/16 **TO**
2. PAULA GREEN - HOLDEN SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL - RESIGNATION EFF 1/5/16

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

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

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

8. A motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Richardson to appoint Nathan Foster for the position of Principal Designee, South Walker Elementary School effective January 6, 2016. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

10. A motion was offered by Ms. Dickerson, seconded by Ms. Benton to adopt the following resolution:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR USE OF BASEBALL FACILITIES AND FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL FACILITIES

BETWEEN LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD : STATE OF LOUISIANA
THROUGH LIVE OAK HIGH SCHOOL

AND LIVINGSTON PARISH RECREATION :
DISTRICT NUMBER 2 : PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective on the 1st day of January, 2016, between the LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD through Live Oak High School ("School Board"), a body politic, domiciled in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, appearing herein through John Watson, Superintendent, as per a duly adopted resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A, and LIVINGSTON PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2, ("Recreation District") a body politic, domiciled in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, appearing herein through Lee Hawkins, Chairman, as per a duly adopted resolution attached hereto as Exhibit B, who, upon their mutual agreements and covenants, agree as follows:

Grant of Use:

In consideration of community good will, and to contribute toward the welfare and benefit of students and patrons of Live Oak High School, the Recreation District hereby grants to the School Board the right to use Baseball Fields Number One and Number Two, and associated facilities, located at Louisiana Highway 16, Watson, Louisiana for softball, baseball and soccer games and practices of Live Oak High School. Conversely, the Livingston Parish School Board grants the Livingston Parish Recreation District No. 2 the use of the Live Oak High or Middle School Football Field, and related facilities, along with the Live Oak High School Gymnasium and Live Oak Middle, Upper and Lower School Gymnasium (Middle and Jr. High), subject to both the following conditions:

Term of Agreement:

The term of this agreement shall be indefinite, until cancelled by either party which can be done in writing at any time.

Additional Consideration:

Since this is a reciprocating agreement of like kind services there shall be no additional monetary considerations.

Priority of Use -- Schedule of Games and Practices

Live Oak High School shall have use of the above described facilities for the purposes conducting a boys' baseball program and girls' softball program, as well as boys and girls soccer. Live Oak High School shall, by December 1st of the school year, furnish the Recreation District with a list of practice dates and times, as well as a schedule of games and tournaments. Live Oak High School shall also provide the Recreation District with notification of any games cancelled and/or scheduled as soon as those events are known to Live Oak High School. Any conflicts in the schedules submitted will be settled in the favor of the Recreation District.

Although Live Oak High School is given the use of Fields Number One and Number Two, and associated facilities, its use is not exclusive.

The Recreation District will also provide Live Oak High School and Live Oak Middle School with a copy of their schedules as soon as they become available. The Recreation District will notify the appropriate school of any cancellations. Any conflicts will be settled in the favor of the appropriate school.

Revenue from Concessions and Sports Events

The Live Oak High School shall receive all profits generated from concessions at any and all Live Oak High School softball and baseball games and practices. Live Oak High School shall retain gate receipts from all Live Oak High School events.

Additionally, the Recreation District shall receive all profits generated from concessions at any and all Recreation District football and basketball games and practices. Recreation District shall retain gate receipts from all Recreation District related events.

Expenses for Event:

Live Oak High School shall pay umpires and other expenses as required by any event held or sponsored by Live Oak High School. It will be the responsibility of Live Oak High School to prepare the fields for play and clean up the area after each game.

The Recreation District shall pay referees and other expenses as required by any event held or sponsored by the Recreation District. It will be the responsibility of the Recreation District to prepare the fields and courts for play and clean up the area after each game.

Other Terms and Conditions:

1. Upon termination of this agreement, any and all permanent improvements by the Livingston Parish School Board for the Recreation District shall become the property of the Recreation District without reimbursement or payment by the Recreation District. Conversely, any improvements by the Recreation District for the Livingston Parish School Board will become property of the Livingston Parish School Board without reimbursement or payment by the Livingston Parish School Board.
2. The Recreation District shall be responsible for the routine maintenance and upkeep of the subject property and commits to maintain the baseball fields in a safe and usable condition. Conversely, the Livingston Parish School Board shall be responsible for the routine maintenance and upkeep of the subject property and commits to maintain the football field and gymnasiums in a safe and usable condition.
3. Live Oak High School further agrees to hold the Recreation District harmless from any liability which may arise out of the use of the described facilities by Live Oak High School. Conversely, the Recreation District further agrees to hold the Live Oak High School harmless from any liability which may arise out of the use of described facilities by the Recreation District.
4. Access to the facilities will be granted equally. If the School Board feels the need to restrict access due to the conditions of the facilities, the same right will be retained by the Recreation District.

Renewal:

This agreement may be renewed annually thereafter upon the School Board and the Recreation District giving written notice of their intention to renew at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the initial term.

Signed on the dates shown below by the respective representative of the parties.

WITNESSES:

LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
THROUGH LIVE OAK HIGH SCHOOL.

BY: _____
John Watson, Superintendent

DATE: _____

LIVINGSTON PARISH RECREATION
DISTRICT NUMBER 2

BY: _____
Lee Hawkins, Chairman

DATE: _____

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

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

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 7:19 PM until Thursday, January 21, 2016.

/s/ John



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At left, Walker's Jacobi Scott gets triple-teamed on a shot attempt by Live Oak defenders (from left) Trent Crifasi, Joshua Reams and John Edwards. At right, Walker's Jacobi Scott reaches in on Live Oak's Joe Bergeron, who is fouled from behind also on the play.

Walker players unselfish in final seconds, find open man for win

From C1

district) had a 49-45 lead after Cody Fontenot cut the baseline, took a pass from Ralph Davenport and his a short bank shot with 1:03 to go. With both sides of the stands up and roaring, Walker (19-4, 2-0) was

patient on the other end of the court and closed the gap to 49-47 when Josh Cook gathered in a pass from Darius Hampton and scored from the lane with 35.6 seconds on the clock. The Eagles struggled against Walker's full-court press most of the night and that hurt when Davis came

up with a steal. Jacobi Scott drove and got fouled and went to the free-throw line, which was problematic for him all night. Scott missed the first foul shot, his eighth misfire in a row, before finally finding his target on No. 2 to pull the Wildcats within 49-48. LOHS coach Gary

Duhe called a timeout when the Eagles got the ball into the frontcourt, but on the inbounds pass, three defenders swarmed Joshua Reams on the sideline and forced a jump ball. Possession Wildcats. "We had the ball in our best player's hands," Duhe said. "He's got to be better in

that situation." Walker came down the floor and ran a play for leading scorer Dalton Moore, who was limited to 8 points. Moore got off a short jumper but missed and the loose-ball rebound went out of bounds off of Live Oak with 9.6 seconds on the clock. Schiro called a timeout and drew up a multi-layered play meant for one of three players to get to the rim: Hampton, Moore or Scott. But the Eagles' defense clamped down and took away options 1,2 and 3. Bottled up in the lane, Hampton pitched the ball to Davis on the wing and he delivered. As an afterthought coming out of the timeout huddle, Schiro had told Davis to spot up. Just in case. "It was a case of our guys being unselfish," Schiro said. "Darius had a chance to create a shot, but he saw Le wide-open and got him the ball."

Added Duhe, "We took everything away but we left (Davis) a little too much space. We made them go to a (fourth) option and he hit the shot." And spoiled another gritty oh-so-close effort by Live Oak. The Eagles had a chance to tie Denham Springs in the closing seconds of their district opener on Tuesday but missed a 3-pointer. On Friday, Live Oak played at a peak level most of the second half, with Davenport and Fontenot each burying a pair of 3-pointers, Reams' aggressiveness leading to timely buckets and the defense persistently frustrating Walker.

On the glass, the scrappy Eagles claimed a 30-26 edge and they recorded 13 assists on

22 made field goals. Everything that goes into a recipe for a win was in place. One glaring problem plagued Live Oak, though: 18 turnovers. "It was right there and we let it slip away," Duhe said. "Up 4 with the ball. We can't ask for better effort, but now we've got to learn to win these. One thing did us in -- turnovers, especially in the last minute of the game." Meanwhile, the Wildcats' charmed season continues because of their ability to dig deep. Walker beat Central 43-42 in overtime in the district opener and has solved the mystery that is evading LOHS. "We find ways to win and that says a lot about these guys and their belief in each other," Schiro said.

NUMBERS OF NOTE

After a slow start, Walker outscored Live Oak 12-2 over a span of 4:28 bracketing the end of the first quarter and start of the second. The free-throw line was a mysterious place for both teams. The Wildcats were 13-for-35 from the foul stripe, while the Eagles were 0-for-8. Live Oak shot 48.9% from the floor (22 of 45) and only two players shot below 50%. The game featured 10 lead changes and 11 ties. John Edwards led the Eagles on the glass with 9 rebounds. Walker turned the ball over just 7 times and never more than twice in a quarter. No Wildcat was whistled for more than 2 fouls.

Walker	10	15	10	16	—	51
Live Oak	6	17	13	13	—	49
WALKER: Le Davis 15, Darius Hampton 13, Josh Cook 10, Dalton Moore 8, Jacobi Scott 3, Garrett Carlisle 2. LIVE OAK: Cody Fontenot 10, Joshua Reams 10, Ralph Davenport 8, Joe Bergeron 7, Mike Sullivan 4, Mark Rudison 4 3-point goals: Walker 2 (Davis), Live Oak 5 (Davenport 2, Fontenot 2, Bergeron)						



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Walker's Le Davis puts up a 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds to play for a comeback 51-49 victory over Live Oak on the road Friday night.

BASKETBALL

Denham boys elude Zachary, Walker girls drop Live Oak

By Sam Muffoletto
The Livingston Parish News
Denham Springs 49
Zachary (boys) 43

KINCHEN – Torez Kinchen pumped in 22 points as Denham Springs erased a seven-point halftime deficit to outlast Zachary, 49-43, in District 4-5A action Friday night inside the the Broncos' gym. DSHS evened both its league mark (1-1) and overall record (11-11) heading into another road trip this past Tuesday at Central. ZHS slipped to 0-2 in district and 13-9 on the year. The Yellow Jackets

held a slim 7-6 lead in a very low-scoring opening period, but while Denham was still in single-digits in the second with nine points, the Broncos opened up their offense with 17 to take a 23-16 lead into the locker room at halftime. Denham Springs outscored Zachary 18-8 in the third period and maintained a slim lead with a 15-12 differential over the final eight minutes. Tori Odom was also in double-figures for DSHS with 15 points, while Chad Taylor chipped in with six points.

Shyron White led Zachary with 12 points, followed by Calvin Adams with 10 and Demoine Bowie with nine. **Denham 79 18 15 — 49 Zachary 61 7 8 12 — 43** DENHAM SPRINGS: Torez Kinchen 22, Tori Odom 15, Chad Taylor 6, Dorsett Washington 4, Colby Brooks 2; ZACHARY: Shyron White 12, Calvin Adams 10, Demoine Bowie 9, Whalen Jones 5, Austin Dill 4, Corey Kennedy 3. **Walker (girls) 54 Live Oak 45** **WALKER** – Krystal Hutchinson scored a game-high 23 points as Walker broke open a 1-point game with a 17-9 run in the final period to post a 54-45 win over Live Oak in District

4-5A action last Friday night inside the Glenn Ellis Gym. After starting district with two straight losses, the defending league champs LadyCats are now 2-2 heading into a road trip to Scotlandville this past Tuesday. Walker, which improved to 18-9 with its win over LOHS, plays host to Denham Springs on Friday. Live Oak remained winless in the district at 0-4, while slipping to 14-10 overall. The Lady Eagles, which hosted Zachary this past Tuesday, open up the second round of district play on Friday on the road

against Scotlandville. Live Oak, led by a 15-point performance by Presley Wascom, jumped out to a 12-8 lead after the first period, but found themselves down 25-22 at intermission. The Lady Eagles trimmed two points off Walker's lead in the third period (14-12) to pull within 37-36 heading into the fourth. Live Oak did the bulk of its damage from outside the circle, as Paige Vaccaro and Wascom knocked down three 3-point buckets apiece, while Ally Howard had two from beyond the arc. Vaccaro and

Howard finished with nine and eight points respectively. Breanna Zeringue and Keon Brown finished in double-figures for Walker with 13 and 10 points, with 12 of Zeringue's points coming on four 3-point baskets. Walker also won the junior varsity game, 41-13. **Live Oak 12 10 14 9 — 45 Walker 8 17 12 17 — 54** LIVE OAK: Presley Wascom 15, Paige Vaccaro 9, Ally Howard 8, Alexis Harroun 5, Harmony Johnson 4, Olivia Wilson 2, Zyrian Pink 2; WALKER: Krystal Hutchinson 23, Breanna Zeringue 13, Keona Brown 10, Treasure Mansur 4, Miranda Smith 2, Shemeka Dajore 2.

WRESTLING

PHOTOS BY JOHN DUPONT | THE NEWS, MATTHEW CHENEVERT

Live Oak second at home Duals

On Saturday, 10 varsity wrestling programs sporting 150 wrestlers from around Louisiana and Mississippi converged on Live Oak High for the annual Live Oak Duals.

Live Oak won pool A with 4 tough victories over Belle Chase 57-24, Archbishop Shaw 38-36, Ocean Springs 62-15, and McKinley 43-33. This put Live Oak in the Championship Match.

St Amant won pool B with a perfect record grabbing victories over Zachary 49-13, Grace King 73-6, St Michael 68-9, and Archbishop Rummel 48-27. They would face Live Oak for the #1 spot.

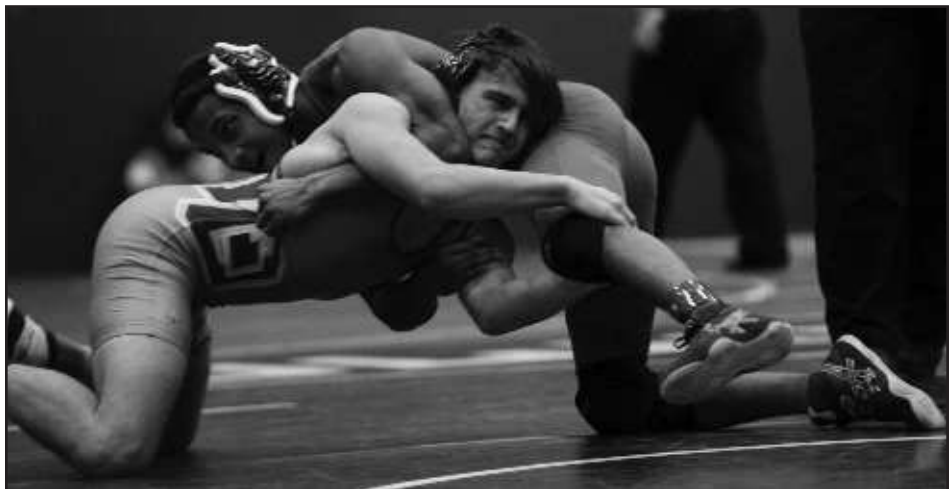
Championship Match was Head to Head versus St Amant: Live Oak was able to keep it close until the end when the St Amant veteran squad opened up the lead to defeat Live Oak 47-20.

"I'm very proud the way the team wrestled today" said Coach Collier. "St Amant has a strong Division 1 program and we made them work for every point".

Final top 3 results of the 10 Team Dual:

- 1 St Amant
- 2 Live Oak
- 3 McKinley

At top, Kyle Roberts looks for a ref call in the 160lb bracket. Above left, Jarrett Ruppert has the upper hand over his opponent in the 152lb bracket. Above, Live Oak sophomore Tre Falcon immobilizes his opponent after a takedown. At left, Brennan Webb looks for a call in the 145lb bracket. Below left, Tre Falcon has the match well in hand in the 120lb bracket. Below, Cameron Butler tries to get leverage from underneath in the 138lb bracket. At bottom, Gabe Philpot has his opponent nearly pinned in the 225lb bracket.





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Above, Springfield's Cameron Fox draws contact from Doyle defenders Landon Wascom (10) and Tyler Dawsey (25), earning a trip to the free throw line. At right, Doyle's Tristan Jones takes a shot over Springfield's Christian Austin. Below right, a scrum for the basketball at midcourt between Doyle's Ryan Guillory and Springfield's Isaiah Jackson gets pretty rough.

Doyle claims double-header

By Mike Dowty
The Livingston Parish News
LIVINGSTON — It took a fourth period rally for Doyle to survive what was more than a scare from a relentless Springfield Friday night.

The final 47-44 win for the Tigers fails to reflect how close the visitors came to pulling off an upset. Springfield opened up an 8-point lead midway in the third quarter and continued to hold it until Akeem Bell hit a layup for the homestanding Tigers with 48-seconds left to regain the lead for the first time since the opening of the half. Springfield could not answer and Doyle closed out the hotly contested game when Tyler Dawsey, who finished with 16 points, canned two free throws with 14 seconds to go.

The girls game earlier was not contest as Doyle came one point from doubling

up Springfield despite utilizing JV players for most of the second half in a 65-33 win.

Doyle also won a boys junior varsity game, 45-23.

**Doyle girls 65
Springfield 33**

Many teams this season have tried to hold down Lady Tiger Madison Watts, who routinely scores more than 20 points most games. On this night Watts finished with a quiet 7 because her team got ahead so fast, she exited early.

No one from Doyle reached double figures, but that hardly helped Springfield as 11 Doyle players registered in the scoring column, led by Elise Jones and Amber Smith with 9 each.

Kiarra Westbrooks led Springfield with 11 points.

Doyle was so dominant that reserves began taking over the floor midway into the

second period. One of them, Sydney Taylor, hit a three-pointer 15 seconds before half-time to give the home team a commanding 41-16 intermission lead.

The second half saw more of the same as Doyle's reserves out-scored mostly Springfield starters 24-17 and held the visiting Lady Bulldogs without a field goal in the fourth period.

Doyle improved to 12-14 and 2-1 in District 9-2A, while Springfield fell to 5-14 and 1-3.

Springfield	5	11	12	5	—	33
Doyle	27	14	7	17	—	65

SPRINGFIELD: Jaila Golden 7, Sarah Simeon 6, Bree Saxon 3, Kiarra Westbrooks 11, Emily Simeon 3, Kaylie Dorsey 1, Jackie Crosby 2. DOYLE: Darian Watts 8, Elise Jones 9, Madison Watts 7, Sydney Taylor 8, Lauren Sims 5, Grace Wolfe 4, Kylie Mirrell 1, Morgan Blades 2, Jessica Nesom 6, Amber Smith 9, Claire Glascock 4.

**Doyle boys 47
Springfield 44**

Doyle seemed to take command early in the contest with a 14-5 first



quarter lead, but then Springfield heated up to make the Tigers earn their win.

The Bulldogs seemed to flip a switch in the second period as they outscored the Tigers 15-8 to trail by only a bucket at halftime, 22-20. Springfield actually had a chance to tie the game on the final possession, but never got off a shot.

The third period start defined the rest of the game as Christians Austin, who finished with 11 points, opened with a trey, then Cameron Fox added a basket in the lane following a Springfield miss. After a basket by Doyle's Ryan Guillory was disallowed

because of a charge, Springfield capped off the run on a bucket by Troy Stewart to open up a 27-22 lead.

Tyler Dawsey led the way in the comeback for Doyle in what was a defensive struggle. Besides scoring 16 points, he took three charges on the night. Springfield missed some critical free throws in the fourth quarter with the lead that gave Doyle the opportunity to regain the lead at last.

Dawsey was six of eight from the free throw line in the last eight minutes and nailed a critical three-pointer as well as delivering an assist to Akeem Bell with

48 seconds remaining that put Doyle back on top to stay, 45-44.

Springfield would not score another point after that as key players Stewart and Isaiah Jackson had already fouled out. Fox was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs with 14 points, but his desperation three-point shot at the buzzer wouldn't go as his team fell to 5-9 and 1-3 in district. Doyle improved to 14-11 and 2-1.

Springfield	5	15	18	6	—	44
Doyle	14	8	9	16	—	47

SPRINGFIELD: Cameron Fox 14, Isaiah Jackson 9, Christian Austin 11, Demariae Claiborne 3, Reeves Blankenship 4. DOYLE: Tristan Jones 7, Landon Wascom 2, Akeem Bell 7, Kade Lewis 4, Hunter Stovall 1, Tyler Dawsey 16, Ryan Guillory 10.



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Above left, Doyle's Grace Wolfe gets fouled by Springfield's Jaila Golden (5) with Kiarra Westbrooks also looming overhead. Above, Doyle's Madison Watts takes aim from the free throw line while teammates Morgan Blades (32) and Jessica Nesom (34) discuss defensive assignments in the background. At right, Darian Watts gets a layup for Doyle against Springfield's Jackie Crosby.

