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## Springfield Police Chief Jones back at work

**By John Dupont**  
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**SPRINGFIELD** — Jimmy Jones has returned to work as the town's police chief, nearly four months shy of the one-year probation sentence he received last year. Jones came back to work Tuesday, eight months after a forced resignation as part



**Jones**

of a plea bargain for his role with now-former Mayor Charlie Martin in an illegal dismissal of a DWI charge in 2011. "I'm back where I need to be," Jones said.

An early termination of the probation, which 21st Judicial District Court Judge Bruce Bennett offered at the time of the trial, opened the door for Jones to return.

"My attorney (Tim Fondren) and the town attorney (Brian Abels) completed everything for me to return to

work," Jones said. "I'm ready to put this behind me and go about my business.

"My community wanted me back and the town council wanted me back," he said. "I'm not trying to proclaim my innocence, but I did what I was supposed to do, so now I'm going back to work."

Jones, 51, served 15 years as police chief, an appointed position in the Town of Springfield.

The state accused Jones and Mayor Charles Martin of reducing a DWI charge to reckless operation and covering up the arrest in April 2011, after a Springfield officer

stopped motorist Tyra Jones — no relation to the former police chief — driving the wrong direction along La. 22.

Martin allegedly offered to reduce the charges to reckless operation.

Officer Ryan Weaver,

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A dedication and reception was held Sunday afternoon inside Crowder Antiques for the purpose of the putting the Old Brown Hotel and Cafe on the National Register of Historic Places. Pictured holding the certificate (from left) are Gerard Landry, Mayor of Denham Springs, John Sykes, National Register Review Committee, Florence Crowder, owner/Crowder Antiques and Charles Crowder, owner/Crowder Antiques.



## Old Brown Hotel on National Register

**By John Dupont**  
The Livingston Parish News  
**DENHAM SPRINGS** — A ceremony Sunday ushered what many hope will mark the next phase of redevelopment in the city's downtown district.

Officials and dignitaries took part in a ceremony to commemorate the official placement of the former Brown Hotel and Café property on the National Registry of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior.

The building, constructed in 1927, marks only the second in that area to receive the designation. The Old City Hall is the only other downtown landmark to bear that distinction.

Florence Crowder, a local preservationist who operates Crowder Antiques in the building that formerly occupied the café and hotel, said the purpose of the designation extends far beyond one building.

"We wanted it on the registry



**The Brown Hotel and Cafe, seen here in this 1940s-era photo, was a popular venue both for local residents and travelers. The hotel operated from 1927-1955 on North Range Avenue.**

to make people aware of what we have here," she said. "We're not just about restoring the buildings — this is about preservation."

The building on 114 North

Range Avenue was believed to be among the first along the downtown stretch, Crowder said.

The Carol Theater — now Theater Antiques — and a building that now occupies the Farmers Association were also built around the same time, but records do not show a specific date for those two buildings.

"As far as we know, the hotel is the second oldest building," said Crowder, who bought it in 2000 to house her business.

The hotel opened in an era when Denham Springs consisted of agribusiness and local manufacturing. Railroad travel overshadowed automobiles in the 1920s as the most frequently used mode of transportation from town to town.

Although records do not substantiate it, many believe local businessman W.F. Brown — who

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## Ricks eager for new era

**By Mike Dowty**  
The Livingston Parish News

**LIVINGSTON** — Parish President Layton Ricks begins his second term of office this week surrounded by a veteran staff and an all-rounder Parish Council.

Both situations provide the 61-year-old with optimism and high hopes for the future, including plans to run for a third term four years from now. Nine new incoming Council members replace a group well known for its squabbles with the executive branch, which has led to an early emphasis now on cooperation.

"I'm running again," Ricks said. "I plan



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## Hughes fights recusal vote

**By Mike Dowty**  
The Livingston Parish News

**NEW ORLEANS** — Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeff Hughes has filed a federal lawsuit contesting a decision last month by four of his fellow justices that would recuse him from two oil company cases.

The state's highest court voted 4-1 to make Hughes and fellow Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll, because of the sources of



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# Hughes relies on recent precedent

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their campaign funding, step aside from any deliberations in a pair of environmental “legacy lawsuits” against the energy industry.

Attorneys for ExxonMobil, BP and other energy companies contend that Hughes’ ties to trial lawyers and a political action committee that contributed to his campaign make him beholden to the plaintiffs in those cases. Hughes argues that such an interpretation tramples on his first amendment rights and those of his political supporters.

The case before U.S. District Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon sites a landmark 2010 U.S. Supreme Court precedent barring the government from restricting independent political expenditures by corporations, labor unions and other associations. Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission struck down the McCain-Feingold Act that previously regulated campaign spending.

“I’m confident the federal court will correctly interpret the Citizens United decision and uphold free speech,” Hughes said Wednesday morning. He said he will defer any further comment until after his case is decided.

Attorney Kyle Schonekas argued in court filings on behalf of Hughes that this type of recusal sets a dangerous precedent that means a judge “may now be effectively barred from communicating with any individual who supports or might support his re-election because such individual may one day have a case” before the state Supreme Court.

“Justice Hughes has a First Amendment right to communicate his electoral message to the public, including individuals who contribute or might contribute to a political action committee,” Schonekas wrote.

The oil companies claim that Baton Rouge trial lawyer John H. Carmouche, who specializes in legacy lawsuits, helped to bankroll Hughes’ successful election campaign in 2014. In his court filing, Hughes said the oil companies exaggerated the amount of that support, contending it amounted to about 16 percent of all campaign spending in the District 5 race.

The two lawsuits in question involve claims of oil company contamination by landowners in St. Martin and Tensas parishes.

Knoll was removed for similar reasons because of her husband’s involvement as an attorney in legacy lawsuits.

She filed a written objection to the recusal, deriding “the unprofessional tactics” of a special interest group as “a high-handed attempt not only to manipulate the outcome of this case but also to disenfranchise the voters of my district who have elected and re-elected me.”

The Hughes lawsuit names as its defendants Chief Justice Bernette Johnson and Associate Justices Greg Guidry, Marcus Clark and John Weimer.

Hughes, a Denham Springs High School graduate, was elected district judge in 1990 and re-elected without opposition in 1996 and 2002.

In 2004 he was elected to the First Circuit and with his election in 2012 became the first Livingston Parish judge to ascend to the seven-member Supreme Court.

## FELONY ARRESTS

**LIVINGSTON —** The following persons were booked into the Livingston Parish Prison between noon, Wednesday, December 23, 2015, and noon, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, according to booking records from the Sheriff’s office. These records do not reflect innocence or guilt:

**Dorian Adams, 20, 15383 Roy Rogers, Prairieville,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of marijuana, illegal carrying of a weapon and possession of/dealing in firearms with obliterated number/mark. Bond was set at \$95,500.

**Matthew Armstrong, 34, 16650 Spring Ranch, Livingston,** was charged with violation of protective orders and entering or remaining on premises after being forbidden. Bond was set at \$15,500.

**Christina Barber, 38, 44033 Tom Dr., St. Amant,** was charged with possession of Schedule IV drugs with intent to distribute and contributing to the delinquency of juveniles. Bond was set at \$75,000.

**Chadrick Blackard, 35, 14477 Springfield Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule IV drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$10,708.

**Mathew Buda, 27, 125 Rushing Road West, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule I drugs with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$15,000.

**Louie Burges, 54, 10344 Arnold Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Lance Butler, 32, 11775 Brown Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with DWI (first), child endangerment, unlawful to smell model glue/toxic vapors to minors, illegal use of a controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 and careless operation. Bond was set at \$2,748.

**Robert Comeaux, 31, 29181 Hwy. 44, Springfield,** was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, illegal carrying of a weapon, possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$111,000.

**Gerald Cooks, 20, 15376 Roy Rogers Road, Prairieville,** was charged with possession of marijuana, illegal carrying of a weapon and possession of/dealing in firearms with obliterated number/mark. Bond was set at \$75,500.

**Christian Craft, 17, 26139 Bobby Gill Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with second degree battery with serious bodily injury and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$10,500.

**Christopher Craig, 20, 90565 Springridge, Denham Springs,** was charged with attempted simple burglary. Bond was set at \$2,500.

**Taylor Cuti, 20, 22844 La-Fourche, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$10,208.

**Danell Davis, 28, 32322 Nikki Dr., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs with intent to distribute, taking contraband to/from penal institutions, possession of marijuana and possession of

drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$76,000.

**Devon Deaville, 32, 1405 Hwy. 107 S., Cottonport,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of Schedule IV drugs and illegal carrying of a weapon. Bond was set at \$90,417.

**Desiree Doiga, 19, 31994 Burgess Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and simple criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$60,000.

**Aron Drew, 44, 12749 Buhler Dr., Baton Rouge,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Chelsea Drew, 24, 10080 Eve Dr., Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Kirby Dufrene, 55, 52145 Mumphrey Road, Independence,** was charged with possession of Schedule III drugs. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Jamison Efferson, 40, 8544 Beechwood Dr., Baton Rouge,** was charged with simple burglary and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$15,500.

**Tasha Graham, 35, 38065 Reininger Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with simple battery involving domestic violence, home invasion, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and simple battery. Bond was set at \$34,500.

**James Henley, 33, 11276 Hummingbird Lane, Walker,** was charged with DWI (third), possession of Legend Drug with intent to distribute and no drivers license. Bond was set at \$60,208.

**Loyd Ingle, 35, 21461 Bonnie Dr., Denham Springs,** was charged with two counts of domestic abuse battery, two counts of child endangerment and two counts of cruelty to juveniles. Bond was set at \$50,000.

**Kaylus Jones, 19, 26735 Kelly Dr., Walker,** was charged with aggravated battery and simple battery. Bond was set at \$20,500.

**Misty Killcrease, 36, 24477 Walker South, Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$500.

**Clifton Knapp, 25, 13739 Brown Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with DWI (second) and driving with a suspended license for prior DWI. Bond was set at \$2,500.

**Lakesha Knight, 38, 417 Louise St., Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery, no drivers license and switched plate. Bond was set at \$3,146.

**Jennifer Landry, 26, 23922 Rosemont Ave., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule I drugs with intent to distribute, vehicle registration expired and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$50,708.

**Tiffany Landry, 36, 143 Newell Johnson, West Monroe,** was charged with possession of Schedule I drugs and speeding. Bond was set at \$10,593.

**Cory LeBlue, 25, 7615 Magnolia Beach Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule III drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$50,500.

**Manuel Martin, 25, 1320 N.**

Morrison, Hammond, was charged with obscenity. Bond was set at \$25,000.

**Brannon McMorris, 42, 10390 Lonepine, Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond information was not provided.

**Shannon Miles, 47, 23816 Stonegate Dr., Denham Springs,** was charged with communicating of false information of planned arson, false imprisonment, resisting an officer, battery of a police officer, simple battery involving domestic violence, driving with a suspended license, appearing in an intoxicated condition and violation of probation. Bond was set at \$25,900.

**Timothy Moody, 45, 18795 Hwy. 16, Lot 10, Denham Springs,** was charged with aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$20,000.

**Kevin Morace, 28, 10233 D. Taylor St., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs and violation of probation. Bond information was not provided.

**Shaun Murphy, 33, 44335 Loop Road, Prairieville,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of a weapon, possession of a shotgun less than 16” and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$100,000.

**Matthew Musson, 29, 32269 Lockslie, Denham Springs,** was charged with failure to register as a sex offender. Bond was set at \$25,000.

**Brett Painter, 41, 42436 Shady Pine Lane, Gonzales,** was charged with possession of Schedule III drugs and driving with a suspended license for prior DWI. Bond was set at \$10,723.

**Patrick Palermo, 38, 29201 George White Road, Holden,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, contempt of court, issuing worthless checks, speeding and driving with a suspended license. Bond was set at \$10,660.

**Craig Parker, 59, 11393 Sims Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of marijuana, DWI (first), possession of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicle and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$11,708.

**Brandon Piper, 26, 1293 N. River Road, Apt. B6, Denham Springs,** was charged with simple escape, aggravated escape and two counts of simple burglary. Bond was set at \$100,000.

**Jeremiah Rhynes, 40, 35768 Gene Ballard Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with theft of a utility service. Bond was set at \$50,000.

**Babi Robinson, 37, 2001 Government St., Baton Rouge,** was charged with resisting an officer, aggravated flight from an officer, theft of goods, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, driving with a suspended license, expired vehicle registration and expired MVI. Bond was set at \$2,723.

**Michael Sepulveda, 25, 8823 Eastover Blvd., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs, possession of marijuana, illegal carrying of a weapon, DWI (first), vehicle registration expired and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$62,625.

**Lawrence Tassin, 38, 50205 White Oak Dr., Loranger,** was charged with posses-

sion of Schedule II drugs, possession of Schedule III drugs, possession of Legend Drug with intent to distribute, two counts of theft and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$61,500.

**Leon Thomas, 43, 9937 Ponder Lane, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of a Legend Drug. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Troy Thomas, 25, 905 Patricia, Baker,** was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated flight from an officer, illegal carrying of a weapon, illegal use of a controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 and obstruction of justice. Bond was set at \$76,917.

**Christopher Thompson, 37, 24477 Walker South, Denham Springs,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$500.

**Terri Townley, 51, 9128 Florida Blvd., Lot 16, Walker,** was charged with possession of Schedule III drugs, possession of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$10,708.

**Terrance Varise, 21, 5108 Gene St., Baton Rouge,** was charged with home invasion and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bond was set at \$75,000.

**Caleb Wade, 19, 9056 Springridge, Denham Springs,** was charged with attempted simple burglary. Bond was set at \$15,000.

**Thomas Wainwright, 62, 38747 John Lanier Road, Walker,** was charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, expired MVI and driving with a suspended license. Bond was set at \$6,160.

**Elmer Wall, 36, 25832 Marlbrook Dr., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of marijuana, illegal carrying of a weapon, illegal use of a controlled drug in presence of persons under 17 and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**David Wascom, 49, 31385 Hwy. 1036, Holden,** was charged with domestic abuse battery, possession of Schedule III drugs, two counts of criminal mischief and violation of probation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Crystal Watson, 27, 32026 Tibo Plaza, Springfield,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of a weapon, felony theft and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$100,500.

**Autumn Wheat, 25, 3210 N. Stevendale, Baton Rouge,** was charged with felony theft and obstruction of justice. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Theresa Wheat, 48, 8909 Caliente Ave., Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule II drugs. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Becky Wheeler, 51, 18061 Cooper St., Port Vincent,** was charged with domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Antonio Williams, 21, 5175 Sherwood St., Baton Rouge,** was charged with home invasion. Bond was set at \$25,000.

**Shyra Windeknecht, 25, 7615 Magnolia Beach Road, Denham Springs,** was charged with possession of Schedule III drugs, possession of Schedule IV drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$150,500.

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## Brown Hotel once a thriving rest stop

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owned building the entire span of the hotel's operation – commissioned the building's construction.

Brown, a Texas native, worked in the oil industry and moved to Arkansas. He later moved to Baton Rouge before he finally settled in Denham Springs.

The adjacent proximity to the train station made the hotel a popular stop both for weary and hungry travelers, although local residents also frequented the business.

It also allowed Brown to accommodate the customers who came to Denham Springs to buy oars from the factory he operated not far from the hotel, Crowder said.

"He owned that factory, and it was the largest in the United States – maybe even largest in the world," she said.

Locals frequented both the hotel and the café, but the eatery in particular became a popular gathering spot for residents.

A receipt from 1950 showed that a one-night accommodation at the hotel cost the lofty sum of \$2.00.

The café served up between 100 and 150 biscuits to hungry patrons each morning, when many caught up on the news of the day.

Crowder has a photo offering a glimpse of the bar area, including a brick-red Coca-Cola cooler, an almost ubiquitous item in that era.

Many of the patrons sat on barstools at a long marble coffee bar. Crowder has two of the original barstools at her store.

A phone booth in the center of the building became a very valuable



An advertisement that ran in a 1945 edition of The Denham Springs News touts the lunch specials offered at Brown Hotel and Cafe.

resource, particularly during World War II, Crowder said.

"It was there that they'd get the news of casualties in the war," she said. "They also posted a list of injuries and casualties, so it became a relay station for information at the time."

The two-story building itself – 3,000 square feet on each floor – was nothing fancy, but instead found its charm in its simplicity, much like the town in its day.

A classic architectural design, symbolic of the late 19th and early 20th century American movement, characterized the building's exterior.

The hotel – 11 rooms, all on the second floor – did not have a lobby. The stairwell for the lodging area went down directly into the café.

The building did not have air-conditioning. It relied on transom windows – set above doors or larger windows – to cool the building.

The hotel did not have bathrooms in the

occupancies. It instead housed two bathrooms – within the hallway – one for men, one for women.

"I understand it often didn't work out that way, but the intentions were innocent," Crowder quipped.

The hotel remained a popular spot not only for visitors, but people returning home after long train excursions.

Crowder recalled the story of one local soldier who stayed a night there upon his return home from deployment.

"The train arrived in town in the middle of the night and he did not want to awaken his parents, so he just stayed there for the night," she said. "It was used both by travelers and the local residents."

The hotel remained the only of its kind into the 1950s, according to the Baton Rouge City Directory.

Brown closed the hotel and café in 1955. An edition The Denham Springs News (now The Livingston Parish News) from that period showed then-Mayor

Shelly O'Neal making the final purchase of a cup of coffee at the venue.

Crowder is not certain why Brown decided to close the business.

One can assume that the increased number of automobiles after World War II and the construction of new roadways led to competition from newer hotels, some of which operated under the banner of well-known chains.

Many lodging chains set up shop as "motor hotels" (or motels) and offered amenities such as bathrooms in each occupancy, along with climate control, telephones and even TVs – none of which were offered at the Brown venue.

"I guess it can be said that the lack of commerce and other hotels springing up had something to do with it, but he may have figured he could make more money renting it out," Crowder said.

It later housed an engineering office, a law office and other businesses. It was also the first in Denham Springs to have an elevator, which was added after the hotel closed.

The storefront was altered after the closure in 1955 to create a more contemporary design, but it was restored to a more historic appearance in 2006.

The attention to the historic integrity played a role in conveying the building's historical significance, according to a description on the registry.

"This whole process has been very fulfilling," Crowder said. "Now I'm hoping they'll do the same for other buildings in the Antique District."

## Foster taking oath as judge

By John Dupont

The Livingston Parish News

**LIVINGSTON** – An inauguration ceremony is set for this evening for Charlotte Foster Hughes, who will assume the bench as 21st Judicial District Court Judge in Division B. The event begins at 5 p.m. with Chief Justice Bob Morrison presiding.

District Court Judge Doug Hughes, her brother, will administer the oath of office.

Hughes-Foster will succeed retiring Division B District Judge Bruce H. Bennett, who completed his tenure in December and will participate in the ceremony.

She went unopposed in an election for the seat last October.

She is the former Felony Chief Prosecutor for the 21st JDC District Attorney's Office. She served for 20 years as a top prosecutor for the people of Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa parishes.

She has prosecuted more than 200 trials throughout her career, ranging from DWI cases to capital murder. She began her career as a prosecutor in Dallas County, Texas, in 1990.

Hughes-Foster went into private practice when she returned to Louisiana, but soon went to work with the 21st JDC in 1995.

"I know that my courtroom experience, knowledge and understanding of the law, as well as the heart and passion I have for helping victims and their families will serve me well in my duties as a district judge," Hughes-Foster said. "I look forward to serving the people of Judicial District 21. I will strive to do my best to put criminals behind bars, fight for victims' rights, and protect the public in all that I do."

Hughes-Foster is a graduate of Denham Springs High School, LSU, and Loyola Law School in New Orleans. During law school she met her late husband, Mike Herbert.

Their children are Katie Herbert, who is a first-year student at the LSU Law School, and Andrew Herbert, a junior at LSU.

In 2013, she married Dr. Larry Foster, and they reside in Denham Springs. He and his late wife, Tressie Foster, have three children: Chase Foster, who is a Louisiana National Guardsman and recent LSU graduate; Brennan Foster, who is serving in the U.S. Navy; and Lauren Foster, who is a senior at Denham Springs High School.

Hughes-Foster is the daughter of former, long-time school board member and retired dentist Dr. Milton D. Hughes, and the late Gloria Grantham Hughes.



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## Hunting the elusive middle class in America

The Democrats headed into their 1996 election year much as they face 2016 just ahead, with both houses of Congress under control of the Republicans and a soured relationship with the country's working class. Here is what Jeff David had to write about that situation in his January 5, 1995, column.

If you consider yourself a member of the “middle class,” then 1995 promises to be your year. But don't feel too lucky. You're going to have plenty company. Since the Democratic defeat at the polls in early November, all the talk in Washington has focused on the “middle class” who, it is said, have abandoned their historic ties with the Democratic Party and now favor the Republican Party. If the Democrats are to win 1996, it is said, they must regain the support of the hallowed “middle class.” The evidence is that capturing the middle class may not be as difficult a feat for the Democrats as finding that elusive critter in the first place; the concept of a “middle class” in America varies widely.

In Europe the notion of “class” grew out of the economic system of feudalism which, when stripped to its barest elements, meant that a few people owned all the land and all others divided into classes according to the function they performed for the landowner. Sort of like Monroe, Louisiana.

In America, a new country was founded based on a philosophy that specifically grew out of and specifically rejected feudalism. We Americans have no real background steeped in class distinctions, or any real knowledge or consciousness of class at it is still defined and practices in Europe.

To the extent that we Americans have thought of class at all, we have generally defined it according to income, not birthright. Yet contemporary studies of public opinion clearly show that regardless of income, almost all Americans consider themselves part of the “middle class.”

A recent Roper poll, for example, asked Americans to place themselves in one of the three middle categories, and six in ten classified themselves as pure “middle class.” Not exactly a Bell Curve result.

On a related subject, a CBS poll asked people in America how much families would have to make annually to be considered “above the middle class.” Here are the results: \$50,000 a year or less, 7 percent; \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year, 19 percent;



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Jeff M. David

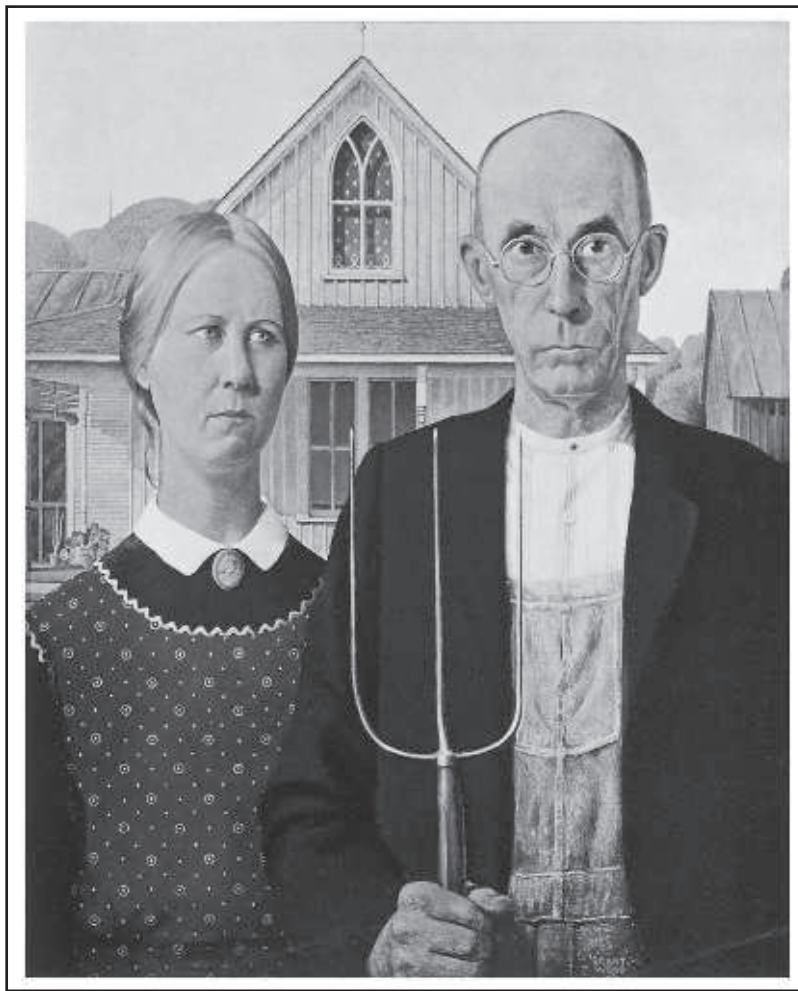
\$75,000 to \$100,000 a year, 17 percent; \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year, 29 percent; \$200,000 to \$500,000 a year, 12 percent; \$500,000 a year or more, 3 percent.

According to the Commerce Department, in 1993 if all American families were stacked in a pile with the lowest income at the bottom and the highest income on the top, the so-called “median” income — the family squarely in the middle of the mix — would be \$35,959. In 1993, half of all American families made less than that and half of American families made more.

The difference between perception and reality is astounding. Three out of four Americans believe it takes more than \$75,000 a year to be “above the middle class;” yet, that \$75,000 a year is more than twice as much as the family in the middle of the annual income scale.

President Clinton, trying to get a jump on the Republicans, unveiled his “middle class Bill of Rights” on December 15 which, among other things, included substantial tax relief to families with incomes of up to \$75,000, more than twice the actual median income. Was Clinton looking at polls or was he looking at reality?

The Republicans are no better. Their “Contract with America” calls for “middle class” tax cuts



that would be offered to families with incomes as high as \$200,000 a year, a group that would exclude only the wealthiest 2 percent of American families. Is it coincidence that American families with incomes of from \$75,000 a year to \$200,000 a year fall two-out-of-three to the Republicans on election day (while still considering themselves part of the “middle class”)?

The difference between the true middle class in America and the middle class most of us perceive is never more clear than when we hear our own President, Bill Clinton, proudly proclaim himself a member of the “middle class.”

Clinton makes \$200,000 a year, gets a free house and a free plane and a free camp, and is awarded a generous expense account for clothes and entertainment.

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**JEFF M. DAVID** was the Publisher of The Livingston Parish News from July 1977 until October 2015.

### EDITORIAL

## Executive overreach

The Obama system of checks and balances goes something like this: Congress makes laws, the president enforces the ones he likes, vetoes the ones he doesn't and issues executive orders when Congress won't pass the new ones he wants. He expects the courts, meanwhile, to defer to the constitutional scholar in the Oval Office, but if they shoot down any particular executive order, he'll simply issue another until he gets his way.

Thus we've come to the tipping point in the lame duck year of a presidency that will be remembered for replacing rule of law with rule by fiat. He's gotten away with it so far regarding

**Frustrated by opposition from Congress, the president this week issued a slew of gun control mandates.**

he fought the good fight and screech some more about the intransigence of the National Rifle Association.

The window dressing accompanying these dictates consists of images from a certain infamous kind of gun violence perpetrated at campuses, churches, movie theaters and Christmas parties, though such horrific events represent but a smidgen of the problem. Far and away the most deadly of gun violence in America is perpetrated by thugs in urban war zones, who are not going to be impacted or deterred by executive orders any more than they are by laws against the drugs they sell.

Meanwhile, gun manufacturer stocks are soaring this week, an indicator of what the smart money on Wall Street thinks of Mr. Obama's political grandstanding. Americans, despite their low opinion of Congress, aren't ready for dictatorship. Mr. Obama is about to discover how shockingly little he understands the country that elected him twice, where law-abiding citizens are now loading up.

## Emerging themes of a new administration in Baton Rouge

In a Democrat blue tie, on the second to last day of 2015, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne held his first press conference as the next commissioner of administration. His message — that the budget situation is “more dire than we thought it was” — was just as important as how it was delivered.

As he transitions from statewide officeholder to the top budget bureaucrat under Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards, who will be sworn in on Jan. 11, it's difficult to ignore how different a gig this is for Dardenne. In elected office since the late 1980s — as a state senator he was a constant critic of the other Edwards, former Gov. Edwin — Dardenne must now answer directly to the new Edwards on the block following years of political autonomy.

From the campus of LSU where the gubernatorial transition team is temporarily being housed, the press conference saw Dardenne reading from a prepared statement. He's used to being a one-man band and giving his speeches largely from memory. But now he's part of a larger team, a lifelong Republican who lost his bid for governor in the primary as a Democrat sailed to victory. John Bel Edwards campaigned on bipartisanship and his appointment of Dardenne was seen as the first such peace offering.

Dardenne perpetuated that theme in his first press conference with bookends in the form of presidential quotes. He started with one from Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt that extolled the virtues of telling the truth and ended with another from Republican Ronald Reagan about solving problems with a positive attitude. The only thing missing was a quotation from a non-affiliated politician to represent the middle ground where Dardenne and Edwards will presumably be working from over the next four years.

After two long terms of partisan politics driven by presidential ambitions, even platitudes about cohesiveness are nice to hear. But right now they're only words, with the actions soon to follow. The Edwards administration needs to get a Republican-led Legislature behind its ideas for addressing a \$750 million budget shortfall for the current fiscal year that concludes at the end of June. The next fiscal year that commences on July 1 faces a deeper hole of \$1.9 billion.

The two revenue shortages represent a separate set of challenges for the incoming administration. For the current fiscal year, Dardenne readily admits there's little chance of creating enough new money in time to cover the \$750 million gap — meaning new taxes or fees to salvage the final six months of the 2015-2016 fiscal year is probably out of the question. Reducing expenditures, jobs and departmental functions may be the only avenues available. “We're not



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interested in growing government,” Dardenne said when asked if that was the case.

The irony of the situation is that it could very well be a Democratic administration that finally gives Republicans the smaller government they so desire. How much Dardenne and Edwards are willing to cut government to solve the current fiscal year shortfall is unknown, but the option is clearly taking up more room

on the table than other solutions. “This isn't playing Chicken Little here,” Dardenne added.

As for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, when the problem skyrockets to \$1.9 billion and lawmakers along with the Edwards administration will have at least two sessions to kick around ideas, it's a completely different situation. From the way Dardenne explains it, everything from taxes and fees to cuts and programmatic changes are on the table. Even if Republicans are pleased with Edwards' vision for a smaller government, brought about by the current fiscal year shortfall, the idea of higher taxes in any form for the next will be met with an outright brawl.

Inside the rails of the House and Senate, where lawmakers are separated from lobbyists and constituents and left to their own politics, feelings are already being rubbed raw by the ongoing race for speaker in the lower chamber. Edwards is backing Democratic Rep. Walt Leger as many Republicans are digging in to elect one of their own. Getting that internal election right, and pulling it off without drama, will be key for Edwards and Dardenne before they embark on their rescue missions for this and the next fiscal years.

As the sun sets on the current administration and rises for the next, the themes are unmistakable: call balls and strikes and stay away from politics; work across the aisle at every opportunity; tell the truth, no matter how painful; and put Louisiana first. We've been here before, at the dawn of a new administration full of hope and promise. Whether this time will be different is not a judgment that can yet be passed, but the tests will come quickly and with little wiggle room for ambivalence. Pass or fail, another long journey is about to begin.

Wherever we end up, all involved will have to own the destination. As George Washington, who was not a member of any political party as president, said, “It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

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**CALL & COMMENT**

**I want to understand** why in Livingston Parish when anybody gets one, two or three DWIs, they knock it down. They don't put them in jail. They put them back on the road and let them drive again. For people who didn't see their probation officer, they want to pick them up and put them back in jail for three months. Does anybody have an answer for that?

**Here we go again.** I could have sworn I heard John Bel Edwards say he was not going to put a burden on the people. He ain't even in office yet and he's saying he's going to raise taxes. Here we go again.

**To all the Republicans** out there that helped put John Bel Edwards in office, here's a news flash: the week of Christmas he announced that taxes most probably will have to be raised after saying on the campaign trail that taxes will not be raised. Not even sworn into office yet and the lies are coming to light. As for Jay Dardenne and Scott Angelle, ya'll are finished with the GOP party. You might as well change your party affiliation to Democrat.

**To the person who** said we should be thankful that we live in America and can

whine to our heart's content to the newspaper, if you really believe what you are saying then why are you whining about their whining? Think before you speak.

**Obama managed to play** 55 rounds of golf in 2015. Man, that's a lot to be such a busy man. Sweet gig.

**Get ready for your** healthcare rates to rise. Happy new year everybody!

**According to the non-partisan** Kaiser Family Foundation, Louisiana turned down \$15.8 billion in federal Medicaid funding in order to save \$1.2 billion over 10 years. And Louisiana taxpayers had to pay for the federal Medicaid expansion whether our state participated or not. Meanwhile, our citizens who cannot find a job because our hot-shot Republican governor has our economy in 47th place, will continue to lack access to affordable health-care. Guess what? You will continue to pay for their care through increased insurance premiums and copays while paying for Medicaid in other states as well.

**I am grateful.** Grateful Obama only has one year left in office.

**I'm not sure what** planet I'm living on, but my healthcare rates are sky high.

**New Jersey Gov. Chris** Christie defended his stance on banning guns from those on the terror watch list and argued that the majority of Americans agree with him. If that's true then most Americans are unaware that if you disagree with anything our government does you will be on that list and eventually everyone will be on that list. Wake up people. If a terrorist wants a gun, don't you think like drugs they'll get one?

**This is in response** to the comment about Planned Parenthood performing 323,999 abortions in 2014, while receiving \$550 million in taxpayer funds. Yes, I agree that's a lot of abortions. Overall, there were 1,050,000 abortions in America in 2014, and 726,001 were not Planned Parenthood patients. I notice you are not complaining about these abortions. Is that because these are not poor women and can afford an abortion when they want one? The taxpayer funds you are talking about represents about 40 percent of Planned Parenthood funding, and cannot be used for abortions.

**WEB POLL RESULTS\***

**What will the average price of gasoline be by election day?**

- Still below \$2 a gallon — 40.9%
- Back over \$2 a gallon — 31.8%
- Big recession — prices tumble — 9.1%
- Mideast meltdown — prices soar — 13.6%
- Don't know — 4.5%

this poll question posted between Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. Visit our website to participate in the current poll below and watch for results on this page.

**Do you agree or disagree with President Obama's gun safety executive orders?**

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- Disagree, Obama out of control
- Obama is the best gun salesman in America
- Executive orders will have no impact
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# Winners & losers of 2015

Each year, "The McLaughlin Group," the longest-running panel show on national TV, which began in 1982, announces its awards for the winners and losers and the best and the worst of the year. Rereading my list of 39 awardees suggests something about how our world is changing.

As "Person of the Year" and "Biggest Winner," the choice was easy, Donald Trump. American Pharoah, Triple Crown winner of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes, was my runner-up.

But three selections tell another side of the story of Trump's triumph. My "Biggest Loser" was the Republican establishment. As "Most Overrated," I chose Republican governors as presidential candidates. As "Worst Politician," I chose Jeb Bush, son and brother of presidents, who began as the GOP front-runner with \$100 million in the bank and is now hovering around 3 percent.



**PATRICK BUCHANAN**

What happened to the GOP establishment? What has happened to the Republican elite? Why are they being treated with contempt?

In the run up to 2015, the GOP field was dominated by governors and ex-governors: Scott Walker, Jeb Bush, Rick Perry, Chris Christie, John Kasich. It was called "the strongest field since 1980," when Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bob Dole competed.

And governors, with executive rather than legislative experience, were said to be the ideal choice for chief executive.

Yet, before year's end, Walker, Perry, and George Pataki were gone and support for Bush, Kasich and Christie together did not come close to that of Trump. Trump's main rival was Ted Cruz, the scourge of the Republican establishment in the Senate.

Why have Republicans and conservatives rallied to candidates who relish bashing the elites of their own party?

Establishment Republicans have lost what the Chinese used to call the mandate of heaven. Despite their blather, they never secured the border in 25 years. They talk populism at election time but haul water in Washington for corporate America by signing on to trade treaties, like NAFTA, GATT and TPP, that workers detest and that send U.S. jobs overseas and cause U.S. wages to sink.

And they have plunged us into unnecessary wars they knew not how to end or win. The Bush era in the Republican Party is over.

Americans could be at a watershed moment when Sen. Lindsey Graham, an articulate voice for deeper intervention in the Middle East, is forced to drop out with less than 1 percent in the polls.

A second issue that dominated the McLaughlin Group awards was, regrettably, the deepening racial divide.

"The Enough Already Award" I conferred on Black Lives Matter, a movement marked by confrontations, the invasion of stores, hassling of citizens, and blocking of streets to protest what BLM claims is rogue police misconduct against black people.

My "Worst Lie" was "Hands up, Don't Shoot!"

That was said to be the plea for his life by Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Only it never happened. It was a lie, a concocted slander against Officer Darren Wilson who shot Brown only after a fight over Wilson's gun and Brown had charged the cop when told to halt.

My choice for "Most Underreported Story" was "The Ferguson Effect." This was most prominent in Baltimore, where cops, to avoid charges of racial harassment, stopped doing the preventive police work that produced a near-miraculous reduction in murders and violent crimes since the 1990s.

The "Most Underrated" for me was the revelation that, under Obama, gun sales have doubled to 18 million a year. For 2015, one estimate is 20 million guns sold, and 185,000 on Black Friday alone.

There are more guns now in the USA than there are people.

My choice for "Best Government Dollar Spent" was for first responders, especially the cops who risk their lives.

Taken together, these stories underscore the "Black vs. Blue" conflict in America, where some black folks believe the lives of their young are less valued, while other Americans look on cops as the first line of defense for their families in increasingly dangerous times. The racial divide we thought had closed has returned to re-poison our politics. And with the crime rate not only higher in the African-American community, but rising, there are inevitably going to be more and more black vs. blue collisions on which Americans take sides.

My choice for "Most Defining Political Moment" — the Paris and San Bernardino massacres — and "Worst Political Theater" — the ISIS beheadings and executions — may also point to what is coming.

From Virginia Tech to Tucson, from Ford Hood to Sandy Hook, from Columbine to Aurora, and from the Washington Navy Yard to Charleston, we have seen the enormous coverage garnered by the premeditated atrocities of our homegrown mass murderers.

Others seeking that same publicity will almost surely follow their example. So, too, the international attention that Charlie Hebdo and San Bernardino reaped will likely prove to be irresistible magnets to new ISIS and al-Qaida suicide bombers and killers.

But, as ever, we shall persevere. Happy New Year!

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

# New DOTD head focused on I-10 fixes

By John Dupont  
The Livingston Parish News

**BATON ROUGE** – Improvements near the split between Interstates 10 and 12 could bring much-needed relief to motorists traveling between Baton Rouge, into Livingston Parish and toward the Mississippi line, the incoming secretary for the state Department of Transportation and Development said Monday.

Shawn Wilson told the Baton Rouge Press Club at its weekly luncheon that huge tie-ups on I-10, particularly along the Mississippi River Bridge, have created many of the headaches for motorists along I-12 from Baton Rouge eastward past Livingston Parish.

His priority list also includes improvements to the Loyola Drive interchange at Interstate 10 in New Orleans, near Armstrong International Airport, as well as a railway system from Baton Rouge to the Crescent City and the completion of the Interstate 49 corridor from Lafayette to New Orleans along U.S. 90.

Interstate 10 will command most of the spotlight, Wilson



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**Shawn Wilson, the incoming secretary of the state Department of Transportation and Development, discusses plans to eliminate traffic on the corridor of Interstates 10 and 12.**

said.

“The Interstate 10 relief along the east-west will be our biggest project,” he said. “It crosses the Mississippi River, so it’s an international corridor.”

“Trucks come from all across the country carrying goods across that corridor,” Wilson said. “It’s not only necessary for the Baton Rouge area, but for the nation’s economy.”

Wilson, who assumes his post when Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards takes office Jan. 11, said the tie-ups along the

artery brings far-reaching traffic delays for motorists stretching into Interstate 12 and along Interstate 10 along the artery between Baton Rouge and Lafayette.

Work along the split between Interstates 10 and 12 in Baton Rouge would help ease the congestion, but the question remains where to expand or add extra lanes.

The work along Interstate 10 will top the priority list for Wilson, who assumes the leadership role from Sherri LeBas when Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards takes office Monday.

Plans to add one lane in each direction, tentatively near the 10/12 split in Baton Rouge, could significantly help traffic flow, he said.

State legislators from Livingston Parish gave Wilson high marks for his plan.

“I don’t think he’s too far off-target with the 10/12 split to relieve the bottlenecking,” State Rep. J. Rogers Pope said. “That’s been on the table for three years, so we need to find a way to open up a new lane, and that’s going to be the tough part.”

“I know these problems won’t be solved tomorrow, but

I’d sure hope to see a solution within my lifetime,” Pope said.

State Sen. Dale Erdey, R-Livingston, has served on transportation committees and has made road improvements one of his top priorities as a lawmaker.

Erdey believes the work is a step in the right direction.

“We’re one of the top areas in the nation in terms of traffic congestion,” he said. “It doesn’t just affect us locally – it goes a large stretch both ways, east and west – so any steps taken would be a great help.”

Any efforts would help, said state Rep. Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonzales. But he believes one measure would ultimately solve the problems.

“I think anything we do for a relative in traffic has to start with adding a bridge in Baton Rouge – not down or up the river,” he said. “It should connect somewhere to the interstate and include three or four lanes both direction.”

The addition of a lane each direction would help, but other challenges loom before it comes to fruition.

The lack of funds will pose the biggest roadblock, he said.

# Jones ousted over DWI case

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who issued the DWI citation, refused to drop the charge, as Martin allegedly requested. Weaver later told state investigators he consented because he feared retaliation.

Jones dodged a trial on four felony counts and a possible 15-year prison sentence when he agreed to resign immediately after he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief.

Bennett sentenced Jones to one year of probation and a \$250 fine and a \$300 monitoring fee for the probation.

The sentence also included six months in prison, which Bennett suspended. The prosecution was handled by the state Attorney General’s Office.

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## OBITUARIES

**Gregory Allen**

Gregory Henry Allen, age 57, passed away on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of Denham Springs and a resident of Walker. Greg is survived by his daughter, Candace and husband Danny Tennison; son, Clinton Allen; and grandchildren, Alexis Bourgeois and Katelyn Allen. He is also survived by his sister, Constance Allen Cheshire; brother, Chris Hernandez; his companion, Tonya Grimes; and his children's mother, Angelle M. Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert J. Allen Sr. and Ruby Latil Allen; brothers, Robert J. Allen Jr. and Dan Hernandez. Visitation was at the chapel of McLin & Manley Funeral Home, Walker, on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Visitation will continue on Thursday, Jan. 7, from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at noon. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment will follow in Gray's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Friends may sign the online guest book, and leave a message of condolence at [www.mclinfuneral-home.com](http://www.mclinfuneral-home.com).

**Kameron Badinger**

Kameron Cade Badinger, age 20 and a resident of Denham Springs, passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2015. He was born in Baton Rouge on May 4, 1995. Kameron was a loving, handsome and respectful young man who loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved playing baseball, softball and watching LSU sports. Kameron was a very hard worker and always greeted everyone with love and a smile. We will always remember the good times and the joy that you brought to our lives and you will be dearly missed. You will be in our hearts and memories forever. Kameron is survived by his father, Brian Badinger; mother, Kimberly Ann Lemoine Badinger; step-mother, Melissa Badinger; brother, Carson Badinger; step-sister, Faith Musso; step-brothers, Wade and Sean Musso; aunt, Sarah Nettles; uncles, Leo Badinger, Kevin Lemoine and Jimmy Nettles; grandparents, Patrick and Margaret Lemoine (Nana & Popa) and Jim and Karen Corvin; and other relatives and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leo and Charlotte Badinger; great-grandparents, Roger Francis Major Sr. and Mae Major Thibodeaux, Rushin and Eunice Lemoine, Edward Sr. and Mary Cleo Baker, and Earl and Helen Corvin. Visitation was at Resthaven Gardens of Memory and Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Hwy., on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Visitation will resume on Thursday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. until services begin at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mission Heart, Inc. 9655 Perkins Rd Suite C-136 Baton Rouge, La 70810. Family and friends may sign the online guest book or leave a personal note to the family at [www.resthavenbatonrouge.com](http://www.resthavenbatonrouge.com).

**Barbara Brandon**

Barbara Brandon, a resident of Denham Springs, entered eternal rest on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. She was 82 years old. A loving mother and grandmother, she was preceded in death by her parents, Royden and Daisy Powell; brother, Leslie Powell; and sister, Beverly Macdonald. She is survived by her brother, Michael Powell and wife Sandy; son, Roy Brandon; daughter, Nancy Manning and husband Dennis; grandchildren, Angela Borne and husband Lucas, and Alexa Brandon; and great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Melody, and Lucas Jr. A gathering was held at Seale Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 6, until the memorial service. Sign the online guest book at [www.sealefuneral.com](http://www.sealefuneral.com).

**Paul Brossett Jr.**

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Paul E. Brossett Jr. was held Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at St. Rita Catholic Church, Alexandria, with Father Craig Scott officiating. Burial followed in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery, Deville, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria. Visitation was observed at the funeral home on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, with a Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Pallbearers honored to serve included Larry Barbier, Larry James Barbier III, Greg Brossett, Michael Brossett, Christopher Basco, Jamie Garrett Price, Christopher Tidwell, Jarred Littleton, Chase Tidwell and Clayton Harmson. Paul E. Brossett Jr., 79, of Denham Springs, formerly of Alexandria, passed from this life on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge. Paul proudly served our country in the United States Air Force and during his working career he was in Sales in the Chemical and Paper Industry. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul E. Brossett Sr.; and brother, Donald G. Brossett. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Lori Rabalais Brossett; daughters, Kimberly Barbier and husband, Larry, Kristine Ferachi and husband Luke, and Melanie Austin Boudreaux and husband Brian; grandchildren, Ashleigh St. Germain, Larry James Barbier, III, Katelyn Barbier, Devyn Chellette, Tyler Paul Boudreaux, Kailynn, Boudreaux and Caleb Boudreaux; great-grandchildren, Beau Henry St. Germain, Gabriela Aguero and William Aguero; mother, Minnie Basco; brothers, Ronald D. Brossett, and Isiah "Dooley" Basco Jr.; sister, Gwen Deville; mother of his children, Angela Lavespere; and a host of other family members and friends. The family would like to send a "Special Thank You" to his doctors and staff at the Biloxi V. A. Medical Center for taking such wonderful care of Paul. He loved seeing all of you! To extend online condolences to the Brossett family, visit [www.hixsonbrothers.com](http://www.hixsonbrothers.com).

**Eugene Coats**

Eugene Allen Coats, age 87, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He was a native and resident of Springfield. Eugene proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a Baton Rouge Firefighter for 42 years and retired as chief of operations. Eugene married the

love of his life, Audrey, and they had a beautiful marriage for 60 ½ years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Springfield and was a Christian father and spouse. Eugene loved to travel and take long drives, but above all else he loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He was an amazing husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend who will be dearly missed. Eugene is survived by his wife, Audrey Wall Coats; daughters, Debbie Coats Johnson and husband Kenny, Cindy Coats Turnage and husband Al; sons, Rusty Coats and wife Karen, Clay Coats; brothers, George David Coats and wife Odelia, Johnny C. Coats and wife Ann; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Wall, Butch Wall and wife Mary, and Jerry Trice; and grandchildren, Lesley and Beau Beckworth, Laura Coats, Elizabeth and Nathanael Avara, and Christopher Coats. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene H. and Alice Allen Coats; sisters, Thelma Coats Boullion, Lilly Coats Trice; and brothers, Henry Clinton Coats, Dallas Gerald Coats, Robert "Bob" Coats Sr., and James "Jack" Coats. Pallbearers were Rusty Coats, Johnny Coats, Kenny Johnson, Al Turnage, Nathanael Avara, and Christopher Coats. Honorary pallbearers were Merlin St. Cyr, David Coats, Jimmy Wall, Butch Wall, and John Halbert. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, until the funeral service. Brother Randy Ray officiated and interment followed in Carter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Baton Rouge Fire Department at 8011 Merle Gustafson Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70807 in honor of Mr. Eugene. Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

**Dillon Dawson**

"Be strong enough to let go, and be patient enough to wait for what you deserve." Dillon James Dawson passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015. Dillon was born on Oct. 20, 1984, in Austin, Texas. Dillon resided in Addis, La., with his wife and child prior to his passing. Dillon was a previous resident of Baton Rouge, Denham Springs, and Livingston. Since graduating from Tara High School in 2003, Dillon became a very skilled and talented electrician. He had an excellent work ethic and prided himself on his work. Dillon liked

building and fixing things with his hands and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, fishing, riding his four wheeler and working in the yard. He had a quick wit, kind heart, and was always ready to help those in need. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Dillon is survived by his wife, Katie Soniat Dawson; daughter, Eden Kate Dawson; soon-to-be daughter, due Feb. 28, 2016; mother, Melonie Jewel Dawson and stepfather Ray Guerrero; brother, Chaney Lee Dawson and wife Celeste Savoie Dawson; nephews, Duke James, Marshal Lee; niece, Charlie Claire Dawson; father-in-law Patrick Soniat and mother-in-law Angelle Mouch Soniat; sister-in-law, Madison Soniat; and brothers-in-law, Dillon and Jordy Soniat. He was preceded in death by his father, James Michael Dawson. Visitation and a funeral service was at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016. A procession followed to the burial site at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 402 S. Kirkland St., Brusly, La. Pallbearers were Chaney Dawson, Mark Talley, Daniel Phillips, Hunter Fuqua, Danny Rosson, Robert Jones, Vaughn Ross, Mike Vicari. Honorary pallbearers were Duke Dawson, Vinny Talley, Randall Haddad, Chris Lorio, Kyle Nezat and Taylor Smith. Sign the online registry at [www.rabenhorst.com](http://www.rabenhorst.com).

**Linda Evans**

A resident of Walker, Linda Baker Evans passed away on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, at the age of 62. Visitation will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, beginning at 5 p.m. until memorial services at 7 p.m. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Edward Earl Evans; her only child, Michelle Evans-Miglin and husband Alex; three grandchildren, Joseph Spillman, Kourtney Spillman-Lejeune and husband Roger, her pride and joy, Logan Spillman; and one great-grandchild, baby Lejeune, who is due in July; and her sister, Brenda Robbins and husband Larry. She was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Mary Corsentino Baker, and grandparents, Salvatore and Laura Attuso Corsentino and Bernard and Bethel Arnold Baker. For many years she managed multiple stores in southern Louisiana for Southern Showrooms. It was here that she was finally able to realize her true potential in this life, a love for being a leader and helping her employees achieve success. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family to help with

final expenses. Sign the online guest book at [www.sealefuneral.com](http://www.sealefuneral.com).

**Ranny Griggs**

Ranny "Lucky" M. Griggs, 54, of Livingston, passed away Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at Carpenter House. Lucky worked at the Walker Hit-N-Run/Texaco station for 11 years. He met many friends and was able to serve his community in a way only he could. He will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved him and were served by him. Visitation will be at Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bayou Barbary, on Friday, Jan. 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will resume Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. until service at noon, officiated by the Rev. Paul Taylor. Burial will be in Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jeffrey Coolman, Kody Mills, Dewayne Ferguson, Jonathan Ferguson, Jacob Ferguson, Ronn Hernandez, and two honorary pallbearers, Dannie Joe Griggs and Ronnie Griggs. He is survived by his wife, Catherine "Bug" Eiland Griggs; daughter, Nancy Loretta Eiland; brothers, Dannie Joe Griggs, and Ronnie Griggs and wife Stacy; sister, Teleha M. Coolman and husband Gilbert; sister-in-law, Theresa Mills; as well as numerous nephews, a niece, other relatives and customers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Augustine and Ollie Mae Watson Griggs; and brother, Donnie Dwayne Mills Sr.

**Roy Hand**

Roy Jeffries Hand, 82, was born Dec. 22, 1933 in Morganza, La. He was a resident of Denham Springs. He served in the U. S. Navy with the Seabees Construction Unit. He was the owner of Hand Rental Properties and co-owner of Denham Springs Beauty College. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum and was a member of the Pipefitters Union 198. Roy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Kendrick Hand of Robertsdale, La.; two children, Gwen Hand Hood and husband Ed, Kevin Hand and wife Gina; seven grandchildren Rebecca Riecke and husband Sean, Andrew Hood and wife Lauren, Travis Hood, Allison Hood, Joshua Hand and wife Lauren, Heather Hand and Jessica Hand; two great-grandchildren, Olivia Lynn Riecke

and Grace Frances Hood; siblings, Roger Hand, Harvey Hand, Louise Hand Santo and Becky Hand Brooks; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Vicki Hand Rowinsky; parents, Fred and Vara Hand; and brother, Arnold Hand. Visitation will be at Zoar Baptist Church on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and will resume on Friday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Greenoaks Memorial Park Cemetery. To sign the online guest book, visit [www.churchfuneralservices.com](http://www.churchfuneralservices.com). Church Funeral Services of Livingston Parish is in charge of arrangements.

**Cassandra Harris**

Cassandra Denye Cochran Harris, 59, of Walker, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. Denye was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., on Sept. 21, 1956, to Ruby and Van Cochran Sr. Denye was a woman of great strength, love and faith. She always showed kindness and brought joy and laughter to everyone. Denye was preceded in death by her mother, Ruby Cochran; and sister, May Carol Barbosa. She is survived by her husband, George James Harris Jr.; daughters, Jamye Clark (David), Chrislyn Bryant (Mack), Rebecca Harris (Lynette McIntyre), Sarah Arceneaux (Brian), Cheryl Gamez (Matt); father Van Cochran Sr. (Anna); brothers Tomye Cochran (Mitzi) and Van "Buster" Cochran Jr.; and grandchildren, Sophie Arceneaux, Malachi Gamez, Joel Gamez and Jase Clark. Visitation and a celebration service was at Bethany South Campus in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, Jan. 5. In lieu of flowers, make a donation at either [CBN.com/tributes](http://CBN.com/tributes) or [SurgeProject.com](http://SurgeProject.com) on behalf of Cassandra Denye Harris.

**Edward Hoyt**

Edward "Eddie" Hoyt, age 77, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. He was a native of Springfield and a resident of Denham Springs. Eddie proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an extremely hard worker and owned his own grocery store for many years. He loved to garden and could always be found outside doing yard work. Eddie was a strong, loving, and incredible man who will be deeply missed. Eddie is survived by his wife, Ramona Hoyt; daughters, Barbara Theriot, Cheryl Whalen and husband Barry, Kim Eberhart; sons, Edward "Joey" Hoyt and wife Charlene, Timmy Hoyt; stepdaughters, Teresa Poche and husband Michael, Roxie Smith

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# Ricks returns with all but one key office staffer

From Al

to have a third term if the people will have me. I think our main goal is to work with the Council as a team to move the parish forward, complete as many roads and drainage projects as we can and hopefully accomplish a few other goals."

The starting point, he believes, will be mutual respect among officials and an understanding of the relationship between executive and legislative branches envisioned by the parish Home Rule Charter.

"The ten of us have talked about that on several occasions," Ricks said. "How do we disagree and respect one another and learn to compromise?"

Ironically, Ricks plans to showcase the day-to-day relationship he had with one of his main critics on the previous Council as a model to follow.

In handling constituent requests for things like road or drainage work, Ricks said Cindy Franz would contact

him. "When a constituent called here, she sent me an email," he said. "I always responded. Then I would email back. Everybody wins. That's what you've supposed to do. Don't tell me there's a hole out there and then get in the hole."

Under the charter, the Parish President supervises public works and Council members are not allowed to attempt to direct parish employees or control parish equipment.

Ricks said he's already gotten his first such email of the new term from incoming District 9 Council member Shane Mack.

Ricks said getting along doesn't mean perfect agreement. He fully expects his positions to be questioned and challenged from time to time.

The incoming Council includes four business owners, two former municipal elected officials and a former police juror.

"They're not yes people," Ricks said. "You can already sense the

personality traits." On the other hand, Ricks said the message from voters tired of the bickering was so clear that everyone taking the oath Monday fully realizes he is being scrutinized. In October, five of the six Council incumbents seeking reelection were defeated and the one who made the runoff lost the following month.

"They get what the public is saying, so we're pledged to work together," Ricks said.

The first test will likely come when constituents lean on Council members to make promises they may not be able to keep, Ricks said.

"The one thing I've cautioned them about: As new elected officials, you want to help everybody that asks for help, but sometimes you don't have that power. Don't make commitments and then have to backpedal. Let me do my job. The day to day business of this parish is all mine."

The Charter envisions a Council that focuses more on the big picture and Ricks said there is plenty of that in Living-

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Layton Ricks

Parish president

ston Parish right now. For his part, Ricks has pledged to make sure the Council is kept informed of parish business that affects them, particularly agenda items.

Ricks feels confident he has the support of an experienced staff to back him up. His top administrators remain in place, with only one change as Susan Abels will replace administrative assistant LeAnn Watson, who is leaving to work in the

private sector. Mike Hughes will be back as chief of staff along with Finance Director Jennifer Meyers and assistant Rhonda Lockhart Walker, administrative assistant Mary Kistler, DPW and Planning Director Sam Digirolamo, Permits Director Chuck Vincent, Homeland Security Director and Grants Administrator Mark Harrell, Facility Management Director Pete Day and Chief of

Operations Shevis Ball. The incoming Council will have the decision to make about the next Council Clerk, a job being handled since the Oct. 24 election by veteran assistant Sandy Teal. Lisa Frederick, who served as clerk the last four years, has been on leave since then.

- Incoming Council members include:
- District 1 (Livingston-north Walker) — Jeff Ard
  - District 2 (Watson) — Garry "Frog" Talbert
  - District 3 (Denham Springs) — Maurice "Scooter" Keen
  - District 4 (Denham Springs) — John Wascom
  - District 5 (Denham Springs) — R.C. "Bubba" Harris
  - District 6 (Collyer-Satsuma-Port Vincent-French Settlement) — Jeff Averett
  - District 7 (Walker) — Tracy Girlinghouse
  - District 8 (Springfield-Killian-Maurepas) — Tab Lobell
  - District 9 (Albany-Holden) — Shane Mack

## Obituaries

From Al

and husband Chuck Sr.; stepsons, Mark Roberson Sr. and Keith Roberson and wife Cheli; brothers, Homer Hoyt, Jewel Hoyt and Larry Hoyt; 24 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Netti and Homer Hoyt; sister, Carrie Lea Hoyt; and grandson, Andrew "Lil' Joey" Hoyt. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Saturday, Jan. 2, and Sunday, Jan. 3, until the funeral service. Brother Wayne Mack officiated and interment followed in Hutchinson Cemetery. Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Henry Jones

Henry Clay Jones (Sonny Boy) was born in Denham Springs on March 3, 1929. Henry passed away in The Woodlands, Texas, on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, at the young age of 86. He is free of pain and we are all so grateful. He graduated from Live Oak High School in March of 1946. He was the youngest of five of the late William Benton Jones and Etta Mae Ott Jones. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Maxine Lemley Jones; brother, William Benton Jones Jr. (Dub); and three sisters, Bella Mae Jones Milton, Winnie Lee Jones Whitehead and Willie Dee Jones. Henry went into the Army from 1946-1947. He was in the inactive Army reserves when they called him for the Korean War in 1950. He was stationed at Ft. Chafee in Ft. Smith, Ark., from 1950 to 1952 where he met Gladys Maxine Lemley, the Love of his Life, and they married on Sept. 23, 1952, in Van Buren, Ark., and made their home in Watson. They were members of the First United Methodist Church. They had been married for 60 ¾ years before Maxine's passing on July 4, 2014. Henry is a blessing to all and we are all very grateful to have had him in our lives as he will always live in our hearts. He was

a strong-willed man with very high family dedication and a loyal, supportive, caring, loving and great father! His mind was always thinking, and his memory was impeccable!! His life was his family! He worked at Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge beginning June 11, 1947, at the age of 18 and was laid off on Feb. 2, 1962 (14 years/4 months). He then moved to Lake Jackson, Texas, and went to work for Nalco Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas, on June 25, 1962. He retired from Nalco on October 1, 1985 (23 years/3 months). He lived most of his life in Lake Jackson in the same home until a month ago when he moved to The Woodlands, Texas. He grew up fishing off the Amite River and hunting with his dogs, especially "Pal." He loved to share his stories with great detail that were amazing. Henry is survived by his three children, Sandra Rae Jones Benke (Dale); Melody Ann Jones Martin (Teddy); and Benton Clay Jones (Gloria). Henry is further survived by his six grandchildren, Rachel Dale Benke Harrell (Ryan); Russell Ray Benke (Kristen); Justin Clay Martin (Angela); Lori Ann Martin Boring (Jeremiah); Matthew Clay Jones (Bri); Regina Moreno Van Avery (Ben). Henry is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, twins Hailey Ryan and Hannah Rae Harrell; twins Ethan Dean and Emma Dale Harrell; twins Kyle Wesley and Bradley Russell Benke; Kaele Ann Martin; Jereth Wayne Boring; Jalynn Faye Boring; Zane Van Avery; Caden Reed Van Avery and Evan Clay Jones. Henry was also blessed by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services will be officiated by Bryan Ott, providing vocal and guitar is Seth Ott, playing piano is Ann Lee, and serving as pallbearers will be Justin Martin, Russell Benke, Mathew Jones, Ryan Harrell, Jeremiah Boring, and Ben Van Avery. The Love of a Family is Life's Greatest Blessings! Funeral services will be held at Restwood Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016. Henry will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral services in

Restwood Memorial Park.

Darlene Long

Darlene McKneely Long, age 51, passed away in peace at her home on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016. The cause of death was metastasized small cell lung cancer. She was born on Oct. 14, 1964 in New Roads, La. She lived in Denham Springs and was employed at Wal-Mart for 27 years. Darlene was a Baptist. She was a very strong and dependable person. Survivors include her husband, Darrell Long Jr., Denham Springs; three children, Samantha Glascock of Walker and her spouse Barry May, James Long of Denham Springs and his spouse Kaylee Ritchie. Amanda Thomassie and her husband Tony Thomassie of Denham Springs; mother-in-law, Evelyn Long of Denham Springs; sister, niece, and nephew, Jodi Simpson, Tanner Simpson, and Makayla Simpson of Indianapolis, Indiana. Her brother Bruce McKneely and his husband Vernon Sims of Frankfurt, Kent.; grandchildren, Travas W. Glascock, Ethan D. Glascock, Destiny E. Long, Daryllyn A. Long, Kyleigh May, and Logan May. She is also survived by many close friends, family, and co-workers. Darlene was preceded in death by her father, Frederick Alvin McKneely Jr.; mother, Marie Mickie Ray Roy; father-in-law, Darrell Lee Long Sr.; cousin, Garrett B. Arnold; and numerous other family members. Services will be held at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs, on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, from 5 p.m. until 9pm. Visitation resumes at the funeral home on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 9am until Celebration of Life Service at 11am. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery. Relatives and friends are welcome at 33040 Clinton Allen Road and time of visitation or additional gathering. Memorial contributions are welcome on her Go Fund Me page at [www.gofundme.com/darlenelong](http://www.gofundme.com/darlenelong).

Lillian Vincent

The Lord said to him, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter

thou into the joy of the Lord." Mathew 25:21. Lillian Lea (Miller) Vincent, a retired nurse and a resident of Denham Springs, passed away at her daughter's home on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2016. She was 92, born June 11, 1923, in Clinton, La. She grew up on a farm where her hard-working family raised animals and vegetables for food. Lillian, her four sisters and five brothers, helped out on the farm as much as possible while attending school. During high school, Lillian worked nights as a telephone operator on a large switchboard. She graduated "valedictorian" in 1941 from Julius Frehan High School in St. Francisville at the age of 17. Throughout high school she always dreamed of becoming a nurse after graduation. The same year that she graduated, the United States entered World War II. The military's needs quickly brought on a nursing shortage. Lillian found out that the government was going to fund the education for women's training to become skilled nurses through grants. While waiting for the government to pay for her training, she moved to New Orleans to work in an Army garment factory making pants for the Army soldiers overseas. Finally in 1943, Congress authorized the Cadet Nurse Corps. The Corps offered scholarships for tuition and fees, stipends, and uniforms to women who went to nursing school and committed to serve in the nursing profession for the duration of the war. She was accepted into the Army Cadet Nurses program and began her training at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in June of 1943 and graduated at the top of her class in 1946. Just when she finished her training, the war ended and she didn't have to serve overseas. Lillian then began her successful career as a registered nurse working at hospitals in Baton Rouge. She worked as a registered nurse for 50 years before retiring, proudly knowing that she helped so many people in need. Lillian was so loved by her family and all that knew her. She will be dearly missed. She is survived by a daughter, Marv

Hughes, D. S.; son, Sam Vincent and wife Betsy, Bonita Springs, Fla.; sister, Helen Moore, D.S.; grandsons, Joe M. Hughes, Troy Vincent and wife Tandy, Brian Vincent and wife Emily and Scott Vincent. Granddaughter, Lisa M. Loustalot and husband Sean; Great-granddaughters, Carlea Loustalot, Sabrina Hughes, and Megan Vincent. Great-grandsons, Colton Loustalot, Joel Hughes, Jack Vincent, and Casey Vincent. She is preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie and Mary Miller; brothers, W.B. Miller; J. E. Miller; R. D. Miller; L. D. Miller; A.D. Miller; and J. D. Miller. Sisters, Alice Gertrude Jackson; Jodie Scroggs; and Philona Magee. Visitation was at Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, until services at 2 pm. Graveside services followed in Greenoaks Memorial Park in Baton Rouge. Pallbearers were Joe Hughes, Troy Vincent, Brian Vincent, Sean Loustalot, Joel Hughes and Colton Loustalot. Honorary pallbearers were Carlea Loustalot and Sabrina Hughes. The family would like to express many thanks for all the care given to her by staff at Hospice In His Care and for the two devoted sitters, Pam and Judy, whom I couldn't have done without. Their care, love, and compassion were immeasurable. Sign the online guest book at [www.sealefuneral.com](http://www.sealefuneral.com).

Marvin Watts

Marvin Curtis Watts, a loving husband, father, grandfather, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, at his home. He would have been 66 on Jan. 7. He was a native and a

resident of French Settlement. He was retired from Noranda. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and attending sporting events with his grandsons. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sandra Murphy Watts; children, Amy Kernan and Jana Roussel and Heather and Hunt Lobell; grandchildren, Cale and Cade Kernan, Logan and Blake Lobell, Mary Claire, Emma, Frances, and Hance Roussel; brother, Douglas Watts; sister, Patsy and Huey McLin; sisters-in-law, Bonnie and Richard Babin, Beverly and Daniel Kling; brother-in-law, Leon and Annette Murphy; aunt, Shirley and Floyd Wagner; uncles, Vic and Marie Watts and Andrew "Sonny" and Lila Mae Loflin; nephews, Steve and Susan McLin, Jeremy and Joy Kling, Ryan and Katie Babin; nieces, Amanda and Cody Stewart, Natasha and Chris McMorris, Sherry and Chris Guillot, Michelle and Clint Tranchina, Andrea and Aaron Remont, Tiffany Murphy and Jason Johnson, and Brittany Murphy. He was preceded in death by parents, Delton and Velma Loflin Watts; brother, Eldridge Watts; grandparents, Buck and Birdie Watts and Andrew and Ina Loflin Sr.; father and mother-in-law, Leon Roy and Clydie Mae Murphy Sr.; and numerous aunts and uncles. Visitation was at St. Joseph Catholic Church, French Settlement, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, until funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Jason Palermo and Brother Paul Taylor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the French Settlement Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 21, French Settlement, LA 70733.

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# 2015 D.A.R.E. Fall Graduates

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E.

**OFFICERS** recently graduated fifth-grade students they had instructed in drug resistance classes during the 2015 fall semester.

**G**raduates at **Albany Middle School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Sgt. Gene Higginbotham.

In the Gregoire homeroom were Claire Allen, Joseph Basham, Skylar Bethel, Grace Billingsley, Oramion Cooper, Christopher Cutrer, Brennan Demarest, Jasmyne Feagins, Emma Fuller, Dallas Griffitt, Charles Hoyt, Christopher Hoyt, Brooke Jones, Connor King, Tabitha Kuhn, Kayla Lanassa, Emma Landry, Nolan McClain, Alyssa Munoz, Kalyn Nelson, Silvia Ortiz Vazquez, Siarra Perry, Abraham Puma, Brooklynn Splain, Landon Stille, Kinsley Sturm, Belle Tassin, Gunner Waligora, Lathan Whiddon, Bobby Whitecloud, Bryce Willie and Peyton Woods.

In the McKay homeroom were Gabriel Garland, Marissa McCarter and Seth Miller.

In the Foster homeroom were Jaedyn Allen, Kayanna Bourgeois, Taylor Bourgeois, Jillandra Bruce, Julianna Campise, Daniel Cryer, Carlee Gardiner, Austin Gilliland, Austin Griffitt, Leon Hart, Diego Herrera, Keteylar Hodges, Brianna Holland, Andrew Howell, Madison Kiss, Rylie McDonald, Brody Miller, Lea-Ann Nuccio, Delia Persick, Presley Pevey, Juliana Roberts, Jasmine Robertson, Shaylin Shelton, Alexandra Smith, Karrington Smith, Mason Smith, Caroline Stafford, Madelyn Toole, Walker Torrance, Taryn Whalin, Elijah Williams and Bryce Wolfe.

In the Carolla homeroom were Eldridge Ahumada, Chloe Bankston, Caleb Barksdale, Lawren Barnes, Cassidy Blount, Saige Crayton, Antonio D'Amato, Madyson DePaula, Zachary Efferson, Brilee Ford, Henry Foster, Lillian Friloux, Chelsea Guy, Dekoda Hall, Zacharia Jackson, Jaslynna Lee, Brayden Lindsey, Skylar Lopez, Karissa Miller, Fernanda Moncayo, Clancy Morrison, Peyton Pfisterer, Brock Pregeant, Kelsey Ridgell, Brooklynn Smith, Jude Starns, Matthew Stewart, Presley Steily, Benjamin Thompson, Lucius Way, Gage Whalin, Jake White and Ja'Meisha Williams.

In the Woods homeroom were Kyle Badeaux, Jason Bottolfs, Kyleigh Bozzelle, Adeline Bradley, Harleigh Clouatre, Destiny Collins, Maya Contreras, Jade Dillon, Trinity Everhardt, Jahan Foley, Luis Garcia, Sydni Griffith, Jonathan Hart, Emma

Hood, Madelyn Hoover, Jeremy Hoyt, Randall Johnson, Kaylee Konczol, Matthew Manchester, Orion Misner, Kyleigh Mulkey, Samantha Patterson, Ethan Peters, Chloe Picou, Noel Rizzuto, Callie Sigrest, Landyn Sonnier, Gage Sykes, Cole Waites, Brandon Wesley, Marissa Wild and Jordan Williams.

In the Shackleford homeroom are Emily Adams, Kaylea Allen, Bralie Bardwell, Devin Brown, Edis Bullock, Camdyn Cooper, Gage Dawsey, Jayden Dunn, Ashley Gaude, Cedrick Hackett, Arlene Herrera, Chelsie Hicks, Reagan Howze, Julyana Iverstine, Sydney Kimble, Lilly Lipscomb, Jennifer Lopez Colin, An'tonio Lopinto, Madison McDonald, Myles Morales, Cole Pierce, Alexis Quamme, Zaire Selders, Sa'Myra Sexton, Ashleigh Smith, Brody Sziber, Dakota Vicknair, Brianna White, Samantha Williams, Brookelynn Wilson and Joshua Wingfield.

Graduates at **Doyle Elementary** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Lt. Jennifer Duet.

In the McCoy homeroom were Emmalee Arnold, Akira Burns, Addison Contorno, Scott Deslatte, Brooke Dupuy, Clint Fife, Kaydence Franklin, Isabella Horn, Aubrie Hysmith, Madison Kinler, Samuel Montgomery, William Morse, Brandon Ortego, Chloe Poche, Ethan Sibley, Gabriel Sullivan, Paci Watts and Kaleigh Wheat.

In the Clark homeroom were Cana Arnold, Keshonne Benn, Jordan Brooks, Bethany Cullen, Linette Efferson, Chloe Guitreau, Destiny Guitreau, Gaven Jones, Kylie Lutz, Brandon Melchior, Isaac Montgomery, Raeanna Morales, Shay Payne, Carleigh Price, Chance Sibley and Beau Wilson.

Graduates at **Holden School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Sgt. Gene Higginbotham.

In the Higginbotham homeroom were Treana Blount, Bonnie Brown, Jacob Dimarco, Makenzie Graham, Lexie Griffin, Zoey Hill, Charles Howes, Jadyn Hoyt, Melony Hutchinson, Joseph Mcmorris, Krysten Murray, Christopher Oliphant-Bonds, Mani Pearce, James Pevey, Marshall Ryan, Thomas Sharp, Devin Stambaugh, Ella Stephens and Hunter Vancel.

In the Meghan Hughes homeroom were Austin Bankston, Trevin Bankston, Giovanni Barrera, Makenzie Bell, Emmaleigh Bertrand, Kacey Breithaupt, Jaxon Coates, Cambree Courtney, Vivian Daniels, Mandon



DAVID NORMAND | THE NEWS

D.A.R.E. officer Lance Beall gives North Live Oak Elementary student Colbie Seals her diploma.

### WHAT IS D.A.R.E.?

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a collaborative effort by D.A.R.E. certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The emphasis of D.A.R.E. is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs, or to engage in violence.

The D.A.R.E. program offers preventive strategies to enhance those protective factors - especially bonding to the family, school and community - which appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors. Researchers have identified certain protective and social bonding factors in the family, school and community which may foster resiliency in young people; in other words, the capacity of young people for healthy, independent growth in spite of adverse conditions. These strategies focus on the development of social competence, communication skills, self-esteem, empathy, decision making, conflict resolution, a sense of purpose and independence, and positive alternative activities to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

Edwards, Jake Forbes, Logan Gibson, Autumn Herring, Christine Howell, Callie Jordan, Barbara Keever, Hunter Lewis, Benjamin Neal, Blayze Pitre, Jolie Stafford and Tyler Wilkinson.

In the Krystal Hughes homeroom were Jesse Beall, Elizabeth Blount, Trenton Blount, Haylee Bordelon, Taylor Douglas, Gracie Duffy, Logan Futrell, Laney Galyean, Steve Garcia, Luke Gibson, Jordynn Graham, Robert Miley, Aidan Mitchell, Kamrynn Ouber, Mayela Perez, Haylee Perrotto, Sean Quave, Chloe Romano, Caleb Sharp and Emma Wilson.

Graduates at **Juban Parc Elementary School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Lance Beall.

In the Lowery homeroom were Ella Albarracin, Uzair Ali,

Kameron Arceneaux, Jaylin Arthur, Terrance Callahan, Jude Cambre, Gregory Crain, Cayden Demoulin, Preston Garms, Kahlon Goodman, Emma Holt, Brooklynn Kaufman, Griffin Landry, Sarah Lewis, Joseph Marino, Gena Michels, Madixx Morris, Cade Murry, Logan Prejean, Allie Ross, Bryce Smith, Samantha Smith, Lyria Stanford and Caleb Stewart.

In the Ulery homeroom were Ava Acosta, Joshua Alonzo, Jacob Bell, Kyan Breard, Ava Butcher, Landon Cline, Chase Crawford, Joy Piarro, Brandon Gagliano, Koby Guidroz, Conner Higginbotham, Christopher Hoskins, Lucas Johnston, Gabe Koles, Jenny Lara, Jacob Lejeune, Susan Lemaire, London McAdams, Eduardo Olivas-

Bautista, Taylor Payne, Kourtney Pourciau, Kaitlyn Ritchie, Chloe Ussery and D'Marcus Washington.

In the Melancon homeroom were Hunter Ballard, Gabrielle Bercy, Shane Billiot, Michaela Burt, Drew Chapell, Campbell Davis, Jennifer Deshautelle, Destiny Dick, Aaron Graffagnini, Dina Guilbeau, Nathan Lilly, Cade McKee, Jacob Middlebrook, Ethan Miller, Sarah Mounger, Jessica Ozuna, Emilio Randazzo, Dylan Sanders, Michael Simon, Nichalous Smith, Jordyn Taylor, Jasmine Toups, Remi Vallot and Emma Wilkins.

In the Wax homeroom were Paris Babineaux, Ethan Benton, Luke Broussard, Leah Carter, Tristin Cheek, Hayden Cochran, Jacob Deese, Drake Desselle, Catherine English, Sophia Esposito, Alyson Frelich, Jeury Frias, Jude Horne, Sharon Jeansonne, Tyler Kimble, Hannah McCarty, Ryan McManus, Johnathan Moore, Jacob O'Shelle, Kyler Passman, Kira Rivet, Micah Silks, Emoni Smith and Lanie Sorrell.

Graduates at **Lewis Vincent Elementary School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Lance Beall.

In the Pourciau homeroom were John Bayog, Andrew Berry, Sabrina Bishop, Cooper Carlton, Braelyn Chapman, Pierson Daigle, Nicholas Drago, Ja'Niya Ellis, Eve Fruge, Caleb Graham, Cassidy Herrin, Kaleb Howell, Avery Hulin, Jabari Johnson, Emilee Lambert, Chloe Mizell, Joseph Mooney, Angelina Neal, Jordan Nguyen, Hannah Robertson, Terius Spain, Caleb Stewart, Emma Taucer, William Vines and Victor Walker.

In the Landry home-

room were Kobey Boutsisomphone, Breanna Chapman, Allen Dickerson, Kennedi Dupuis, William Gray, Caleb Harrison, Alyssa Heard, Ariana Hernandez, Haylee Hodges, Gage Hunter, Braxton Johnston, Jabari Kelly, Mary Laurich, Peyton Lester, William Mabou, Dylan Menier, Mckenna Naquin, Brooke Reed, Tyler Ross, Kaitlin Sanders and Mya Talbert.

In the Baynard homeroom were Kylee Babin, Darian Baggett, Charles Brewer, Dorian Fauchoux, Jakob Forbes, Nicholas Freiberger, Hunter Hamilton, Joseph Hathcox, Anne Hebert, Matthew Jeanise, David Kirby, Jude Lowrey, JaNivea Moore, Hannah Moss, Armond Norton, Blakleigh Patrick, Isabella Ratcliff, Julianne Slocum, Karissa Stephens, Charity Trahan and Cambre Webb.

Graduates at **Maurepas School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Robbie Ellis.

In the Henley homeroom were Madelyn Aime, Boston Balfantz, Daniel Bantaa, James Bassett, Jade Brown, Aaliyah Craig, Ethan Crawford, Lacy Darby, Regan Dauzat, James Ernest, Dillon Forbes, Alexis Franzen-Kitchens, Brannon Harden, Mason Hughes, Jordan Leblanc, Cora Luman, Daniel McMorris, Nathan Parker, Breeanna Penalber, Christopher Picou, Bransyn Rink, Fruga, Caleb Graham, Miranda Roberts, Caleb Seals, Shianna Smith, Leah Stewart and Ryan Taylor.

Graduates at **North Live Oak Elementary** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Lance Beall.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

**Music Club at the library**

The Livingston Branch Library's Music Club meets Jan. 7 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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.

**Young Writers Club**

The Denham Springs-Walker Library's Young Writers Club meets Jan. 7 and Jan. 19 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Young Writers Club is open to anyone between the ages of 10 and 17. For more information, call 665-8118.

**Writers Circle**

Writers looking for feedback are invited to the Denham Springs-Walker Library's Writers Circle on Jan. 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 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 and a venue for learning more about writing craft. For more information, call 665-8118.

**Coffee and Coloring**

Coloring is a relaxing activity, even for adults. Visit preferred library for free time to color, eat snacks, listen to music, and socialize. Libraries will supply intricate, floral coloring sheets and colored pencils. This event is being offered at the following libraries at 10 a.m.: Livingston Branch, Jan. 7; Denham Springs-Walker, Jan. 13; and Albany-Springfield, Jan. 20. Call preferred library for more information.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

**Paint With Passion**

Live Oak United Methodist Church presents Paint With Passion on Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$25. Registration is required by sending an e-mail to Trish at liveoakkids1@gmail.com.

**Commodity Pick-up**

The next St. Vincent de Paul commodities pick up will be held Jan. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 2151 Tower Dr., Denham Springs. Bring picture ID for pick up. Those who are not currently signed up must bring their picture ID, proof of Livingston Parish residence and proof of income. Call 665-1623.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

**KC Free Throw Contest**

Knights of Columbus Council 6326 of Denham Springs will conduct its annual Free Throw Championship on Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church Pavilion, located at 865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs. This is a basketball foul shot competition for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Contestants are given 15 shots at a 10 foot high basketball goal. All contestants under 12 years old shoot from a 12 foot foul line using a women's regulation size basketball. Boys 12 and over use a men's regulation size ball and a 15 foot foul line. Girls 12 and up use women's regulation size ball and a 15 foot foul line. Winners can progress to District then Regional then State level competitions. International winners are selected using State Scores. Prizes include trophies, game balls and participation certificates. Call 225-505-6062.

**Picking and Singing**

Plainview Baptist Church will resume their monthly Picking and Singing on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The church is located at the corner of Walker South Road and Joe May Road. Everyone is invited to enjoy Southern gospel music and fellowship. E-mail to arsie126@cox.net or call (225) 243-6683.

**Adventure in Narnia**

Ages 3 -11 can travel through the magical wardrobe into Narnia to complete quests for Aslan the lion and reach the final prize. Event offered at the Denham Springs-Walker Library (665-8118) on Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. and the South Branch Library (698-3015) on Jan. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required by calling preferred library or register at www.mylpl.info.

**Science Saturday**

Ages 5 - 11 invited to Watson Library to explore the world of science. Discover electric potential of everyone's favorite star. Joule Energy will show how the sun can be used to power anything from small devices to an entire home on Jan. 9 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 664-3963.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

**Knit and Crochet Club**

Ages 18 and up who love to knit or crochet are invited to socialize and share pointers at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. and the Albany-Springfield Library on Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. Call 665-8118 or 567-1441.

Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames

Impact Church, 34401 Hwy. 16, Denham Springs, will present the live drama, "Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames" on Jan. 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 664-0731 or visit www.experiencelife.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

**Mardi Gras Bead Art**

Ages 18 and up are invited to learn how to make a mosaic with leftover Mardi Gras beads at the following libraries: Watson (664-3963) on Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m.; South Branch (698-3015) on Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.; Livingston Branch (686-2436) on Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m.; Denham Springs-Walker (665-8118) on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m.; and Albany-Springfield (567-1441) on Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required by calling preferred library or register at www.mylpl.info.

**Discovering Cairo Genizah**

In late 1896, Rabbi Solomon Schechter of Cambridge University traveled to Cairo, Egypt, and discovered more than 300,000 ancient and medieval manuscripts. He had discovered "the Cairo Genizah," a huge trove of prayerbooks, lost books of the Bible, poetry, children's schoolbooks, love letters, business records, court documents, and more. Multimedia presentation will feature fascinating Genizah images, Genizah music and video of his climb to the Genizah chamber at the Denham Springs-Walker Library on Jan. 11 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. For ages 18 and up. For more information, call 665-8118.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

**Power of the Inbox**

A seminar will be presented by the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University. It will take you step-by-step through the keys to effective e-mail marketing at the Livingston Branch Library on Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. For ages 18 and up. Registration is required by calling 664-6638.

**Teen Advisory Board**

The Livingston Branch Library's Teen Advisory Board will meet on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. Suggest programs you would like to see, volunteer at the library branch, and help choose books for the Young Adult section of the library. For more information, call 686-2436.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

**National Prayer Meeting**

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be in Baton Rouge on Jan. 13. This is one of the 50 state stops on its Decision America tour. The prayer meeting will be at the North Blvd. Town Square with Franklin Graham from noon to 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

**Martin Luther King Day**

Club OutReach will hold its annual Martin Luther King program on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Club OutReach Center, 30277 Sunset Lane, Walker. Guest speaker will be former Livingston Parish Sheriff Willie Graves. The march will begin at 9 a.m. Call Velva Trask at 665-5660 or Mary Maiden at 664-1907.

**Nashville Unplugged**

Tickets now on sale for Nashville Unplugged. All proceeds will go to the Challengers Special Needs Baseball Park in Walker to provide recreation for mentally and/or physically challenged children. Live music from Restless Heart's Larry Stewart, Billy Dean, Diamond Rio's Marty Roe, Lonestar Richie McDonald. Special guest host will be Baseball Great Will Clark. Special guests include Clifton Brown, Gillis Silo and more. The event will be held Jan. 18 in the North Park Gym on Eden Church Road in Denham Springs. Purchase a VIP table for 10 guests for \$1000 and receive dinner and beverages for each guest. In addition, the sponsor receives a VIP "Meet and Greet" pass for photos and autographs with the stars. Purchase tickets by calling the City of Walker at 665-4356.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

**Grief Support Group**

Hospice of Baton Rouge offers free six week grief support group sessions in the chapel on the first floor at Ochsner Medical Center off O'Neal Lane. Group will meet Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 15, 22, 29 and March 7. To reserve a spot, call 225-767-4673.

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

HONOR ROLLS

Honor rolls below are from the first 9-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year.

**South Live Oak Elementary School All A's 1st Grade**

Eden Ashford  
Claire Barker  
Isabella Biscotto  
Carter Owen Boyt  
Dakoda Compton  
McKenna Cook  
Landon Diaz-Hasty  
Emma Escher  
Whitley Savannah Gardner  
Hudson Hunter  
Parker Allen Johnson  
Josiah Louviere  
Trace Macias  
Sean McAlpine  
Eli David McCumsey  
Abigail Grace Moore  
Savannah Lee Myrick  
Braeden Coyle Shirley  
Calleigh Kay Sproles  
Ngoc Thien Bao Trinh  
Evelyn Grace Wilson

**2nd Grade**

Madison E Amorello  
Taylor Grace Barclay  
Zachary Beswetherbraud  
Zachary Ayden Braud  
Jonathan David Carroll  
Jackson Coffey  
Emma Claire Corona  
Savannah G Ducote  
Bryce Harper  
Rachel L Henry  
Riley Herron  
Karrigan Marino  
Abigail Messenger  
Josephine Mullins  
Elliott Perkins  
Evan Staton  
Gavin Trammell  
Natalie E Victor  
Lily Grace Wege  
Carson Wade Welch  
Ethan B Williams

**3rd Grade**

Dominick J Bondi  
Aaron Christopher Escher  
Kolbie B Fairburn  
Lyndsie Paige Gardner  
Hayden R Hunter  
Cate Riley Johnson  
Emily Claire Loper  
Sophia Macias  
Cameron Milton  
Shepard Grant Morein  
Haley Nguyen  
Kristian Smith

Hayden B Tarver  
Wyatt Andrew Tynes

**4th Grade**

Dawson W Barrick  
Braden M Bateman  
Logan R Fossett  
Emily Goode  
Brinton Charles Harmon  
Haleyowitz  
Rhyli Johnson  
Isabella Joyce  
Michelle V LaBorde  
Kaylee McClendon  
Ella Saunders  
Braeden James Zeringue

**5th Grade**

Katie E Barnum  
Bradley Bell  
Gage J Cartwright  
Christian Cooper  
Dickerson  
Kylee Dunn  
Isabella S Dunnam  
Ella Elizabeth Elkins  
Rylie Madison Gardner  
Sarah K Grather  
Jack Keith Leaphart  
Abigail K Melancon  
Kaylee Jade Price  
Keagan Rabalais  
Andrew J Rutecki  
Baylee Savage  
Brayden Savage  
Jacob Wascom

**All A's and B's 1st Grade**

Addison Kennedy Ables  
Madden Michael Avant  
Taylon N Barnes  
Caleb Benoit  
Payton Bohlmann  
Hailey Marie Boudreaux  
Grace Elizabeth Rose  
Coleman  
Adam Richard Covington  
Hagan Doyle  
Jackson Anthony Giamanco  
Nikolas Gonthier  
Marlee G Green  
Brayton Hickman  
Kaileigh Humphrey  
Richard Keranen  
Khloe James Klingman  
Ava Aurora Lemoine  
Mariah Martin  
Connor Boyce Moore  
Michael Kayde Parks  
Jade Ramos  
Reece Ratcliff  
Madilyn Rispone  
Molly Rutecki  
Kristy I Santiago  
Kylee Scott  
Jenna Sibley  
Jordan Smith

Payton Snow  
Kristian W Turbeville  
Krislynn Turner  
Taylor Weathers  
Daevin White

**2nd Grade**

Leanna Andes  
Michael P Aucoin  
Ziariah Barnes  
Arthur Mason Bernal  
Chloe Noel Conde  
Logan T Donellan  
Daylon Gonzales  
Nicholas Cole Guidroz  
Columbus Harms  
Hunter C Hughes  
Iden Mark Jacobson  
Gavin J Jarreau  
Hailey Gail Knight  
Dayton E LeJeune  
KaeLyn Lucas  
Caleb McCarley  
Xander Meche  
Brenna Marie Pearson  
Richard Brayden Powell  
Austin Priddy  
London Reine  
Cole Reynerson  
Noah W Rodriguez  
Addison Kate Smith  
Jackson Smith  
Sadie' Lynn Stafford  
Emily Blaire Wellman  
Aiden C Whitehead  
Kirsten Young

**3rd Grade**

Allie E Abshire  
Brooke M Cloud  
Noah Michael Corona  
Jace Stephan Crane  
Maxwell James Davison  
Abigail DeLeon  
Makaelah Dunn  
Delanna Nicole Elsenrath  
Laylah R Ervin  
Jewel Gerstein  
Letha Faye Grather  
Gunner Matthew Hebert  
Alivia Jones  
Evan Kanetzky  
Anna Grace Kaplan  
Cadence Lambert  
Christian Landry  
Addison Leggett  
Niko Marierose  
Bryce Jacob Martin  
Makenzie Martinez  
Aiden Brody McAlpine  
Mason Lee Methvin  
Claire Mitchell  
Micah David Montgomery  
Cainen Jermain O'Neal  
Breleigh Page  
Jackson Riddle

Alexander Paul Roubique  
Brek Schultz  
Alyssa Spearman  
Shaniyah Spears  
Victoria Stanfill  
Miguel Angel Tejeda  
Garrett V Zachary  
Kaden Thomas Zeller  
Natalie Grace Zito

**4th Grade**

Derrick Lee Abshire  
Caleb Michael Angel  
Traven Nathaniel Barnes  
Kailey R Bauer  
Darren Michael Biscotto  
Scarlett Michelle Blanchard  
Micayla L Bond  
Kade J Boyt  
Shasta Alyn Brisco  
Breanna Bunch  
Braelynn Rose Cobb  
William Craddock  
Gabriel Dehlin  
Ashton Daniele DiLorenzo  
Kye Doiron  
Kaden N Fritter  
Haddox J Hebert  
Leah Claire Keller  
Emily Christine Knight  
Alondra Marierose  
Haley E Massey  
Mikayla Morein  
Deserae Desire Deshae Pickett

Tyler Prescott  
William R Price  
Hannah Quartz  
Skylar J Ratcliff  
Joshua Tremayne Ricard  
Jasi Rogillio  
Brooklyn Seals  
Hayden Aaron Smith  
Mia Catherine Theriot  
VernaJae Todd Whitley  
Nicholas Todd Williams  
Austin Workman

**5th Grade**

Gabriel Dean Amorello  
Austin Cade Andes  
Ian James Barbier  
Zakery James Barbier  
Ava Michelle Barker  
Emma Ann Brown  
Naudia Conradi  
Taylor Briann Deville  
Abigail D Erwin  
Aries M Giglio  
Alex Guinn  
Dawson Joseph Hebert  
Rhett Keagan Hill  
Katie M Hunt  
Emma Grace Johnson  
Elijah G Lashley  
Ethan David Lemoine

Theresa Vonette Lemoine  
Savannah Mascaro  
Ian McAlpine  
Diana Lynn Pearson  
Breanna Grace Penton  
Kylie Kay Price  
Ashley D Reynerson  
Alex Cole Rivers  
Tyler Bradly Rivers  
Emalee Claire Spence  
Lawson J Terrell  
Liam Trahan  
Brianna Nicole Varnado  
Abigaile Elise Viola  
Hayden M York  
Shaina Nicole Young

**South Walker Elementary School All A's 1st Grade**

Hadi T Arbid  
Lane Armstrong  
Caleb Jordan Augillard  
Hailey G Bachemin  
Kenneth Ballard  
Sabel Grace Bentley  
Isabella C Bernard  
Samuel Louis Bertolini  
Bailey A Boudreaux  
Kameryn Brixey  
Ethan J Brooks  
Bella S Carpenter  
Andrew M Chambliss  
Braxton Chiro  
Ethan A Clotiaux  
Hartley Creel  
Madalyn Ann Daisey  
Emma Dalton  
Khloe L Elwin  
Jayce Evans  
Jaylynn Falcon  
Riley J Garsee  
Lilah E Gerard  
Kamryn Lea Gill  
Jonathon Atlas Gillich  
Riley M Gongre  
Kadyn K Green  
Oakley Guillot  
William G Hart  
Hunter Hennigan  
Robert P Herrington  
Sydney M Hunter  
Vy My Hung  
Orin O Jarrell  
Briana C Johnson  
Sophia Lavigne  
Haidyn LeBlanc  
Juan Ledezma  
Elijah N Lentz  
Olivia Lindahl  
Damian Lance Lyons  
Kayle Michele Malbrough  
Connor F Matens  
Zoie Madeline Mayeux  
Ian T McGraw  
Reid McNeal

Bradley A Morrison  
Benjamin L Parker  
James Robert Pendarvis  
Tod Arin Perez  
Ryder Pettitt-Wise  
Brock M Pickens  
Alexis R Pitre  
Kara S Pray  
Jayce C Purple  
Aaron Rodriguez  
Kaidynn Grace Rush  
Jaxun Peyton

**Schweinefuss**

Campbell E Scott  
Tucker James Silvio  
Tanner C Singleton  
Nickolas A Smith  
Mallory Tatum  
Arleigh Taylor  
Hayden Taylor  
Jace G Thompson  
Mallory Villeneuve  
Evin R Watson  
Evan Dale White  
Angelo J Witty  
Adalynn Wright  
Santiago Wug  
Carson Young

**2nd Grade**

Gabriel M Bourgeois  
Taylor Boyle  
Heizel P Contreras  
Michael Thomas  
Gianna Davis  
London Dees  
Matthew Devall  
Madeline M Eppinett  
Catherine C Ewing  
Grace E Fay  
Wesley B Frioux  
Kyla Garrie  
Abigail Hess  
Ayden Inchausty  
Abigayle Johnston  
Da'Marrius K Jones  
Braylin Kent  
Cadence Kindschuh  
Anthony V LeBlanc  
Xavier Martinez  
Haden J Mazzullo  
Baileigh G McKenzie  
Logan McMorris  
Braden Moss  
Owen G Mott  
Ava M Mulholland  
Jezebel E Norman  
Jacob C O'Neal  
Tyler J Ordoyne  
Jake Rappold  
Amelia Richard  
Melany Saxon  
Brooke Silverthorne

# Warm weather delays dormancy, pruning



**SHARPE'S POINT**

Kenny Sharpe

What a start to a new year. A January that has azaleas in full bloom, hydrangeas blooming, roses abounding and green warm season lawns that still could use mowing.

I have people throughout the year who want to know when to accomplish certain cultural practices such as pruning. For certain plants pruning is recommended in the dormant season. When pressed for a certain date for dormancy my usual reply is between Christmas and New Year's. Seems like a safe guess but as I was driving between Christmas and New Year's the outside temperature was registering 86°F and has caused me to rethink my general statement.

It was a strange year for growing plants, probably the worst

vegetable gardening year I have ever seen. Too much rain which caused disease was followed by hot sun that scalded plants standing in water.

Then we had a hot and harsh fall that turned off dry and left farmers with no early ryegrass to feed livestock. That was followed by a very warm late fall and early winter, so warm that my red vinca were still in full bloom to celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year.

So where does that leave azaleas that are supposed to bloom in the spring? There are only so many flower buds and those are

formed early in late spring.

If you had a lot of flowering this fall and early winter on spring blooming varieties that are only supposed to bloom once per year I would not expect much flowering in the spring. The most dormant flower buds may still be there to bloom but I would think you have seen most of their floral display.

For those varieties that only had a few blooms, I am hopeful that the remaining buds are dormant enough that any future cold weather will not damage them and you will get some spring flowering, but again Mother Nature is in control.

Finally we had a significant frost the morning I am writing this and expect another one the next day. If you need to prune woody plants or trees in the dormant season

now would probably be your opportunity. I would not prune azaleas or any other spring blooming flowers now, but wait un-

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til they bloom in the spring or after they should have bloomed.

You can prune citrus now or as soon as you harvest the fruit. Most people want to prune long shoots that are out of

reach for harvest. To accomplish this follow the long shoot back to its origin on a larger branch and cut that shoot off flush at the point of attachment. Remove any dead branches and limbs that are touching the ground.

I would cut back all tree branches that impede your lawn mowing now. With maturity, tree limbs will bend down and get in the way of normal lawn maintenance. These branches can be dangerous as they could hit you in the eye or knock you off your mower, much less knock your favorite hat under the mower deck and shred it.

For limbs smaller than your thumb use a good pair of hand pruners or loppers. For larger branches use a three cut method to keep from splitting the trunk bark. Your initial

cut should be made on the underside of the branch and out several inches from the trunk. Cut only one-third of the way through the branch. Next, move a short distance from the first cut and further out on the branch and cut all the way through from the top of the branch to remove it. The final cut will start on the outside edge of the branch bark ridge and cut through to the outside edge of the collar swelling on the underside. Your objective is to only remove the branch and not harm the trunk. No wound dressing or pruning paint is necessary.

**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](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/livingston).

## D.A.R.E.

From B1

In the Drake homeroom were Allie Andrews, Emilee Aucoin, Ruby Browning, Lily Buchmann, Mikai Chatman, Owen Cooper, J'Kobie Erwin, Austin Germany, Haleigh Hart, Ethan Haynes, Kinley Hester, Taylor Hughes, Angel Lofton, Julianne Long, Grant Lott, Abbey McCulley, Bryson McKeithen, Zachary Morgan, Kyleigh Perrill, Andrew Prestridge, Tanner Rizan, Ethan Thibodeaux, Keaton Turner, Landon Wall, Landon Whetstone and Jaeden Wilson.

In the Harris homeroom were Madison Cambre, Angelena Coke, Brenna Conrad, Hunter Cupp, Christopher Davis, Olivia Delatte, Anthony Distefano, Markham Frazier, Quinton Gieger, Raleigh Gill, Autumn Glaviano, Sarah Johnson, Brooklyn LeBlanc, Jordan LeMay, Skyler Martin, Nathan McBride, Kane McKinney, Ashley Norman, Brady Odell, Bear Posey, Jacob Rowe, Sophia Sauhing, Jerry Stewart, Michaela Thornton, Sydney Wiginton and Jacob Williams.

In the May homeroom were Kylie Adams, Hannah Bass, Bryant Biggs, Braylee Boze, Kaslyn Brignac, Cameron Dodson, Michael Doyle, Alexander DuBois, Alton Graham, Preston Jumonville, Ben LeBoeuf, Alayna McDonald, McKenzie Myers, Alli Pendarvis, Logan Roule, Jayden Turner, Clyde Wallace, Greyson Watts, London Whetstone, Natalie Wilkinson and Brianna Wilson.

In the Mayfield homeroom were Jake Aldy, Emely Almonte, Marce Bartholomew, Zachary Barton, Corey Bouquet, Luke Bozeman, Brianna Browning, Logan Coley, Alixandrea Combs, Ross Gillespie, Matthew Gosserand, Madison Hayes, Miriam Higdon, Kylie Jarreau, Amanda Lassard, Justin LeMay, Mason Malarcher, Gavin Marvel, Joshua Mclin, Jayden Nations, Brandon Posey, Jacob Rayburn, James Rowe, Sumail Singh, Hayleigh Spindel, Layden Stafford and Noah Stafford.

In the Nugent homeroom were Chase Barringer, Christopher Biggs, Aaron Blount, Kaylee Chandler, Ashton Cook, Davin Cook, Macy Daigre, Presley Delanoix,



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**D.A.R.E. essay winners at North Live Oak Elementary are (from left) Sarah Johnson, Kylie Jarreau, Ruby Browning, Macy Daigre, Mallory Ginn and Braylee Boze.**

Chandler Diaz, Mark Dyer, Skylar Everett, Madison Harman, Jacob Hession, Theoren Hutto, Lane Lusk, Ahniya Muse, Pattera Newsome Jr., Zain Qureshi, Bryson Rayburn, Katelyn Richard, Londyn Smiley, Jessica Smith, Meredith Stoner, Bailey Tremblay, Jewel Wilcoxson and Adrian Zeringue.

In the Templet homeroom were Zachary Bodden, Brooklynn Crehan, Mallory Ginn, Faith Grace, Kaitlyn Hoover, Kelsey Hopkins, Ty King, Ryan Knapp, Emma Lewis, Nicholas Ma, Abel McNeil, Ava Miller, Isabella Ory, Skylar Peckham, Tyler Rayford, Kourtney Sanders, Colbie Seals, Caleb Smith, Logan Smith, Sierra Smith, Kaylynn Tyler, Devin Walton, Kelsey Wollmer and Lauren Zito.

Graduates at **South Fork Elementary** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Tim Ard.

In the Marris homeroom were Rylan Baird, Eugene Barker, Olivia Blackwell, Brady Bordelon, Mina Buckhalter, Ty Courville, Abigail Gartelman, Marek Hall, Noelle Harrell, Chance Henry, Autumn Higgins, Ashton Koontz, Mason McDowell, Chloe Pissot, Alexandra Polk, Tate Tanner, Bria Watkins, Amber Williams, Ryan Wilsey and Atley Younger.

In the Christian homeroom were Johnnie Arrington, Evan Barker, Lindsey Blanchard, Mia Catalanatto, Kaci Comeaux, Mason Curtis, Alexis Ducote, Kade Grevenberg, Corey Hankton, Jesse Hill, Jacob Kennedy, Garrett Lassitter, Austin Lockhart, Breanna

Montgomery, Mikayla Rodish, Brayden Rusk, Tyson Thomas, Emma Tramel, Matyson Turner and Jadynn Weir.

In the Williams homeroom were A'Myria Antoine, Isaiah Barnett, Carlin Brister, Cassie Brown, Cydney Cifreo, Rylie Edmonston, Christian Gross, Hunter Hebert, Taylor Hickey, Caleb Hull, Jonathan Kroll, Zach Lewis, Abby Marler, Landon Matthews, Madison McCarty, Sophia Miley, Breon Montgomery, Jacob Newman, Dylan Schroeder and Nikolas Walker.

In the Crow homeroom were Damien Alioio, Jordyn Ambrose, Maura Banks, Brandon Bardales, Collin Brister, Noah Broussard, Alyssa Gorman, Shaylin Guillems, Haydin Hawkins, Mar'laijah Jones, Riley Jones, Joseph Lasyone, Amie Lobo, Caitlyn Medicine, Natalia Melgar, Macy Miley, Tyler Mitchell, Madilynn Ray, Brady Saucier, Brandon Sanchez and Noah Thompson.

Graduates at **South Walker Elementary** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Tim Ard.

In the Thomas homeroom were Braylen Ainsworth, Allie Alexander, Mindy Bernard, Amariya Billings, Aidan Braun, Brady Brister, Lindsey Brocato, Kayce Ekpenike, Emma Ellis, Joseph Foster, Keshae Foster, Sara Glasscock, Cade Grunewald, Avery Guidry, Emma Hollenbaugh, Brittany Holper, Haylee Jackson, Kade Killebrew, Tyler Kinnison, Bailey Kogel, Anna Long, Bryan Orbe Ojeda, Ava Pitarro, Blake Rossnagel, Hunter

Smith and Connor Watts.

In the Leopold homeroom were Abbie Alexander, Terrae Bellamy, Alexis Blust, Mahkenze Bonczek, Sam Brocato, Madison Brown, Anna Deaton, Karissa Englert, Kayla Ferguson, Bryce Frazee, Anel Galvan, Ryan Goodman, Lauren Grams, Brandon Henry, Kendall Hopkins, Madison Jordan, Raegan Morrison, Jonathan Ordoyne, Samantha Quintana, Aadi Raval, Braeden Watson, Garrett Watts, Matthew Welch, Trent Whitaker and Destiny Young.

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Graduates at **Springfield Middle School** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Sgt. Gene Higginbotham.

In the Burton homeroom were Dylan Blackburn, Albert Brooks, Nathan Ramirez, Gabrielle Seals, Dayshana Smith and A'maria Westbrook.

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In the Hoover homeroom were Dara Anderson, Barbara Beddingfield, Carlee Blankenship, Kylie Breeland, Mikayla Coleman, Paris Cormier, Marissa Dampier, Ivan Fletcher, Colson Fontenet, Kayleigh Guy, Nykaia Hodges, Gavin Landry, Dorian Lusk, Colbey McKinney, Ella Mckinney, Crystal Nunez, Destiny Quave, Keontá Reese, Rylee Ryan, Trevor Sanchez, Brenden Scuderi and Draven Smith.

Graduates at **Walker Elementary** were instructed by D.A.R.E. Officer Dep. Tim Ard.

In the Hall homeroom were Sean Antie, Jason Baker, Rudy Cantu, Samuel Cifreo, Abrielle Falcon, Annabelle Fontenet, Madelyn Foster, Anna Gautreaux, Mallory Granger, Faith Gremillion, Sierra Hall, Madyson Hanley, Camden Heil, Emily Hohensee, Destini Kelley, Armani Kittiraj, Cysco Liddiard, Mackenzie Meyer, Brad Olivier II, Michael Reese, Caitlyn Riche, Jacob Snow, Nadia Stewart, Nash Tamplet, Seth Terrell II, Destiny Walls and Wyatt Zibrat.

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In the Sedlock homeroom were Keatyn Baham, Donovan Bertrand, Sharon Bourg, Caleb Credeur, Brady Dawson, Vincent Felder, Taylor Francois, Mark Heft, John Higginbotham, Jennifer Hillen, Nathaniel Kinchen, Emma Lee, Luca Liddiard, Lindsey Marable, Dylan Matheson, Ty McNair, Jahbron Moore, Paige Parker, Allen Porter, Kirby Roddy, Stephanie Sam, Rachel Seidell, Sydnee Tate, Donnie Welsh, Raymond Williams and Taylor Wilson.

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## WHAT'S UP IN THE

# ARTS FOR 2016

**IF YOU HAVE RESOLVED** to set free your creative side this year, Livingston Parish organizations offer many opportunities to participate in and enjoy the arts – visual, musical, theatrical and literary. The News has invited five of them to describe their missions and plans for 2016.

### THE ARTS COUNCIL OF LIVINGSTON PARISH

### DENHAM SPRINGS FINE ART ASSOCIATION

dsfaa.blogspot.com or like us on Facebook: Denham Springs Fine Art Association. For more information, please call Sandra Middleton at 225-664-9565 or Bonnie Smith Williams at 225-791-1896.

–Bonnie Smith Williams

receive a registration form via email, contact Barbara Walker at info@lpccsing.org, or download one on our website: www.lpccsing.org. To see and hear our choirs sing, visit our website: www.lpccsing.org.

–Barbara Walker



LISA DOWTY | THE NEWS

**David Howell speaks to an audience at the Arts Council Gallery about "How to Give Your Photos the WOW Effect."**



MIKE DOWTY | THE NEWS

**Artist Pat Zeller shows off three of her works on exhibit at the Arts Council of Livingston Parish gallery, 133 N. Hummel Street. The oil paintings are "Proud Rooster," "Louisiana Grazers," and "The Round Barn."**

### LIVINGSTON PARISH CHILDREN'S CHORS

### LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM



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**The youngest LPCC singers, the Apprentice Choir, perform in concert.**



JOHN DUPONT | THE NEWS

**Rex Bogen, 3, of River Ridge, takes a glance at the book "Mom Is Santa Real?" which author Myra Sanders Smith had on display at the Livingston Parish Book Fair.**

The Arts Council of Livingston Parish is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization started by a group of volunteers who realized that communities with strong arts and cultural values have strong economic and educational advantages.

Since its inception, the ACLP has been a catalyst for artistic development in our area. Our organization ensures a rich, multi-faceted heritage for present and future generations.

Our focus for 2014 - 2015 was to introduce "Learning through Art" in the elementary schools in Livingston Parish. This project illustrated that reading, writing, math and history could be learned through both visual and performing arts. The ACLP provided professional art instructors for elementary schools that do not have art classes. It has been very successful and will be on-going.

Our theme for 2016-2017 is "Arts in Education," and our focus will be to increase community involvement in the arts and to partner with other organizations to promote artistic experiences. We will continue to place professional artists in Livingston Parish elementary schools.

The classes we will provide to children and adults this year in visual and performing art include watercolor, pastels and acrylic painting, jewelry making, creations with clay, fiber art, quilting, music, and more.

The ACLP promotes, provides and supports:

- Monthly exhibits in our gallery at 133 N. Hummel Street, Denham Springs, with receptions held the second Saturday of every month
- Art classes at our gallery
- Summer camps at the L.M. Lockhart Community Center and our at our gallery on Hummel Street
- Quilt trail blocks throughout the parish
- Judges for visual and performing arts and other activities
- Art education in Livingston Parish schools

It is our mission to increase community awareness and involvement in the arts through sponsors, membership, volunteers, and service.

Make plans to visit the ACLP Gallery on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; the reception is free and open to the public. Meet the artists and enjoy the artwork. The rich collection of talent in Livingston Parish is inspiring.

For more information, visit our website at [www.artslivingston.org](http://www.artslivingston.org) or call the ACLP office at 225-664-1168.

–Mary Felder

People who have discovered the Denham Springs Fine Art Association say it is the best kept secret around. The group was established 19 years ago and is accepting new members. You may have seen the murals painted by the members around downtown Denham Springs so we are no secret. Members strive to keep the value of the arts in the eye of the community, inspire like minded people, and make art available to everyone.

Come join DSFAA members for another year of excitement. Memberships are being accepted for 2016. Each member is appreciated and a valued part of DSFAA. The membership consists of creative people from all over the area, not only from Livingston Parish. You do not have to be an artist to join, but may want to support the arts.

Come join us as we increase the presence of art in our community. The monthly meetings are usually at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday) in the conference room at the Denham Springs Municipal Building, 941 Government Drive, Denham Springs.

DSFAA has demo artists and speakers each month along with exceptional refreshments. Demos on fabric art, pottery making, framing and of course wonderful painting demonstrations have been offered in the past year. More interesting topics and demos are in the works for 2016. An acrylic workshop is in the works for 2016.

Two judged shows are already scheduled for the year. In addition, other shows to be hung in different locations are planned. Details and plans to add the new shows and workshops start at the January meeting. The shows have three categories including photography. Membership participation has been high. The fall themed show is an member only show, so join us to be a part of this show.

DSFAA is a non-profit organization formed to encourage artists of all levels dedicated to sharing knowledge, to inspire, to secure hanging space, to help others, to bring focus on the visual arts, and to have a primary role in the region's growing art community.

Join us at the next meeting. You don't have to be an artist to join. All are welcome to share the fun and gain knowledge from the programs. Check out the DSFAA blog [www.dsfaa.blogspot.com](http://www.dsfaa.blogspot.com)

One thing I know for sure...A child who sings is a happy child! Whether your child is already a singing star or can't seem to carry a tune in a bucket, the Livingston Parish Children's Chorus can provide exactly what your child needs. For 25 years, we have helped each child in our choirs reach their own personal music potential. LPCC alumni include professional singers and church musicians as well as just the average Joe enjoying a sing-along at the office Christmas party.

But LPCC teaches more than just singing. The kids have a blast while they learn responsibility, self-discipline and the value of hard work through fun and productive choir rehearsals. Because we teach children to carry a tune, sing in harmony and read music, our students are sought after by college choir directors and are chosen for All-State Chorus! When our kids start band or choir in school, they already know how to read music and rhythms! That gives them the confidence to succeed early, do well and enjoy their music!

As artistic director of LPCC, I often have adults tell me they wish they had learned to sing or read music when they were children. LPCC can make that wish come true for your child. We have three treble-voiced choirs available, and we never turn away a child!

Apprentice is for kindergarten-3rd grades (Tuesdays 4:30-5:45). Chorus is for 3rd-9th grades (Tuesdays 6-7:15). Membership in the advanced choir, Chorale, is by audition only. If your child is in 4th-12th grade and sings in harmony, they are welcome to audition for Chorale. (Chorale is one of the premiere choirs in the state, and has performed at Carnegie Hall, at the Vatican and for President Bush!)

The last day to join Chorus or Apprentice Choir is January 26, but don't wait! Choirs begin on January 12! Tuition is only \$150 for the entire semester! You can even enroll and pay via Paypal on our website: [www.lpccsing.org](http://www.lpccsing.org). Our final concert is Friday, May 6, 2016.

It's nice to know that something so valuable is also so affordable! To

At Livingston Parish Library, our mission is to provide all members of the community with resources and programs to fulfill their informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs. Livingston Parish Library staff invite you to sample all of the resources and events our organization has to offer in 2016.

There were approximately 416,000 visits to our five branches in 2015, along with 6,760 new patron registrations. The library's foundation is a collection of books, magazines, audiobooks, music, and other media that grew by 28,619 new items in 2015. Our knowledgeable staff is always available to help with all inquiries, from research questions to helping you find the perfect novel to match your interests.

Our eCollection is a rapidly expanding feature that makes eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines directly available to all of our patrons through the library's website. In 2015, Livingston Parish Library unveiled a new eBook service that makes it easier for patrons to browse, download, and read eBooks from a computer, eReader, or mobile device. The library currently boasts more than 5,000 eBooks in many different genres for patrons to borrow any time. Patrons can also enjoy our online databases featuring a wide variety of subjects, including one-on-one tutoring and homework help, continuing education, career planning, genealogy research, business research, free music, free movies, and much more.

Livingston Parish Library also invites adults, teens, and children to our programs and events, which are free to the public. Patrons of all ages are always able to Book A Librarian to help with a school project, résumé, job application, or answer technology-related questions such as using Microsoft Office, downloading eBooks, or getting started on Facebook. In 2015, Livingston Parish Library also started an adult literacy program for adults who want to learn to read or to improve their reading skills. This new service in the parish provides one-on-one tutoring to adults who need help with reading and writing. Flexible meeting times are available, and tutors are trained volunteers and library staff.

In addition to events taking place at library branches, Livingston Parish

**LET'S GO!**

**FESTIVALS & OUTDOORS**

Lazy B Ranch and Jarreau Entertainment present **Mud Fest** with music by Downfall and David St. Romain, Jan. 8, and the LACS and Parish County Line, Jan. 9. 23211 La. 440, Kentwood. Jan. 8-10. 333-8305.

**V. Watts Trade Day** with parking lot and building full of bargains. V. Watts Trade Mart, 13060 Florida Blvd., Livingston. Jan. 9, all day.

**NBHA La06 Barrel Race.** Florida Parishes Arena, La. 1301 NW Central Ave., Amite. Jan. 9. 985-748-5914. fparena.com.

**Tickfaw State Park** offers a water park, camping, picnicking, canoeing, walking tours, videos, nature talks, demonstrations and activities, including Saturday's Wildcrafts for Kids at 11 a.m., Nature Naturally at 1:30 p.m. and Wildlife Theatre at 3 p.m. 27225 Patterson Rd, Springfield. Call 294-2218 for scheduled activities. crt.state.la.us/parks/itickfaw.aspx.

**CONCERTS**

BRSO Lamar Chamber Series presents **violinist Yevgeny Kutic with BR Symphony principals Dianne Frazier and Molly Goforth.** Location TBA. Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. 383-0500. www.brso.org.

Kean Miller presents: Red Dragon Songwriter **Ray Wylie Hubbard with Aaron Le Tasjan** opening. Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. \$49.95-\$69.95. 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

**THEATER & DANCE**

**Movies at Manship:** Dinner and a Movie with **"Fried Green Tomatoes,"** Jan. 7, 8 p.m., \$7.50 (\$31.50 with Capital City Grill featured menu 3-course meal); **"After the Spill,"** Jan. 8, 7 p.m., \$13.50; **"Orion: The Man Who Would Be King,"** Jan. 10, 2 p.m., \$9:50; BR Jewish Film Festival presents: **"Deli Man,"** Jan. 13, 7 p.m., \$10; and **"Mr. Kaplan,"** Jan. 14, 7 p.m., \$10. Manship Theatre, Shaw Center, 100 Lafayette St., BR. 344-0334. www.manshiptheatre.org.

**Lewis Black** "The Emperor's New Clothes: The Naked Truth." Baton Rouge River Center Theatre, 275 South River Road. Jan. 9, 8 p.m. \$25-\$60. 389-3030 or 800-745-3000. www.brrivercenter.com.

**Brian Regan.** Mahalia Jackson Theater for the Performing Arts, 801 N. Rampart St., NO. Jan. 10, 7 p.m., \$39.50-\$44.50. 504-287-0351. www.mahaliajacksontheater.com.

**Blue Man Group,** an explosion of comedy, music and tech. Baton Rouge River Center Theatre, 275 South River Road. Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$40-\$67.50. 389-3030 or 800-745-3000. www.brrivercenter.com.

**SOCIALS & DANCES**

**Coloring & Coffee** - adults enjoy coloring intricate sheets supplied with colored pencils while they eat snacks, listen to music and socialize. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Jan. 7, 10 a.m. 686-2436. www.mylpl.info.

**Video Gaming for Adults** - ages 17-up compete against other patrons. Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St., Livingston. Jan. 14, 6 p.m. 686-2436. Registration required. www.mylpl.info.

**CLUBS**

**Belle of Baton Rouge Casino Atrium,** River Road: WFC47 Cage Fights, Jan. 9; 242-2600.

**The Blues Room,** 244 Lafayette St., BR: Wil Jackson Blues Band, Jan. 8; The Rock-O-Laz, Jan. 9. 650-3111.

**Boopalu's,** 29669 La. Hwy. 22, Springfield: Magnolia Fire, Jan. 8; Kandeecide, Jan. 9.

**Canal Bank Club,** French Settlement: Tet Dur, Jan. 10. 698-9074.

**Crazy Dave's Daiquiri Bar & Grill,** 28293 Frost Road, Livingston: Whisky River Band, Jan. 8; Kozmic Kowboyz, Jan. 9. 686-2121.

**Double D Daiquiris,** 32334 Hwy. 16, DS: Hazzard Outlaws, Jan. 7; Ernest Scott, Jan. 8; karaoke, Jan. 9, 12, 13; Imaginary Frenz, Jan. 14. 243-5688.

**Laguna Beach Daiquiris,** 8028 Florida Blvd, DS: Karaoke, Jan. 7, 12, 14; Magnolia Fire, Jan. 8; Jam Crackers, Jan. 9; Pat-E acoustic, Jan. 10; Rhett Guillot, Jan. 11; Jordan Babin, Jan. 13. 667-3738.

**Magnolia Sports Bar,** 6865 Magnolia Bridge Road, DS: Twist of Fate, Jan. 7; Leauxco, Jan. 8. 667-0205.

**Moonlight Inn,** French Settlement: LA Nite Band w/ Donnie Junot, Jan. 7, 14. 698-6759.

**Park Place,** Gonzales: Karaoke, Jan. 7, 10-14; Hi Maintenance, Jan. 8; Matt Kayda Band, Jan. 9. 644-8901.

**Roux House,** 143 Third St., BR: Red Beans and Jazz, Jan. 11; 344-2583.

**The Spanish Moon,** 1109 Highland Road, BR: Chris Levay and more TBA, Jan. 7; Sensory Impressions #2 w/ Pvratory, Elephantastic, Japanhandler, Chris Rehm & Shark Teeth, Jan. 8; The Colossal Heads, Ambassador, Kozmic Nods, Jan. 9; BR Comedy presents Stand-Up Pop-Up, Jan. 14. 383-6666.

**Sullivan's Steak House,** 5252 Corporate Blvd., BR: High Five, Jan. 7; Long Neck Society, Jan. 8; Storywood, Jan. 9; Big Daddy T, Jan. 14. 925-1161.

**Superior Grill,** 5435 Government St., BR: The Anteeeks, Jan. 7; Louisiana, Jan. 8; Chris Leblanc, Jan. 9; 48 Rouge, Jan. 14. 927-2022.

**Texas Club,** 456 Donmoor, BR: John Morgan, Jan. 8. 928-4655.

**Varsity Theatre,** Highland Road, BR: Tooloji, a tribute to Tool, Jan. 8; Tab Benoit, Palmyra, Jan. 9; Clay Parker, Jody James, Adam Dale, Sean Bruce, Jan. 14. 383-7018.

**EXHIBITS**

**Movement, Motion & Rhythm - works of eight sculptors.** Hammond Regional Art Center, 217 E. Thomas St. Jan. 8-29 with reception Jan. 8, 5-8 p.m., and Let's Talk lecture with the artists Jan. 13, 5 p.m. 985-542-7113. hammondarts.org.

**Louisiana Photographic Society.** Arts Council of Livingston Parish Gallery, 133 Hummell St., DS. Through Jan. 28 with reception and seminars Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 664-1168. ArtsLivingston.org.

**Capitol City Contemporary 2: Landscape** honors local and regional artists, through Jan. 10; **25 Years of the Hubble Space Telescope,** through Jan. 17; **Solarium, a NASA art video,** through April 3. Louisiana Art & Science Museum and Pennington Planetarium, 100 S. River Road, BR. 344-5272. www.lasm.org.

**The Portrait, the Artists and the Patron: 19th Century Louisiana Portraiture.** West Baton Rouge Museum, 845 N. Jefferson Ave., Port Allen. Through Jan. 17. 336-2422.

**Surreal Salon 8, A National Juried Exhibition of Pop-Surrealist/Lowbrow Art.** BR Gallery Center for Contemporary Art, 1442 City Park Lane. Through Jan. 28 with **Surreal Salon Soiree** Jan. 22. 383-1470. www.batonrougegalleries.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. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS. Through January. 665-8118. 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 January. 698-3015. www.mylpl.info.

**Snowmen collection of staff members; Holiday quilts by local community residents.** 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.

**Paintings by Anne Guimond and Annie Faber and photos by Michael Perault.** Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Through February. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

**The Carnival, the City and the Sea - Perry Smith's collection of Haitian art.** LSU Museum of Art, Shaw Center, North Blvd. at Lafayette St., BR. Through March 20. 389-7200. www.lsumoa.com.

**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.

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**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, Jan. 7, 5 p.m. 665-8118. 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. Jan. 7, 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, Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

**Winter Adventure in Narnia** - ages 3-11 travel through the magical wardrobe into Narnia to complete quests for Aslan the Lion and reach the final prize. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS, Jan. 9, 10 a.m., 665-8118; South Branch Library, 23477 La. 444, Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m. 698-3015. www.mylpl.info.

**Science Saturday** - learn about science and conduct experiments every first Saturday of the month. Watson Branch Library, 36581

Outback Road. Jan. 9, 2 p.m. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

**Off the Hook Knit and Crochet Club** - bring your project and questions, share pointers and socialize with music and snacks provided. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS, Jan. 9, 2 p.m., 665-8118; Albany-Springfield Branch Library, 26941 La. 43, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., 567-1441. www.mylpl.info.

**Mardi Gras Bead Art** - ages 18-up learn to make a mosaic with Mardi Gras beads and other materials provided, or bring your own. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Jan. 11. 5:30 p.m. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

**Discovering the Cairo Genizah** - a multimedia presentation with music, images and video by Rabbi Mark Glickman, author of a book about the trove of prayer books, lost books of the Bible, poetry, children's books, love letters and official documents discovered in an attic in Cairo in 1896. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

**Makey Makey: Young Makers Workshop I** - ages 8-11 take introductory Maker workshop and make banana pianos, Play-Doh controllers and game buttons they draw themselves. Watson Branch Library, 36581 Outback Road. Jan. 12. 5:30 p.m. 664-3963. www.mylpl.info.

**Happy Birthday, Edgar Allan Poe!** Ages 12-18 join a dramatic reading competition from the works of Poe, play games and enjoy birthday cake. Denham Springs-Walker Library, 8101 U.S. 190, DS, Jan. 14, 6 p.m. 665-8118. www.mylpl.info.

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**Heritage Lecture - Poverty Point: Revealing the Forgotten City** with photographer Janny Ellerbe and archaeologist Diana Greenlee. Old Governor's Mansion, 502 North Blvd., BR; Jan. 14, 6 p.m. 387-2464. www.fhl.org.

**OTHER**

**Miss Trudy's Traveling Trunk Show,** Jan. 9, 11 a.m. **Doctor Spark, The Roving Explainer,** Jan. 9, 12 p.m. **BASF Kids' Lab: Hold Everything,** Jan. 9, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., Jan. 10, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.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**

**Barry Manilow,** Jan. 29; **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.

**Janet Jackson: Unbreakable World Tour,** May 28. Lafayette Cajundome. Ticketmaster.com.

**CONTACT US**

To submit events for inclusion in Thursday's "Let's Go," call 665-5176 or e-mail LifestyleLPN@gmail.com by the previous Tuesday.

**APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!**

In this, the 19th year of the Denham Springs Fine Art Association, the new officers are Chris



**Jones**



**Middleton**



**Zeller**



**Hunt**



**Passman**

Bajon Jones, president; Sandra Middleton, vice president; Pat Zeller, treasurer; Mary Jane Hunt, secretary; and Nell Passman, parliamentarian. Founded in 1997, the Denham Springs Fine Art Association welcomes patrons and spouses as well as artists to further

their mission: to encourage artists of all levels, to share knowledge, inspire, secure hanging space, to help artists continue painting, to be creative people, and to never do anything to cause self doubt. They do all of these things with kindness and the respect that each

member deserves. They are fellow artists bonding together in unity to gain the most impact with the greatest effect in the community. In pursuit of these goals, the DSFAA meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Denham Springs Municipal Building.

Each meeting includes, along with a discussion of business, a demonstration or discussion led by a specialist that increases members' knowledge of the business of art as well as its techniques. Lavish refreshments are a hallmark of these meetings and are the chief motivation for attendance by those spouses and patrons. The Denham Springs Fine Art Association holds two shows a year. The spring show is open to outsiders and generally has no theme. Works are judged in four categories:

works under glass; works not under glass, photography and miniatures. Cash prizes are awarded in each category with the amounts determined by the number of entries. The fall show is themed and is restricted to members only. However, membership is just \$25 a year, so anyone who wants to enter will find it easy to join and do so. This show also includes four categories and gives cash prizes. The organization has joined forces to paint several murals in the downtown Denham Springs area as their gift to

the community and a force to increase camaraderie. From time to time, they organize group painting sessions, and individuals frequently join forces for two or three artist shows both in Livingston Parish and in the surrounding area. For more information on joining the club, call Jones at 664-5290 or e-mail chrisjonesthouart@gmail.com.

**CONTACT US**

To place arts accomplishments and opportunities in this column, call 665-5176 or e-mail lifestyleLPN@gmail.com.

# 2016 arts opportunities

**From B6**  
Library also travels into the community with our outreach program, providing library services and events in assisted living facilities, day cares, schools, fairs, festivals, and many other places. Keep an eye out for our colorful library van on the road!

The fourth annual Livingston Parish Book Festival will also take place on November 12, 2016, at the Main Branch of the Livingston Parish Library. The 2015 Book Festival was a success despite inclement weather with approximately 950 attendees who came out to meet local authors, hear live music performed by local musicians, and explore all Livingston Parish Library has to offer. The Book Festival is a celebration of books, literacy, and Livingston Parish.

Your library is looking forward to a bright 2016. The Denham Springs-Walker Branch of the Livingston Parish Library will be the recipient of a \$3.2 million renovation and expansion. Construction, which is slated to start

in spring 2016, will add more public space to the existing branch—two meeting rooms, a computer lab, four study rooms, and a Maker's Space. The renovation will also add parking behind the building.

For more information about Livingston Parish Library's programs or services, please call any of our five branches or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info).

—Emma James

## SPOTLIGHT THEATER PLAYERS

In the spring of 2011, Robert Reynolds revived live theater in Livingston Parish with the formation of The Spotlight Theater Players. The grass roots organization grew rapidly and garnered the interest of veteran actors, actresses, directors and stage managers from adjoining parishes.

The group quickly chose a familiar show that related to Livingston Parish for their first production: "Steel Magnolias." Following performances in November, cast members were greeted and praised by patrons of the show.



SUBMITTED BY EMMA JAMES

In a 1940s style radio thriller, (from left) Ken (Michael Verrett) and Joe (Chris Verrett) accuse Mr. Johnson (Robert Reynolds) of being a killer as Patti (Miranda Reynolds) looks on during the Veteran's Day Spotlight Theater USO Show at the Denham Springs-Walker Library.

As many members of Spotlight were involved in the Livingston Parish Children's Choirs (LPCC) dinner theater in the spring of 2012, their next production wasn't presented until August. Reynolds had recruited Denham Springs High School drama teacher Donna Van Oss for a summer teen production, "Aladdin," which was well received by audiences at Wholly Ground Coffee House in Walker and gave birth to a partnership with Wholly Ground to allow future Spotlight performances there, and also to Teen Spotlight, whose productions are strictly for ages 11-17

under the direction of Mrs. Van Oss.

The fall production, "The Diary of Anne Frank," was a challenge because of the size of the cast and the subject of the play. Veteran actress Christine Norred in her directorial debut with seasoned performers and several newcomers to community theater garnered applause and tears.

In March of 2013 Spotlight performed an Abbott and Costello radio play as part of the William W. Perkins WWII Memorial Weekend organized by Reynolds and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 258. As a result of the

successful event, the City of Walker will allow it as an annual event at Sidney Hutchinson Memorial Park. The radio play was also well received, and requests for performances by other organizations followed.

The trend continued in 2014/2015 and The Spotlight Theater Players will once again return to producing full-length stage plays when they perform the much loved holiday favorite, "A Christmas Story," in December 2016. Dates and venue will be announced soon as well as auditions for new talent. The Spotlight Theater Players are excited about 2016 and are always looking for volunteers regardless of experience. For more information, please contact Robert Reynolds at 223-515-3776 or [rcj455@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcj455@bellsouth.net).

—Robert Reynolds



## Eagle project: cozy cat houses

Hayden Johnson of Boy Scout Troop 322 stands beside one of the six houses for outdoor cats he built for the Denham Springs Animal Shelter as his Eagle Scout project with help from other members of his troop. Installed at the shelter, the houses have shingled roofs and insulated interiors for cold weather. They are also painted for protection with flaps to keep out the wind and more.



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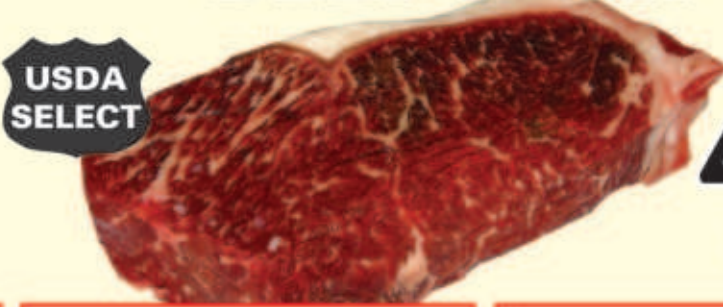
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# Jackets sting Bears

Denham upsets Catholic, 49-36

**By Sam Muffoletto**

The Livingston Parish News

**DENHAM SPRINGS** – After going 1-6 in its final seven games of 2015, Denham Springs has started off the New Year with two straight victories, including a 49-36 road upset win over Catholic High Tuesday night.

The Yellow Jackets, which defeated Hammond 61-47 Saturday inside the Grady Hornsby Gym, improved to 7-11 on the season.

“I’m a firm believer that if you work hard, good things will come to you,” said DSHS first-year head coach Kevin Caballero. “We faced some adversity and I feel like we’re a better team than our record shows. And we are when we play like a team.”

Denham Springs stays on the road Friday when the Jackets travel back to Baton Rouge to face Tara. The Yellow Jackets then wrap up their non-district slate the following week with a pair of home games against Episcopal on Wednesday and Tara again on Friday.

DSHS opens up its District 4-5A schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 19 against Live Oak inside the Grady Hornsby Gym.

“We’re going to have keep doing what we’re doing,” said Caballero. “Just keep working. I feel eventually the system will find its way into the players and the players will find their way into the system. And when it does, I think good things will happen.”

**Denham Springs 49  
Catholic High 36**



Ethan Treigle tries to keep pace with Denham Springs High’s Tori Odom. Odom had nine points against Catholic High.

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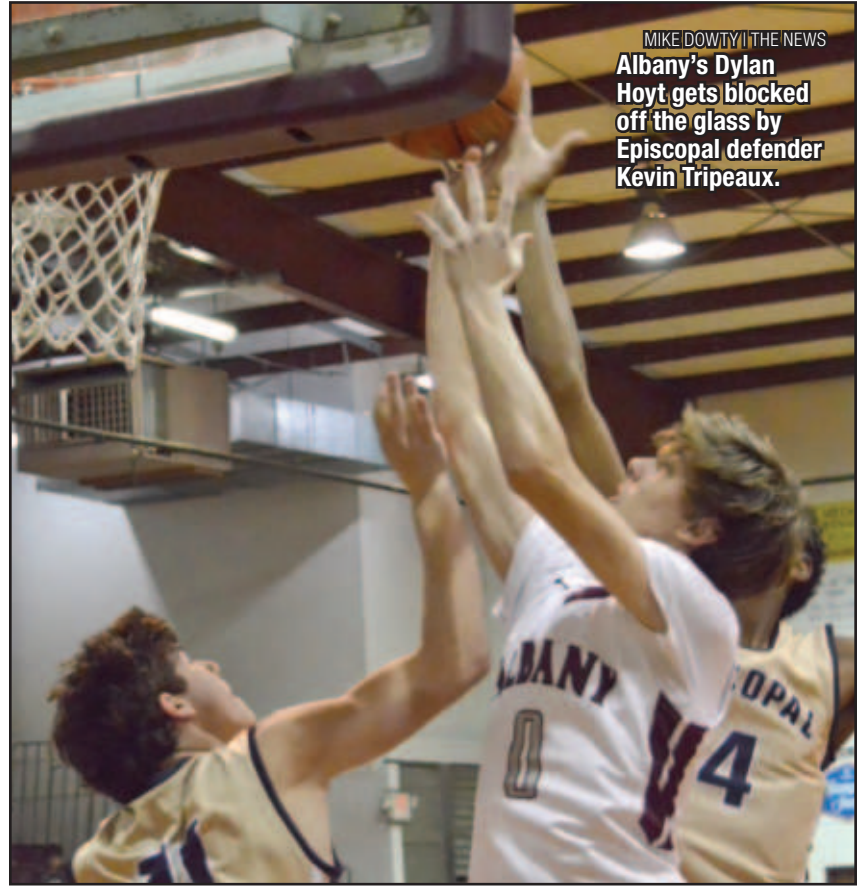
### WRESTLING



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## Live Oak wins St. Amant meet

Ethan Alphonso flips a North Vermillion wrestler in the 138lb bracket. For full results, and more photos, see pages C4, C5.



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Albany’s Dylan Hoyt gets blocked off the glass by Episcopal defender Kevin Tripeaux.

## Hot Knights shoot past Albany

**By Mike Dowty**

The Livingston Parish News

**ALBANY** — Episcopal moved to 18-2 on the season Tuesday and had little trouble doing it as star senior guard Chris Beckman Jr. canned 30 points

to lead a 67-45 win over Albany.

The Knights won their eighth consecutive contest

**ALBANY**  
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# Denham building on tough schedule

From C1

**BATON ROUGE** – Senior Torez Kinchen helped beat Catholic High at its own game with five 3-point buckets, as the Yellow Jackets stunned the Bears on their home floor, 49-36 in non-district action.

Kinchen, who knocked down three from beyond the arc in the opening period, led all scorers with 21 points.

“He’s (Kinchen) a senior and I challenge those seniors,” said DSHS head coach Kevin Caballero. “We had 13 (regular-season) games left coming in and now they have just 12. It’s about how you want to be remembered. I just believe we can get this thing going and get ready for district.”

“We’ve played a tough schedule so far and when you can come in here and beat a really good Catholic High (13-4) team on their home floor, I’m proud of these kids.”

Along with a steal and a lay-in by Dorsette Washington and a free throw by Chad Taylor with one second showing, DSHS jumped out to a 12-6 lead after the first period.

Catholic opened the second period with a 7-2 run, with all of the

**‘We’ve played a really tough schedule so far and when you can come in here and beat a really good Catholic High (13-4) team on their home floor, I’m proud of these kids.’**

**Kevin Caballero**

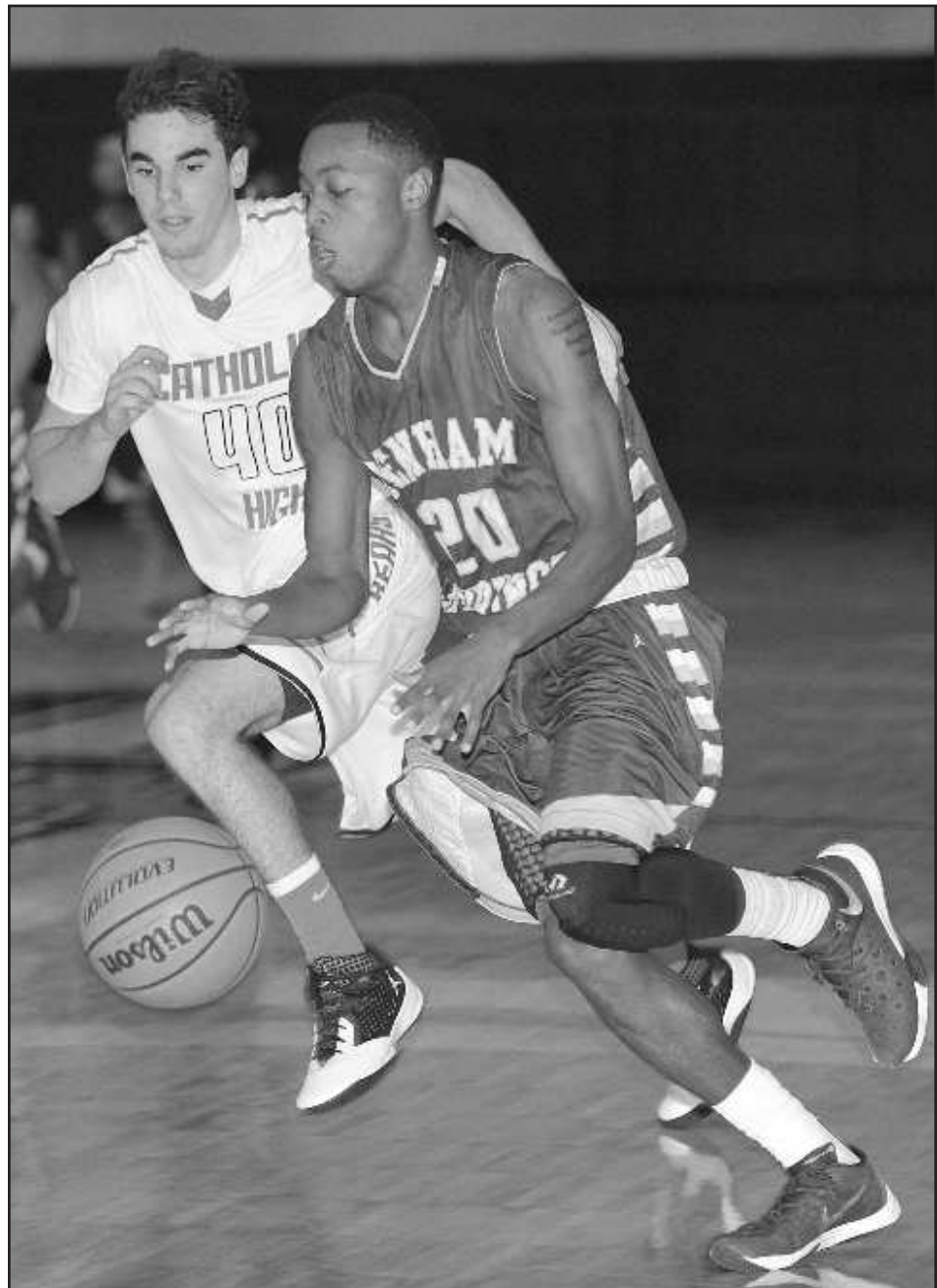
DSHS boys basketball coach

Bears’ points scored by senior Toliver Freeman to pull his team within two, 14-12.

DSHS senior guard Micah Wilkerson scored his first points of the game with a 3-pointer at the 4:42 mark of the first half,

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At left, Denham Springs High’s Kolby Brooks tries to keep control of the ball near the out of bounds line against Catholic defender John Ward. Above, Denham Springs High’s Tori Odom makes a fast break down court against Catholic High defender Ethan Treigle. Below left, Denham Springs High’s Chad Taylor attempts a shot around the outstretched arms of Catholic High defender Sam Cancieene.

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## Denham also beat Hammond, 61-47

From C2

but CHS' Ethan Treigle answered with one of his three 3-pointers of the first half.

The Yellow Jackets then reeled off seven unanswered points in just a one-minute span, beginning with a bucket on the inside by senior reserve Jordan Alford.

Taylor then scored with a transition bucket and then Wilkerson knocked down his second trey from way outside the circle in NBA land.

Not to be outdone, Treigle and Freeman closed out the first half with back-to-back 3-pointers, as Catholic trimmed Denham's lead to three, 24-21 at intermission.

DSHS was 9-of-20 from the field in the first half, but 5-of-10 from outside the arc.

Catholic also hit 5-of-10 3-pointers, but was 6-for-16 overall from the field in the first half.

Treigle, who finished the night with 13 points, made it a one-point game (24-23) with a driving basket to open the second half. Both teams however, faced three scoreless minutes, before DSHS' Kinchen broke the ice with an inside basket off the glass.

Demarcus Shepherd answered with a three-point play the old fashion way to tie-up the game at 26-apiece with 4:02 to play in the third period.

Those points proved to be the last for the Bears in the quarter, as the Yellow Jackets scored the final eight points, with closing back-to-back 3-pointers by Wilkerson and Kinchen to send Denham into the fourth quarter up 34-26.

Catholic made one final spurt at a comeback effort to begin the final period, as the Bears outscored Denham 5-2 in the first three minutes to pull within five at 36-31.

A nearly three-minute scoring drought fol-

**“We knew Catholic was going to be really hard to guard and we came out and made some changes defensively. Our kids responded and we made some shots. We hit some free throws down the stretch, but that’s how you win games, especially these close games - being able to hit free throws down the stretch.”**

Kevin Caballero

DSHS boys basketball coach

lowed for Catholic, while Denham Springs scored six straight points, including Kinchen's final 3-pointer of the game to reopen a double-digit lead at 42-31 with just over two minutes to play.

Freeman, who led Catholic with 17 points, answered with a three-point play with 1:59 left, but that proved to be their final field goal of the contest.

Denham spent practically the final 1:50 of the game at the free throw line. After missing its first four charity tosses, the Yellow Jackets sank its final seven shots from the line to lock-down the win.

Senior Tori Odom, who scored all nine of his points in the final period, was 7-of-9 from the free throw line.

“We knew Catholic was going to be really hard to guard and we came out and made some changes defensively,” said Caballero. “And our kids responded and we made some shots.”

“And we hit some free throws down the stretch,” added Caballero. “But that’s how you win games, especially these close games. Being able to hit free throws down the stretch.”

**Denham 12 12 10 15 — 49**  
**Catholic 6 15 5 10 — 36**

DENHAM SPRINGS: Torez Kinchen 21, Micah Williams 9, Tori Odom 9, Chad Taylor 4, Kolby Brooks 2, Dorsette Washington 2, Jordan Alford 2. CATHOLIC HIGH: Toliver Freeman 17, Ethan Treigle 13, Demarcus Shepherd 3, Austin Lachney 2, Sam Cancienne 1.

(Saturday)

**Denham Springs 61**  
**Hammond 47**

DENHAM SPRINGS - Torez Kinchen and Chad Taylor scored 15 points apiece, as Denham Springs jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first period and fought off a Hammond comeback effort to post a 61-47 win over the Tors inside the Grady Hornsby Gym.

Kinchen knocked down two of his three 3-pointers on the night in the opening quarter, while teammate Micah Wilkerson also connected on two outside the circle in the period to push Denham out to a 25-12 lead.

Ray Whitley also sank a bucket from beyond the arc in the first period, while Dorsette Washington also contributed in the balanced attack with two field goals in the first eight minutes.

Taylor scored five points in the second period, while Whitley, Washington and Tyre Golmond had a field goal apiece. Hammond however, outscored Denham 12-11, but the Yellow Jackets maintained a double-digit (36-24) lead at intermission.

Denham's shooting took a turn downwards in the third period, scoring just seven points, while the Tors tossed in 13 to cut the deficit to six points, 43-37 heading into the fourth.

The Yellow Jackets regained control in the final period, with Taylor and Kinchen combining for 10 points, as DSHS outscored Hammond 16-10 over the final eight minutes.

Taylor tossed in six points in the fourth, including 2-for-2 at the free throw line, while Kinchen had a bucket and 2-for-3 at the line.

Washington chipped in with two field goals in the fourth quarter, as the sophomore finished the game in double-figures as well with 12 points.

**Hammond 12 12 13 10 — 47**  
**Denham 25 11 7 16 — 61**

HAMMOND: J. Butler 19, D. Jackson 19, D. Wilson 7, S. Taylor 2. DENHAM SPRINGS: Torez Kinchen 15, Chad Taylor 15, Dorsette Washington 12, Micah Wilkerson 6, Ray Whitley 5, Tori Odom 4, Jordan Alford 2, Tyre Golmond 2.



At top, a Catholic High defender tries to block Denham Springs High's Dorsett Washington's shot attempt. Above, Denham Springs High's Torez Kinchen passes the ball over Catholic High defender John Ward. Kinchen was the Yellow Jackets leading scorer with 21 points in their win over the Bears 49-36 Tuesday.

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WRESTLING



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### Live Oak takes second at St. Amant tournament

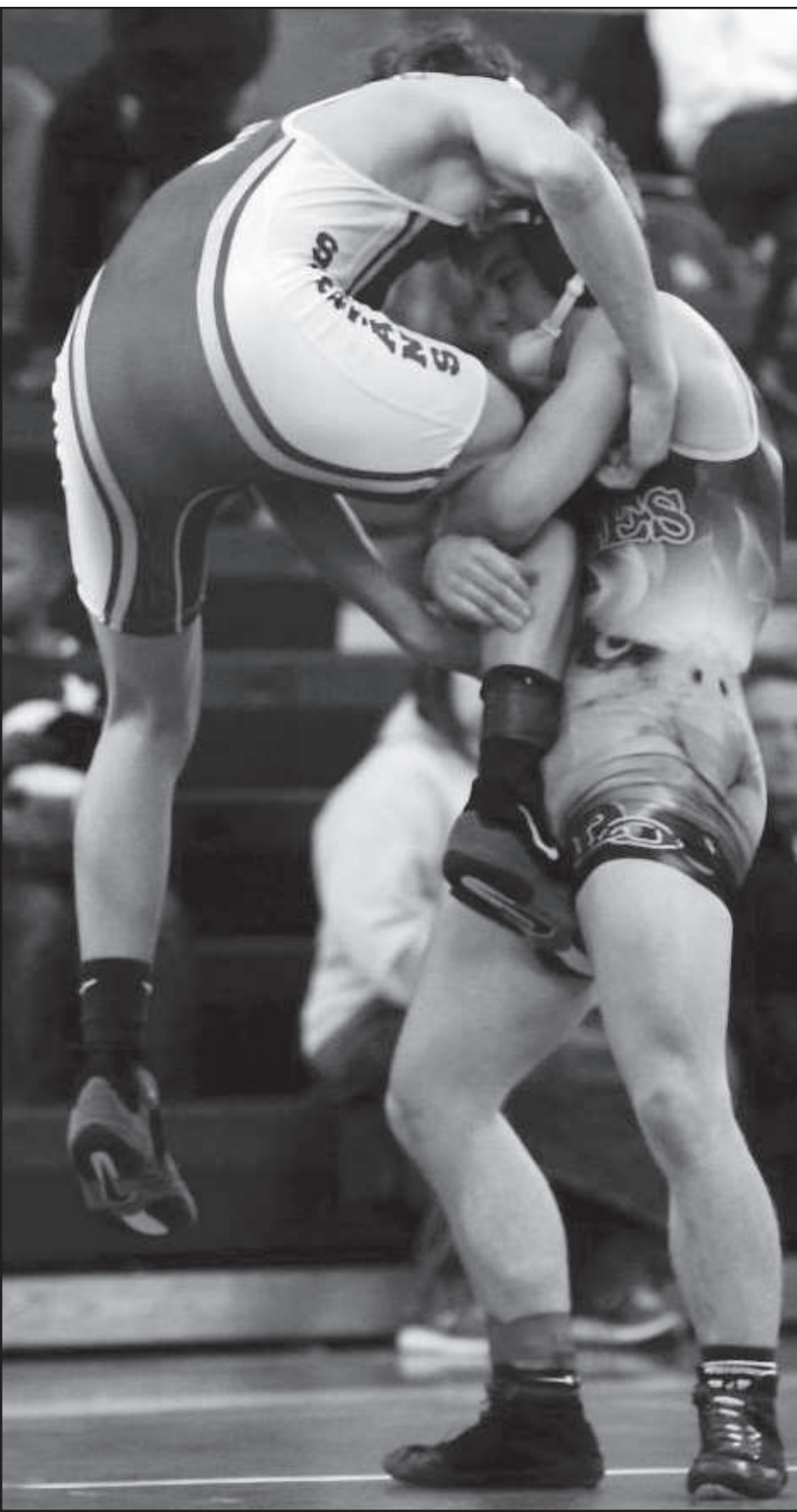
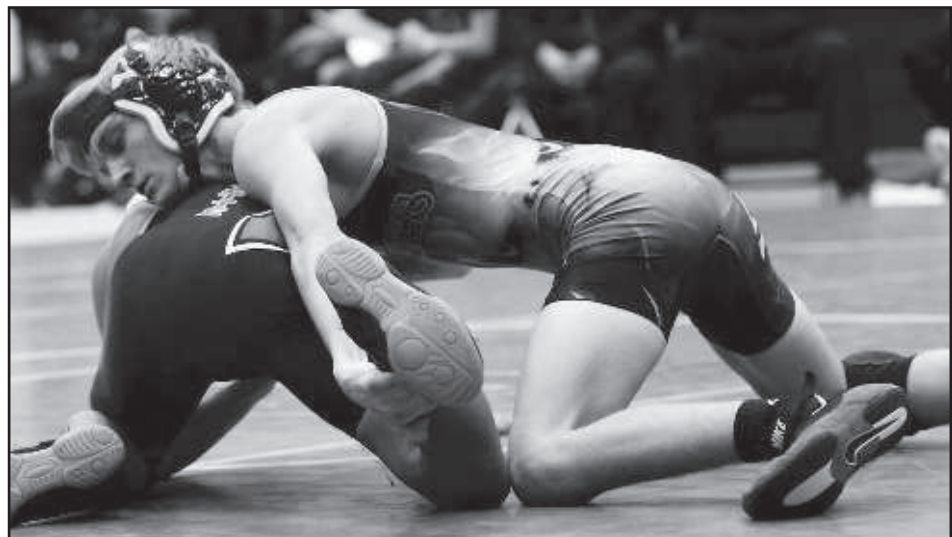
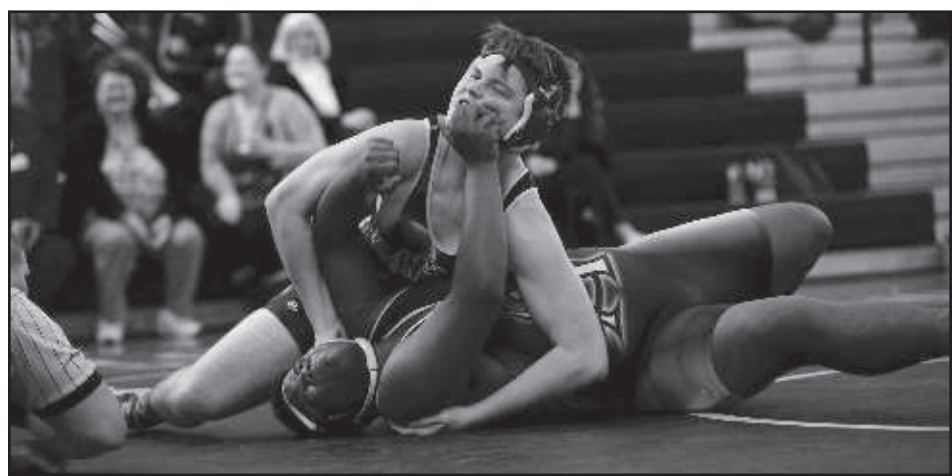
Coach Christopher Collier took the Live Oak High Varsity wrestling team - pictured above with their trophy - to St Amant in Ascension Parish this past Saturday to start the New Year off with a bang. Exactly 13 teams competed in the tournament style tilt that functioned like a playoff system, with winning teams advancing to higher pool brackets.

Live Oak got first place in their initial pool defeating St Michael and North Vermillion. After steam rolling St. Michael 66-12 they won a nail biter over North Vermillion with two clutch victories at the end, first by Jonah Aydell 195lbs with a pin at 1:06 and the next by Anthony Ingram 220lbs with a pin at 1:07 which fended off a furious comeback by North Vermillion's veteran squad. This advanced Live Oak to the Championship bracket.

The Eagles defeated Lafayette 54-30, then East Ascension 47-34 which set up a finals match with the hosting St Amant Gators. St Amant proved too tough this day even with Grant Martins pin at 3:40 and Ean Hill's pin at 1:33 to cap off the tournament, the Eagles fell to the Gators 48-25 taking 2nd place to one of the teams heavily favored to win the City Championship tournament this year.

Wrestlers who were undefeated on the day:  
Mason Middleton 126lbs  
Ethan Alphonso 138lbs  
Brennan Webb 145lbs

Live Oak travels on January 9th to Bossier City to compete in the Lone Survivor Tourney which is touted as the premier Division 2 battle and has many implications for the State Championship seeding and then to Zachary for a dual on January 16th. Above right, Gabe Philpot struggles with a St. Amant wrestler in the 285lb bracket. At right, Seth Minard tries to gain leverage on a floor scrum in the 120lb bracket. Below, Mason Middleton begins the takedown of an East Ascension wrestler in the 126lb bracket.



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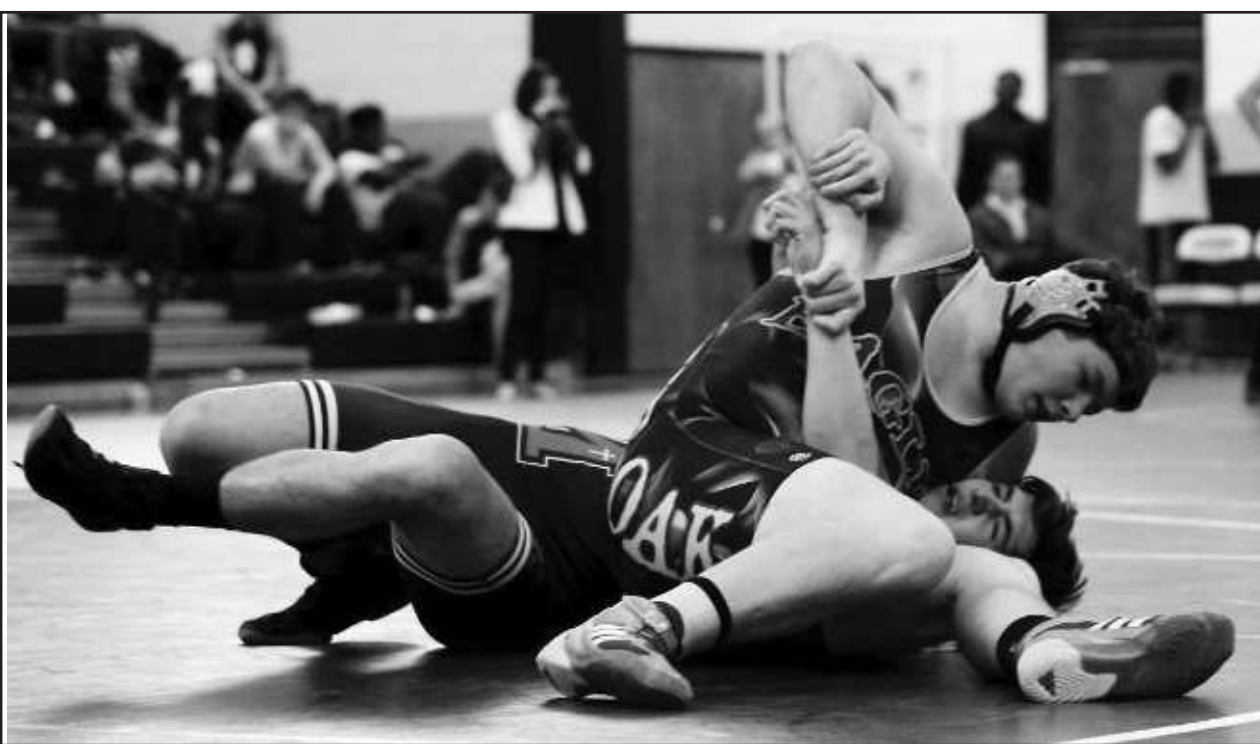
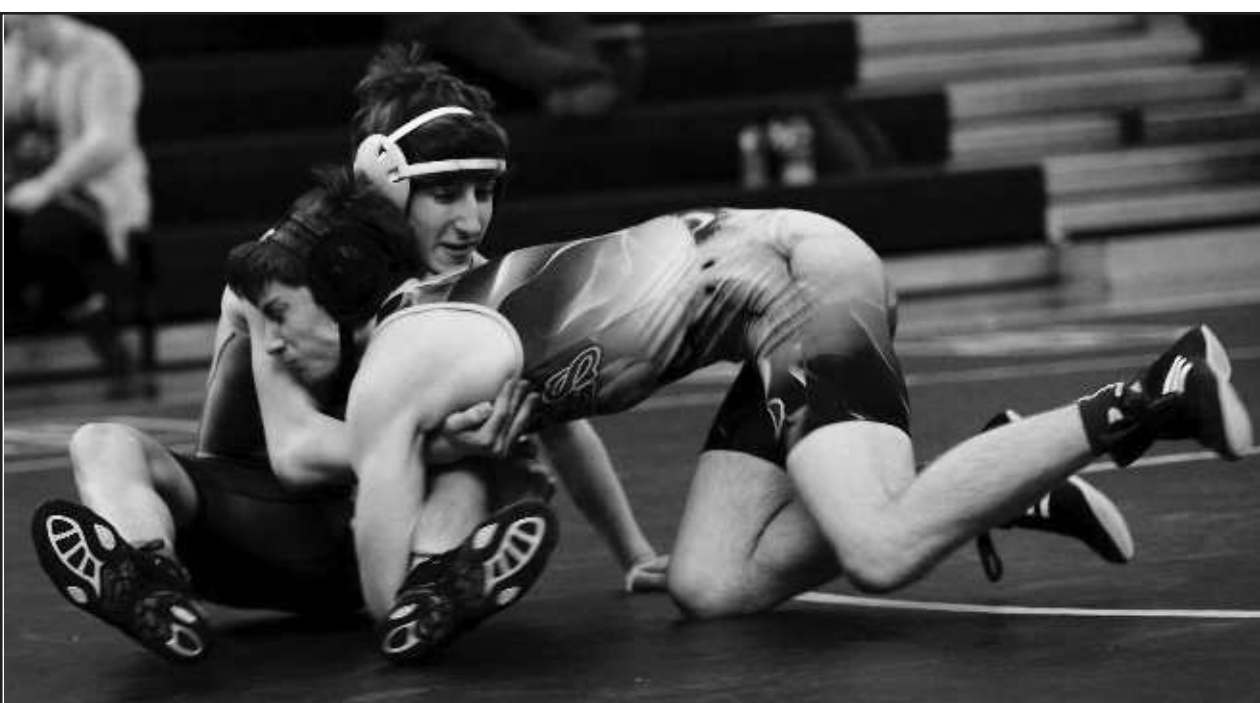
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**WRESTLING**



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**Live Oak takes second at St. Amant tournament**

At top, Ean Hill competes in the 132lb championship match against St. Amant. At center, Matt Ingram tangles with a St. Michael wrestler. Above, Harrison Bond takes a North Vermillion wrestler to the mat in the 170lb bracket.

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**Live Oak Wrestling Club registration**

Live Oak Wrestling Club is now registering for the 2015-2016 season. Information is available at [www.liveoakwrestle.com](http://www.liveoakwrestle.com) or on Facebook (Live Oak Wrestling Club). Also, those interested can contact [LOWCeagles@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Next Level Baseball session starting**

Louisiana Next Level Baseball Academy under Coaches Will Forbes and Andrew Forbes will begin a 6-week training session the week of Jan 4, 2016. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hitting 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Pitching/Throwing 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hitting - twice per week for 6 weeks - \$250. Pitching/Throwing - twice per week for 6 weeks - \$300. Conditioning - twice per week for 6 weeks - \$200 (6:45-7:30) Unlimited attendance: \$450. The facility is located at 37200 Hwy 16 in Watson. For more information: [www.lanextlevel.com](http://www.lanextlevel.com) or email [lanextlevel@gmail.com](mailto:lanextlevel@gmail.com) or call 225-603-6937.

**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.

**DSHS seeks Jacket football history**

Denham Springs High School is establishing a complete history of the Yellow Jacket football program, focusing especially on the early years from 1930 to 1975. Local supporter Kirk Smart has designed a new website ([www.denhamspringsfootball.com](http://www.denhamspringsfootball.com)) dedicated to DSHS football. He is seeking public support for any newspaper articles, old photographs, team pictures, old programs, season records and scores, and statistics from this era. Scrapbook and yearbook documentation welcome. Contact Smart at [kirksmart@denhamspringsfootball.com](mailto:kirksmart@denhamspringsfootball.com) or (225) 236-2335.

**Walker seeks football history**

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

**PARDS T-box available**

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

**SPORTS SHORTS** regularly publishes items of interest to the Livingston Parish sports community concerning programs and events such as registrations, tryouts, benefits and other activities. To submit an item for Sports Shorts, call 665-5176, fax to 667-0167 or e-mail to [sports@livingstonparishnews.com](mailto:sports@livingstonparishnews.com).

**PUBLIC MEETING**

The City of Walker Planning and Zoning will hold a public meeting on January 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm for the following:

- Annual Election of New Officers
- 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 Mayor Street and Latil Street for Comercia Bank
- Commercial Development of 3.98 Acres Section 35, T6S-R3E, located on Florida Blvd., Walker La 70785 for East Louisiana Baptist Association Office Building

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Sealed Bids will be received by the Livingston Parish Recreation District No. 5 at McLin Taylor, Inc., located 28339 South Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana 70754 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday February 2, 2015 for:

**COLYELL COMMUNITY PARK  
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At which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids received after the above time will be returned unopened. Complete Bidding Documents are available in electronic form. They may be obtained from Letterman's Online Plan Room at [www.lettermans.com](http://www.lettermans.com). Electronic copies can be downloaded at no cost to the Contractor. Printed copies are not available from the office of the Architect, however, arrangements can be made to obtain them from Letterman's Blue Print and Supply Co. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs when obtained through Letterman's. Questions about this procedure may be directed to Letterman's Blue Print and Supply Co., 4726 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806; phone: 225-825-2663.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Gasaway Gasaway Bankston Architects, 1007 W. Thomas Street, Suite G. Hammond, Louisiana, 70401 and at the office of McLin Taylor, Inc., 28339 S. Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana.

A pre-bid meeting will be not be held but the site will be available for inspection upon request.

The **Contract** will be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

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 contracts with the above OWNER and to furnish all the materials, perform all of the work, supervise, coordinate, administrate 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 Service List or be a Louisiana domiciled company with at least an "A" Best rating.

The Livingston Parish Recreation District No. 5 reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), 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.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Statement - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. All Bidders on this project will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended.

**ADVERTISE:**

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Thursday, January 21, 2016

**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 in 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 purpose 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. 18:511). 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
0806B (PART OF)	N Livingston Voting Precinct	32511 LA Hwy 65, Livingston
0609 (PART OF)	Fire District No. 11 Station	33815 LA Hwy 43, Independence
0810 (PART OF)	Holten High School	30170 LA Hwy 441, Holden
0811	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0811A	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0812	Albany Elementary School	29777 S Montpelier Ave, Albany
0813A (PART OF)	Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library	26941 LA Hwy 43, Hammond
0813B (PART OF)	Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library	26941 LA Hwy 43, Hammond
0830	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.

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

*St. John Thomas*  
John Thomas, Chairman

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Advertisement for Bid**

Sealed bids shall be received by the Livingston Parish Government, through its Purchasing Agent, at the Livingston Parish Health Unit Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, or P.O. Box 427, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, on **Thursday, January 28, 2016 until 2:00 p.m.**, Central Standard Time (CST). Bids received after 2:00 p.m. CST will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the conference room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, for furnishing the following:

- Camera, Equipment, Supplies, and Software and Installation for the Livingston Parish Detention Center
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Livingston Parish Center is located at 28345 Charlie Watts Road, Livingston, LA 70754.

All in accordance with specifications on file in the Livingston Parish Government's Purchasing Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 29261 South Frost Road, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, or P.O. Box 427, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, telephone (225) 686-4410.

Bids may be downloaded from <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/rfpcl0078-livingston-parish-government.html> or requested by email: [jfradella@lpgov.com](mailto:jfradella@lpgov.com).

Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R. S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) or La. R.S. 38:2212(O).

Livingston Parish Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

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Public Notice Dates:

Thursday - January 7, 2016

Thursday - January 14, 2016

Thursday - January 21, 2016

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Livingston Parish Recreation District 2  
Concession Service Bids Needed for 2016

Sealed Bids are being accepted to operate the Livingston Parish Recreation District 2 concession services for the 2016 year. The contract period will run from February 10, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The bidder will operate the stands for the summer league program schedule and other special events held during the year at the District Park-Live Oak Sports Complex (exclusive of High School sports events and non-District scheduled events). The sealed bids are due on or before Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7 PM at the Watson Activity Center located at 37045 La Old Hwy 16, Watson, La. Bid Specifications may be picked up from Director Mike Hansen (225-280-1378) or from the office of Smith Accounting Services located at 277 E. Railroad Avenue, Denham Springs, La.



At top, Albany's Nequan Harris makes a pass after getting cut off by Episcopal's Chris Beckman Jr. Harris spent part of the game shadowing Beckman in an attempt to hold down his scoring. Beckman still wound up leading the game with 30 points. Above left, Justin Thompson gets stripped of the ball trying to go inside for Albany against Episcopal. Albany got the possession after the loose ball went out of bounds. Above right, Albany's Quincy Sykes buckles up as he collides with Episcopal defender Kevin Tripeaux.

## Episcopal always had response for Albany

**From C1**

while pinning a third straight loss on Albany, 9-8. Albany never really got out of the blocks, but that had a lot to do with the Knights' stifling defense which rarely gave open looks or second shots. Everything went right for Episcopal, down to a half court shot at the first period buzzer by Cameron Dumas that sent the gold team to their bench with a 15-7 lead. The Knights held the ball for two minutes during the opening period with an 8-7 lead to get the Hornets out of their box-and-one zone defense against Beckman, then proceeded with a 7-0 run to finish. Containing son of the Knights' head coach with any style of defense proved difficult as he came within 6 points of his all-time best. Beckman just set a school record a week earlier with nine 3-pointers on the way to a career high mark of 36 against Catholic Pointe Coupee.

Against Albany's specialty defense, Beckman had just 2 points in the first period, but was up to 9 by halftime. A 19-10 edge in the second period pretty much put the game out of reach by halftime, though Albany's Sean Sykes nailed a pair of treys and Justin Thompson hit another to help shave a 34-17 halftime deficit to 40-28 with 2:09 left. Episcopal outscored Albany 4-1 the rest of the way for a 44-29 lead after three. The Hornets would never get closer as the Knights hit the first two baskets of the final period and went on to take a 23-16 edge. Sykes finished with 16 points for Albany, followed by Thompson with 14 and Dylan Hoyt with 13. Beckman was the only double figure scorer for Episcopal, though four others had 9 points each.

Episcopal	15	19	10	23	—	67
Albany	7	10	12	16	—	45

EPISCOPAL: William Harrell 3, Cameron Dumas 9, Sam Rotenberg 9, Kevin Tripeaux 9, Chris Beckman Jr. 30, Gavin Perkins 9, Cameron Kennedy 1. ALBANY: Dylan Hoyt 13, Sean Sykes 16, Justin Thompson 14, James Williams 2.

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