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David Raines Community Health Centers Opens School-Based Clinic at Bossier High School

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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Students at Bossier High School now have increased access to health care with the official opening of a new school-based clinic operated by David Raines Community Health Centers (DRCHC). The grand opening took place March 5, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour of the facility.

The addition of this clinic expands DRCHC's school-based network to

17 locations in Caddo and Bossier parishes as part of its mission to provide essential health care services to students. As a federally qualified health center, DRCHC has served Northwest Louisiana for more than 50 years, offering care to underserved, low-income and insured residents. The new clinic at 2777 Bearkat Drive is a significant step in addressing health care access gaps for students who may otherwise struggle to receive medical care.

The Bossier High School clinic will provide a comprehensive range of ser-

vices, including:

- Primary and preventive care
- Immunizations
- Sick visits
- Physical exams
- Behavioral health support

By integrating health care within the school, students can receive necessary medical attention without miss-

ing class, allowing them to return to their studies more quickly. Andrea McKnight, DRCHC's development director, emphasized that the initiative aims to reduce absenteeism, improve overall student wellness and boost academic success.

"Historically, we've seen that health centers positive-

ly impact school attendance. We have already observed a decrease in absenteeism at Bossier High School," McKnight said. "This allows for more instructional time and, in turn, greater academic achievement."

DRCHC's school-based health centers are strategically located in Title I

schools, where students and families often face financial hardships. The clinic allows children to receive care without their parents missing work, which is critical for families who cannot afford to take time off for a doctor's visit.

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David Raines Community Health Center staff, local dignitaries, Bossier School System staff and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the David Raines Community Health Centers School-Based Clinic at Bossier High School on March 5, 2025.

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Bossier Parish Police Jury Recognizes BOB BROTHERTON

Courtesy Photo

Bossier Parish Police Jury President Glenn Benton (left) presented a proclamation to the family of longtime Bossier Parish Police Jury member Bob Brotherton at the jury's Feb. 19 meeting as a gesture of recognition and appreciation for Brotherton's years of service. Brotherton, a longtime Bossier Parish educator and coach who died Jan. 13, 2025, was elected to represent District 1 on the Bossier Parish Police Jury in 2012. He served as president of the police jury in 2017 and as president of the Louisiana Police Jury Association in 2022. Brotherton's wife, Billie Jo (center), who represents District 1 on the Bossier Parish School Board, and his son, Jason (right), assistant principal and former head football coach at Houghton High School, attended the meeting for the proclamation presentation.

Bossier City Residents Engage With Candidates Ahead of March 29 Election

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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With the Bossier City election approaching March 29, residents had the chance to meet the candidates face-to-face during a panel discussion and Q&A session March 5, 2025. The event, hosted by the Bossier Council on Aging at its main campus, 706 Bearkat Drive in Bossier City, aimed to foster transparency and civic engagement, giving voters a deeper understanding of the candidates' visions for the city's future.



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On March 5, 2025, Bossier City candidates competing for city council seats in the upcoming March 29 election met with Bossier City voters for a panel discussion and Q&A session.

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Northwest Louisiana Career and Job Fair Connects Job Seekers With Employers

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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Job seekers and employers came together for the Northwest Louisiana Career and Job Fair, held March 4-5, 2025, at the Bossier Civic Center. Hosted by the Bossier Chamber of Commerce and its partners, the event served as the region's premier veteran hiring event, providing invaluable opportunities across various industries.



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The Bossier City Police Department was one of many employers participating in the Northwest Louisiana Career and Job Fair.

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9th Annual Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards Honor Outstanding Leaders in NW Louisiana

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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The 9th Annual Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards took place March 6, 2025, at East Ridge Country Club, recognizing 12 outstanding women for their leadership and service. Sponsored by The Shreveport Times and Red River Bank, the event celebrates those who have made a lasting impact on the community, continuing the legacy of Virginia K. Shehee—a trailblazing civic leader, businesswoman and philanthropist.

This year's honorees were recognized in two categories: six recipients in the Most Influential Woman category and six in the Most Influential Young Woman category, celebrating both established and emerging leaders.

Among the honorees, Tamara Crane, executive director of the Bossier Council on Aging, expressed deep gratitude for the recognition.

"Being recognized as one of the most influential women in our community is truly humbling," Crane said. "It's not just about me—it's about the incredible support system that allows me to be active in our community."



Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

Tamara Crane, executive director of the Bossier Council on Aging, was nominated for the 9th Annual Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award. Crane paused for a photo after receiving her nomination at an awards ceremony held on March 6, 2025.



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Plain Dealing High School student Katie Green was nominated for the 9th Annual Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Young Woman Award.

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2025 Honorees

MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMAN HONOREES:

- Vivian Andrews, former senior HR consultant, AEP/SWEPKO - WINNER
- Krystle Beauchamp, director of communications, Caddo Parish
- Tamara Crane, executive director, Bossier Council on Aging
- Zazell Dudley, director of economic development, The Port of Caddo-Bossier
- Dr. Sweetie Williams Lars, educator and community volunteer
- Jessica Milan Miller, CEO, Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center

MOST INFLUENTIAL YOUNG WOMAN HONOREES:

- Cassie Donaghey, Northwood High School
- Katie Green, Plain Dealing High School
- Michelle Hood, Bossier High School
- Olivia Ostendorff, Loyola College Prep - WINNER
- Shelby Owens, Captain Shreve High School - WINNER
- Elizabeth Watts, Captain Shreve High School

KEEP BOSSIER BEAUTIFUL TREE PLANTING



COURTESY PHOTO

The Keep Bossier Beautiful tree planting project took place on Saturday, March 1st. KBB worked in partnership with the Bossier Parish Police Jury and planted 50 bald cypress trees on Teague Parkway. They had great teams, some of which have been with us for years. The sponsors are: Keith Sutton, Bossier Parish Police Jury District 12; Chessa Harville, 318 Real Estate & Property Management; Pelican Training & Consulting and Dual Demolition.

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The first KBB Trashion Show, where students turn recyclable items into fashion, was held Saturday, March 1st. Judging the contest were (from left) Karen Barnes, VP of Destination Development with Visit Shreveport Bossier; Lisa Johnson, President of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce; and Stacey Tinsley, Managing Editor of the Bossier Press-Tribune. First, second and third place winners received a gift card from Andy's Frozen Custard.



Bossier Parish Polling Locations (Effective June 16, 2023)			
Ward	Precinct	Precinct Name	Precinct Location
1	1	Bellaire Elementary School	1310 Bellaire Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	2	Aulds Library	3950 Wayne Ave., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	3	Elm Grove Middle School	4301 Panther Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	3A	Elm Grove Middle School	4301 Panther Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	3B	Elm Grove Middle School	4301 Panther Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	4	Shady Grove Community Center	3949 Wayne Ave., Bossier City, LA 71112
1	5	Sun City Elementary School	4230 Van Deeman, Bossier City, LA 71112
2	1	Benton Town Hall	105 Sibley St., Benton, LA 71006
2	1A	Benton Community Center	202 Sibley St., Benton, LA 71006
2	2	Apollo Elementary School	2400 Viking Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	3	Cope Middle School	4814 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	3A	Cope Middle School	4814 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	4-1	Airline Baptist Church	4007 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	4-2	Airline Baptist Church	4007 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	5A	Bossier Elementary School	322 Colquitt St., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	6	Bossier Elementary School	322 Colquitt St., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	7	Airline High School	2801 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	8	Stonewall Family Life & Development Ctr.	935 Eatman St., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	9	Plantation Park Elementary School	2410 Plantation Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	10	Freedom Bossier City	2225 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	11	Bossier City Municipal Complex	620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	12A	Rusheon Middle School	2401 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	12B	Rusheon Middle School	2401 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	13	Central Park Elementary School	900 Central Park Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	14	Waller Elementary School	1130 Patricia Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	15	Waller Elementary School	1130 Patricia Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	16	Kerr Elementary School	1700 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	17A	Meadowview Elementary School	4312 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	17B	Meadowview Elementary School	4312 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	18B	Benton Intermediate School	6140 Hwy. 3, Benton, LA 71006
2	18C-1	Legacy Elementary School	4830 Swan Lake Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	18C-2	Legacy Elementary School	4830 Swan Lake Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	18D	Benton Elementary School	562 Hwy. 162, Benton, LA 71006
2	18F	Benton Middle School	6136 Hwy. 3, Benton, LA 71006
2	18G	Legacy Elementary School	4830 Swan Lake Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	18H	Kingston Elementary School	349 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71111
2	18I	Kingston Elementary School	349 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71111
2	19	Greenacres Middle School	2200 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	20	Kerr Elementary School	1700 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
2	21A	Harvest Fellowship of Bossier City	4601 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21B	Asbury United Methodist Church	3200 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21C-1	W. T. Lewis Elementary School	4701 Modica Lott Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21C-2	W. T. Lewis Elementary School	4701 Modica Lott Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21D-1	Stockwell Elementary School	5801 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21D-2	Stockwell Elementary School	5801 Shed Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	21E	Asbury United Methodist Church	3200 Airline Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111
2	22A-1	Benton High School	449 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71006
2	22A-2	Benton High School	449 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71006
2	22B	Benton High School	449 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71006
2	22C	Benton High School	449 Fairburn Ave., Benton, LA 71006
2	23	Waller Elementary School	1130 Patricia Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
3	1	Plain Dealing Community Center	109 S. Cotton Belt St., Plain Dealing, LA 71064
3	2	Plain Dealing Library	208 E. Mary Lee St., Plain Dealing, LA 71064
3	3	NE Fire District #5 Training Center	605 Kilgore Rd., Plain Dealing, LA 71064
3	4	Plain Dealing High School	300 E. Vance St., Plain Dealing, LA 71064
4	1A	Pilgrim Home Baptist Church	16258 Hwy. 157, Benton, LA 71006
4	2	Red River Baptist Church	3301 E. Linton Rd., Benton, LA 71006
4	2A	Red River Baptist Church	3301 E. Linton Rd., Benton, LA 71006
4	3A	Princeton Elementary School	1895 Winfield Rd., Princeton, LA 71067
4	3B	Rodes Elementary School	4670 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	3D	Rodes Elementary School	4670 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	4A-1	Platt Elementary School	4680 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	4A-2	Platt Elementary School	4680 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	4B-1	Platt Elementary School	4680 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	4B-2	Platt Elementary School	4680 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	5A	Haughton High School	210 E. McKinley Ave., Haughton, LA 71037
4	6A-1	Haughton Middle School	250 Champion Shores, Haughton, LA 71037
4	6A-2	Haughton Middle School	250 Champion Shores, Haughton, LA 71037
4	6B	Haughton Town Hall	118 W. McKinley Ave., Haughton, LA 71037
4	7A	South Bossier FD #2 Fire Station	3551 Hwy. 527, Elm Grove, LA 71051
4	7B	South Bossier FD #2 Fire Station	3551 Hwy. 527, Elm Grove, LA 71051
4	8A	Heritage Baptist Church	5580 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8B-1	Parkway High School	2010 Colleen Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8B-2	Parkway High School	2010 Colleen Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8C	Elm Grove Middle School	4301 Panther Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8D	Waller Elementary School	1130 Patricia Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8E	Parkway High School	2010 Colleen Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	8G	Parkway High School	2010 Colleen Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	9	Elm Grove Elementary School	1541 Old Hwy. 71, Elm Grove, LA 71051
4	10-1	Curtis Elementary School	5600 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	10-2	Curtis Elementary School	5600 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71112
4	11A	Central Assembly of God Church Haughton	700 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	11B-1	Central Assembly of God Church Haughton	700 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	11B-2	Central Assembly of God Church Haughton	700 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037
4	11C	Central Assembly of God Church Haughton	700 Hwy. 80, Haughton, LA 71037

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“When a clinic is on campus, a child can walk in, be evaluated and treated, and go back to class all before the next period begins,” McKnight said.

The selection of Bossier High School as the site for the newest clinic was the result of a partnership between DRCHC and the Bossier Parish School Board to identify areas where students have the greatest need for health care services.

The success of DRCHC’s existing school-based clinics suggests that similar models could be expanded to other schools. McKnight confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the Bossier Parish School Board to explore additional health care access opportunities for students in the region.

“It is our vision to fill gaps in care for the communities we serve,” she said. “The Bossier Parish School Board has been an incredible partner, and we look forward to continuing this collaboration to support students’ health care needs.”

The Bossier High School clinic will operate Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., aligning with school hours to ensure maximum accessibility for students.

For more information about David Raines Community Health Centers and its services, visit www.davidraineschc.org.

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Each candidate took turns addressing key issues, including economic development, public safety, infrastructure improvements and community services. With Bossier City experiencing rapid growth, many contenders emphasized the need for responsible planning and strong leadership to navigate the city’s evolving landscape.

During the open Q&A session, residents posed pressing questions on topics ranging from traffic congestion and economic opportunities to senior services and small business support. Concerns about infrastructure keeping pace with growth dominated the discussion, with several attendees seeking specific solutions from the candidates.

“People need to be informed before they head to the polls,” said Tamara Crane, director of the Bossier Council on Aging. “We are proud to provide a space where our seniors can engage with their future leaders.”

The event’s welcoming atmosphere was further enhanced by coffee and refreshments, generously sponsored by Scooter’s Coffee Bossier. The informal setting encouraged direct conversations between candidates and voters, allowing attendees to gain personal insights into each contender’s platform.

As Election Day draws near, events like this serve as a crucial reminder of the importance of voter participation. The decisions made by Bossier City’s elected officials will play a significant role in shaping the community’s future, making informed voting more vital than ever.

For those who missed the event, additional opportunities to meet the candidates may be scheduled before the election. Residents are encouraged to stay informed, attend future forums and cast their votes to help shape the future of Bossier City.



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Plain Dealing High School student Katie Green was nominated for the 9th Annual Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Young Woman Award. Green stood for a photo after receiving her nomination at an awards ceremony held on March 6, 2025, at East Ridge Country Club in Shreveport.

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Our board, advisory council and staff work tirelessly to serve those in need, and my family has been my foundation, giving me the strength to pursue this work.”

Crane, who has dedicated more than 30 years to advocating for seniors and individuals with disabilities, believes her passion for service stems from witnessing firsthand the challenges elderly individuals face.

“Our seniors deserve to age with dignity, respect and access to the resources they need. Seeing the challenges they face—whether it’s isolation, food insecurity or lack of services—compelled me to take action,” she said.

Her work at the Bossier Council on Aging has led to significant improvements in senior services, from securing increased funding for meal programs to expanding transportation options for those with mobility challenges.

“One of the most meaningful contributions I’ve made is advocating for increased funding and programs that help people remain independent and engaged in their communities,” she explained. “We’ve seen lives change because of these services.”

However, the role comes with challenges, particularly securing resources for a growing elderly population.

“Funding, staffing and awareness are ongoing hurdles,” Crane said. “But through advocacy, partnerships and creative problem-solving, we work to overcome them. Collaboration is key to making a lasting impact.”

For Crane, the most rewarding part of her work is seeing its direct impact.

“Whether it’s a senior expressing gratitude for a hot meal, a caregiver finding relief through support services or someone simply feeling valued, those moments remind me why I do what I do.”

One story particularly stands out.

“A couple married for more than 75 years received caregiving support and attended our senior center daily,” Crane recalled. “They told me that we had given them their last five years together independently because he could not have cared for her otherwise. Knowing our work can change lives in such a profound way is the greatest reward.”

Among the young honorees, Katie Green, a senior at Plain Dealing High School, shared how meaningful this recognition is for her.

“This recognition is not just a personal achieve-

ment but a testament to the hard work, dedication and support of my community,” Green said. “For my future, it’s motivation to keep being a positive impact.”

Green, who volunteers in school programs, community and church events, and medical outreach, says her involvement has given her new perspectives.

“Getting involved in my community has allowed me to see things from new angles and brighten up people’s days. I feel that it is important to be a part of the solution rather than the problem.”

She credits multiple women in her life for mentoring her, including her parents.

“I have been very blessed to have many women serve as role models. They all bring something different to the table. My parents have always supported my ideas, no matter how big or small. Without them, very little of my accomplishments would be possible.”

Green hopes her story encourages others.

“I hope that it inspires people my age to get involved in their schools and communities. Not only does it make a difference for others, but it also helped me find my passions, and I want that for everyone.”

Green, who enjoys softball, photography, fishing and spending time with her cows, plans to continue her community work after high school.

“During college, I want to find where I fit in and figure out how I can make the most difference,” she said. “Ultimately, I plan to become a family nurse practitioner and serve my community by helping people find the root causes of their health problems.”

She encourages other young women to take initiative.

“There is no wrong place to start. Take every opportunity to impact your community positively. Choose a variety of things, and through that, you will find your passions.”

Proceeds from the Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards event benefit Holy Angels, a nonprofit organization that empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Holy Angels serves approximately 185 individuals, offering job training, education and community integration programs.

Since its inception, the Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards have become a cornerstone event in Northwest Louisiana, recognizing women who embody the spirit of leadership and service.

For more information about Holy Angels and how to support their mission, visit www.laholyangels.org.

BPT OPINION

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OPINION

SO CALL IT THE GULF OF WHAT?

Our new President has stirred up a hornet’s nest by declaring that we no longer have a Gulf of Mexico. From now on, all government references will be to a Gulf of America. I grew up along the gulf coast, spending just about every summer there that I can remember. From Gulf Shores, Alabama to Perdido Key Florida and on to the Louisiana coast. Passing away daily hours water skiing, fishing and, as Jimmy Buffett would sing, “wasting away” days on my used Sea-Doo sports boat. I drove that boat for 40 years until it landed in a treetop blown away by hurricane Katrina. And when I went to the coast, often for many weekends in a row, we didn’t say we were going to the Gulf of Mexico. Just to the Gulf. No one thought of dismissing Mexico’s name until Trump came along.

So then I got the thinking. The name of Mexico is not relevant to our part of this vast body of water. So maybe the President is right. A name change might be in order. But why America? The Gulf Coast is unique to our part of the nation. The fishing, the beaches, the oil and gas production the boating with vessels, big and small, the uniqueness of the location of the Mississippi river, all this combined reflexes a way of life that cannot be found anywhere else in America. And the center of these many economic and recreational qualities is found in Louisiana.

Let’s start with fishing. Many diehard sports fisherman claim that Venice, Louisiana, at the bottom tip of the Mississippi river, is the sports fishing capitol of the world when it comes to catching giant tuna, marlin, wahoo, mahi-mahi and other prized offshore fish species. I’ve traveled the world, and no fish is more tasty than the Bayou state’s red fish, black drum, speckled trout or flounder. Come to the Louisiana shoreline to find oysters, shrimp, and crawfish. How can there be any better place on earth as concentrated for delicious seafood?

How about the cruise lines than regularly travel in and out of New Orleans? Yes, there are cruise lines to other ports along the Gulf Coast. But where would you like to start an end your trip? Can any other port beat New Orleans?

Oil and gas is produced along the Gulf Coast. And within its state boundaries, the largest producer is the state of Texas. But when it comes to drilling offshore, Louisiana dominates production within several hundred miles of our coastline. Some of the largest drilling platforms that can be found anywhere in the world can be found off the Louisiana coast.

So just what am I suggesting here? Mexico is not relevant to our part of the coastline. And the recreational and economic engine that produces jobs, huge income for the entire country, and vast recreational activities are heavily concentrated in Louisiana. America receives bountiful benefits. So to keep it in the family, if the name of the gulf is going to be changed, what better way to honor that part of the country that gives so much back, here’s what we should do. Call it the Gulf of Louisiana.

The President’s suggested name change has significant opposition. For example, just last week, the Jefferson Parish Council strongly opposed a resolution to require all maps to change the gulf’s name from Mexico to America. And even though the council is overwhelmingly republican, the resolution failed on a 6 to 1 vote. “Keep national partisan politics of the council”, said local members.

So since many feel that the name change will be looked on as part of the Mega agenda, the nation needs an alternative. No recognition of Mexico, yet acknowledging that the nation receives plentiful benefits from a certain part of our country. And where is that? It’s the coast that boarders the deepest of the deep southern states, the coast that borders Cajun and redneck county, the state that dead centers the Gulf Coast. It’s the Gulf of Louisiana. That’s what we should call it. So what do you think about that? Am I on to something?

Peace and Justice,

Jim Brown

Jim Brown Jim Brown’s syndicated column appears each week in numerous newspapers throughout the nation and on websites worldwide. You can read all his past columns and see continuing updates at <http://www.jimbrownausa.com>.



JIM BROWN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Honoring a Forgotten World War II Hero from Benton

I am writing to share the story of a World War II hero from Benton who has been all but forgotten.

My father, Staff Sgt. Monte Ogens, was an aviator with the 301st Bomb Group, 353rd Bomb Squadron, 15th Air Force. His last flight of the war, on Jan. 11, 1944, was aboard B-17 bomber No. 42-30357. Flying in formation with my father’s plane was B-17 No. 42-3251, part of the 97th Bomb Group, 342nd Bomb Squadron. That plane was co-piloted by 1st Lt. Harvey M. Bigby, from Benton, Louisiana.

My father and Lt. Bigby, along with 80 B-17 crewmen across eight planes, experienced one of the worst mid-air collisions of World War II. While en route to bomb German installations in the Greek port of Piraeus, two planes in their group became lost in the clouds and crashed into six others. Sixteen airmen survived, including my father; 64 died, including Lt.

Bigby. My father’s plane crashed between the small Peloponnesian villages of Platanitsa and Agrampe-la, while Lt. Bigby’s plane went down near Kryovrisi.

After the crash, my father and the two other survivors from B-17 No. 42-30357 were rescued by Greek shepherds and taken to Moni Poretsou, a monastery under the shadow of Mt. Erymanthos. The next day, my father trekked back up the mountainside to locate and bury his seven fallen crewmates. That same day, three survivors from Lt. Bigby’s crew arrived at Moni Poretsou. The following day, they began a three-month escape from Nazi-occupied Greece. (Lt. Bigby’s remains now rest in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.)

This past spring, my brothers and I traveled to these villages to see where this chapter of our family’s history had taken place. We had no idea if anyone in the area would remember

the crash. The response we received was beyond anything we could have imagined.

Within the first hour of our arrival, we met the son of the shepherd who had rescued our father. The next day, five Greek Orthodox priests, including the Metropolitan (bishop), held a memorial service for the fallen aviators at the very mountainside gravesite where my father had buried three of the Americans 80 years earlier. We had thought we were coming to thank the people who had saved our father, but we were met with at least an equal amount of gratitude for the sacrifices made by the Americans who helped liberate Greece.

Coincidentally, just before our visit in early 2024, the local community had commissioned drawings and cost estimates for a memorial at Moni Poretsou, dedicated to the American airmen who perished, those who survived, and the Greeks who honored the

fallen and sheltered the survivors. The estimated cost, determined in late 2023, is about \$60,000. Our family has volunteered to help raise half of the cost, and we hope that some people in Benton might be interested in contributing.

If so, we have set up a GoFundMe page, which can be found at <https://gofund.me/400ec3da>. The page also includes photos.

When our family left after two full days in the mountains, sleeping under the same roof that had once sheltered our father, one local woman wrote:

“How touching to see how love and appreciation cross the boundaries of time and space, while memory gives us strength for the future.”

We would deeply appreciate any contributions—large or small—to ensure the memory of these events continues for generations to come.

Kate Siegler
Ashland, WI

OPINION

President Trump’s Address to Congress Was Historic

Royal Alexander

I have sat in the U.S. House Chamber as a Congressional staffer several times for presidential addresses, and I never remember feeling more hopeful or moved by a speech than I did watching this one. The American people echoed my feeling with anti-Trump CBS’ Poll finding that a 76% Super-Majority Approved of Trump’s speech.

Trump announced that “America is back” and then detailed the dizzying pace of his first 6 weeks in office.

“I declared a national emergency on our southern border and deployed the U.S. military and Border Patrol to repel the invasion of our country. As a result, illegal border crossings last month were the lowest ever recorded.” Perhaps the best line of the night was when Trump stated “Democrats said that we needed new legislation to seal the border, but as it turned out, all we needed was a new president.”

He then explained he had “imposed a freeze on all federal hiring, all new federal regulations, all foreign aid and terminated the ridiculous green new scam. I withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord, which was costing us trillions of

dollars that other countries were not paying. I withdrew from the corrupt World Health Organization and also from the anti-American U.N. Human Rights Council. I have also directed that for every new regulation, ten old regulations must be eliminated.”

He also stated that he had “declared a national energy emergency. It’s called drill, baby, drill.” Trump also emphasized the \$1.7 trillion of new investment in America since his swearing in.

Let’s review these changes.

The freeze on federal hiring and the identification by DOGE of enormous amounts of waste, fraud and corruption have, alone, already saved several hundred billion dollars.

Further, Trump’s termination of the green new scam and withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord will prevent further economic damage. It’s nonsensical to harm our economy to respond to so-called climate change when the major polluters across the world such as China and India are building new coal plants every week.

Also, Trump stated he ended the electric vehicle mandate, keeping his promise to traditional American automakers.

Trump’s mandate that for every one (1) new federal regulation imposed on American business and industry,

ten (10) regulations be eliminated will powerfully strengthen and grow our national economy.

Trump also declared that federal workers must return to the office or be fired. He then stated he had also “ended weaponized government” a/k/a as ‘lawfare,’ “where a sitting president is allowed to viciously prosecute his political opponent, like me,” that he had halted “all government censorship and brought back free speech in America.” He also signed an order making English the official language; and he stated, “we’ve ended the tyranny of so-called Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies across the entire government.”

“You should be hired and promoted based on skill, competence, and merit, not race or gender. We have also removed the poison of Critical Race Theory from our public schools, and I signed an order making the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders, male and female.” He has also “signed an executive order to ban men from playing in women’s sports or the schools will lose all federal funding.”

As significant as these policy changes are, it’s the riveting way Trump portrayed them that is memorable.

Regarding the dan-

ger of allowing men to compete against women, Trump had sitting in the House gallery a young lady named Payton McNabb “who had been an all-star high school athlete preparing for a future in college sports. But when her girls volleyball match was invaded by a male, he smashed the ball so hard in Payton’s face, causing traumatic brain injury, partially paralyzing her right side and ending her athletic career.”

To emphasize the danger of illegal immigration, Trump reached two of the most emotionally compelling moments of the night as he recalled, with their mothers in attendance, Laken Riley and Jocelyn Nungaray, two young women who were murdered by illegal aliens.

I realize there are stark policy differences between the two parties, but I think Democrats damaged themselves with their disruptive, disrespectful behavior including when they could not even rise and applaud a 13-year-old boy who is battling brain cancer. They did stand and clap for Ukraine but not America.

We are not only inspired by this address, but I believe we will look back and realize it was a spectacular blueprint for the coming years.

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LET’S CELEBRATE ALFRED HITCHCOCK DAY - MARCH 12TH

I have to admit my surprise over having never stumbled across this latest unofficial holiday before, considering how many I’ve read about over the years. But apparently this one was just waiting for the perfect moment to reveal itself, much like the final twist in the plotlines of the Master of Suspense’s films. On March 12th we celebrate Alfred Hitchcock Day.

Why is this celebration held on March 12th? Honestly, I have no idea and none of my research revealed any birthday, anniversary, or other significance between Hitchcock and March 12th. Perhaps it’s fitting to have the reason for this specific date remain a mystery. Alfred Hitchcock was born in London on August 13, 1899. He started his career as a draftsman and advertising designer, before finding his way into the film industry of London through his interest in photography; he became a title card designer for silent films before moving on to directing after only five years. Hitchcock married his assistant director, Alma Reville, in 1926 and two years later they had a daughter, Patricia. In 1939, after having made a number of movies in London, Hitchcock and his family moved to Hollywood to further his career.

Over the course of his career, Hitchcock made more than 60 films, though some have been lost, and pioneered a number of camera and editing techniques that we still see in films today. You can borrow some of his best-known films from our

libraries, such as The Birds, Psycho, Dial “M” for Murder, and To Catch a Thief. Or if you’re interested in learning more about the man behind the suspense, you can borrow the biopic Hitchcock, starring Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren, or any number of books written about the man and his films

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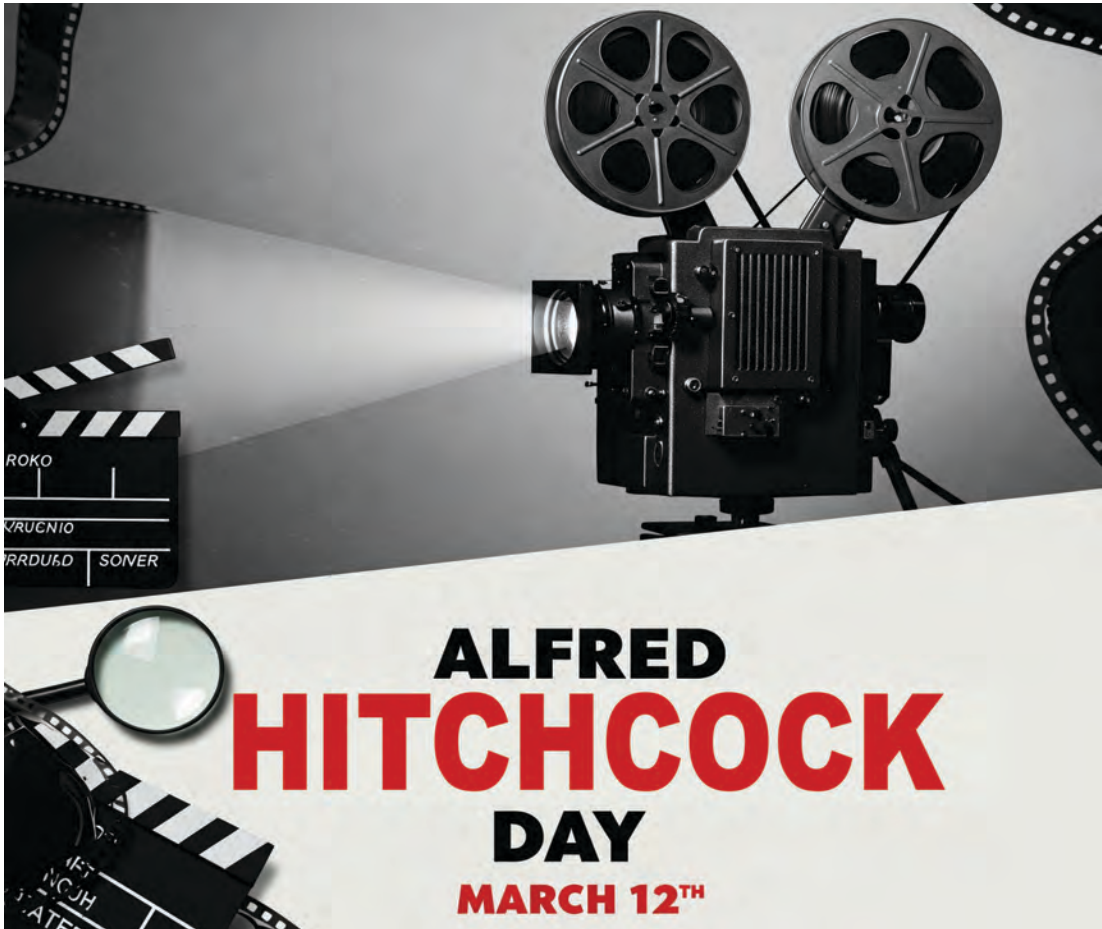
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HISTORY

JULIA SPARKE RULE: NINETEENTH CENTURY COMMUNITY CHRONICLER AND MOTHER

March is Women’s history month and it’s always exciting to find women from local history who challenged conventions, achieved something out-of-the-ordinary, or used whatever gifts and opportunities they had for the good of their community. Mrs. Julia Rule, became nationally famous for driving the golden spike in Bossier City, La. to mark the completion of the Shreveport and Arkansas Railroad on April 6, 1888 (later known as the Cotton Belt). She was well-known locally for her role working in the male domain of journalism, especially as the society columnist known as “Pansy” and was not afraid to use that platform to benefit both her own financial security as a widowed mother, but also the philanthropic endeavors of other women.

On the surface, Julia

Rule’s life may have looked rather glamorous. Perhaps it was, but she was also fulfilling the never-ending demands on a working mother of very young children, and soon, as a widowed and bereaved mother of young children. She was doing so in the days before Social Security, life or disability insurance. Much of this behind-the-scenes story didn’t get widely told. Julia, of course, wrote mostly about other people’s lives.

Julia Sparke was born in Kentucky around 1852. The 1870 census shows her living in Shreveport at the age of 18 with her 27-year-old husband Charlie Rule, listed as a bookkeeper. Living right next door are her parents and younger siblings, ranging in age from 8 months to 15. She had just gotten married in 1869 in Louisville.

According the Census 10 years later, much in Julia’s

life had changed. She is listed with the occupation of “Boarding,” apparently helping to run a boarding house, and has three children ages 1, 5 and 6, Ida, Louise and Glenn. Her husband is no longer employed, and has not been employed for the entire census year.

Not shown in the census records is that between 1870 and 1880 there was an older child born, named Lucy Stewart Rule who passed away in Shreveport on Oct. 11, 1877 at the age of 6 years and 9 months. Lucy Stewart’s life is evidenced only by a very brief notice in the Shreveport Times and a stone with her name on it near her parents’ headstones in Shreveport’s Oakland Cemetery. Then Charlie Rule passed away in 1881. That same year, Julia began teaching calisthenics (physical education – and later also penmanship) for head Kate Nelson at the Shreveport Seminary for Girls and Children not long after Charlie passed.

Mrs. Rule began a newspaper career within a decade, writing for several local papers. Venturing even further into unfamiliar territory for women, she became Secretary of the Louisiana State Press Association, and was always in attendance at their state conferences, sometimes as a featured speaker. She even attended the National Press Association conference in July, 1891.

Mrs. Rule also took a job as the secretary for the mayor of Shreveport, a position which set her up to be the first woman to drive the golden spike, in the mayor’s absence, along with R. N. McKellar who was the president of the Cotton Exchange. She gained national media attention for this honor, since she was considered to be the first woman to drive a golden

spike to mark the completion of a railroad. The New York Evening Post even had a little fun at her expense, dubbing her “the Golden Rule.”

Perhaps most remarkably, Mrs. Rule was also an entrepreneur. By 1890 local and regional newspapers show that she decided to put her connections and fashion observations made while covering society to her financial benefit. She put a notice announcing her own “purchasing agency,” later called the Mrs. Julia Rule Millinery and Dressmaker supply:

“My extensive acquaintance with business houses in the city and experience gives me unrivaled facilities for filling orders that may be sent me...Parties residing out of the city who desire goods can save the expense of a trip and obtain better prices by ordering what they want through me than by purchasing themselves...”

In fact, Mrs. Rule put her column itself to use in advertising this business, interspersing her society notes in the “Shreveport Times” with entries about the latest goods available at “Mrs. Julia Rule’s millinery store.” She was perhaps, just ahead

of her time, because by January 1895, her inventory was listed in a bankruptcy sale, then not advertised any further. She did end up going to work for the Louisiana State Fair in what was comparable to the more modern “public relations” position.

Julia Rule also wrote fondly of her friend Adah Vinson DeLay well-known Shreveport advocate for abused, abandoned or orphaned children. The daughter of a former mayor, Mrs. DeLay had been raised in comfort but died penniless while funding her work for children.

In addition to Mrs. DeLay’s philanthropy, Julia’s society column is credited with helping to promote Shreveport’s Home for the Homeless, later known officially as the Home for the Aged or unofficially as the “Old Ladies’ Home.” The home was started by women who organized themselves as the Ladies Charitable Association in 1897, and continued to be directed by women even after the addition of an “Old Men’s Home.” These homes became what is now known as the Glen Life Plan Community. They were much-needed institutions in a time well before the Social



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Security Act of 1935 provided for a system of Federal old-age benefits or enabled states to make more adequate provision for aged residents. By the early 1920’s the only other home like it in Louisiana, was the Little Sisters of the Poor in New Orleans.

Julia Rule herself lived well into old age, living with her daughter and family in the end. She passed away in April, 1931. To read more about the Home for the Aged, see The History of the Glen, 1898 to 1998 by Dr. Ann Mathison McLaurin, which is available in the reference collection of the History Center. If you would like to have our “Women Who Made a Difference in Bossier Parish” program, which includes Julia Rule (in Part 2) or any of our other programs presented to your group, please contact us, as well. We are located at 7204 Hutchison Drive, Bossier City, LA and are open M-Th 9-8, Fri 9-6, and Sat 9-5. Our phone number is (318) 746-7717 and our email is history-center@bossierlibrary.org

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Pansy illustration that headed Julia Rule’s society column Shreveport Times, Dec 6, 1896



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JOB FAIR

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“Ensuring that our veterans, military spouses and transitioning military members have employment in this community is a big priority of the Bossier Chamber,” said Lisa Johnson, president and CEO of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. “This year’s job fair was a huge success, and we couldn’t have done it without our many amazing sponsors, partners and participants.”

The two-day event began with a Job Readiness Day on March 4, where attendees received guidance on résumé building, interview

techniques and professional development to prepare for the hiring process. The Job Fair on March 5, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., brought together top employers from healthcare, education, technology, real estate, HVAC, hospitality and more, all seeking to fill open positions.

With more than 1,000 positions available, the event provided direct access to hiring managers, on-the-spot interviews and networking opportunities. Registration was free for job seekers, making it an accessible and impactful event for those looking to advance their careers.

The Bossier Chamber of Commerce partnered with key organizations, including the city of Bossier City,

the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Work for Warriors, Dress for Success, Barksdale Air Force Base Military and Family Readiness Center, Goodwill Industries, CHRISTUS Health, Willis-Knighton Health, KSLA 12 Careers and many others, ensuring a well-rounded and resourceful experience for attendees.

As the event wrapped up, organizers reflected on its success in connecting businesses with qualified candidates and supporting the workforce in Northwest Louisiana. The Northwest Louisiana Career and Job Fair continues to play a vital role in bridging employment gaps and strengthening our local economy.

OBITUARY



KARY GENE SZYSKA

A memorial service for Kary “Bumps” Gene Szyska, 55, was held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr., Bossier City, Louisiana. A visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. Officiating the service was Chaplain Craig Kennedy.

Kary Gene Szyska, born on January 14, 1970, to Larry R. Szyska and Barb Szyska in Warren, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, March 2,

2025, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Kary’s life was defined by his dedication to service, his love for family, and the countless lives he touched with his kindness and loyalty.

Kary served his country with pride in the United States Air Force for over 30 years, retiring in June 2022 as a Master Sergeant (MSGT). Throughout his distinguished career, he was deployed to numerous locations around the world, showcasing his unwavering commitment to duty and his country. His dedication to protecting and serving others extended to his role with the Bossier City Police Department, where he began as a reserve officer in 1996 and later served full-time until his retirement as a Corporal in 2012.

Family was Kary’s greatest joy. He treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren and nieces, spoiling them with love and laughter. His passion for LSU football brought his family together for game-day excitement, and he cherished traveling with loved ones on cruises, creating precious memories that will be forever remembered. Relaxing on beach trips was another way Kary found joy in life’s simple pleasures.

Kary’s warm spirit, loyalty, and selflessness left a lasting impression on all who knew him. His legacy of love and service will continue to inspire and live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and community. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Kary was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Marion Szyska; his maternal grandmother, Irene Pearl Lussiere; and Leslie Read. He is survived by his parents, Larry and Barb Szyska; beloved wife, Anissa Szyska; sons, Ryan Szyska, Cody Lambert, Tyler Browning, and Craig Browning; grandchildren, Asher Browning, River Browning, Holden Browning, Knox Lambert, and Kylie McKnight; brothers, Lincoln Read, EJ Szyska, and Larry Szyska; sisters, Cheryl Valery, and Chandra Husketh. He will also be missed by his many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Honoring Kary as pallbearers were Joe Thomerson, Jeff Ross, Jason Lowe, and Michael Powell. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be members of the Air Force Engineering and Technical Services, Cameron Ward, Jesse Scott, Tim Adcock, C.J. Gilard, and Tony Hunter.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

State runner-up

Parkway reaches state title game for fourth straight year

By Russell Hedges
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It simply wasn't meant to be.

The Parkway Lady Panthers reached the state championship game for the fourth straight season with a 51-32 semifinal victory over Haughton last week in Hammond.

Top-seeded Parkway went into the non-select Division I title game against the No. 3 seed Zachary Lady Broncos looking for its third straight championship, but a three-peat wasn't in the cards.

The Lady Panthers fell 54-41. Parkway closed its season 29-5.

"I tip my hat to these young ladies. They played a heck of a game tonight," said Parkway Head Coach Gloria Williams, who brought six of her players to the postgame press conference "I'm proud of every last one of them that's up here, everybody that's on the team. I think they gave it their best shot.

"Credit to Zachary. They have some amazing players. They got size, they got speed. They got inside and out."

Playing in her final game, Parkway standout Dakota Howard scored 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Savannah Wilson, another senior, scored 11 points.

The Lady Panthers played their usual solid defense. They forced 22 turnovers and scored 20 points off those.

The difference in the game was rebounding and shooting.

The Lady Broncos dominated the boards, outrebounding the Lady



COURTESY OF CONNIE KAY KITCHINGS COKER
Parkway Head Coach Gloria Williams talks to her team during the state championship game last Saturday night in Hammond.

Panthers 49-25. Especially critical were Zachary's 23 offensive rebounds.

Parkway shot just 30.4 percent (17-of-56) from the field. Forced to put up 3-pointers once they got behind, the Lady Panthers were just 2-of-17 from behind the arc.

"When the ball is not falling the way you're used to it's going to be a tough night," Williams said. "And we had that happen tonight. Credit to them. We got in the lane the way we wanted to. We just couldn't finish around the rim or knock down shots."

Zachary shot 39.2 percent (20-51), including 4-of-8 from 3-point range.

One of Zachary's biggest 3s came after a Wilson basket cut what was an eight-point Lady Broncos' lead to 44-41 with just over three minutes to play.

Ava Raymond knocked down the 3 with 2:34 left, pushing her team's lead back to six. The Lady Panthers went scoreless the rest of the game.

Tiarra McPipe, named the game's MVP, and Ray-

mond led Zachary with 17 and 16 points, respectively. Raymond had 12 rebounds and McPipe eight.

The semifinal game against Haughton was a rematch of a District 1-4A game Parkway won in a blowout.

While the Lady Panthers ended up winning by 19, the rematch wasn't a blowout.

Haughton was making its first appearance in the state tournament in school history.

"We knew that it was going to be a different atmosphere," Williams said. "It's their first time here and we knew they were going to be a little hungry and we can't be complacent because we've been here.

"We still have to go out and execute and I think in the first half we didn't have things going. In the second half I think we got it going a little bit."

Indeed they did. Leading 21-18 at the half, the Lady Panthers began to pull away in the third quarter. Parkway led 31-24 then dominated the fourth.

"I think Haughton had a really well-executed game plan," Williams said. "I'm just thankful we were able to overcome. We knew that they were going to switch up some things on us and we just needed to handle adversity when it hit and I think we did.

Haughton finished its historic season 28-6. The Lady Bucs' top three players — Shaniya Perkins, Skylar Branch and Bella Hammond — are only juniors, so it won't be a surprise if they return to Hammond next season.

"They already said in the locker room they want to come back," Haughton Head Coach Jenna Bolin said. "It's fun. Lot of experience. I think they belong here. They're good enough to be here."

Howard led Parkway with 19 points, including two 3-pointers. She was 7-of-15 from the field and 3-of-4 from the free throw line. She also had five steals, four assists and four rebounds.

Wilson had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Khia Thomas hit both 3-pointers she attempted and had eight points. Jasmyne Hendrix added six assists Zara Baker-Scanlon five.

Parkway was 5-of-10 from behind the arc. Haughton was 1-of-5.

Turnovers were a key factor. The Lady Panthers had eight. The Lady Bucs had 15. Parkway scored 12 points off the turnovers. Haughton only scored two.

Perkins and Branch led Haughton with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Senior Kamyra Turner had six.

Perkins also had nine rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Parish teams

open 1-5A play with victories

By Russell Hedges
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The Airline Vikings, Benton Tigers and Haughton Bucs started District 1-5A play strong last week.

Airline went 4-0. The Vikings defeated Evangel Christian 10-0 and 3-2 then swept a doubleheader against Huntington 11-0 and 10-0.

Airline began this week 10-5 overall and 4-0 in district.

Benton swept Byrd 12-0 and 7-0. The Tigers also defeated North DeSoto 7-3 in the Northwood tournament.

Benton entered this week 15-1 and 2-0.

Haughton swept Natchitoches Central 7-0 and 5-4. The Bucs were scheduled to complete a game against Byrd suspended Saturday because of inclement weather Monday.

Parkway's district opener against Captain Shreve was also scheduled to be completed Monday.

The Panthers defeated Homer 16-1 in their only game. Parkway entered this week 4-6.

Plain Dealing and Bossier split a doubleheader. The Bearkats won the first game 9-7 and the Lions took the second 19-12.

Bossier began this week 4-3. Plain Dealing was 2-3.

Airline led Evangel 5-0 after four innings in the first game then ended the game with five in the bottom of the fourth.

Brock Jordan went 3-for-3 with a triple and four RBI. Austin Smith went 2-for-3. Jack Horton had two RBI.

Airline scored a run in the top of the eighth to pull out the victory in the second game.

Austin Smith reached on an error and made it to third on a sacrifice bunt by Jack Henry Smith. Austin

Smith scored the go-ahead run on a passed ball. Drew Robinson sat the Eagles down in order in the bottom of the inning.

Starting pitcher Silas Endris got the Vikings' only hit. He went 4 2/3 innings he allowed four hits and no earned runs in 4 2/3 innings. Robinson gave up only one hit in 3 2/3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Benton's Thomas Allen went five innings in the six-inning first game against Byrd. He allowed two hits, struck out nine and walked two.

Hayden Millen went 3-for-3. Case Jordan went 3-for-4. Cole Snell went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI.

Tanner Webb pitched a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts and three walks in the second game.

Five Tigers had singles. Kade Bryant and Cole Snell had two RBI each.

Haughton's Seth Jorstad pitched a two-hitter with six strikeouts in the shutout of Natchitoches Central.

The Bucs led 2-0 through five innings then scored four in the top of the sixth.

Haughton took advantage of seven walks. Christian Turner and JP Cormier both drew two.

Justin Adkison was 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI.

In the second game, Troy Fielding scored the winning from first on Christian Turner's double with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

Landon Rolland, the last of four Haughton pitchers, got the win.

Parkway's Abel Thetford went 2-for-2 with two RBI against Homer. Trent Howard and Jax Thomson had two RBI each.

Dakota Loche and Maddox Cockerham both doubled.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Bossier going back

to state tournament

Parkway, Airline fall in second round

By Russell Hedges
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The way Bossier Head Coach Justin Collins sees it, it's not how you start, it's how you finish.

At one point this season, Bossier was 6-10. Now the Bearkats are headed to the state tournament for the fourth time in the last six years and the second in the last three under Collins.

Bossier, the No. 6 seed, defeated No. 14 A.J. Ellender 69-58 in the non-select Division II quarterfinals last week at Bossier.

The Bearkats (21-11), who have won 14 in a row, will face No. 2 Minden (23-3) in the semifinals Thursday at 2:45 p.m. at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, site of the state tournament also known as the LHSAA Boys' Marsh Madness.

Minden defeated No. 7 Franklin Parish 52-44 in its quarterfinal game at Minden. Bossier defeated Minden 66-52 Feb. 7 at Bossier in a game that decided the District 1-4A championship.

"It's special," Collins said "We started off with high expectations. Had some guys that didn't start and play because of conduct detrimental to the team. We were 6-10 and we had some guys that just didn't want to do right."

Collins gives credit to his seniors Kerel Dean,



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Bossier senior Javonte Small goes in for a layup during the Bearkats' 69-58 victory over A.J. Ellender in a quarterfinal playoff game.

Javonte Small and Kam Davenport getting things going in the right direction.

"One thing about our senior group is they stuck together and the fight. We stayed the course," he said. "And it is a senior group that has won one state championship (in 2023). I really don't know the words. Just the resiliency and the fight. Never giving up. Not listening to the naysayers and it's special.

"I hear we get to play Minden. That's even more special."

The Ellender game wasn't an easy one although it looked like it

might turn out that way early.

Bossier raced to a 9-3 lead and led 20-7 in the second quarter. But the Patriots began to get some 3-pointers to fall, including one at the buzzer that cut the Bearkats' lead to 29-25 at the half.

Ellender got as close as 31-30 early in the third quarter. Bossier answered with a 7-0 run punctuated by a dunk.

But just about every time it looked like the Bearkats were going to pull away the Patriots had an answer, usually with a 3-pointer. Ellender made eight in the

game but missed many.

Bossier led 45-38 going into the fourth.

The Bearkats extended the lead to 52-43 early in the quarter. The Patriots got as close as five at 56-51. But Bossier answered with an 8-2 run and the Patriots never got closer than nine the rest of the way.

"Our seniors came through in the end. Proud of those guys," Collins said. That senior leadership pushed us through."

The 6-foot-7 Dean led Bossier with 24 points. He scored 22 of those in the final three quarters.

Jatrevion Bunnery and David Thomas scored 18 and 17, respectively. Thomas had three 3-pointers.

District 1-5A runner-up Parkway and Airline fell in the second round of the non-select Division I playoffs on the road.

Parkway (21-10), the No. 15 seed, lost to No. 2 Central 68-62. Airline (11-21), the No. 28 seed, fell to No. 12 Covington 65-60.

At Central, Caleb Evans led four Panthers in double figures with 17 points. He sank three 3-pointers. KB Williams had 14 points. Gaskins scored eight of his 11 points in the fourth quarter.

At Covington, White, who missed most of the season with an injury, led Airline with 19 points. Jaydan Gladney and Eli Washington scored 17 each.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Benton teams

finish runner-up in first meet of season

By Russell Hedges
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Benton finished runner-up in the boys and girls divisions in the Benton Tiger Shamocus Patton Relays last Thursday at Tiger Stadium.

Ruston swept the team titles.

Ruston scored 150 points in the boys division. Benton had 108. North DeSoto was third with 77. Airline finished fourth with 70.

Ruston scored 138 in the girls division. Benton had 80. Parkway was third with 70. North DeSoto fourth with 67.5 and Airline fifth with 65.5.

Boys

Benton's Miller Malley, the reigning Class 5A outdoor and Division I indoor state champion, set a school record in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet, 6 inches. He went four feet higher than runner-up Landon Foust of North DeSoto.

Airline's Zion Smith, who is fresh off winning the Division I 60-meter hurdles in the state indoor meet, also got his season off to a good start. He won the 110 hurdles in 14.88 seconds. Haughton's Joseph Encinas was second in 16.09.

Encinas won the 300 hurdles in 40.77.

Parkway's Devon Oliver was a double winner. He took the shot put with a toss of 47-5 and the discus with a 159-1.

Airline's Jayden Williams and Haughton's John Brown also won individual events.

Williams won the 1,600 in 4:30.88. Brown won the 400 in 48.28.

Benton finished second in the 4X800 relay in 8:33.61. Loyola won in 8:23.24.

Parkway's Draylin Jackson was second in the high jump with a 6-4.

Benton's Jordan Johnson was second in the triple jump with a 41-1. Taylor won with a 44-6.

Airline's Eli Dollar finished second in the javelin with a 148-10.

Girls

Benton's Kyla Daux, Madison Thompson and Tameara Player won individual events.

Daux won the 800 in 2:26.66. Thompson took the triple jump with a 32-9, one inch farther than Natchitoches Central's Tatum Kay.

Player won the shot put with a 35-11.

Airline also had three individual winners — Jaycie Wallace, Janiyah Boudreaux and Shelby Ledet.

Wallace won the 100 in 12.39. Boudreaux won the 100 hurdles in 17.06.

Ledet was one of four athletes to clear 4-10 in the high jump along with Haughton's Keda Holland, North DeSoto's Kimora Wilson and Boudreaux. Ledet took first with fewer misses. Holland was second.

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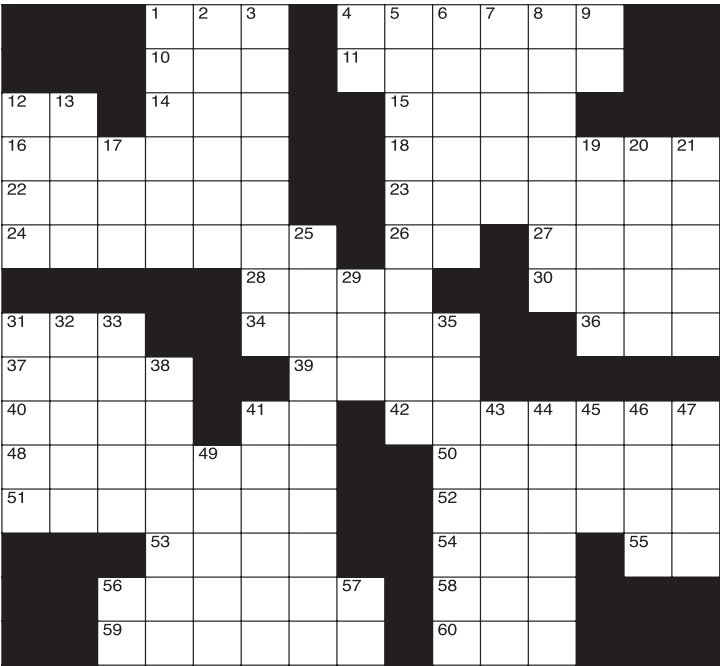
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15. Two
16. A famous one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Spoils
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved one's neck to see
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Salary
4. Influential world body
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. A fake name
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Creative works
31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
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45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
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B. 15 5 16 18
Clue: Where some food is grown

C. 10 20 1 11 13 17 12 6 7
Clue: Farm animals

D. 9 5 16 1 11 13 17
Clue: Gathering in crops

Answers: A. equipment B. farm C. livestock D. harvest

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 173164-
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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BASIL R. GREEN, ANTONETTE DENISE JOHNSON GREEN, AND BRUNNER & BARNETT HOLDINGS LLC

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
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Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT 7, STOCKWELL PLACE, UNIT NO. 8, A SUBDIVISION IN BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 89 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

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April 23, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
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SHERIFF'S SALE
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THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF RUFUS DYE AND THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF HELEN MARIE STUTSON (AKA HELEN MARIE STUTSON DYE)

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US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
VS
SHANNY MCGEE

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Assumed Name was filed in Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon setting forth names and post office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting business know as: **TERESA MARIE MARTIGNETTI**, principle place of business: 1114 Antietam Circle, Bossier City, Louisiana, 00000, APPLICANTS: Teresa Marie Martignetti, Martignetti Teresa Marie, Teresa Marie Preston, Preston, Teresa Marie, teresa-marie .martignetti, Statutory Agent. DATED: 02/24/2025.

March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 25RS-369)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to saltwater disposal wells in Bossier Parish; to provide for saltwater disposal from exploration and production waste; to provide relative to operational requirements and standards for saltwater disposal wells; and to provide for related matters.

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March 12th, 2025
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on January 28, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

Shall Section 3.01(b) of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows:

Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election. No person who has been elected or appointed to serve as at-large and/or district Councilman/woman for three (3) terms shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to an additional term or portion thereof. For the purposes of this Section, all terms, or portions thereof, to which a person has been elected or appointed prior to January 1, 2024, will be counted toward the limitation provided for herein?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

Shall Section 4.01 of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The Mayor shall be elected according to the laws of the state and serve a term of four (4) years. The term of office shall begin on July 1 of the year in which he/she was elected.

(b) The Mayor shall be eligible for re-election. No person who has been elected to serve as Mayor for three (3) terms shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to an additional term or portion thereof. For the purposes of this Section, all terms, or portions thereof, to which a person has been elected or appointed prior to January 1, 2024, will be counted toward the limitation provided for herein?

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

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

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$81,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
March 19th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 172643-
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025
BOSSIER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
VS
JAMES W. TRIMBLE AND DAWN TRIMBLE

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit:

PLAINTIFF IS THE HOLDER OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED NOTE EXECUTED BY DEFENDANT TO THE ORDER OF PLAINTIFF, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE DATED AUGUST 28, 2020 IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$99,000.00, WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5.250% PER ANNUM MONTHLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,062.19 PER MONTH BEGINNING September 18, 2020, DUE AND PAYABLE THE SAME DAY OF EACH CONSECUTIVE MONTH. SAID NOTE IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE PETITION FOR EXECUTORY PROCESS FILED HEREIN ON MARCH 28, 2024.

DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE NOTE IS SECURED BY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA:

ALL THAT CERTAIN 18.299 ACRES TRACT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SAID TRACT BEING THE REMAINDER OF A TRACT CONVEYED FROM ROY FULLER TO KEVEN LAMAR FULLER BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1274, PAGE 517 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

SAID TRACT 18.299 ACRES TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR THE MOST SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRE TRACT; FROM SAID CORNER A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 BEARS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2012.30 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 652.49 FEET TO A 1 INCH IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.87 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST WESTERN NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRE TRACT;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 664.98 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR AN INSIDE ELL CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 219.83 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST NORTHERN NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A CALLED 3.34 ACRES TRACT CONVEYED TO JO ANN TOUCHSTONE BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1610, PAGE 22 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH LOUISIANA;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 663.14 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND IN THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 3.34 ACRES TRACT.

THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 543.83 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST EASTERN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 TRACT;

THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 668.14 FEET TO A 1/8 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR AN INSIDE ELL CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT;

THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 324.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING IN AREA 18.299 ACRES OF LAND.

(LEGAL DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM MORTGAGE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B" WHICH WAS PREPARED BY BAKER TITLE AND ABSTRACT, LLC)

ASLO DESCRIBED AS (PURSUANT TO TAX ASSESSOR'S RECORDS) ASSESSMENT NO. 156119

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And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: NINETY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 41 / 100 (\$99,880.41) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
David L White
3985 Airline Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
318-747-7023

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January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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Notice to the Public

I, Ben Gibson, #7876804 have applied for clemency for my conviction of schedule III. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225)-342-5421.

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Court-house, Benton, Louisiana, to consider approval of the application of Steve and Vivette Middlebrooks, to the Benton MPC, for Minor Plat approval for Middlebrooks Subdivision, located on a certain tract of land being 7.076 acres, more or less, in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, also being generally located at 390 Linton Road, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 8. (Benton Case No. BP-3-25)

Megan C. Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary
Glenn Benton, President
Bossier Parish Police Jury

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174819-
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
ESTATE OF KAREN L. MORRIS AKA KAREN LYNN MORRIS

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT LOCATED 397.51 FEET DUE WEST AND 800.87 FEET DUE SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 22 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 200.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR A CORNER; THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 126.26 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SLIGO ROAD TO AN IRON PIPE FOR CORNER; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 200.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR CORNER; THENCE RUN SOUTH 81 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 126.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, INCLUDING A 1996 MASTERPIECE DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #MP153095A/B. (THE "PROPERTY")

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Cris R Jackson
935 GRAVIER STREET SUITE 1400
New Orleans, LA 70112

January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 25RS-422)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; to require certain enumerated political divisions in Bossier Parish to approve a P.I.L.O.T. program; and to provide for related matters.

March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (68) 170965-
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
VS
WILLIAM FREDRICK THOMPSON, IV

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
26th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

LOT 31, RE-PLAT OF LOTS 1 THRU 31, GREENACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT 6, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 275, PAGE(S) 249 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 22 / 100 (\$155,872.22) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025
JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
ASHLEY E MORRIS
1505 N. 19TH STREET
MONROE, LA 71207
318-388-1440

January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174359-
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
VS
JAMES CHAZE NEAL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
26th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

LOT 30, HAPPY MEADOW SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 275, PAGE 127 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON: SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 95 / 100 (\$81,997.95) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025
JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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January 29th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
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Notice to the Public

Any person claiming to be, or knowing the whereabouts of James Alton Preston, or the heirs and legatees of James Alton Preston, residing in Bossier Parish, LA Louisiana claiming to have an interest in the below-described property:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOT 17, REPLAT OF SHADY GROVE SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1., A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 275, PAGES 232-233 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS, THEREON. MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 4214 PARKWAY DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LA 71112.
Please contact Attorney AARON WILSON at 707 Benton Road, Suite 125, Bossier City, LA 71111 or call 318-752-4106.

March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 10th day of February 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Alderman Perry gave the invocation, and Alderman Manning led the pledge.
Mayor James Friday called the Public Hearing to order. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr	ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning	PRESENT
Alderman Tammy Brunson	PRESENT
Alderman Arshundae Perry	PRESENT
Alderman Terry Lawrence	PRESENT

Others present were Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, Debbie Rios, Officer Mora, and members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

ORDINANCE 598 of 2025:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I, "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING SECTION 2.8 WHICH SHALL READ "REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN"

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton desires to amend Article I by adding Section 2-8 of the Benton Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has approved a change to the time of the regular monthly meeting, which is held on the second Monday of each month, the meeting time will be 6:30 PM.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, that the Municipal Code of Benton, Article I, ADMINISTRATION, be amended as follows:

Section 2.8. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

The Board of Aldermen shall meet regularly in the Municipal Building located at 105 Sibley Street, Benton, on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM prevailing time. When any regular meetings of the Board of Alderman fall on a holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding workday, which is not a holiday.

BE FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

No Comments were made

Motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Perry to Adjourn Public Hearing In favor: 4
Opposed: 0

REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
TOWN OF BENTON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 10th day of February 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor James Friday called the Regular Session to order. Stephanie Collier, called the roll, with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr	ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning	PRESENT
Alderman Tammy Brunson	PRESENT
Alderman Arshundae Perry	PRESENT
Alderman Terry Lawrence	PRESENT

Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, Debbie Rios, Officer Mora, and members of the public were also present.

A motion by Alderman Manning, seconded by Alderman Perry, to amend the Regular Session Agenda to add item #7: Resolution 3 of 2025
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

A motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Manning, to approve the agenda as amended.
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Alderman Manning requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect the question she asked about when the packets are to be delivered to the council. Mayor Friday stated those will be corrected

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Vote: Ordinance 596 of 2024:
ANNEXATION

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS AND ROADWAYS TO THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA: DESCRIBING SAID LAND AND ROADWAYS DECLARING SAME A PART OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, does hereby declare that the land and existing roadway hereinafter described is contiguous and adjacent to the Town of Benton, and the Parish of Bossier has requested in writing to the Council that said property be annexed to the Town of Benton for permanent maintenance by the town, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton, Louisiana, that the hereinafter-described property is subject to annexation to the Town of Benton under and pursuant to the provisions of RS 33:172(A), and that 3500 feet of Palmetto Road from the Town limits to north of Lakeview Drive should be annexed and become a part of the Town of Benton, Louisiana.

Exhibit A: Map

Exhibit B: Legal Description

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED upon a motion of Alderman Lawrence seconded by Alderman Brunson this Ordinance was introduced and set for Public Hearing and final adoption on the 10th day of February 2025 by the following votes:

Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Final Vote: ORDINANCE 598 of 2025:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I, "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF BENTON, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING SECTION 2.8 WHICH SHALL READ "REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN"

Motion by Alderman Perry, seconded by Alderman Brunson to adopt Ordinance 598 of 2025
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

NEW BUSINESS
Consider ORDINANCE No. 600 of 2025 (T-4-25) Introduction and set for public hearing
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 130-182 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 1.306 acres more or less, from R-2 (Multiple Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) for a proposed storage, office facility, and restaurant, to be located at 210 Fifth Street, Benton. (Town Council District 2) (Police Jury District 4) on the following described property:

BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF BLOCK 28 IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY OF FOURTH STREET BY TOWN OF BENTON ORDINANCE #262 OF 1994; AND THE WESTERN 20' OF THE ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY OF BOSSIER STREET; AND THE EAST HALF OF THE ABANDONED ALLEY BY TOWN OF BENTON ORDINANCE #144 OF 1983. ALSO LOCATED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND SQUARE TUBING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF T.L. CHANCE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1, AS RECORDED UNDER INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1325477 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 74°34'21" EAST A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 15°09'23" WEST A DISTANCE OF 335.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FIFTH STREET, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 74°34'21" WEST A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 15°25'03" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A FOUND 2" IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 15°10'59"

EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.306 ACRES.

Motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Manning to introduce Ordinance 600 and set for public hearing
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

ORDINANCE No. 601 of 2025 (T-1-25) Introduction and set for public hearing

An Ordinance amending chapter 130, article 7, section 130-182 of the town of benton code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 1.681 acres more or less, from R-1 (One Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) for a proposed cheer and tumbling gymnasium, located at 608 Fifth Street, Benton on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT A Found ½" Iron Pipe Marking The Southeasterly Corner Of Lot No. 1 Neill Acres, On The Northerly Existing Apparent Right-Of-Way Line Of Louisiana Highway No. 162 (Fifth Street) Bossier Parish Assessment # 103944 Lying North Of Fifth Street Located In The Northwest ¼ Of Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 13 West Of The Louisiana Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Parish Of Bossier, State Of Louisiana; Thence Run South 75°52'16" East Along Said Apparent Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 513.87' To A Found 1" Iron Rod For A POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 09°46'15" East Departing Said Apparent Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 309.22' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap On The Northerly Line Of Lot 5, Block "C"; Thence South 89°46'04" East, Continuing Along Said Northerly Line, A Distance Of 190.00' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap; Thence South 00°00'00" West Departing Said Northerly Line Of Lot 5, A Distance Of 365.00' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap On The Northerly Apparent Right-Of-Way Line Of Said Highway No. 162; Thence North 75°52'16" West Along Said Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 250.04' Back To The POINT OF BEGINNING, Containing 1.681 Acres, More Or Less And Subject To Any And All Servitudes, Rights Of Use, And/Or Right Of Way Of Record Or Use.

Motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Perry to introduce Ordinance 601 and set for public hearing
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Alderman Carr is now counted as present for the remainder of the meeting.

ORDINANCE No. 602 of 2025 (T-9-25) Introduction and set for public hearing

An Ordinance amending chapter 130, article 7, section 130(g)(2)-182 of the town of benton code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session does hereby amend Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130 (g) Legislation Disposition, (2) Reconsideration, to read as follows:

(2) In all cases where property is rezoned and is not used for the purpose for which it was rezoned within a period of one year two years from the date of rezoning, the planning commission shall, upon its own notice, call a public hearing for the purpose of considering changing the zoning classification to that which existed at the time of the original application.

Motion by Alderman Perry, seconded by Alderman Manning to introduce Ordinance 602 and set for public hearing
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Consider approval of alcohol permit renewal for Dollar General:
Motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Carr to approve the permit renewal
Public Comments: None

Ayes: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Consider items to be declared as surplus:

Motion by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the items listed as surplus
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Consider approval of month-to-date budgets and financials:
Motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the month-to-date financials
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Agenda amendment item Added :

Resolution 3 of 2025 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a service agreement for lobbyist services.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Benton in regular and legal session on this 10th day of February 2025, that it does hereby accept the proposal for Lobbyist Services for the 2025 Legislative Session for Caroling Mladenka.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen does hereby authorize the mayor to execute and administer the agreement in connection with said service agreement. This resolution was offered by

Motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the mayor to sign documents for the service agreement
Public Comments: Alderman Manning requested the details of what is the service agreement Mayor Friday provided that the agreement is for a total amount of 10,800.00 annually to be paid monthly of 900.00.
Ayes: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Alderman Carr presented Chinetta Neal a Years of Service award for 20 years of service and stated that she is very proud of Ms. Neal for her service to the Town of Benton.

Motion by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Lawrence to adjourn the Regular Session
Ayes: Alderman Carr, Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SEALED BIDS will be received at the Bossier Parish Emergency Complex located at 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, LA, 71111, for the refurbishment of a 2008 E-One Typhoon Custom Pumper until Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 3:00pm.

Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference room.

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at <https://www.bidexpress.com>.

Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from the administration offices of at the Bossier Parish Emergency Complex located at 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, LA, 71111 at no charge. Inquiries shall be directed to Fire Chief J. T. Wallace, Jr by email at info@bentonfire.org, or phone at 318-965-9454 Ext 1.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after actual date of the opening thereof.

Benton Fire District 4 reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in accordance with state law.

Benton Fire District 4

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a Special Call Hearing on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 10:00 am. in the City Council Chambers of Bossier City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, for the purpose of considering the following amendments to Ordinance 133 of 2018 of the City of Bossier City and Ordinance 4705 of 2018 of the Parish Code of Bossier Parish: A Public Hearing for the following:
The application of Chasing Aces Sports Entertainment, LLC requesting a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at a Sports Entertainment Center, Chasing Aces, located at 1111 West 2nd Street Bossier City, Louisiana. (City Council district 1) (Police Jury district 12)
Michelle Wallace, Chairperson
Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Notice is hereby given that Performance Proppants, LLC has applied for a 401 Water Quality Certification to expand the existing Hat Creek Sand Mine by 52.61 acres on the eastern bank of the Red River near Vanceville. Mechanical excavation and dredging will be utilized to mine sand from the site. Work will occur in both Bossier and Caddo Parishes. Performance Proppants, LLC is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:IX.1507 A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Water Permits Division within ten days of this notice by referencing WQC 250217-01, AI 204126 to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Water Permits Division
P.O. Box 43 I 3
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313 Attn: Water Quality Certifications

Comments may be submitted by email to DEQ-WaterQualityCertifications@la.gov.

A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

I, Bobby Allen Watts have been convicted of Indecent Behavior with Juveniles and Failure to Register/Notify as a sex offender.

My address is: 2022 Coastal Dr Princeton La, 71067
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 45
Height: 5.04
Weight: 194
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Blue

If you have any comments or wish to communicate with the Bossier Sheriff's Department., P.O.Box 850, Benton, LA, 71006, 318-965-2203.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana, 71006 (Sheriff's Conference Room) until 2:00 p.m. (CST) April 3, 2025, for:

BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HVAC Renovation at the Bossier Parish Sheriff Substation
2510 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111

Bid Documents are available in electronic form free of charge. Contact Brandon Smoak at Total Arc Flash Safety, LLC, (318-464-3056) or Brandon@totalarcflashsafety.com to obtain these files.

All additional inquiries shall be directed to:

Brandon Smoak
Total Arc Flash Safety, LLC
207 Fairburn Avenue, Suite B
Benton, Louisiana 71006
Brandon@TotalArcFlashSafety.com

Work on this Project includes all work as indicated in the Construction Documents (Bid Documents), which include Drawings, Project Manual, and Addenda (if any)

A NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 10 am (CST) March 19, 2025 at the project site at 2510 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111.

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW. CONTRACTORS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL HOLD THE CLASSIFICATION OF MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the Total Bid (including any Alternatives). Bid Security must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or a satisfactory bid bond written by a company with a current A. M. Best Rating of 'A' - (Excellent), Financial Size Category "VIII" with a 'Stable' Outlook licensed in the State of Louisiana.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the following bonds written by a company with a current A.M. Best Rating of 'A' - (Excellent), Financial Size Category 'VII' with a 'Stable' Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana; Performance Bond in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; Payment Bond in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; and Maintenance Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the contract amount.

The Contract time shall be one-hundred and twenty (120) calendar days. Liquidated Damages shall be One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each consecutive calendar day that the Work is not completed beyond the Contract Time as may be made according to the terms of the Contract Documents. Said sums shall in no event be construed to be a penalty; but only as damages fixed and agreed upon in advance.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids with just cause. Bids which deviate from the Construction Documents will not be considered. Electronic responses may be submitted online via BidNet at www.bidnetdirect.com/bossierparishsheriffsoffice. Once logged into the system and viewing this notice, use the "Place a Bid" button at the top of the page. Follow the instructions to the end and ensure you receive a confirmation page that shows your response was successfully submitted. If you need assistance please contact BidNet Direct's Vendor Support Department at 800-835-4603, Option 2. Do not wait until the last minute in case you encounter questions or technical issues. No proposals will be accepted after the time specified."

Minority, women, and veteran owned businesses, vendors, and contractors are encouraged to participate.

BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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WELLS FARGO NA	\$	SUIT NO.: 166,818
VERSUS	\$	26 th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA and SYLVIA DIAN FINKLEA	\$	BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE


Please take notice that LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA has been named Defendant in the above-styled cause of action.

LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA, is deceased. Any heirs, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of same, must contact the LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FREDERICK at 2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, 71104, or at the telephone number of (318) 868-7300.

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF MARK D. FREDERICK

BY:


MARK D. FREDERICK, Attorney at Law
Louisiana Bar Roll #23741
2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
Telephone: (318) 868-8943
Facsimile: (318) 219-8964

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (05) 174726- Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INCENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-F, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021-F VS KENNETH RAY ROBERTS A/K/A KENNETH ROBERTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH KERRI RENEE ROBERTS A/K/A KERRI RENE ROBERTS	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O. Box 860 BENTON, LA 71006 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana
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By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: LOT 10, BLOCK 13 AND THE SOUTH ¼ OF PALERMO STREET LYING NEXT TO AND ADJOINING SAID LOT 10, BARKSDALE GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 60, PAGE 319, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 617 ROME STREET, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA 71112.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 64 / 100 (\$51,452.64) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: March 12, 2025 April 16, 2025 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: CRIS JACKSON 935 GRAVIER STREET, SUITE 1400 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112 504-581-9444	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER BOSSIER Parish
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NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of **Cane's Landing, Unit No. 5**, located on a certain tract of land being 18.017 acres, more or less, a gated subdivision being a re-subdivision of a portion of Lot 3 of Big Bee Bend Plantation, in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 6. (**Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-PLAT-000219-2024**)

Megan C. Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary
Glenn Benton, President
Bossier Parish Police Jury

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Consolidated Wwks District 1 of Bossier

Our water system did not fulfill our monitoring requirements over the past year. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests during past monitoring periods showed elevated copper levels in the water above the limit, or "action level" so we were required to install and maintain corrosion control treatment. We did not collect some or all of the required water quality parameters necessary to monitor for effective corrosion control treatment during the July 1 through December 31, 2024 collection period. There is nothing you need to do at this time. Necessary action has been taken to prevent this violation from recurring. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. For more information, please contact Consolidated Wwks District 1 of Bossier at (318) 949-0223.

MEGAN C. RAMOS, INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

March 12th, 2025
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NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Edgewater Pass Unit No. 1, Phase 3, located on a certain tract of land being 5.543 acres, more or less, being a subdivision located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 5. (**Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-PLAT-000222-2024**)

Megan C. Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary
Glenn Benton, President
Bossier Parish Police Jury

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REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Bossier Parish School Board issues this SEALED REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ), of which responses must be received at the Purchasing Office located in The Ole Gym at Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, Louisiana, 71006, no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 11, 2025 for the following project:

RFSQ #E25-008 - Real Estate Services

Responses received after the due date and time listed above will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

BPSB reserves the right to reject any and all statements and to waive minor informalities and irregularities as allowed by law.

For complete RFSQ specifications, please visit BidExpress.com for free download.

For any questions pertaining to this RFSQ please contact The Bossier Parish School Board Purchasing Department at purchasing@bossierschools.org

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals are hereby requested by the Bossier Parish School Board for

RFP 25-37: Houghton High School Football Stadium Scoreboard

Complete RFP documents may be obtained for free by visiting bidexpress.com.

Paper copy proposals will be received no later than 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2025 at the Bossier Parish School Board Purchasing Dept located in The Ole Gym at Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, La 71006. Any proposal received after this due date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

Paper copy proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope/box clearly marked on the outside with the following proposal information:
proposer's name
proposal due date/time: 11:00 am, April 11, 2025
proposal number/name: RFP 25-37: Houghton High Football Stadium

In lieu of paper copy proposals, vendors may elect to submit electronic proposals through bidexpress.com; a fee may be associated with the use of this Bid Express service. Further, vendors shall be required to obtain a digital signature certificate prior to submitting proposals online.

Award will not be made at the time of the RFP opening, but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting.

A non-mandatory meeting will be held at the Houghton High School football stadium located at 210 E McKinley Ave, Houghton, LA 71037 at 9:00 am on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Bossier Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law.

Bossier Parish School Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Kerry Douglas
Chief Procurement Officer
Kerry.douglas@bossierschools.org
(318) 549-5039

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Receptionist in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA, until the hour of 2:00 P.M., (CST), April 8, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud by the Purchasing Agent or his designated representative in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
KINGSTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS
(FAIRBURN AVENUE)
Project No. 2025-116

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at <https://www.bidexpress.com>. Vendors/Contractors who decide to submit electronic bids will also have to pay an annual fee for digital signatures as required by state law. Prime bidders shall obtain an original set of electronic or paper bidding documents either from the public entity or the design professional who prepared such documents. Bid Documents may be obtained from Civil Design Group, LLC, upon receipt of a deposit in the amount of \$100.00 for each set of documents. Deposit for the first set is fully refundable, to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid, upon return of the documents in good condition no later than 10 days following receipt of bids. The deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded 50% upon return of documents as stated above. General Contractors not submitting a bid on the project will be refunded 50% of plan deposit upon return of bid documents within 10 days after receipt of bids. Bidding documents will be available at the address shown below on March 12, 2025. All inquiries shall be directed to:

CIVIL DESIGN GROUP, LLC
1125 HAWN AVENUE
SHREVEPORT, LA 71107
(318) 674-9616 phone
gclark@cdg-apec.com

An acceptable Bid Bond, cashier's check, or certified check payable to Bossier Parish Police Jury in an amount not less than five-percent (5%) of the bid must accompany the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract amount. Any surety bond written for a public works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policy holders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is Licensed to write surety bonds. BID GUARANTEE: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids. All applicable local, state, federal laws and regulations shall apply. Bids shall be submitted on the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form furnished by the Engineers with the bid package. Those submitted otherwise may not be considered or accepted. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked as "BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY – KINGSTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS (FAIRBURN AVENUE) – PROJECT NO. 2025-116". Contractor's License Number shall also be clearly shown on the outside of the bid envelope.

The successful Bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Felony Conviction / E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on April 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Pre-bid will be located at the following Location: Bossier Parish Police Jury Office 204 Burt Blvd. Benton, Louisiana 71006 The Bossier Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B). Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Bossier Police Jury no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

MEGAN RAMOS, PARISH SECRETARY
GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Bodeau water system Failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identification of a Significant Deficiency

On 10/23/2024 the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sanitary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more significant deficiencies in our system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies) or work with the State to develop a plan to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies). However, we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the State before the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treatment and oversight of the water system. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

What was done?

Repairs to wells and wellhouses are ongoing at this time. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes,

schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Pam Johnson (318) 949-2506

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Red River Missionary Baptist Church
1831 Scott Street, Bossier City

Join us to learn about environmental investigations and work at and around the Site. Speak with project team members, ask questions, and provide input.

Food will be provided. All are welcome.

Hosted by:
the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ),
the Multistate Environmental Response Trust (Multistate Trust)

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For more information, please contact:
Multistate Trust: Claire Woods, cw@g-etq.com, (910) 765-7237
LDEQ: Paula Sen, paula.sen@la.gov, (318) 676-7521

GOLD STAR - FEBRUARY

Choking Child Alive Today
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SONJA BAILES
Bossier Schools Public Relations Liaison

What started as any other bus ride home quickly changed course one January afternoon in Plain Dealing. It was a young girl's first day to ride Debbie Lockey's bus. Thankfully, Lockey was a veteran driver with 35 years' experience and a lot of first aid training under her seat belt.

"A kindergartener who was sitting at the front started choking," explained Dr. Anita Szombathelyi, Assistant Principal at Plain Dealing High. "Mrs. Lockey asked her what was wrong with her and within seconds she stopped the bus and sprang into action. She pulled the bus to the side, got out of her seat and started a Heimlich maneuver on the student."

"The look on her little face, I knew she was choking on something, but in my mind I thought she got some candy or a sucker and some of it came off, not thinking it was a quarter," Lockey recalled. "The way she looked, I could tell something was wrong. After the third or fourth thrust doing the Heimlich, there it came."

"She hugged the student and told her 'you're okay, you're okay' several times to make sure the student was safe now. Her quick thinking and heroic move saved the life of that student!" Szombathelyi added.

In her three-plus decades of driving a school bus, Lockey says not once has ever had to use the Heimlich or any of her first aid training until that day.

"I'm glad I was there and knew what to do," she said. "Like I told the principal, I was just doing my job."

When school administrators watched the bus video afterward, it brought tears to their eyes and deepened their admiration for Lockey and her quick thinking. It also got their wheels turning about how to properly recognize her heroism.

"Her commitment to student safety and well-being is unparalleled, but her recent

heroic actions truly set her apart as a deserving recipient of the Gold Star Award," read a nomination letter from PDHS Principal Jason Edwards.

So, on a recent Friday, Lockey's afternoon again changed course, only this time for a much different reason. Her bus riders lined the hallway, clapping and yelling 'surprise' as Lockey entered the school. The shock on her face was priceless, not understanding what was going on until Lockey learned she was the recipient of Bossier Schools' Gold Star award.

Director of Transportation Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dave Hadden pointed out Lockey's route services the extreme northeast corner of Bossier Parish that borders the Red River to the west and the Arkansas line to the north. Luckily, she was in the right place at the right time.

"Working in this area alone presents its own sets of challenges such as bus stops with no lights, no sidewalks, no road shoulders, tight turn-arounds on gravel and dirt roads, and early morning pick-ups that begin at 5:50 a.m." Hadden added, "On this route, as well as most others, drivers know that they have just mere seconds to resolve emergencies as quickly as possible ... I'm thankful for Ms. Debbie and all of our 'Guardian Angels on wheels' that go above and beyond their traditional duties to ensure the safety of our student riders."

"I'm just glad everything worked out," Lockey said. "You learn a lot going to those (first aid) classes. It's just good to ... people need to realize it could be your child and knowing what to do might save them."

Editor's note: Know someone who works for Bossier Schools that is deserving of recognition for going above and beyond? Nominate them for the Gold Star award, proudly sponsored for the 12th year by Bossier Federal Credit Union. Visit <https://bit.ly/3MOZSRY> to tell what sets them apart and be watching for our next Gold Star surprise.

