







**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



**STERLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL** Student of the Month for February: Kacen Haile, shown with Councilwoman Lucy Holtzclaw.



**STERLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Student of the Month for February: John Rabb, shown with Councilwoman Lucy Holtzclaw.



**STERLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** Student of the Month for February: Shelby Anders, shown with Councilwoman Lucy Holtzclaw.

**Living Well Foundation gives update on 2016 projects**

During a gathering last week, the Living Well Foundation featured a number of area initiatives which received funding from the foundation, including a special focus on the University of Louisiana-Monroe's mobile dental hygiene unit. The some \$32,000 provided to ULM last year resulted in the dental treatment of more than 200 students at Riser Elementary and Riser Middle schools in West Monroe, according to Amanda Richardson, with ULM's dental hygiene department. While thanking the foundation for its financial assistance, Richardson noted the handful of

safe X-ray devices which ULM's dental hygiene department was able to buy. Some of those devices assisted the dental hygiene team, including students, to detect other medical conditions in some of the children visiting the dental hygiene unit. Representatives from numerous entities receiving financial assistance from the Living Well Foundation delivered a brief summary of their endeavors during 2016 as well as some success stories. The presentations took place at the West Monroe Convention Center. The Living Well Foundation was created in 2006 upon the sale of

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**Matt West on Civitan Smiles Park**

The Glenwood Regional Medical Center to IASIS Healthcare. Proceeds from the sale are held in trust, and earnings are awarded in grants to area non-profit agencies through a grant determination process based on established parameters as identified by the Board of Directors and in compliance with the 2008 Community Needs Assessment. Since 2007, the Living

Well Foundation has awarded some \$5 million to area initiatives promoting "healthy lives, healthy communities." According to the foundation, some \$325,000 was awarded to non-profit agencies in the foundation's eight-parish service area during 2016. "Additional initiative funding was provided to Morehouse Community Medical Centers Inc., a

federally qualified health center, to provide for Ouachita Head Start equipment needs and school-based health centers equipment, both of which support needed services for Medicaid and underinsured children," stated a foundation report. According to Alice Proffit, the foundation's president, Living Well was committed to launching a school-based health center in each of the eight parishes served by the foundation. Roma Kidd, executive director at ARCO, said her organization's early intervention program assisted more than 80 infants secure developmental aid across the

eight-parish service area. That program was expanded this year to include video conferencing between children and therapists in other areas, according to Kidd. "We believe the outcomes we are seeing are helpful because this grant allowed us to put the whole team together," Kidd said. Matt West, with the West Monroe Civitan Club, thanked the foundation for its support of the Civitan Smiles Park, a handicapped-accessible playground which is slated to open May 6. "It will create a lot of first time memories for children who've never played on a playground before," West said.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE**  
Rowan Court Subdivision is a new single family development owned by Rowan Court 2013 Limited Partnership being built at 2013 Burg Jones Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71202. It will contain 32 total units, 20 of which will be two bedroom and 12 which will be three bedroom units. The community will include a clubhouse for residents and supportive services in the form of social activities for residents. The project is applying for 4% Tax credits and will cost a total of \$6,078,431. Sources include a mortgage loan in the amount of \$850,000, gross tax credit equity in the amount of \$2,063,594, CDBG fund — LHC in the amount of \$3,160,500, and deferred developer fee in the amount of \$4,337.  
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**NOTICE**  
Rowan Independent Senior Complex is a new elderly living facility development owned by Rowan Independent Senior Complex 2021 Limited Partnership being built at 2021 Burg Jones Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71211. It will contain 32 one bedroom units. The community will include a fitness center, dining area, library, beautifully maintained grounds with a walking trail, and the supportive services in the form of meals programs, transportation services, housekeeping, and social activities for residents. The development is applying for 4% Tax credits and will cost a total of \$5,600,000. Sources include a loan in the amount of \$4,800,000 and private equity in the amount of \$800,000.  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN OF STERLINGTON**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**  
**STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**  
Mayor Vern Breland called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and acting. Aldermen present were, Caesar Velasquez, Lucy Holtzclaw, Bonnie Dilmore, and Kerry Elee. Aldermen Miranda Russ was absent.  
**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Chief Bonner gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**GUESTS**  
Ashley Woodhead Stapleton, Jackie Allen with Allen Fireworks Stand, Zach Parker with Ouachita Citizen, Jeff Maxwell, and Kimberly Velasquez.

Town Personnel in attendance were Marilyn Dilmore, Bryan Racer, Katy Balsamo, and Chief Barry Bonner.  
**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**  
There were no modifications to the agenda.  
**REPORTS**  
**ALDERMEN REPORTS**  
Alderwoman Lucy Holtzclaw stated she received a letter from St. Andrews Methodist Church thanking the public works department for helping with the collection of over four thousand (4,000) food items. At the next meeting we will announce who the food drive winner is.  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Mayor Breland read the paragraph on the agenda pertaining to Louisiana Open Meetings Law that provides that the public has the opportunity to address any agenda item prior to any action on that item.  
Ashley Woodhead Stapleton was here with Jackie Allen the owner of Allen Fireworks. Ms. Stapleton stated last year they got an occupational license and it was for one year and when they came to renew they were told it is only good for three (3) months. Jackie Allen stated she started selling fireworks in Sterlington back in 1988. Ms. Stapleton started in February they sell Valentine baskets. Jackie Allen mentioned as far as the sale of fireworks that is regulated by the state. The state says when you can start selling and when you stop selling.  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SEWER RATES**  
M/S/C (MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED) (Caesar Velasquez, Lucy Holtzclaw) to adopt the sewer rate increase as Ordinance #2017-01 (SED). The yeas votes were Velasquez, Holtzclaw, Dilmore, and Elee. Zero nay votes and Miranda Russ was absent.  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
**TREY JAY REVOKE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT**  
Town Attorney Katy Balsamo is going to get an abstract to see if this agreement was ever filed with Trey Jay, Stan Parker, and Willie

Haile. Town Attorney Bryan Racer said if it has then there will need to be a resolution draw up with recorded book and page numbers stated.

M/S/C (Caesar Velasquez, Lucy Holtzclaw) to table this until January 24th meeting or a special meeting may be called.

**INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$4 MILLION IN REVENUE BONDS FOR SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mayor Breland stated this will kick off Phase 2 in April which will be actual construction of the first five (5) fields which they will be 500' fields, plus the lighting.  
M/S/C (Lucy Holtzclaw, Kerry Elee) to introduce an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not more than Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, including interim financing in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes (collectively, "Obligations") in one or more series, of the Town of Sterlington, Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Obligations; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Obligations; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; providing for the sale of said Obligations; entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Obligations; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, including providing interim financing in connection with that portion of the youth sports park and tournament complex being funded with the proceeds of the Obligations.

**FORMING SPORTS COMPLEX BOARD**  
Alderman Kerry Elee stated this will be a volunteer board. Kerry Elee stated they are wanting people who have kids that will be playing on these fields. They have talked about have 5 to 7 board members.

Mayor Breland stated he would like names by the next meeting.  
**FIREWORKS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE ORDINANCE**  
Town Attorney Bryan Racer will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting. M/S/C (Lucy Holtzclaw, Caesar Velasquez) to table discussion until January 24, 2017 meeting.

**MINUTES**  
The minutes for November 22, December 6, and December 20 were on the table for approval, but there were not enough Aldermen at this meeting to approve the above minutes that were at the meeting of the minutes. M/S/C (Lucy Holtzclaw, Caesar Velasquez) to table the minutes until January 24 meeting.

**ADJOURN**  
M/S/C (Caesar Velasquez, Lucy Holtzclaw) to adjourn due to no other business on the agenda.  
Vern Breland, Mayor  
Marilyn Dilmore, Town Clerk  
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Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
September 19, 2016  
Date and Place: The regular meeting of the Convention and Visitors Bureau was held at the Convention and Visitors Bureau office on September 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The Chairman, Nash Patel presided.  
Roll Call: Present  
Jerry Edmondson, Sammy Gordy, Lane Howell, Mickey Merritt, Sue Nicholson, Don O'Toole, Nash Patel, Ryan Roark, Norene Smith  
Absent  
Kevin Crosby (excused), Omar Elgourani (excused)  
Staff: Alana Cooper, President/CEO; Sylvia Bullard, Office Manager/Bookkeeper; Elmer Noah, Board Attorney  
Agenda: It was moved by Ryan Roark and seconded by Don O'Toole to approve the September 19, 2016 board meeting agenda. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.  
Guest Speaker: Brian Armstrong, Athletic Director at ULM, made a request in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to the board to help fund a Track/Soccer Field Project.  
Minutes: It was moved by Lane Howell and seconded by Don O'Toole to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes as read. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.  
Treasurer Report: The board members reviewed the itemized deposits and disbursements showing the following balance on hand as of August 31, 2016.  
General Funds \$8,271,623.91  
Report filed for audit.  
Travel Plans: It was moved by Sammy Gordy and seconded by Lane Howell to approve the additional travel plans for September 2016 through January 2017. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) af-

firmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

**Committee Reports:**  
Tourism Development Grant Committee - Ryan Roark reported that the committee met on September 19, 2016 at 3:30 to review payment requests from the following organizations:

1. The Bayou Kennel Club Dog Show requested an early payment of 75% for the Dog Show to be held May 2017 in Monroe. It was moved by Ryan Roark and seconded by Don O'Toole to release 75% of \$5,000.00 to the Bayou Kennel Club in the amount of \$3,750.00. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.
2. Final payment to the RiverMarket in the amount of \$2,500.00.
3. Final payment to ULM Beach Volleyball courts improvement in the amount of \$65,000.00
4. Payment to the Northeast Louisiana Soccer Association in the amount of \$70,000.00 for purchase of portable bleachers and goals. It was moved by Ryan Roark and seconded by Lane Howell to approve all payment as presented.

Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

The board members discussed the proposal by Brian Wickstrom, of ULM Athletics Department for a Capital Improvement Grant for the Groseclose Track in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

It was moved by Sammy Gordy and seconded by Sue Nicholson to approve a tourism development grant to the ULM Athletics Department in the amount of \$650,000.00 for track replacement of the Track/Soccer Field project. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

**President/CEO Report:**  
Alana Cooper reported that she has been nominated to serve on the LTPA board. She requested board approval to accept the position if elected.

It was moved by Don O'Toole and seconded by Sammy Gordy to approve the President/CEO to accept the position as a member of the board of LTPA if elected. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, it was moved by Sammy Gordy and seconded by Ryan Roark to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried by a vote of ten (10) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

Nash Patel, Chairman  
Sammy Gordy, Secretary/Treasurer  
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**L & R UTILITIES**  
200 BALBOA DR  
MONROE, LA 71203  
March 7, 2017

**Re: Safe Drinking Water Act:**  
Notice of Violation/Public Notification of Non-Compliance  
Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products Rule ( TTHMs and HAAS) MCL Violation  
Community Water System  
Ramsey Water system  
PWS ID #: LA 1073025  
Ouachita Parish

The Ramsey Water System is currently in violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total TRIHALOMETHANES and HALOACETIC acids as set forth by the State [ Part X11 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:XII)] and the Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR Part 141).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDH) set drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection by products (DBPs). EPA and LDH set standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing HAAS in excess of the MCL over many years may have and increased risk of getting cancer.

In December 1998, EPA set enforceable drinking water standards for TTHMs at 80 parts per billion (ppb) for HAAS at 60 parts per billion (ppb) to reduce the risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. Compliance with the TTHMs and HAAS standard are determined by calculating a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly TTHMs and HAAS sample results. Compliance calculations performed for the first quarter of 2017 shows that the current TTHMs LRAAs are 73 ppb at DBP02-209 Music Rd. and 70 ppb at DBP03-137 Music Rd. The HAAS LRAAs are 118 ppb at DBP02-209 Music Rd. and 117 ppb at DBP03-137 Music Rd. thus, the system is currently in violations of TTHMs and HAAS standards.

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.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. EPA and LDH do not consider this violation to have any serious adverse health effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure; however, continued long-term exposure to TTHMs and HAAS levels above the standard (e.g. 20 years of exposure) has the potential to have serious adverse effects on human health.

Trey Telano Phone: 318-343-6851  
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