



FERRIDAY HIGH'S Mckenzie Clay (left) and Delta Charter's Jillien Kemp battle for a loose ball Thursday at Delta Charter. (Photo by Joey Martin)

LSU baseball No. 2

LSU is ranked No. 2 in the 2026 Baseball America preseason poll released Monday, representing the Tigers' third Top 2 ranking this month.

LSU is rated No. 1 by Perfect Game and No. 2 by D1 Baseball in preseason polls released earlier in January.

The Tigers won LSU's second national championship in three years in 2025 after beginning the season ranked No. 2. LSU began the 2023 season ranked No. 1, held the top ranking for 12 weeks, and went on the claim the national title.

The 2026 season starts on Friday, February 13, when LSU plays host to Milwaukee at 2 p.m. CT in Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field.

Head coach Jay Johnson, who has directed the Tigers to the 2023 and 2025 National Championships in his four-season LSU tenure, enters his fifth season with a very talented squad that has 19 returning players and 20 newcomers on its roster.

The reigning National Champions feature seven returning position players with starting experience at LSU, and 10 hurlers who have recorded innings for the Tigers.

The 20-player class of newcomers is composed of eight NCAA Division I transfers, one NCAA Division II transfer, two JUCO transfers and nine high school signees. Five LSU rookies have been ranked among the Prep Baseball Report Top 100 College Freshmen, and another six of the Tigers' newcomers appear on the Baseball

America list of the Top 100 College Transfers.

LSU is one of 11 Southeastern Conference teams appearing in the Baseball America 2026 preseason Top 25, along with No. 3 Mississippi State, No. 5 Auburn, No. 6 Georgia, No. 8 Texas, No. 10 Arkansas, No. 13 Tennessee, No. 16 Ole Miss, No. 17 Vanderbilt, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 22 Florida.

- 1 UCLA
- 2 LSU
- 3 Mississippi State
- 4 Georgia Tech
- 5 Auburn
- 6 Georgia
- 7 North Carolina
- 8 Texas
- 9 TCU
- 10 Arkansas
- 11 Coastal Carolina
- 12 Florida State
- 13 Tennessee
- 14 Virginia
- 15 Oregon State
- 16 Ole Miss
- 17 Vanderbilt
- 18 Louisville
- 19 Oklahoma
- 20 Clemson
- 21 West Virginia
- 22 Florida
- 23 Southern Miss
- 24 East Carolina
- 25 Miami

Taylor rejoins NSU as coach

When third-year Northwestern State baseball coach Chris Bertrand had to make an unexpected change to his coaching staff for the 2026 season, he knew where to look.

Bertrand announced Thursday the addition of former Demon infielder Sam Taylor to the Northwestern staff. Taylor takes over for assistant coach Billy Henley, who has accepted a position with the Washington Nationals organization.

The hire is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, which governs Northwestern State University.

"As a program, we are be-

yond thrilled to bring Sam Taylor back to Natchitoches," Bertrand said. "In addition to being a Demon alumnus who knows the feeling of bringing a championship to Natchitoches, Sam is a terrific young coach whose tutelage and experience will benefit our program as a whole. I am excited to bring Sam into the fold and see how he impacts our players and the rest of our program."

Taylor, a two-year Demon letterman, returns to Natchitoches after spending the fall as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Mississippi.

Taylor's sojourn to his home state came after spending two seasons as the director of player development at Southeastern Louisiana where he helped lead the Lions to the 2025 Southland Conference regular-season championship.

During his two years in Hammond, Taylor helped the Lions establish the school single-season home run record (86) during the 2024 season.


Southeastern equaled that mark in Taylor's second season.

In those two seasons, Taylor was part of a staff that produced 11 all-conference performers.



MCCA MAXION of Ferriday throws down a dunk against Delta Charter Friday at Delta Charter (Photo by Joey Martin)

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PARISH OF CONCORDIA

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DELTA BANK

VS

SUIT NUMBER: 56203

PATRICK GEOGHEGAN AND MORGAN MIDDLETON

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issues from the Honorable 7th Judicial Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause. and to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

Exhibit "A"

Lot Twenty-two (22) Upper Coosa Plantation, Concordia Parish, Louisiana as shown by plat recorded in COB N-3, Page 328-A, records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings, improvements and component parts thereof and thereon.

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

DATE OF SALE

January 28, 2026

PLACE OF SALE:

Second floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

TIME TO SALE:

10:00AM

TERMS OF SALE:

Cash WITH benefit of appraisal

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s Mickie Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise December 31, 2025

Advertise January 21, 2026

IF APPLICABLE YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

ALCOHOL PERMIT

The Landing & RV Park, Inc., d/b/a The Landing & RV Park is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low Alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Concordia, Monterey, LA at 173 Bodark Rd. Monterey, LA 71354. The Landing & RV Park Inc. Member: Bobbie Aswell

1/14,21

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Applications for employment may be obtained from the Tensas Parish Police Jury Office located at **212 Hancock Street, St. Joseph, LA 71366, beginning January 14, 2026.**

Completed applications **must be accompanied by a resume** and submitted to the Tensas Parish Police Jury at the address listed above. All materials must be received **no later than 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.** Applications or resumes received after 4:00 P.M. will not be accepted.

For additional information, please contact **Pauline Doyle, Secretary-Treasurer, at (318) 766-3542.**

Tensas Parish Police Jury is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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TRUCK BID

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On Friday February 6, 2026 the Monterey Fire Protection District No. 1 will accept sealed bids for the purchase of a 2003 Chevrolet 1 ton pick up truck. This vehicle has around 200,000 miles on the engine. This is an estimate due to the odometer being inoperable. The vehicle is not in running condition and will be sold in as is condition. Bids can be mailed to the following: Monterey Fire Protection Dist. No 1 P.O. Box 335 Monterey, Louisiana 71354. Please mark truck bid on the front of the envelope. Truck can be inspected by appointment only by calling 318-386-7204. The Monterey Fire Protection District No.1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

1/14,21,28 \$12

(Notice of Intention to Introduce Bill - 2026 Regular Legislative Session)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by R.S. 47:1907.1 that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 9, 2026, a bill relative to authorizing assessors in this state to increase their annual salary compensation in an amount not to exceed five percent annually through Fiscal Year 2028-2029; and to provide for related matters.

1/21, 28 \$7.50

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 26RS-426)

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 March 9, 2026, a bill relative to the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; and to provide for related matters.

1/21,28 \$7.50

NOTICE

Parcel No. 9540024700A
Estate of Edith McKnight Tidwell
Theresa Silva Delgado or Estate
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Dakota Wilkinson or Estate
Lakendrick Jefferson or Estate
Tony Carter or Estate
Village of Clayton
United Credit Corporation of Vidalia
Delta Bank
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RE: Parcel# 9540024700A / No Municipal Address

Brief Legal: LOTS 12 AND 13, BINGHAM- MCCLURE ADDN

Legal Description: Lots 12 and 13 of the Bingham-McClure Addition to the Town of Clayton, Louisiana as shown by the plat of survey made by J.P. Sessions, Reg C E #184, in March 1952 and recorded in Deed Book J-4, PG 113 of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana

Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property **will be terminated** if you do not redeem

the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within **sixty (60) days** of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.

Concordia Parish Tax Collector
4001 Carter St. Room 6
Vidalia, LA 71373
j 318-336-5231

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PARISH OF CONCORDIA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 9540024700A

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Concordia has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Concordia for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 AM on February 23, 2026 at the Concordia Parish Police Jury, 4001 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,160.39. **Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, and 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by February 19, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session.** If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.

For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC: 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM,
200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Triand McCoy, Tommy Probst and Brent Smith.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant; Brad Burget representative of Smith, Taliaferro & Purvis Law Firm., Municipal Attorney; Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager; and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the regular town meeting of November 11, 2025, were approved with no changes. The motion for the approval of the minutes was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Craft then asked if anyone had any comments on current agenda items. The first person to speak was Mr. Craig Sanders regarding Agenda item num-

ber 11. His concern was safety, how and who will regulate the ordinance. The Mayor stated that his concerns will be addressed during the discussion of that particular agenda item. The next person to speak was Von Manchester on Agenda item number 10. Mr. Manchester spoke on public record laws and due process. Noting that there were no other questions or comments, he advised that he would continue with the formal agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for October, 2025. Mayor Craft called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. She began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. Following that, the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed in detail, including a report on the positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds. She then reported on which revenues are under budget and which are over budget at this time. Next, she brought the Aldermen up to date on several items of interest, which items included: cash in the bank; investments; total assets and liabilities; combined revenues and expenses. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Craft continued with the Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Occupational License Applications. The only application received was that of MedCentris – Kelly Jennings – wound care management. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Sign Applications. There being only one application for Natchez Ballet Academy/Miss Lou Dance Academy located at 201 Carter Street in Vidalia. A motion to approve the Sign Application was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was an announcement of an upcoming movie night on the Vidalia Riverfront by Ana Gouge of the LSU AGCenter. Ms. Gouge stated that after talking with several kids, they had a desire to do movie nights to support the parish. She stated the movie night would be free to the public with the showing of Home Alone on December 18 at 6:30 p.m. The movie night will be held at the amphitheater pending weather. If bad weather was to occur, the movie night will be moved inside the Convention Center. Being no action needed to be taken by the Board, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 5 was a presentation on the Complete Streets Program by Alex Hobby of CPEX. Mr. Hobby explained the process and the need for having a Complete Streets Map for Vidalia. He stated that the next steps that the Town should consider would be to adopt the Complete Streets Map, coordinate the map with MPO and DOTD and to develop a Complete Streets Policy. Being no further discussion, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on 2026 Beer and Liquor Permits. The Mayor and Board then reviewed the 2026 Beer and Liquor permits paid at Town of Vidalia and a motion to approve as per the list presented was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 7 was Board discussion for Louisiana Legislative Auditor's compliance questionnaire. Following a discussion of the proposed answers to the questions on the audit, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, to approve authorizing the Aldermen to sign the questionnaire, which motion was seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 8 was Board discussion and vote to approve Aldermen travel for LMA Mid-Winter Conference. Board members discussed their interest of attending the conference and afterwards, a motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously carried to approve travel for any Board member that wanted to attend the conference.

Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion and vote to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Ferriday regarding garbage pickup. Mayor Craft stated that he spoke with the Mayor of the Town of Ferriday regarding their ongoing issue regarding their garbage pickup. He also stated that the Town of Vidalia could help and would be willing to help the Town of Ferriday on the basis of the employees and Town being paid along with the landfill fees. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. Alderman Betts questioned a time frame. The Mayor suggested that the Board would bring the matter up again in 30 days. Being no further discussion, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 460, Amendment Nos. 593, 607, and 642 and providing for severability and repeal. The Mayor stated that the changes were in red and the Ordinance changes included fees, grass and weeds. Alderman Probst reiterated that this was just an introduction and nothing is finalized.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Board discussion on introducing an ordinance pertaining to the use of golf carts, side by sides, 4-wheelers, etc. within the Town of Vidalia. The Mayor stated that whatever the Board decided to do in conjunction with the Vidalia Police Department and the Police Chief, his only request that the State Law should be followed. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor stated that the Board would get with the Town Attorney regarding a possible Ordinance.

Agenda Item No. 12 was Board discussion and vote to approve tabled Hydroelectric Town Projects from September 9, 2025 meeting. The Mayor started with the Skateboard Park and advised to take it up at next years meeting. A motion was made by Alderman McCoy to take this project up in the August 2026 meeting, seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried. The next item was the Special Needs field with the Rec Board. The Board was awaiting a CEA with the Rec. Board. A motion was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously passed. The next project was a Polk Park Entrance from the Subdivision. The Mayor advised to move this to next year as well. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. CEA with the Concordia Parish School Board to convert tennis court and basketball courts was the next project. The Mayor presented a quote in the amount of \$48,500. A motion to move forward with this project was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. Summer Program with Raymond Riley was tabled due to accounting purposes. The Town is still awaiting requested records. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman McCoy to keep this item tabled until the documents are received. The motion carried unanimously. The next project was sidewalks in District 2. Alderman Gardner advised that he would like to wait on this project. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. The Mayor also advised to table decorating the meter boxes until the logistics and safety concerns can be addressed. A motion was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. The next project was that of Concord Youth for the completion of a football field. A motion was made by Alderman McCoy to table the project, seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried. A marquee for Town events was also a project that was tabled until August 2026. A motion was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried. The Mayor stated that the Board approved \$300,000 to repair the Hydro Building and currently those repairs are asked to be placed on hold. The Mayor then asked that the Board repairs the remaining tennis courts at the complex which will cost \$92,000 and repair the basketball courts at the complex for \$41,000. A motion to approve was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried. The next project was a marker for Memorial Day which should total \$1,000. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 13 was adjournment. Alderman Betts noting that there are no additional agenda items, asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Piara Wilson, _____ /s/ Buz Craft, _____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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Concordia Parish School Board
Educational Policy Committee Meeting Notes
Date: December 10, 2025

Location: Superintendent Bachus' Office
Present: Dorothy Parker, Fred Marsalis, Angela Hayes, Rhonda Moore, Superintendent Toyua Bachus
1. Personnel Announcements & Health-Related Updates
•Resignations
•Maternity Leave Updates
•Interim Leadership Appointments:
•Lisa Lewis – Interim Principal, Vidalia Upper
•Allison Case – Interim Assistant Principal
2. Activity Bus Cleanliness & New Protocol Requirements
•Superintendent Bachus reported that activity buses returned from a tournament dirty and not properly sanitized, prompting new protocols drafted by Mr. James White.
•Committee members emphasized accountability and the responsi-

bility of principals and athletic staff.
•The committee agreed:
•Athletic Directors (ADs) should inspect buses after every trip.
•Superintendent Bachus will add post-trip inspection to AD job descriptions.
•Building & Grounds Committee will review the new protocol once fully completed.
3. Leasing / Storage Needs: Southern Design Building
•Superintendent Bachus shared an urgent need to secure storage space, due to the lease expiring soon.
•Discussion included:
•Check into exercising the board's first option to lease the back section of the Southern Design building
•Considering a lease extension or
•Evaluating the purchase of the building
•The committee agreed the district must:
•Develop contingency plans for storage
•Move toward a firm decision and timeline

Concordia Parish School Board
Finance Committee Meeting Notes
Date: December 10, 2025 Time: 3:00 PM

Present: Toyua Bachus, Fred Butcher, Patricia Sessions

Meeting Summary
Mrs. Sessions presented the monthly financial report. She noted that expenditures were higher than usual due to the distribution of the \$2,000/\$1,000 stipends as well as the November staff bonus. The committee also reviewed individual school financials. Discussion included concession stand revenue and the current accounting procedures being used at schools. While progress is being made toward implementing a unified financial system, additional training will be required due to new staff members assuming these responsibilities.
Recommendations
Given current staffing shortages in the Finance Department, the committee recommended contracting external support for school auditing services for this year.

Concordia Parish School Board
Building And Grounds Committee Meeting
December 10, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

4894 US-84, Vidalia, LA 71373
Present: Derrick Carson, Wayne Wilson, James White, and Toyua Bachus
Agenda Posted: December 9, 2025
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the committee chair.
II. Discussion Items

A. Gutters/Drains at Vidalia Lower Elementary School
The committee discussed the ongoing issues with gutters and drainage at Vidalia Lower Elementary. Administration is currently verifying whether the previous work completed on this project is still under warranty before moving forward with any additional repairs.
B. Activity Buses Protocols
The need for clear and consistent activity bus protocols was shared. The committee noted that the Educational/Personnel Committee has already initiated the development of these procedures, and alignment between committees will continue.
C. Access Ladder Project Manual
The committee revisited the Access Ladder Project and reviewed the most recent quote. Members explored the cost-saving option of purchasing the ladder directly instead of using a contractor. Additional review will take place before finalizing next steps.
D. Review of November Work Orders
More than 60 work orders were submitted during November. Of these, only six remain incomplete. Overall, the committee expressed appreciation for the maintenance team's responsiveness and efficiency.
E. Review of Agenda
The committee reviewed the current agenda and confirmed items for follow-up in the next meeting.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Media Center, 508 John Dale Dr., Ste B, Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lisette Forman. Following the prayer and pledge, President Forman declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business. She noted that comment cards were available on the table with the agendas. She explained that if anyone wanted to make a comment regarding an action item on the agenda, they should fill out a comment card and bring to the table where the board members were seated and they would be acknowledged when the item they were interested in came up.

Board members present were Mrs. Lisette Forman, Mr. Fred Butcher, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, and Mr. Wayne Wilson. Mrs. Vanessa Houck and Mr. Matt Taunton were absent.

Superintendent Bachus recognized the winners of the Christmas Card Art Contest. She presented them with certificates and Christmas cards of their own which were made up of each student's winning artwork.

Lower Elementary Schools
1st Place: Summer Smith, 2nd Grade, CPA
2nd Place: Holden Moreland, 1st Grade, MHS
3rd Place: Kensley Johnson, 2nd Grade, FLE

Upper Elementary Schools
1st Place: Jose Morales White, 5th Grade, VUE
2nd Place: Paxton Welch, 5th Grade, VUE
3rd Place: Malakai Polk, 5th Grade, FUE

Middle Schools
1st Place: Londyn Randall, 6th Grade, VJH
2nd Place: Zevion Coles, 7th Grade, FJH
3rd Place: Justyn Brasher, 7th Grade, VJH

Middle Schools Gifted & Talented
1st Place: Eden Godbold, 7th Grade, VJH
2nd Place: Kaelin Ballow, 7th Grade, MHS
3rd Place: Katelynn Thomas, 8th Grade, VJH

High Schools
1st Place: Brooklyn Russell, 9th Grade, MHS
2nd Place: Abigail Jennings, 12th Grade, MHS
No more entries from High Schools.

The committee reports were given next. The Educational Policy report was given by Mrs. Parker, the Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Butcher, and the Building & Grounds Committee report was given by Mr. Carson.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular November 13, 2025, meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to approve the invoices in the amount of \$8,273,454 for the month of November 2025 as presented by Mrs. Patricia Sessions.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the Personnel Report. The report was available in the board members' folders, and Mrs. Moore noted that there were no changes since the committee meeting on Wednesday.

Concordia Parish School Board Regular Meeting
Educational Policy Committee Personnel Announcements
December 11, 2025

Resignations:
Bailee Maier, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Central Administration Business Department, effective Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Leaves:
Allyson Houston, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, maternity leave, effective October 16, 2025 through January 5, 2026.

Amanda Freeman, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, returned from maternity leave, effective December 2, 2025.

Tyshica Rodgers, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, returned from maternity leave, effective December 4, 2025.

Anna Lawrence, Teacher, Concordia Parish School of MST, returned from maternity leave, December 2, 2025.

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Transfers:
Jamie Taunton, Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, to Assistant Principal, Monterey High School, effective January 6, 2025.

Lisa Lewis, Assistant Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, to Interim Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective December 4, 2025.

Allison Case, Academic Coach (Elementary), to Interim Assistant Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary, effective December 4, 2025.

Bethany Collette, Associate Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, to Paraprofessional, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective January 6, 2026.

There was discussion on the Weeks building and that we have need for storage space for records and furniture that are in the building. There was discussion of digitizing records, but we will not be throwing anything away. Mr. Carson noted that Mr. Weeks asked that we put a number out there to resolve the issue with the Weeks building. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to authorize Mr. O'Neal and Superintendent Bachus to get an appraisal on the building and/or a resolution amount.

There was discussion on the meeting dates for the calendar year 2026. It was decided that two meetings would be held at a Ferriday school; two at a Vidalia school; and two at Monterey High School with the other six being held wherever the central office is located at the time. It was moved by Mr. Marsalis, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the meeting dates and locations.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to approved the second reading of the following policies:

- GAAA-25 Equal Opportunity Employment
- IDDF-25 Education of Students with Exceptionalities
- IDDFC-25 SPED Classrooms-Audio/Video Recordings
- JAA-25 Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
- JD-25 Discipline.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- BCBB-25 Notification of School Board Meeting
- DFM-25 Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies
- DJE-25 Purchasing
- EBBC-25 Emergency/Crisis Management
- GBC-25 Recruitment
- GBN-25 Dismissal of Employees
- GBRA-25 Employee Conduct
- JGCF-25 Behavioral Health Support for Students.

Announcements by the Superintendent:

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Each school has been asked to recognize the members of the school board in some way.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Marsalis, and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

1/21 \$112.50

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

- PresidentCornell Lewis
- MembersMaurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington, Kenny Simpson, Adam Probst, Genesis Allen, Collin Edwards, and Red Tiffee
- Secretary/TreasurerAriella Carter
- InvocationMaurice Bachus
- Pledge of AllegianceAdam Probst

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis Ms. Carter conducted the roll and aQuorum was declared present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the absence of Mr. Maurice Bachus, Mr. Kenny Simpson, Mr. Collin Edwards, and Mr. Red Tiffee from the November 24, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the purchase orders, statutory reports, bank statements, and bank reconciliations as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Mrs. Ana-Alicia Gouge addressed the Jury to present an opportunity to apply for regional funds up to \$249,000.00 through EPA to restore the Historic Old Courthouse. The abatement process may cost less than \$100,000.00, which would be the first step. Mrs. Gouge asked the parish for a letter of support to move forward with restoration.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to complete and submit a letter of support/intent to Mrs. Gouge. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the 2026 holiday and meeting schedules. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve to adopt an ordinance establishing a one-time retention payment program for parish employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to amend the previous motion to state approving to adopt an ordinance establishing a one-time retention payment program accepting the amounts of \$500.00 for full time and \$250.00 for part time Parish employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to adopt a resolution to change the polling place for precinct 1-4 from the Clayton City Hall to the Concordia Headstart Clayton. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to accept the Barite Solar final permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve having the VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) replaced in the amount of \$16,021.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the occupational license for Carney's Place, LLC in Monterey. Motion carried unanimously.

Work orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee, to approve the following: Mr. Bachus – 149 Skipper Drive needs trash picked up and the end of Railroad Drive has become a dumping site and needs the trash picked up and a “No Dumping” sign.

The following updates were provided for Superintendent’s Work Orders: 610 (yards) – 30yds on Boggy Bayou, 3yds on Poole Rd. (Monterey), 30 yds on Haphazard, and 7yds on Doty Road. Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 37yds on Country Club A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the superintendent’s work orders. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Lewis advised that the Town of Vidalia has a slough project going on and the property is adjudicated to the Parish, they are asking for a letter from the Parish to with approval to tear down the house at 801 Walnut Street at no cost to the Jury.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to have a letter sent to the Town of Vidalia giving them approval to tear down the house at 801 Walnut Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy

of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 14th day of December 2025, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

1/21 \$81

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2025
11:00 A.M.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

- PresidentCornell Lewis
- MembersMaurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington, Kenny Simpson, Adam Probst, Genesis Allen, Kale Davis, and Collin Edwards
- AbsentKale Davis and Red Tiffee
- Secretary/TreasurerAriella Carter
- InvocationWilbert Washington
- Pledge of AllegianceCornell Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis Ms. Carter conducted the roll and a Quorum was declared present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to revise the 2025 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to enter a public hearing to adopt the 2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to exit the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to adopt the 2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to raise the reconnect fees from \$5 to \$25 dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bachus asked Mrs. Carter to compile a list all permits and the associated fees, and to look into demolition fees.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to see about adding the adjudicated property list link to the jury’s website, and look into a new website host for an updated and refreshed looking website. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 7th day of October 2025, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

1/21 \$45

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
MAINTENANCE UNIT MATERIALS
ANNUAL BIDS

Sealed bids for the following items will be received by the Concordia Parish Police Jury, 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, Louisiana, until 4:00 PM local time Monday, February 9, 2026 in the Police Jury Meeting Room at the Concordia Parish Courthouse Room 2, Vidalia, LA 71373, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

1. Washed Gravel
- A. Pit-run Gravel
- B. Stone, Crushed Limestone
- C. Railroad Ballast
2. Base Course Aggregate
3. Regular Cold Mix
4. High Performance Cold Mix
5. Gasoline
6. Diesel Fuel
7. Oversized Rocks, No. 2 Washed
8. Lubricating Oils

All bids are for the approximate period of one year which ends December 31, 2026. Specifications and bid forms are on file at the Police Jury office. All bids must state on the outside of a sealed envelope the following: 1. The name and address of bidder. 2. The items that are bid; 3. The date of bid opening; 4. Address to the Concordia Parish Police Jury. All bids are to be submitted on the forms provided, properly filled out and signed by a principle of the firm bidding. If bid is mailed, the sealed envelope containing the above information should be placed in a mailing envelope addressed to the Concordia Parish Police Jury.

ALL ROCK & STONE BIDDERS MUST BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE FIVE (5) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YARD TRUCKS WITHIN 48 HOURS OF NOTICE, PLUS FURNISH SCALE TICKET AT DELIVERY.

1. Vendor obligates itself to provide the subject materials, equipment, or supplies at the termination date of the contract for all purchases of the subject materials, equipment, or supplies by the Parish that are made in connection with a project or projects arising from a State or Federally declared disaster, when the Parish makes a grant application or applications related thereto within the term of the contract and such project or project extend beyond the termination date of the contract. "Unit price" shall mean the stated unit price or the effective unit price, if the contract provides for a defined number of units at a lump sum price, determined by dividing the lump sum price by the number of units.
2. The contract awarded under this bid solicitation shall not apply to purchases of the subject materials, equipment, or supplies by the Parish after the inception date of the contract, when such purchases are made in connection with a project or projects arising from a State or Federally declared disaster for which the incident period and grant application deadline are prior to the termination date of a previously awarded contract for such materials, equipment, or supplies.

Concordia Parish Police Jury reserves the right to waive all informalities and to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

1/21,28; 2/4 \$45

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana (the “Town”), proposes to grant an option to purchase for a portion of the Vidalia Industrial Park, as described below:

A 75.00-acre tract being a portion of the “Vidalia Industrial Park”, being a portion of Whitehall Plantation, situated in Sections 13 and 14, T7N-R10E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 1/2 inch iron rod at the westernmost corner of Section 14, T7N-R9E, thence N54°56’37”E 200.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract, thence N37°06’07”W 251.92 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod thence N52°53’53”E1,279.57 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence along the north-easterly right-of-way of D.A. Bigland Road S37°06’07”E 2,588.09 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod thence along the westerly edge of a 100 foot wide hydroelectric powerline right-of-way S56°00’34”W 1,281.46 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod, thence N37°06’07”W 2,266.61 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And containing 75.00 acres more or less.

And being more particularly shown on plat entitled “Plat of a 75.00 Acre Tract Being a Portion of Vidalia Industrial Park”, dated 12/1/23, by Gary W. Caldwell, P.L.S

Property described above subject to easements, rights of way, servituends and/ or invromental issues which may exist but are not shown o the above mentioned plat.

(the “Property”) to Louisiana Renewable Fuel Facility LLC (the “Purchaser”), for industrial inducement purposes pursuant to a Purchase Option Agreement (the

“Agreement”). The Agreement will provide that the Property may be purchased by the Purchaser during the term of the Agreement for a purchase price not less than appraised value. The Agreement is on file for public inspection at the Vidalia City Hall, 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd, Vidalia, Louisiana. The appraised value of the Property as of December 27, 2023 is no less than \$800,000.00.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority of the Town, will meet in open and public session on February 10 2026, at 6:00 pm at the City Hall, Vidalia, Louisiana, and will at that time hear any and all objections to the proposed sale of the Property.

1/21,28 \$36

Fifth Louisiana Levee District
November 12, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Taunton, Hill, Brown, and Hardwick answered rollcall.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved minutes from the October meeting on a motion by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Hardwick.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for October on motion by Commissioner Taunton, second by Commissioner Hill, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for the same period.

President Minsky thanked Paula Todd for her years of service and wished her a happy retirement and welcomed Georgia King to the Levee District.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Taunton, Board approved resolution putting Georgia King on the bank signature card. No public comments were offered.

There being no new business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Hill.

Reynold Minsky, President

Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.

1/21 \$27

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Commissioners for the FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT, 102 Burnside Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282, up until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and then publicly opened and read for the trade and purchase of the following equipment:

One (1) 4WD, Crew Cab Pick-Up Truck

And/Or

Up to Four 20' CUTTERS

Equipment specifications may be obtained from Fifth Louisiana Levee District, 102 Burnside Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282, telephone 318-574-2206. Bid envelopes are to be labeled appropriately.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Fifth Louisiana Levee Board

Reynold S. Minsky, President

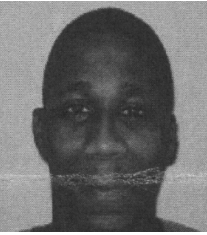
Jason Trichell, Supt. of Operations

1/21, 28 \$19.50

I, ROOSEVELT L. CUMMINGS, have been convicted to 14:81.3 COMPUTER AIDED SOLICITATION OF A MINOR on Jan, 25 2923 14:80 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF A JUVENILE on Sept 04, 2007

My address is 536 Hwy 565, Jonesville LA 71743.

Race: Black
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: 10/31/1985
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 150
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown



1/21,27

I, Stephen J. Zito, have been convicted of 14:80 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF A I JUVENILE on Jan 24, 2025. My address is 143 Ryan RD, Vidalia, LA 71373.

Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: 08/14/1982
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 138
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Brown



1/14,21

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish School Board (“School Board”) has received official notification from the Louisiana Secretary of State confirming the passing of Board Member Matthew B. Taunton, on December 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of Matthew Taunton, a vacancy exists in the office of Concordia Parish School Board, District 5B; and

WHEREAS, because the unexpired term of office will exceed one year, a special election will be required to fill such vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby calls a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Concordia Parish School Board, District 5B for the remainder of the unexpired term, as follows:

- (1) The dates for qualifying for the candidates in the special election shall be February 11, February 12, and February 13, 2026, and
- (2) The date for the special primary election will be May 16, 2026, and
- (3) The date for the special general election will be June 27, 2026.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Concordia Parish School Board does hereby appoint Nathan Cloessner to serve as its District 5B member until the special election is held, and a member is elected.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official journal of the School Board, and that additional copies be sent by certified or registered mail to the Clerk of the Court of Concordia Parish, the Registrar of Voters of Concordia Parish, and the Louisiana Secretary of State, as required by law.

This Resolution was offered by Board Member Derrick Carson and seconded by Board Member Dorothy Parker, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 Dorothy Parker, Fred Marsalis, Sr., Vanessa Houck, Derrick Carson, Angela Hayes, Wayne Wilson, Fred Butcher, Lisette Forman
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

The Proclamation is declared adopted on this, the 8th day of January 2026.

Joyce Watson-Bachus Fred Butcher
Touya Watson-Bachus President
Superintendent/Board Secretary
Concordia Parish School Board
January 8, 2026 1/8/2026
Date Date

Orlando P. 8583
Notary Public

1/21 \$40.50