



CHASE MCGRAW of Delta Charter makes contact against Ouachita Christian Thursday. (Sentinel photo by Wendy Lancaster)_

Tech drops first series

Louisiana Tech’s baseball team dropped its first weekend series finale of the 2021 season with a 7-2 defeat to Marshall on Sunday at J.C. Love Field.

The Bulldogs (28-11, 14-6 C-USA) got the day started early at the Love Shack with a 10 a.m. first pitch.

Adam McGuirt and his daughter, Lily, helped throw out the ceremonial first pitch before Sunday’s series finale. McGuirt, who is LA Tech’s director of disaster recovery and strategic initiatives, was instrumental in helping rebuild Tech’s baseball, softball, soccer and tennis facilities.

On the mound, Jennings got the Bulldogs off to a hot start by sitting down the first five Marshall (8-24, 4-16 C-USA) batters to start the game. Six-hole batter Peter Hutzal then broke the scoreless deadlock with a solo home run to right field, putting the Thundering Herd up 1-0.

Marshall extended its lead to 3-0 in the top of the fifth with another home run to right field. Second baseman Travis San-kovick delivered the two-run long ball after Geordon Blanton led off the inning with a leadoff walk.

The Bulldogs responded

with a two spot of their own in the bottom half, doing all their damage with one out in the inning. After leadoff batter Taylor Young reached base on an eight-pitch walk, two-hole batter Hunter Wells ripped a double to right field just two pitches later. Wells’ double combined with an fielding error on the right fielder helped bring home Young all the way from first to trim the lead to 3-1.

With Wells on third, center-fielder Parker Bates lifted a fly ball to right field, allowing Wells to tag up and score on the sacrifice fly to cut the Thundering Herd lead to 3-2.

Lady Tigers take two

LEXINGTON, Ky. – For the third-straight week, after dropping game one of the series, No. 15 LSU (28-15, 10-8) swept its doubleheader to take the series win over No. 14 Kentucky (32-12, 7-11 SEC) Sunday at John Cropp Stadium.

The Tigers combined to blast six home runs on Sunday to win their first series in Lexington under head coach Beth Torina. It marked the eighth-straight series win overall, fourth-straight SEC series and fifth SEC series of the season. LSU is now 9-1 in doubleheaders this season.

“This team showed outstanding fight and effort,” Torina said. “We backed ourselves into a corner once again, losing the first game, but there was never a doubt that they could get the job done twice on Sunday. The offense produced in all three games from the top of the lineup all the way down and delivered in crucial moments. We are ready to get back to Tiger Park and finish out the SEC schedule.”

LSU returns home after nine-straight games on the road May 1-3 against Arkansas. The Tigers went 6-3 during the road swing with three series wins.

Game 2 Recap

Ali Kilponen earned the win for the Tigers in the rubber game after entering in relief in the first inning. Kilponen pitched 6.2 innings and allowed just one run on three hits.

Autumn Humes (15-6) earned the loss. She was charged with eight runs, only one earned, in 2.2 innings.

Kentucky got off to a hot start in the first with three runs off of LSU starter Shelby Wickersham.

The Wildcats scored one on a single through the right side by Renee Abernathy and then two on a single up the middle by Mallory Peyton.

Amanda Doyle hit a solo home run to center field on an 0-2 count to cut into UK’s lead.

LSU scored nine runs, all with two outs, in the third inning to take a 10-3 lead. With runners in scoring position, the Tigers tied the game after an error by the shortstop.

The Tigers then went back-to-back with a three-run home run from Morgan Cummins and solo home run by Taylor Tidwell. Ciara Briggs roped a double right down the left field line to plate a run and Taylor Pleasants ended the inning with a two-run jack to straight center field.

Kentucky’s fourth run came on a solo home run by Miranda Stoddard.

Game 1 Recap

Shelby Sunseri (7-5) earned the win for the Tigers in seven innings of work. Sunseri gave up seven runs, five earned, on seven hits. Kentucky starter Tatum Spangler (3-3) was charged the loss.

She gave up three runs in the first inning.

LSU put up multi-run innings in four of seven innings. Kentucky scored solo home runs in the first and second inning. The Wildcats added one-run innings in the third on a single and in the fifth on a sac fly. They made a threat in the seventh with three unearned runs.

Pleasants started the game with a three-run home run to right-center field, her team-leading ninth dinger of the season.

Cummins added her second home run of the weekend, a two-run shot, in the third to give LSU a 5-2 lead.

The Tigers added two more runs in the fifth on an RBI-double from Sunseri and sac fly by Cummins. Doyle’s single in the sixth plated another run and Sunseri added two more on a double off the wall in left field.

Tiger track shines at home

Baton Rouge – What a day it was for the LSU track and field program. Three world leads, five NCAA leads, and a total of 14 event titles showed the firepower that this No. 1 ranked, on both sides, LSU track and field program has.

The first world lead of the day came in the women’s 4x100 meter relay. The foursome of Tonea Marshall, Favour Ofili, Symone Mason, and Thelma Davies clocked an NCAA and world leading time of 42.70 to win their fifth straight event title in a row this season. LSU remains the only collegiate team to run a sub 43 time this season.

JuVaughn Harrison and Rayvon Grey, the best long jumping duo in the nation by a longshot, went one-two in the long jump on Saturday. Harrison showed impressive form in his outdoor opener in the event with an outdoor personal best of 27’ 8.25” (8.44 meters) to take gold. The mark is impressive as all get out as it ranks No. 1 in the world this season, No. 2 in the LSU record book, and No. 6 all-time in collegiate history. Grey finished in second with a wind-aided leap of 26’ 10.50” (8.19 meters). Harrison owns the NCAA lead and Gray ranks No. 3 this season and these two have combined to win a combined three long jump national titles during their careers.

The final world and NCAA lead of the day came from Noah Williams, who was running his first open 400 meter race since he won the NCAA indoor title in mid-March. Williams got out and never looked back as he clocked a winning time and personal best of 44.30 to take a commanding lead in the world rankings this season. The 44.30 makes him the second fastest in LSU history.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA		7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., Jean Fairbanks presiding.	MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CONCORDIA		VIDALIA, LOUISIANA	INVOCATION: Mike Sanders ROLL CALL: Warren Enterkin absent VISITORS: Willie and Connie Warner; Charles Renfrow, Manager; Randall Butts; Janice Ford	
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE				
CONCORDIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY			Mike Sanders made a motion to adopt as written the minutes of the January 19, 2021 board meeting. Don Linder seconded and motion carried.	The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
VS SUIT NUMBER: 53240-B			Discussion of a high water bill for Sheila Maxwell. Mike Sanders made a motion for Mrs. Maxwell to pay out her water bill at the amount of \$50.00 per month, including the regular monthly bill. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.	
UNOPEN SUCCESSION OF JERRY CLAUD KING SR.			Discussion with Mr . Willie Warner and Mrs. Connie Warner about 2 months of high water bills at a residence they are renovating. Catherine Cartwright made a motion to remove the penalty amount charged to their account. The penalty removal is because they waited until the board meeting which is on the 16th of March , after the due date. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.	
WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE			Mike Sanders made a motion to sign the affidavit for the US Corps of Engineers for the Levee project on Highway 3196. This project may require relocation of our 18" waterline. Don Linder seconded and motion carried.	There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Tommy Probst, Robert Gardner, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.
By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District 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:			Don Linder made a motion to approve the Delta Fuel bill for January 2021, in the amount of \$1,018.77 and the February 2021 fuel bill, in the amount of \$1,646.01. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.	
“SEE EXHIBIT A”			Mike Sanders made a motion to approve the Delta Fuel purchases of \$1,618.54 for generator fuel and \$110.25 for propane for heaters at the Lake St John treatment plant. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.	
Exhibit A			Catherine Cartwright made a motion to approve the February and March 2021 monthly bills and purchase orders. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.	There was absent: NONE.
1.13 Acre, more or less, Portion of TRACT “E-1” of the old DIVISION OF TRACT “E” of WHITEHALL PLANTATION, situated in Sections 42 and 43, Township 7 North, Range 10 East, Concordia Parish, Louisiana. COMMENCING in the center of a 60 foot roadway known as Centennial Road at the northeast corner of Tract E-1 of the division of Tract “E., of Whitehall Plantation and run South 88°37’ 00’ W for 352.35 feet along the center of Centennial Road; thence leaving said road and run South 01° 16’ 38’ East for 1276.92 feet to the northeast corner and POINT OF BEGINNING for within described tract; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 01°16” 38’ East for 182.76 feet; thence South 88° 45’ 55’ West for 269.00 feet to the center of a 60 foot road easement known as Escape Lane; thence North 01° 14’ 05’ West for 182.76 feet along the center of said road easement; thence leaving the center of said road easement and run North 88° 45’ 55’ East for 268.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.13 acres, more or less, being a portion of Tract “E-1 of the division of Tract “E” of Whitehall Plantation situated in Section 43, Township 7 North, Range 10 East, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, subject to an easement of 30 feet in width along the west boundary thereof as a portion of a 60 feet road easement known as Escape Lane.			Don Linder made a motion to adopt the January and February 2021 monthly budgets. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.	
Further, Vendor does hereby grant and convey to the Vendee and establish in favor of the tract hereinabove described a servitude of passage over and across the 60 foot Road Easement from its intersection with Centennial Road to the 5.00 acre tract, all as shown on plat filed as Document No. 218849, in Plat Cabinet No. 2, Envelope No. 15, Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.			Mrs. Fairbanks, President, declared the meeting over at 8:15 p.m.	
Bearing municipal address of _____, Vidalia, Louisiana 71373.			s/s Jean Fairbanks _____ s/s Warren Enterkin _____	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.
DATE OF SALE: June 2, 2021			4/28	
PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse Vidalia, Louisiana			<u>Bill to Concordia Recreation District #1</u>	
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM			The Proposed Budget for 2021 for Concordia Recreation District #1 is available for review and public comment through May 20th. The budget can be reviewed at the Ferriday Town Hall or Concordia Parish Police Jury Office. The budget will be adopted at their May 20th Regular Meeting. 4/28, 5/5	After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2021, were approved. The motion for approval of those minutes was made by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried.
TERRMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefil of appraisement			The Concordia Recreation District #1 is seeking board member applications. Applicants must be domiciled in the district. For applications, please visit the Concordia Parish Police Jury Office or online at conppj.org/boards. 4/28, 5/5	
DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR., SHERIFF BY: Laci Darcey _____			CPPJ NOTICE	
Advertise April 28, 2021 Advertise May 26, 2021			The Concordia Parish Police Jury seeks applications year round for all boards/committees under our jurisdiction. Boards currently seeking applications are:	Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for February, 2021. The Mayor called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. As customary, she began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. The summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed and she reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through February 28, 2021. She reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. She advised the Board that meetings have been held with the Department Heads concerning budgets and that she believes the budget will be ready to be presented at the May regular meeting. There being no questions, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her thorough presentation.
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.			Hospital District, Fire District #2, Sewer District No 1, Airport Authority, Rec District #1, and all other boards Applications are available online under the Boards tabs at conppj.org	
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Regular meeting of Concordia Waterworks District No. 1, March 16, 2021.				Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of occupational license application by Bernice King Gaines for “BK Bookkeeping & Tax Solutions, LLC” at 210 S. Oak Street. Alderman Gardner asked if this was a home occupation and whether or not the applicant has been told that her utilities will increase. The Mayor advised that it is a home occupation; that he believes she has so been advised of the utilities but that he will make sure she knows about that. There being no further questions or comments, on motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried, the application was approved.
				Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Outdoor Sign Application by Adam Scott and Drew Easley for “Vidalia Estates Mobile Home Community”, at 113 Clark Drive, at the intersection of Clark Drive and Texas Street, at the entrance to the mobile home park. There being no discussion or questions, a motion was made by Aldermen Betts, seconded by Alderwoman

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Demby, and unanimously carried, to approve the application for the sign in accordance with the exhibits to the application.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and vote on approval of liquor permit for 2021 by Brenda Floyd for "BB'S FISH FRY" at 1100 Carter Street. There being no discussion or questions, a motion to approve the application was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 5 was presentation for Board approval of proposed contract between Town of Vidalia and Air Med Care Network (Air EVAC) for 2021. The Mayor then recognized Ms. Sherry Eidt, Membership Sales Manager for Air EVAC, who had spoken to the Board last month about this matter, who spoke to the Board and answered questions. She reminded the Board of last month's meeting at which she spoke and explained the proposal for this year. She stated that there are two parts to this issue and that the first part is coverage for residents of the Town. The cost of that would be, as she told them last month, \$19,394.00. She went on to explain about the upgrades. She also reviewed with the Board the number of times that Air EVAC trips were made. Alderman Gardner commented that his family had used the service. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, to approve the contract for 2021 as it pertained to all Vidalia residents. Next, she spoke to the Board about the second part which would be adding employees who live outside Vidalia's City limits. She advised that that would cost a substantial amount of money and that her suggestion is that the Board consider making such coverage an additional benefit of employment rather than under the contract relating to Vidalia residents. Following a short discussion, it was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the Town consider the proposal to make the coverage an additional employee benefit and that the Mayor's office proceed to consider the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on approval of disposition of Town Departments' surplus equipment & vehicles. The Mayor and Department heads reviewed the list of surplus vehicles/equipment which was in the Alderman's packets. The Department heads commented on the condition of the vehicles and suggestions for how to proceed and what to bid. Following the discussion between the Department heads and the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, that all of the surplus vehicles/equipment should be put out for bid and that if there are no bids on anything, then they could be salvaged.

Agenda Item No. 7 was Board discussion and vote on approval of a Resolution on agreement for emergency assistance by and between LEPA Member Cities. The Mayor explained to the Board the need for the Resolution because the Town had acquired assistance from other municipalities to help with the clean up after the ice storm. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, to approve the Resolution on agreement for emergency assistance by and between the LEPA Member Cities, as presented at the meeting.

(A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 8 was Board discussion and vote on awarding of bid for new garbage truck. The Mayor began by explaining the procedure for opening bids which would be accepted subject to the approval of the bid meeting all requiring specifications. Mr. Staggs spoke concerning the need to review the specifications once the bids have been opened and provisionally accepted. The Mayor proceeded to open the bids in the following order:

- By Rivercity Hydraulics, purchase -- \$201,819.00 with option for lease for 36 months at \$3,125.22, 2.29%, with \$100,000.00 buy back;
- Scott Equipment – purchase ----- \$ 199,187.00, with a 36 month lease for \$3,049.50, 2.29%, with a \$100,000.00 buy back; and
- PAC-MAC – purchase ---- \$ 170,249.00, with a 36 month, guaranteed buy back of \$98,214.00, but with NO LEASE TERMS.

Following the opening and reading of the bids, there was a short discussion concerning the fact that the PAC-MAC bid did not appear, on its face, to meet the bid specifications. The Board concluded that it did not meet the specifications and the bid would not be considered. Following that discussion, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, to accept the bid of Scott Equipment, subject to the bid meeting all required specifications.

Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion regarding salaries for members of the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor initially advised the Board of the procedures for the Aldermen to increase their salaries during their terms. He stated that an Ordinance would have to be submitted at one meeting and then would be considered, possibly at the next Town meeting, after having a public hearing on its passage. He indicated that it would be appropriate for the Board to discuss the matter. Alderwoman Demby first spoke concerning the salaries. She advise of the current salaries and of the several municipalities that she had compared Vidalia with, many having high salaries and some low salaries, but said that she would propose to increase the salary from approximately \$8,000.00 per year to between \$12,000.00 and \$14,000.00. Following her presentation, Alderman Smith spoke to advise that he did not believe that it would be fair to raise the salaries at this time and that he would not vote to raise them. Alderman Betts next spoke to say that he is satisfied with the salaries as they are at present. Alderman Gardner next spoke in favor of raises and indicated the amount of time which he spends doing Town's work, and feels that raises would be in order. Alderman Probst spoke last to advise that he is okay with the salary as it is and would not vote for a raise. Following the comments by the Board members, Alderwoman Demby advised that since it is apparent that any proposed Ordinance would not pass, that she would not pursue the matter at this time. It was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, to proceed with the meeting without taking further action.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board approval to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matter of Vidalia Police Department. There being no discussion or questions on the matter, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the personnel matter was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried. The Mayor and Board then retired from the meeting Chamber to go into Executive Session.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Board approval to exit Executive Session. The Mayor and Board, on returning to the meeting chambers, took their places and a motion to exit Executive Session was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried. The Mayor announced that they have exited from Executive Session and have resumed the regular meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12 was Board vote on recommended course of action involving personnel matter of Vidalia Police Department discussed during Executive Session. The Mayor asked for a motion on the recommended course of action. A motion to accept the Police Chief's action taken involving the matter which was the subject of the Executive Session was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried.

There being no additional agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSoyne _____ s/s Buz Craft _____
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA) has proposed an AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BY AND BETWEEN THE LEPA MEMBER CITIES, which Agreement is made to be effective on the month, date and year set forth on the respective signature pages by and among the Cities to be attached to the Agreement; and which Agreement was signed by LEPA and attached to the original of the Agreement on July 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, a Member City of LEPA, wishes to avail itself of the benefits as provided by said Agreement, and to become a Requesting and/or Assisting Utility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Buz Craft, Mayor of the Town of Vidalia, is hereby authorized to sign the signature page accepting and agreeing to the terms of the Agreement for Emergency Assistance by and between the LEPA Member Cities; and to forward same to LEPA to be attached to the original of said Agreement.

This Resolution adopted this 13th day of April, 2021, with the vote recorded as follows:
YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAINING: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 13th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Jay LaSoyne _____ /s/ Buz Craft _____
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

The Village of Clayton will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 101 Shady Lane, Clayton, Louisiana for the purpose of obtaining views on sewer improvements and community development needs. The Village will discuss the submission of an application for possible funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2022-2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. The following information will be discussed at said hearing:

- The amount of funds available for proposed sewer improvements and community development;
- The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;
- The plans of the Village for minimizing disruption of services as a result of the activities associated with such funds and the benefits to be provided;
- The Village's prior performance of LCDBG Programs funded by the State of Louisiana. Accommodations will be made for handicapped and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three (3) day notice is received by the Village.

All residents, particularly persons of low-to-moderate income and residents who experience sewer related issues, are encouraged to attend this hearing. Those residents unable to attend this public hearing may submit their views and proposals to the Village at the following address, within fifteen days after the hearing.

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The Water We Drink

TOWN OF RIDGECREST WATER SUPPLY Public Water Supply ID: LA1029009

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2020. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL 2 EAST	Ground Water
WELL 1 WEST	Ground Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact VELLER CARROLL at 318-757-4497.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. TOWN OF RIDGECREST WATER SUPPLY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

Action level (All) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) - the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Level 1 assessment - A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment - A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E.coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
1/1/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
1/1/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
1/1/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)

1/1/2020	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)
1/1/2020 - 2/15/2019	GROUNDWATER RULE	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (GWR)

Our water system tested a minimum of 1 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	HighestRAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2020	1.7	ppm	0.23 - 2.9	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	4/14/2020	11	0 - 11	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
BARIUM	4/14/2020	2.8	0.62 - 2.8	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
BERYLLIUM, TOTAL	4/14/2020	1.3	0 - 1.3	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries.
CADMIUM	4/14/2020	2	0 - 2	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paints.
CHROMIUM	4/14/2020	51	0 - 51	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE	4/14/2020	0.2	0.2	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
SELENIUM	4/14/2020	0.2	0 - 0.2	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/6/2020	0.32	0.32	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/14/2020	0.8	0.8	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228)	4/14/2020	0.65	0.54 - 0.65	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits.

COMBINED URANIUM	4/14/2020	2.9	0 - 2.9	ppb/l	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	4/14/2020	8.01	0 - 8.01	pCi/l	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	4/14/2020	7.31	2.91 - 7.31	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirem/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.

Treated Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228)	7/1/2020	0.728	0 - 0.728	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits.

Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2016 - 2018	0.1	0 - 0.3	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD	2016 - 2018	7	0 - 9	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (THAA)	119 COTTONWOOD DRIVE	2020	25	23.5 - 28	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (THAA)	800 FERRIDAY DRIVE	2020	26	21.4 - 35	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
THM	119 COTTONWOOD DRIVE	2020	78	64.7 - 92.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
THM	800 FERRIDAY DRIVE	2020	72	53.4 - 94.3	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
ALUMINUM	4/14/2020	1.58	0.27 - 1.58	MG/L	0.2
CHLORIDE	4/14/2020	17	11 - 17	MG/L	250
IRON	4/14/2020	31.5	18.33 - 31.5	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	4/14/2020	1.67	0.98 - 1.67	MG/L	0.05
PH	4/14/2020	7.25	6.97 - 7.25	PH	8.5
SULFATE	4/14/2020	10	9 - 10	MG/L	250

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
MANGANESE	11/18/2020	0.17	0.17	MG/L	0.05

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.							
Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date	Description		
02/14/2019	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC17	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	5/21/2019	LAC S1:XII.344 - Protection of Water Supply/Contaminant Practices		
02/14/2019	GROUND CLARIFIER	ST14	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	5/21/2019	LAC S1:XII.337 C - Protection from Birds, Insects, and Other Contaminants		
02/14/2019	WATER SYSTEM	OT101	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	12/31/2019	Critical System Component		
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02/14/2019	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC17	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	9/30/2019	LAC S1:XII.344 - Protection of Water Supply/Contaminant Practices		
02/14/2019	GROUND CLARIFIER	ST14	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	12/31/2019	LAC S1:XII.337 C - Protection from Birds, Insects, and Other Contaminants		

+++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the TOWN OF RIDGECREST WATER SUPPLY work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

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