RANDOM THOUGHTS BY GEORGIANN POTTS

'Talkin' about my girl'

Writer's Note:

Some music "lasts" – in our memory, if no where else. Occasionally I find myself remembering songs that I loved years ago but haven't heard in what feels like forever. Those old songs are still in my "memory bank" and resurface when something triggers them.

Recently as I was reading a biography of the Temptations -- that amazing quintet that changed soul and R&B music in the 1960's -- almost immediately I thought about their iconic hit "My Girl". While I couldn't remember all of the words, I most certainly could "hear" the Tempts' incredible harmony as they sang it. Now I can't get that song out of my head!

Were any of you fans of the Temptations? Or of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles? Or perhaps Diana Ross and the Supremes? The 1960's – with the help of a rising young company called Motown Record Corporation – produced music that I'll bet many of you who are "older" still remember! And for the younger set who have no idea what I'm writing about, do yourself a favor and find recordings by these groups and introduce yourself to some long-ago music that deserves to "last"!

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Oh, that wonderful, soulful music produced by the Temptations! I wonder how many of you remember this amazing group who impacted the "music scene" during the 1960's? Their fans dubbed them "The Emperors of Soul" because of their incredible harmonies and their dance "moves" while performing. They made incredible music – and a fair amount of magic – together.

To really understand the Temptations, we have to understand how Motown came to be. Both were "born" in the late 1950's under improbable circumstances. In the early 1960's the two became intertwined as fate -- together with a fair amount of old-fashioned luck – mixed to the advantage of both.

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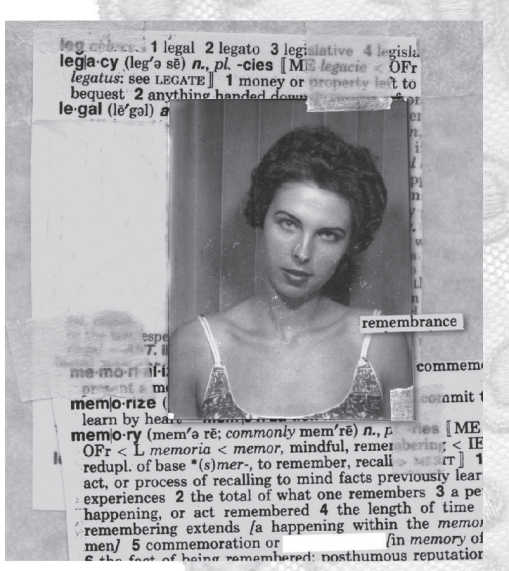
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PARISH OF OUACHITA

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on this TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, pursuant to an order of the Court dated WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025, we the undersigned members of the Jury Commission in and for the said Parish and State, namely, SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY, IV

Duly and legally appointed and sworn to law, a quorum being present, assembled at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, at Monroe, Louisiana, together with Dana Benson, Clerk of Court and a member of said Commission, and did then and there perform the duties prescribed by law in the following manner to-wit: The Court ordered the drawing of 300 jurors to serve as Petit Jurors for the term of Court beginning MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026;

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Coplen, Anna Katherine Anders
Corprue, Jackie Kendrix
Cowden, Timothy A
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Crosby, Ashley M
Cruse, Jeffery Eugene
Cummings, David Scott
Curtis, Taylor Brooke
Darden, Melony Hendry
Davis, Patrick Oneal
Day, Lee Ann
Deal, Jo Ann B
Dean, Shwanda Twykeith
Deblieux, Alexus Nicole
Delasalle, Glynn E
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Dickey, Amanda
Dickey, Kelsey Alaine
Dinkins, Miranda Kay
Dixon, Joshua James
Douglas, Bobby Joe
Drummer, Gregory
Duke, Derrick Charles
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Emory III, Richard Bobby Trey
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Esparza, Brandy Wright
Evans, Cynthia Storm
Evans, James Andrew
Everett, Mercer E
Falcon, Donald James
Farmer Jr, Bobby E
Fassett, Brian R
Ferguson, Harry Benard
Finklea, Mary Brown
Fontana, Marla Latrice
Foster, William A
Francis, Quinton B
Fuller, Judith Kay
Futch, Brenda Patterson
Gable, Jami Renee
Gaines, Frankie T
Gibson, Cynthia Dawn
Glover, Connie J
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Hall, Kendall Marquis
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Kyles, Tatyana Trokira
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Lewis, Sharon D
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Norman, Chezzarae Nicole
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Petch, Ella Eubanks
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Rhea, Cassidy Breanne
Robertson, Louise S
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Robinson III, Dave
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Rosalis, Robbin M
Rowdon, Scott Kramar
Rowell, Tandy J
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Russell, Ryan
Sanford, Charlene J
Self, Vicki H
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Skinner, Constance Crain
Smith II, Brett Darryl
Smith, Ethan Neal
Smith, Jaquarius Rashawn
Smith, Judith Caroline
Smith, Kendra Coon
Smith, Kristin Nicole
Smith, Mark A
Sneed, Nancy J
Spence, Kevin Thomas
Spencer, Sandra C
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The slips containing the names of persons listed were then placed in a separate envelope, which was sealed and the words "TWO" written thereon and placed in said box labeled "JURY BOX." The Jury Box and General Venire Box were then locked and sealed and delivered to the custody of the Clerk of said Court, subject to the orders of Court.

In testimony all of which we hereunto subscribe our names on this the TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, at Monroe, Louisiana. SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY IV

I, Dana Benson, Clerk of Court, hereby certify that all of the members of the Jury Commission were duly summoned to attend this meeting as will appear from the Sheriff's returns endorsed on said summons, as on file in my office.

Dana Benson, Clerk of Court
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SHERIFF'S SALE
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. VS.NO. 2025-4088
STACIE YERGER, A/K/A STACIE ELIZABETH SYLVESTRI YERGER
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA IN THE STATE OF LA

LOT 11, BLOCK 2, UNIT 1, SHOLARS SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN SECTION 66, T18N, R3E, AS PER PLAT FILED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 19, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 5, 2026 March 5, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
VS.NO. 2025-4432
JONATHAN FRANKLIN TOMS A/K/A JONATHAN F. TOMS A/K/A JONATHAN TOMS
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A certain parcel or tract of ground in the Old Town of Trenton, West Monroe, Louisiana, situated in Section 43, Township 18 North, Range 3 East being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 1" pinched top pipe found at the intersection of the west right of way line of Flournoy Street and the south line of Jackson Street, said iron pipe being the Northeast corner of the L. L. Lieber tract as shown on Plat filed in Conveyance Book 166, Page 489, dated January 5, 1924, prepared by B. C. McGee, Registered Civil Engineer, thence proceed southeasterly along the west right of way line of Flournoy Street a distance of 310.12 feet (Plat called 310') to a 1" pinched top pipe found on the Section Line common to Sections 43 and 44, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, which was recovered and referenced by W. I. Neel in Plat of Part of Copley Addition lying north of Copley Street dated October, 1938 as filed in Plat Book 6, page 23, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; thence turning a deflection angle of 101 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds left proceed along the line common to Sections 43 and 44 a distance of 25.31 feet to a 1/2" iron rod marking the southwest corner of a certain tract acquired by Lionel Charles Reed, et ux from Florence Mathis Bush and Thomas J. Mathis as filed in Conveyance Book 1613, Page 737, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana said tract being shown on the Higginbothom Tract on previously referenced Plat By E. C. Mcgee, said point being the Point of Beginning, thence continue along said section line a distance of 142.84 feet to the west line of a certain 0.308 acre tract as shown on plat of survey prepared June 10, 1994 (revised May 16, 1995) for two tracts in Old Trenton, being part of a Retracement Survey of a portion of Section 43, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, by E. C. McGee, dated June 5, 1924, thence turning a deflection angle of 82 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds left proceed along said west line a distance of 93.14 feet to the south line of the J. E. Pope Estates, thence turning a deflection angle of 94 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds left a distance of 134.82 feet to the east right of way of Flournoy Street, thence proceed southerly along said east right of way line a distance of 101.93 feet to the Point of Beginning, said tract being a portion of Lionel Charles Reed tract as recorded in Conveyance Book 1613, Page 737, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and containing 13,398.81 square feet or 0.308 acres, more or less, subject to any easements, servitudes and rights of way of record or of use.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 5, 2026 March 5, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS.NO. 20254441
BRIAN CHIEF BROWN AND THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF CONNIE CARTER WOOD
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

LOT NINE (9) OF SHERWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, IN SECTIONS 19 AND 20, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 29, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 116 SHERWOOD DRIVE, WEST MONROE, LA 71291

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 5, 2026 March 5, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORP VS.NO. 20254442
LEIGH ANN FORD
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

LOTS 36 AND 37 OF BLOCK 11, UNIT 2, OF H.M. MCGUIRE'S HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN SECTIONS 37, 38 AND 39, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, AS PER PLAT ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 21, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

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MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish

Monroe, LA

February 5, 2026 March 5, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

FLORENCE DELORES PETERS: Anyone knowing the whereabouts of FLORENCE DELORES PETERS' HEIRS whose last known address is 188 Peters Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71202, please contact Attorney Kristen B. Pleasant at the Law Office of Kristen B. Pleasant & Associates, PLLC located at 300 Washington Street, Suite 401 in Monroe, LA 71201 (Phone: 318-605-4607).

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Monroe, Louisiana

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds or financed in whole or in part by federal or other funds which are not readily available at the time bids are received, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds by the Bond Commission or the availability of federal or other funds. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned (LaVet) Small Entrepreneurships Program. Bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility Planning and Control or on its website at https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/fpc/.

If you have a disability and would like to request an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Cheryl Schilling at Cheryl.Schilling@la.gov or (225) 342-6060 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL

MATTHEW H. BAKER, DIRECTOR1.22, 1.29, 2.5

PARISH OF OUACHITA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Parcel# 35823

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed properties. These properties have previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. The property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish "Lot Next Door" program and is therefore exempt from the public hearing requirement. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E & P Consulting, LLC: 318-807-0924 or Parishpropertyinfo@escamillaponeck.com

Parcel# 35823 / Municipal Address: 315 80th St. Monroe, LA 71203

Brief Legal: NORTH ½ LOT 15, SQ 1 BALBOA ADDN

Legal Description: The North ½ of Lot 15 of Square 1 of Balboa Drive Subdivision as

per plat on file in Plat Book 7, Page 37, and as per deed in Conveyance Book 702, Page

172 records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 until 10:00 A.M., March 10, 2026.

For: Kiroli Elementary School Roof Replacement 700 Kiroli Road

West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 Ouachita Parish School Board

Bid Number: 20-26

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form and may be obtained from the Architect or Central Bidding to all Bonafide Prime Bidders. The awarded General Contractor of the Project is responsible for their own reproduction costs for construction plans. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Architect at

The Architecture Alliance Group, LLC (TA2G) 2002 Auburn Avenue

Monroe, LA 71201

Telephone: (318) 737-7791

The project is classified as Building Construction or Specialty, Roofing & Sheet Metal, Siding. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this state. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. Bidders also have the option to submit bids electronically. To submit a bid electronically, bidders must register at Central Bidding by visiting either https://www.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauctionhouse.com For technical questions relating to the electronic bidding process for Central Bidding call Support 833.412.5717. Fees to submit electronically may apply. Payments of fees are the responsibility of the bidder. Submission of an electronic bid requires an electronic bid bond and a digital signature when applicable.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to the 100% of the contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of Act 111 of 1983.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be February 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., at the job site on the Kiroli Elementary School campus. Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who attend the Pre-bid Conference.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:

_____ TOMMY COMEAUX, PRESIDENT

(Publication Dates) 2/5/26, 2/12/26, 2/19/26

Todd Guice Secretary

PARISH OF OUACHITA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Parcel# 63806, 63811, 63812, 63815, & 63820

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita 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 Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on February 5, 2026 , at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at $500.00. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by February 02, 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 at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com

LOT 303, 323, 324, 325, &326 RESUB UNIT 1 CHARMINGDALE SUBDIVISON

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Procurement Section, 1201 Capitol Access Road, 4th Floor, East Wing Room S-447, Headquarters Administration Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone number (225/379-1444) on date(s) shown below, until 10:00 A.M. No bids will be accepted after this hour. At 10:00 A.M. of the same day and date, they will be publicly opened and read in Headquarters Administration Building, 4th Floor, East Wing S-447. Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594 (C)(2)(D).

BID TO BE OPENED February 19, 2026

DOTD Asphaltic Mixture f/Hot Application RFx 3000025844

Full information may be obtained upon request from the above address.

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

GLENN P. LEDET, JR.

SECRETARY, LADOTD

JULIE KENNISON, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

DOTD PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

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BID TO BE OPENED February 12, 2026

DOTD Contract for Waterborne Traffic Paint RFx 3000025836

Full information may be obtained upon request from the above address.

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

GLENN P. LEDET, JR.

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City of BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS West Monroe

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS - PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Adjustments of the City of West Monroe will meet in legal session on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers of West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, to review the following application:

VAR 25-20000005 by Cross at the River, LLC, for property located at 1411 Glenwood Dr (Parcel# 2324). Requesting variance to allow structure to exceed over height requirement of 100ft in a O-L (Open Land) District Per West Monroe Code of Ordinance Sec 12-2018.

Run Date: 2-5-2026, 2-12-2026, & 2-19-2026

2305 North 7th Street – West Monroe, LA 71291-(318) 396-2600 FAX (318) 397-2382

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 until 10:00 A.M., March 3, 2026.

For: West Ouachita High School Roof Replacement 4061 Caples Road

West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 Ouachita Parish School Board

Bid Number: 19-26

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form and may be obtained from the Architect or Central Bidding to all Bonafide Prime Bidders. The awarded General Contractor of the Project is responsible for their own reproduction costs for construction plans. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Architect at

The Architecture Alliance Group, LLC (TA2G) 2002 Auburn Avenue

Monroe, LA 71201

Telephone: (318) 737-7791

The project is classified as Building Construction or Specialty, Roofing & Sheet Metal, Siding. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this state. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. Bidders also have the option to submit bids electronically. To submit a bid electronically, bidders must register at Central Bidding by visiting either https://www.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauctionhouse.com For technical questions relating to the electronic bidding process for Central Bidding call Support 833.412.5717. Fees to submit electronically may apply. Payments of fees are the responsibility of the bidder. Submission of an electronic bid requires an electronic bid bond and a digital signature when applicable.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to the 100% of the contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of Act 111 of 1983.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be February 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., at the job site on the West Ouachita High School campus. Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who attend the Pre-bid Conference.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:

_____ TOMMY COMEAUX, PRESIDENT

(Publication Dates) 1/29/26, 2/5/26, 2/12/26

Todd Guice Secretary

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 Nth 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 until 2:00 P.M., March 3, 2026

For: Jack Hayes Elementary School Front Drive Canopy Addition

3631 Old Sterlington Road Monroe, LA. 71203

Ouachita Parish School System BID NUMBER: 14-26

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained from www.centralbidding.com Printed copies are not available from the Architect but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Architect at

TBA Studio 103 Cypress Street

West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 Telephone: (318) 340-1550

E-mail: kbrandon@tbastudio.com

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this state. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. Contractors have the option of submitting bids electronically at www.centralauctionhouse.com or www.centralbidding in lieu of sealed bids.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to the 100% of the contract amount.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be held February 13, 2026 at 10:00 A.M., at the main entrance to Jack Hayes Elementary School, 3631 Old Sterlington Rd, Monroe, LA 71203 campus. Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who attend the Pre-bid Conference in its entirety.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY ARCHITECT OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

ATTEST:

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Todd Guice, Superintendent

Publications Dates: 1-29-26 / 2-05-26 / 2-12-26

Tommy Comeaux, President

WEST MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

West Monroe Planning Commission PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of West Monroe will meet in legal session on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, to review the following:

RESUB-26-55000002 by Cross at the River, LLC, for property located at 1411 Glenwood Dr (Parcel# 2324). Requesting Subdivision Review in an O-L (Open Land) District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-5018.

If you need special assistance, please contact Jonathan Kaufman, Building & Development Director, at 318-396-2600, and describe the assistance that is necessary.

The public is invited to attend.

Run Date: 01-29-2026, 02-05-2026, & 02-12-2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

OF

HIDEAWAY SEWER DISTRICT

A Meeting of the Hideaway Sewer District will be held on February 5th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Osterland Recreational Center meeting room in Monroe, Louisiana.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Opening and Introduction of Board
2. Discussion – Status of Sewerage District
3. Sewer Operation and Billing Agreement
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

LCDBG Contract No. 2000989699

Ouachita Parish Police Jury (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner")

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid – Ouachita Parish Police Jury Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2025 (South Monroe Water System Improvements) to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

South Monroe Water System Improvements

FY 2025 LCDBG Program

Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Proposals shall be addressed to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and delivered to the Ouachita Parish Administrative Building, located at, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 (Phone (318) 327-1340) not later than 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 26th day of February, 2026. Sealed bids to be marked "Sealed Bid – Ouachita Parish Police Jury Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2025 (South Monroe Water System Improvements) to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program". All bids must be submitted on the Bid Forms provided in the Specifications and Contract Documents. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. on the 26th day of February, 2026, in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury conference room. The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Office of Lazenby & Associates, Inc., 2000 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (Phone (318) 387-2710). Copies may be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of $50.00. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212.

Electronic bids will be received via www.bidsync.com prior to bid closing time.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must have an active UEI Number, as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to the beginning of construction.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Attention to Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3 Employment Opportunities, Build America Buy America (BABA), Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, Public Law 17758, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, LA RS 37:2150-2192, as amended, for all public contracts. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to assure that all subcontractors comply with this law. Contractors must hold an active license issued by the State of Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors in the classification of MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION. Contractors must provide their license number when requesting plans, specifications and contract documents and place their license number on the face of the envelope containing their bid.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations most contact the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at (318) 327-1340 no later than seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

OWNER: Ouachita Parish Police Jury

BY: /s/ Shane Smiley

Shane Smiley, President

PUBLICATION DATES:

January 29, 2026

February 5, 2026

February 12, 2026

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:09 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Mayor Mark A. Moore, Sr. presided.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Henry Doaty, (District B), James Green (District C), Darry Green, (District D), Howard Loche (District E)

Absent: None

The Invocation was given by Mayor Moore. Mr. D. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sterlington Mayor Matt Talbert, vice president for District C for the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), announced to the Council the mid-winter conference is scheduled February 2-4, 2026. Mr. Talbert also announced he is affiliated with the META project, which, if the City partners with Grow NELA, could be afforded incentives that could bring new homes to the city. Mr. Dean Blackett, of PAC Environmental, spoke to the Council to encourage the City's efforts to fight blight and improve housing in the community.

Mr. Charles Bradford, 1320 North Washington Street, asked the Council to halt any permits or approvals for the solar panel industry until a town meeting about the matter has been had. Mr. Bradford also asked for clarity about making public comments on items that are added to the agenda during the meeting.

Mr. Tony Miles, 611 Pearl, asked for an update on his request for a memorial and holiday in honor of former mayor Henry Charles Cotton.

Mr. Tommy Harris, representing Sun Beam Solar, requested clarity regarding the moratorium halting operation of the solar industry in the city limits of Bastrop.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025, were approved by consent. The Finance Committee Report, December 2025 was approved by consent.

The Council requested a report on Zoning meetings be provided each month.

Regular Meeting, 01/08/2026, page 2 A request by Quails Forever for a one-day alcohol permit for Choice Brands to serve at an event scheduled

February 6, 2026, was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jason Shanas requested the Council consider sewer connection and annexation of the property located at 3660 New Monroe Road into the city limits of Bastrop for the development of an RV park.

Mr. Hamad Khan, Golden Beams Power, LLC provided information in support of developing the solar industry in the city limits of Bastrop. The Council discussed the request to develop the industry in Bastrop.

After discussion, Mr. Loche left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Police Chief Leondrio Reed provided an update on staffing in the Police Department. During discussion, Mayor Moore left the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Fire Chief Timothy Williams thanked the public for donations during the annual Toy Drive. During the presentation, Mr. Doaty left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Lee Ernest Thornton gave updates regarding Code Enforcement. During the discussion, Mr. Loche returned at 8:11 p.m.

The Council discussed applying for grants.

Mr. Doaty returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Attorney Jones stated procedures are being put in place to streamline the occupational license process.

Attorney Ricky Smith announced that budget meetings will begin in February ahead of the passage of the 2026-2027 annual budget. A timeline is forthcoming.

During discussion, Mr. D. Green left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

The Mayor and Council discussed the status of the Eastside Elementary School building.

Ms. Alice Newsome Robinson and Councilman Darry Green were appointed members of the Quality Assurance Panel on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed vote of four in favor. Mr. D. Green was away from the meeting. Other members will include the Police and Fire Chief and Sheriff.

The Council discussed Resolution 26-2122 adopting non-civil service employee policy revisions.

During discussion, Mr. D. Green returned to the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Resolution 26-2122, adopting non-civil service employee policy revisions, was approved on a motion by

Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

The CEA revision for Mary Hawkins for work completed at 1305 Meeks Street (District B $4,500) was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

The settlement of claim of Ms. Lenoir RE: Sewer Backup in residence for $3,000.00, was approved on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 26-4284, an ordinance to amend and re-enact the alcohol license procedure and fees in Sec. 4- 4, 4-10, and 4-13 was introduced.

Ordinance 26-4285 to amend the Occupational License revocation and procedures in Sec 13-9 was introduced.

Mr. Charles Bradford was allowed to make more public comments on a motion by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Charles Bradford made additional comments regarding the Solar Industry in Bastrop.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

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Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morehouse Student Services Center, 1607 Martin Luther King South, Bastrop, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District Number A (Parishwide) of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds therein.

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The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present: Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson – President, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, Vice-President, and Adrin Williams. Also, present Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent, and Steve Katz, Attorney.

President Robert Johnson called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mr. Robert Johnson.

The next item on the agenda was a moment of silence for -

• Letha Emanuel – Retired Teacher

• Leon Conway – Retired Teacher

Mr. Robert Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next was a Roll call to Establish a Quorum: Present – Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was recognitions:

• Drax Community Fund- Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. recognized DRAX for a grant was received for $7500.00 for incentives for LEAP Performance, Chronic Absenteeism, and Truancy. Ms. Shelby was present and a plaque will be given to Drax for their support.

• Employee of the month (Morehouse Elementary). Marcus Norwood was recognized as the employee of the month, he was presented with a plaque, and received a gift card from EBI Insurance.

• Principal of the year – Will be recognized at the February board meeting.

• Students of the year – Beekman Charter School 5th Grade Rylann Gregory, Delta Elementary School 5th Grade Naveah Banner, Morehouse Elementary School 5th Grade Knowledge Armstrong; Morehouse Magnet School 5th Grade Evie Reese. Rylann Gregory and Knowledge Armstrong won overall for the district.

• Bastrop High School 8th Grade Addisen Nash, Beekman Charter School 8th Grade Paul Liam Hurst, and Morehouse Magnet School 8th Grade Ashtyn Barksdale. Addison Nash and Paul Liam Hurst won overall for the district.

• Bastrop High School 12th Grade Kylie Murphy, Beekman Charter School Mallory Williams, and Morehouse Magnet School 12th Grade Shontae Wilson. Kylie Murphy won overall for the district.

• Recognition of the outgoing School Board President. President Robert Johnson presented Ms. Adrin Williams with a plaque in recognition of her dedication and service as the 2025 school board president.

• January is School Board Recognition Month - Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., read the resolution declaring January 2026 School Board Recognition Month. Certificates were presented to each board member in recognition of their service and dedication to Morehouse Parish.

• 2025 Louisiana School Board Association Certified School Board Members- Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., presented all Certified School Board Members with certificates and a box of treats.

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., presented a copy of the RSD discussion and review visit to all board members. The copy is what was submitted to the state, and they were very impressed during the visit.

At each board member station was information for the Recognizing Improvement Excellence in student (RISE) initiative and incentives.

Our school district received a check from NativState for $85,493.22 for carbon credits sold.

A timeline from Foley and Judell is provided in case we want to proceed with the Bond, and we can discuss further at the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting.

Our district has partnered with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, knowing there is a shortage of employees. Louisiana Workforce Commission will pay for workers' compensation and salary for sixteen weeks, and we will have the opportunity to keep them on to fill vacancies.

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on December 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on December 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Travel Requests - (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the monthly Travel Requests, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the monthly Bus Requests, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds for November 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds for November 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for November 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the General Fund report for November 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for November 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the School Lunch Fund report for November 2025, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for November 2025. Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for November 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline report for December 2025. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) This was a presentation only.

The next item on the agenda was to accept the Reroofing lowest bid of $344, 250 from Terry's Roofing & Sheetmetal for Morehouse Elementary School. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Mr. Lyn Kenley with Volkert). On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to accept the Reroofing lowest bid of $344, 250 from Terry's Roofing & Sheetmetal for Morehouse Elementary School, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt the Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies DFJ, Behavioral Health Support for Students JGCF, Emergency/Crisis Management EBBC, Employee Conduct GBRA, Recruitment GBC, Dismissal of Employees GBN, Purchasing and Procurement DJE, Architectural and Engineering Services (FEA), and Advertising in the Schools KIB policies as a "First Reading". A copy is provided in your packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to adopt the Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies DFJ, Behavioral Health Support for Students JGCF, Emergency/Crisis Management EBBC, Employee Conduct GBRA, Recruitment GBC, Dismissal of Employees GBN, Purchasing and Procurement DJE, Architectural and Engineering Services (FEA), and Advertising in the Schools KIB policies as a "First Reading", seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt new policy GAL- Code of Ethics as a "First Reading". A copy is provided in your packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the new policy GAL- Code of Ethics as a "First Reading", seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt amended policy GBRB - Employee Attendance (section Job abandonment) as a "First Reading". A copy is provided in your packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to adopt amended policy GBRB - Employee Attendance (section Job abandonment) as a "First Reading", seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Policy IFD as a "Second Reading". A copy is provided in your packet. (Presented by Mrs. Marilyn Taylor & Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Policy IFD as a "Second Reading", seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: None for this meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the Personnel Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent

Robert Johnson, Board President

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LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of William Kyle Thompson, formerly of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, please contact Alex W. Rankin of the law firm of Rankin, Yeldell & Katz, at 318-281-4913. This is in reference to the lawsuit styled and entitled "Gladys Valentine Bailey vs. no. 2025-463 William Kyle Thompson", on the Civil Docket at Morehouse Parish Fourth District Court.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts, address and/or telephone number of Gay Shirlyn Binkley, please contact Alex W. Rankin of the law firm of Rankin, Yeldell & Katz, at 318-281-4913. This is in reference to the lawsuit styled and entitled "Lakeview Loan Service, LLC vs. no. 2025-470 Gay Shirlyn Binkley", on the Civil Docket at Morehouse Parish Fourth District Court.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Morehouse Parish Police Jury will be receiving sealed re-bids on 2026 annual supplies for the Morehouse Parish Public Works Department.

Re-Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Police Jury/McMeans Annex, 125 East Madison Ave., Bastrop, LA, calling (318) 281-4132 or by emailing dbmppj@yahoo.com. Re-Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. on

Monday, February 09, 2026, and open at 4 :30 p.m. and approved at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 09, 2025. Re-Bids can be emailed, mailed, or brought by 125 East Madison Ave., Bastrop, LA 71220. The Jury reserves the right to reject re-bids and waive informalities.

Deborah A. Powell, Executive-Administrator

01-22-26

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02-05-26

NOTICE

We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high/low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 741 Collinston Rd., Bastrop, LA 71220.

Corporation name: JL3MMInc.

DBA: JLLL Stop N Shop 3

Louie Gil M. Magtoto, Pres.

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SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
VS NO. 2025-435
ANGELO PENA AND ANAIS PENA

By virtue of a **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026

A certain tract of land containing 1.11 acres, more or less situated in Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point common to Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and proceeding North along a line between said Sections 21 and 22 for a distance of 660 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes East for a distance of 183.26 feet; thence North 12 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 655.98 feet to a point, said point being a point of curve curving to the right having a radius of 1337.17 feet; thence continue along said curve for a distance of 95.3 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said POINT OF BEGINNING, being situated along the East side of West Lake Road as per plat of West Lake Subdivision in records of Clerk of Court, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, thence continue along said curve 2.46 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 8 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 122.54 feet along the East side of West Lake Road; thence North for a distance of 125 feet, thence East for a distance of 225 feet; thence South for a distance of 155.69 feet; thence South 12 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 56.23 feet; thence South 81 degrees 24 minutes West for a distance of 221.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and further shown by plat as Parcels 7 and 8 being shaded in red attached to deed of acquisition from Vera Cain Mitchell, et al, to Ronald A. Sharp and Carolyn King Sharp, filed December 12, 1977, recorded in Conveyance Book 329, Page 656 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Which has the address of 7702 Westlake Road, Sterlington, LA 71220

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 1-1-26
2ND AD: 2-5-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

