

Detour to Ouachita-Neville paid off big

Editor's Note: As we wait for sports to resume locally, we'll take a look back at the Top 10 high school football games since 2015. Every week will feature a look back at the top games played amongst our parish teams.

No. 8: Ouachita vs. Neville (2019)

Mickey McCarty wore a huge grin before he tilted his head in the direction of this here local reporter and gave a nod.

"You picked the right game tonight," said the Neville head coach minutes after the Tigers defeated Ouachita, 38-35, last season.

Here's a little behind the curtain for you — there's usually a tough decision to make every week about which game to attend. This one was particularly tough because we had two local



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teams we cover playing against one another, while Sterlington battled Oak Grove in a grudge match. The Panthers and Tigers had more hype entering that week; so most of the local media gravitated toward that clash.

Marq Mitcham covered that contest for us, freeing me up to pay a visit to see the fine folks over there at Ouachita.

And boy did I come away with an unforgettable experience.

The Tigers used a 41-yard last-minute scoring drive to beat Ouachita in a nail-biter.

But, and this was a big but for Ouachita fans, that drive was aided by a controversial call on the previous series.

Let's go back to that series first. Less than three minutes remained in the contest when Neville led 31-28. Ouachita quarterback Zach Shaw dialed up DJ Jacobs' number on a 66-yard touchdown pass with 2:13 remaining. The controversy followed when an official threw a flag after Ouachita's

holder ran onto the field. While the Lions celebrated the incredible touchdown pass on the sideline, Ouachita's holder exited the bench and bumped the official, knocking him down in the process.

A flag flew, as officials deemed Ouachita's celebration spilled onto the field. You better believe Ouachita head coach Jeff Fitzgerald asked for an explanation on the sideline.

"Sometimes you just have to live without knowing or understanding I guess," said Fitzgerald immediately following the game. "(The referee) couldn't explain it except that he threw two penalties on the same guy."

McCarty elected to take the penalty on the ensuing kickoff, giving his Tigers excellent field position for a final two-minute drive.

"That was somewhat of a gamble on our part, but we felt like we had things in play to go down and score," McCarty said.

Neville's game-winning drive covered 41 yards and culminated in a short-yardage score. Neville linebacker Javon Carter had his number called as he was one of the three Neville backs that lined up in the patented "T." Carter received the handoff with 24 seconds left and bulled his way into the end zone for the score that ultimately gave the Tigers a 38-35 victory.

"It's hard to stop," said Carter, grinning ear to ear after a game-winning touchdown in Neville's "mule train."

There were so many things about this game that heightened the drama.

For starters, Neville defenders (pass rusher Iken Tankchell and defensive backs Josh Hopkins and Charles Straughter) exited the game with injuries. While Hopkins and Straughter were able to recover from their injuries and play the rest of the season, Tankchell was limited at best the rest of the season. Tankchell's

knee forced him to sit out most of the season, and I have to tell you, after watching him come off the edge against Oak Grove in a pre-season scrimmage against Oak Grove, I really felt he was going to have a breakout season. To see Tankchell hobbled was a truly upsetting sight for all involved.

So faced with all of that adversity, Neville had to fight with its back against the wall. And the Tigers did just that. But boy did the Lions take the fight to Neville.

One year after nearly pulling off the upset in Bill Ruple Stadium (Tigers won a 17-14 contest), there were moments in that game where I felt Ouachita was going to finish the job.

Neville entered the fourth quarter with a 24-21 advantage, but a fumble recovered by Ouachita's Ouachita's Carmyciah Glass set up Chaunzavia Lewis' fourth touchdown of the night.

That gave Ouachita a 28-24 lead. Lewis was special in that

encounter, as he rushed for 159 yards on 32 carries.

"Turnovers killed us tonight," said McCarty after his Tigers lost three fumbles against the Lions.

Neville quarterback Andrew Brister answered that score with a four-yard touchdown pass to Derryck Dorsey, which set in motion that back-and-forth unforgettable fourth quarter.

I caught up with Brister after the game, and the Northern Colorado signee was brimming with confidence.

"You could see it on our faces that we were ready and determined," Brister said. "We knew our offense was good enough to bring us back down the field. And our big package, I don't think anybody can stop us in that."

The victory over Ouachita marked Neville's ninth consecutive win over the Lions.

In next week's edition we'll unpack one of the biggest upsets to take place in the parish in quite some time...

Dare

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Rosenthal said of how spring turned out. "I have been working out on my own. You have to be disciplined and that's what I am when it comes to working out. I'll be ready to report whenever we get the word to come in."

Rosenthal said he is going in with a different attitude this year.

"I'm going to be the leader," he said.

LSU offensive line coach James Cregg told 104.5 ESPN Baton Rouge that Rosenthal has been phenomenal.

"The young man, he's in it," Cregg said. "When we first got him, he was a little distant about not really knowing what was going on and all of a sudden that light clicked on. Having that success of him going in that Mississippi State game last year, he played a little bit against Utah State and having success really triggers him to start to do the right things. I really, really feel good about Dare. He has to keep going continuing to grow and one thing that I really like is he's real football savvy and smart. He'll be telling Saahdiq what to do last year and Saahdiq would look back and say, 'Hey man, you shut up.' He's that savvy and I'm really fired up about Dare."

Rosenthal said he expects junior quarterback Myles Brennan to step in and pick up where Burrow left off.

"I'm expecting Myles to show out," Rosenthal

said. "I don't see us being any different. I've watched Myles the two years I have been here and I've seen what he can do with my own two eyes."

Rosenthal said he wasn't surprised at the type of year Clyde Edwards-Helaire had last year.

"I watched him as a freshman and then I could really see it start clicking for him before last year," he said.

Rosenthal said he is never completely happy with his play, he always expects more.

"The main thing I need to work on for this season is my eyes, taking everything in," he said.

Rosenthal suffered a concussion against Mississippi State in the fourth quarter of a game he started and missed the rest of the season because it was not his first concussion.

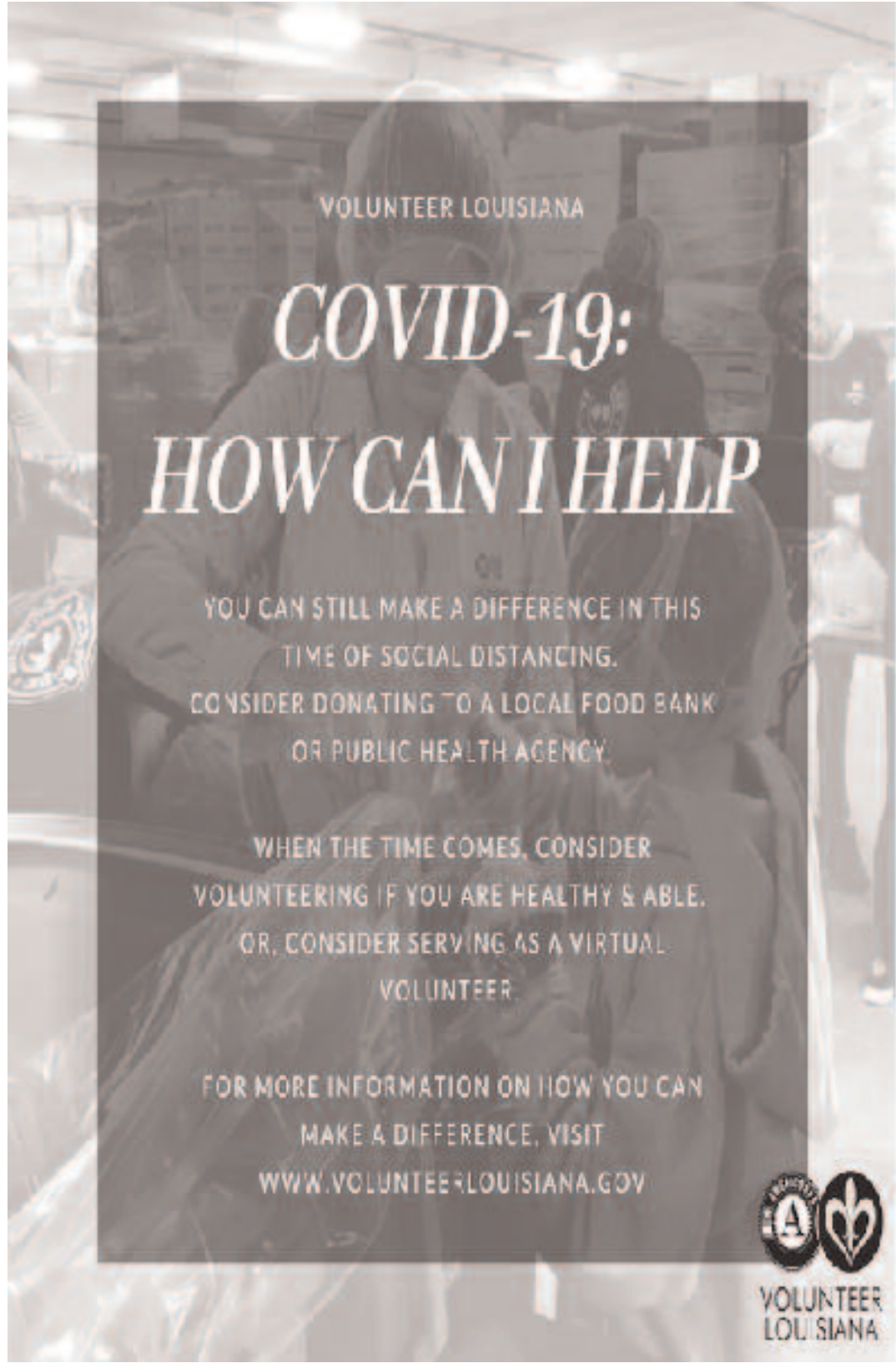
"I think if I would not have gotten hurt I would have gone off the rest of the season," he said. "It would have been crazy. But I know I will have a bigger role to play this year."

Rosenthal expects LSU to be in the title picture once again this year.

"I am confident in the team," he said. "I'm ready to get going."

Rosenthal is glad to see LSU running the same type high octane offense.

"You need to be in shape to run our offense," he said. "But the defense better be in shape, too."



Tech ticket renewal extended

Due to the public health threat of COVID-19, the season ticket renewal deadline for the 2020 Louisiana Tech Football season has been extended to June 30.

Originally scheduled for June 1, the extended time allows for a longer period for Bulldog fans to renew and purchase their season tickets in the best location possible.

Current football season ticket holders can access their accounts ONLINE to renew their seats for this upcoming season.

For those looking to purchase season tickets, fans go HERE. Season tickets start as low as \$90

for an East Side general admission ticket.

Also being offered is a reduced Family Plan for \$450 for five tickets on the West Side. Families can also take advantage of Champ's Kids Club.

For \$60, kids can get into all home sporting events for free, receive a Champ's Kids Club t-shirt and drawstring bag and participate in kids club events.

As a reminder for season ticket holders, the LTAC Priority Seating deadline is also June 30. It is a minimum \$100 donation requirement for sections D, E, F, DD, EE and FF and a minimum

\$250 donation requirement for box seats in the same sections (currently a waiting list).

A payment plan option is available as we are navigating these challenging times.

Fans can purchase or renew their season tickets using monthly payment plans over the next five months (May-September).

To take advantage of a payment plan or if there are any questions/concerns regarding 2020 Football season tickets, contact our Director of Ticketing Sara Powell Harper at spharper@latech.edu or (318) 257-5329.

Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 26, 2020 AT 6 PM AT THE CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY ROOM, 4001 CARTER STREET ROOM 2, VIDALIA, LA.

TO ADOPT A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH ON BOGGY BAYOU ROAD.

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PROPOSALS

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is accepting proposals for clean up work to correct ordinance violations for lot bearing address of 387 Freeman Road, Lot 02A Minorca Acres and a parcel number of 0400015600. The scope of work for the proposal is to cut grass, remove debris, to bring lot into compliance. A second proposal to remove the blighted and damaged trailer is also requested, but not required. License, bonding, and insurance is required. For complete information, please contact Sandi Burley at the Concordia Parish Police Jury at 318-336-7151 or by email sburley@conppj.org.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session VIA ZOOM on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher who after prayer and the Pledge, declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Members present were Mr. Warren Enterkin, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Dr. Raymond Riley, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Fred Butcher, Mr. John Bostic, Ms. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Lisette Forman, and Mr. Ricky Raven.

Committee Reports were presented.

It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2020.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven and carried to approve invoices in the amount of \$3,508,923 for the month of March.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to approve the Second Reading of the following Policy:

II-20 Testing Program

The following bids were opened by Mr. Tom O'Neal for the HVAC Installation for the Gym at FHS, FUE, VHS, VJH, and VUE:

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT
Thorpe Sheet Metal, Inc.	495,000.00
	28,300.00 - Alternate #1
Southern Air of LA LLC	529,500.00
	26,520.00 - Alternate #1
Byrnes Mechanical Contractors	607,000.00
	72,000.00 - Alternate #1
Dove Group, LLC	638,000.00
	25,000.00 - Alternate #1
ACA Mechanical and Industrial	698,000.00
	23,000.00 - Alternate #1

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to take these bids under advisement and to allow Mr. O'Neal, Business Financial Director, to award the bid to the lowest bidder that meets specifications. Maintenance Supervisor should be kept abreast of this process.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Warren Enterkin - Yea
	Mrs. Dorothy Parker - Yea
	Dr. Raymond Riley - Yea
	Mr. Derrick Carson - Yea
	Mr. Fred Butcher - Yea
	Mr. John Bostic - Yea
	Ms. Angela Hayes - Yea
	Mrs. Lisette Forman - Yea
	Mr. Ricky Raven - Nay

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Forman and carried that the Alternate # 1 Package, to remove exhausts and patch leaks in windows, be added to whomever receives the bid for this Proposal.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Warren Enterkin - Yea
	Mrs. Dorothy Parker - Yea
	Dr. Raymond Riley - Yea
	Mr. Derrick Carson - Yea
	Mr. Fred Butcher - Yea
	Mr. John Bostic - Yea
	Ms. Angela Hayes - Yea
	Mrs. Lisette Forman - Yea
	Mr. Ricky Raven - Nay

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to accept the recommendation of the Business Director for the wage of \$17.50 per hour to com-

pensate classified custodial employees for maintaining the campus grass cutting during the COVID-19 Pandemic, after this work has been verified and signed off by their Supervisor.

The following Personnel Announcements were made:

Concordia Parish School Board
Personnel Announcements
April 9, 2020
Leaves:
Morgan Lipsey, Teacher, Monterey High School, maternity leave upon exhaustion of accumulated sick leave, effective March 12, 2020 through May 8, 2020.

Hannah Duff, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, maternity leave / extended medical leave for maternity upon exhaustion of accumulated sick leave, effective January 27, 2020 through March 27, 2020.

Resignations:
Christopher Ables, Carpenter, Central Office Maintenance, Central Administration, effective March 18, 2020.

The following Announcements were made by Superintendent Shirley:

- May 1, is our official return to school date.
 - The LHSAA released an official statement today cancelling all spring sports and championships.
 - Governor Edwards said today in his press conference that there is a good chance schools will not be reopened for the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19.
 - Election Dates have been rescheduled.
- NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ELECTIONS
Pursuant to Proclamation No. 28 JBE 2020, issued on March 13, 2020, the elections previously scheduled for April 4, 2020, and May 9, 2020, have been rescheduled for June 20, 2020 and July 25, 2020. Early voting for the June 20, 2020, election will be held June 6-13, 2020 (excluding Sunday, June 7, 2020) and early voting for the July 25, 2020, election will be held July 11-18, 2020, (excluding Sunday, July 12, 2020)
- We are meeting representatives from Healthy Food Choice Collaborative at 9 pm on Friday, April 10th, to discuss getting our feeding program back up and running.
 - Financial Disclosure statements are due May 15, 2020.
 - The State Superintendent search is still ongoing. The third-party search firm has narrowed the applicants to the following seven finalists: Jessica Baghian, Cade Brumley, Debra Lindo, Lonnie Luce, Heather Poole, Joe Siedlecki, and Paul Vallas. Recently, the finalists participated in virtual interviews and the virtual interviews should be posted online soon.

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8. Happy Birthday to Dr. Riley on April 18, and Mr. Carson on April 26.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING April 13, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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

President:	Joseph Parker, Sr.
Members:	Maurice Bachus., Genesia Allen, Willie Yearby, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Gary Neal, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams
Absent:	
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

A) A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to open the Public Hearing to adopt an ordinance for No Parking on Shoulders of all parish roads and to adopt an ordinance updating the requirements and implementation of culvert permits. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Mr. Parker asked for public comments. There were none.

C) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the March 23, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Adams to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4) A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Edwards to reappoint Mr. Cornell Lewis to the Concordia Sewer District Board. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Resolution 20-003 was presented to approve an agreement with the Workforce Development Area 60 Consortium Agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Resolution 20-003)

6) A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Yearby to adopt Ordinance 2020-02 declaring no parking on shoulders of any parish road. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Resolution 2020-02)

7) A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to adopt Ordinance 2020-03 updating the requirements of and implementing the requirements of a culvert permit in the parish. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Resolution 2020-03)

8) Mr. Parker discussed the road bond for Lincoln Avenue and related roads that had been placed for use during construction of the Westlake Subdivision. Superintendent Guillory stated that all work from a punch list had been completed satisfactorily. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to release the road bond for Provias Construction LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – JKS is updating the comments on the DOTD drawings and manual. All documents have been submitted to USACE for completion of the 408. A meeting is being scheduled with GOHSEP, Rostan, and FEMA's EHP team to complete the review.

Courtroom – Wilmar Construction is waiting to do a punch list site inspection with Architect, Joe Brocato in which to submit a notice of completion.

Washington Heights – Project is expected to be completed by the end of the month as long as the weather continues to cooperate.

DR-4622 – All documents have been submitted. Waiting on FEMA review to proceed with project.

A) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve payment of Invoice #5041 for Rostan Solutions for work completed on DR-4622 in the amount of \$21,040.81. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Ordinance violations of the Parish were next discussed. Each Juror was asked to bring forward any issues in their district.

- Mr. Yearby – lot on Freeman Road belonging to the estate of Clara Washington across from church needs cutting.

- Ms. Allen – 311 Townsend Lane needs cutting

- Mr. Whittington – need parish ditches cleaned in his district

- Mr. Neal – 388 Deacon Wales – pipe and metal in ditch; 5826 Hwy 84W – cards and debris in ditch along Hammond Addition, fence needed per ordinance.

- Mr. Adams – 173 Ferguson Road – abandoned house, cards, grass needs cutting

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Neal and carried unanimously send to above listed the appropriate ordinance citations.

10A) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst to add to the agenda of the barn staff returning to work. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst to recommend the decision by the Personnel Committee to have the barn staff return to work by April 20th unless they had a doctor's excuse to allow for an extended leave. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting held by the Personnel Committee to review the personal leave of absence requests made by several of the barn staff. The Personal Leave Policy was reviewed and comments from the Parish Employment Lawyer, Mr. Trevor Fry were also brought forward. Initially, workers submitted an incomplete personal leave of absence request. The initial date of leave was April 2nd. The return date was determined to be the 27th based on the Personal Leave Policy allowing for up to 15 days or 120 hours. The Policy also requires the approval of the Personnel Committee. Further discussion was held about how the situation was handled and actions that took place. Superintendent Guillory expressed that he had told the staff that they were to return by the 27th and felt that should be honored. Mr. Yearby agreed with Mr. Guillory. Mr. Edwards discussed safety measures being implemented as his work. Ms. Allen discussed concerns of mixed discussions and dates expressed to the employees. Mr. Guillory and Mr. Parker discussed concerns of safety and distancing. Mr. Vanier through Zoom comments stated there was enough PPE available for the barn staff to use. Mr. Whittington asked if there were enough trucks available for each to travel safely apart. There are approximately 11 trucks, not counting dump trucks and 18 employees at the barn.

Mr. Adams as Personnel Committee Chairman expressed that proper procedure was not followed. That discussions with Mr. Fry stated that we are the only parish out the thirteen he represents that are not working. Mr. Guillory apologized for paperwork and procedure not being followed correctly due to employees panicking.

Ms. Allen stated that at the last meeting she had concerns with employees coming to work due to the work environment and was initially against the staff coming to work. Ms. Allen expressed how the roads are less traveled and should be easier to conduct maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Probst asked Mr. Guillory if he could get any of the 12 staff on leave to come back to work. Implementing a split schedule would help with social distancing concerns. Mr. Probst stated that there was work to be done and we have missed the best three weeks of weather.

Further discussion was held about the use of vacation and sick time being used by the barn staff during the personal leave of absence. Those employees that had not accrued enough time to earn leave or had exhausted leave, would go unpaid. These employees were made aware of this and still chose to take a personal leave unpaid.

Mr. Parker reviewed the motion made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Probst again to the Jurors. A vote of yes was in support of the barn staff returning by the 20th. A vote of no was to uphold the personal leave of absence with a return date of the 27th. A roll call vote was held as follows: Bachus – No, Whittington – No, Yearby – No, Allen – No, Probst – Yes, Neal – Abstain, Edwards – Yes, Adams – Yes; Parker did not vote due to no tie vote. Motion failed.

11) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley reminded the Jurors to

complete their Tier 3 Financial Report and submit by May 15th. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 9 am for first quarter financial review.

12) Superintendent's materials and work orders were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Pitrun – 30 yards on Hailey, 20 yards on Gore

Oversize Washrock – 15 yards on Hailey

Maintenance Gravel – 30 yards on LS Wade, 15 yards on Island Road, 15 yards on Evans, 30 yards on Sunrise

Limestone – 8 yards on Doty, 7.5 yards on National Guard, and 7.5 yards on Ron Road

13) Work orders of the Parish were next reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Whittington – culvert issues on Stevens Road; old gas line needs to be removed; discussed need for additional side cutter

Allen – 223 Smart Lane – dip in the road and culvert needs addressing; Townsend Lane to Moralls has drainage issues; 393 Townsend Lane needs a culvert put in; 203 Corbett needs ditch cleaned out (may be in city limits).

Probst – Water is not moving causing drainage issues on Cottondale

Adams – Culvert on Flaherty Road needs addressing; culvert issue on Poole Road; pot holes on Wild Cow Road and Bee Brake Road – Farmers are complaining about roads and drainage issues needed to fix fields. Discussed drainage issues with Six Mile Bayou that is causing fields to flood. Asked Tony to review and see why the water is not draining.

14) Under Public Comments Mr. Tim Vanier, OEP Director, gave an update on the COVID-19.

15) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

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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 2019. 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. Tradúzcalo 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, 2019. 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 (AL) – 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 disinfect-

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.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
1/1/2019 - 3/31/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
1/1/2019 - 3/31/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
7/1/2019 - 6/21/2019	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	CCR REPORT
10/1/2019 - 12/31/2019	TTHM	MCL, LRAA

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	2019	1.9	ppm	0 - 3.4	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
BARIUM	4/5/2018	0.633	0.633	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
BERYLLIUM, TOTAL	4/6/2017	0.51	0 - 0.51	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
CHROMIUM	4/6/2017	13	0 - 13	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	4/6/2017	0.23	0.22 - 0.23	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer aluminum mining factories
MERCURY	4/6/2017	0.48	0.2 - 0.48	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	3/1/2018	1.2	1.2	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM	4/5/2018	0.366	0.366	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

NITRATE-NITRITE	5/17/2019	0.61	0.61	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
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Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	4/6/2017	4.37	4.37	pCi/l	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	4/6/2017	7.19	3.34 - 7.19	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/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)	5/8/2019	0.379	0 - 0.379	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 (HAAs)	119 COTTONWOOD DRIVE	2019	36	12.4 - 49	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)	800 FERRIDAY DRIVE	2019	34	15 - 39	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	119 COTTONWOOD DRIVE	2019	134	47.6 - 130.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	800 FERRIDAY DRIVE	2019	94	53 - 113	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	4/6/2017	40.8	16.8 - 40.8	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	4/6/2017	1.5	0.88 - 1.5	MG/L	0.05
ZINC	4/6/2017	1.8	0 - 1.8	MG/L	5

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019					

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.				
Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date
02/14/2019	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC17	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	5/21/2019
02/14/2019	GROUND CLARIFIER	ST14	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	5/21/2019
02/14/2019	WATER SYSTEM	OT101	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	12/31/2019
02/14/2019	WATER SYSTEM	OT101	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	5/21/2019
02/14/2019	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	CC17	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	9/30/2019
02/14/2019	GROUND CLARIFIER	ST14	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	12/31/2019

+++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 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.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

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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