

Baskin’s Christmas in the Village slated for Dec. 9

Holiday festivities in the parish continue with Baskin’s Christmas in the Village. The Baskin Community Committee is busy working on plans for their 5th annual event which is on the calendar for Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas in the Village takes place at Baskin School.

The event will feature a lineup of some 50 vendors who will offer home décor, clothing, jewelry, woodwork confections, baked goods, candles and more.

Afterwards the fun will continue with the annual Nighttime Christmas Parade which starts at 6 p.m. and is to be followed by a fireworks show.

Event t-shirts are for sale for \$25 for adult sizes and \$20 for youth sizes.

Food trucks will be on site for the entire day.

The month of December will also offer other chances for local holiday experiences.

Mayor’s Photos with Santa
Winnsboro Mayor Alice Wal-

lace will host her first Photos with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Cyber Hub located next door to the mayor’s office.

Free photos with Santa will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon.

Christmas Musical Celebration

The community is invited to join the Sanctuary Choir of First Methodist Church, Winnsboro, on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary for “Night of the Father’s Love,” a Christmas musical celebration.

The event will be directed by Nelda Emfinger and feature 26 local voices. The presentation will be narrated by Connie Cos, Don Gautreaux and Marty Gautreaux, and accompanied by Peggy Nations.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

First Methodist Church of Winnsboro is located at 1502 West St.. Wnnsboro, and faces Prairie Street.

Princess Theatre play
Princess Theatre is presenting

“It’s a Wonderful Life: A live Radio Play” with performances set to take place Dec. 7-10. For performance times and dates visit the theatre’s website or call (318_435-6299.

“Lady Chops” at Library

Franklin Parish Library will host “Christmas with Lady Chops” on Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at the library’s main branch on Prairie Street in downtown Winnsboro featuring percussionist Elizabeth Vidos.

The performance will mark a return of Vidos to Winnsboro for the holiday performance. She performed here in the summer as part of the library’s Summer Reading Program.

Friends of Crowville movie event

Friends of Crowville invite everyone to join them for a special showing of the Christmas movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at Princess Theatre in Winnsboro. The movie is offered free of charge, with students invited for earlier matinee performances.



FAMILY COMMUNITY Christian is celebrating Homecoming this week. Members of the Homecoming Court are, from left, Lexi Casiday, sixth grade; Delilah Gill, eighth grade; Audrey Hunt, 11th grade; Abby Englerth, 12th grade; Andie Allen, Homecoming Queen; Hannah Brown, 10th grade; Cadence Bass, ninth grade; and Jalyn Wilson, seventh grade. The Homecoming games against Tensas High School will be Friday, Dec. 8. Homecoming activities begin with a parade at 1:30 p.m. followed by introduction of the court. The afternoon activities will end with a pep rally. Celebrations continue at 5:30 p.m. with basketball games starting at 6 p.m. FCCS Warriors play first, followed by the Lady Warriors.

Governor-elect Landry announces 27th LSP superintendent

Governor-elect Jeff Landry recently announced the appointment of Robert P. Hodges as the 27th Louisiana State Police (LSP) superintendent and deputy secretary of public safety services.

Hodges currently holds the position of Region 2 patrol major. His appointment as LSP superintendent will be effective on Jan. 8, 2024.

Hodges is a 28-year veteran with LSP. He began his career in 1995 as a patrol trooper in Troop

B (Kenner) and has held various assignments throughout his LSP career in patrol and investigation.

Hodges, a native of New Orleans, graduated from Brother Martin High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from Louisiana State University. He previously served as an intelligence officer in the Louisiana Army National Guard Reserve.

In addition, forthcoming appointees to the LSP senior com-

mand staff were announced including:

Maj. Frank Besson, appointed to assistant superintendent/ chief of staff; Lt. Col. Joseph Hasselback III, current deputy superintendent of LSP patrol; Lt. Col. Treone Williams-Larvadian, current deputy superintendent of the LSP Bureau of Investigations; Maj. Cordell Williams, appointed to deputy superintendent of LSP support; and Lt. Col. Greg Graphia, current deputy superintendent/ chief administrative officer.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:
The Town of Winnsboro is now seeking to employ an individual for the following position:

Superintendent

- Must have High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma
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NOTICE
THE VILLAGE OF GILBERT MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE GILBERT CITY HALL. THOSE PRESENT WERE AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR PRO-TEMP SUSAN BRITT, OUIDA SEWELL CLERK, MELANIE KEYES ASSISTANT CLERK, BOARD OF ALDERMEN BARBARA EZELL, RANDY LLOYD, POLICE CHIEF ALVIE VICK AND CITIZENS. MAYOR MIKE STEPHENS PRESENT BY VIDEO CALL. ABSENT: FIRE CHIEF BILL MCLEMORE.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Pro-Temp Susan Britt called the meeting to order.

PRAYER:
Randy Lloyd led in opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Ouida Sewell led in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES:
Discussion was held. Motion made by Randy Lloyd, seconded by Barbara Ezell to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from last month as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS/BUDGET TO ACTUAL:
Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Randy Lloyd to accept the financial documents as presented. Motion carried.

PAY MONTHLY BILLS:
Discussion was held. Motion made by Randy Lloyd seconded by Barbara Ezell to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Susan Britt gave report for the Fire Chief. Mr. McLemore reported that we should receive our audit from P.I.A.L. in December.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
Chief Alvie Vick gave monthly report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:
Monthly Report given.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:
Heather Carroll, with Grow Gilbert, reported that November 18th will be the last Gilbert Farmer's Market and will open back up in the spring. The Trick or Treat Festival that was held on October 31, 2023 was a success. Mrs. Carroll reported that Basher Insurance Agency will have Senior Day at the Gilbert Community Center on November 13th and November 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 am to receive updates on Medicare. They will also have Bingo with prizes. There will be an old fashion drive-in Christmas movie in December at the Gilbert Football Field with more details to be posted.

Tony Morris was present to ask questions about Ordinance #379-Restricted Commercial Vehicles and Weight Limits on the Gilbert Streets.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. CINNAMON GOODING, MCMANUS ENGINEERING-UPDATE ON GRANTS-USDA, LOP, CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
Mrs. Gooding reported that on the USDA Grant they are in the process of getting all documents ready to submit for approval. On the LLOP Grant there will be a preconstruction meeting with the contractors on November 16th at 11:00 am for construction of playground. The Draft Engineering Agreement needs to be signed for the Capital Outlay Grant for New Municipal Building and submitted in order to

proceed with grant.

2. ADOPT RESOLUTION – TO NAME GILBERT FOOTBALL FIELD “THE WYMAN L. COLLIE COMPLEX”
Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Randy Lloyd to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: Yeas: Barbara Ezell, Randy Lloyd, Nays: None, Abstained: Susan Britt. Motion carried.

3. ADOPT RESOLUTION – LGAP GRANT FOR FY 2023-2024
Discussion was held. Motion made by Randy Lloyd, seconded by Barbara Ezell to use grant to purchase a new mower, finishing mower with three-point hitch for tractor hook-up, (2) weed eaters, (2) grass blowers, hedge trimmers, (1) chain saw, (1) chop saw (Stihl). Roll Call: Yeas: Barbara Ezell, Randy Lloyd, Nays: None, Abstained: Susan Britt. Motion carried.

4. ADOPT RESOLUTION – CWFEE GANT FOR FY 2023 – 2024
Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Randy Lloyd to use grant to purchase new water valves, ¾” meters, cut-off valves, water discharge pump, water meters, commercial meters, repair sleeves. Roll Call: Yeas: Barbara Ezell, Randy Lloyd, Nays: None, Abstained: Susan Britt. Motion carried.

5. ADOPT RESOLUTION – CAPITAL OUTLAY TO REPLACE ALL WATER VALVES IN TOWN
Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Randy Lloyd to adopt resolution. Roll Call: Barbara Ezell, Randy Lloyd, Nays: None, Abstained: Susan Britt. Motion carried.

6. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #380 – SETTING SPEED LIMIT ON ALL VILLAGE STREETS
Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Randy Lloyd to introduce Ordinance #380. Motion carried. A public hearing will be held on December 14, 2023 at the Gilbert City Hall at 6:30 pm to consider Ordinance #380.

7. DISCUSS EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Discussion was held. Motion made by Randy Lloyd, seconded by Barbara Ezell to set December 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm for Employee Christmas Party. Motion carried.

8. Susan Britt reported that there is a new sign on the Gilbert Football Field Concession Stand of the 1975 Gilbert High School Football Championship Team and the old one that was up is stored in the town's shop.

9. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen would like to thank the Village of Gilbert Employees, Grow Gilbert, Gilbert Woman's Club, and all involved in the Trick or Treat Festival at The Wyman L. Collie Complex. Thank you to all the sponsors and all unspoken donors. Special Thanks to Phillips Signs from Alexandria for making the new sign for the Gilbert Football Field Concession Stand and thanks to Robbie Phillips.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. DISCUSS RENTING OF THE GILBERT FOOTBALL FIELD AND CONCESSION STAND
Discussion was held. More information needs to be gathered on this matter and will be discussed at a later date.

AJOURNMENT:
Motion made by Randy Lloyd, seconded by Barbara Ezell to adjourn. Motion carried.

MIKE STEPHENS, MAYOR
12/6

OUIDA SEWELL, CLERK

Franklin Parish Police Jury
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Franklin Parish Police Jury on January 8, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Franklin Parish Police Jury Meeting Room located in the Franklin Parish Courthouse at 6558 Main Street Winnsboro, LA 71295, for the topics.

- For the consideration of removing 1929 ft. of Low Water Bridge Loop out of the parish road system.

The jury will at the said time and place hear all comments in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above hearings and be addressed to the address listed above.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you will require special assistance, please provide advance notice to the Franklin Parish Police Jury Office (318-435-9429).
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Public Notice of Budget Adoption
Legal Notice
This is to certify that the Franklin Parish Assessor has complied with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1306 relative to public participation in the Budget Process for the Year Ending December 31, 2024.
Notice of availability for public inspection, publication of budget summary, and

public hearing was held all in compliance with applicable statute.
Rod Elrod, Assessor
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE ACCOUNT, HEARING OFFICER ACCOUNT, RICHLAND PARISH DISTRICT JUDGES ACCOUNT, FINS ACCOUNT, AND THE SPECIAL EXCESSIVE COST ACCOUNT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT JUDGES OFFICE, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. FROM DECEMBER 13-23, 2023.

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NOTICE
We, Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, are applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of low alcoholic content at retail at the following address: Family Dollar Store # 29361, 139 Maple St, Wisner, LA 71378 in the Parish of Franklin.
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