

River Parishes Picayune

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000

ON THE AGENDA

ST. CHARLES

School Board

Meeting: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., central office, River Road, Luling.

911 District

Meeting: Monday, 5 p.m., St. Charles Courthouse, River Road, Hahnville.

Library Board

Meeting: Tuesday, 6 p.m., St. Charles Courthouse, Hahnville.

Zoning Board

Meeting: Thursday, 7:30 p.m., St. Charles Courthouse, Hahnville.

ST. JOHN

School Board

meeting: Thursday, 6 p.m., old Godchaux Grammar School, River Road, Reserve.

COMING UP

ST. CHARLES

School care

Registration is Wednesday for before- and after-school care for St. Charles Parish school students.

Centers are at Luling Elementary, A.A. Songy Kindergarten Center and R.J. Vial Elementary on the west bank; and New Sarpy Elementary, Norco Elementary and St. Rose Primary on the east bank.

The program serves only school-age children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The cost is \$2 per child per day for morning care and \$5 per child per day for after-school care. Before-school care begins at 6 a.m. at St. Rose Primary, Songy Kindergarten and New Sarpy Elementary and at 6:30 a.m. at Luling Elementary, R.J. Vial Elementary and Norco Elementary.

RIVER PARISHES

Women to meet

The Professional Women of the River Region will hold a general membership meeting Wednesday at Billy Hart Restaurant on Airline Highway in LaPlace.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m.; the meeting starts at 6 p.m. Legislators from the River Parishes will speak. The dinner cost is \$15. For information, call 465-7070.

WEEK IN REVIEW

ST. JOHN

New leaders

East St. John High School teacher Annette Houston has been elected president of the St. John Association of Educators, the district's employee union. She replaces Herman Clayton Jr., who will serve on the executive committee.

Other SJAEE officers are Carolyn Jean Batiste, vice president; Ella Goudia, treasurer; and Barbara Knight, secretary.

Young artists shine at camp

By Anita Hymel
Contributing writer

With sketch pads, pencils, brushes and paints in hand, 30 aspiring young artists arrived at the St. Charles Art Guild's sixth annual fine art camp for children last week at West Regional Library in Luling.

The guild sponsors the annual event to help children ages 7-10 discover the way various media behave and how they can be used to create individual expressions of art, instructor Mary Moate said.

Other objectives are to encourage creativity, foster an appreciation of the many differences in artists and their means of expression and build an art foundation.

"This is an ideal age group to introduce different mediums in art," Moate said. "The children are open to new ideas and are willing to experiment."

Drawing pictures of gum balls from a sweet

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PHOTO BY ANITA HYMEL

Michael Bell, 8, of Luling studies a flower bouquet as he prepares to create the piece on canvas at the St. Charles Art Guild's sixth annual fine art camp for children.

The school bell tolls for you, young son

Cha-ching, ba da bing, can't you just hear those school bells ring?

Hooray, hooray, happy day, happy day. School is starting and I feel so gay.

Since my children are older you would think I would have outgrown the giddiness of the beginning of school, but alas, I have not.

My son, the youngest in our tribe, is starting high school this week. I can't wait to wake him up Tuesday morning. After spending a summer with him and the rest of the boys in his 'hood, I only wish I could be the



HOME FRONT

Patty Stohman

one to wake up each and every one of them.

In fact, I might call all their mothers and ask if I could have the pleasure, but I am sure they don't want to give up the joy of doing it themselves.

I wish I had a bugle so I could blow revelry. I think that might be one thing they don't sell at either Kmart or Wal-Mart or else I would have one.

I tried doing it once with one of the kids' old flutophones, but for some reason it just didn't seem to work out so well.

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MAKING HISTORY



STAFF PHOTO BY THOM SCOTT

Christina Davis sits in her Reserve home as she reflects back to 1965. Davis was the first African-American to attend St. John the Baptist public schools. Davis entered Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve by choice and was the only African-American at the school her first year.

Woman recalls role in integrating school

By Judy Creekmore
Contributing writer

Integration came quietly to St. John the Baptist Parish schools on Aug. 30, 1965.

There was no angry, shouting mob, no politician barring the entrance of Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve, no cordons of law enforcement officers.

Only one young black woman and her mother walked through the entrance of the previously all-white school that day for registra-

tion.

Christina Marie Green Davis of Reserve was the first African-American student to attend Leon Godchaux High School, and the only African-American in her graduating class.

"There wasn't any racial trouble here like we saw in New Orleans or Alabama or Arkansas because everybody knew everybody here back then," Davis said, speaking about the court-ordered integration. "We didn't have all the publicity. But I still had to go through the verbal abuse

and people walking on the opposite side of the hall."

Davis said she had not planned to be the lone student who forever changed the parish's education system.

Davis was in the 11th grade at Fifth Ward High School when integration was ordered.

"We were told at the school that there had been a court order to integrate the schools," she recalled. "We talked about it the last few months of school and some of

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Christina Davis: Yearbook photo from her senior year

St. Charles District 3-East advances to world series

River Parishes bureau

The St. Charles District 3-East All Star 10-year-olds team recently won its first state championship, advancing to the Dixie Youth World Series, beginning Monday, in Marshall, Texas.

The St. Charles Recreation Department sponsored the 2000 Dixie Youth Super 10 State Tournament last month at the West Bank Bridge Park in Luling. Teams from St. Charles Parish, Morgan City, Bossier City, Houma, Alexandria, Gon-

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LULING TOWN TALK

Anita Hymel

Hahnville baseball team is pitching in

The Hahnville High School baseball team is doing its part to help the community. The team is collecting canned food items during its Monday night bingo games at the St. Charles Room on U.S. 90 in Boutte.

Items are donated to the St.

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VOLUNTEER SALUTE



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Community: Destrehan.

Activity: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Child Church volunteer.

Motivation: "I love working with kids. Hopefully, this will help me in the future."

YOU CAN HELP

Churches. Volunteers are needed for church activities such as evangelism teams; youth groups; beautification, welcome and spiritual life committees; altar societies; Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliaries; usher groups and choirs. Call the church nearest you to join.

School volunteers. Help with fundraisers, festivals and other special events. Chaperone dances and field events. Assist teachers. Perform clerical duties. Work with school clubs. To help, call the school nearest you.