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Parish brings back ordinance

Board says trail rides will be limited to 1,000 riders

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The parish council's on-again, off-again attempt to regulate trail rides is on again.

At Wednesday night's meeting, the St. Landry Parish Council

voted to re-introduce the trail ride ordinance it passed earlier this year with a few changes.

The original ordinance, which put in place a number of procedures designed to bring order to local trail rides, had attempted to limit those rides to 500 riders.

Parish President Don Menard, arguing that 1,000 was a more realistic number, vetoed that ordinance and last month, the council failed to override Menard's veto.

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz, who must enforce the ordinance, had also urged the council to limit rides to only non-profit groups.

His concern is the ever-growing size of for-profit trail rides that in recent years have attract-

ed up to 5,000 riders at a time, creating chaos on local roads and often damaging property.

While the council this week agreed to the 1,000 rider limit, it chose not to require non-profit status for event organizers.

Pointing out the ordinance requires ride organizers to be parish residents, District 8 council member Pam Gautreau asked, "Why do we have a problem with people who want to make a

little money?"

In the end, the proposed ordinance was passed unanimously, with most council members simply happy to be done with the matter that has occupied much of their time for the past year.

While the council must approve every trail ride now, under the new ordinance, which is expected to be formally adopted

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Three seek open District 39 seat

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No matter which of the three candidates wins, District 39 will be represented in the state House of Representative next year by a white male from a small town who has never held state office before.

Incumbent Bobby Badon, D-Carencro, is not seeking re-election.

Seeking the seat in Saturday's election are James "Jamie" Arnaud, no party-Carencro; "Don" Menard, R-Cankton; and Stephen Ortego, D-Carencro.

Neither Arnaud, a self-employed licensed plumber, nor Ortego, an architect and energy-efficient home builder, have ever held elected office before.

"Nothing gets done when good people stand aside, and I'm sick and tired of seeing what is going on," said Arnaud, who is making his first-ever bid for office. "I'm not a politician. I'm a concerned citizen trying to make a difference."

Ortego did run for the seat in 2007 and missed forcing a run-off with Badon in that year's four-candidate race by only 24 votes.

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Officials prepare for election



St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court Charles Jagneaux and staff check the readiness of their computers in preparation for Saturday's elections. The public will be able to watch the election returns on a large screen set up in the Delta Grand. **FREDDIE HERPIN**

Parish voters can watch Saturday results at Delta Grand

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The time is fast approaching for citizens of St. Landry Parish to cast their votes in a number of contests for parish and state offices.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday for those who didn't take advantage of early voting.

St. Landry Parish Clerk of

Court Charles Jagneaux said a voter turnout of about 25 percent is expected.

Voters should arrive at their individual polling places with a photo ID. It's not necessary to have the actual voter registration card, Jagneaux said, but it is important to present a photo identification card.

But those who may have lost their ID at this most inconvenient time may still vote, Jag-

neaux said. They will have to fill out an affidavit before voting. It may take a little more time than flashing a driver's license, but the end result will be the same.

St. Landry Parish voters will be choosing new parish council members, as well as a new parish president.

They will also be deciding on the sheriff's race, as well as contests for state senator and a handful of House seats.

A number of amendments are also on the ballot.

Jagneaux and his staff will be doing the job of counting votes this year at the Delta Grand Theater after polls close at 8 p.m.

But results will be available relatively quickly, Jagneaux said, because they are tabulated by computers.

Final results for the parish should be available by about 9:30 p.m., he said.

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Loan keeps Community Action open

Cuts in state, federal funds endanger poverty programs

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While the debate was intense, in the end the parish council agreed Wednesday to loan the St. Landry Community Action Agency enough money to keep

its doors open through the end of the year.

That vote is important, as the agency, an independent branch of parish government, is the largest provider of services to low-income residents in the parish.

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Through its various programs, CAA provides assistance to 15,000 people a month, or roughly 20 percent of the

parish's population.

Last month, the council agreed to loan CAA \$20,000 to allow it to operate for a month, and this week, with two abstentions and two 'no' votes, the council agreed to loan it another \$40,000 to tide it over until Jan. 1.

The problem for the parish council is there really isn't any money to spare.

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