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STA Girls Bowling make school history

On Wednesday, April 8, 2026 St. Amant's girls bowling placed the highest in program history as State Runner Up in the LHSAA playoffs. St. Amant went against Archbishop Chapelle in the state championship but lost. The lady gator bowling team ended their season with 10-1.

Last year they made it to the final four but weren't able to progress into the finals. So this is the first time in program history that the gators have made it this far in state.

Senior Jessie Tengler said, "I'm really proud of everyone on the team." Throughout the match Tengler said that everyone was collectively able to hype each other up. The first round of the match went well, but in the second round the girls were getting tired. Tengler said "I personally wasn't doing my best because I was tired and stressed but I still think we did good for the team we were playing against."

Senior Kendall Fournet thinks it went pretty well and that everyone was super excited, "You could definitely see everyone get more excited out of their chair. No one wants to go practice on the practice lanes, everyone just got up to cheer for everyone. I thought it was really special."

Senior Jade Fontenot didn't realize that this was the furthest the girls bowling team has ever gotten. After Fontenot realized she felt really proud and just proud to be a part of the team. To help the team overcome their challenges and thinking that they couldn't do it Fontenot said that the team would just keep each other positive and talking, "if you go up to the lanes and you're negative or angry, you're just gonna throw your ball down the lane and you're gonna do bad."



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STA Anglers hook a spot in state

St. Amant's fishing team is third in Louisiana and heading to state on May 1 to May 3 in Morgan City.

The team has seven teams of two participating. The teams consisted of Cade Fontenot, Jerry Rouyea, Jackson Gomez, Jake Folse, Ethan Oubre, Graham LeBlanc, Landon Hooper, Reeve Savoy, Barritt Babin, Hunter Lambert, Brae Babin, Mack Delaune, Brody Fangué and Preston Kelley.

Juniors Landon Hooper and Reeve Savoy have had a rough year. Hooper says, "We broke the troll motor, we blew up a lower unit, our trailer axle snapped. We broke a lot of stuff." The duo did not get a spot until last week's competition. They think they are prepared for this competition because Morgan City is close so they are able to spend more time practicing on the water.

Another team that is going to state is Freshmen Hunter Lambert and Barret Babin. They placed 11th in this past weekend's competition. Lambert said they practice by, "...string poles, and we re-tie baits, making sure there's no

frays in the line. Basically doing our research." Lambert says that their season has been good so far and they feel confident going into state. Coach Chris Baker feels good about the season coming to an end. Baker encouraged everyone on the team to, "go fish as much as you can in the spillway and Lake Verret, because we're an hour away." This gives the team an advantage because they have easy access to the water opposed to one of the team's biggest competitors who live near Lake Charles who aren't as familiar with the area. In 2024 the team won state as a whole. As well as this year the Anglers also qualified for the national competition which is July 30 to August 1 at

Kentucky Lake in Tennessee .

If you are interested in joining the team next year, stop by Mr. Bakers so he can give you all the information you need and answer any questions you may have. We wish the team luck as they head off to state.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MR. BAKER

Gymnastics team flips to State

By: ALEX TOSTE
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St Amant's gymnastics team competed at their last meet before the state meet March 28 at Baton Rouge High School. Both the level three and four teams competed to their fullest. Two placing level fours, Junior Alexandra Toste placed fourth on floor with a 9.55 and Junior Bryce Lonidier placing ninth overall and 7th on bars with a 9.65.

Natali Aucoin, sponsor of the gymnastics team said, "I have noticed a great deal of focus and determination from Jewels Darr working on small technical skills on her beam routine along with Brylee Leblanc focusing on the technical parts of floor," when asked who has stood out these past weeks training for state. The team has grown throughout the season by starting off with each individual focusing on what they need to improve the most.

The biggest challenge the girls are facing this year is that they don't have a competing level eight. However this doesn't stop them, they have a strong team between the level threes and fours who still have the opportunity to do well. The girls

can do well as long as they have the drive to compete their best.

The girls say their team dynamic is strong and consistent. They continue to make improvements through each meet, pushing themselves to be better every time.



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They create strong bonds through the team, "It is a great way to meet new people and the environment is great. Also they will learn new skills and discipline" says Lonidier when asked why girls should try out for the team. When asked about leadership surrounding the team Aucoin says, "Being a leader on the team and cheering and encouraging teammates goes a long way. If the girls can build each other up and stay positive it can be a huge game changer in how the girls perform individually."

The girls feel confident heading into state as it is their last meet of the season. They have trust in their training and coaches to help them succeed. The girls state meet is

this upcoming Saturday, April 18 at Baton Rouge High School. Wish the lady gators good luck!

Ascension Parish students win national FFA title

By: GRACE AVANTS
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St. Amant High School FFA students were recognized on Louisiana House Floor and named National Champion in building communities division of the National FFA Organization National Chapter award program. To have earned this prestigious achievement students who participated planted over 8,000 native plants on a West Grande Terre Isle which is a barrier island, students also put in nearly 300 community service hours. Through their hard work the students ended up restoring 32 acres of fragile coastal habitat, which they were recognized for by Joseph A. Orgeron on the floor of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

Since 1932 Louisiana has lost 2,000 square miles of land which is from natural factors as in tropical storms and hurricanes, but oil and gas industries have also contributed to the loss of our coast. It has been predicted that if no action is taken then Louisiana could potentially lose up to 3,000 square

miles in the next 50 years, barrier islands will and have taken the most impact. Barrier islands help protect the mainland from storm surges but they are slowly disappearing. FFA students took action and helped restore Terre Isle which was not an easy task.

"What I'm most proud of is our continuing effort to continue to make an impact where it helps," Mandy Deluane says when discussing the future of this project. After this achievement the project has expanded with more students wanting to be a part of this movement because of its importance to the community and these students are contributing more time and dedication fixing this project, "60 or 70 more students we are probably upward to about 500 hours," Mrs. Delaune said. Overall these St. Amant FFA students have dedicated much time to a



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MANDY DELUANE

major ecological problem that is slowly affecting our home.

SENIOR 2026 SAVE THE DATES

**April 15th: MANDATORY CLASS MEETING
(Commons During Advisory)**

**April 17th: SENIOR SHIRT DISTRIBUTION
(Commons A & B Lunch)**

**April 21st: SENIOR SUPPLIES (INVITES)
(Jostens at A & B Lunch)**

**April 29th: LAST DAY FOR SENIORS
Cap & Gown Distribution**

**ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**

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When asked about their senior season and how they feel about leaving the program, Tengler said, “I think we are leaving a good legacy for the next generation of the girls bowling team. I heard our coaches say the other day this is the way we built this is something to be proud of during the game. Because this is something that we built and have been working on the past four years.” Fournet said, “It’s amazing. I think that’s the ideal way of leaving. It just built up my first time I ever bowled was my sophomore year. We didn’t make the Final Four. Junior year, made the Final Four. And then senior year, we were runner-up, and that has never happened before. I think it’s just an amazing way to end the season.” Fontenot said, “Really sad, because it’s kind of hard to keep doing these types of things when you’re out of high school... So it makes me really sad that I can’t enjoy that again, but I’m also really happy to have had that experience.”

Good job to the Gators on their 2026 season! Fontenot said, “Join bowling! They need more members, and you can join even if you suck at bowling. It’s just fun to do. Just you and one of your friends go join the bowling team. You don’t have to be good, you just have to have fun and enjoy the sport.” and Fournet said, “A lot of people didn’t know that there’s bowling on campus. It’s super fun, the coaches are super welcoming, and you get to learn how to bowl more than just outside of a birthday party.”

Lady Gators are headed to playoffs

By: RAEGAN ELISAR
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The Lady Gators wrapped up district play with a strong and exciting few games.

They celebrated Senior Night with a close win of 5-4 over the Prairieville Hurricanes. The game stayed tight, but the Lady Gators were able to make big plays when it mattered most. Senior Bailey Ducote and Senior Rylie Causey led the offense, each collecting multiple hits and stealing bases to keep pressure on the defense. Causey also drove in a run in the fourth inning to help her team stay ahead.

Senior Brooke Rabalais added to the offense with a double in the third inning. Junior Olivia Johnson and Junior Kenley Triche also came through with key hits, helping to keep innings alive. Sophomore Kaydi Landry had a sacrifice fly to bring in a run. On defense, the Lady Gators made an important play by turning a double play from right field to third base, stopping a scoring chance and helping secure the win.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Gators played a tough game against Dutchtown that ended in a narrow loss of 11-12. They held the lead for most of the game, but the Griffins scored in the bottom of the seventh inning to win by one run. Even though they lost, several players had strong performances. Causey and Rabalais each had three hits in the game.

Rabalais stood out with a perfect 3-for-3 performance at the plate. She drove in three runs followed by a home run. Ducote also had a good game, going

2-for-4 with an RBI. The loss was disappointing, but the team showed they could compete until the very end.

The Lady Gators bounced back in their final district game with an 11-4 win over the Live Oak Eagles. The offense was strong again, with Ducote, Causey, and Sophomore Devin Tanner each going 2-for-3. Causey hit a two-run double and Tanner added an RBI.



PHOTO BY KHLOE GUFFEY

Triche and Sophomore Kyndall Landry each hit doubles to help the team score more runs. Rabalais continued her strong play with a solo home run in the first inning. She also added two sacrifice flies later in the game. Johnson had a sacrifice fly as well, showing the team’s ability to bring in runs when needed. Rabalais states, “We worked so hard on the basics at the beginning of the year and in pre-season practices. Once we perfect the basics of our swings, everything comes along with it after that.” Saying that a huge part of batting is being confident and they

have been working to achieve that.

The Lady Gators finished district play with the momentum they need as they look ahead to their next games in playoffs. They are excited considering this is their favorite part of the season. They finally get to focus on individual teams and work together to make it to the championship. The Lady Gators have a bye week in the first round and will play the winner between Dutchtown and Sulphur for the second round.

We wish them the best of luck!

Between the pages: STA yearbook works hard

By: ALLY MECHE
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As the end of the year approaches, many clubs work to finalize projects and meet deadlines. Students in these clubs commit their time and energy to activities that can sometimes be overlooked or underappreciated. One example is Yearbook.

While Yearbook is known for producing the annual book, staff members put in work throughout the entire year that many students are not aware of. From the beginning, yearbook staff members work together to practice skills and get comfortable. Staff members begin by making advertisements for businesses. As the year continues, staff begins to brainstorm a theme, complete theme packets, and begin planning the layout and style of the book. "We have a theme packet, which counts as a big part of our grade." Junior Karmyn



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY YEARBOOK STAFF

Rouyea said. However, their work does not end in the classroom.

Yearbook staff also attend school events, sports games, and activities in order to take photos that represent student life to feature in the yearbook.

As April begins, the workload of the class increases as many students take on more deadlines and goals. With seniors preparing to leave and final projects needing to be submitted, staff members work to complete unfinished spreads, finish up with photos, and double-check all information on spreads before finishing. "At the end of the year, yearbooks get really busy because seniors are leaving, and we only have a few weeks left to finish everything," Senior Lola Johnson says. "We are all doing as much as we can."

Regardless of this workload which may grow stressful, staff members learn skills such as prioritizing deadlines, making and meeting

goals, teamwork, and how to give and take constructive criticism. On the side of this, the yearbook brings together staff, giving opportunities for new connections and friendships to form. "I have met some of my best friends here." Johnson said.

Gator spirit team tryouts

By: BROOKE PIERCE
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This Thursday and Friday, April 16 and 17, the St. Amant High School Gatorettes have tryouts for their 2026-2027 season. This season the Gatorettes have two different teams, performance and competition. The performance team covers the football season and participates in pep rallies whereas the competition team covers the basketball season as well as engaging in competitive dancing. Both teams have to show a variety of turns, leaps, and hip hop skills, however performances also have to show stand routines. Anyone can try out for both teams but it is up to their choice. Thursday was performance team tryouts and Friday was competition team tryouts. Some advice, upcoming junior, Peyton Kelley, would give is to "be yourself and have confidence in yourself". Kelley states how she once struggled with staying true to herself is what got her to where she is now.

Throughout the next two weeks our St. Amant Gatorguard will be holding their tryouts for the 2026-2027 marching season as well. The first four days of tryouts are clinics. Clinics will be held April 20, 22, 27, and 29 from five to seven in the afternoon. The first two days are when the returners and alumni teach the new girls trying out certain skills and techniques. The last two days of clinics are when the girls learn their routines. The routine is a combination of using their flags and dance. May 2, 2026 is when actual tryouts are held. At tryouts the girls will be in groups of four and they will show off their skills and routines they have learned. Some advice that junior returner, Avery Crotchet, gave is "If you mess up keep smiling because most of the time everyone is also messing up." Crotchet says that it is best to act professional at tryouts and always persevere if something doesn't go as expected.

Gata Data wishes the best of luck to anyone who has tried out or is trying out for a St. Amant High School spirit team over the next few weeks!

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Zach Bryan returns to Louisiana, this time in Death Valley

By: ALYSE DUPUY
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The famous country singer and song-writer Zach Bryan performed at Tiger Stadium on March 28, 2026. Louisiana's "Death Valley" is one of the most iconic football stadiums in the United States and for what used to be a small-town musician, performing at an event like this is an insane milestone.

"A crowd of about 70,000 filled 75,000 available seats on Saturday, directly spending about \$17.5 million on tickets, parking and concessions and \$7.6 million outside of the event on needs like hotels and meals," the Advocate states. This boosted Baton Rouge's economy tremendously. Concerts in Tiger Stadium are not a frequent occurrence. This proved that more country and folk style artists can succeed on a massive stadium scale, just as more popular pop artists do.

Zach Bryan played many hits such as "Oklahoma Smokeshow," "Something in the Orange," "Pink Skies" and "Revival." "Revival" is one of his biggest hits yet. Bryan pretends that his set is over, comes back on stage and puts on an entire show for one song and makes it last

for ten minutes or more. He often pulls fans from the crowd to participate on stage. People on different social media platforms describe experiencing this part of his show as "life changing."

While many enjoyed the concert, some criticize it is as well. Tickets went as low as 18 dollars on sites such as Ticketmaster, SeatGeek and StubHub. This allowed for more attraction and with that comes more crowds. Larger crowds can lead to longer lines for entry, merchandise lines and concessions. This can be stressful for those attending. Overall, Zach Bryan's concert at Tiger Stadium was both impactful and imperfect. It showcased his exponential growth as an artist, but also



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highlighted some challenges that come with hosting large-scale events. The performance remains an important moment for the artist himself and for the Baton Rouge community.

Senior Slideshow

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A graphic for a senior slideshow. It features three white cards with black stick figures. The first figure is in a thinking pose with a hand on its chin. The second figure is waving. The third figure is pointing. The cards are set against a background of colorful flowers (roses, tulips) and confetti.

ST. AMANT HIGH CLASS OF 2026

DRIVE-IN

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

Senior Sunset

NOW SHOWING: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

CLASS OF 2026

AT THE PIT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH • 7:00PM

POPCORN, CANDY, & DRINKS PROVIDED!

A movie poster for a drive-in theater. The top part says "ST. AMANT HIGH CLASS OF 2026" and "DRIVE-IN" in large, glowing letters. Below that, it says "STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS" and "Senior Sunset" in a cursive font. The main image shows a large outdoor screen displaying a scene from the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" with Ferris Bueller wearing sunglasses. Below the screen, it says "NOW SHOWING: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF". At the bottom, it says "CLASS OF 2026", "AT THE PIT", "SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH • 7:00PM", and "POPCORN, CANDY, & DRINKS PROVIDED!". The background shows a drive-in theater at sunset with cars parked and people sitting on blankets.