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Pitman crowned Apaches Princess 2021

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Friday evening the 2021 Apache Princess Pageant was held at First Assembly of God where seventeen contestants competed to earn the title of Apache Princess. After being judged through a parade of the contestants, a sportswear competition, and an evening gown competition, the winner of the this year's Apache Princess Pageant was none other than Emma Pitman, with 1st Runner Up being Anna Claire Lemoine, 2nd Runner Up being Olivia Blackwelder, 3rd Runner Up being Lauren Still, and Miss Congeniality being Emma Earnhardt.

All contestants included Allie King, Sophie Spillers, Gracie Purvis, Landrie Still, Emma Earnhardt, Olivia Downer, Lindsey Stanford, Reese Hanson, Olivia Blackwelder, Madie Vandenoord, Abigail Clark, Mary-Evelyn King, Emma Pitman, Lauren Still, Molly Fowler, Anna Claire Lemoine, Sarah Margaret Mosley.

The evening also featured entertainment from students Addison Smith, Caroline Thurman, Maddy Whitehead, and Becca Balkom who treated friends, family, and fellow students in the audience to musical and dance performances.

Glenbrook's esteemed English teacher Wayne Orr was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. This pageant was truly like no other in prior years, seeing as this year the school is

looking back on 50 years since its establishment. So in a sense, this year's pageant was also an opportunity to look at past year's and reflect on it's growth.

Sharing a memory from his first years teaching at Glenbrook, Orr reflected on a time that reflects the spirit of Glenbrook. Thinning back to when Glenbrook's sports program was much smaller, Orr said, "We had only boys and girls basketball. The gymnasium had a concrete floor. It was painted gray until Mr. West came along. We thought we were really up-town when Mr. West managed to get a synthetic floor for our gymnasium. The only problem was we didn't have people to clean it. We didn't have the equipment to clean it."

"So one day we decided that it needed to be clean. We marked it off in twelve sections, told our students to wear it just everyday clothes. We had S.O.S pads and Comet Cleaner and each grade had a section to clean the floor. It was a phenomenal day that brought all of you together. It was fantastic because Glenbrook is really a composition of families."

Also in the spirit of nostalgia, the pageant played a video featuring Apache Princesses of years past, coming together and sharing their memories of Glenbrook and their time with the crown.

Some of the former Apache Princesses excerpts are featured below.

Apache Princess 1979 Michele Marvin said, "I was truly



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Emma Pitman seen being crowned as Glenbrook's 2021 Apache Princess at the Apache Princess Pageant held at First Assembly of God in Minden.

honored and excited to represent Glenbrook as your Apache Princess in 1976. My memories go way back. I was here when you built the school building and the team, I had many niec-

es and nephews attend Glenbrook and carry on the traditions, the last being Camille Marvin. My favorite memories

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Louisiana sees slight uptick in new unemployment claims

(The Center Square) - The number of Louisiana residents making new claims for unemployment rose slightly last week, though the number of continued claims for state benefits fell, the Louisiana Workforce Commission reported Friday.

Initial unemployment in-

surance claims for the week ending March 6 rose to 7,100, compared with 6,981 the previous week. For a comparison from before the COVID-19 pandemic, during the week ending March 7, 2020, 1,698 initial claims were filed.

Continued claims for the

week ending March 6 decreased to 48,016 from the previous week's total of 53,212. There were 14,199 continued claims for the week ending March 7, 2020, the LWC reported.

The number of Louisiana residents filing new claims for Pandemic Unemployment As-

sistance went up during the week ending March 6, from 769 the previous week to 1,175, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. PUA is for workers such as independent contractors who don't qualify for state

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SWEPCO increased costs, impacting Minden resident's utility bills

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Due to the recent severe winter weather that the south experienced, residents of the City of Minden will be facing an increase in their utility bills in the coming months. This is beyond the City's control, as they are in a contract with SWEPCO and they chose to pass on the price increases onto the City. The City of Minden has no control over these increased costs.

While the typical bill from SWEPCO for the City's power is roughly 1 million, the bill for the month of February was roughly 3.5 million.

The City of Minden, not wanting to burden residents with a sudden high utility bill, will be paying this cost up front, and will instead spread the costs onto residents over a 26 month period. According to Russell Poole, Minden residents will notice an increase of roughly 16 dollars per 1000 KW on their utility bills during this 26 month period, as opposed to having one exceedingly high bill to pay. This increased charge will start taking effect in April.

"It's going to raise the cost, probably an average of around 16 dollars per thousand KW. A normal bill is about a thousand KW. So it's really not going to be real noticeable, but there's no way we could pass it on the way it was. So we decided to average it out in our PCA (Power Cost Adjustment)," said Poole.

This will allow the City to recoup it's money for paying the cost upfront, while keeping the increase for resident's monthly utility bills to a minimum.

"The recent record-breaking cold temperatures will likely lead to higher electric bills in the coming months. The City of Minden is working to minimize

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SECOND FRONT



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of playing basketball and tennis and being coached by none other than Mr. Wayne Orr. I'd like to wish all the contestants good luck tonight."

"Hello, I'm Christy Sullivan, and I was Apache Princess in 1979. I'm a retired schoolteacher and I taught school in Bossier Parish for 33 years. I'm originally from Cotton Valley and I did not get to come to Glenbrook until my junior year. When I did come, I was welcomed with open arms from the faculty to all the students. And of course, there was a lot of great learning going on. Mr. Orr made sure that the other great teachers. I made a lot of friendships in the two years I was in Glenbrook and I have a lot of great memories. Glenbrook will always hold a

special place in my heart," said Sullivan.

"My name is Amanda Abshire, Apache Princess, 2005, and now mom to two little boys Will and Patrick. Glenbrook school holds a special place in my heart. Now that I have two children of my own, I have a greater appreciation for the parents, grandparents, headmaster, and the hard work of teachers and coaches who poured their hearts and souls into this school and into their student's educations. I take pride in knowing my roots are firmly planted in 50 years of one big supportive family," said Abshire.

Allison Mourad, 2013 Apache Princess, said, "I remember being in elementary school and dreaming that one day I would become Apache Princess. I thought that

she was perfect and wanted to be just like her. My favorite part of the title was striving to be a good role model for all the young girls who looked up to me and wanted to be Apache Princess one day. So to the next Apache princess, remember that every little girl is watching you and wanting to be just like you. Glenbrook played a huge part in helping me grow into the woman that I am today. While in college, I had friends that told me they were happy to be finished with high school and that they would never go back to that time. I couldn't relate because I would relive every minute of my years at Glenbrook in a heartbeat. Thanks to Glenbrook, I made lifelong friends and felt prepared for the world after high school."

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benefits. The number of Louisiana residents making continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation went up during the week ending Feb. 20, the most-recent week the federal government has reported, from 78,092 to 80,650. PEUC is for workers who have exhausted their state benefits.

President Joe Biden this week granted Gov. John Bel Edwards' request to declare a major disaster for 23 parishes affected last month by severe winter weather. The parishes are Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Grant, LaSalle, Madison, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine,

Webster, West Carroll and Winn.

Residents and businesses in those parishes may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance. The LWC is accepting applications until April 12.

Disaster Unemployment assistance is available to those who:

- Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment; and
- Do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation or Extended Benefits from any state; and
- Were unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster; or
- Can no longer work or perform services because

of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster; or

- Cannot physically access the place of employment because of its closure by the federal, state or local government in immediate response to the disaster; or
 - Can establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their principal source of income; or
 - Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster; or
 - Became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household.
- DUA is available beginning Feb. 14 until Sept. 11, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a direct result of the disaster.



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MINDEN CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT A

- **Mother of triplets who attend public school at Richardson Elementary in Minden**
- **Nurse at Minden Medical Center for 13 years**
- **Active volunteer with multiple organizations serving people in the community**

I want to be a bridge for people in my district. I want to bring unity back to our community. I believe every member of District A has a voice and should be heard. I want to be that voice on the Minden City Council and speak for all people. I have always had a heart for all people and loved all people.

"It is my desire to work collaboratively with fellow council members and the mayor to create a place we can all be proud to call home."

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OTHER OPINION

The nuking of the American nuclear family

“Gay poly throuple makes history, lists 3 dads on a birth certificate.” That’s an actual headline from The New York Post, which last week featured an unsettling trio of men who recruited two female friends to help them conceive and deliver a baby girl named Piper.

Piper is now 3 years old and has a 1-year-old brother named Parker. According to the “gay poly throuple,” Piper told her preschool classmates how proud she was of her plentiful progenitors by bragging: “You have two parents. I have three parents.”

Actually, the “throuple” is really a quintet. If you count Piper’s egg donor and birth surrogate, we’ve now traveled from “Heather Has Two Mom-mies” (the infamous children’s book normalizing same-sex adoptions published in 1989) to “Piper Has Five Parents.” And in 2021, if you have any discomfort or reservations at all about the nuking of the nuclear family by throuples or quadruples or dozenouples, then woke society tells us there’s something wrong with us, not them.

Dr. Ian Jenkins, one of Piper’s polyamorous pops, wrote in a newly released book about their “adventures in modern parenting” that the arrangement is “just not a big deal.” Nothing to see here, move along. Two, three, whatever. “Some people seem to think it’s about a ton of sex or something,” Jenkins complained, “or we’re unstable and must do crazy things. (But

it’s really remarkably ordinary and domestic in our house and definitely not ‘Tiger King’ (the creepy Netflix hit series about convicted murder-for-hire zoo-keeper Joe Exotic, who headed up a three-way “marriage” to two men).

Weirdly, one of Piper’s other dads, Jeremy, is also a zookeeper like Joe Exotic whom the other two met through an online dating service. All very “remarkably ordinary and domestic.”



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Ho-hum. Neigh-borhoods, cities and nations are safer, healthier and more prosperous where nuclear families are the norm. But for the sake of social justice and modern progressivism, we are all just supposed to shake our heads politely and keep our alarm about the sexual slippery slope to ourselves. As University of Virginia sociologist W. Bradford Wilcox summarized in a 2020 article reviewing the benefits of two-parent married households for The Atlantic magazine, “sadly, adults who are unrelated to children are much more likely to abuse or neglect them than their own parents are.”

Never mind all the scientific studies showing an elevated risk of child sexual abuse in

households where children live with unrelated adults. Never mind the CDC data showing that introducing men unrelated to the children in a family elevates the risk of physical, sexual and emotional abuse of those children by about nine times higher than the rate experienced by children raised in normal, stable nuclear family of married biological parents and their children.

In a separate report for the Institute for Family Studies, Wilcox found that the very types of highly educated California liberals who publicly promote and support “alternative” family structures across pop culture and in the political arena are themselves more committed to traditional marriage and nuclear families for their own children. But don’t you dare question their extreme and dangerous perversity. Look at what happened to grassroots social conservative Lauren Witzke, the former Senate GOP candidate in Delaware. She was suspended from Twitter last week after exposing a left-wing transgender zealot named Alok Vaid-Menon, who tweeted derisively to traditional parents objecting to transgender bathroom laws that “little girls are also kinky.”

Witzke called the statement “demonic,” which Twitter determined was “hateful conduct” that violated its terms of service.

While Twitter has been purging pro-family, pro-life users from its platform for years, it

encouraged discussions of “attraction towards minors,” including the posting of nude photos of children. The policy (only rescinded last fall after a massive backlash) embraced pedophiles as “minor-attracted persons.” Even more perverse is that elite Republican figures are using their Silicon Valley platforms to attack vocal Christian dissidents instead of supporting them. Witzke came under fire last week from President Donald Trump’s gay former ambassador to Germany, Rick Grenell, and gay black TPUSA contributor Rob Smith for criticizing their promotion of transgenderism and the LGBTQIXYZ agenda.

“The Republican Party has remained stagnant as conservatives are being silenced by Big Tech, out of the fear of losing the support of their big corporate donors,” Witzke told me. “The GOP is no longer the Party of God, Family and Traditional Marriage. They are now corporate slaves to progressivism, transgenderism and compromise.”

Once again, our “friends” are our own worst enemies. Accommodation is the downfall of political parties and crumbling civilizations. The children always pay the highest price.

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OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Louisiana lawmakers want greater reckoning at LSU

Shameful. Heartbreaking. Sickenng. Shocking the conscience.

Lawmakers used those words and more to describe their reaction to a blistering independent review of Louisiana State University’s mishandling of sexual misconduct complaints.

But the legislators went further than angry criticism after a day-long hearing that included current and former students describing their stories of sexual assault. The lawmakers — mostly women, but also a handful men in attendance — promised action, seeking a reckoning for the state’s flagship university after it ignored and dismissed student allegations of rape, domestic violence and assault.

The House and Senate members want to see officials fired, rather than suspended. They want demonstrated change in handling of misconduct allegations. And they want all of Louisiana’s college campuses following laws they passed in recent years to combat sexual assault and harassment.

“We are committed to this, and we will not let it go,” said Sen. Regina Barrow, the Baton Rouge Democrat who leads the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children. “The culture around this issue, we will no longer tolerate it.”

Wednesday’s hearing was a strong signal from the people who control the state’s purse strings and who could make life quite difficult for LSU leaders if they choose.

LSU hired law firm Husch

Blackwell to review its handling of sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination complaints under federal Title IX laws after reporting by USA Today scrutinized the school’s handling of sexual assault cases implicating two former football players. The report that followed documented LSU’s widespread



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failings to adequately investigate, report and document students’ misconduct allegations. In response to the scathing assessment, LSU interim System President Tom Galligan offered repeated

apologies, created a new office to handle complaints and pledged to follow every Husch Blackwell recommendation for improvement.

“We failed those who it was our first duty to protect,” Galligan said, calling himself “ashamed.”

Galligan wasn’t in charge during the bungled responses documented in the report. But he decided the punishment that should be meted out: Two short-term suspensions, nothing more.

LSU suspended executive deputy athletic director Verge Ausberry for 30 days and senior associate athletic director Mir-

iam Segar for 21 days, without pay. Both were ordered to undergo sexual violence training.

That’s where lawmakers grew angry.

They said Galligan’s refusal to fire people implicated in the mishandling of students’ allegations was insufficient. They accused the university of trying to protect certain athletes at the expense of other students. They said weak disciplinary decisions would give survivors of sexual assault no confidence in the university. And they said it appeared more people deserved punishment.

Galligan said university policies for handling complaints were unclear and employees didn’t receive proper training for roles they held, so firings seemed unfair.

Sen. Beth Mizell, the Republican who holds the Senate’s second-ranking position, said laws and regulations detail how to handle allegations of assault and harassment — and she suggested common sense could fill in the blanks.

“I’ve never had a job anywhere that would not have fired me for lying or for not protecting the people I was supposed to protect,” she said.

Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman, a New Orleans Democrat whose daughter is an LSU student, said: “It’s like an organized crime ring that was being run.”

Several lawmakers particularly bristled because recent laws they passed targeting misconduct seem to have been ignored.

A 2015 law required public

colleges to strike agreements with local law enforcement for investigating sexually-oriented offenses against students. It also required a statewide policy for handling student sexual assault allegations and for bolstering prevention efforts.

Galligan said law enforcement agencies didn’t sign an agreement with LSU, Southern University and Baton Rouge Community College, though one was drafted. And though the Board of Regents established the policy required, lawmakers said it didn’t appear to be followed at LSU.

Meanwhile, Louisiana’s public colleges are not meeting requirements of a 2018 law aimed at combatting sexual harassment, with thousands of campus workers not taking a mandatory yearly anti-harassment course.

“People do not believe we are serious,” said Senate Republican leader Sharon Hewitt. “I think that we need to redouble our efforts.”

Morgan Lamandre, legal director for the Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response organization, known as STAR, urged lawmakers to maintain strength of purpose if they intend to toughen policies and actions against sexual assault.

She also warned: “This is the tip of the iceberg ... If this is making you sick, there is a lot more out there.”

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OBITUARIES



Robert Lynwood Goodwin Jr.

Robert Lynwood Goodwin Jr. (Lynn), of Minden Louisiana, passed away on February 15th the

day after his 65th birthday due to natural causes. Lynn was born to Lynwood and Faye Goodwin in El Dorado, Arkansas. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy and their two children, Jason Eric Goodwin and Sheri Goodwin Posey and 9 grandchildren (Kaeden, Raelyn,

Lilee, Emie, Kyin, Ayson, Jaxon, Ryder and Ava). He is also survived by his sister, Marti Goodwin Gill. Shortly after graduating from Minden High School in 1974 Lynn married his forever love, Nancy Melton. Lynn worked at Dunham Manufacturing for 20 years and then for FWM for the remainder of his career. He loved spending time with his wife and children swimming, scuba diving, fishing, hunting, camping and traveling to the Caribbean. Lynn will be forever loved and forever remembered by his family and friends. No services will take place at this time due to Covid.

ECONOMY

Gas prices continue to rise in Louisiana

PATRICK DE HAAN
Gas Buddy

(March 15, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 9.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.57/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 37.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 59.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$1.75/g today while the most expensive is \$2.89/g, a difference of \$1.14/g. "As Americans turn optimistic on COVID-19

pandemic recovery, we've been seeing insatiable demand for gasoline, which continues to recover far faster than oil production. According to GasBuddy data, last week's gasoline demand was just 1% below the pre-pandemic level, an extremely bullish factor likely to continue driving gas and oil prices up in the short term," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.86/g today. The national average is up 33.2 cents per gallon from a month

ago and stands 64.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. "The recovery in the last few weeks has been astounding- both the speed and overall volume increases we've seen in our data lend credibility to the recovery, and perhaps will lead to continued price increases due to the continued imbalance between supply and demand. It's no longer a question of if we'll see gasoline demand return to near normal this year but when, and will oil producers rise to the occasion and be able to quickly ramp up output, or are we going to see the highest

summer prices since 2014 until they jump into action? Only time will tell, but it's looking like things are heating up far more than expected since the start of the year," said Patrick De Haan. GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.



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INSPIRATION

The inability to relax is at the root of most psychosomatic illnesses

According to the American Institute of Stress, stress is the basic cause of 60% of all illnesses and disease in America and costs the nation \$300 billion in lost production and medical bills.

As the victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, I could write the book about stress but have much to learn.

Doctor Norman Vincent Peale said “there does not seem to be very many people who understand the absolute necessity of relaxing or who would know how to practice it if they tried.”

Dr. Flanders Dunbar, an authority on psychosomatic medicine, wrote in her book Mind and Body, “the inability to relax is one of the most widely spread diseases of our time and one of the most infrequently recognized.”

Having had rota-tor cuff surgery on August 28, 2018 I continue to ponder the connection of the mind and body.

Thirty years ago I watched a series by Bill Moyers, author of Healing and The Mind,hosted by PBS, because I’ve had a gut level feeling for years that most of our illnesses originate in our minds -- when we toss and turn -- unable to find solutions to overwhelming problems until our bodies finally rebel by making us sick enough to go to bed.

In 2016 I found myself in such a situation until I was so overwhelmed that

I went to bed, quit eating or drinking until I had emergency surgery on July 21st at Willis Knighton Hospital, due to a blocked, twisted colon.

Though not a doctor I will always believe that was a psychosomatic illness that ended up in a physical solution -- surgery.

I would go so far as to say that even my back problems, which led to a fall causing my shoulder

injury may also be linked to a psychosomatic illness -- which isn’t to say that the pain hasn’t been real.

The Bible says that “as a man thinks in his heart so he is” and I believe this applies to all areas of our lives, both physically and emotionally.

Since that time I continue to think most of my illnesses have been psychosomatic because I don’t know how to truly relax and let go and let God take over.

Life isn’t easy. It’s like the renowned artist, the late Jerry Wray, often said “we all have something” which could mean many things.

I ponder how our mind and our bodies our connected.

If we could ever gain control of and become master of our thoughts most of our illnesses would be eliminated.

Since my colon surgery I’ve talked to two friends who experienced the same colon surgery I did after they each experienced one too many traumatic

blows to their emotional system.They underwent surgeries identical to mine, including the doctor who performed all of our surgeries.

How or why we have this strong mind body connection I do not understand but I sense it is true. I also believe that if we understood and follow God’s plan for our lives everything would fall into place but I know that most likely that will never happen because we are either too stubborn or weak willed to give into divine guidance for our lives.

The Bible also says “it is not in man to direct his own steps.”

How true -- how very true!

The Bible also says “the fool hath said in his heart there is no God.”

Maybe I am just a simple minded person but when I observe the universe and my own body I know there is just too much evidence going on here to not believe in a higher power and I know that we are often too weak willed or too stubborn to turn our lives over to Him completely because we want to hold the reins of our lives, not submitting to His will -- yet I know that He doesn’t want a puppet but children who want to listen -- to obey but we most likely are a far cry from getting there but this body is physical and one day we will shed that which causes us much unnecessary pain because we are human.

Maybe more later.

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MINDEN LIONS CLUB

Minden Medical Center CEO Jim Williams Speaks at Lions Club



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CEO of Minden Medical Center Jim Williams was the guest speaker at the Minden Lions Club last Thursday. He used the opportunity to talk about the work he and his staff have done while battling the COVID-19 pandemic. He also went into detail about how the hospital has adapted over the past year since the pandemic began and is safe to care for non COVID patients without them having to worry about getting the virus themselves.

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Favorite Gas Station

Favorite Gift Shop (Non-Florist)

Favorite Principal

Favorite Fitness Center

Favorite Seafood Restaurant

Favorite School Teacher

Favorite Salad Bar

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Favorite Photographer

Favorite Pizza Restaurant

Favorite Physician/Surgeon

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Favorite Women's Apparel Provider

Favorite Floor Covering Provider

Favorite Tax Preparer

Favorite Customer Service
(any business)

Favorite Mini Storage

Favorite Event Destination
(or venue where events are held)

GOVERNMENT

11 states file motion to intervene in Ninth Circuit case over public charge rule

(The Center Square) – Eleven states, led by Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, have filed a motion to intervene in a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals case over challenges to a 2018 public charge rule change that required immigrants coming to the U.S. to prove they could financially support themselves.

The Biden administration removed the rule change, effective March 9. Subsequently, the Department of Homeland Security announced on March 11 it will no longer apply the rule.

In a statement, it said it had “closed the book on the public charge rule and is doing the same with respect to a proposed rule regarding the affidavit of support that would have placed undue burdens on American families wishing to sponsor individuals lawfully immigrating to the U.S.”

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas said DHS would be working “to ensure immigrants and their families have accurate information about our public charge policies. DHS is committed to implementing reforms that improve our immigration system and reduce unnecessary barriers to legal immigration.”

Previously, family-sponsored immigrants were required to fill out an affidavit of support, which the DHS also withdrew.

Mayorkas said the 2018 rule “was not in keeping with our nation’s values” because, “It penalized those who access health benefits and other government services available to them.”

The new DHS policy reverts to a Clinton-era 1999 policy that allowed immigrants to come to the United States and enroll in taxpayer-funded welfare programs.

“Under the 1999 interim

field guidance, DHS will not consider a person’s receipt of Medicaid (except for Medicaid for long-term institutionalization), public housing, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as part of the public charge inadmissibility determination,” the DHS statement reads. Vaccinations and other medical treatments for COVID-19 will also not be considered public charge costs.

But 11 Republican attorneys general disagree. On the same day as the rule change was revoked, they filed a motion to intervene in a case on appeal related to the matter. In their brief, they argue that removing the rule change was a “reckless violation of federal law” that will create “another national crisis” and cost taxpayers and states roughly \$1 billion.

Currently, the federal government funds all SNAP food expenses and roughly 50 percent of allowable administrative costs for regular operating expenses. Costs the federal government pays for Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) in some U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) programs like Medicaid vary, and the states share a financial burden. Since these rates vary, DHS uses the average FMAP across all states and U.S. territories of 59 percent to estimate the amount of state transfer payments, the brief notes.

Increasing the number of illegal and legal immigrants who can enroll in Medicaid and CHIP would increase the states’ spending on these programs and require them to make budget adjustments elsewhere.

“Admitting aliens into the United States who are not likely to utilize this resource will make this program more accessible to others who are in need,”

the complaint states.

Attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia joined Brnovich’s lawsuit.

They argue depriving the states of \$1 billion in savings from the previous administration rule change causes them injury and overburdens their already overstretched programs.

Separately, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sued after President Joe Biden issued an executive order to freeze deportation policies. A federal judge overruled the president last month, first temporarily pausing Biden’s moratorium twice before he ultimately halted it indefinitely.

Arizona and Montana have also challenged the White House’s “Interim Guidance” issued last month by the acting director of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

In a 2017 Rasmussen Reports national poll of U.S. voters, 62 percent expressed support for the Trump-era rule change. The majority supported barring legal and illegal immigrants from receiving welfare benefits for at least five years. Twenty-six percent opposed it; 12 percent were undecided.

According to the Migration Policy Institute’s (MPI) report, “Chilling Effects: The Expected Public Charge Rule and Its Impact on Legal Immigrant Families’ Public Benefits Use,” 10.3 million out of 22 million foreign nationals in the U.S. are enrolled in at least one taxpayer-funded federal welfare program (Medicaid, TANF or SSI benefits, food stamps and/or Social Security). Children aged 17 and younger account for 54.2 percent of foreign nationals.

Utilities: Main factor of the price increase is the cost of natural gas powering the power plants

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that impact on customers’ bills. The City of Minden is going to spread the extra cost of electricity incurred in our February billing from SWEPCO out over the next 26 months to avoid over burdening our utility customers,” a statement from the SWEPCO read.

The main factor contributing to the price increase is the cost of natural gas for the power

plants rising due to increased demand during the severe winter weather.

“During this record-breaking cold weather, the fuel costs to generate electricity increased substantially. SWEPCO is working with utility regulators in each state to minimize the impact of fuel costs on customers’ bills. The “fuel factor” used to calculate the power generation fuel cost on the bill is ad-

justed to make sure customers pay only SWEPCO’s actual fuel costs that are passed on to the City of Minden. SWEPCO is prohibited from making a profit on fuel costs,” the statement read.

Minden has a contract with SWEPCO that runs through 2028. The contract is a pass through of cost associated with SWEPCO generation. The City of Minden has no control over those costs.

STATE

Louisiana officials considering how to boost international trade

(The Center Square) – New money coming into the state, including federal stimulus and disaster recovery dollars, could help Louisiana seize an opportunity to be more competitive in international trade, a legislative subcommittee heard Thursday.

“We’re not doing as much as we could be doing,” said Greg Rusovich, CEO of New Orleans-based Transoceanic Development and chairman of the Louisiana Board of International Commerce.

Rusovich said Louisiana should create a new master plan to help identify focus areas and strategies. A port close to the mouth of the Mississippi River able to handle the world’s largest container ships would be an important piece, he said.

Louisiana Economic Development Secretary Don Pierson touted the possibility to “re-shore” manufacturing of critical supplies such as personal protective equipment that have been outsourced to other countries. He said state officials are pursuing

federal funding to expand a smart port pilot project that allows the state’s ports to share information in real time.

State Rep. Ryan Bourriaque, a Republican who represents parishes in southwest Louisiana that were hit hard during last year’s hurricane season, requested Pierson’s help in ensuring disaster recovery money is used in ways that deliver the best possible economic return on the investment.

“After every disaster is an opportunity if the investments are done right,” said Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, a New Orleans Democrat.

Peterson urged Pierson to ensure green energy and environmental sustainability are emphasized in the plan.

Geoff Stewart, an associate professor in the marketing department at UL-Lafayette, said the state could do a better job promoting the quality of its seafood and the personal stories of the people who work in the industry. The lack of a cold supply chain in the region limits the seafood industry’s

ability to sell their products online, he said.

A state program that funds construction of port improvements has a \$114 million backlog of pending projects, and investments in port infrastructure return about \$7 for each dollar spent, officials said. Jennifer Marusak, executive director of the Ports Association of Louisiana, said the new \$1.9 trillion federal aid and stimulus bill allows state and local governments to use some of their portion of the money for ports.

“We might have extra money floating around this year, because of the different pots of money coming down,” said Sen. Mark Abraham, R-Lake Charles, suggesting port improvements would be a good use of one-time money.

Louisiana exported \$63.7 billion worth of goods in 2019, the most-recent year for which data is available, Pierson said. Goods exports support almost 129,000 jobs in Louisiana, LED said.

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Apaches season off to a strong start

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches Baseball team has been having a strong season, with two victories handily won over the weekend, winning Friday's game against Parkers Chapel 15 to 10 and Saturday's game against WCCA 10 to 0.

Providing insight into his team and their strengths and weaknesses this season, Glenbrook Baseball Coach Tony Sanders said, "The pitching has been leading the way this year with Haydon Harmon, Jackson Powell, Cale Hollis, and Maddox Mandino. That has been the bright spot for us this year, pitching. Hitting has been a little bit slow. We've been win-

ning games, you know, low scoring games, and finally our hitting this past week started to click."

Speaking in particular about the games taking place this past weekend, Coach Sanders further demonstrated that his teams pitching has been the main factor contributing to their wins.

"We played Marcus Chapel in Arkansas on Friday night, we won 15-10. We were up big in the beginning. Just should have been a better score than last week. We should 10 run'd them, but gave up some runs. Offensively that game. Cason Clemens and Hayden Harmon both had four hits a piece in that game, as well as Max Mandino, he contributed with 4 RBI's in

that game. Easton Sanders was at two hits as well as Jackson Powell. So we totaled 18 hits in that game," said Sanders.

"Pitching wise in that game, Jackson Powell started the game and ended up being the winning pitcher for that. Had to come out early due to arm soreness. But overall, pitched a really good game."

Coming into their stride for Saturday's game against WCCA, the team was able to take the win without letting a single opposing player round home base.

"Saturday, We played WCCA. Johnathan Parkerson pitched a complete game shutout winning 10 to nothing. From there, we tallied eight hits in the game with



Sammy Feaster leading the team with two hits," said Sanders.

"Parkerson person did a really good job mixing it up and throwing strikes, that was the main thing. I mean, he threw forty seven pitch-

es in the game and thirty five were strikes, so that makes a big difference. A really good outing by him as a senior."

Given their consistent play throughout the season and especially during these past couple

of games, Coach Sanders is optimistic about how his team will fare when it comes time for playoffs in the coming weeks. "We're a seven and two so far this season, and expect to go deep in the playoffs this year."

BASEBALL

Whorff Shuts Out Razorbacks to Lead LA Tech to First Win Over No. 1 Team in Program History

RUSTON, La. – History at the Love Shack.

Right-hander Jarret Whorff delivered an all-time performance on Sunday, shutting out the No. 1 Arkansas Razorbacks for Louisiana Tech baseball's first victory over a No. 1 opponent in program history. Whorff struck out 10 Razorbacks and did not allow a hit over the final seven innings of the game to complete a masterful complete-game shutout of the previously undefeated Hogs.

Capping off the historic victory wouldn't come easy. With 24 outs in his pocket, the right-hander had to navigate through the top of Arkansas' order to record the final three outs. Left fielder Adarius Myers, who entered the game in the fifth and scored the eventual game-winning run, made a stellar play in left field to rob Arkansas second baseman Robert Moore from a leadoff single.

With one down in the ninth, Whorff put two Razorbacks (12-1) on with an HBP and his first walk of the afternoon. Pitching coach Mike Silva knew his starting pitcher was nervous and trotted out to the mound to calm Whorff down.

"I was nervous," Whorff said. "I was nervous in the ninth inning. I had jitters."

"I felt the most adrenaline I've probably felt,

but I was able to calm myself down after the first three hitters and got that amazing catch from AD. We might not be sitting here if he didn't make that great play."

Whorff responded following the brief visit. He first retired cleanup batter Cayden Wallace with a flyout to center field before dropping in a 1-2 pitch to punch out Brady Slavens for the 27th out of the afternoon. Whorff's 106th pitch clinched the Bulldog victory and helped LA Tech hold the Razorbacks to two hits for the first time since Oregon State blanked the Hogs in the College World Series final on June 28, 2018.

"Jarret did it all," head coach Lane Burroughs said. "He had all three pitches working."

"The fastball was coming out in the mid-90s, the changeup was working and the breaking ball was working, throwing them all for strikes. I just couldn't be prouder of him. He's the man of the hour."

The Bulldogs pushed both of their runs across in a two-run fifth inning, marking the 29th time through just 14 games this season that Tech has tallied multiple runs in one team at-bat. Myers entered the game as a pinch hitter to lead off the fifth, shooting a single up the middle on a 2-1 pitch. Designated hitter Manny Garcia



LA Tech starting pitcher Jarret Whorff celebrates after recording the final out in Sunday's 2-0 win over No. 1 Arkansas.

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moved Myers up two bags as his single sailed over the third baseman's head into left field.

With runners on first and third, first baseman Ben Brantley lifted the Bulldogs' third straight single to give LA Tech (9-5) the 1-0 lead. The Bulldogs played some small ball to bring home their second run when catcher Kyle Hasler laid down an excellent sacrifice bunt to move Garcia and Brantley each up 90 feet to second and third. Leadoff batter Taylor Young then slapped a ball to the left side to bring home Brantley from third on the field-

er's choice.

Pitching with the lead didn't phase Whorff the next three frames, sitting down the next nine Razorbacks in order for three swift innings. Four of the nine outs Whorff recorded during the stretch from the sixth to eighth came via a strikeout, getting two Razorbacks in the eighth swinging to head to the ninth.

Whorff finished the day with 10 strikeouts while allowing just one walk. He retired the Razorbacks in order five out of the nine innings he pitched.

The Winnsboro, Tex-

as native's brilliant pitching performance marked win No. 850 for LA Tech at the corner of West Alabama and Tech Drive. The Bulldogs are now 7-2 in the new Love Shack after tallying 843 victories at the previous stadium.

LA Tech's victory over top-ranked Arkansas snapped a streak of 16 straight losses against No. 1 opponents. The Bulldogs avenged their heartbreaking 10th-inning defeat to the Razorbacks from Friday to tally their first win over a top-five team since Feb. 3, 2007. The 9-2 triumph at the old J.C.

Love Field at Pat Patterson Park also came over Arkansas, who was ranked No. 4 at the time.

"This is a big win for our program," Burroughs said. "I'm proud of our guys."

"We say Sunday is about toughness and championships are won on Sunday. They're a really good team, and I'm proud of our guys for finishing off the weekend with a win."

The Bulldogs will face No. 4 Ole Miss on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Love Shack to complete the stretch of five games in six days against top-five opponents.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Monday's unlisted clue: COLLIE

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Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: FUZZY — WAS A BEAR

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HISTORY

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Vietnam. The 504 victims of the My Lai Massacre included many children and infants.

1960 - Alfred Hitchcock's movie Psycho is premiered. The film starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh is an all-time classic of the suspense movie genre.

1926 - Robert Goddard launches the first liquid-fuel rocket. The idea for this revolutionary rocket engine first appeared in a book by Russian scientist Konstantin Tsiolkovsky.

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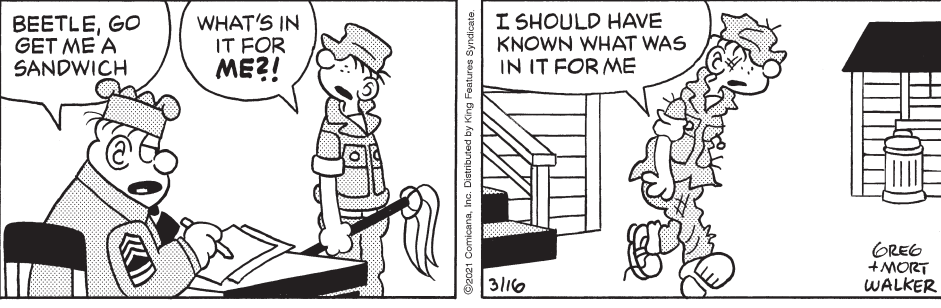
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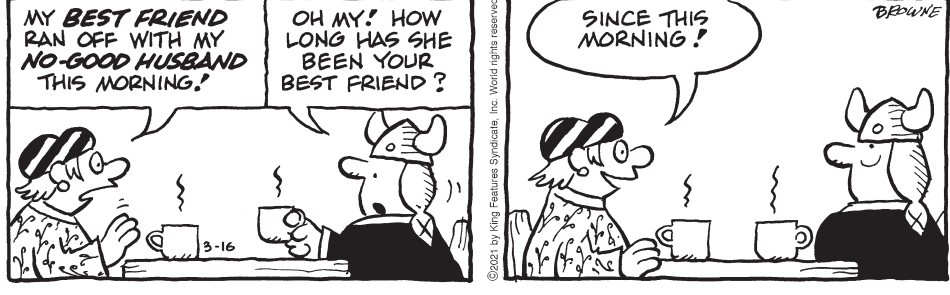
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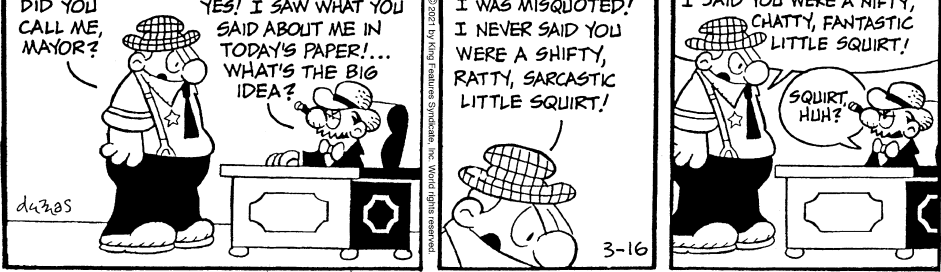
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Notice is hereby given in conformity with La. R.S. 30:126 that sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (Tract Nos. 45406 through 45422, inclusive). The sealed bids shall be opened publicly on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The descriptions for the Tract(s) nominated below were, for the purpose of acquiring a mineral lease(s) or a geophysical agreement(s), provided and corrected exclusively by the nominating party. Therefore, any mineral lease(s) or geophysical agreement(s) awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board (Mineral Board) from the Tract(s) listed below are without warranty of any kind, either express, implied or statutory including, but not limited to, title or the implied warranties of merchantability, and

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scribed portion of the land advertised, but no bids will be accepted that does not equal the Minimum Royalty as set forth in La. R.S. 30:127 or which are not in compliance with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, otherwise applicable laws or the guidelines established by the Board through the Office of Mineral Resources. The Minimum Royalty is not to be construed as an amount acceptable to the Mineral Board, it being the policy of the Mineral Board to reject any bid which does not reflect tract potential. The Board considers bonus, royalty percentage, and also compares royalty granted to landowners in the area.

Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the Mineral Board has the sole discretion, to determine which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most advantageous and in the best interest of the State. The Mineral Board may base its decision on factors such as but not limited to the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional consideration. The selected bid, (referred to as "Bid A"), will be given priority in having a lease issued. The Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portion bids on the same tract, if any, in the order of their acceptance (referred to respectively as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" 's portion has been rendered as accurately as possible, "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not overlapping "Bid A" 's bid por-

tion, at "Bid B" 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental); and thereafter, each successive bidder whose bid is otherwise acceptable will be given the option to take a lease on whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

The Mineral and Energy Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Additional requirements to be included in all sealed bids submitted to the Office of Mineral Resources and additional tract information associated with each tract advertised can be found at the Office of Mineral Resources website titled "Notice of Publication" located at: <http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1599>.

It is the bidders' responsibility to properly complete the bid package pursuant to the requirements stated in both the public notice and the Notice of Publication.

The rights to geothermal resources, free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and any bid purporting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only.

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The State Mineral and Energy Board

approved a new State Lease Form at the October 9, 2019 meeting. The new lease form will apply to all leases awarded beginning with the December 2019 Lease Sale. Additionally, the Royalty Reduction Program that was adopted by the Board at its July 10, 2019 meeting, will be effective beginning with the leases granted at the December 2019 Lease Sale.

STATE AGENCY TRACTS (Tract Nos. 45415 through 45418 inclusive, herein cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding three (3) years).

TRACT 45415 - Webster Parish, Louisiana

A certain Tract of land, excluding the beds and bottoms of all navigable waters, belonging to and not presently under mineral lease from Department Of Culture, Recreation & Tourism-Office Of State Parks on April 14, 2021, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,725,465.00 and Y = 645,326.77; thence North 6,793.18 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,725,465.00 and Y = 652,119.95; thence East 7,060.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,732,525.00 and Y = 652,119.95; thence South 4,654.70 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,732,525.00 and Y = 647,465.26; thence South 47 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds West 3,189.51 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,730,158.60 and Y = 645,326.77; thence West 4,693.60 feet back to the point of beginning, containing approximately 511 acres. The description is based on information provided by the State Agency regarding location and ownership of surface and mineral rights.

NOTE: The Lessee shall not enter nor conduct any activity on the property without prior written consent of the Lessor.

March 16, 2021
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sion March 9, 2021 NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on March 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests and new Alderman, Lance Milligan.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the regular session of February 9, 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for February 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports: Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. During the recent ice/snow weather, the water plant did fine and water pressure stayed up.

Chief Jim Edwards reported that he and Sergeant Alan Davis were out every day during the recent ice/snow weather, and all went well. The new handguns are in and he will ship out the old ones shortly.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported RFPs for LGAP and CWF grants have been submitted to the state and we should anticipate receiving payments soon. We have received notice that Benton and Brown was awarded a contract from DOTD for storage lane work at the red light

at Highway 371 North and Highway 80. The project should begin soon. We will soon begin working on the 2021/2022 budget for the Village. A Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Louisiana has been issued and individuals who may have had pipe damage, etc., may request assistance from the State of Louisiana. Those interested and needing assistance may request a copy of the declaration at the Village Town Hall.

New Business: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 01-03092021. Donna Hoffoss made a motion to adopt the Resolution #01-03092021 approving the Village of Dixie Inn to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the CDBG program for 2022-2023, public hearing to be held March 16, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Judy McKenzie. The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 02-03092021. Donna Hoffoss made a motion to adopt the Resolution #02-03092021 approving the authorization of Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton to execute on behalf and in the name of the Village of Dixie Inn a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services. The motion was seconded by Judy McKenzie. The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to extend the sixteen-month Watch Guard warranty on the police vehicle and body camera system for the police department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to purchase a new monitor for the

police station surveillance system with cost capped at \$150.00. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business: Discussion of the Village Hall security system upgrade quotes was tabled until the April council meeting.

Discussion of the quotes for striping Village of Dixie Inn streets and new street signs was tabled until the April council meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor

March 16, 2021
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RESOLUTION #01-03-092021

ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Village of Dixie Inn desires to obtain Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit Low- and Moderate-Income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration requires that certain citizen participation requirements be met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Citizen Participation Plan is adopted for use by the Village of Dixie Inn with respect to planning, implementation, and assessment of its CDBG program: This plan describes how the Village of Dixie Inn intends to involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the local Community Development Block Grant Program. Federal and State regulations give ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of the program to local elected officials and require that citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to the elected officials. All aspects of citizen participation will be conducted in an open manner with freedom of access to in-

formation for all interested persons.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Village of Dixie Inn has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Village of Dixie Inn is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation, and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the Village of Dixie Inn shall:

1) Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the state's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

2) Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;

3) Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;

4) Provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;

5) Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and

6) Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the Village of Dixie Inn.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will appear in the official journal of the Village of Dixie Inn a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices will also be posted in Village hall and the hearing will be publicized through local community organizations, i.e., churches, clubs, etc., and/or dissemination of leaflets in the target area. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents.

I. APPLICATION First Notice/Public Hearing

The public hearing to address LCDBG application submittal will be held well in advance of the deadline for submission of the application for the current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing.

The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:

a) The amount of funds available for proposed community development;

b) The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

c) The plans of the Village of Dixie Inn for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Village of Dixie Inn to persons displaced as a result of such activities; and

d) The Village of Dixie Inn prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana. In addition, the notice shall state that all citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income residents of slum and blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to:

Village of Dixie Inn
60 Shell Street
Minden, LA 71055

The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a 3-day notice is received by the Village of Dixie Inn.

Second Notice
Seven calendar days, at a minimum, prior to the deadline for submittal of the application, a second notice shall appear in the official journal informing the citizens of the following:

a) Proposed submittal date of the application;
b) Proposed objectives;
c) Proposed activities;
d) Location of proposed activities;
e) Dollar amount of proposed activities; and
f) Location and hours available for application review.

notice shall state "all citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to:"

Village of Dixie Inn
60 Shell Street
Minden, LA 71055

Negative comments received will be forwarded to the state's Office of Community Development, Division of Administration or the application will be withdrawn if necessary.

II. AMENDMENTS

Program amendments, which substantially alter the LCDBG project from that approved in the original application, shall not be submitted to the state without holding one public hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Citizen Participation Plan. Minutes of the hearing will be submitted with the request for the amendment. All interested citizens, particularly the low and moderate income, elderly, handicapped, and residents of the project area, shall be made aware and have the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments and/or submit alternative measures.

III. GRANT-EE PERFORMANCE

The Village of Dixie Inn will hold one performance hearing to solicit the public's opinion of the effectiveness of the LCDBG Program. The manner of notification will be the same as previously described for all public hearings. Notification will be made in the official journal approximately five to fifteen calendar days prior to the anticipated submittal of close-out documents to the state, and will indicate the date, time, and place of the performance hearing, and invite comments and opinions on the LCDBG activities implemented under the Village of Dixie Inn LCDBG Program being closed out. The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and

non-English speaking persons provided a three-day notice is received by the Village of Dixie Inn.

This notice shall invite all interested parties, particularly those low to moderate income residents in the target area to attend.

The hearing will be held no sooner than five calendar days from the publication date of said notice.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION TO APPLICATION

Persons wishing to object to approval of an application by the state may make such objection known to:

Office of Community Development
Division of Administration
Post Office Box 94095

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-90958

The state will consider objections made only on the following grounds:

The application description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data;

The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the applicant; and

The application does not comply with the requirements set forth in the state's Annual Action Plan or other applicable laws.

Such objections should include both an identification of the requirements not met and, in the case of objections relative to (1) above, the complainant must supply the data upon which he/she relied upon to support his/her objection.

BILINGUAL

Whenever a significant number of persons and/or residents of blighted neighborhoods communicate with a primary language other than English attend public hearings, the Village of Dixie Inn will provide an interpreter for dissemination of information to them providing the Village of Dixie Inn is given sufficient notification of three day(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Technical as-

assistance may be provided directly by the Village of Dixie Inn to any citizen, particularly to low- and moderate-income persons, residents of blighted neighborhoods and minorities, who request assistance in the development of proposals and statement of views concerning the LCDBG Program. The local officials, administrator and engineer will conduct informational meetings with the residents of the low to moderate income areas if a written request is received by the Village of Dixie Inn with at least a one-week notification. The person who conducts the technical assistance meetings will disseminate information on the program and answer all pertinent questions.

TIMELY ACCESS AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION

The Village of Dixie Inn shall provide timely disclosure of records, information and documents related to the LCDBG program activities. Documents will be made available for copying upon request at the Village of Dixie Inn, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Such documents may include the following:

1) A l l meetings and promotional materials.

2) R e - cords of hearings and meetings.

3) A l l key documents, including prior applications, letters, grant agreements, citizen participation plans, and proposed applications.

4) C o p i e s of the regulations (final statements)

concerning the program.

5) D o c u - m e n t s regarding other important requirements, such as Procurement Procedures, Fair Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, Uniform Act, Labor Provisions and Environmental Procedures.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE SECTION 1

It is the policy of the Village of Dixie Inn to review all complaints received by the Village of Dixie Inn.

SECTION 2

The following procedures will be followed on all complaints received by the Village of Dixie Inn:

1) T h e complainant shall notify the Village Clerk of the complaint. The initial complaint may be expressed orally or by written correspondence.

2) T h e Village Clerk will notify the Mayor or designated representative of the complaint within two working days.

3) T h e Mayor or designated representative will investigate the complaint and will report the findings to the Village Council within five working days.

4) T h e Village Clerk will notify the complainant of the findings of the Mayor or designated representative in writing or by telephone within two working days.

5) I f the complainant is aggrieved by the decision, he must forward the complaint in writing (if previously submitted orally) to the Village Clerk who will forward the complaint and all actions taken by the Mayor or designated rep-

resentative to the appropriate council committee for their review. This will be accomplished within two working days of receipt of the written complaint.

6) T h e reviewing council committee will have five working days to review the complaint and forward their decision to the complainant in writing.

7) I f the complainant is aggrieved with the decision of the Committee, he must notify the Village Clerk in writing that he/she desires to be afforded a hearing by the Village Council. The complainant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled council meeting agenda. The Village Clerk will notify the complainant in writing of the date of the hearing.

8) T h e complainant must bring all relevant data, witnesses, etc., to the hearing. The Village Council, at the hearing, will review the complaint and forward within five days a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was conducted and a decision was rendered to the complainant. If a decision is not reached at the hearing, the Village Council will inform complainant of an appropriate date to expect a response. Within two working days of reaching a decision, the complainant will be notified in writing of the decision.

C o m p l a i n t s concerning the general administration of the LCDBG Program may be submitted in writing directly to the: Division of Administration

Office of Community Development
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

SECTION 3

All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations alleging discrimination shall be forwarded for disposition to the:

Louisiana Department of Justice
Public Protection Division
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The complainant will be notified in writing within 10 days that, due to the nature of the complaint, it has been forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Justice.

C o m p l a i n a n t may contact the Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division directly at the Toll-Free Telephone number 1-800-273-5718 or 225-342-5521.

SECTION 4

The Village Clerk will maintain a file for the purpose of keeping reports of complaints.

SECTION 5

This policy does not invalidate nor supersede the personnel or other policies of the Village of Dixie Inn which are currently adopted but is intended to serve as a guide for complaints.

SECTION 6

This policy may be amended by a majority vote at any of the Village of Dixie Inn's regularly scheduled meetings.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Dana James, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION

of Donna Hoffoss, seconded by Judy McKenzie, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:
Yeas: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0
and the same was declared adopted by the Mayor on this 9th day of March 2021.

Dana James, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana
March 16, 2021
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RESOLUTION #02-03092021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Village of Dixie Inn intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Dixie Inn is in need of the services of an experienced administrative consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide administrative services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation, the regional planning and development district for Northwest Louisiana, has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in developing LCDBG applications and providing administrative services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG administrative services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated, and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable, and based upon the above, chosen through

competitive negotiation; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid for LCDBG administrative services only if the LCDBG application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Dixie Inn that the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the Village of Dixie Inn, a contract for LCDBG application development and LCDBG administrative services with The Coordinating and Development Corporation.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Dana James, Clerk for the Village of Dixie Inn hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Donna Hoffoss, and seconded by Judy McKenzie, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:
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Dana James, Clerk
Dixie Inn, Louisiana
March 16, 2021
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PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Cotton Valley, LA

The Town of Cotton Valley will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on March 23, 2021 at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2022/2023 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Information regarding the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; the range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low

and moderate incomes; the plans of the Town for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and the Town's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana will be presented.

All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of Town of Cotton Valley are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three day notice is received by the Town. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until March 22, 2021, in writing to Tiffany Parish at the following address: Town of Cotton Valley, P.O. Box 415, Cotton Valley, LA. 71018.


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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on March 9, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in certain parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Authorization to Implement Two Green Pricing Options, Rider GPO and Rider LVGPO, and Related Relief ("Application"). Through the Application, ELL seeks to make available both Rider GPO and LVGPO to provide eligible customers a voluntary option to match a portion of their monthly electricity usage with renewable energy credits ("RECs"). For Rider GPO, participants will elect to match a set proportion of their electricity usage with RECs as follows:

Option	GPO Election	Rate (\$/kWh)
Tier One Option	25%	\$0.0100 per kWh
Tier Two Option	50%	\$0.0075 per kWh
Tier Three Option	100%	\$0.0050 per kWh

Rider LVGPO will offer qualifying non-residential customers the opportunity to purchase a fixed, large volume of RECs each month to offset their electricity usage. Rider LVGPO requires at least a one-year commitment and the Monthly Rate for participation in Rider LVGPO will be the greater of: (i) \$0.0025 per kWh or (ii) the monthly average value for the S&P Global Renewable Energy Credit Index for Texas RECs, as of the current Month.

The GPO or LVGPO charges would be in addition to the charges paid by the customer under their otherwise applicable rate schedules and riders.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

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