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Hall Sworn in as Registrar of Voters

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A swearing in ceremony for Angela Hall was conducted at the Minden Courthouse Friday to welcome her as Webster Parish's new Registrar of Voters. Friends, family, and countless community figures were present in order to share in this moment and support Hall on the next step of her career.

Hall previously worked as Webster's Felony Supervisor in District Attorney Schuyler Marvin's Office, and combined has more than 22 years of experience working in the court system for 22 years.

"I am excited about the opportunity to help my community, parish, and state through this position and eager to take on the task of enforcing Louisiana's election law and ensuring that all of our residents are given the opportunity to exercise

their constitutional right to vote. I'm honored to be Webster Parishes next, Registrar of Voters."

After witnessing the amount of support she had from all the people attending the swearing in, Hall said that she was humbled, and that it was a testament to the relationships she has developed in her years of working in the parish's court system.

"It's genuinely humbling, and I hope that that's just a reflection that when you support others, they support you back, and just good relationships that I've been able to build over the years. Working with Schuyler since he's been District Attorney, January 13, 2003, I've been here. And then prior to that, it was at the public defender's office for a year, and then prior to that, I was in a law office," said Hall.

"I've been around the court



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Angela Hall seen being sworn in as Webster Parish's new Registrar of Voters.

system for more than 22 years, and I just think it's the relationships, professional and personal, that you develop through that process. I've been very fortunate and I'm just grate-

ful to the Lord and family and friends for all their support. It was very humbling to see people continue to come in, and I was very thankful."

City Council Election Results

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Saturday citizens of Minden Districts A and D went to the polls to vote for a City Councilman for each of these districts.

After months of campaigning, the people have decided that Wayne Edwards will represent District A as their Councilman and Michael Roy will represent District D as their Councilman.

Wayne Edwards earned 63% of the vote, with the total being 220. "Our work has just begun. And to those people that voted for me and supported me in District A, I appreciate it, and for those that didn't give me the opportunity, just call me, and let's go from there," said Edwards.

Michael Roy earned 52% of the vote, with the total being 127 votes. "I was humbled and excited when I learned that I had won. It was finally concrete that I now have the opportunity to help move Minden forward," said Roy.

"To start out, if it weren't for God, I wouldn't be in the position that I'm in. Without him it just wouldn't have happened. There's several people that helped with the campaign. Of course, my wife Trish. I could name several folks, but I would just like to thank all of them for coming out and supporting me and giving me their encouragement throughout the campaign," said Roy.

The Growing of an Empire

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Seafood Empire made quite the upgrade for their business with the purchase of a new trailer to house their business. This investment was the final purchase after a list of upgrades that the Seafood Empire team made in order to ensure that when they got the trailer, it would have everything that they needed. Minden's Economic Development Department held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the occasion with them.

"The last piece of the pie was this trailer. We've been building every year consistently to this point so we can get the trailer, and have it be the last thing

that we needed. We didn't want to buy the trailer and then still need all of these other things. So it's kind of been a strategic thing, you know, to kind of piece this thing together. And now you see what we have here," said owner Carlton "Buddy" Myles.

Having achieved this milestone, Myles also took the time to reflect back on their humble beginnings, showing how far his business has come over the years.

"Originally, we were going to go the fresh seafood route. That's kind of how it started. I would sit here in the same location, I would pop up a tent, and I would sell fresh shrimp. So from that, we kind of thought like, how can we get more footsteps? Right. So the only way to get more foot-

steps was to start boiling the shrimp. So once we start boiling shrimp, more people start coming and they start asking for other things, and it kind of spiraled out of control from there into what you see here," said Myles.

He also spoke of the special place that East Union held in his heart, stating that being located on the street, the same street where they started, and serving the same community is very important to him.

"We don't want to move. Like I said, we love our community, we love East Union. It's been a part of my childhood. I've been driving up and down this road all my life, you know, so we just want to bring something back to the community and stay close to where we are now."



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Seafood Empire held a ribbon-cutting Friday to celebrate their upgrade to a bigger and better trailer for their business. Located at 501-579 E Union St, Seafood Empire opened at 1 p.m. on Friday and had a weekend-long special of 5.99 per pound of crawfish to celebrate expansion of their business.

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Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Miranda Orear, 32, of the 190 of Wiggins Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Mary Woodall, 28, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road in Minden, was arrested on three warrants.

Michkael Johnson, Of the 400 block of Columbia Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance.

Telvin West, 26, of the 600 block of Squire Street, was arrested for Disturbing the peace, and possession of a schedule I natural substance.

Latosha Parker, 35, of the 100 block of N. Talton Street, was arrested for aggravated 2nd degree battery and battery of a dating partner.

Hailey Stephens, 18, of the 900 block of Sanders Road, was arrested for failure to signal prior to turn and possession of a schedule II substance.

Cody Roberts, 34, of the 100 block of Kirby Place, was arrested for being a fugitive from Caddo Sheriff's office.

Timothy Grim, 51, of the 900 block of East Street, was arrested for driving with an open container, and having a tail lamp out.

Lee Ann Henning, 39, of the 300 block of Emerald Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Justin Pauley, of the 200 block of Pearl Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Steven Miller, 22, of the 200 block of Douglas Davis road was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kevin Terral, 51, of the 800 block of Von blond Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Pricilia Hillman, 47, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving with an open container, and careless operation of a motor vehicle.

Serderrick Harris, 31,, of the 200 block of Lorex Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Miranda Richardson, 51, of the 1500 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested on two warrants.

Torivanna Hamilton, 31, was arrested for child desertion.

Ziyon Crawford, 20, of the 200 block of Hartwell Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jacobi Rhone, 26, of the 300 block of Central School Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Issac Philyaw, 22, of the 300 block of Holly Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Raymond Alan, 65, of the 400 block of Marshall Street, was arrested on a federal warrant for military desertion.

Lakeshia Stephens, 42, of the 100 block of Rock Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Dominesha Lewis, 28, of the 100 block of Squire Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

Dequincy Jones, 32, of the 800 block of Hillside Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jessica Byrd, 32, of the 1200 block of Crawford Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through language.

Marcus McWright, 51, of the 700 block of Durwood Drive, was arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery and aggravated domestic abuse.

Joseph Rainey, 31, of the 600 block of Cline Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and careless operation of a motor vehicle.

Adrienne Harper, 21, of the 800 block of Hillside Lane, was arrested for a hit and run, no insurance, and no driver's license.

Henry Robin Jr., 57, of the 700 block of Featherston Road, was arrested for theft.

Christopher Young, 33, of the 400 block of Highway 532, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Noah Stjacques, 22 , of the 200 block of Pecan View Drive, was arrested for improper telephone communication.

Derrick Shine, 40, of the

500 block of WR Reeder Street, was arrested on two warrants and being a fugitive from Bossier.

Mack Green Jr., 38, of the 900 block of Devereaux Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I and II substances, and driving with an open container.

Richard Spencer, 27, of the 700 block of Jackson Street, was arrested for resisting an officer by flight,

Cardarius Casey, 29, of the 300 block of East Roosevelt, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Devonte Nolen, 26, of the 800 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Demarcus Nolan, 21, of the 1300 block of Lee Street, was arrested for drinking in a public place.

Kevin Boss, 25, of the 1200 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

James Blythe, of the 100 block of Holomon Cemetery Road, was arrested for possession of schedule I, II, III, and IV substances, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ashley bridges, 39, of the 400 block of S Morgan Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Tracy Moore, 48, of the 100 block of Thompson Place, was arrested for failure to resister as a sex offender.

Jeremy Shephard, 33, of the 700 block of Garrett Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Larry Adams, 66, of the 100 block of Haynie Road, was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of schedule I and II substances, and possession of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a firearm.

Lisa Kiser, off the 300 block of Lorex Road, was arrested for possession of schedule I and II substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Robert Hunt, 39, of the 7700 block of Highway 371, was arrested for contempt of court.

COLLEGE

State lawmakers: LSU scandal could affect university's budget

(The Center Square) – LSU could face cuts to its share of the state budget if university officials can't show they are handling sexual misconduct allegations properly, legislators said Friday.

The Senate Select Committee on Women and Children, which held a lengthy hearing on the subject last week, plans to take up the issue again March 26.

Among the witnesses members want to question is Oregon State University President F. King Alexander, who is on probation at his current job while officials there investigate how he handled complaints when he led LSU. Current and former athletics officials and members of the university's oversight board also are on the list.

"We do have the power to subpoena them to come," said state Sen. Regina Barrow, D-Baton Rouge.

Media investigations prompted LSU to hire a law firm to look into sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination

complaints under federal Title IX laws. The report indicated allegations were not handled properly.

The University of Kansas fired head football coach Les Miles after the report described Miles' alleged inappropriate behavior with students during his time at LSU. LSU suspended without pay Executive Deputy Athletic Director Verge Ausberry for 30 days and Senior Associate Athletic Director Miriam Segar for 21 days, but no one at LSU has been fired after the report's release.

A number of legislators have expressed outrage that no one has been fired over the scandal. Gov. John Bel Edwards, who appoints the university's Board of Supervisors, said Thursday the report showed "people needed to be fired."

"But over the passage of time, the people who most obviously needed to be fired are no longer there," he said. "I believe what was done by LSU was reasonable in light of all the information that I

was able to gather from that report."

Legislators said Friday they would consider changes to a state law meant to protect students but stressed LSU officials' behavior was inappropriate even under current law.

Asked about whether legislators might use their control of the state's purse strings as a tool to hold the school accountable, they said that was a possibility.

"If individuals decide not to come and not to participate when we ask them to come, that is definitely going to have some level of repercussions when they come before committees such as finance, appropriations and education," Barrow said.

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Louisiana legislators seek to control overhead for federal rent assistance program

(The Center Square) – Louisiana legislators voted Friday to cap administrative costs for spending \$74 million in federal money meant to help struggling renters and landlords.

Sen. Bodi White, the Republican chair of the Louisiana Legislature’s joint House and Senate budget committee, described the limit as the first step to getting a handle on the costs of the program.

The joint budget committee, made up of members of the state House and Senate, agreed to limit costs to 7.2%. Tim Barfield with CSRS, the state’s primary contractor for the program, said his firm could do the work at that price.

Louisiana’s total allocation, counting direct

federal payments to seven parishes, is about \$308 million. White said legislative leaders will appoint a panel to provide oversight for the program, adding that additional money for the same purpose might be available later.

“We need to have a coherent process,” White said. “I think that’s a good start. ... We can always come back and fix it.”

Legislators expressed concerns at last month’s meeting that administrative costs might rise as high as 10%, which is the federal government’s limit. Lawmakers pointed out a recent \$275 million state grant program for small businesses was capped at 5% for administrative costs and said they wanted to limit the new pro-

gram’s overhead to that level.

The federal program, however, is more difficult to administer than the state relief program, officials said. For example, both renters and landlords must provide documentation, which means the program is dealing with two applicants for each grant rather than one as in the state program.

The cap on the first round of state spending represents a compromise to make sure the program gets started while alleviating concerns about spending money that could help renters and landlords on overhead, White said. The committee will revisit the issue next month, he said.

In other discussions

Friday, Renita Ward Williams with the Louisiana Workforce Commission said the state’s unemployment fund again had been tapped out after a recent state infusion of money, forcing state officials to resume borrowing money from the federal government to pay legally required benefits. Officials have borrowed a little over \$140 million so far, she said.

Gov. John Bel Edwards and several legislative leaders have said they want to dedicate some of the state’s share of the new federal stimulus package to shore up the fund, but some advocates for low- and middle-income residents argue there are better immediate uses for the money.

ECONOMY

Gas prices continue to rise in Louisiana

PATRICK DE HAAN
Gas Buddy

(March 22, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.63/g today, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 32.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 73.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.29/g today while the most expensive is \$3.19/g, a difference of 90.0 cents per gallon.

“With oil prices finally sagging over the last week on inflation fears and worries about a surge in COVID-19 cases in Europe impacting oil demand, motorists filling their tanks may soon see a brief respite from rising gas prices,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.86/g today. The national average is up 22.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 78.2 cents

per gallon higher than a year ago.

“While gasoline demand last week rose to its highest level since the pandemic began, concerns that oil demand growth will stall with COVID-19 cases surging in Europe are eroding oil’s recent rise. While gas prices still rose in a majority of states last week, we may see some price decreases in the week or weeks ahead, even as U.S. gasoline demand continues to rally to the highest level since the pandemic started nearly a year ago. It’ll be a bumpy road the

next few weeks as markets sort out the bearish and bullish factors, but I still believe prices will likely experience more upward momentum ahead of Memorial Day.”

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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: The 'Anti-Semitism' smear

Everything you need to know about the fair-weather "friends" of the First Amendment can be found by examining the phonies on the left and right who hurl reckless charges of "anti-Semitism" to stigmatize and silence their political foes.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, viciously employed this odious tactic last week against the free speech platform, Gab.com, and its 4 million users. Flanked by two GOP state legislators sponsoring a bill to support a state-supported Holocaust and genocide commission, he declared, "Anti-Semitic platforms like Gab have no place in Texas and certainly do not represent Texas values."

This is the same presidential aspirant who just two weeks ago had launched a Lone Star state war on Big Tech censorship. In a widely covered press event, Abbott called Silicon Valley's deplatforming of conservatives "un-American, un-Texan, and unacceptable."

Abbott's whiplash-inducing pivot "makes no sense," Jewish online activist and Gab user Amy Mek of the RAIR Foundation told me. Mek and her family were doxxed by left-wing operatives for her outspoken criticism of Islamic sharia law and terrorism. Hounded by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Huffington Post, and suspended by Twitter for her peaceful political speech, she found a welcoming community at Gab. "I support this Christian-run business," said Mek. And I "thank them for creating a free-speech platform."

Jewish journalist and "most banned woman in the world" Laura Loomer voiced similar support: "As a free speech platform, the fact that Gab allows

for even the most offensive speech to exist on its platform is a testament to its commitment to being a true free speech platform."

So, why did Abbott demonize this "digital Noah's Ark" (as devout Christian founder Andrew Torba describes it) for censored conservatives and dissidents — especially when every liberal Big Tech platform has banned the former president of the United States?

First, follow the money. Torba notes that while Abbott trashes Silicon Valley for clicks and cable TV hits, he's aggressively luring high-tech companies (and future campaign donors) like Tesla, Oracle and Hewlett Packard to move to Texas.

Then, there's the pander factor: Independent journalist and lawyer Glenn Greenwald reported that Abbott was "the prime cheerleader for a bill in Texas — ultimately ruled unconstitutional — to ban the state from hiring anyone who refuses to pledge support for Israel (by promising not to privately boycott them). He's an enemy of free speech." The Israeli government has lobbied governors and state legislatures across America to adopt these anti-boycott, anti-free speech laws. That's not "America First."

Finally, there's the power play. The Texas Republican Party itself has a verified Gab ac-



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count and backs the platform. The state party is led by Abbott's chief political rival and enormously populist party chairman, Allen West. What better way to neutralize a potential primary challenge than to level the nuclear "anti-Semitism" bomb?

As Nick Fuentes, AFPAC organizer and "America First" host, put it: "Gab vs. Abbott is the ultimate 'America First' litmus test." He's now banned from almost 30 platforms, including YouTube, DLive and Clubhouse, over the very same trumped-up charges of "anti-Semitism" wielded against Gab and Torba. Last week, the mere mention of his name as a hashtag was banned on TikTok and Instagram: "I am being systematically erased from the digital world and with me goes the possibility of meaningful dissent against the political establishment in America."

We're all in this together. When I accurately called liberal billionaire George Soros a "globalist," the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League Jonathan Greenblatt railed that I was using "a term that right-wing extremists and white supremacists use as a codeword for 'Jew.'"

When I named several Soros-subsidized, tax-exempt nonprofit "charities" flooding our country with illegal immigrant criminals and cheap labor while on my "Open Borders, Inc." book tour, Media Matters of America (itself a Soros-backed hate machine) accused me of deploying a "common anti-Semitic trope."

When I documented the vast reach and power the United Nations has to dump hundreds of thousands of refugees across

America's heartland, Media Matters blared in a headline that I pushed an "anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that motivated Tree of Life synagogue shooter."

When I stood up for intelligent and polite young men on college campuses who challenged Turning Point USA speakers about their defense of open borders, green card giveaways, unconditional foreign aid to Israel and the bombing of the USS Liberty, I was denounced by establishment conservatives as insane, fame-seeking, money-grubbing, white supremacist-flirting, "Holocaust Denial"-promoting, and, of course, "anti-Semitic."

My Jewish husband got a huge chuckle out of all of that. And it goes on. When I spoke at the first American First Political Action Conference last year and pointed out how "anti-Semitism" had become a "useless, meaningless term and everybody knows it," the Jewish News Syndicate gathered all the shrill shills' demands to "shun" and "disavow" me under the headline:

"Conservatives rebuke Malkin for questioning what is 'anti-Semitic.'"

Questioning, naming and debating are not acts of "anti-Semitism." They are acts of honest journalism and patriotism. The smear machine can and will be defeated by a united front of dissidents who preach and practice Gab's motto — "Speak Freely" — without fear or apology.

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OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Federal aid changes Louisiana budget conversation

Only months after concerns the coronavirus pandemic would force hefty budget cuts, Louisiana instead is awash in cash, billions of dollars in federal COVID-19 aid passed by Democrats in Congress.

Those billions — including nearly \$3.4 billion in direct federal aid to the state — are changing the financial conversations of Gov. John Bel Edwards and state lawmakers ahead of the regular legislative session that starts April 12.

And that's not even counting the \$1.8 billion sent to cities, parishes and municipalities — or the \$2.6 billion going directly to K-12 education and \$545 million headed straight to public colleges.

"This is obviously something we've never seen before. It's just this huge volume of money coming to the states," said Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, the governor's chief budget adviser.

The money was part of the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package pushed by President Joe Biden.

Much remains unclear about the strings attached to the money. The U.S. Treasury Department is expected to issue the eagerly anticipated regulations in April.

Still, the Democratic governor and lawmakers already are developing ideas for how to use the cash. The list of proposals — and needs in poverty-ridden Louisi-

ana — is long.

Edwards and legislative leaders seem to agree they don't want to use the dollars to grow ongoing programs and services with short-term federal relief that will disappear within a few years.

They also want to use a sizable portion of the state's windfall to refill Louisiana's bankrupt unemployment trust fund, which was drained to pay jobless claims in the coronavirus pandemic. The state has borrowed \$139 million from the federal government to cover unemployment payments to those who are out of work.

Dardenne said the governor intends to recommend "multiple hundreds of millions of dollars" be steered to replenishing a trust fund that topped \$1 billion before the coronavirus outbreak.

"I think it's universal in terms of the approach to address the unemployment insurance fund balance and making sure that we can shore that up," said House Appropriations Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, the Houma Republican whose commit-



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tee will be the first stop for any spending proposals.

Beyond the unemployment fund, Dardenne said the administration likely will propose steering dollars to the state's struggling tourism industry, water system improvements and expansion of broadband internet around the state. Edwards is expected to announce his detailed recommendations before the legislative session begins.

Zeringue said lawmakers want to use many of the dollars for infrastructure projects. There's quite a hefty list of ideas along those lines. The state has a \$15 billion backlog of road and bridge work, not counting \$13 billion in projects to improve traffic flow and lessen gridlock.

Louisiana officials are asking for federal guidance on whether the dollars could be used to help pay a debt it owes to the federal treasury for improvements made after Hurricane Katrina to the federal flood protection system stretching across five parishes in the New Orleans area. The debt tops \$1 billion — and could reach as much as \$3 billion with interest — with the first payment due soon.

Republican state Treasurer John Schroder wants the governor and lawmakers to use the federal aid to pay down an array of state debts, calling the money "an opportunity" that could put Louisiana on a stronger financial footing.

Schroder made the comments at the latest Bond Commission meeting, where members received a report showing Louisiana's per capita debt grew to \$1,545 per person in 2020, up from \$1,523 per person a year earlier. The Southern average is \$1,224.

Others are proposing short-term aid programs for people who lost jobs because of the pandemic or whose businesses have been hammered during the outbreak.

Unlike with previous coronavirus aid packages, state and local governments have years to spend the money, through the end of 2024. Zeringue said legislative leaders would like to establish the "general framework" for using the cash, however, in the upcoming session.

The federal aid comes on top of a \$270 million state surplus from last year and \$293 million in unspent state cash from this year, giving the governor and lawmakers more money than would have seemed imaginable when the pandemic began.

"Whenever you have a lot of money, there's always a lot of hands out and a lot of uses proposed for the money, so sometimes it's more difficult to craft a budget," Dardenne said.

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INSPIRATION

When God kept on the lights just long enough

I shall never forget our historic snow storm that blanketed our nation in February and I wonder if our cold weather could be leading to an ice storm like the one in the last week of March of 1994 while we were living in Plain Dealing, Louisiana.

All day long I eagerly anticipated hearing Art Buchwald’s television interview with Barbara Walters.

As our lights flickered I was granted the opportunity to hear the famed syndicated columnist, Art Buchwald, speak of his painful childhood, after his mother’s hospitalization that lasted thirty-five

years in a mental hospital and of his stay in seven foster homes, to which he rebelled and ran away at the age of seventeen when he lied to join the Marines. His two sisters were with him, for the interview, because he wanted the world to know he had lied for most of his life saying she had died in child birth rather in a mental hospital.

I listened as he ended his segment of a Prime Time interview on that Thursday night less than two minutes before our lights officially died. I was uplifted in the dark as I recalled what he said: “It helps in becoming a journalist if one is first a foster child.” This affirms my theory of the power of deep pain to spark our creativity.

As limbs cracked and popped on the pine trees from the monumental ice storm my spirit soared! I saw my life, my work, flash before my eyes! It all came together within my mind. I sensed a method to the madness, the chaos of my childhood, one of lack, of living in an orphanage after my father’s death and the head injury that permanently incapacitated my mother to ever be able to function as a mother.

So life’s tragedies have graced my face as I’ve learned to grab hold of my pain, of feeling the flesh ripped from my bones from one tragedy after another. I’ve learned to make the most of it, to turn it around, seizing the moment, of even an ice storm.

With no heat my youngest son, Jeremy, and I put on extra warm ups and caps and savored the moment by telling stories for the next two days.

Today we both remember that special shared ice storm.

When the lights came on I savored my early morning coffee along with my newspaper and I picked up my pen to write more appreciative of what we can learn during the ice storms of our lives because we will all have them.

It’s not what happens to us but how we grab hold of those periods of deep pain and use them as the back drop to support us in our weakest moment.

Later that year I interviewed the late Jasmine Morelock Field, Shreveport artist and author, on my cable television talk show hosted by Time Warner. She used the story of the murder of her daughter to minister to people because she saw her story as the tool that God gave her to help hurting people.

The late Ann Welsh Gardner, artist, voiced the same feelings when she said “When our life is easy we become complacent, fat and lazy but when we hurt we choose our medium.”

For Ann and Jasmine their mediums were the canvas and the pen.

For me my tool is writing when I’m in deep moments of despair and when I am on an emotional high and can’t sleep.

Again, it’s not what happens to us but how we turn it around, choosing our medium, sharing our stories, giving others the courage to share their pain!

It adds so much meaning to our lives to reach out, to allow others to know that they are not alone, that it is OK to let others know of their serious depression rather than going off the deep end with no turning back.

God always pulls me through, even keeping the lights on just long enough!

Without Him I can do nothing.

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STUDENT LIFE

Louisiana Tech Mechanical Engineering student designs and builds electric bicycle

While some people met the early challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by binging Netflix specials or catching up on sleep, Louisiana Tech University Mechanical Engineering junior Ben Grice used the spare time to design and build an electric mountain bike.

When the pandemic hit last spring, Grice was determined to create something during the time that he would have otherwise spent engaged in group activities. He used the onset of the virus and the limitations it placed on his ability to gather with his classmates, friends and family as an opportunity to learn a new skill: welding. By summer, his determination to master welding had led Grice to design and build a battery-powered bicycle.

“I wanted to learn something new, and the best way for me to do that was to build something,” he said of the project. “As I started welding, I knew that I wanted to weld different sized parts for a project, and within a few months, that project became an e-bike.”

Ben’s father, Randy, says that his son’s drive to own a dirt bike played a role in his determination to build the e-bike.

“Ben has liked to build and experiment since he was young,” he said. “The idea for his electric bicycle came about because he wanted a motorcycle. His mother and I told him ‘No,’ and he decided that he would build one and make it electric instead. We are proud of his grit and determination to take an idea and turn it into something he enjoys.”

The 21-year-old mechanical engineer has applied his lifelong love of taking stuff apart and rebuilding it to multiple projects, including designing, building, and printing a \$150 working prosthetic arm for a 9-year-old triathlete. As with the bike, Grice designed the prototype for the arm in SolidWorks, software that he became familiar with in Louisiana Tech’s Living with the Lab Engineering 120 series, printed parts using his 3-D printer, and assembled them to create a working product.

Dr. Timothy Reeves, mechanical engineering lecturer and mentor to Grice, says that the student’s success is due to an impressive amount of perseverance and talent.

“As Ben has been working on his electrified bike project over the past few months, he and I have had a number of conversations about various aspects of the project, such as gearing and basics of electric motors. He has demonstrated remarkable persistence on this project in two ways: First, he has not given up! He has constructed multiple prototypes leading up to the current version of his design, and he is still working on additional improvements. Second, he has been diligent in studying independently about the various components’ functionality, limitations, etc. The level of commitment and self-motivated effort he has shown on this project is truly outstanding. Given that fact, and an equally uncommon set of fabrication skills, one can understand why he has achieved this level of success on the project.”

Although the latest version of the dirt bike, which is in its third prototype, is fully functional, Grice plans to improve the design even more by adding guards above the tires, a kickstand, and a custom three-speed transmission. Once this project is done, he plans to work on a modified electric bicycle that his girlfriend can pedal at an accelerated rate so that she can keep up with him on rides through Ruston.

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Drug Courts Save Lives, It Is Time We Fund Them

LOUISIANA ATTORNEY
GENERAL JEFF LANDRY

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

For the last five years, I have been honored to serve as Louisiana's chief legal officer. My service has focused on protecting Louisiana's families, freedoms, and the rule of law. Part of protecting Louisiana is fighting the opioid epidemic, and this is an issue that I have not taken lightly.

From lobbying Congress for more stringent oversight of opioid manufacturers and distributors to creating the "End the Epidemic LA" informational campaign to making Naloxone available to Louisiana's first responders to placing drug take back boxes throughout the State - I have worked with private and public

partners to combat the crisis plaguing our State.

For the last year, I have worked with stakeholders from across Louisiana on the Drug and Specialty Courts Commission. During that time - we noticed numerous sources showing drug courts reduce crime, reduce drug use, and reduce costs to taxpayers. We also unfortunately observed a recent reduction in participation and a lack of funding to grow these life-saving programs.

The Commission sought a solution to these financing hurdles and asked what should be done with likely settlements between Louisiana and those who have proliferated the opioid crisis.

Rather than the monies going to more-of-the-same, wasteful gov-

ernment spending - we proposed it go to repairing the damage caused by the epidemic and improving the safety of all our State's citizens. That proposal is becoming legislation authored by Senator Rick Ward, which would dedicate funding to drug and specialty courts in Louisiana.

Decades ago, at the height of the crack cocaine epidemic, some justice and treatment professionals came together to offer treatment and compassion. They created the first treatment court and, in doing so, began an option that has saved more than one million lives and hundreds of millions of tax dollars. They helped to reduce both crime and recidivism, thus protecting public safety, promoting public health, and pre-

serving families.

These specialty courts address the root causes of drug use and criminal behavior like poverty, mental health issues, physical health, and unemployment. Participation can last several months or a couple of years, instituting and helping to maintain long-term recovery strategies. Participants are subject to frequent and random drug tests, establishing accountability. Participation also includes treatment for substance use disorders that are grounded in the science of addiction.

Drug courts work, and they should be fully funded across our State. We want them to be an option for all our State's citizens, whether they live in Jackson Parish or Jefferson Parish. Senator

Ward's bill can make that possible by creating a Drug and Specialty Court fund in the state treasury to accept deposit of any compensation recovered from opioid manufacturers, marketers, and sellers who stoked the fire of the epidemic. The fund would be disbursed to state and local entities that provide and enable treatment courts across Louisiana.

The legislation is designed to expand drug testing for arrestees and require those testing positive to be screened for program suitability. This approach would quickly identify individuals with substance use disorders who become involved in the criminal justice system and hopefully provide early intervention and treatment for them. It also would provide the

necessary resources for those state and local entities who work with these individuals.

One overdose death is one too many. Unfortunately, thousands of our neighbors have buried their loved ones throughout the epidemic. This drug court bill gives us an opportunity to invest the settlements, judgments, and penalties recovered by our State as a result of the opioid crisis into saving resources, lives, and families across Louisiana.

I hope you will join me in encouraging your legislators to support this common-sense measure to reduce crime, taxpayer cost, and overdose deaths. Drug courts save lives, and this bill will give more people a second chance at a healthy, productive life.



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GOOD SEASON FOR BIG BUCKS

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Jeff Simmons, head guru of Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop told me that based on results from that establishment's annual Big Buck Contest, this was a record year for big bucks taken in Louisiana.

I'd have to agree that something special was going on in the woods during deer season 2020-21. I featured 48 of the most impressive bucks taken in Louisiana during this past season in articles I did for LA Sportsman magazine.

In order to score trophy bucks, measurements are taken in inches of such things as antler mass, number of points and spread between antlers. The magazine gave me a guideline to follow in that for a buck to make the pages or website of LA Sportsman, the minimum total measurement was 140 inches.

Here's how the 48 bucks I covered panned out. Total number of bucks measuring between 140 and 150 inches were 11; between 150 and 160 inches, 13; 160 to 170 inches, 10; 170 to 180 inches, 10; 180 to 190 inches, 1 and the number of giants exceeding 190 inches was 3.

Where were these trophy bucks hanging out and what parishes produced the biggest bucks I was able to cover in my articles? The parish with the highest number of bucks making the magazine may come as a surprise because Lincoln Parish is not necessarily known as a trophy producer. Nevertheless, I wrote about seven bucks that were taken in Lincoln Parish.

Next in line was Tensas parish with five bucks followed by Richland Parish with four, including the big daddy of them all, a 42 point buck taken with a crossbow by Brennan Morris that scored a whopping Boone and Crockett official measurement of 275 5/8 inches of antler mass. The Morris buck is officially the second highest scoring buck for all time in Louisiana taken by any method and is easily the new state record taken by crossbow. The parishes of Madison, Bienville, Natchitoches and Avoyelles recorded three trophies each.

The method of taking these bucks was lead by rifle hunters who collected 28 trophies, followed

by 13 bucks taken by bow and seven by primitive firearms.

The buck with the most impressive inside spread was taken in Natchitoches Parish by Joey Woodard, an eight point with a whopping 23 inches of antler spread.

For a trophy buck to reach its potential, antler point wise, it has to have a big body which was authenticated by 37 of the 48 I wrote about weighing at least 200 pounds, topped off by a 300 pound brute taken in Richland Parish by Bob Thompson.

Antler point average of these 48 bucks featured nine that carried 10 points, eight that were eight pointers, seven that had 13 points, six 11 pointers and an equal number of 14 point bucks. Rounding out this category were two 17 point bucks and one each sporting 15, 16 and 18 points with the Brennan Morris buck with 42 points rounding out the total. The overall average number of antler points came out to 11.8.

Jonathon Bordelon is Deer Program Manager for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and he has an opinion as to why so many trophy bucks were taken this season.

"Hunters overall are being more selective in taking bucks," said Bordelon. "At one time in the past, any buck with anything showing on the head was shot while today, the majority of hunters are passing on taking young bucks and allowing them to grow to maturity."

At any rate, deer season 2020-21 was one for the books.

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Things are really starting to pop on the lake with both big bass and crappie moving up. Tyler Stewart, W.Monroe, landed a 12.74 pound bass, a lake record, in shallow water on a soft plastic lure. Bream are starting to go for crickets and worms. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Bass are good around shallow grass, bream are starting to bite crickets and worms and crappie are improving. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The river is still too high. No fishing report this week. For latest information, contact the

Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie are starting to move up with some real slabs caught in shallow water on shiners and jigs. The bass are following suit and moving up to spawning areas with some caught on crank baits and soft plastic lures. Chinquapins are starting to move in and hitting worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bass fishing is improving with some good fish to 7 1/2 pounds caught around shallow grass with the Carolina rig being the go-to lure this week. Crappie fishing has been good with some still fairly deep, some moving shallow with yoyos baited with shiners working well. Also lots of crappie are being caught below the spillway. Catfishing has been fair on trotlines and yo-yos. Bream are just now beginning to head for the shallow beds. Worms and crickets are starting to work on these fish. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE – The chinquapin bite has started with fish moving shallow and hitting worms and crickets. Crappie fishing is good with most fish moving shallow while some are still being caught beneath the Highway 4 bridge on shiners and jigs. Bass are just beginning to move up with some in the 7-9 pound range reported on Chatter baits and trick worms. No report on catfish. For latest information contact Bateaux on Caney Lake at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Crappie to over 3 pounds have been caught in the shallows on shiners and jigs. Catfishing is fair, bream are just starting and bass to around 7 pounds have been caught fairly shallow. No report on bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Crappie are starting to move up and fishing is improving. Bass have been good in the shallows on soft plastics. Catfishing is improving



GLYNN HARRIS/COURTESY PHOTO

Brennan Morris, Rayville, is shown with the rack of his 42 point Richland Parish buck that scored 275 5/8 inches of antler.

and bream have yet to start. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN –

The water is very high and rising. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-

2259.

LAKE BRUIN – No report. For information, call 318/766-0075.



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SOCCER

Red River Football Club to play all home games at Minden Recreation Center



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The Gulf Coast Premier League (GCPL) Friday announced Red River Football Club (RRFC) as the latest club to join the GCPL. The club will compete in both the men's and women's division in the West Conference beginning in the 2021 season.

Red River FC will be playing all 2021 GCPL home games at Minden Recreation Center in the Xavier University Soccer Complex located in Minden, LA.

"We have looked at several leagues over the last year" said Red River FC President, Joseph Winningham. "With the growth, stability, league development, and league cohesiveness, we felt Gulf Coast Premier League was the best fit for our team. We believe

that for soccer to grow and develop in the larger national sense, there must be stable growth in a local and regional position. GCPL continues to prove they are looking to strengthen the beautiful game in a local, regional and national level. We are proud to be accepted into this great league."

Red River FC is a club born from a local need and will of two people, Rafael Muniz and Joseph Winningham. RRFC has an acceptance view point focusing on long term development of players from young to and including adulthood. The beautiful game is meant to be shared and accessible to all, no matter who a person is, where they come from, who they are related to or know.

"Red River FC have an interesting dynamic that offers an exciting

approach to growing the game in their community," said GCPL VPO, Jonathan Rednour. "This group have been around the GCPL for a few years and understand the level of competitive commitment the league demands."

Red River's vision is to bring opportunity. Local, Regional, National and international opportunity through development and exposure to multiple avenues within the soccer community. The Red River FC team, from coaches, trainers, managers and athletes, all work together to create the best atmosphere and game culture as possible.

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FOOTBALL

The Old Is New Again: Bulldogs Begin Spring 2021 Football Practice

RUSTON, La. - At long last, it's the same old thing again.

It was 2:51 Friday afternoon when Louisiana Tech second team all-league deep snapper Reeves Blankenship took the few steps from the field house to the end zone, placed his helmet and a couple of footballs on the Joe Aillet Stadium turf, stretched, then jogged under a gray sky in the cool of mid-afternoon to the Tech logo at mid-field and back.

Then a punter walked out. A couple of kickers. A few more specialists. More stretches. More sprints.

An ordinary start to another football practice.

Except this wasn't Ordinary. Because in the unrushed rituals of kickers loosening up and managers setting up blocking dummies and water cool-

ers, it was spring of 2019 again.

The players weren't the only ones in face masks and there were some distancing rules regarding media, but it was as close to a normal spring practice as the Bulldogs had seen in two years.

Unlike last year, when a virus wiped out camp two days before it was to start and continued through a start-and-stop-and-start 2020 season last fall, the Bulldogs began Spring 2021 practice Friday just as they used to do during all those pre-pandemic years.

The same old thing. The glorious, non-chaotic, semi-normal same old thing.

"I was so excited to be out there," said senior wide receiver Isaiah Graham, who caught 20 passes, three for touchdowns, in last year's abbreviated

season. "Last year at this time I was sitting at home, wondering when I could ever go to practice again."

"We (seniors) wanted to set the standard for the spring from Day 1," he said about the heightened energy throughout the two-and-a-half hours practice. "If we get to Day 5 and start sagging, that's when we start telling everybody to get back to Day 1. Keep working as hard as we can; good is never good enough."

"Incredible to be on the grass again," said Skip Holtz, heading into his ninth season as Tech's head coach. "This is my favorite time of year. We're all ready to have a bonfire and burn all these face masks and get rid of COVID, but it's still here," he said, explaining the precautions the program was taking as it moved from phase to phase.

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*Deadline for entries is Monday, April 19, 2021 At 4 p.m.



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Everyone has an opinion and now it's time to give yours. Vote for your favorite business in Webster Parish! The winners will be announced in the Readers' Choice edition on Friday, April 23, 2021. You may drop the ballot off at the Minden Press-Herald office at 203 Gleason Street in Minden or mail it to the Minden Press-Herald, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058. Only one ballot per person will be permitted. **No reproductions or faxes will be accepted.**

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Favorite Breakfast Restaurant

Favorite Elementary School

Favorite Barber Shop

Favorite NEW Auto Dealer

Favorite Beauty Shop

Favorite USED Auto Dealer

Favorite Bank

Favorite Florist

Favorite C.P.A.

Favorite Evening Meal Restaurant

Favorite Chicken

Favorite Furniture Store

Favorite Ambulance Service

Favorite Gas Station

Favorite Heating & Air Provider

Favorite Gift Shop (Non-Florist)

Favorite Shoe Store

Favorite Principal

Favorite Casino

Favorite Fitness Center

Favorite Car Wash/Detail

Favorite Seafood Restaurant

Favorite Real Estate Office

Favorite School Teacher

Favorite Tuxedo Rental

Favorite Salad Bar

Favorite Tanning Salon

Favorite NEW Vehicle Salesperson

Favorite Pawn Shop

Favorite Pediatrician

Favorite Funeral Home

Favorite Grocery Store

Favorite Golf Course In Area

Favorite Mexican Restaurant

Favorite Hardware Store

Favorite Men's Apparel Provider

Favorite Health Care Provider

Favorite Daycare Provider

Favorite High School

Favorite Glass Shop (not eyewear)

Favorite Homebuilder/Contractor

Favorite Oil Change Location

Favorite Hotel/Motel

Favorite Pharmacy

Favorite Insurance Agent

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Favorite Lawn Equipment Dealer

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Favorite Pizza Restaurant

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Favorite Physician/Surgeon

Favorite Liquor Store

Favorite Plumber

Favorite Lunch Location

Favorite Public Official

Favorite Middle School

Favorite Women's Apparel Provider

Favorite Appliance Store

Favorite Floor Covering Provider

Favorite USED Vehicle Salesperson

Favorite Tax Preparer

Favorite Tire Store

Favorite Customer Service (any business)

Favorite Dance School

Favorite Mini Storage

Favorite Veterinarian

Favorite Event Destination (or venue where events are held)

Favorite Nursing Home

Favorite Mechanic

FUN & GAMES

On This Day In History

2001 - The Russian space station Mir plunges into the sea. The legendary station was disposed of in a controlled crash after 15 years in space.

1980 - Archbishop Óscar Romero calls on members of the El Salvador armed forces to stop killing their fellow Salvadorians. A death squad assassinated the archbishop only one day after his famous sermon.

1956 - Pakistan becomes the world's first Islamic republic. The Dominion of Pakistan also included the area of modern-day Bangladesh

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE BELIEVE DOUBTFUL EVENTS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, I'D SAY THEY ARE THINKING THINGS TRUE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals F

Guess Who?

I am an actor and wrestler born in California on May 2, 1972. I initially gained fame through wrestling in both the WWF and WWE — you could say I was a rock. I then became a wildly popular actor. I set an all-time world record when I earned the highest income for a first-time starring role.

Answer: Dwayne Johnson

KAKURO

Best described as a number crossword, the task in Kakuro is to fill all of the empty squares, using numbers 1 to 9, so the sum of each horizontal block equals the number to its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the number on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Kakuro increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Kakuro By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

3/19

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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8 Congers
12 Poet Angelou
13 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
14 Harvest
15 From the U.S.
16 Notorious lover
18 "Sea" that's really a lake
20 Pie variety
21 — Angeles
22 "Certainly!"
23 Ritzy spreads
26 Furniture wheels
30 Moreover
31 Short trip
32 Guitar master Paul
33 Royal residences
36 Packs down
38 Go astray
39 Karaoke prop, for short

DOWN

- 40 Spur on
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49 Franc replacer
50 Greek vowels
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53 RSVP enclosure
54 Animal doc
55 Weeps
1 Apple desktop computer
2 Word heard over a baby monitor

- 3 Pro votes
4 Christie sleuth Jane
5 Killer whales
6 Low-fat
7 "— Kapital"
8 Papa Hemingway
9 Fair-hiring org.
10 Volcanic flow
11 Bridge
17 Tarzan's clique
19 Cyclades island
22 Chatter
23 Lobbying gp.

- 24 Political strategist Navarro
25 QB's goals
26 Lettuce variety
27 Shade tree
28 Gym unit
29 Snake's warning
31 Coop dweller
34 Dangerous fly
35 Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
36 "— the season ..."
37 Entry
39 "Olympia" painter Edouard
40 Frozen desserts
41 — Hari
42 Unpaid TV ads
43 Apple center
44 Car
45 Colorless
46 Billions of years
48 Speed (up)

Solution time: 22 mins.

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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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7	2	6	1	8	4	9	3	5
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4	9	3	6	7	8	2	5	1
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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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P N B K K B L I F J D S H D E
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Monday's unlisted clue: BEE

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Atkins	Gluten-free	Liquid	Paleo
Balanced	High-fiber	Low-carb	Plant-based
Crash	I need to	Low-fat	Vegetarian
Fad	Keto	Mediterranean	

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HISTORY

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GOVERNING THE TOWN OF COTTON VALLEY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, the Town of Cotton Valley ("Town") has conducted an election pursuant to La. R.S.

26:581, et seq., and the voters have approved the sale of alcoholic beverages of both high and low alcoholic content, for consumption both on and off the premises of sale, within the limits of the Town.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town desire to enact certain rules and regulations regarding said sales of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Cotton Valley, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

ARTICLE A-IN GENERAL.

Section 3.1 - Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcoholic beverage means any fluid or solid which is capable of being converted into fluid suitable for human consumption and containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, including malt, vinous, spirituous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquor, beer, porter, ale, stout, fruit juice, cider or wine.

Alcoholic beverage handling employee means any alcoholic beverage permit holder or employee, agent, partner, or other person connected with or employed by an alcoholic beverage permit holder, who physically handles, sells or serves any alcoholic beverage or container thereof, for consumption on the premises, including, but not limited to, waiters, waitresses, barmaids, bartenders and managers.

Alcoholic beverage permit or permit means a permit required by and issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

Beverage of high alcoholic content means alcoholic

beverage containing more than six percent alcohol by volume.

Beverage of low alcoholic content means alcoholic beverages containing not more than six percent by volume.

Chief of Police as used in this Chapter shall be the person holding the office of chief of police or the person designated by him to act for him.

Motor vehicle means a motorized vehicle designed to convey person from one place to another on public streets and highways.

Open container means any container or receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage; wherein the stamp or seal has been broken, or any container, bottle or can that contain any alcoholic beverage that has been opened subsequent to the filling of such can, bottle or container by the manufacturer, brewery or distillery of such alcoholic beverage.

Alcoholic beverages contained in drinking glasses, cups, including plastic glasses and Styrofoam cups, regardless of whether such containers have a top affixed thereto, shall be deemed an open container.

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WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 6:00 P.M.

The Webster Parish School Board met in its regular meeting in the Educational Services Center, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Evans. Prayer

was given by Frankie Mitchell. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Kinsey. Members present: Malachi Ridgel, Fred Evans, Charles Strong, Linda Kinsey, Jeri O'Neal, Ronnie Rhymes, Glenda Broughton, Jerry Lott, Johnnye Kennon, Penny Long. Frankie Mitchell and Margaret Edens was by virtual attendance. The president stated they will continue discussion from the Calendar Committee meeting held at 5 P.M. Penny Long wanted to know what was a common concern; was it the two-week intersession in October? Many of the staff did not understand. Superintendent Rowland stated maybe it was misinformation and not understanding. He informed her that he put together an email and sent it to every employee trying to explain what this was all about. Linda Kinsey stated there were a lot of things she did not understand, but, after reading it, she is all excited about the new calendar for 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Rowland informed the board that he believe in his teachers as well as our support staff. Jeri O'Neal asked that we have time to digest and understand, in the future, when we have to have this type of discussion. Let us be transparent and have copies to read before having to vote.

ITEM #2. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting February 1, 2021. Motion was made by Linda Kinsey, seconded by Ronnie Rhymes. Motion passed.

ITEM #3. Approve Minutes from the Calendar Committee Meeting February 1, 2021. Motion was made by Malachi Ridgel; seconded by Penny Long. Motion was ap-

proved.

ITEM #4. Presentation by Scott Walker of Taylor & Sons – Employee of the Month: Mrs. Kristie Sheffield, SBLC/504 Facilitator – Central Office

ITEM #5. To consider approval of the recommendation from the Webster Parish Calendar Committee Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Johnnye Kennon; seconded by Ronnie Rhymes. Jerry Lott commented that the staff has sent out over previous years tradition for voting on the calendar. He stated that business as usual is not working now. A year ago we were caught up in the Covid19 Pandemic. Why do we want to continue to do business as usual? A change in in the calendar needs to be done, something new and different. Vote was by a show of hands; 11 board members voted yes; with one no vote- Margaret Edens. Motion passed. Jerry Lott informed the board members that the calendar is only for one year.

ITEM #6. To consider for approval, and authorization of the Superintendent to sign, a new 3-year contract with two optional 1 year voluntary extensions beginning on 7/01/2021 with Hunt Telecommunications, LLC (a Uniti Fiber company) for the purchase of E-Rate Category 1 Internet Access services, Wide Area Network services, and additional products and services. Motion to approve was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Frankie Mitchell. No objections; motion passed.

Vice-President Charles Strong made the motion that Items #7 - Item #12 be in global voting; seconded by Malachi Ridgel.

It was a unanimous vote.

Requests for Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund

ITEM #7. To consider for approval for Lake-side Jr./Sr. High School to spend up to \$1,500.00 on bottled water for the students using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #8. To consider for approval Southern Pro Gutters, LLC to place gutters on the softball batting cages in order to stop erosion, in the amount of \$1,550.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

Request for Doyline Maintenance Fund

ITEM #9. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice S-4606 from Mechanical Concepts for HVAC repair service at Doyline High School in the amount of \$2,666.05 using Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Requests for District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund

ITEM #10. To consider for approval Johnson Controls to remove and replace a 7.5 Baldor Motor in AHU-17 at Minden High School in the amount of \$5,228.32 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #11. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #1037212 from Diversifire for intercom repair service at Webster Jr. High School in the amount of \$2,804.35 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Request for Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund

ITEM #12. To consider approval for North Webster Upper Elementary School to purchase a Manitowac Ice Machine from Associated Food equipment for \$3,580.00 using Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #13.

PERSONNEL REPORT – WEBSTER PARISH PERSONNEL REPORT

Date: March 1, 2021

Personnel Director- ROBIN TUCKER

NAME Position Location (From/To) Action

New Position Effective Date Funding Source

COLEMAN, MARY FOOD SERVICE TECH WJH RETIREMENT 05/23/21

EMERSON, RUDOLPH 12 - MONTH CUSTODIAN PHILLIPS REPLACING REGINALD SHAW WHO RESIGNED 01/26/21

GRIGG, CATHY TEACHER CENTRAL RETIREMENT 07/05/21

GAVIN, NOVA FOOD SERVICE TECH PHILLIPS RESIGNATION 02/08/21

WARREN, SHREE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER I WPSB REPLACING CINDY SCROGGS WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION 03/01/21

President Fred Evans consented to let two persons speak that had turned in cards to him. Comments from two persons who were in attendance of the board meeting. (1) Rhonda Chelette, bus driver, spoke on behalf of other bus drivers stating that all bus drivers were tired and needed a break. They are not able to live off the salary they are getting now. Many are only bringing home \$50.00 per month after deductions. They are requesting that the Webster Parish School Board give them a pay raise as well as bus attendants that ride the bus with special needs students.. Some of them have been driving buses for

20 years and are making less pay than some of the new bus drivers. She stated also that there are only about 70 bus drivers.

ITEM #14. School Community Liaison Report. Safety checks are going well thus far. She has been on a call for water for our students. Water for the students is coming soon.

ITEM #15. Superintendent's Report. The superintendent yielded time for Oreata Banks and Casey Field to address the board and tell them about early learning centers, and the early childhood extravaganza. It will be virtually for babies from birth to 4 years old. Jerry Lott asked if there will be any onsite registration. Yes, it will be at Phillips Elementary School.

The superintendent reminded the board members that our annual LSBA meeting will be March 7 - 9, 2021 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He stated that the maintenance workers did an outstanding job during the snow and ice. He wanted to really thank them for all the hard work. Also St. Jude Fund Raising was done virtually. Webster Parish Schools raised \$62,214.61.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

ITEM #16. Announcements. FRED V. EVANS, PRESIDENT JOHNNY R. ROWLAND, JR., SECRETARY

March 23, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 6:00 P.M.

The Webster Parish School Board met in its regular meeting in the Educational Services Center, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana on Monday,

February 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Evans. Prayer was given by Jerry Lott. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Johnnye Kennon. Greetings were done by the president. Members present: Malachi Ridgel, Margaret Edens, Penny Long, Johnnye Kennon, Jerry Lott, Fred Evans, Charles Strong, Linda Kinsey, Jeri O'Neal, Ronnie Rhymes, Glenda Broughton, and Frankie Mitchell was by virtual attendance.

ITEM #2. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting January 4, 2021. Motion was made by Jeri O'Neal; seconded by Linda Kinsey. Motion passed.

ITEM #3. Approve Minutes from the Special Called Meeting January 11, 2021. Motion was made by Penny Long; seconded by Ronnie Rhymes. Motion was approved.

ITEM #4. Presentation by Mr. Rodney Taylor of Taylor & Sons - Employee of the Month: Mrs. Katelin Breaux, Ag Teacher at North Webster High School. Remarks were given by board member Jeri O'Neal with many accolades on a job well done by Mrs. Breaux with the students at North Webster High School. Being a female in the field of agriculture is outstanding, along with the patience to help assist her students with their animals.

ITEM #5. To consider approval of the recommendation from the Webster Parish Calendar Committee Meeting.

ITEM #6. To consider approval for the following policies:

BCAD - Teleconference/ Remote Participation in School Board Meetings

GBRIB - Sick Leave

Special Note: Act 32 Motion to approve the policies was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Jeri O'Neal. There were no objections; motion passed.

ITEM #7. To consider the correction of removal of the items below the capitalization

threshold, effective January 29, 2020 (To correct typo error recorded as \$3,000 instead of \$5,000). Motion was made by Malachi Ridgel; seconded by Ronnie Rhymes. Motion passed.

ITEM #8. To consider for approval the presentation of the FY 20-21 Budget for Redesign and Carl Perkins.

ITEM #9. To consider for approval for Coordinated Funding Request. Webster Parish Ready Start Early Childhood Network will be applying for birth - 4 year old seats for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was made by Ronnie Rhymes for approval; seconded by Linda Kinsey. The president asked for a vote of approval by showing of the hand; it was a unanimous vote.

Vice-President Charles Strong made the motion that Item #10 - Item #26 be in global voting; seconded by Penny Long. Motion carried.

Requests for Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund

ITEM #10. To consider for approval Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School to purchase an Ice Floor Burnisher iB2000 from VCC Janitorial Supply in the amount of \$1,920.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #11. To consider for approval Hercules Ag & Outdoor to sandblast, prime, paint, and repair a 40 ft. shipping container that is used for track storage at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$3,000 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #12. To consider for approval to purchase 120 hurdles from Minden Athletic Supply to replace broken hurdles for track program at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$11,113.80 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #13. To consider for approval Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School to purchase two LEGO Mindstorms Education EV3 Core robot sets for the Robotics Team in the amount of \$879.80 using

Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #14. To consider for approval Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School to purchase a Color Pro Ultra poster and sign maker, with a cool laminator from Presentation Solutions in the amount of \$8,794.00, for use in conjunction with our Jump Start program and ordinary school use, using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #15. To consider approval to ratify payment of invoice #S-4038 from Mechanical Concepts for \$1,206.00 for HVAC repair on 5th grade wing at Central Elementary School using Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #16. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice S-4039 from Mechanical Concepts for \$1,755.00 for HVAC repair on 2nd grade wing at Central Elementary School using Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #17. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #S-4037 from Mechanical Concepts for \$705.00 for HVAC repair in room 321 at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School using Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #18. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #S-4016 from Mechanical Concepts for \$1,980.00 for HVAC repair - warranty compressor replacement at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School using Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Springhill Lease Fund

ITEM #19. To consider for approval Browning Elementary School to purchase 5 Newline 75" Multi touch display screens for their new Tier One El Education and Zearn Math curriculums with updated technology in the amount of \$18,255.37 using Springhill Lease Fund.

ITEM #20. To consider for approval Brown Upper Elementary School to purchase 6 wood

guest chairs from BMS Office Supplies in the amount of \$1,734.00 using Springhill Lease Fund.

Requests for Doyline Maintenance Fund

ITEM #21. To consider for approval for Doyline High School Athletic Department to purchase baseball and softball field conditioners and clay from Minden Farm and Garden in the amount of \$2,711.50 using Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Minden Building Fund

ITEM #22. To consider approval for Abatement Services, Inc. to remove exterior asbestos along soffits and flower beds at E.S. Richardson Elementary School in the amount of \$19,153.00 to prepare building for renovations using Minden Building Fund.

ITEM #23. To consider approval for Altec Environmental Consulting, LLC to provide daily on-site environmental monitoring during asbestos removal at E.S. Richardson Elementary School in the amount of \$4,031.91 using Minden Building Fund.

Requests for District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund

ITEM #24. To consider approval for Johnson Controls to repair the domestic hot water boiler at Minden High School for \$4,031.91 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #25. To consider approval for Pepper Fence, LLC to install panic hardware on existing ornamental fence gates at J.A. Phillips Elementary School in the amount of \$1,842.00 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #26. To consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #1-99915392849 for \$3,150.96 from Johnson Controls for HVAC repair at Minden High School, using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #27. PERSONNEL REPORT - There were no questions on this report.

WEBSTER PARISH PERSONNEL REPORT Date: February 1, 2021

Personnel Director- ROBIN TUCKER

NAME

Position

Location

(From/To)

Action

New Position

Effective Date

Funding Source

CRAWFORD, JANA

TEACHER

NWJH

RETIREMENT

06/05/21

DARBONNE, LUCAS

TEACHER

MHS

(0Y0 REMAINDER OF YEAR)

REPLACING GARRETT NYEGARD WHO RESIGNED

01/15/21

FRAZIER, TRAVIS

12 - MONTH CUSTODIAN

WJH

REPLACING BOOKER LEWIS WHO RETIRED

01/04/21

GAVIN, NOVA

FOOD SERVICE TECH

PHILLIPS

REPLACING ESTHER HARRIS WHO RETIRED

01/13/21

HAWTHORNE, TWANNA

TEACHER

PHILLIPS

REPLACING ANDREA JOHNSON WHO RESIGNED

01/11/21

KEEL, AMY

EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN

WPSB

REPLACING JEREMY BELL WHO RESIGNED

01/04/21

LANE, RICHARD

TEACHER

JONES

RETIREMENT

12/18/20

MCBRIDE, WYTONIA

PARAPROFESIONAL

DOYLINE

REPLACING SHIRLEY ABRAMS WHO RETIRED

01/15/21

NYEGARD, GARRETT

TEACHER

MHS

RESIGNATION

01/15/21

RANDLE, DESIREE

TEACHER

WJH

RESIGNATION

01/20/21

ROGERS, RODARION

TEACHER

WJH

REPLACING DESIREE RANDLE WHO RESIGNED

01/19/21

SCROGGS, CINDY

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER/FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER

WPSB

TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNTS

PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER REPLACING LATISHER WARD WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION

02/01/21

SHAW, REGINALD

12 - MONTH CUSTODIAN

PHILLIPS

RESIGNATION

01/04/21

WARD, LATISHER

FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER/RETIREMENT SPECIALIST

WPSB

TRANSFER FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER TO RETIREMENT SPECIALIST

TERRIC FERGUSON WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION

01/04/21

WARDLAW, MYEESHA

10- MONTH CUSTODIAN

MHS

REPLACING ASHLEY BAILEY WHO RESIGNED

01/04/21

WEATHERTON, DANNY

CUSTODIAN

WJH

RETIREMENT(-DATE CORRECTION)

01/07/21

WISE, KATHERINE

TEACHER

NWJH

RETIREMENT

06/05/21

YOUNG, ADRIAN

BUS MECHANIC

WPSB

REPLACING WAYNE ROLEN WHO RETIRED

01/04/21

ITEM #28. School Community Liaison Report. Ursula Hullaby School Community Liaison, informed the board that everything is still the same. She is keeping an open line of communication during the Covid19 pandemic. She can be reached, by phone, if needed for any questions or concerns.

ITEM #29. Superintendent's Report. The superintendent congratulated our employees on how they have kept our schools to continue to run and the creativeness that they have done to keep it going. Several schools have gone to complete virtual learning because of high Covid19 cases. On the vaccine, he has no word on when

it will be available. As soon as we know, we will let you know. We are to get 1.6 Million dollars from the state that will be used in the near future. Johnnye Kennon stated that we have two Webster Parish graduates that will be playing in the Super Bowl - L'Jarius Sneed, graduate of Minden High School, playing with the Kansas City Chiefs; and Devin White, graduate of North Webster High School, playing with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Crevonne Odom, Finance Director, informed the board that at each station was a copy of the financial statement and travel recap. Frankie Mitchell wanted to know if we will have our retreat this year. The superintendent stated yes.

ITEM #30. Announcements. Sales Tax for the month of December 2020

Next Board Meeting - March 1, 2021

Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund, Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund, Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund, Minden School Building Fund, and District #6 Sales Tax (1/2 Cent) Fund.

A meeting of the calendar committee will be held again on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. here in the board room. Regular board meeting will be at 6:00 P.M.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

FRED V. EVANS, PRESIDENT JOHNNY R. ROWLAND, JR., SECRETARY

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