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GAS BUDDY

Gas prices forecasted to drop in coming weeks as price of oil drops

Louisiana gas prices are unchanged in the past week, averaging \$2.71/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 11.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.10/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.29/g today while the most expensive is \$3.09/g, a difference of 80.0 cents per gallon.

"In the lead up to Memorial Day, we haven't seen gas prices come down much, though with oil's recent move lower, we should start to see more drops at the pump materialize in the days ahead," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.02/g today. The national average is up 14.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.07/g higher than a

year ago.

"With the Colonial Pipeline situation continuing to improve in Southeastern states, fueling up for the holiday weekend shouldn't be too challenging, save for a few pockets in GA, NC and SC, where outages remain a bit higher than neighboring states. For those hitting the road, we should see prices inch lower in the coming week through at least Memorial Day, so motorists need not rush to fill their tanks as the drop in oil prices should manifest into lower gas prices as we begin the summer driving season."

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.



BOATING SAFETY WEEK IN MINDEN

All "a-Boat" Safety

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Local businesses and organizations throughout the City of Minden did their part in spreading safe boating awareness by participating in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day. The day is a part of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible. Local citizen Jerry Madden and Jana Morgan, President of the Greater Minden Chamber, championed the campaign locally, encouraging local businesses to take part to raise awareness for safe boating practices. Businesses and individuals took part by, as the name of the day implies, simply wearing their life jackets to work. The goal of this is to stand out and raise awareness, so when people get curious why others are wearing life jackets on land, they can be made aware of the campaign and the messaging it promotes about boater safety.

Mayor Terry Gardner Officially proclaimed the week of May 22 through May 28 as Boating Safety Week in Minden with local organizations and community leaders present to further showcase the City's full support when it comes to promoting boating safety.

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was reported as the cause of death in 79 percent of all boating fatalities. Approximately 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

In a survey conducted by the National Safe Boating Council, it showed that boaters who are aware of the campaign are more likely to wear life jackets compared to those who are unaware. So doing one's part to help is really nothing more than spreading awareness about the campaign itself and the safe boating practices that it promotes.

More information about the campaign and boater safety can be found at their website, safeboatcampaign.com.



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SECOND FRONT

GOVERNMENT

Bill against discrimination of people with or without COVID vaccine passes Louisiana House

BY KATHLEEN PEPPLO
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BATON ROUGE--A bill to make discrimination by state entities against people based on whether or not they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 passed the House 70-29 Thursday.

The vote came as faculty members at LSU and other state universities stepped up calls to make the COVID vaccine mandatory for students and staff returning in the fall.

The difference in views illustrates how the COVID vaccinations have become a new partisan flashpoint in Louisiana and other conservative states, much like mask-wearing was earlier.

Rep. Kathy Edmondston, R-Gonzales, said she brought the bill in response to calls from constituents who feared they would be discriminated against if they did not get a COVID vaccine.

"I've had numerous calls over the last several months from parents, citizens, but mostly from students who have been required or mandated to take vaccines or testing, that have led me to bring this bill forward," Edmondston said.

The LSU Faculty Senate voted 52-1 last month to

call for a vaccine requirement to help protect unvaccinated staff members and students and people with compromised immune systems. The university has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday that is open to all faculty members to discuss safety issues.

The University of New Orleans Faculty Senate voted 29-0-3 last week to strongly recommend that all faculty members, staff and students get the vaccine.

Three private schools in New Orleans--Tulane University, Xavier University and Dillard University--are among more than 400 nationwide that plan to require COVID vaccinations for students returning in the fall, according to the Chronicle for Higher Education. Roughly 180 of those colleges are public institutions, mostly in Democratic-leaning states.

After the House passed the bill, Rep. Mandie Landry, D-New Orleans, tweeted, "Do I have this right? Discrimination that is ok with #lalege: gender, race, hair. Discrimination that is apparently not ok: refusing a vaccine, wearing a mask, anything to do with guns."

State universities in Louisiana already require

vaccines for diseases like measles and meningitis for students to enroll in school. More than 135 LSU faculty members have signed a letter urging that the COVID19 be vaccine added to that list.

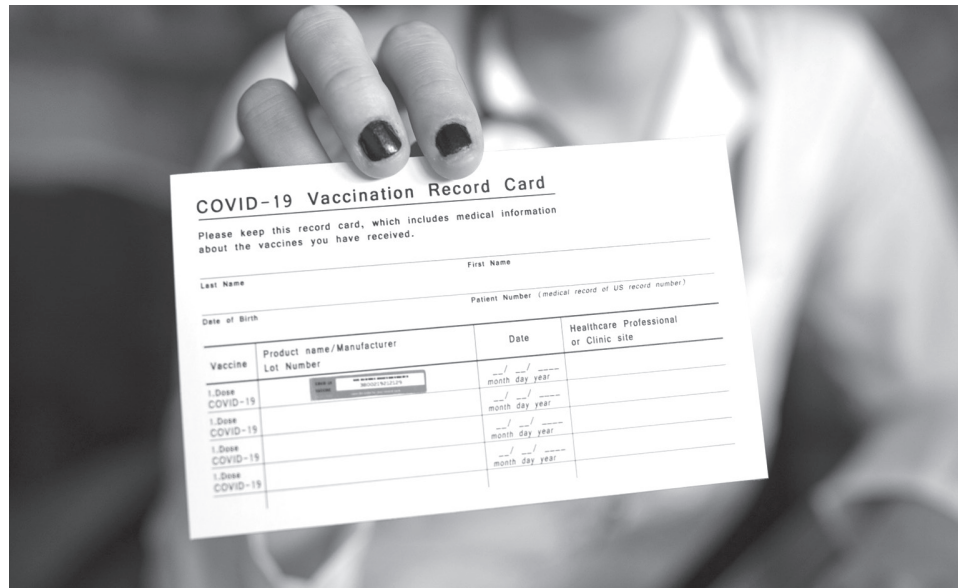
Under Edmonston's bill, state universities could keep the requirements for the other vaccines but would not be allowed to add a COVID vaccine mandate.

Edmonston said that if her bill makes it into law, no state school would be able to require the COVID vaccine. The bill still must be considered by the Senate, and Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, would have to decide whether to veto it or not.

"Those students who have contacted me believe that their ability to complete their degree requirements or coursework were in jeopardy," said Edmonston.

Rep. Beau Beaulieu, R-New Iberia, said that he, too, had gotten calls from constituents concerned about possible university vaccine mandates.

"I got some calls from constituents, students in LSU's dental school that received correspondence that said they could not come back to dental school or enter until they



had been vaccinated," Beaulieu said.

In March, the dean of the LSU School of Dentistry attempted to mandate COVID vaccinations for the fall but then backtracked after protests.

"I got those same calls, Rep. Beaulieu, not only from the dental school but from the nursing school, from Southeastern, and I got a call from Centenary this morning," Edmonston said. "That's why I'm bringing the legislation forward."

Rep. Larry Bagley, R-Stonewall, chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said he had received similar calls from constituents concerned about being able to complete school without being vaccinated.

He also maintained that even if private universities create a vaccine requirement, "they can't enforce it."

"The governor has not said that we have to have vaccines," Bagley said. "So, as long as he doesn't, we're still under the executive order, they cannot make you take a vaccine to do anything. That's the law."

One statewide survey has suggested that more than 40 percent of Republicans do not intend to get a COVID vaccine, compared to 13 percent of Democrats.

LSU faculty members cite data indicating that fewer than 20% of Louisianians in ages 18-29 have been vaccinated.

They are concerned that

LSU is planning to return to pre-pandemic class sizes with little social distancing, and some worry that this could prompt senior faculty members with health concerns to leave the school or retire.

Top officials at LSU and the University of Louisiana System say it also would be hard to require COVID vaccines since they were made available under federal emergency rules and have not yet been fully approved.

They say that they will do what they can to balance safety concerns with a return to in-person instruction while considering letting some professors with health risks teach online.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Derocko Castle, 30, of the 700 block of East Union Street, was arrested for four counts of aggravated assault with a firearm, theft of a motor vehicle, and simple criminal damage to property.

Caitlin Mixon, 36, of the 200 block of West Union Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Dexter Walker, 41, of the 200 block of Syrup

Mill Road, was arrested for resisting an officer by force or violence, possession of a schedule II substance, and obstruction of justice.

Jamarea Jayreon, 28, of the 20 block of Miller Street, was arrested for aggravated arson, home invasion, simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling, and false imprisonment.

James Blythe, 26, of the 100 block of Holman Cemetery Road, was arrested for theft.

Oscar Rice Jr., 46, of the 200 block of N Middleland Road,, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Kaneshia Edmond, 33, of the 900 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and resisting an officer.

Laticia Kimmons, 31, of the 100 block of Kennon Pitt Road, was arrested for obstruction of justice and resisting an officer.

Willie Miller, 33, of the 100 block of Cox Lane, was arrested for simple burglary.

Jerry Miller, 52, of the 500 block of Joel Street, was arrested for theft.

Timothy Grim, 51, of the 900 block of East Street, was arrested for running a red light, driving left of center, resisting arrest, tail lamps out, alcohol in vehicle, and theft.

Roy White, 55, of the 500 block of Joel Street,

was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Kwanna Ferrell, 50, of the 500 block of Joel Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Victor Thoams, 36, of the 16600 block of Highway 80, was arrested for resisting arrest.

Tommy Mills, 32, of the 14300 block of Highway 159, was arrested for simple burglary, and felony theft.

Jack Halterman, 47, of the 700 block of Pine Street, was arrested for a probation violation.

Colby Foster, 27, of the 100 block of Austins Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule I & II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to use turn signal.

Colton Shovan, 21, of the 100 block of Bream Circle, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and possession of marijuana.

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Rain chances are back but not entirely too much or anywhere near last week. Tuesday afternoon scattered showers and storms are possible with more on Wednesday. Temperatures will be in the mid 80s and then near 90 by Thursday.

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OBITUARIES



David Wayne Mouser

David Wayne Mouser was born April 25, 1939 in and passed away May 19, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana at the age of 82. Funeral services for David Mouser will be held Friday, May 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel

in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Doug Gregg officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Friday prior the service.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Cockerham “Vicky” Mouser.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Shirley M. McCann and husband Alton; Kenneth Mouser and wife Lisa; and Ronnie Mouser and wife Thresa; grandchildren: Russell McCann, Kelli Burson, Sydney Mouser, Amanda Massett, and Jacob Mouser; and great-grandchildren: Chloe, Michael, Lexi, Elizabeth, Sawyer, Emily, Sophia, Kipton, Paisley, and Presley.

Pallbearers will be Russell McCann, Jacob Mouser, Clayton Massett, Stewart Burson, John Murphy, and Rickie Gray.

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Minden, Louisiana 71055
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Janet D. Lowry

Funeral services for Janet D. Lowry, 61, of Sibley, LA will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 21, 2021 in Rockett Funeral Home Chapel, Ringgold, LA. Officiating will be Bro. Louie Foerster. Interment will

follow in Providence Cemetery, Ringgold, LA. Visitation will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Rockett Funeral

Home, Ringgold, LA from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Janet was born June 10, 1959 in Minden, LA and passed away May 19, 2021 in Minden, LA. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Betty Ward DeWeese and sister, Bridget DeWeese.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 42 years, Scott Lowry of Sibley, LA; son, Alexander Lowry of Sibley, LA, her “2nd son”, Albert Moss, and a number of other relatives and friends.



Leonard Darnell Hudson (Leo)

Leonard Darnell Hudson (Leo) was born on January 12, 1975, in Newport News, Virginia, to Lee Drue Hudson and Vernia Allen Hudson, both natives of Minden,

Louisiana.

He accepted Christ at the age of ten (10) while attending the post chapel at Fort Story, Virginia. Leonard told the Chaplain that he wanted to be baptized. Because there was no baptismal pool at the chapel, Leonard became the first person attending the chapel to be baptized in Chesapeake Bay. This beachfront baptism then became an annual tradition at the Fort Story Chapel.

An Army brat, he traveled a lot with his parents over the years. He got a chance to live in Minden for two years when his father was stationed in Korea. While in Minden, he attended 6th grade at J.A. Phillips Middle School and 7th grade at Webster Jr. High School, where he participated in the Academically Gifted Program and played football. He also participated in the summer soccer program.

From Minden, he moved to Georgia with his family when his father was stationed at Ft. McPherson. He graduated with honors from Forest Park High School

(FPHS) in Georgia in 1993. He lettered in soccer, football, and tennis at FPHS. He also was a member of the school choir.

He faithfully attended the military chapel at Fort Gillem, Georgia, and was an active member of the youth choir and the Protestant Youth of the Chapel.

He was a proud 1997 honor graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. He later received a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Carolina. From there he moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, and was an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at Pittsburg State University for over twelve years.

In 2020, Leo began a slightly different career path as a science teacher at North Webster Junior High School. This path came to an abrupt end when Leo went home to be with his Savior on May 17, 2021.

Leo leaves to cherish his memory his father, LTC (Ret) Lee Drue Hudson; his mother, Vernia Dean Allen Hudson; his sister, Adrienne Hudson; his grandmother, Velmer Allen; his aunts, Peggy Hudson Morris, Lillie Hudson, Wilma Allen, and Linda Jackson; his uncles, Edward “Monroe” Hudson, Dave Hudson, Bernard Hudson, and Vincent Allen (Judy); his best friend, Bill Furlong; his cousins, other relatives, his students, and all the friends he made along the way.

Graveside funeral service will be held at Growing Valley MBC on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 11:00am.



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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: Beware Elise Stefanik's moneyman

Did “America First” conservatives really “win” the battle over the GOP’s congressional leadership last week? Old-guard Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney may be out of power as the House Republican Conference chair. But her replacement, New York GOP Rep. Elise Stefanik, is a swampy shape-shifter whose campaign coffers are filled with open borders, radical social liberal, Wall Street cash.

The multibillion-dollar moneyman behind Stefanik’s rise to power is Big Business oligarch Paul Singer. He founded the hedge fund Elliott Management and propped up the political bids of several Republican women who rode the gender card to victory: Stefanik in New York’s 21st congressional district; anti-Trump establishment Republican Barbara Comstock in Virginia’s 10th congressional district; and John McCain loyalist and Trump flip-flopper Martha McSally, who held Arizona’s second congressional district before losing her 2020 special election to retain the Senate seat she was appointed to when former Sen. Jon Kyl stepped down as the late McCain’s replacement.

Singer funded the Washington Free Beacon, ostensibly a “conservative” “news” website run by Trump-hater Bill Kristol’s son-in-law, Matthew Continetti, which in turn hired the Fusion GPS opposi-

tion research outfit to compile the infamous Trump dossier — which was passed on to the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee after Trump won the GOP primary.

Singer helped raise \$1 million for Trump-bashing Mitt Romney’s failed 2012 presiden-



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Rubio, R-Fla. He pushed gay marriage and the alphabet soup agenda on the GOP. He underwrote fellow failed GOP presidential candidate and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush’s Common Core advocacy. He backed the open borders amnesty Republicans behind the “Gang of Eight” push for cheap foreign workers.

As I documented previously in this column and in my book, “Sold Out,” Singer helped fund the National Immigration Forum along with fellow hedge fund billionaire George Soros. NIF propped up a faux “grass-roots” initiative of religious conservatives, dubbed the Evangelical Immigration Table,

to lobby for the Gang of Eight. NIF was founded by far-left attorney Rick Swartz, who opposes tracking/deporting visa overstayers and opposes employer sanctions against companies that violated immigration laws. Swartz also served as an adviser to Microsoft. On Capitol Hill, Swartz worked closely with immigration expansionist Sen. Spencer Abraham’s legislative director Cesar Conda and Sen. Sam Brownback’s legislative director (and open borders, anti-Trump former GOP House speaker) Paul Ryan. Conda previously worked for the pro-amnesty U.S. Chamber of Commerce and mentored Ryan from the age of 19. Conda guided newbie Rubio as his Senate chief of staff from 2011-2014 and remains his powerful immigration Svengali behind closed doors.

While she may have earned Trump’s endorsement for the GOP No. 2 leadership position, Stefanik’s pedigree and financial allegiances lie with Ryan and his “America Last” sugar daddies. Citing OpenSecrets campaign finance data, Breitbart.com reported that Singer consistently gave Ryan the maximum personal donation during his swamp tenure. In addition, through his Elliot Management firm, Singer was one of the top donors to Ryan’s associated super PACs. One left-leaning website reported that over three election cycles

(2014, 2016, 2018), Stefanik was “the second highest recipient of hedge fund contributions in the House, receiving \$311,582, behind House Speaker Paul Ryan’s \$311,582.”

Stefanik served as Ryan’s top campaign adviser in 2012 after serving in the Singer-supported George W. Bush administration. She praised her Beltway barnacle colleague as a “true friend and mentor” after he stepped down as House speaker in 2018 — a move that had nothing to do with wanting to “spend more time with his children,” as he claimed at the time, but everything to do with creating what he later called an “escape hatch” from his nemesis, Donald Trump (and, of course, cashing in on the massive Super PAC war chest he built up duping rank-and-file Republican MAGA donors).

Swamp-marinated birds of a feather flock together. The headlines may label Stefanik a “Trump loyalist” for now, but in the Beltway, the almighty dollar trumps party, principle or personality. Follow the money; find the truth.

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OTHER OPINION

McGill: What we saw at the revolution

These things, we knew, were true by the end of 1987.

Buddy Roemer was a rising star on the state and national scene. Presidential material, perhaps. He’d leapt past a flock of better-known candidates for governor that year with intellect and forthright, dead-earnest promises to “scrub the budget” and reform state government. He was already a political veteran, elected to Congress from northwest Louisiana for four terms. But, really, he was just getting started.

Edwin Edwards’ political career was over, buried by Roemer after being mortally wounded by a foundering Louisiana economy and by federal prosecutors — they had not been able to convict him during trials in 1985 and 1986 but they damaged him. When he finished behind Roemer in the 1987 governor’s race, the “Cajun King” stunned a crowd at his election night party by conceding the runoff.

David Duke, when anyone gave him a thought, was largely known for cross burnings and Nazi sympathies. He was not a serious political force.

It wasn’t long, though, before what we knew proved illusory.

Roemer, who died last Monday at age 77, took over a state

with huge money problems and horrible bond ratings. “He inherited a deficit that in today’s dollars would have been in the billions,” the government watchdog Council for a Better Louisiana noted in a trib-



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have.”

His administration dealt with the financial problems in creative ways, like creating a statewide taxing district that raised some eyebrows, but also worked. He also managed to make improvements to budget procedures, environmental enforcement and teacher pay while passing campaign finance reform.

But a major tax overhaul he pushed as needed reform was rejected by voters. And there were emotionally draining debates over abortion. The rev-

olutionary fire dimmed. His reputed prickly personality became more evident, as did his distaste for high-profile politicking. The late political writer John Maginnis, in his book “Cross to Bear,” said Roemer’s strength was sapped by the pressures of office and his long struggle with diabetes. “Roemer lacked the stamina to be a revolutionary and the temperament to be a king,” Maginnis wrote.

And there was this cockeyed idea circulating in Baton Rouge — a wild scenario where Duke, who had squeaked into a state House seat in a 1988 special election, and Edwards, who still carried a loyal base, might wind up in a 1991 runoff, pushing Roemer out.

It happened. Edwards — buoyed by voter sentiment evident in the famous bumper sticker that read “Vote for the Crook. It’s Important” — trounced the ex-Klansman in that runoff, winning an unprecedented fourth term. He would retire from politics four years later. And he would face more trials. He was convicted in 2000 and served nearly 10 years in prison for crimes involving riverboat casino licensing.

Duke’s influence plummeted. And he, too, would do pris-

on time, sentenced to more than a year on federal fraud and tax charges.

Roemer is being remembered for successes in the business world, for successes during his time as governor that were often overshadowed by his troubles and for his devotion to reform.

He would try and fail to regain the governorship again in 1995. He would launch an entertaining if seemingly quixotic run for president ahead of the 2012 election, lamenting the influence of money in politics. A one-time Democrat who turned Republican in 1991, he first sought the GOP nomination, then a third party slot. He never gained the poll numbers needed to make it to a debate stage but won praise from some pundits. And he showed signs of the old reform fervor.

What if he had made it onto the debate stage with fellow Republicans, or maybe as a credible third party candidate facing off against Mitt Romney and Barack Obama?

With caustic wit, candor, the old revolutionary fire, he would have made it all more interesting. That much, for sure, is true.

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BUSINESS LIFE

Greater Minden Chamber Welcomes Untamed Outfitters



COURTESY PHOTO/THE GREATER MINDEN CHAMBER

The Greater Minden Chamber held a ribbon cutting on Saturday in order to celebrate the grand opening of Untamed Outfitters. Owner Macy Thomas was Miss Minden 2016, where she publicly revealed she was working on her own clothing line titled "Untamed Outfitters." Here now five years later the line has turned into it's own brick and mortar store here in Minden located at 712 Homer Road.

ST. JUDE AUCTION

Louisiana Senate Thanks Minden for Raising Money for St. Jude



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

Louisiana State Senator Robert Mills visited City Hall on Friday in order to congratulate the City of Minden and it's plethora of volunteers on the incredible work they do each year raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Senator Mills read out the concurrent resolution which officially commends the City of Minden for their fundraising efforts as a matter of Louisiana State Record.

INSPIRATION

We shouldn't hide mental illness

Rick Warren, the best selling author of The Purpose Driven Life, said, "we shouldn't hide mental illness."

His youngest son, Matthew, a mental illness victim, committed suicide in 2013, having battled mental illness for years.

When Rick Warren shared his tragedy he said he received more than 10,000 letters of sympathy.

Sharing our pain helps lift the load making our loss more tolerable.

I would like to talk about some of the benefits of writing.

Dr. Molly Harrower Gaines, psychiatrist and author of Therapy in Poetry wrote "Long before there were therapists there were poets and from time immemorial man has struggled to cope with his inevitable, inner turmoil. One way of so coping has been the ballad, the song, the poem. Once crystallized into words, all engulfing feelings become manageable, and once translated into explicitness, the burden of the incommunicable becomes less heavy."

I cannot begin to tell you how many times I

have quoted her when I hosted my own cable talk show and when I spoke to local groups because her words helped me to grapple with my own emotions when I was literally going off the deep end during my nervous breakdown in 1981 after one too many moves as a minister's wife.

There's just something about writing your thoughts down that relieves pent up pain and then when you dare to send your words out for publication, being published lends dignity to your pain and the more you write you polish your skills and give others the courage to write because we will all undergo difficult periods in our life when we need to relieve our pain and reach out for support.

Had it not been for God, for my faith, and for the ability to draw others into my life, I can't imagine what might have happened to me.

It's just like the Erma Bombeck told me in a letter "it's not the money you make writing but knowing your words have touched people you've never met."

That's the jest of why

writing is important.

Writing not only bridges gaps but acts as a safety valve to keep us from going off the deep end. There's nothing like writing to relieve emotional pressure that wells up inside.

Someone has said that "the key to happiness is having someone to love, something to do and something to hope for!"

What a magic mix!

I am just so grateful for being me -- for being able to cope in the midst of storms!

But for now I know that "We are angels flying with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other."


We can't make it alone nor would we want to. Writing is one way of connecting -- of giving others the courage to open up and pour out their own problems.

It's just like George Eliot wrote "Oh, the inexpressible joy of feeling safe with another, being able to pour out all that's in our heart, knowing the gentlest of hands will sift out the chaff and grain together and keep what is worth keeping and blow the rest away!"

Write. It's good for your mental health you might save a life along with your own!



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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana lawmakers weigh how to spend newfound money

(The Center Square) – Gov. John Bel Edwards’ administration has proposed paying for a looming \$400 million state obligation in cash, rather than borrowing the money.

Lawmakers are able to consider the option now that they’re in the unfamiliar position of being relatively flush thanks to better-than-expected tax collections and federal aid. Raises for teachers and a spending increase for the state’s court system also are on the wish list.

“It’s always a lot easier when you have money than when you’re wrestling with cuts,” Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, the governor’s top official for budget matters, told the Senate Finance Committee on Friday.

Friday’s hearing followed Tuesday’s meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference, where the official state forecast was raised \$357 million

for the budget year that ends June 30 and \$320 million for the next fiscal year. While the state’s economy isn’t booming, it is outperforming previous estimates that were deliberately conservative because of the COVID-19-related uncertainty, state economists said.

Louisiana owes more than \$1 billion for its share of the cost of a hurricane and flood protection system in the New Orleans area. The first \$400 million payment is due in September.

Administration officials previously suggested borrowing the money by selling bonds, but that would require paying interest on the debt and cut into the state’s ability to borrow for other projects. The House already has voted to put \$45 million toward the \$400 million payment.

“It’s certainly prudent to try and pay cash for it,” Senate President Page Cortez said, adding that bonding out part of the



debt remains an option.

Other spending requests from the administration include almost \$20 million to enhance raises for teachers and support staff. The House-passed budget calls for raises of \$800 for teachers and \$400 for other staff; the governor’s proposal would bump them up to \$1,000 and \$500, respectively.

The committee advanced without objection budget bills for the Louisiana Legislature and the judicial system. House Bill 695 calls for spending about \$74 million in state general fund money for 2021-2022 legislative expenses, which is about the same amount as the current budget.

As amended Friday, the judiciary budget

contained in House Bill 584 calls for increasing spending by about \$8.2 million, representing a 6.1% increase in general fund money and a 4.4% bump counting all funding sources, Senate Finance Chair Bodi White said.

Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John Weimer said the increase will help to compensate

for previous cuts and support popular programs such as specialty courts focused on drug or family issues.

“The judiciary, like the Legislature, has suffered through lean times,” Weimer said.

“I hear you,” White said, noting that there are many competing requests to consider. “We’re not through yet.”

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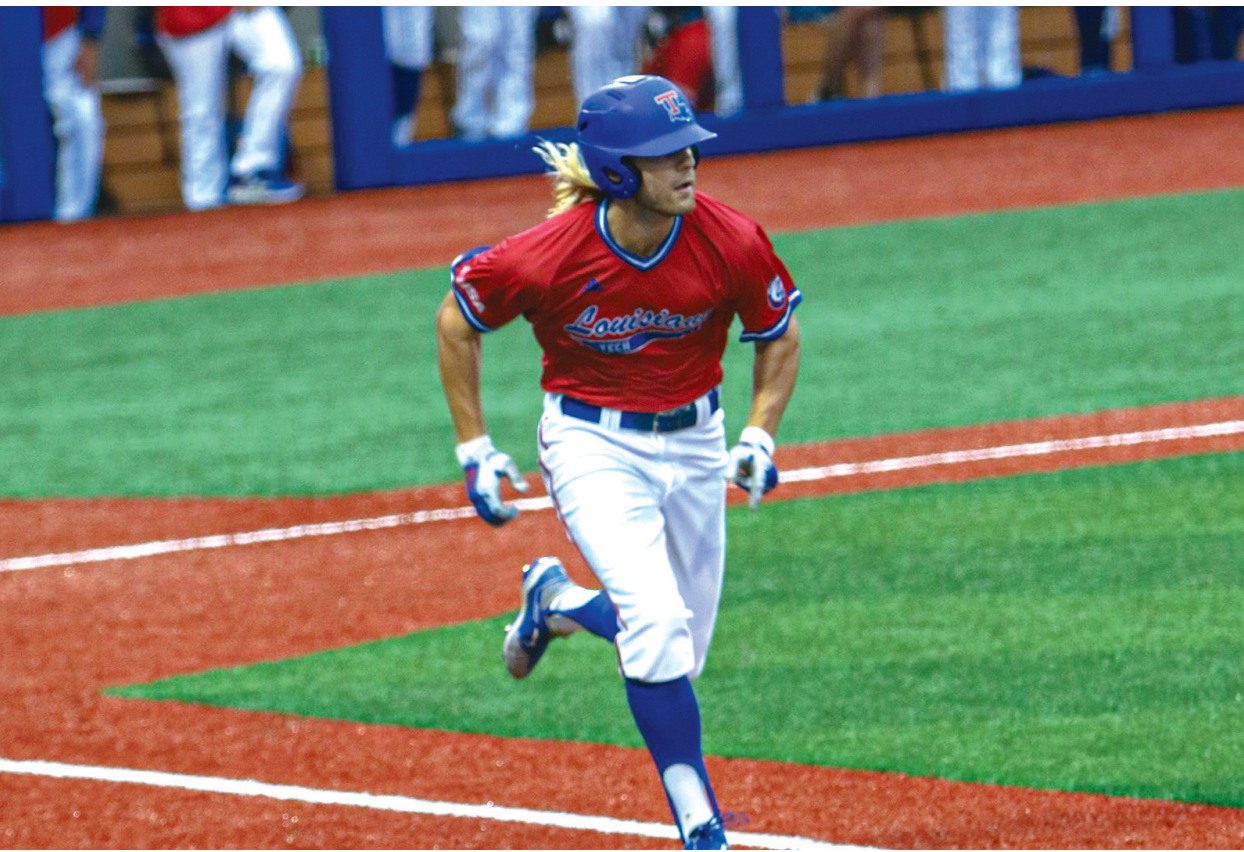
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Philip Matulia runs to first after a hit against Old Dominion.

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No. 20 ODU downs No. 14 LA Tech with late rally for second win against Bulldogs

Conference USA tournament up next this week for La. Tech

Special to the Press-Herald

For the second straight night, No. 20 Old Dominion used a late offensive surge to knock off LA Tech 8-7 at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park on Friday evening.

In front of a crowd of 1,673 fans, Louisiana Tech (36-16) tallied four runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull ahead of the Monarchs 7-4. The Bulldogs faced a 4-3 deficit entering their team at-bat in the inning after a passed ball allowed catcher Brock Gagliardi to score from third in the top half, breaking a 3-3 tie.

Right-handed reliever Landon Tomkins entered Friday night's ballgame in a tough position with a pair of Monarchs in scoring position and nobody out in the inning. Following the passed ball, Tomkins struck out three straight ODU batters to limit the Monarchs' damage in the frame.

Tomkins' surge out of the bullpen carried over into the bottom half as three straight Bulldogs reached base with one down in the inning, load-

ing the bases for first baseman Manny Garcia. Garcia smacked a high chopper over the third baseman on the first pitch he saw to put the Bulldogs back in front at 5-4. Garcia's two-RBI single marked RBIs No. 47 and 48 on the season for Tech's first baseman.

Designated hitter Steele Netterville delivered a two-out RBI single up the middle to extend LA Tech's lead to 7-4. A wild pitch from ODU reliever Brad Dobzanski then allowed Garcia to score from third to complete the Bulldog four-spot in the seventh.

Old Dominion (38-14) answered LA Tech's scoring run with four runs of its own in the top of the eighth, plating its runs behind a two-RBI double, RBI groundout and wild pitch. Reliever Trey Fisher recorded a hitless eighth before left-hander Jason Hartline nailed down his second save of the season in the bottom of the ninth.

The Bulldogs brought the winning run to the plate in the inning after centerfielder Parker Bates led off the frame with a

single through the right side. Hartline, however, ended the ballgame just two batters later when he gloved a screaming line drive off the bat of Bulldog left fielder Cole McConnell before flipping over to first base to complete the game-ending double play.

After giving up a run in the first inning, LA Tech left-hander Cade Gibson dominated the Monarchs over the next five frames, facing the minimum over the next five innings. Gibson allowed just one hit, which was erased by a 6-4-3 double play in the fifth, during the lockdown string of innings. He also finished his final regular season start with a career-high seven strikeouts.

"He pitched really well, and we were going to let him roll tonight," head coach Lane Burroughs said. "I thought they weren't taking very many good swings off of him, and his breaking ball was really good."

"He's pitched well over his past two starts." Right fielder Philip Matulia got the Bulldogs on the board in

the fifth with a two-out, two-run double into the gap in right center, giving LA Tech its first lead of the game at 2-1. Bates then extended the home team's lead to 3-1 in the fifth with a sacrifice fly to right field, marking his 50th RBI of the 2021 season.

Third baseman Hunter Wells remained red hot at the plate, logging his fourth straight multi-hit game in Friday night's defeat. Wells posted his second straight 3-for-5 performance, moving him just 10 hits shy of LA Tech's all-time career hits record. The Katy, Texas native needs just 10 more base hits to reach 270, which would surpass

Next Game

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current Bulldog record holder T.J. Soto at 269 career hits. The Bulldogs will now set their sights on the Conference USA Tournament, which will be held at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park for the first time in program history. LA Tech, the No. 2 seed, will open the tournament on Wednesday at 4 p.m. against No. 7 seed UTSA.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grambling State players meet on the field one final time after a loss to Jackson State eliminated them from the SWAC Tournament.

Out in Alabama

Grambling State eliminated from SWAC Tournament

Special to the Press-Herald

The Grambling State baseball team (17-27) fell into an early 8-3 hole against Jackson State, ultimately falling by a 9-5 margin at Toyota Field on Friday afternoon.

Lead off hitter Cameron Phelts started the game with a solo home run to left field to get the scoring started for Grambling. Graduate student Jahmoi Percival singled to second base and ended up scoring on an error by the catcher to take an early lead 2-0 in the top of the opening frame.

Jackson State responded and raced out to an early lead, scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning. JSU managed four hits during the inning including a home run.

In the top of the second inning, Kevin Breaux produced a stand up triple down the left field line followed by an RBI single from CJ Mervilus to cut the deficit to 5-3. Jackson State added three runs in the bottom of the second inning to extend its lead to 8-3.

After four straight scoreless innings for Grambling, JSU plated a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to make the score 9-3.

Grambling attempted to make a late rally just as they did in yesterday's contest. Back at the top of the lineup to begin the seventh inning, Cameron Phelts remained consistent at the plate with a single to right field. Sophomore Cameron Bufford added a single to left center field. Picking up where he left off, Jordyn Smith hit a two-RBI single to left center plating Phelts and Bufford cutting the deficit to 5-9. Jeremy Almaguer added a two-out single to third base. Joseph Gunn struck out at the plate to retire the seventh inning. Grambling was only

Inside The Numbers

Grambling State finished with five runs on 12 hits, committed one error, and left nine on base.

Cameron Phelts led Grambling by going 4-4 with a home run, two runs, and one RBI. Jahmoi Percival went 2-5 with one run. Kevin Breaux went 2-4 with one run.

Cameron Bufford, Jordyn Smith, Jeremy Almaguer, CJ Mervilus each had one hit.

LJ Diaz (0-1) started on the mound for Grambling lasting 0.0 innings. He gave up four runs on three hits, one walk, and no strikeouts.

Kimani Bailey and Austin Rotramel pitched in relief.

Jackson State finished with nine runs on 12 hits, committed two errors, and stranded six on base.

Ty Hill led Jackson State at the plate by going 3-4.

Devontae Rhodes started for Jackson State and went 4.1 innings. He gave up three runs on seven hits, one walk, and struck out five.

Mario Lopez (6-0) pitched in relief and was credited with the win. Steven Davila pitched in relief and was credited with the save.

able to manage one baserunner in the eighth and ninth inning, which resulted in a loss to Jackson State and elimination from the 2021 SWAC Baseball Tournament.

Williams, LA Tech Earn All-Louisiana honors

Special to the Press-Herald

Former Louisiana Tech defensive lineman Milton Williams was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) Co-Defensive Player of the Year while seven Bulldogs earned spots on the 2020-21 LSWA All-Louisiana college football teams as announced by the organization on Monday. Tech has now had a player earn LSWA Defensive Player of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons after Amik Robertson earned the distinction in 2019.

Williams, who was recently selected as the 73rd overall pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2021 NFL Draft, was also named First Team All-Louisiana. He earned 2020 First Team All-C-USA honors by both the conference and Phil Steele, and was named a third team All-American by Pro Football Focus. In the 2020 season, the native of Crowley, Texas, ranked third in C-USA in tackles for loss with 10.0 and seventh in sacks with 4.5. Williams was fifth on the team in tackles with 44, including 21 solo. He had a season-high eight tackles and a career-high 3.0 TFLs against UAB on Oct. 31. Williams registered at least three tackles in every game of the 2020 campaign. He also posted two quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery during the season.

Three other Bulldogs were named First Team All-Louisiana in freshman linebacker Tyler Grubbs, sophomore defensive back BeeJay Williamson



COURTESY PHOTO

Former Louisiana Tech defensive lineman Milton Williams was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

and senior offensive lineman Kody Russey.

Grubbs was a FWAA, ESPN and 247Sports.com Freshman All-American. He was named first team all-Conference USA by both the league and Phil Steele while also earning a spot on the Conference USA All-Freshman team. The New Orleans, La., native registered a team-best 99 tackles and finished second on the team in both solo tackles (45) and tackles for loss (9.5). Grubbs opened the season with back-to-back double digit tackle performances with a career-high 16 tackles against Southern Miss (Sept. 19) and a 12-tackle outing against Houston Baptist (Sept. 26). He ended the 2020 campaign with a career-high 12 solo

tackles against Georgia Southern at the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl (Dec. 23). Grubbs finished the season ranked second in C-USA and 25th in the FBS in tackles per game at 9.9, and he was sixth in C-USA in tackles for loss with 9.5.

Williamson was named first team all-Conference USA by both the league and Phil Steele. The native of Dallas, Texas, was third on the team with 56 total tackles, including 32 solo, while also registering 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, three interceptions, three pass breakups, one quarterback hurry and one forced fumble. Williamson recorded two interceptions against UAB and forced a fumble at the goal line to give LA Tech the game-winning

possession. He registered multiple tackles in every game of the 2020 campaign.

Russey was also named first team all-Conference USA by both the league and Phil Steele. The Burleson, Texas, native helped lead an offensive front that ranked first in C-USA and second in the FBS in fourth down conversions at 88.9 percent (16-of-18). Russey led an offense that ranked fourth in C-USA and 53rd in the FBS in red zone offense at 84.6 percent (33-of-39). He helped the offense average 315.8 yards of total offense, including a 216.6 passing yard average and a 99.2 rushing yard average.

Louisiana Tech saw three Bulldogs earn Second Team All-Louisiana

honors in senior linebacker Trey Baldwin, redshirt freshman kicker Jacob Barnes and sophomore return specialist Wayne Toussant.

Baldwin was named second team all-C-USA and earned a spot on the Phil Steele All-Conference USA third team. The Orange, Texas, native finished the season second on the team with 85 total tackles, including a team-best 53 solo tackles. Baldwin posted a career-high 18 tackles, including 14 solo, at UTSA on Oct. 24. His 18 tackles tied for the 11th most nationally in the season, while his 14 solo tackles ranked second in the nation. He ranked first in C-USA and 11th in the FBS in solo tackles with 5.9 per game and was third in the

conference in tackles per game at 9.4. Baldwin registered 7.0 tackles for loss, including 1.0 sacks, five pass breakups, one interception and one quarterback hurry during the 2020 campaign.

Barnes was a Lou Groza National Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Semifinalist, named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team, was an All-Conference USA Honorable Mention and earned a spot on the Phil Steele All-Conference USA Fourth Team. The native of Baton Rouge, La., was a perfect 33-for-33 in PATs, including a career-best 9-for-9 against HBU (Nov. 26). He opened the season with eight straight made field goals, including a career-long 51-yarder against HBU. Barnes finished the season 12-for-14 in field goals, including the game-winning 35-yarder in double overtime against UAB (Oct. 31).

Toussant was named first team all-Conference USA by both the league and Phil Steele as a kick returner. The Maringouin, La., native led C-USA and ranked 34th in the FBS in kickoff returns, averaging 23.0 yards per kick return. He ranked 11th in C-USA in all-purpose yards per game with 83.9. Toussant returned 28 kicks for a total of 644 yards and registered a season-high 60-yard kickoff return against UTEP (Oct. 10). He totaled at least 50 kickoff return yards in seven of LA Tech's 10 games.

LSWA HONOREES

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Cole Kelley, SLU, QB

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Isaiah Chambers, DL, McNeese; Milton Williams, DL, Louisiana Tech

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Isaiah Chambers, DL, McNeese

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Kayshon Boutte, WR, LSU

COACH OF THE YEAR: Billy Napier, Ragin Cajuns

First Team Offense

OL – P.J. Burkhalter, Nicholls; Kody Russey, Louisiana Tech; Jalen Bell, Southeastern Louisiana; Max Mitchell, Louisiana; Jair Joseph, Nicholls

TE – Josh Pederson, ULM
WR – Terrace Marshall, LSU; Dai’Jean Dixon, Nicholls

QB – Cole Kelley, Southeastern Louisiana

RB – Elijah Mitchell, Louisiana; Cameron Carroll, Tulane

First Team Defense

DL – Isaiah Chambers, McNeese; Milton Williams, Louisiana Tech; Jordan Lewis, Southern; Zi’yon Hill, Louisiana

LB – Dorian Williams, Tulane; Jabril Cox, LSU; Tyler Grubbs, Louisiana Tech
DB – Derek Stingley Jr., LSU; Bralen Trahan, Louisiana; BeeJay William-

son, Louisiana Tech; Ferlando Jordan, Southeastern Louisiana

First Team Specialists

K – Cade York, LSU

P – Ryan Wright, Tulane

RS – Chris Smith, Louisiana

Second Team Offense

OL – Evan Roussel, Nicholls; Dallas Black, Southern; Ethan McMullan, Southeastern Louisiana; Sincere Haynesworth, Tulane; O’Cyrus Torrence, Louisiana

TE – Ethan Howard, Southern

WR – Kayshon Boutte, LSU; CJ Turner, Southeastern Louisiana

QB – Levi Lewis, Louisiana

RB – Scooter Adams, NSU; Trey Ragas, Louisiana

Second Team Defense

DL – Ali Gaye, LSU; Micah Latin, Louisiana College; Mason Kinsey, McNeese; Tayland Humphrey, Louisiana

LB – Trey Baldwin, Louisiana Tech; Alexis Ramos, Southeastern Louisiana; Jomard Valsin, Northwestern State

DB – Eli Ricks, LSU; Kevin Moore III, Nicholls; Andre Sam, McNeese; Pig Cage, Nicholls

Second Team Specialists

K – Jacob Barnes, Louisiana Tech

P – Zach Von Rosenberg, LSU

RS – Wayne Toussant, Louisiana Tech

Registration open for Mike McConathy NSU camps

MATT VINES

Northwestern State Assistant Sports Information Director

NATCHITOCHES

Registration is now open for the Mike McConathy Northwestern State Basketball Day Camp occurring June 28-July 1 at

Prather Coliseum.

Boys ages 5-through 12th grade and girls ages 5-through ninth grade are eligible to attend.

The camp runs from 8 a.m.-noon each day are all open to all entrants.

The cost is \$95 with discounts available for multiple children.

Campers will receive individual instruction in a variety basketball skills and a camp shirt and basketball.

Campers can register online at demonbasketballcamps.com or in person at Prather Coliseum in the basketball office.



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Mike McConathy Northwestern State Basketball Day Camp will take place June 28-July 1 at Prather Coliseum. \

OUTDOORS

High water fishing can be super

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Pres-Herald

This has been a wet spring for sure. Just this week, we're hearing of serious flooding plaguing our friends in Lake Charles, an area that needs more disasters like I need a toothache.

As news of the flood waters flash across our television screens, I am reminded of a time when our part of the world experienced serious flooding. The flood of 2016 will, to coin a phrase from a former President Franklin Roosevelt, "live in infamy". Admittedly, the global impact of the flood is not the same as what happened at Pearl Harbor but if flood waters entered your home and you had to stand by helplessly and watch your possessions and your memories wash away, the devastation couldn't be more real to you.

We had to watch the flood of 1991 destroy my in-laws home on Lake D'Arbonne. It was sickening to paddle up to the house, look through the windows and see furniture floating in five feet of water.

Several days earlier, we had no idea the water would get as high as it did. Before it began creeping under the doors, I paddled around their front yard with a bucket of little crawfish I had seined from a ditch and caught some of the biggest chinquapins I have ever caught pulling them from around the roots of mother-in-law's azaleas, which were in full bloom. It was eerie.

There have been other times when heavy rains swelled the water levels in ponds to the point of overflow and I have found the bass on the new ground aggressive and eager to smack the daylight out of my spinner bait.

With flood waters still affecting so much of the state after a foot or more of rain lashed parts of Louisiana, it will be awhile before things return to any semblance of normalcy for hundreds of unfortunate folks who have stood by helplessly and watched flood waters take over homes and businesses.

Although this question pales in importance compared to personal losses from the flood, I wondered what effect all the water would have on this spring's spawn that was just beginning to kick in before the flood.

As waters around here remained high during the 2016 flood, I visited with Mike Wood, retired head of freshwater fisheries for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and asked him what effect the high water levels would have on the annual spawn.

"The main effect of all this extra water will likely be a positive one," Wood said. "Fish are used to water; that's where they live. The high water is not nearly as big a problem for fish as it is for fishermen.

"It's tragic that so many people have had their homes and camps inundated by flood waters but a springtime flood can be a bonanza to the fishery," he added.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bream are being caught on crickets.

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE - Bass fishing has been fair with with some to 6 pounds caught fishing soft plastics, spinners and jigs around the trees and brush. Bream are on the beds and biting crickets and worms. No report on crappie or catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bream fishing is good around the tupelo gums on crickets and worms. Bass are around the grass and pads and are hitting plastic frogs and lizards. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - The river is high but crappie have been fair in the bayou. No report on other species. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Crappie fishing has been fair on the flats on shiners and jigs fished 14 feet deep in 18-25 foot water. Bass have been fair fishing the deeper channel holes with deep diving crank baits, soft plastics and jigs. Bream fishing is good on 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 - Bream are on the beds and fishing has been good on crickets and worms. Bass fishing has been fair to good with best results on soft

plastics fished around the piers and grass and along the edges of the drop-offs in the channel. Stripers have been fair while some nice sized crappie have been caught fishing 7-10 feet deep as well as below the spillway on jigs and shiners. Lots of channel catfish are being caught on cold worms. Kel's Cove has been sold to a group of investors from Ruston. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE - Bass fishing has been fair to good with the drop-shot rig working best. Crappie are around the deeper tops and hitting jigs and shiners fished 12 feet deep in 15-25 foot water. Bream are on the beds and hitting crickets and worms. Catfishing has been good using noodles baited with a variety of baits with a 30 pound op reported. For information contact Bateau's 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 - Bass and crappie are slow to fair. Catfish and bream fishing have both been good this week. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - No report. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is high but slowly falling. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

"Nobody wants fish to be swimming around on their flooded patio but where there is gravel and hard ground and the water stays up for a week or so, we could conceivably have what we call a 'super spawn'. If so, you'll see the positive effects a couple of years down the road."

Wood said that not only

does high water sometimes trigger an impressive spawn, water that is covering new ground flushes out insects - bugs, worms, spiders et al - that are inaccessible to fish under normal circumstances.

"The fish take advantage of this new food source and can really fat-

ten up during times of high water," Wood continued.

I hope and pray that our area will miss the brunt of the excessive rainfall while at the same time feeling concern for folks in the southern part of Louisiana facing another weather-related disaster.

It's a tragedy if your home or camp is flooded. However, being able to catch fish in your flooded yard will hopefully provide just a bit of balm to your pain.

GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS
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LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

La. Tech: Eric Konkol basketball camps returning this summer

RUSTON - The dates for the 2021 Eric Konkol Basketball Camps have been set for the summer with camps available June through August and for campers entering grades kindergarten all the way through high school.



KONKOL

There are three individual camps available - Youth Day Camp, Junior Bulldog Camp and High School Elite Camp - with two sessions each.

The High School Elite Camp will take place on June 12 and 13 from 1-5 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per session (camp t-shirt included) for boys entering ninth through 12th grade. These one-day camps offer high school players the chance to compete against other high-level players from the region with individual and drill work being an integral part of the experience.

The Junior Bulldog

Learn More

Participants can register online at EricKonkolCamps.com. For special camp information, discounts or questions, please contact the Camp Director Josh Wolfe by phone at (318) 265-1387 or by email at wolfe@latech.edu.

Camp will be held Monday through Thursday on July 26-29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily for boys entering kindergarten through sixth grade. This three-day camp (\$150 with camp t-shirt included) is designed for the younger Bulldogs to learn and develop their fundamentals.

The Youth Day Camp will be Monday through Thursday on Aug. 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for boys entering third grade through 8th grade. The cost is \$200 (camp t-shirt included) and will provide campers the opportunity to improve their skills through drills, competition, league play and guest lectures.



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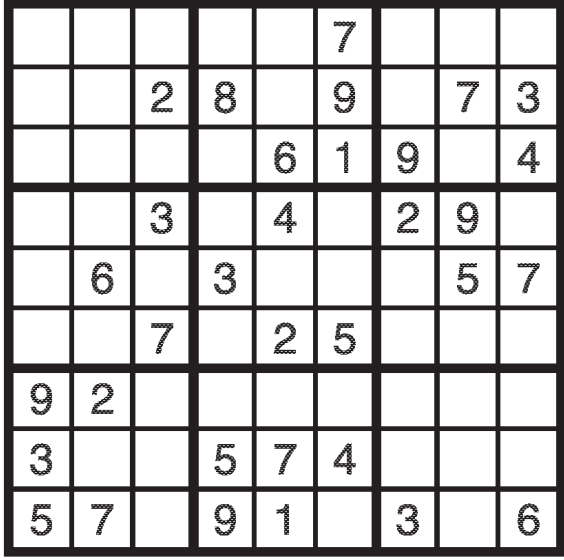
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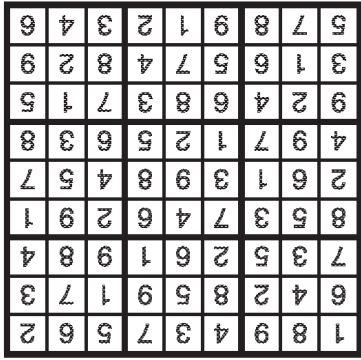
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Fun By The Numbers

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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Monday's unlisted clue: WILSON

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: **Relating to the Netherlands**

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Cattle	Hop	Pole	Tithe
Dairy	Horse	Potato	Tobacco
English	Monitor	Raised in a	

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HISTORY

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1979 - Etan Patz disappears. The disappearance and murder of the 6-year-old boy from New York City and the extensive publicity it received helped spark the missing children's movement.

1977 - The first Star Wars film is released. George Lucas' epic space opera is one of the most popular works in movie history.

1963 - 32 African countries form a coalition against white rule. The Organisation of African Unity was founded to promote decolonization and end white minority governments in Africa. The OAU was replaced by the African Union in 2002.

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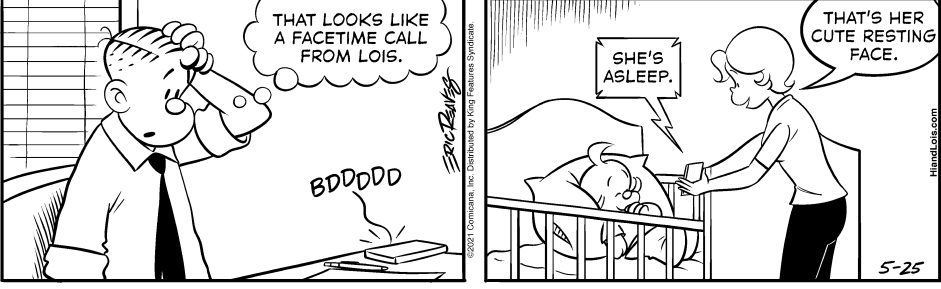
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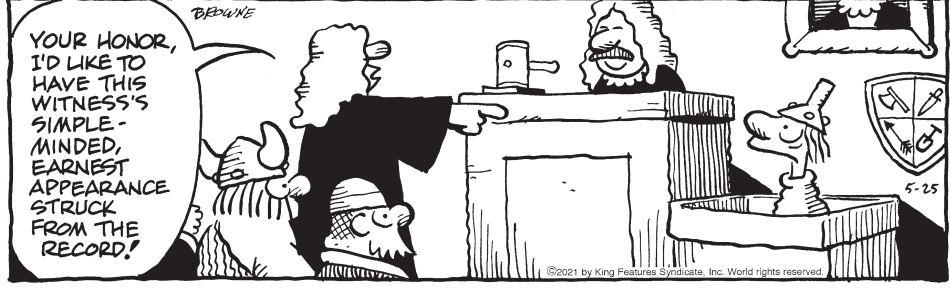
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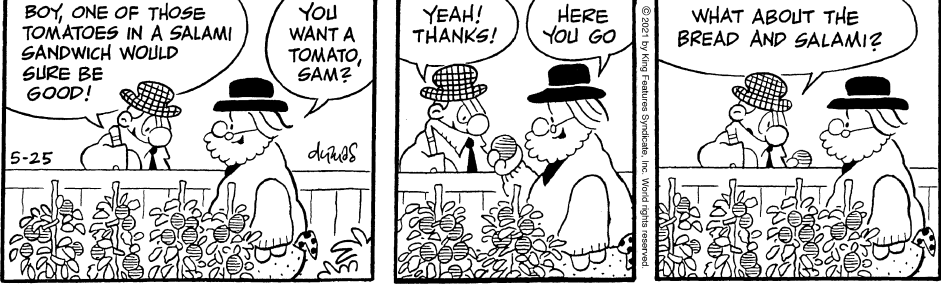
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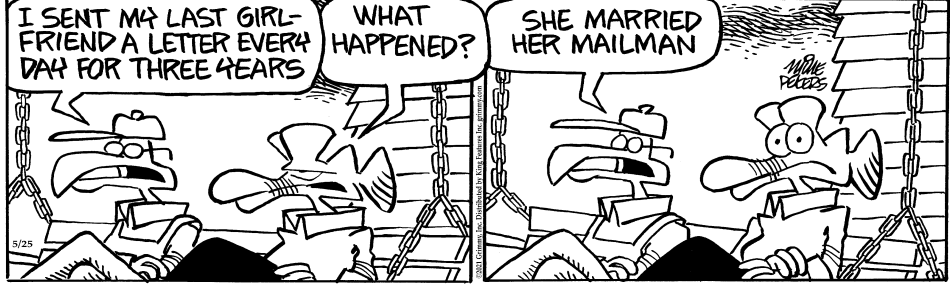
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Parish School Board Office, 1442 Sheppard St., Minden, LA, 71055, or P.O. Box 520, Minden, LA, 71058-0520, (318) 377-1336, Fax (318) 377-6311. Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. This Institution is an equal opportunity employer.
May 18, 2021
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

RESOLUTION NO. 02-05112021 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DELTA BROADBAND MAPPING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Delta, especially rural areas, has been shown to lack adequate digital infrastructure to support access to critical services such as healthcare, distance learning, and remote work, and WHEREAS, Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has announced the Delta Broadband Mapping Project, a regional internet speed testing initiative to support data-driven policy and decision making, and WHEREAS, the goal of this project is to create a regional map of internet availability and speeds, which will help attain funding opportunities for our community. THEREFORE, the Village of Dixie Inn is proud to support DRA on this initiative and requests all resident and businesses to log on to DRA.GOV/SPEEDTEST and complete the Delta Speed Test. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss, seconded by Judy McKenzie to support the Delta Regional Authority in this initiative. The aforesaid resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0
Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor
CERTIFICATE 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: YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 And the same was declared adopted by the Mayor on the 13th day of April 2021. Dana James, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session May 11, 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 May 11, 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 asked to add to the agenda an item J allowing U.S. Underwater to inspect the elevated tank and ground storage tank a year early which would save the Village money due to being in our area inspecting other local facilities at the same time. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to add item J to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the regular session of April 13, 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 Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for April 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Department Reports: Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. Chief James Edwards reported the National Drug Take Back Initiative was held on April 24, 2021 at the Dixie Inn Police Department and 30 pounds of RX and OTC drugs were collected. The handguns transition is complete, and the officers have qualified with the new guns. Their old guns have been returned. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported there will be a budget workshop held on May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Stratton has received notice that the Village should be receiving \$459,000 from LCDBG to complete a new section of the WWTP. St. Joseph Mayor Matt Alexander took possession of the 2012 Tahoe along with miscellaneous Village Police Department surplus items. There will be an LMA District meeting held on June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Springhill. All LGAP funds for the WWTP project, all CWF funds for the elevated tank project, and the FP&C funds for the water plant generator have all been received and contractors have been paid. New Business: A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to adopt LCDBG Management Resolution (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having

3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt Section 504 Grievance Procedure Policy (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). 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 Donna Hoffoss to adopt Grievance Procedure Resolution (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Language Access Plan Resolution (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Language Access Plan for Limited Proficiency Persons (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Policy Statement for Communication Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). 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 adopt Resolution 01-05112021 – Webster Parish Police Jury Funds for drainage south of Village Hall in lieu of striping streets in the Village. The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution 02-05112021 – supporting DRA Broadband Mapping Project. 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 Donna Hoffoss to allow U.S. Underwater to inspect the elevated tank and ground storage tank. The vote on the motion was unanimous. Old Business: A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Language Access Plan for Limited Proficiency Persons (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Policy Statement for Communication Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments (FY 2021 LCDBG sewer treatment). The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss. Vote on the motion was unanimous. ATTEST: Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

Mayor
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald
Village of Dixie Inn Workshop/Special Session May 18, 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 a workshop session/special meeting on May 18, 2021 at 4:00 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 was given. There were no comments or additions to the agenda as presented. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests, which included Mrs. Linda Jones with Wise, Martin, & Cole, LLC CPA firm. New Business: Workshop discussion – 2020/2021 budgets discussed, and Mrs. Linda Jones stated there are no amendments to be made. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton introduced the proposed 2021/2022 operating budgets. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept the proposed budgets. Vote on the motion was unanimous. There was no old business to discuss. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss. Vote on the motion was unanimous. ATTEST: Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN 2021-2022 P R O P O S E D

BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE DIXIE INN VILLAGE HALL, 60 SHELL STREET, DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA, DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., MONDAY - FRIDAY.

A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE BUDGET WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 AT THE DIXIE INN VILLAGE HALL DURING A PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, THE BOARD WILL ADOPT THE 2021-2022 BUDGET. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor
Dana James, Clerk
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance introduced at the Budget Workshop / Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on May 18, 2021 is on file in my office and will be offered for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn utilized the LA Relay System as a method of communicating with hearing impaired persons. The telephone numbers are: TDD Users 1-800-846-5277, Voice Users 1-800-947-5277.

Dana James, Coordinator
Village of Dixie Inn
60 Shell Street
Minden, LA 71055
318-377-6855
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

RESOLUTION NO. 02-04132021
A RESOLUTION DECLARING VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND DONATING SAID EQUIPMENT TO ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA WHEREAS, the

hearing, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana which is scheduled for June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. This declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana on this the 18th day of May 2021.

Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor
ATTEST:
Dana James
Village Clerk
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

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RESOLUTION NO. 02-04132021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND DONATING SAID EQUIPMENT TO ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA WHEREAS, the

following Village of Dixie Inn property was taken out of service and declared as surplus: The Village of Dixie Inn cannot guarantee the operation of the equipment. (3) WATCHGUARD DV-1C OVERHEAD CAMERA UNITS (DECLARED SURPLUS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019)

(2) ALIBI DVRs AND (1) POWER SUPPLY BOX (3) ALIBI CAMERAS AND WIRE CONNECTIONS (6) QSEE CAMERAS AND WIRE CONNECTIONS (4) SUPER CIRCUITS CAMERAS AND WIRE CONNECTIONS (1) CAMERA (UNMARKED BRAND)

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(1) FRONT ANTENNA (G25KA-32483) (1) REAR ANTENNA (G25KA-32641) A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss, seconded by Lance Milligan to declare surplus police gear as surplus and donate said gear to Town of St. Joseph, Louisiana.

The aforesaid resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 s/Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor CERTIFICATE 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 Judy McKenzie, and seconded by Lance Milligan, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

s/Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor CERTIFICATE 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 Lance Milligan, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

And the same was declared adopted by the Mayor on the 13th day of April 2021.

Dana James, Clerk

Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana
May 25, 2021
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RESOLUTION NO. 01-04132021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 2012 CHEVROLET TAHOE LL POLICE VEHICLE AS SURPLUS AND DONATING SAID EQUIPMENT TO ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA WHEREAS, the following Village of Dixie Inn property was taken out of service and declared as surplus: A 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe LL Police Vehicle, VIN# 1GNLC2E06CR168614, Odometer Reading - 121,942

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie, seconded by Lance Milligan to declare the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle as surplus and donate said vehicle to Town of St. Joseph, Louisiana. The Village of Dixie Inn cannot guarantee the operation of the equipment. The aforesaid resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

s/Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor CERTIFICATE 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 Judy McKenzie, and seconded by Lance Milligan, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

And the same was declared adopted by the Mayor on the 13th day of April 2021.

Dana James, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana
May 25, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF WEBSTER VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN RESOLUTION #01-05112021

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana previously requested assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury for striping dedicat-

ed streets (name-ly Front St., Mason St., McArthur St., Shell Street., Osborn St., McClanahan St., Hallmark St., and Stanley St., and replace some regulatory signs, all located in Dixie Inn, Louisiana, and WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn would like to amend the previous Resolution #01-02092021 to allow for drainage work south of the Village Hall, near the baseball field, and on Hallmark Street to Mason Street, and replace some regulatory signs, all located in Dixie Inn, Louisiana. WHEREAS the total project cost will be deducted from allotted annual municipality funding, and costs over the allotted annual municipality funding will be billed to the municipality, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution be adopted and sent to the Webster Parish Police Jury to be placed on the agenda prior to the Jury's regular meeting in June 2021.

THUS, DONE UPON MOTION by Judy McKenzie, duly seconded by Lance Milligan and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on May 11, 2021. YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0 Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor I, Dana James, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on May 11, 2021.

Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 11th day of May 2021.

Dana James, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn
May 25, 2021
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