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GOVERNMENT

Unemployment trust fund balance up, new claims down

DAVID JACOBS

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Louisiana's unemployment benefits fund is back in the black as the number of new claims is declining, officials reported Friday.

unemployment insurance trust fund balance was \$48 million, Louisiana Workforce Commission Secretary Ava Cates told the House and Senate budget committee. The balance previously dropped to zero amid unprecedented demand related to the COVID-19driven economic down-

The state owes the federal government \$184 million that state officials borrowed to pay legally required benefits, Cates said. Lawmakers plan to repay the federal debt with federal money from Louisiana's \$3 billion American Rescue Plan allocation.

The number of people making claims that would be paid out of the fund has fallen recently when compared with the worst stretch of the pandemic but remains significantly higher than pre-pandemic norms. New claims for unemployment during the week ending Saturday dropped to 5,573 from the previous week's total of 5,976, according to the Workforce Commission. During the week ending May 30, 2020, 19,334 initial claims were filed.

The number of people with continuing claims is hovering around 50,000. Continued claims for last week decreased to 47,680 compared with 51,031 the

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SUMMER TIME IN MINDEN



WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

With school out and temperatures on the rise, many are wondering when the City will be turning on the spray parks for the summer. It's been quite some time since they've been in operation, seeing as they were closed down last year due

and Recreation, Rocke Musgraves, provided an update on when citizens can expect the spray parks to spray once more.

Musgraves stated that Babbs Park's spray park is already up and running. However, the opening of spray parks at Victory and Ewell Park have been delayed due to some recent acts of vandalism.

"We're repairing Victory Park and Ewell Park from vandalism, so we're hoping to have those open sometime next week," said

The pool at the REC Center is also planned to be open soon, however the consistent rain over the past week has made it difficult for staff at the REC

Center to balance the pool's chemicals, leading to a delay in it's opening as well.

Musgraves stated that they'll have to monitor the pool day to day before they can declare whether it's ready to be opened, but that it should be opening any day now, so contact the REC Center at (318) 371-4241 to be updated of it's status.

Mike Johnson speaks at town hall hosted at NLTCC

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Minden Press-Herald

Mike Congressman Johnson visited Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College last Thursday to hold a Town Hall with the residents of Minden, where he provided an update on how things are going in Washington as well as opening the floor to questions from those in the audience. The Congressman snoke on a wide array of topics, including infrastructure, rural broadband, redistricting, and tax reform.

In regards to redistricting, the numbers from the most recent U.S. Census are going to change Louisiana's district lines. Louisiana's 4th district, the one Johnson represents, could see some expansion east or south as a result.

"The discussion right now is is our district going to go a bit further east, going towards Ruston and taking some of that population, or the other alternative is to go further south, so you would have everyone from Benton almost all the way to the coast," said Johnson.

The Congressman also mentioned that some proposals have included turning all of North Louisiana into one district, which would be disadvantageous for citizens of North Louisiana receiving representation.

'Some of the other suggestions that have been mentioned is let's just do away with this whole thing, and just have one North Louisiana District," said Johnson.

"We're vehemently opposed to that, and I think everyone in North Louisiana should be. Because let's be honest, those of us who have grown up in North Louisiana, we're often thought of as the forgotten stepchild of

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SECOND FRONT

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana lawmakers looking for more money for roads

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Senate's spending committee advanced two bills Sunday that would redirect money from highway department salaries to road construction and maintenance.

The proposals in their current form would free up more than \$1 billion over five years to build and maintain roads and bridges but would force lawmakers to find other money to run the department. Senate Finance Chair Bodi White said he expects the bills will be amended to soften the effect on the state's general fund.

fund.

The bills join House Bill 514, which would make permanent a 0.45% sales tax scheduled to expire in 2025 and dedicate money collected after that to roads, among the pending instruments legislators are considering in the session's final days to create a recurring revenue stream for transportation infrastructure.

"It gives us some choices of what we're going to do," White said.

House Bill 40 by Rep. Mark Wright, a Covington Republican, would gradually eliminate over seven years the amount of money from the Transportation Trust Fund the Department of Transportation and Development can use for salaries and benefits.

Gasoline taxes fund the TTF. Of the approximately \$700 million collected annually, about \$400 million goes to the department's employees, Wright said.

He said the change would provide more money for roads and bridges and give the Louisiana Legislature "more engagement" with DOTD, which would have to come to the relevant committees to ask for general fund dollars.

House Bill 511 by Rep. Jack McFarland, R-Jonesboro, takes a similar tack with vehicle sales taxes, which currently go to the general fund. The bill calls for an additional 10% of that money to go to the construction subfund of the TTF over 10 years until reaching 100%.

Sen. Mark Abraham, R-Lake Charles, said the state has been running a surplus in recent years but suggested the three bills taken together could create a "hole in the budget" at some point. Wright said future lawmakers always could change course if needed.

The Senate Finance Committee also advanced House Concurrent Resolution 6 by House Appropriations Committee Chair Jerome Zeringue. The resolution directs St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and Orleans parishes and two southeast Louisiana levee boards to come up with a plan to help pay for the state's share of the cost of a hurricane and flood protection system in their area. State officials will make the first \$400 million payment on the \$1.1 billion debt with federal American Rescue Plan funding in September.

The debt is a state obligation, but some state legislators have argued the local governments that benefit most directly should chip in, noting local governments also are getting ARP money. The resolution does not specify how much the locals should contribute.

The session must end by 6 p.m. Thursday.

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sweek before. The fourweek average of continued claims decreased to 50,248 from 51,333.

At roughly the same time last year, there were 301,598 continued claims, according to the Workforce Commission.

Cates said Gov. John Bel Edwards' administration will make a "data-driven decision" in the coming weeks about whether Louisiana will opt out of federally enhanced unemployment benefits. Twenty-five states have announced plans to decline the additional \$300 per week before the program's scheduled end Sept. 6.

The administration has engaged a team of economists led by former Revenue Estimating Conference member Jim Richardson to study whether the enhanced

benefits are on balance a positive or negative for the state. Many employers believe the benefits are enabling large numbers of potential employees to stay out of the workforce, creating a labor shortage, though many economists aren't so sure.

"Since virtually all COVID restrictions have now been lifted, and there is incredible demand for labor, there's diminishing justification for continuing a program that disincentivizes residents from seeking employment," Andrew Fitzgerald, an official with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, said in a prepared statement.

Edwards has said Louisiana is more dependent on tourism – a sector that is not close to recovering – than many of the states planning to opt out. Louisiana typically has an unemployment spike during the summer even during a normal year because fewer people want to vacation in the state during the hottest months, Cates said.

The availability and cost of child care also is a factor for many families. Edwards said Congress chose Sept. 6 as an end date to get families through the summer, suggesting Louisiana might consider opting out when schools reopen in August. He said the stimulative effect of the federal money on Louisiana's economy also must be taken into account.

David Jacobs is a Baton Rouge-based award-winning journalist who has written about government, politics, business and culture in Louisiana for almost 15 years. He joined The Center Square in 2018.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Jimmy Shine, 30, of the 1100 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery with strangulation and child endangerment, home invasion, and entry after being forbidden.

LaJerllea Taylor, 29, of the 600 block of Leary Street, was arrested for two counts of child deser-

Juanita Allen, 48, of the 100 block of Syrup Mill Road, was arrested on a state warrant.

Charity Clark, 25, of the 400 block of Park Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tina Baskin, 28, of the 2200 block of Doc Steed, was arrested for simple assault.

Sylvester Coleman, 28, of the 600 block of Columbia Street, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, disturbing the peace by public intoxication, and obstruction of highway.

DeJuan White, 25, of the 3200 block of Penick Street, was arrestested for failure to appear in court.

Marilyn Brown, 59, of the 1000 block of Talton Street, was arrested on a warrant for telephone harassment.

Alicia Hill, 43, of the 500 block of Woodart Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Chereden Germany, 38, of the 100 block of Robertson Trailer Park was arrested on a warrant for operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Jacqueline Alums, 59, of the 100 block of Allums Road, was arrested on a warrant for a hit and run.

Sylvester Coleman Jr., 28, of the 600 block of Columbia Street, was arrested for obstruction of justice, obstruction of a highway of commerce, and resisting an officer.

Louis Reno, 41, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Abriya Batton, 32, of the 1100 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court. Jason Goodwin, 44, of the 200 block of Pearl Street, was arrested on a warrant for domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

Xander Procell, 23, of the 1100 block of Gloria Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Edward Pauley, 47, of the 100 block of Austin Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Timothy Bardette, 30, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for domestic abuse with child endangerment, false imprisonment, and resisting by force.

Markeese Germany, 22, of the 700 block of Curry Street, was arrested for flight from an officer, improper lane usage, driving under suspension, and failure to appear in court.

Terrin Prazier, 28, of the 100 block of Stanley Street, was arrested for three counts of aggravated 2nd degree battery.

Alan Perry, 40, of the 800 block of Fincher Road, was arrested for resisting an officer and disturbing the peace through language.



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Town Hall: Congressman Johnson talked about the FCC being given 20 billion dollars to expand rural broadband over the next ten years

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Louisiana."

"The legislature meets in Baton Rouge, when big decisions are made in New Orleans. The majority of the population is south of 1-10," said Johnson.

"So there's a lot of value in having two North Louisiana representatives in congress, because you get more than just one voice for North Louisiana."

Congressman Johnson also spoke briefly about the Republicans chances of taking back the House of Representatives in the 2022 midterm elections and was rather optimistic about their chances.

"I project that House Republicans are going to retake the majority in the house in 2022, there's a lot of reason for that. Historically the first midterm election after a new president takes control of the whitehouse, his party loses on average 20-29 seats.

Nancy Pelosi has a 4 vote majority on us right now. it's the smallest margin since WWII, so it's not going to take much for the republicans to take control of the house," said Johnson.

He stated that retaking the House would be beneficial for Louisiana in particular, seeing as 2 of our 6 congressmen are in the top five leadership positions of House Republicans.

"If that all works out as we project, we'll be in pretty good shape. Steve Scahlise, in the New Orleans area, is the number two ranked republican in the house, he's the republican whip," said Johnson.

"I got elected to the number four leadership position because I'm the vice chairman of the house republicans. So we think this is the first time, maybe in Louisiana history, when you have two of the six of us in a top five leadership position in one of the parties in the house, and if we're in the majority party that's really good for us and our district."

Another topic the Congressman addressed was that of infrastructure, even calling it "one of the last bi-partisan issues we could actually get going on." While understanding the importance and need on infrastructure for Louisiana, Johnson said he is opposed to Biden's Infrastructure bill in its current

state because not enough of the proposed 2 trillion would be going directly to infrastructure.

Johnson himself stated that only 5% of the allocated monies in the bill would actually go to infrastructure.

"The Louisiana Delegation is all in on infrastructure investment. I believe, from a biblical perspective, there are a couple things God ordained civil government to do. One of them is the defense of the community and the nation, and the other is infrastructure, because it's larger than any group, body, church community, or a family can do, so it's an appropriate role for the government," said Johnson.

"We have not been performing that role well, on state level or a federal level, for a long time. We pushed off taking care of these needs for so long, and the longer you delay maintenance, the more expensive it becomes, and the bigger the problem becomes. So now we've got ourselves in a hole ... where we have this massive backlog and these huge needs."

"The republicans, we want to invest, we want to do this right and do it well. But we cannot go along with spending 3 trillion dollars on things that are not related to infrastructure," said Johnson.

On the same note, the Congressman also talked about the FCC being given 20 billion dollars to expand rural broadband over the next ten years. However, he stated that

as of now it is in the hands of private broadband providers to take advantage of the funding.

"We mean real rural broadband, not just the suburbs and big cities, that what happened last time there was federal dollars for it," said Johnson. "We think Louisiana, by the estimates, there 182,000 locations in the state that would qualify for rural investment, so now we need the private broadband providers to get into the market."

Mike Johnson is the Congressman representing Louisiana's 4th Congressional District. More information on the congressman as well as information on how to contact him can be found at the website mikejohnson house.gov.

OBITUARIES



Frances Parker

Graveside services for Frances Parker will be held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends Monday, June 7, 2021 from 5:00

until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Frances was born July 19, 1938 in Minden, Louisiana

and entered into rest June 3, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Bob Parker and three sons, Joe, Roger, and Mark Vallacchi.

Frances is survived by her sons, Max Vallacchi of Minden and Alexander Vallacchi of New Orleans; sister, Robbie Chelette and husband Bill of Minden; brother, Jimmy Cox and wife Christine of Minden; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home 211 Murrell Street Minden, Louisiana 71055



Larry Wayne Phillips

His journey began on March 28th, 1949 in Morton Mississippi. He was born to Gracen and Ruby Philling

Larry grew up with 3 sisters and

1 brother.

He loved football and was very good at it., but he met and fell in love with Jo Ann Aldy and made her his bride on September 29, 1966.

The following year they had a daughter, Tina, and in "69 a son Larry (Bubba), in "70 another son was born Mike, and in "71 a daughter Tammy.

He worked very hard to take care of his family, for most of his life he was a seismographic driller in the oilfield. His profession took him all over the U.S. where he met and made many friends. One of his favorite places to live was on False River, in New Roads, LA.

He retired in 2015 from Omni Energy Services, and in 2016 after 49 years of marriage he lost his great love Jo Ann in a long battle of Cancer, followed by his 2 furry companions Sissy and Scooter.

After the loss of Jo Ann he struggled with navigating life without her. In doing so he explored his love of Music by playing guitar and song writing. He enjoyed time with his many grandchildren and going to the race track

In 2017 he became very sick, first he began having trouble with his heart, then he was diagnosed with Carcinoid and then Endocarditis. After a long battle to

regain his health the Lord called him home on June 5, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jo Ann Phillips, Parents: Gracen and Ruby Phillips, Sisters: Faye Chambers, Barbara Phillips, Brothers: Bobby Phillips, Jerry Phillips, Son-in-law: Mike Essex, Great Granddaughter: Thea Jane Phillips.

Left to honor his memory are his children Tina Aultman(LaRue), Larry (Bubba) Phillips (Kelli), Mike Phillips (Aubrey), Tammy Essex. His sisters Linda Carter (Jimmy), Glenda Crout (Doyle), his 17 grandchildren, and 42 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

Our hearts are broken but we are rejoicing that his battles are over and victory has been won.

We would like to thank everyone who prayed, visited, called, text, and brought food, or supported us in any way. A very Special Thank You to Dr. Konduru and all the medical staff at WK North Medical Center.

Services for Larry will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Pastor Louie Foerster officiating. Interment will follow at Ethans Gate Cemetery in Heflin, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jay Aultman, Payton Phillips, Brandon Eichelberger, Gracen Phillips, Gabriel Phillips, and Gannon Phillips.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Tomlinson Matthew Potter and James Mixon.

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Phillip Rozeman: Plea for common sense at CDC

I have written many opinion pieces over the last 15 months with the goal of promoting a common sense approach to decision-making in matters related to COVID-19. It seems to me we have too often ignored the law of unintended consequences during this pandemic.

Over the past school year, we have lived with a complex set of CDC school orders and quarantine procedures that made in-school learning much more difficult than necessary. For a prolonged period, we lived with recommendations to just stay inside at all times - just building fear, depression, and anxiety and threatening millions of jobs.

I thought I had seen about every overly cautious regulation possible before our family attempted to take a trip with my two-year-old grandchild on the weekend before last. This one took the cake.

The trip from San Antonio to Dallas was made into quite an adventure by a current CDC order that all children two years and older must wear a mask throughout the airplane trip. For those who have ever had a chance to spend any time with a two-year-old, you know what the potential barriers are to applying these orders.

When we entered the plane to come home from our trip to San Antonio, my grandson with no mask was met by a steward who commented his glasses reminded him of the child in the movie "Jerry Maguire". As we walked down the aisle, we were met by another steward who focused in on the fact that Collin had no mask.

When we reached our seats,



ROZEMAN

explaining to a twoyear-old who had missed his why nap he should wear his mask like his mother and grandfather. Un-

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fortunately on this day, Collin did not agree with our rationale. He refused to keep his mask over his mouth and nose.

The steward came back to our seat and told us in no uncertain terms that Collin had to wear the mask over his nose and mouth for the entire trip home. We told him that Collin refused to wear the mask and that we didn't know anything else to do to entice him to wear

The steward then informed us he would get his boss. That steward who had originally met us at the door tried without success to get Collin to wear a different mask provided by the airline. This effort was profoundly unsuccessful.

The next person to come to our row was a security person there to usher us off the plane. We did our perp walk off the plane with Collin in my arms and my daughter following with Collin's diaper bag. My wife was left on the plane with our four-year-old grandchild.

Left in the airport, we had two choices - either to try a flight on another airline or rent a car to drive home. Fortunately, we did get home late that night but that doesn't negate the fact this order to force face mask use on two and three year olds is difficult to implement and unnecessary. Children this age pose essentially zero COVID risk to themselves and others.

The World Health Organization recommends that children age 2-5 should not wear masks and decisions on those 6-11 should be made on an individualized risk-based approach. As we open up schools without masks in Louisiana for all children this summer, the CDC

continues the order to mask two year olds.

The recent CDC decision to finally release those who are vaccinated from most physical distancing and masking is a step in the right direction. It will open up the economy in many states currently not open for business and hopefully will prevent our government from adding trillions of dollars to the already huge national debt further punishing young families and their two and three year olds.

I appreciate the difficulty of the work of the CDC but overcaution can have negative consequences just like too little caution. What happened to my family happens to families in airplanes every day and really needs to stop. Any amount of thoughtful evaluation of this travel masking order for very young children would render the judgment this recommendation defies common sense.

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OTHER OPINION

Hanna: Budget woes, flagship status for La. Tech

The Louisiana Legislature is in the final throes of its fiscal-only session and to date the only substantive matter lawmakers have approved was a \$37-billion budget, which is saying something.

Normally lawmakers wait until the last couple of days of a session before approving the budget, but this year it's been a different story. Senate President Page Cortez and House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, both Republicans, decided lawmakers should get the budget out of the way early and send it on to the governor, who has the power to sign it as it is or veto any spending measure he doesn't like. By putting the budget in the governor's lap while the legislative session is still underway, lawmakers would have time to override the governor's veto of a particular appropriation if they chose to go that route. Remember, it takes a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override a veto, which equates to 70 votes in the House and 26 in the Senate. That's a tall order under any circumstances.

On the flip side, by receiving the budget while the Legislature is still in session Gov. John Bel Edwards can hold the budget hostage while lawmakers dicker around with legislation such as two rather controversial bills authored by Sen. Jay Morris of Monroe. Morris, a Republican, offered a bill to allow individuals to carry a handgun sans a conceal carry permit issued by Louisiana State Police while another bill would open the door for social media titans - such as Facebook - to be punished if the companies engaged in censoring conservative commentary. A host of Republican-controlled legislatures around the country have approved legislation similar to Morris' anti-censorship bill.

For the record, Edwards is



HANNA

opposed to both of Morris' bills. Morris'

anti-censorship bill proved by the Senate on a 37-0 but some reason. Rep. Greg

Miller, the Republican chair man of the House Civil Law & Procedure Committee, refuses to schedule Morris' bill for a hearing. Morris' bill must be approved by Miller's committee in order for it to be sent to the House for consideration.

One can only imagine what's motivating Miller to refuse to hear Morris' anti-censorship bill. The cynic in me would suggest Miller received instructions from his boss, Schexnayder, to sandbag the bill. After all, a committee chairman won't be a committee chairman for long if he bucks the boss. In the House of Representatives, the Speaker is the

And one can only imagine what could have possibly prompted Schexnayder to sandbag Morris' bill. The cynic in me would suggest someone from the governor's office whispered in Schexnayder's ear, and that someone said the governor would appreciate it if he wasn't put in a position in which he must sign the bill or veto it. After all, Edwards has plans to veto at least one other controversial bill this year (More on that topic in a mo-

Meanwhile, Morris' conceal carry bill was approved by the House and Senate and is en route to the governor, who has not indicated whether he'll sign it or veto it. Odds are he will veto it.

On another controversial front, Sen. Beth Mizell's bill to ban men from playing women's sports passed the House and Senate and awaits the governor's signature or his Edwards has said he will veto the bill. Apparently the governor feels it's okay for men to beat up on little girls on a soccer field or a basketball court because there is no justification on God's green earth in allowing males who are confused about their identity to participate in women's sports. None

No legislative session would be complete without a little controversy brewing behind the scenes and out of sight of the nosy press. This year is no different.

When the LSU Board of Supervisors tapped William Tate a few weeks ago to become the next president of the university, more than a few lawmakers got a bit peeved with the board's decision. They got their noses out of joint because more than a few lawmakers had been told Jim Henderson, who currently runs the University of Louisiana System, would get the LSU job. As we all know by now, the LSU board opted to make history by making Tate the first black president of LSU in the history of the Ole War Skule.

So it seems LSU has run into a bit of a problem at the Legislature in securing funding in this year's budget for a pet project or two on the main campus just down the road from the Capitol. The irony of it all is the LSU people - those that hold high-paying jobs on the campus to do little or nothing - are simply dumbfounded by the Legislature's refusal to give LSU what it wants and when it wants it.

Perhaps if the LSU board had not hired a man whose entire academic career was focused on peddling the silly narrative that every white SOB on the planet was a racist, lawmakers wouldn't give LSU the cold shoulder.

There's something to be learned in this latest episode of LSU proving its worth - or lack thereof - to the state. That is, perhaps the time has arrived for LSU get some competition for a change as it relates to sucking money out of the public till. One way to level the playing the field - so to speak would be for the Legislature to grant flagship status to La. Tech University.

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COOKING LIFE

12 past winners of Louisiana seafood cooking contest compete

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — With Louisiana's coronavirus pandemic restrictions canceled, a dozen past winners will compete against each other in person this month in the 14th annual Louisiana Seafood Cook-Off.

"As people begin to travel again, we want to promote our Louisiana chefs and locally-owned restaurants," Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser said in a news

Competing chefs will include 2009 winner Tory McPhail, who left Commander's Palace in New Orleans last year for Bozeman, Montana, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism said.

The cook-off will take place the evening of June 22 at the Cajundome Convention Center in La-

Some of the more than 200 restaurants participating in the city-parish's EatLafayette summer promotion will be selling

Last year's cook-off, like similar events nationwide, was held online.

"After the year we have been through, it is encouraging to be hosting the Louisiana Seafood Cook-Off in conjunction with the EatLafayette kickoff in person this year," said Ben Berthelot, Lafayette Travel President and CEO.

Contestants 10 men, a woman and a married couple. The winner will be dubbed "King of Kings," "Queen of Kings" or "King and Queen of Kings."

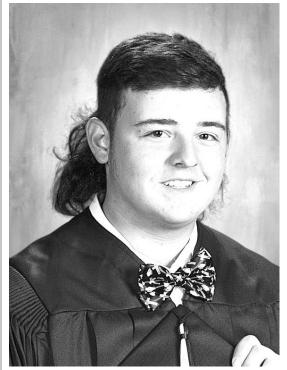
Each competitor will get a set basket of ingredients and have a pantry from which to choose additions.

Drawings will determine the order in which they cook and a mystery ingredient for each chef. Chefs will learn what their mystery ingredient is when they have 10 minutes cooking time left, and must make it a part of their dish.

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Austin,

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With love,

Mom, Mister, Dad, Ms. Lisa, and all your siblings

INSPIRATION

Prayer changes things

Alfred Lord Tennyson said "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

A friend recalled that her alcoholic father overheard his wife praying out loud, not realizing that he had just walked into the door late at night. She pleaded "you have got to help me or I am going to have to leave my husband because all of our grocery money is being spent on alcohol."

The husband was so overwhelmed by his

wife's prayer that he immediately stopped drinking and never touched another drop.

Shortly thereafter, his wife placed a plaque in their living room that read: "prayer changes things."

SARAH

HUDSON-PIERCE

From the backwoods of Arkansas, before going into an orphanage, to today, God has had His hand on my life whether I deserved it or not, pulling me out of tight places that

would have destroyed me had He not rescued me.

I have so many stories that just keep coming to me that I've never written about. I must get right on

We are told in Matthew 6:6 "But thou, when thou pray enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly."

Prayer works!

He has never left me stranded.

Some of my experiences are too personal to

write about.

As though waiting in the wings --- answers came out of the blue!

We all feel vulnerable and hesitate to

share our secrets and our deepest fears - yet it's in being open, we reach out and give others hope.

People have to know we care, that we are not just reaching out because we

are on some paid staff. Caring comes across in so many ways, whether we know it or not.

We can't fake caring.

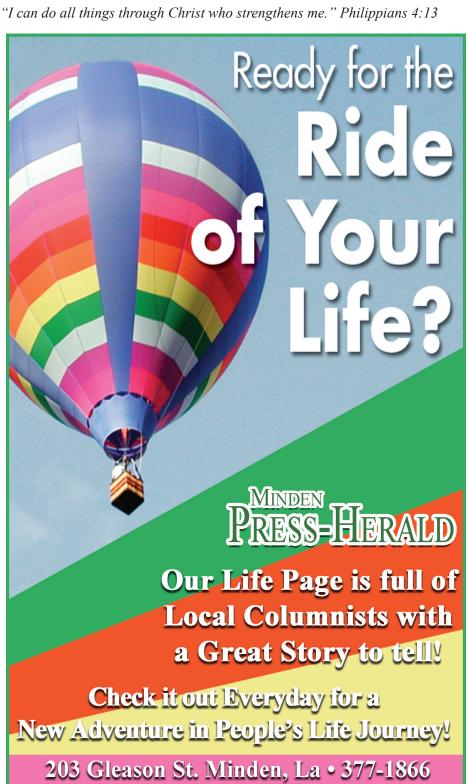
Having witnessed floods on every hand across the nation, and around the world, I can't help but wonder how many prayers have been uttered behind closed doors or did we just run for our pumps and sand bags to protect our homes while we listened to the weather channel. Do we put our trust in Him or in our ability to make it on our own?

The truth is we can't make it without His help.

I believe that God demands us to acknowledge Him for who He is - our creator - our protector, the God of our lives - and not in some pious - holier than thou art way.

He made us for Himself and He will get us to the right place at the right

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GOVERNMENT

Push to Streamline Sales Tax Collections Gets Final Approval in Louisiana Legislature

BY MATTHEW BENNETT AND ADRIAN DUBOSE

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BATON ROUGE-The Legislature gave final approval Thursday to a bill to streamline sales tax collections, while the House refused to extend \$180 million in tax credits for the movie industry, at least for now.

The Senate also voted to extend the suspension of the corporation franchise tax on the first \$300,000 of capital for small business corporations with taxable income of \$1 million or less. The measure could cost the state \$313.5 million in revenue over five years.

The push to streamline sales tax collections was led by House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonzalez. The goal was to create one body to collect both the state and local portions of the sales tax, simplifying the payment process for

businesses, and then distribute the money to the various jurisdictions.

Schexnayder's bill, HB 199, would require a constitutional amendment approved by state voters. It would then create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, comprised of eight members, to oversee the effort and make the collection process as simple for businesses as it is in many other states.

"We've been trying to get this done for nearly 40 years and today we did it," Schexnayder said in a statement. "Removing this roadblock is the critical first step in turning our state around and bringing good, high-quality jobs for our people. Today was a big day for Louisiana."

Also on Thursday, the House voted 45-37 against extending the sunset date for the movie industry tax credit.

The Motion Pictures Production Program provides state-certified film and TV productions with up to a 40% tax credit on in-state expenditures. The program can issue up to \$150 million in credits per fiscal year, and recipients can claim up to \$180 million per fiscal year.

Senate Bill 173 by Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, was to extend the sunset date of the credit from 2025 to 2028.

Twenty-three members were absent for the vote, so the bill could be brought up again before the session ends next Thursday.

Some lawmakers argued that the tax credit helps the state tourism industry and small businesses.

Rep. Barry Ivey, R-Central, said he opposed any instruments that would diminish the movie tax credit program. However, he pointed out that most of the companies that used the credit were based out of state.

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2021 Miss Louisiana Competition

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The 2021 Miss Louisiana Competition will be held Thursday, June 17 - Saturday, June 19 at 7:30 pm at the Monroe Civic Center's WL "Jack" Howard Theatre. A Press Conference will be held on Monday, June 14th

at 11 am in the Theatre lobby. The press conference will give the media and public a chance to hear from the Executive Director of the Miss Louisiana Organization, Dewana Little, producer of the live televised finals, Wayne Gentry, and the major television sponsors. This will also be the first opportunity to meet the 30 candidates from all over the state vying for the title of Miss Louisiana. "Miss Louisiana 2020, Courtney Hammons has done a wonderful job representing the state and representing our organization. She stepped into this job during a very dark time in our world's history, but Courtney has

brought light to all those she has encountered. She is a wonderful young lady who will do great things." Dewana Little, Executive Director. Preliminary compe-

competition will be held on Thursday and Friday evening and the live statewide telecast will be held on Saturday. This year's show will feature Miss Louisiana 2020, Courtney Hammons, the Miss Louisiana Band & Dancers, Miss Louisiana 2007, Amanda Joseph May, Miss Louisiana 2011, Hope Fruge, Miss Louisiana 2013, Jaden Hubbard, Miss Louisiana 2015, April Aran, and Miss Louisiana 2019 Meagan Crews. Ed Walsh and Melissa Whitworth will be our emcees, with special guests, Miss Louisiana 2007, Amanda May and Miss Louisiana 2011, Hope Fruge'. Also featured will be the 30 candidates and Fleur de Lis Princesses.

The Miss Louisiana Organization would like to thank all of our sponsors because without the support of our community, the Miss Louisiana Competition would not be the success that it is each year. Miss Louisiana Corporate Sponsors include: Monroe/West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau, City of Monroe, the University of Louisiana Monroe, Propane Dealers of Louisiana, Vantage Health Plan, and Towne Place Suites.

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Suites. The Miss Louisiana Organization has a volunteer-based Board of Directors that works to share the accomplishments of the 30 candidates and provide scholarships to further their education. The Miss Louisiana Organization will award over \$60,000 in cash scholarships this year, with over \$500,000 in cash and in-kind scholarships made available. The Miss Louisiana Organization is part of the Miss America Organization, the number one provider of scholarships for women in the world.





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COLLEGE BASEBALL

One for the books



La. Tech's Hunter Wells hits a pitch during the Bulldogs' loss to N.C. State Sunday.

La. Tech's historic season comes to a close in loss to NC State in Ruston Regional Final

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

A division title, an appearance in the Conference USA Championship game and hosting the first NCAA Regional in program history. What a year it was for Louisiana Tech Baseball, and what a season it was back home at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park.

A historic 2021 season, the sixth 40-win season in program history, came to a close with 16 straight games played at the Love Shack. Many of those 16 games came down to the final out, six of which came in walk-off variety. The caliber of baseball was special, but doing it in front of sellout crowd after sellout crowd made the games even more memorable.

Louisiana Tech (42-20) saw its season come to a close on Sunday night in a 14-7 defeat to a talented and powerful NC State (33-17) roster. A crowd of 2,513 fans packed the Love Shack for the final time in 2021. A whopping 10,546 fans packed the Shack for the four Bulldog games in the Ruston NCAA Regional.

The fans ated the effort. student-athletes coaches appreciated the turnout even more.

"The crowd was unbelievable," head coach Lane Burroughs said. "They showed up. They lifted us up and helped us win ballgames this week-

La. Tech pitcher Nick Ellis hurls a strike during the Bulldogs' game versus N.C.

"This is how you build it right here with all these fans. Our better days are ahead. We're going to keep moving. We're not going anywhere."

In his final game as a Bulldog, senior Parker Bates crushed two home runs and a triple to cap off his LA Tech career. Bates, the all-time leader in games played at Louisiana Tech with 226 appearances in a Bulldog uniform, hit a pair of tworun homers in the first and third innings to help Tech build an early 4-0

After NC State trimmed the lead to 4-3 in the bottom of the fourth, the centerfielder once again crushed a ball off NC State starter Matt Willadsen for a two-out RBI triple to left center. Bates

finished his final season at LA Tech with 28 extra-base hits and a teamhigh 62 RBI.

"This is a very special team in Louisiana Tech history," Bates said. "We've accomplished so much, and we're really just sharing the love and soaking in the last moments with each other on the field."

Third baseman Hunter Wells, Tech's all-time leader in career hits and triples, became the first Bulldog to tally 100 hits in a season when his tworun homer sailed over the wall in left center in the seventh inning. Fittingly, Wells' final swing with two outs in the top of the ninth inning broke yet another Bulldog record. An infield single marked his 169th total base of the

2021 season, a new LA Tech record.

Wells finished the season as the team leader in home runs (14), total bases (169), batting average (.385) and hits (101). In just over three years in Ruston, he wrote himself into the Bulldog record books early and often.

Right fielder Philip Matulia capped off the trio of Bulldogs with a multi-hit game of his own in Tech's final matchup of the season. Earlier on Sunday, Matulia delivered a two-hit, three-RBI performance in game one against Alabama. The Houston native tagged one of Tech's four home runs in the game and seven on the day on a hitters'

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SPORT OPINION

Lane Mangum made a big impact in his way-too-short life

RUSSELL HEDGES

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In my almost 11 years working at The Bossier Press-Tribune, I've typed in the names of hundreds of Bossier Parish athletes in dozens of stories chronicling youth, middle school, high school and

college sports. So it's very difficult for

me to remember all of them.

when the name Lane Mangum started appearing on my Facebook feed, it stood out. As

reading this knows, Lane passed away in the tragic accident that oc-

curred on Lake Bistineau while fishing Tuesday with his friend Cade Bedgood. He was just 15 years

That it was Lane who was missing was wellknown before he was identified by law enforcement. His stepmother, Joanna Crowson Mangum, and I became Facebook friends when she was the head softball coach at Bossier, and my news feed was filled with prayers for both Lane and Cade.

To aid my memory, I searched "Lane Mang-

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um Bossier enough, name up several times, mainly in stories about tle League baseball championships and time coming to grips with Elm Grove Middle School foot-

Sometimes, when athletes go to high schools outside the parish,

lose track of them. But it didn't take me long to see that even as a sophomore, Lane was already beginning to reach the potential he showed in youth and middle school sports.

Last fall, he helped Calvary Baptist win the Division IV state football championship as a linebacker, earning sec-All-District ond-team 1-1A honors.

In the spring, he helped the Cavaliers baseball team reach the Division IV semifinals. He was a first-team outfielder on the All-District team.

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Of course, Lane was much more than an ath-

These days, social media is where people go to offer condolences and tributes. Facebook, while it has both positive and negative aspects, is the most popular site for that.

In many of the posts and compeople ply offered up prayers. Others shared memories of the impact Lane had on their lives.

One of the many who did Baptist Superin-

tendent Chad McDowell. I've known Chad since his days playing basketball at Southwood. You won't find a better man, and obviously he was hit hard by Lane's death.

Here is what he posted for use by local media.

"I don't have the words to adequately express how heartbroken all of us are about this tragic accident. We are deeply saddened at the loss of Lane Mangum and as expected are in shock and having a difficult time coming to grips with the reality of what

> has happened. Our thoughts, prayers, love and support are with his family. We are grateful for the outpouring of love and support for CBA family and ongoing all involved." Glen.

Chad McDowell brook Acad-Calvary Baptist Academy emy coach Superintendent H o l d e n Orgeron, a former Park-

way baseball standout, posted this.

"Lane was an incredible talent and an even better kid. I first had the opportunity to meet him when he was 11yrs old when he was playing for Empire, he helped me coach his vounger brothers team that summer. Just the other day he texted me telling me how excited he was that Glenbrook was joining LHSAA so he could

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City Championships coming to Bossier in July

Family Medicine Clinic City Championships tournament will be held July 26 through Aug. 1.

Last year the tournament, informally known as "The City," was selected as the best adult tournament of 2020 by the USTA Southern section, which is comprised of nine states.

For the fourth consecutive year, The City will be held at the Bossier Tennis Center under the guidance of Todd Killen, Jeffrey Goodman, Rick Holland and Bianca Schulz.

"Last year was incredible," Goodman said. "In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided we could run the tournament safely and that we needed to do it. And more than 200 players came out to play.'

Like last year's City, the 2021 event is for the entire tennis community — from people that have never played in a tournament before to current and former collegiate players and everything in between.

A City champion will be crowned in 23 different divisions, a claim that each division winner will be able to make all year

"Every year we try to take a step back and see what's working and what

The annual Louisiana can be better and make several changes," Goodman said. "One of the additions we are most excited about for this year's City is the creation of The City Hall of Fame and the induction of our first member, Marilyn Rogers Garner."

The ceremony honoring Garner, who along with her sister Carolyn was a mainstay in the Women's Open divisions of The City from the early 1950s into the 1970s, will take place at noon on Sunday, Aug. 1, before the Men's Open singles finals.

The tournament will be family-friendly and there will be no admission to the public. Play will start on Monday for Parent/Child divisions and Wednesday for Men's Open singles. All other divisions will not start before Thursday, July

Matches during the week will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until about 9. Saturday and Sunday matches will begin at 8 a.m. and last until 5 or 6

The Early Bird Deadline to register for the 2021 City ends on June 25. Players who sign up during the Early Bird period will be guaranteed a requested T-shirt size and receive discounted entry fees.

Gauff reaches quarterfinals at 17

PARIS (AP) — A day after Serena Williams was eliminated from the French Open, 17-yearold Coco Gauff showed the future in tennis for American women is bright.

Gauff served superbly to reach her first Grand Slam quarterfinal with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Ons Jabeur on Monday. Gauff lost only nine

points on her serve and was also highly effective at the net, winning 13 of 17 points when she came forward - which was especially impressive against a player who is known for her shot-mak-

I feel like this has been the most consistent tennis I have played at this level," Gauff said. "Hopefully I can keep that going."
Gauff also had a quick

match in the previous round, when Jennifer Brady retired with an injured left foot after Gauff won the opening set. Jabeur said Gauff is a

contender to raise the trophy — either this year or in the future.

"If she's not going to win it now, she's probably going to win another time," the Tunisian said.

It wouldn't be the first time Gauff claims a title



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Coco Gauff

at Roland Garros, having won the girls' singles title

Gauff will will next face Barbora Krejcikova, who also reached her first quarterfinal at a major by beating 2018 French Open runner-up Sloane Stephens with a similarly lopsided score — 6-2, 6-0.

"She's young, she's amazing, she's coming up. She's going to be the next star," Krejcikova said of Gauff.

Later, 22-year-old Sofia Kenin was to face Sakkari with another spot in the last eight on the

Kenin is the highest-seeded woman left in the women's draw at No. The American lost last year's final at Roland Garros to Iga Swiatek, who meets Marta Kostyuk in the night match on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Sunday, 39-year-old Williams lost to Elena Rybakina 6-3,

already nounced herself as a contender to become the next great American player when she made a run to the fourth round at Wimbledon as a 15-yearold qualifier two years ago. Now, having gone one step further, she became the youngest American to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal since Venus Williams did it at 17 at the 1997 U.S. Open.

"I'm only going to be 17 once, so you might as well talk about it while I'm 17," Gauff said.

Gauff has not dropped a set in Paris this year. She won both the singles and doubles titles at a warmup tournament in Parma before coming to Paris. That came after a run to the semifinals of the Italian Open.

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It's fishing derby time!

GLYNN HARRIS

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summertime. Even though the weather seems to be hanging onto to weather that smacks of early spring, here it is in June with first day of summer only a few weeks away and I'm still finding a light jacket feeling pret-ty good on these chilly

Even so, school is out and for this country boy, that meant that it was time to hit the creeks and

go fishing.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has planned something that anglers or any age all across the state should find exciting. The state agency is hosting what they're calling a "Tagged Fish Derby" for ponds around the state. According to a press

release I just received, here's what it says that should whet the appetite of youngsters and adults alike all across Louisiana.

"Spring is in full swing and summer is just around the corner. Make time to get outside, unwind and spend time with family and friends while fishing one of the LDWF 15 sites participating in the Get Out and Fish community fishing program."

department is stocking select ponds around the state with adult-sized channel catfish in the spring and fall and rainbow trout in win-

Adding a bit of excitement, LDWF is hosting "tagged catfish derby at all of the select ponds between Saturday June 5 and Friday June 11. Anglers who catch and report a tagged channel catfish caught in one of these ponds during the June5-11 time will receive a fishing prize pack. All of the ponds will be stocked with these tagged fish and if a tagged fish is caught, you'll need to get it registered. You'll need to write this number down and have it with you because



This youngster is proud of her catfish, one that if tagged could win her a prize.

that's the only way you qualify for prizes should you catch a tagged fish. Call 855/728-8247 to report your catch. Write it down; stick it in your wallet; you otherwise won't

There is a licensing requirement for anglers age 16 or older while those under age 16 fish for free Daily bag limits will apply.

There are ponds that will be stocked all across the state. Following is listing of ponds where you'll want to wet a hook, not only to try for a tagged fish but who doesn't like a platter of fried catfish for the table?

■ Turner's Pond - Min-

■ Grambling City Park Pond - Grambling

■ Elmore D. Mayfield Park - Ruston

■ Kiroli Park – W. Mon-

■ Polk City Park Pond -Vidalia

■ Purple Heart Memorial Park Pond - Ragley

■ 1-10 Park – Jennings

■ Girard Park - Lafay-

■ Southside Regional Park - Youngsville

■ Bayou Country Sports Park - Houma

■ Zemurray Park Hammond

■ Bogue Chitto State Park - Franklinton

■ Joe Brown Park - New Orleans

■ Parc Natchitoches -

Natchitoches

Pearson Lake - Pineville I can't think of a better way to get your summer kicked off in fine shape than to feel the tug of a catfish on the line with the prospects of a fish fry for supper.

GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAY IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.



Hedges: Services for Mangum were held Monday in Shreveport

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play against us his final two years of high school. He was a great competitor but he also loved seeing his friends accomplish their goals too, no matter what jersey they wore. Fly high kid. We'll see you soon. Prayers going to all the families hurting today."

Of course, those are just two examples of

Friday evening, several hundred of Lane's immediate and Calvary Baptist family along with friends from the South Bossier community released balloons in his honor at Brookshire's Grocery Arena.

On Monday, services were held at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. No doubt there will be an overflow crowd of those whose lives Lane impacted in his way-too-short life, many teammates, coaches, classmates and friends among them.

Obviously, he is and will be sorely missed.

Knowing McDowell and Calvary head football coach Rodney Guin like I do, they will find an appropriate way to honor him during the 2021-22 school year, especially during the football and baseball seasons, and beyond.

While I can't imagine the depth of loss those close to him are feeling, hopefully that and the current outpouring of support will be a comfort to them.

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La. Tech: Fans give Bulldogs standing ovation

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friendly day at the Love Shack.

Tech's 10-8 victory over the Crimson Tide on Saturday marked its third win over a different SEC opponent in 2021, its first time accomplishing the feat since 1987. Right-handed reliever Kyle Crigger, who missed the first half of the season due to his recovery from offseason elbow surgery. earned the victory with 4.1 innings of relief while allowing just three hits and one earned run.

The Bulldogs finished the 2021 season on their home turf. The final out of game two marked the end of the ballgame, but it did not mark the end of the night for Tech's six seniors.

Family members and fans gave the Bulldogs a round of applause as they walked back toward their home dugout. They then embraced their Diamond Dogs on the field as over half an hour passed between a game-ending groundout to shortstop and the final stream of players and fans exiting the Love Shack infield.

It was moment earned following a tornado. A pandemic. And the construction of a new place



in Ruswill back be in a little over eight months.

call

The Love Shack will be rocking once again, and it will send the same message as this 2021 team sent all season long: Bulldog Baseball is here to stay.

"We set a precedent here at Louisiana Tech, what we're about and what this program can do," Bates said. "People are going to look back and say that the 2021 team set that precedent, and I'm just so proud to be a part of that."

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE

Bass fishing has been fair fishing spinners or jigs around the banks and edge of levee. Bream fishing has been good on crickets and worms on beds around the willows. No report on crappie or catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bass fishing has been good on jigs and spinners around the grass. Crappie are fair and scattered. Bream fishing is good on crickets and worms. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER -

The water is falling and fishing is improving. Bass are best in the river lakes on spinners and soft plastics. Crappie are fair to good fishing jigs and shiners around tops in the river and river lakes. No report on other species. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass fishing has been fair fishing the deeper holes in the channel with drop-shot rigs with some along channel edges on Rogues and plastic frogs. Crappie fishing has been fair on the flats on shiners and jigs fished 10-15 feet deep in 20 foot water. 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

Bass fishing has been best for medium sized fish around the docks and edge of grass on topwaters, soft plastics and spinners. Crappie fishing is fair around the tops and better below the spillway on shiners or jigs. Catfishing is good on night crawlers or cold worms while some stripers are being caught at night around lighted piers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264. **CANEY LAKE** - Bass

fishing has been fair to good with the drop-shot rig working best with average sized fish reported. 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. No report on catfish. For information contact Bateaux'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-

POVERTY LAKE Catfish and bream are good. Crappie are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN -Crappie are fair on spider rigs. Bass are best early on topwaters. Bream are on the beds and catfishing has been good on yoyos baited with shiners. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-

LAKE YUCATAN - The water continues to slowly fall with crappie, barfish and catfish biting quite well. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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On This Day In History

1987 New Zealand becomes a nuclear-free

The New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament, and Arms Control Act 1987 barred any nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed ships from entering the country. New Zealand was the first country to legislate towards a nuclear-free zone in the 1950s.

1972 Nick Út takes his famous "napalm girl" photo

The Pulitzer Prize-winning image officially entitled "The Terror of War" depicts nine-yearold Phan Thi Kim Phúc and other Vietnamese children fleeing a napalm attack. It has become one of the best-known symbols for the indescribable sufferings in armed

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S



Guess Who?

I am an actress born in New York on July 15, 1977. I made my TV debut on a series that starred both Michael J. Fox and Charlie Sheen during its run. But it was my role as a feared fairy tale villain that really resonated with fans.

Answer: Land Parrilla

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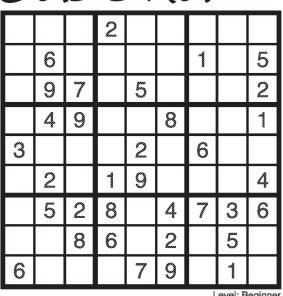






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Monday's unlisted clue: POUND

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: WHAT YOU EARN

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1949 George Orwell publishes Nineteen Eighty-Four Orwell's nightmarish description of a totalitarian society set in the year 1984 is one of the most significant works of English literature and one of the bestknown novels of all time. The phrase, Big Brother is watching you, stems from this work.

1937 Carl Orff's Carmina Burana is premiered The cantata, especially Orff's breathless rendition of the medieval poem O Fortuna, has been featured in countless works of popular culture, including The Simpsons, Last of the Mohicans, and Jackass: The Movie.

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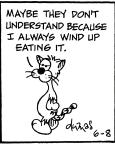


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Department of Public Works

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Minden, LA 71055

Ruston, LA 71270

sippi Avenue

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ana Contractors

Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

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Bid Number 1-21

June 8, 2021 June 15, 2021 June 22, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

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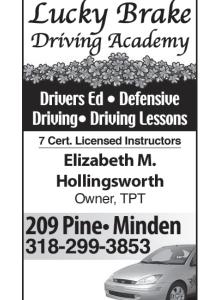
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FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH

8am-6pm Grilling Contestant Registration – Orleans on Main
11am Craft and Food Vendors on Main Street Open for Business

5pm-9pm Music on the Stage – The Remix Band
6pm Little Grillers Begin Cooking at City Hall
6pm Cornhole Tournament Begins at Union & Broadway
7pm Competitor Cook's Meeting At Orleans on Main
8pm Little Griller Winners Will Be Announced At Stage

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

Fireworks Begin

6am-3pm Grilling Contestants Cooking Competition BBQ
10am-5:30p Craft and Food Vendors on Main Street Open for Business
10am Tasting Tickets Go On Sale for \$5.00 Each at Tasting Booth

11am-3pm Coloring for Kids at City Art Works – 701 Main St.
11am-4pm Music on the Stage – DJ Milford Parker
11:30am People's Choice Tasting Begins
5:30pm Winners Will Be Announced At Stage



All times are subject to change. See you on Main Street!





