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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Changes to department head job descriptions approved in Personnel Committee Meeting

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In a Minden Personnel Committee Meeting taken place Thursday, revisions were made to job descriptions changing most managerials, director, and superintendent positions to salaried positions as well as changing the title and responsibilities of Engineering Assistant to Assistant Public Works Director. All items in the meeting were motioned through unanimously.

Upon recommendation by Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr, one of the items on the agenda would change most director and superintendent positions in the city into a salaried position. Fluhr stated that the change will “provide clarification in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act for Supervisory and Higher Management positions,” according to a memo.

To provide some context, there are some positions in the city, like the superintendents, managers, and directors of various departments, that the FLSA classifies as exempt employees. The FLSA classifies an exempt job as one that falls into the categories Professional, Administrative, or Executive.

Being classified as exempt means that the position doesn’t qualify for minimum wage or overtime pay because they are

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# A good time was had by all

## Grilling on Main 2021

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This return of Grilling on Main was a rousing success, seeing over thirty-six teams coming from all over entering the grilling competitions and countless visitors coming out to enjoy what the event had to offer.

“Minden’s signature festival, Grilling On Main, was a huge success grillers from around the Ark-La-Tex came out and enjoyed music, grilling, crafts, and most importantly, a community that enjoys each other’s company on a beautiful weekend,” said Mayor Terry Gardner of the event.

Main Street Director Mahala Hutto said, “We’re really proud of the event that the Main-street Board and Volunteers put on this weekend. Thank You to our sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event possible, as well as the grillers and anyone else who came out to enjoy Grilling on Main. It was a great event.”

While many were at the event to relax, others sought out the thrill of competition, without countless contests for all ages to enjoy.

New this year is the “Little Grillers” competition, where younger grillers cooked pork chops, with some help from mom and pop, to be presented to judges for tasting. The competition was sponsored by

Ace Hardware, providing a grill, bag of charcoal, lighter cubes, and a chimney starter contestants could take home.

Jackson Cartrite won first place in the 6-12 age group. Ethan Valley Placed First in the 13-18 age group.

For those that wanted the heat of competition without the heat of the grill, a Corhole Tournament, sponsored by Gibbsland Bank & Trust, was held Friday evening. Bean bags were flying left and right in a blur as the competition progressed. The Final placements were The Closers, team members Hunter Cavalier and Kevin Cavalier, in 4th place, Brian Smith and Haxon Smith in 3rd place, team Worcestershire Sauce, team members Jacob White and Trace Francis, in 2nd place, and team Stay Tuned, team members Ethan Perot and Kurtis Jones, taking 1st place.

Of course it wouldn’t be Grilling On Main without the grilling competition in which 36 teams competed in different categories including chicken, brisket, ribs, and pork butt. These categories also had two sets of winners, one that included all competitors, and one that was strictly for locals. The winners of each category can be found below.

*People’s Choice*  
East Texas Smokers with Team Captains Scotty & Anna Bryce

*Chicken*  
1st - East Texas Smokers with Team Captains Scotty

& Anna Bryce  
2nd - Topsy Texans BBQ with Team Captain Joshua Campbell

3rd - Chillin -n- Grillin with Team Captain Keith Sharp

*Chicken - Local Finishers*  
1st - The Roosters with Team Captain Jordan Cupples

2nd - Big Poppa Q with Team Captain Slade Firth

3rd - Wildhogs Cooking with Team Captain Greg Lilly

*Ribs*  
1st - Topsy Texans BBQ with Team Captain Joshua Campbell

2nd - Real Smoke BBQ with Team Captain Duane Anderson

3rd - Bayou BBQ with Team Captain Benjy Lewis

*Ribs - Local Finishers*  
1st - The Newboys with Team Captain Drew White

2nd - Joe and Kelly Weaver

3rd - Wildhogs Cooking with Team Captain Greg Lilly

*Brisket*  
1st - The Roosters with Team Captain Jordan Cupples

2nd - Pigs & Cows Gone Wild with Team Captain Mike Steele

3rd - Galaxy BBQ with Team Captain Bob Zannini

*Local Finishers - Brisket*  
1st - The Roosters with Team Captains Jordan Cupples and Steven Paul

2nd - Holmont with Team Captain Mark Griffith

3rd - Big Poppa Q with Team Captain Slade Firth

*Grand Champion - Pigs & Cows Gone Wild* Mike Steele

*Reserve Grand Champion - Real Smoke BBQ* Duane Anderson



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GOVERNMENT

## Changes: Added responsibilities are shown below

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to be paid salary as opposed to by the hour.

This change to the verbiage acknowledges these positions classification as exempt by the FLSA, and makes the job descriptions for these positions better adhere to their standards. This change was unanimously approved.

The positions that will receive this revision to their job description include the Facilities Director, Downtown Development Director, Building Official, Human Resources Manager, Streets and Drainage Manager, Airport Manager, Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Manager, Water Production Superintendent, Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Superintendent, and Wastewater Superintendent.

Another item of note from the meeting was the change of title and job description for the position of Engineer Assistant to Assistant Public Works Director.

This change was a result of the recent City Council decision not to hire the proposed candidate for the Public Works Director position. The position has been left vacant for over five years now, so this is another avenue being taken to try and get someone to tend to the responsibilities of that position.

One of the main concerns of the Council when deciding whether or not to hire the candidate was the lack of direct public works experience. Multiple

councilmen mentioned they would prefer if there was an assistant position to hire him into instead, a position with slightly reduced responsibilities that would allow city employees time to gauge if they would be a good fit for the Director position.

“I was in that meeting, and some of the comments were that this job position didn’t really fit an assistantship, so this is to fix that,” said Brent Cooley, Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

The closest thing the city had to an assistant public works direct was an engineer assistant, but the job did not have the supervisory authority the position would need to be fully effective.

The proposed change would not create an assistant public works position, but would instead change the title of the position to Assistant Public Works Director and update the responsibilities to include some supervisory roles.

“I think this is facilitating the requests of the City councilmen. An assistant position to hire someone in instead of hiring them directly,” said Cooley.

After the decision to make the proposed changes was unanimously voted upon, the last change the committee had to vote on was changing other job descriptions to report to the Assistant Public Works Director. This would allow the position to take care of responsibilities in the absence of a Public Works Director. This change was

unanimously approved.

The notable changes in the job description from Assistant Engineer to Assistant Public Works Director can be read below:

Added Responsibilities:

Meets with members of the public to discuss questions related to utility operations.

Assists in developing general policies for expanding, operating, replacing, and maintaining facilities.

Carries out the duties of the Public Works Director in his absence.

Added Supervisory responsibilities:

Under the direction of the Public Works Director, the Assistant Public Works Director will supervise all areas/employees within the Department of Public works and the Airport Manager.

Changed education and/or experience requirements:

Changed from high-school diploma and two years advanced education or specialized training to requiring a college degree.

Changed the requirement of five years experience in drafting, engineering, construction, or related fields to three to four years of work experience, preferably in the area of Public Works.

Added a requirement of minimum two years supervisory experience.

LOCAL

## Campbell and Whittington Call for Safety Barriers at Spillways

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The tragic drowning of a popular 15-year-old Bossier Parish boy fishing on Lake Bistineau last week highlights the need for safety barriers at spillways on state-operated water bodies, according to Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell and Bossier Parish Sheriff Julian Whittington.

Currents can be swift and unpredictable where impoundments hold back water on man made lakes, Campbell said. Louisiana can prevent needless drownings at these spillways with floating safety barriers or similar devices.

Campbell made his case in a letter to Louisiana

Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Jack Montoucet. Campbell wrote Montoucet one week after 15-year-old Hayden Lane Mangum of Elm Grove drowned while fishing with a friend at the Lake Bistineau spillway on Louisiana Highway 154.

It is “imperative,” Campbell wrote Montoucet, that the state secure areas near spillways “to prevent another tragedy from occurring.”

Whittington visited the scene of the drowning with responders from his office.

“Since this tragic event last week, I have spoken to our state officials about making this area safer for boaters,” he said. “The water current

around this spillway is deceiving.

“Better warning signs and barriers of some type are desperately needed and could have possibly prevented this tragic accident from happening.”

Mangum was a sophomore football and baseball player at Calvary Baptist Academy in Shreveport. Investigators said Mangum and a 16-year-old friend were fishing near the Bistineau spillway when one of the boys got his bait hung up. As they tried to free the line their boat was swept over the spillway and capsized.

The 16-year-old survived but Mangum did not. His body was found hours later near the spillway.

GAS BUDDY

## Louisiana gas prices fall as national average rises

(June 14, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 0.9 cents per gallon 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 0.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 94.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.43/g today while the most expensive is \$3.09/g, a difference of 66.0 cents per gallon.

“We’ve seen the national average gas price continue to inch higher as oil prices have reached \$71 per barrel, the highest since 2018, as gaso-

line demand continues to rebound,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.07/g today. The national average is up 3.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

“Strong gasoline demand as states and cities reopen will likely continue to be a major factor keeping gas prices elevated even as oil production climbs in the months ahead. With most additional supply being gobbled up very

quickly, gas prices will likely stay at elevated levels for the foreseeable future. Motorists can continue to fight the high gas prices by remembering to shop around each time they get below half a tank,” said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

BLOTTER

**Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**

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, disturbing the pace through language.

Adrianne Harper, 21, of the 200 block of Hillside Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Joseph Cook, 26, of the 000 block of Shell Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Metosha Gill, 25, of the 600 block of Morrow Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Paul Rowell, 52, of the 1300 block of Bistineau Line Road, was arrested for reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Mary Woodall, 20, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Decorey Maxie, 29, of the 600 block of Stone Street was arrested for distribution of a schedule I substance, and distribution of counterfeit controlled dangerous substance.

Ladavion Combs, 25, of the 100 block of Rose Hill Lane, was arrested for being a fugitive from Bienville Sheriff’s Office.

Kenny Fronce Jr., 35, of the 900 block of Devereaux Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I substances with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of weapons, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a fugitive from the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.

Datraevion Wallace, 27, of the 300 block of South Middle Landing, was arrested for no turn signal, no insurance, possession of schedule II substance with intent to distribute, illegal carry of a firearm,

possession of a stolen firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia, disturbing the peace, and remaining on property after being forbidden.

Davaris Moore, of the 16600 block of Highway 80, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden, and disturbing the peace.

Joseph Dick, 29, of the 200 block of Crestview Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kyle Castro, 29, was arrested for improper lane usage, driving under suspension, and driving while intoxicated.

Justin Cook, 26, of the

100 block of Ella Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kimberly Walsh, 29, of the 2000 block of Sunrise Drive, was arrested for possession of schedule I, II, and IV substances, possession of schedule I substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cory Groff, 47, of the 4600 block of Parkwood Road, was arrested for possession of schedule I, II, and III substance, possession of schedule I substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lenorris Drummond, 34, of the 700 block of

Cobblestone Way, was arrested for possession of schedule I, II, and III substance, possession of schedule I substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Whitney Ward, 35, of the 1500 block of 3rd Street SE, was arrested for attempting to obtain controlled dangerous substances by fraud, and obtaining controlled dangerous substances by fraud.

Joseph Coile, 36, of the 10300 block of Highway 2, was arrested on a warrant.



# WEBSTER & MORE

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The oppressive heat and humidity continues into the work week. Tuesday steams up with highs in the upper 90s. We'll keep highs in the mid 90s for Wednesday and Thursday. Factor in the humidity and it'll feel more like the 100s each day. Not much relief as pop up shower chances remain low.

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GOVERNMENT

## Legislature shifts vehicle tax revenue from general spending to Louisiana roads

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Legislature voted Thursday to redirect most of the state sales taxes on vehicle sales from general spending to roads and bridges.

The change is expected to raise up to \$300 million annually for transportation infrastructure, which would mean those dollars couldn't be used for other priorities.

Legislators approved House Bill 514 during the final hour of this year's regular session. Starting in 2023 and phasing in over two years, up to 60% of the vehicle taxes would go into a fund ded-

icated to transportation construction and maintenance. Twenty-five percent would go to preservation of existing infrastructure while the rest would be spent on major projects.

Legislators also added guardrails to the bill to protect state finances. If the state is facing a deficit of at least \$100 million, the amount of money that could go into the transportation fund would be capped at \$150 million. The amount of money that could be bonded out would be limited to that amount, which would give lawmakers flexibility.

HB 514 started as a proposal to tax medical marijuana. Sen. Rick Ward, a Port Allen Republican, proposed a successful amendment to make permanent a 0.45% state sales tax that is scheduled to expire in 2025 and redirect the money to a fund dedicated to construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure.

But it quickly became apparent the sales tax extension would not garner the support of two-thirds of the members of the House, which is required to raise taxes. So senators tried a different tack,

completely gutting the bill and essentially replacing it with the proposal to redirect most of the proceeds of the existing tax on automobile sales and leases.

Unlike the state's gas tax, which has not been adjusted in three decades, auto sales taxes naturally will rise with inflation, Ward said. The downside is that the transportation money would come at the expense of the general fund, which could lead to budget problems and cuts to health care, higher education and other priorities.

GOVERNMENT

## Louisiana Legislature Exempts Main Street Recovery Grants From State Taxes

BATON ROUGE, LA. – State Treasurer John M. Schroder announced today that Main Street Recovery Program grants are not subject to state taxes under legislation that recently became state law.

Senate Bill 11 by state Sen. Kirk Talbot created the state tax exemption

for COVID-19 disaster relief that businesses report in federal gross income. The exemption will be applied retroactively.

The new law only applies to state tax obligations. For federal income tax purposes, the grants still will be taxed.

"The Main Street Re-

covery Program was an expense reimbursement program. It never made sense that the state would force businesses to pay state taxes on these grants," said Treasurer Schroder. "Sen. Talbot's bill makes it abundantly clear that the grants are not subject to state taxes."

"This law is about fairness," said Sen. Talbot. "Grants went to small businesses who absorbed added costs to keep their doors open during the pandemic. Businesses shouldn't be given a state tax bill for grants that reimbursed them for pandemic-related expenses."

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## OTHER OPINION

# Alexander: Americans need to go back to work

It is simply impossible for business and industry (particularly small businesses which are America's economic engine) to compete with the combined financial power of state and federal governments. When government subsidizes people who don't work, that will continue to be the case. They won't work.

Our national economy should be seeing soaring job growth but, on the contrary, it is difficult to locate any American business or industry that isn't starved for workers—even when offering higher pay or hiring bonuses. As a result, those who are willing to work are increasingly difficult for employers to find.

What is the root cause of this? The trillions of dollars (added on top of state benefits) the federal government has poured into the economy in the last year. Some economists have estimated that in 22 states

households that qualify can receive a maximum wage equivalent of \$25 an hour. This is why millions of American workers have simply made the deliberate and reasoned decision not to work. (It is encouraging to see that some 25 other states have now declared they will soon stop accepting enhanced jobless benefits. These state governments have realized the lack of workers has damaged their state economies).



**ROYAL ALEXANDER**

There are other considerations here as well. Some speculate that this sustained subsidization of workers by the federal government is a backdoor way for the Left to raise the minimum wage or

**"Our national economy should be seeing soaring job growth but, on the contrary, it is difficult to locate any American business or industry that isn't starved for workers—even when offering higher pay or hiring bonuses."**

implement the Universal Basic Income, an idea fraught with economic peril. Others believe it is an effort by the Left to get more people on government assistance (without any work requirement) so they will then be obligated to give their political support to the party providing that assistance and those benefits.

All of this is very concerning. These massive redistribution payments undermine the hallowed American work ethic. Our work ethic has been noted, prized, and venerated and the reason that the American

economy has historically always performed so well, raising the standard of living and lifting millions out of poverty. However, the economy was only able to do that because people worked. These last 12 months of not working have undermined the very idea of work—and whether people are willing to work at all. However, deciding not to work is harming and delaying our recovery.

Financial incentive is what motivates human beings in a free-market economy and, consequently, giving away money causes a predictable but highly negative effect by extinguishing that incentive. Government must now move out of the way and stop enabling, with our tax dollars, an anemic and sluggish economy.

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## OTHER OPINION

# Joe Manchin: Racist or profile in courage

In 1859, Abraham Lincoln related the tale of an Eastern monarch who charged his wise men with discovering words that would everywhere and always be true.

The wise men went away and returned to present the monarch with this six-word sentence: "And this, too, shall pass away."

So, the question: How long will Sen. Joe Manchin's hour of power last before it, too, passes away?

What will Manchin make of it? And what will his legacy be?

For, at present, Manchin is the man in the arena, the indispensable senator as far as Democrats are concerned. He alone can make or break virtually the entire agenda that progressives had anticipated whistling through both houses in the first session of the 117th Congress.

Today, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer must meet Manchin's demands or see their initiatives fail, one by one, in the U.S. Senate.

What has given this moderate Democrat from West Virginia such an opportunity to write himself into the history books?

It is the unique political circumstances of 2021.

For as long as the 50-50 Republican-Democrat balance holds in the Senate, Manchin's power to decide the fate of the Democratic agenda is unrivaled and extraordinary.

For if Manchin votes against a liberal initiative, he can kill it simply by denying it a Democratic majority. And even if a

piece of legislation is supported by a slim Senate majority, Manchin can kill it by refusing to strip Senate Republicans of the right to filibuster it, to talk it to death.

The only way Democrats can be assured of victory in a Senate vote is by persuading Manchin to not only vote for the bill but also vote to strip the Senate GOP of their filibuster rights.

And this last thing Manchin has pledged he will never do.

Outraged Democratic colleagues on Capitol Hill are frustrated at Manchin's stance, denouncing him as a self-centered obstructionist.

But that hardly seems the case.

Manchin is putting his remarkable but temporary power behind his principles, and Senate practice and tradition, and voting both his own and his constituents' convictions.

He is placing his belief in bipartisan support on major legislation ahead of any particular piece of Democratic legislation. He is refusing to provide his 50th vote in the Senate to bring about an outcome that he believes would further contribute to the division of the country.

Manchin made clear his intentions this month when he declared that not only will he

vote against the House-passed For the People Act, but he will also vote against ending a Republican filibuster designed to kill it.

Manchin is thus setting up a high hurdle for Chuck Schumer: You must round up 10 Republican votes to achieve passage of our agenda items, or those items probably ought not to become law.

We must not use our temporary majority, Manchin is saying, to destroy what the Senate has historically been.

Black leaders have accused Manchin of using what former President Barack Obama calls a "Jim Crow relic" — the filibuster — to kill the Democrats' top political priority in Congress this year.

But Manchin's position seems historically sound and wise.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, after Selma, Alabama, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, signed by then-President Lyndon B. Johnson, just days after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, were all subjected to Senate filibusters. And all overcame the hurdle, even when the requirement for shutting off debate was 67 votes, or two-thirds of the Senate.

Bipartisanship was then considered a necessity for the passage of major legislation.

Is it too much to ask, before we enact a voting rights law that would strip the 50 states of their constitutional powers to set the rules and regulations for elections within their borders, that significant sectors of both

parties in Congress should support it?

In March, the Rev. Al Sharpton threatened to charge Manchin with "supporting racism" if he refused to help kill the filibuster for the For the People Act.

"The pressure that we are going to put on (Sen. Kyrsten) Sinema and Manchin is calling (the filibuster) racist and saying that they are, in effect, supporting racism. ... Why would they be wedded to something that has those results? Their voters need to know that."

Does this sentiment not prove Manchin's point?

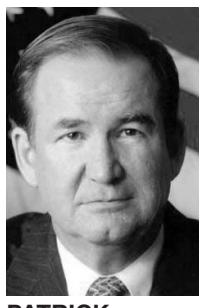
If the senator, who has consistently voted for his party's agenda, can be charged with racism for standing on principle and tradition, does that not suggest that Manchin is right about the poisoned character of our politics?

Indeed, George Washington himself is said to have told Thomas Jefferson that the framers created the Senate to "cool" House legislation, as a saucer was used to cool hot tea.

No. History is not going to condemn Joe Manchin for voting his conscience and convictions in the face of the abuse he is receiving.

History is more likely to judge Manchin's actions as meeting standards that former President John F. Kennedy set for senators in "Profiles in Courage."

**PATRICK J. BUCHANAN IS THE AUTHOR OF "NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE WARS: THE BATTLES THAT MADE AND BROKE A PRESIDENT AND DIVIDED AMERICA FOREVER."**



**PATRICK BUCHANAN**



INSPIRATION

# My Father lives on in a legacy money can't buy

My Father, Roy Earnest Hudson, a native of Bethany, Illinois, an only child, born in 1895, the son of George Washington McClellan Hudson, a circuit riding minister who met and married my namesake, Sarah Alice Ritz, while on a revival in Licking, Missouri.

What a treasure trove of information in the first paragraph!

I knew so little about our daddy because he was so sick during my childhood up until he died, from congestive heart failure, at home in bed in what was then called the front room on March 19, 1958.

Also he was afflicted with chronic appendicitis

for years.

I felt rootless and drawn to delve into the old family trunk because I sensed that there was much to be learned about our genetic lineage. I was very productive after the age of thirty, in 1978, while I located living long lost relatives with the aid of directory assistance and our old family trunk

which was full of old family pictures, letters and other memorabilia.

Each call turned up a clue leading me to another line of our family, including the Morris line on my maternal side of the family tracing me back

to the Governor Lewis Morris, an ancestor from Monmouth County, New Jersey, tracing me back fourteen generations to Monmouthshire, Wales.

With each connection I was enriched because I have connected to more living long lost relatives than anyone I know.

But now I know that our greatest legacy came from what my daddy gave to my sister, Alice, and myself just days before he died.

He chose to speak separately to us because he knew that what he was telling us would lead us

to a brighter day. His last words to my sister, Alice, and myself, just days before he died, gave us a foundation and the security that we needed to face years of suffering when we went to an orphanage after he died.

Our minister, Wayne Earnest, visited with our father at least once a week up until he died. Their conversations continue to play such an important part in our future.

Even though I knew little about my father until I began a family tree tracing jaunt at the age of thirty in 1978, I know he gave me what money cannot buy.

Shortly before he died he told us that he wanted

us to become Christians just as soon as we were old enough to know what we were doing. Neither one of us told the other about his final request until years later even though we both heeded his advice.

Having the courage to step out and be baptized as a shy undersized girl of fourteen I needed all of the courage I could muster going into the cruel abuse that we would suffer in this church run orphanage.

I never questioned my faith because I knew that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Though I cried myself to sleep every nights for

months on end I sensed that pain was a shaping device that God was using to bring me out stronger to a brighter day!

If I could live my life over and avoid the pain but lose the joy I feel today I would not change anything in my life. It's what we go through that makes us stronger.

The lines from Steel Magnolias are so true: "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" but being human we try to avoid pain. It is only natural.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

## Thinner Mints: Girl Scouts have millions of unsold cookies

The Girl Scouts have an unusual problem this year: 15 million boxes of unsold cookies.

The 109-year-old organization says the coronavirus — not thinner demand for Thin Mints — is the main culprit. As the pandemic wore into the spring selling season, many troops nixed their traditional cookie booths for safety reasons.

"This is unfortunate, but given this is a girl-driven program and the majority of cookies are sold in-person, it was to be expected," said Kelly Parisi, a spokeswoman for Girl Scouts of the USA.

The impact will be felt by local councils and troops, who depend on the cookie sales to fund programming, travel, camps and other activities. The Girl Scouts normally sell around 200 million boxes of cookies per year, or around \$800 million worth.

Rebecca Latham, the CEO of Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, said her council had 22,000 boxes left over at the end of the selling season in late spring, even though girls tried innovative selling methods like drive-thru booths and contact-free delivery.

Latham said troops in her area sold 805,000 boxes of cookies last year; this year, they sold just under 600,000. That shortfall means the council may not be able to invest in infrastructure improvements at its camps or fill some staff positions, she said.

The council is now encouraging people to buy boxes online through its Hometown Heroes program, which distributes cookies to health care workers, firefighters and others. It also organized one-day sales with organizations like the New Mexico United soccer team, to whittle the total down further.

Parisi said Girl Scouts of the USA did forecast lower sales this year due to the pandemic. But coronavirus restrictions were constantly shifting, and the cookie orders placed by its 111 local councils with bakers last fall were still too optimistic.

By early spring, when troops usually set up booths to sell cookies in person, U.S. coronavirus cases were still near their peak. Hundreds of girls opted not to sell cookies in person. Online sales and even a delivery part-

nership with Grubhub failed to make up the difference.

As a result, around 15 million boxes of cookies were left over as the cookie season wound down. Most — around 12 million boxes — remain with the two bakers, Louisville, Kentucky-based Little Brownie Bakers and Brownsburg, Indiana-based ABC Bakers. Another 3 million boxes are in the hands of the Girl Scout councils, which are scrambling to sell or donate them. The cookies have a 12-month shelf life.

It's unclear how much of a financial hit the Girl Scouts suffered because of the decline in sales since the organization won't reveal those figures. And it isn't the biggest blow the cookie program has ever faced. That likely came during World War II, when the Girl Scouts were forced to shift from selling cookies to calendars because of wartime shortages of sugar, butter and flour.

But the glut of cookies has laid bare some simmering issues within the Girl Scouts' ranks. Some local leaders say this year's slower sales should have been better

predicted because falling membership was threatening cookie sales even before the pandemic began. Around 1.7 million girls were enrolled in Girl Scouts in 2019, down almost 30% from 2009.

"Without girls, there is no cookie program. Unfortunately, it took a global pandemic to bring all the problems to the surface," said Agenia Clark, president and CEO of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, a local council.

Clark and some other local leaders were able to avert a cookie stockpile because they calculated their own sales projections instead of relying on guidance from the national office. Clark believes a new technology platform adopted by the Girl Scouts isn't adequately forecasting membership declines and their impact. In April, she sued the Girl Scouts of the USA because she doesn't want to her council to be forced to use that platform.

Parisi acknowledged that membership fell during the pandemic as troops struggled to figure out ways to meet safely. But those numbers are already rebounding, she

said.

There were other reasons for the declining sales. Some local leaders say they might have sold cookies this year but chose not to because of an Associated Press story linking child labor to the palm oil that is used to make Girl Scout cookies.

Gina Verdibello, a troop leader in Jersey City, New Jersey, said her 21-member troop, which has girls ranging in age from 10 to 15, decided to boycott this year's cookie program and held a protest at their city hall. Verdibello said she knows of at least a dozen other troops that opted not to sell because of the palm oil issue.

"We want to sell cookies. It's part of our thing. But this is putting kind of a damper on it," said Verdibello, whose troop has continued to fund activities with donations from people who heard about their boycott.

Parisi said such boycotts weren't widespread. But she said the Girl Scouts are working with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, a nonprofit group that sets environmental and social standards for the industry, to ensure farmers are

meeting those standards.

In the end, local councils won't be held financially responsible for the 12 million boxes that remain at the two bakers. Little Brownie Bakers and ABC Bakers said they are working with the Girl Scouts to sell or donate cookies to places like food banks and the military. The bakers can't sell directly to grocers because that might diminish the importance of the annual cookie sales. But they may sell to institutional buyers like prisons.

Parisi said bakers and councils have occasionally dealt with excess inventory before because of weather events like ice storms or tornadoes. But this level is unprecedented.

She said some pivots, like the partnership with Grubhub, are likely here to stay. But girls are also eager to get back to their booths next year.

"Girl Scout cookie season isn't just when you get to buy cookies," she said. "It's interacting with the girls. It's Americana."



GOVERNMENT

# Louisiana Legislative Session Wrapup

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**BATON ROUGE**—Buoyed by billions of dollars in federal COVID-19 relief aid, Louisiana legislators took on several big issues this spring and made progress in simplifying the tax code, supporting education and expanding criminal-justice reform.

Some public-interest groups praised the tax changes as important steps toward strengthening Louisiana's economy, while others expressed concern that some of the changes could lead to a budget crunch down the road.

The Council for a Better Louisiana viewed the main changes—lowering state income tax rates for individuals and corporations and eliminating deductions for what they pay in federal income taxes—as “a positive step forward,” while noting that it was only the beginning of righting a complicated, messy system.

Gov. John Bel Edwards indicated after the legislative session ended that he would support this swap in the source of state tax revenues as long as it does not cost the state much in the short run. The changes would require adjustments to the state Constitution, and if he signs the bills, residents will have to vote on them in October.

The Public Affairs Research Council said that if voters approve, the state's tax structure will become “simpler, fairer, more competitive, and better-ranked nationally.”

But the Louisiana Budget Project, which researches how state policies affect the poor and the working class, issued a statement warning that lawmakers were relying too heavily on federal relief dollars that will soon be gone.

The group's executive director, Jan Moller, supported the “excellent premise” of the tax swap, but bemoaned the way it

was executed.

“Unfortunately, our lawmakers missed an historic opportunity to fix Louisiana's broken tax system,” Moller said. “Legislators could have used the revenue gained by eliminating this deduction to make new investments, or to reduce racial disparities in our tax system by reducing the state sales tax. Instead, they used the revenue to cut income-tax rates for individuals and corporations.”

Moller also questioned a bill that was passed late in the session to gradually raise up to \$300 million a year to improve roads and bridges.

The bill dedicates an existing tax on the sale and lease of motor vehicles to a state construction fund. But in doing so, it would shift \$300 million out of the state's general fund, and that could lead to reductions in spending on health care and higher education if the state runs into another budget crunch, Moller said.

Gov. Edwards said he shared that worry. He said he would examine the bill carefully before deciding whether to sign or veto it.

Edwards has already signed a \$38 billion state budget bill. Given all the federal aid, and higher-than-expected state tax collections, it represented what the governor called “one of the best budgets in 15 years” and “a far cry from past years” when the state faced a financial crisis.

Here are some of the highlights from the budget and other bills passed during the session:

**Unemployment Checks**  
The Legislature voted to raise the state's unemployment wage by \$28, to \$275 a week, starting next year, if Edwards ends temporary federal unemployment benefits, which equate to \$300, by July 31.

Edwards indicated he would make that deal to help raise the overall state benefit level, which, he said, is among the lowest in the country.

**K-12 Education**  
K-12 public-school

teachers will each receive an \$800 pay raise, and school support workers will receive \$400, inching them toward the Southern regional pay average. Kindergarten will become mandatory for five-year-olds with some exceptions.

**Higher Education**  
Public universities and colleges will share in additional monies, with \$19.8 million pay increases for professors that could average 2% to 2.5% or more.

Edwards also touted an \$11.1 million increase in GO Grant funding for needy students and the creation of the M.J. Foster Promise Program to provide workforce training for Louisiana adults. He said total need-based need had increased four times, to \$40 million, since he became governor.

**Sexual Assault Reporting**

After a scandal involving LSU football players, legislators created new regulations for how colleges deal with allegations of sexual assault, harassment and other misconduct, including a requirement to fire employees who fail to properly report the allegations.

**Sports Gambling**  
Legislators passed three bills that structure how the state will welcome gambling on sports events. Bets can be placed online, in casinos or on kiosks at restaurants and bars.

Part of the funds collected from the taxation will go to the Early Education Fund. The state hopes to begin taking bets before the upcoming football season.

**Marijuana Decriminalization**

Edwards said he is “interested” in signing Rep. Cedric Glover's bill that decriminalizes marijuana.

Glover, a Shreveport Democrat, authored the bill that makes possession of a half-ounce of the plant a misdemeanor or summons without the threat of arrest. The fine could be as much as \$100.

Currently, the state fines an individual \$300, or 15 days in jail, for the first offense. Upon a second conviction, the person can be jailed for six months, and the penalties get more significant for each bust.

**Policing Practices**  
In the wake of the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, the Legislature voted to ban choke holds unless an officer reasonably believes he or she is in grave danger, limit the use of no-knock search warrants and require that dashboard cameras in police cars be automatically activated when the car's emergency lights go on.

But a measure to limit the qualified immunity that police officers have from civil lawsuits if they kill or injure while acting unreasonably died in a Senate committee.

**“Pink Tax”**  
Rep. Aimee Freeman, D-New Orleans, was able to narrowly pass a bill that would “end the pink tax.” The measure would eliminate the state sales tax on feminine hygiene products and all diapers.

**Likely Vetoes**  
Edwards has said he will veto two pieces of legislation, the ban on transgender athletes and a concealed handgun bill. He also seemed skeptical about a bill that would prohibit state agencies from discriminating against individuals based on their COVID-19 vaccination status.

The concealed-carry bill would allow any eligible person over 21 to carry a handgun without a permit or training. Edwards favors the current system that requires training and background checks.

Supporters of the ban

on transgender youths playing on sports teams opposite their gender assigned at birth said the measure would protect girls from harm and from losing scholarships.

The NCAA has said it will not host championship games in states that pass “anti-trans” bills.

Under the bill that passed the Legislature, a ban on discrimination based on COVID-19 vaccination status would remain in place until the vaccines received full authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The bill's passage came after hundreds of LSU faculty members called on the university to require students to get the vaccines before coming to campus in the fall. The resolution passed 570-37 at a Faculty Council meeting.



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# Minden coach pleased with Tide's effort in NSU 7-on-7 tournament

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Minden head coach Spencer Heard isn't a huge proponent of 7-on-7 football, but he believes it can play a role in helping teams prepare for real football in the fall.

The Crimson Tide played in a 7-on-7 tournament Friday hosted by Northwestern State and plan to compete in a 7-on-7 league at Ruston High a couple of times this month.

Last summer, 7-on-7 competition, which emphasizes the passing game, was not allowed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm not the type of person that puts a whole lot of weight on 7-on-7," Heard said. "The main reason we do it is the kids like it. It's fun. It's a way for them to compete."

Minden played four games Friday at NSU against Menard, Captain Shreve, Leesville and Co-



RUSSELL HEDGES

meaux.

Heard said that while anytime you compete you want to win, the outcome of 7-on-7 games isn't that important. The object is to get better.

"I felt like we had a good day," he said. "We had young guys on both sides, especially in the secondary. We're kind of young in the secondary. Early on I felt like we had some trouble with some coverages and stuff."

"I felt like as the day went on it got better. We started playing better in the last two games. We got something out of it."

With the graduation of Trenton McLaughlin, senior Andrew Cooper is the Tide's No. 1 quarterback.

Last season, he came off the bench in a Class 4A second-round game against Leesville in the second half after McLaughlin was injured and helped Minden rally for

a 21-14 overtime victory over the No. 5 seed Wampus Cats.

Cooper also played in a 27-0 quarterfinal loss to No. 4 seed Neville. The Crimson Tide, who were seeded 12th, went 5-2 in the regular season and finished 7-3.

Cooper was also a starter at strong safety last season.

"He's got a lot of experience from that perspective," Heard said. "He's got a good arm and is very, very headsy kid. He runs the ball well."

Heard also said Copper is very respected among his teammates.

"I think he's going to be a good leader for us this year," he said.

Jaylin Williams, a second-team All-District 1-4A East selection as a sophomore, is back.

"He's probably right now our No. 1 receiver," Heard said. "Big, tall kid, about 6-3, 190, runs well."

Williams played both receiver and safety in the NSU tournament.

"He played a ton," Heard said. "He's got a really high ceiling."



## COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Baseball Season Ends in NCAA Super Regional

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee belted six home runs Sunday as the Volunteers defeated LSU, 15-6, to win the Knoxville Super Regional and advance to the College World Series.

Tennessee improved to 50-16 with its fifth straight NCAA Tournament win. LSU completed its season with a 38-25 record.

Sunday's game marked the end of the career of LSU coach Paul Mainieri, who announced on May 28 that he would retire at the end of the Tigers' 2021 season.

Mainieri completed his 39-season coaching career with a 1,505-777-8 record, including a 641-285-3 mark in 15 seasons at LSU.

LSU won a remarkable 31 team championships during Mainieri's tenure, including the 2009 national championship, nine NCAA Regional championships, five NCAA Super Regional championships, four SEC regular-season

titles, six SEC Tournament titles and six SEC Western Division crowns.

Mainieri completed his career No. 7 among NCAA Baseball Division I coaches in wins, and he is one of only five coaches in NCAA Division I Baseball history to earn 1,500 victories and a national championship.

Tennessee right-hander Blade Tidwell (10-3) earned the win Sunday, as he worked seven innings and allowed six runs on seven hits with no walks and seven strikeouts.

LSU starter Landon Marceaux (7-7) was charged with the loss as he gave up three runs - two earned - on three hits in three innings with one walk and four strikeouts.

"We felt good going into the game," Mainieri said. "Landon has so much courage and guts, and he was unbelievable in pitching twice in the regional last weekend, but I could tell early on he didn't have his usual stuff. His slider didn't have the

kind of bite that it normally does and his velocity was down. It just shows you what kind of competitor he is, he gritted his teeth and battled through three innings."

Tennessee, the visiting team for Sunday's game, grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning when third baseman Jake Rucker unloaded a two-run homer, his eighth dinger of the season.

LSU responded in the bottom of the first with a run as rightfielder Dylan Crews led off the frame with a homer, his 17th of the season.

Rucker hit a solo homer with one out in the third to extend UT's lead to 3-1, but Crews again responded with a two-out solo homer in the bottom of the inning to narrow the gap to 3-2.

Tennessee catcher Connor Pavolony blasted a two-run homer in the fourth against reliever Garrett Edwards, giving the Vols a 5-2 advantage.



GUS STARK/LSU SPORTS

## LSU vs Tennessee

The Vols erupted for six runs in the fifth in a rally that was highlighted by rightfielder Jordan Beck's three-run homer.

LSU reduced the deficit to 11-4 in the sixth on a two-run homer by first baseman Tre' Morgan, and the Tigers trailed 11-6 when designated hitter Brody Drost launched a two-run homer in the seventh.

However, Tennessee leftfielder Evan Russell hit a two-run homer in the eighth, and the Vols added two runs in the ninth to account for the final margin.

"Our kids battled like crazy all year," Mainieri said. "We were counted out a lot of times during the course of this year, and our guys never gave up. They're a resilient bunch,

and I love them. I'll always remember them, they're my last team.

"I don't want people to be sad for me, I'm the luckiest guy in the world. Thirty-nine years of being able to live out a childhood dream of being a college baseball coach. I got to do what I wanted to do with my life, who could ask for more?"



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OUTDOORS

# Snakes I have known

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Being a country reared fellow, there is one thing I have encountered, and if you grew up in the country you did too, it is snakes, creepy crawly reptiles with no shoulders that can get my immediate attention.

Over the course of my life, I have had up close and personal encounters with snakes that have slithered themselves into my memory vault.

One of the most memorable events took place when I was a kid down on the creek at the swimming hole. I was enjoying the cool clear waters of Molido creek with my brother, Tom and our cousins Doug and Sambo. Also along on the trip was my little puppy whose name escapes me; I'll just refer to him as Fido.

While paddling along with Fido, I suddenly felt a sharp pain behind my knee. I thought at first that Tom, Doug or Sambo had sneaked up behind me and pinched me but glancing up, I saw all three on the opposite bank; it was obviously something else that had me by the leg. Reaching down, I pulled up a big black snake as long as the leg he was nibbling on. When my companions saw the snake, they were as concerned as me especially when they saw blood streaming down the back of my leg.

Doug, who apparently was bent on one day becoming a surgeon, reached for his rusty Barlow pocket knife and was preparing to slice into my leg to release the venom. Just before Doug began his procedure, we noticed that there were no fang marks at the site of the bite, just a row of teeth marks indicating I was attacked by a non-venomous water snake. Doug was the only one of us disappointed because he missed his chance to show his surgical skills.



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**This hog nosed snake was in the process of swallowing a toad until disturbed. After releasing the toad, it flipped onto its back feigning death.**

On another occasion, I was hunting squirrels down on Clear Branch when I spotted a squirrel in a tree across the narrow stream. It was an easy hop across to put me on the same side of the water as the squirrel, so I made the leap to the other side. While halfway in my leap, I saw a flash of white at exactly the spot my momentum would have carried me to touch down. The white I saw was inside the mouth of a venomous cottonmouth. What I did next was to defy gravity; somehow, I was able to add to my leap another three feet while airborne and I landed safely on the other side of the snake. To this day, I still don't know how I was able to do that.

This week, I encountered another snake but

this one presented no threat whatsoever to me. My wife and I were having lunch when I looked out on the driveway and saw a snake that was struggling with something it was trying to swallow. I grabbed a shovel, walked out the saw that the snake - I wasn't sure of the species - was trying to swallow a toad.

I nudged the snake with the shovel, it released the toad which probably set some sort of record in leaving he scene; I never knew a docile toad could move that fast.

I nudged the snake again and it spread its neck like a cobra. Nudging it again, the snake immediately flipped over on its back making me believe it had expired. I knew what it was immedi-

ately since I have encountered spreading adders or hog nosed snakes before. It is a completely harmless variety so I walked away leaving it to flip back over and crawl away to safety. A snake and a toad have me to thank for saving both their lives.

If you are out and about this time of year, there is a good chance you'll encounter a snake. In my case, I was bitten by a non-poisonous one, leaped past a bad one and had the opportunity of seeing nature do what it does to protect its own.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Four Grambling State Baseball Players Selected To Play In HBCU All-Star Game

HOOVER, Ala | Senior right-handed pitcher Jason Alvarez, sophomore infielder Cameron Bufford, graduate student outfielder Jahmoi Percival, and senior outfielder Cameron Phelts were selected to participate in the inaugural 2021 HBCU All-Star game in Hoover, Alabama hosted by Minority Baseball Prospects.

The goal of this game is to provide a platform to provide a platform to top-level talent coming out of Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and recognize the tremendous work of the coaches who mold, develop, and support these players. The teams will be selected through an all-star vote lead by the guidance of current and former HBCU coaches and players.

Selected players will have the opportunity to compete against the best in the game, support the next generation of players through community efforts, highlight the rich history of HBCUs, and show Major League scouts that HBCU ball players have what it takes to advance in the game.

Alvarez, a right-handed pitcher from Danbury, Connecticut was solid on the mound for the Tigers this season. He appeared eight times and maintained a record of 4-4, 74 strikeouts in 57.2 innings pitched, and finished with a 5.46 ERA.

The heavy hitting slugger, Bufford started every game for the Tigers this season as the second-slot batter. He finished second on the team this season with a

batting average of .314 posting 51 runs on 58 hits with 40 RBI, and 12 home runs which ranked him at the top of the SWAC leaderboards. The sophomore also finished with a slugging percentage .568 and an on-base percentage of .385. In the field, he recorded 56 putouts with 88 assists. The sophomore also received All-SWAC conference honors this season.

Percival, another All-SWAC honoree was very consistent at the plate this season. He lead the team with a bating average of .358 posting 37 runs on 57 hits with 42 RBI. The graduate student also notched five home runs, six triples, and ten doubles. He also lead the team with an on-base percentage of .462 with a slugging percentage of .591. In the outfield, he finished with 85 putouts with a fielding percentage of .935.

Phelts, another member of this phenomenal senior class finished third on the team with a batting average of .309 posting 46 runs on 56 hits with 31 RBI. As the lead off hitter, he notched six home runs, four triples, and five doubles on the season with an on-base percentage of .409 and a slugging percentage of .481. The senior was flawless in the outfield finishing with a fielding percentage of .993 with 134 putouts and only one error.

The game will be played Tuesday, June 8 at Hoover Met Stadium (508 Stadium Trace Pkwy Hoover, AL 35244)

For more information in regards to the game please visit <https://www.minoritybaseball.com/>

FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** - A good may 2-3 pound bass are being caught around the willows on spinners and soft plastics. Bream are good around the trees. Crappie are scattered. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**BLACK BAYOU** - Bass have been fair around the edges of the grass on jigs and spinners. Bream fishing is good around the tupelo gums. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**OUACHITA RIVER** - The river is fairly high with best fishing reported in the river lakes down south on jigs and shiners. Bass are fair in the lakes on spinners and soft plastics. Crappie are fair to good fishing jigs and shiners around tops in the river and riv-

er lakes. No report on other species. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** -Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the flats in 25 foot water fishing 15 feet deep on shiners or jigs. Bream fishing is good on worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. Bass fishing has been best fishing the deeper channel holes and old sloughs on jigs, crank. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** - Bass fishing has been best at night fishing the lighted piers with crank baits. A good many stripers are being caught along with the bass. Some are also

being caught along the dark banks at night on black spinners and crank baits. During the days fish the main lake points with crank baits and soft plastics. Bream are on the beds and fishing has been good on crickets and worms. 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. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

**CANEY LAKE** - Bass are starting to school with best fishing on Yellow Magic lures along with tail spinners around points on the main lake. Old Monster worms and crank baits are best on the deeper holes. 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 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** - Bass are fair. Catfish and bream are good. Crappie are best fishing jigs or shiners on the south end of the lake. 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 level is fairly stable with better reports this week on crappie and catfish with bar fish also showing up. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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Monday's unlisted clue: JACK

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE

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HISTORY

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association football in Europe. It comprises 54 member countries in Europe and Asia.

**1844** Charles Good-year patents vulcanization  
The American inventor is credited with developing the basic concept of strengthening rubber by adding sulfur or similar materials. Vulcanized rubber is today used for a wide array of products, such as tires and shoe soles.

**1667** The first human blood transfusion is administered  
Jean-Baptiste Denys, physician to King Louis XIV of France, transfused sheep blood into a 15-year-old boy. He survived, most likely due to the relatively small amount of blood used.

COMICS

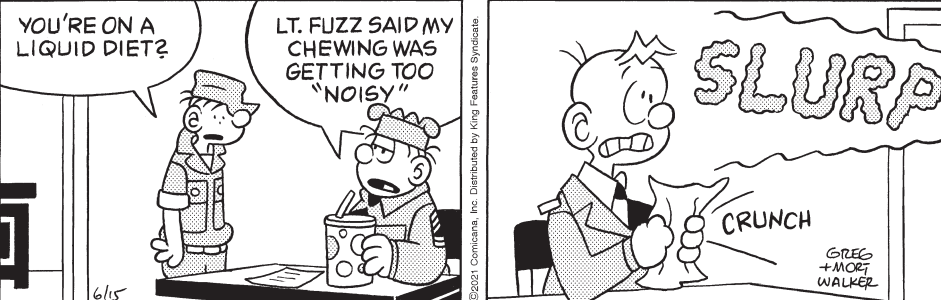
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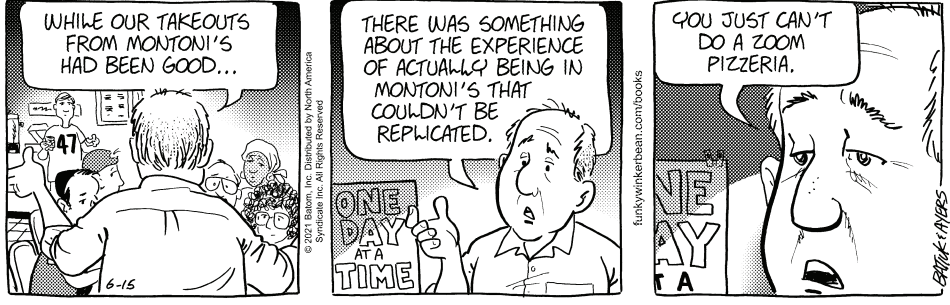
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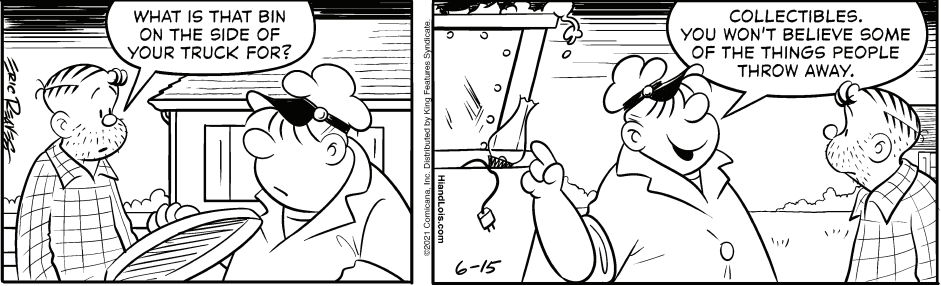
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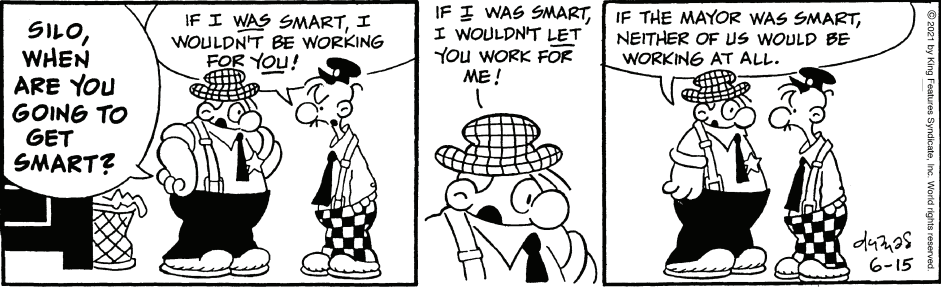
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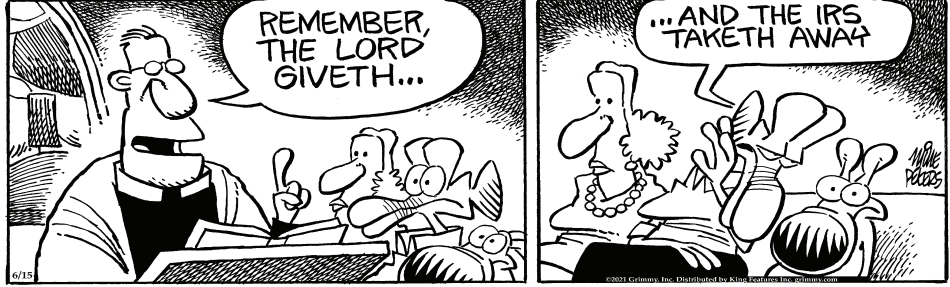
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SAM AND SILO | JERRY DUMAS



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM | MIKE PETERS





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### PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with federal regulations, the Webster Police Jury Office of Community Services, Section 8 housing Authority for Webster Parish will begin accepting pre-applications for rental assisted housing and /or placement on the waiting list for such housing.

Pre-applications packets can be picked up beginning June 21, 2021 during business hours, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

### WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING THE FIRST 100 APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted on Wednesday July 7, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and then from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Minden office. The waiting list will close on Wednesday, July7, 2021 at 4:00 pm or when 100 applications are received. Whichever comes first.

No pre-application packets will be accepted at any time other than the date and times listed above.

Persons desiring to apply for rental assistance may obtain pre-application packets from the location listed below:

Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services  
208 Gleason Street  
Minden, LA 71055

### ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEBSTER PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCATED AT 208 GLEASON STREET MINDEN, LA ON THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIMES GIVEN

Equal Opportunity Housing/Employer/Program/Provider Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

June 11, 2021  
June 15, 2021  
June 18, 2021  
June 22, 2021  
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### NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing regarding the 26th Judicial District Public

Defender Office Amended Budget for FY 2021 (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021) and Budget for FY 2022 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) will be held on July 18, 2021, at 211 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at which time a copy of the budgets will be made available for public inspection and comments.

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A public notice to review and adopt the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for 2021-2022 will be held in the office of the Webster Parish Sheriff at 10:00a.m. on June 29, 2021. Any interested parties may inspect this budget during normal business hours.

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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY June 1, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice President; Steve Lemmons, Steve Ramsey, Randy Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Beverly Kennon, Allen Gilbert, Vera Davison, Bruce Blanton and Ed Jordan**  
**Absent: Bernard Hudson**

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open the meeting with prayer.  
Mr. Steve Ramsey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

Mr. Jim Bonsall asked to add ITEP for E.I. Williams to the agenda to reconsider the previous vote.  
Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to add ITEP for E.I. Williams and add Sarepta Water Works Board Appointments to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve in-

voices for payment pending review by juror Bruce Blanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2021 Road Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Environmental Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting and the May 10, 2021 Special Economic Development Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve the following for Legal Journal and Publication Journal for the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022: Minden Press Herald-Legal Journal Springhill Press and News Journal-Publication Journal Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve the board appointments for Shongaloo Fire Protection District #9. Reappoint John Stanley, President for a 2- year term and Reappoint Jesse Lee, Vice President to a 2- year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to adopt the Resolution 004-2021 Authorizing Parish President, Jim Bonsall to execute any and all documents in connection with State Project No. H.013111, Federal Aid Project No. H.013111, Dorcheat Road over Caney Creek. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Parish of Webster to enter into an Amended Local Services Agreement with the City of Springhill in connection with State Project No. H.013111, Federal Aid Project No. H.013111, Dorcheat Road over Caney Creek, being joint projects of both entities, and authorize the execution of any and all documents in connection with said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey

moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the proposal of David Volentine, MAI, for appraisal services for State Project No. H.013111, Federal Aid Project No. H.013111, Dorcheat Road over Caney Creek, and authorize the execution of documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the board appointments for the Sarepta Water Works District. Appoint Andy Hanson, President; Thomas Garland, Vice-President; and Jason Timmons as Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to reconsider the vote on E.I. Williams, Industries, LLC Tax Exemption, ITEP in Webster Parish. (A YES vote would give the exemption.) 11 YES, 1 Absent (Bernard Hudson) Motion carried.

**COMMENTS:**  
Melinda Davison WPOCS  
Serena Gray WPCVB (Tourism)  
Jason Parker WP Sheriff  
Col. Thompson WP Assessor/Denise Edwards Lee Faulk  
LSU/Ag Center Brian Williams WPPJ OEP/  
Homeland Security Director Ashley Busada NLEP  
Randy Sexton NWID  
Cedric Floyd Data Center, LLC

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. (Hudson and Blanton absent)

Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve the action taken at the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. (Hudson and Blanton absent)

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. (Hudson and

Blanton)

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve the action taken at the Administrative Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. (Hudson and Blanton)

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Lisa C. Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/

Jim Bonsall  
President

June 15, 2021  
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### NOTICE

Johnnie Lee Martin  
Carlton Martin

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

50 ft. off West E of Lots #5 and 6, Blk. "G", Justice Heights Addn. 375 Clerk St. Minden, La. 71055  
Assessment #112931 as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-24-2017. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property **will be terminated** within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

Webster Parish Police Jury

410 Main St.  
Minden, LA 71055  
318-377-7564

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### SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

### 2021 ROAD PROJECT

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden Department of Public Works

520 Broadway Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc. 112 East Mississippi Avenue Ruston, LA 71270

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to all others.

Contract documents will also be available online at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). If bidding online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of \$50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Negotiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a "no bid".

**Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – CITY OF MINDEN 2021 ROAD PROJECT – BID NUMBER 1-21 – ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bidder shall include their full company name, address, and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.**

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

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No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk  
Bid Number 1-21

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

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ETC TEXAS PIPELINE, LTD. AND PELICO PIPELINE, LLC**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. and Pelico Pipeline, LLC, in resolution of the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-CN-09-0271, issued to DCP Midstream, LP a/k/a DCP Operating Company, LP (Respondent), Agency Interest Numbers 27985, 31621, 31865, 33406, 33408, and 84966, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-20-0026, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facilities in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, and other violations the Respondent requested the Department of Environmental Quality to include in the settlement and which are not in the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental sub-division or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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**Minden Press-Herald**

**PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2021**

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Glorioso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov), by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecords-RequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Louisiana beginning at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Ralph James, Chief of Police Paul Mi-gues, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Hallie DeMoss and Water System Operator Jesse Williamson

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin and Ralph James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council adopted the Minutes from May 6, 2021 at Council Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2021 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Ralph James and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council adopted the Minutes from May 6, 2021 at Council Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2021 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Matt Austin moved to accept the May, 2021 Operating Financial Statements as presented: the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James. The motion was approved unanimously. Ralph James moved to accept the May, 2021 Police Department Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Ralph James. Attest by: Sherry Limosnero Village Clerk, Respectfully posted: 6/10/2021 Adopted:

**June 15, 2021**  
**Minden Press Herald**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Webster Parish School Board, Attn: Johnny Rowland, Jr., by hand-delivery, at 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, by mail to the Webster Parish School Board, ATTN: Johnny Rowland, P. O. Box 520, Minden, Louisiana 71058, Or electronically

at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com) until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 07, 2021 for the sale of the following property:

**Hwy 532 Dubberly, La 71024-2538 (Old Dubberly High Site)**

Precisely at the above time and place, all proposals in hand will be publicly opened and read aloud and any proposals received subsequent to the opening will be returned unopened. General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, a plat and description of the property, and Bid Form may be acquired from Webster Parish School Board, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana or by contacting Terric W. Ferguson, telephone number (318) 377-7052.

Arrangements to inspect the property may be made with Jeff Franklin, by telephone at (318) 377-7052.

Minimum acceptable bid for the site is \$37,500.00

Award of the purchase will be made to the highest bidder at or over the minimum acceptable bid subject to acceptance and approval by the Webster Parish School Board.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD JOHNNY ROWLAND, JR. SUPERINTENDENT**

**June 15, 2021**  
**June 22, 2021**  
**June 29, 2021**  
**July 06, 2021**  
**Minden Press-Herald**

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**  
This is to give notice that the Village of Dixie Inn has determined that the following proposed action under the Village's FY 2021 LCDBG program is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the Village will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain, and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The Village of

Dixie Inn proposes to construct improvements to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) utilizing Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funding. The purpose of the project is to replace/install equipment for the Village to provide proper treatment of sewer. The project will include construction of a new 37,500 gallons per day (GPD) WWTP and rehabilitation of the Village's existing WWTP. The new plant is required to provide the necessary treatment of sewer to allow for the needed repairs to the existing 75,000 GPD WWTP. The proposed project will consist of the following construction activities: New 37,500 GPD Wastewater Treatment Plant: installation of new packaged treatment unit on existing concrete slab; electrical components, wiring, etc.; site piping and related appurtenances; and all necessary ancillary activities associated with the construction of packaged treatment unit. Repairs to Existing 75,000 GPD Wastewater Treatment Plant: replacement of deteriorated plant piping; tank repairs; interior and exterior painting; and all necessary ancillary activities associated with the repair of the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at

greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Village of Dixie Inn at the following address on or before June 30, 2021: Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor, Village of Dixie Inn, 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA 71055. The Village can be contacted by phone at 318-377-6855. A full description of the project may also be reviewed upon request from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dixie Inn Village Hall.

The Village of

The Village of Dixie Inn is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**June 15, 2021**  
**Minden Press-Herald**

**MISC.**

**N. O. A. A. (Nine One One Academy) and the Town of Gibsland partnered with the Lifeshare Blood Drive will be hosting an Awareness & Community Engagement Event on Saturday, June 19, 2021, 10:00 am located in historic downtown Gibsland, Louisiana. Please Join Us & Share the Gift of Life!**

**NOTICES**

**HEAD START CENTERS** in your areas are accepting applications for enrollment of children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 30th of this year. Our Head Start Program has been recognized by the State of Louisiana for providing high quality services for all children, including children with disabilities. For more information, you may visit or call: Head Start Administrative Office 111 Murrell Street Minden, LA 318-377-7022

The Water We Drink

STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN  
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119018

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2020. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #18	Ground Water
WELL #04	Ground Water
WELL #22	Ground Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial Contaminants** – such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic Contaminants** – such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and Herbicides** – which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical Contaminants** – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants** – which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of "MEDIUM". If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact HARRY WILSON at 318-382-4183.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)** – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** – an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

**Action level (AL)** – the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum contaminant level (MCL)** – the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)** – the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Level 1 assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic Contaminants** – such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and Herbicides** – which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical Contaminants** – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants** – which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of "MEDIUM". If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact HARRY WILSON at 318-382-4183.

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIIUM	5/8/2018	0.15	0.041 - 0.15	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	5/8/2018	0.35	0.29 - 0.35	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020							

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	5/8/2018	1.06	0 - 1.06	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	5/8/2018	1.68	1.25 - 1.68	pCi/L	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.

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Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Site Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2017 - 2019	0.2	0 - 0.2	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)	DINING FACILITY	2020	3	2.6 - 2.6	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2020	4	4.3 - 4.3	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	DINING FACILITY	2020	6	5.8 - 5.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2020	17	16.6 - 16.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	5/8/2018	0.55	0.027 - 0.55	MG/L	0.3
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++++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language++++++  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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