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Anheuser-Busch supplies water for local firemen

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The Webster Fire District 7 recently received canned emergency drinking water to help provide critical hydration to its responders during this year’s wildfire season.

On Monday, June 29, 2021, Eagle Distributing of Shreveport, a local Anheuser-Busch wholesaler partner, dropped off two pallets to WFD7 and one more to Bienville Fire District 4 & 5 – to help support its wildfire response needs. Maintaining firefighters’ hydration during long incidents or disasters such as wildfires is a major safety concern for many departments.

The Webster Fire District 7 serves Dixie Inn and surrounding areas, which is also equipped

with a training center for area departments. The Bienville Fire District 4 & 5 serves the Community of Ringgold.

“Firefighters lose a tremendous amount of fluid during high-intensity responses such as battling wildfires. Proper hydration is critical to ensure the safety of firefighters and to keep them performing at their best. The water was donated by Anheuser-Busch through a partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). Anheuser-Busch has a longstanding tradition of providing emergency drinking water and supplies for disaster relief efforts. The company periodically pauses beer production each year to can emergency drinking water to be ready to lend a helping hand during natural disasters and



COURTESY PHOTO

Eagle Distributing of Shreveport, an Anheuser-Busch wholesale partner, dropped off two pallets of canned water to Minden Fire District #7 in Dixie Inn to help support local firefighters and their response needs.

other crises,” said David Davis, Eagle Distributing of Shreveport.

“Since the program began, over 3.2 million cans of water have been distributed to more than 520 departments in 47

states,” the National Volunteer Fire Council’s website stated. “To help departments meet this need, Anheuser-Busch is continuing its commitment in 2021 and has pledged to donate

1.5 million cans of clean drinking water this year to help keep our wildfire responders hydrated as they protect and strengthen our communities.”

BUSINESS

Webster Parish Manufacturer Continental Structural Plastics Announces \$13.2 Million Expansion

(BATON ROUGE, LA) - Gov. John Bel Edwards and Continental Structural Plastics CEO Steve Rooney announced the company will invest \$13.2 million to expand its manufacturing facility in Sarepta, Louisiana. Also known as CSP, the company provides lightweight composite products for vehicles and industrial applications. CSP will expand its Webster Parish facility to accommodate future manufacturing activity.

The expansion will

create 33 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of around \$38,000, plus benefits. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 32 new indirect jobs, for a total of 65 new jobs for Webster Parish and the Northwest Region. In addition, the project will retain 170 existing jobs. The expansion is expected to support 200 construction jobs.

“Continental Structural Plastics has found success in Sarepta, manufac-

turing quality products for the automotive industry and other end-users,” Gov. Edwards said. “Our local and regional economic development partners in the Northwest Region are working hard with us to sustain a strong business climate and promote business growth such as this. As CSP continues to excel, we welcome the jobs this project will create for our rural workforce in Webster Parish.”

The company plans a 22,000-square-

foot expansion to its three-building complex at the North Webster Parish Industrial Park. Products made by CSP in Webster Parish include undercarriages, bumpers and other products for cars and trucks.

“Our Sarepta, Louisiana, facility is a model for our organization in terms of safety, our workforce and our efforts to automate our processes,” Rooney said. “As we evaluated our operations in terms of where to add capacity, expanding this

facility, implementing additional automated cells and providing additional quality jobs to the Sarepta community was the logical choice. We have an incredible, dedicated workforce in Sarepta. When you add to that the tremendous partnership we have with the local community and the North Webster Parish Industrial District, it really is a win-win for CSP and the community.”

“We welcome the multi-million-dollar in-

CITY COUNCIL

Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance passes, despite hang up at July City Council Meeting

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

At the July City Council meeting, one of the items of contention from the agenda was the passing of a new mobile food vendor ordinance for the City of Minden. While initially seeming to have failed based on Councilman Vincen Bradford of Dist. C stating it needed a two-thirds majority vote to pass. The day after, City Attorney Jimbo Yocom cleared things up, stating that a simple majority was all that was needed for the ordinance to pass.

This ordinance clearly defines what a mobile food vendor is within the City’s laws as a food service that is mobile and located upon or within a vehicle, or which can be pulled by a vehicle, or which can be pulled or pushed by human or animal power, where food or beverage is cooked, prepared, and served.

The ordinance also defined specific regulations pertaining to them such as where they can and can’t be placed, such as 50 feet from other restaurants or intersections if operating on public property, limiting the amount of space taken to two parking spots, providing trash receptacles for use by customers,

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“If there’s a food truck but it’s not mobile, is that classified?” asked Councilman Terika Williams-Walker of Dist. B, providing an example of Seafood Empire.

Mayor Terry Gardner responded, “They are mobile because they have tires, and have the ability to take it to a ballpark or festival or something like that.”

“But he has another trailer for that,” retorted Walker. “But it is on wheels, and you can pull it,” responded Gardner. “So as long as it’s on wheels, it’s considered a food truck, even if it is stationary.”

Councilman Michael Roy of Dist. D afor further clarification asked, “So if the wheels come off of that trailer, then it falls under a restaurant?”

“If the wheels come off and axles are removed, and the front tung is removed, where it becomes like a stationary building, then it would become a restaurant,” said Gardner.

After the discussion,

the council voted three to two in favor of passing the ordinance. Those in favor being Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A, Councilman Roy of Dist. D, and Councilman Pam Bloxom of Dist E. Those opposed included Councilman Williams-Walker and Councilman Vincen Bradford of Dist. C.

After declaring the vote as having passed, Councilman Bradford stated that the vote had failed due to new City Ordinances needing two-thirds vote in order to pass.

Wednesday the City Attorney Jimbo Yocom cleared up the confusion, stating that the law is clear that a two-thirds majority is not required.

“After researching the question of the number of council members that must vote in the affirmative to adopt an ordinance, the law is clear that a two-thirds majority is not required. The City Charter is silent as to the voting requirements for the adoption of an ordinance. As such, we must turn to the Revised Statutes. Pursuant to La. R.S. 33:406, a simple majority vote of the council is re-

quired to effectively adopt the ordinance,” the City Attorney stated in his letter to the Mayor. “Consequently, the “Mobile Food Vendor” Ordinance did in fact pass and is lawfully adopted.”

Given the confusion that arose at the Council Meeting between what separates a restaurant and mobile food vendor, Economic Director Phillips Smart, who initially proposed the ordinance, recommended that the definition for a restaurant be amended into the ordinance for further clarity.

“The restaurant definition was not put into the ordinance. I feel that for everyone’s benefit, that the ordinance should be amended and restaurant definition should be added, so we can have a clear understanding of the difference between a restaurant and a mobile food vendor,” said Economic Director Phillips Smart.

The monthly City Council meeting is held on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30 p.m. located at Minden City Hall. The meetings are open for the public to attend.

Expansion: State offers a competitive incentive package

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vestment that Continental Structural Plastics has decided to make here,” said Randy Sexton, chairman of the North Webster Parish Industrial District board. “We certainly are looking forward to the 33 new job openings that this project will create. It’s always an exciting time for our community when we can be a part of this kind of growth.”

To secure the project, the State of Louisiana offered a competitive

incentive package that includes the comprehensive workforce solutions of LED FastStart® – the nation’s No. 1 state workforce development program for the past 11 years. In addition, CSP will be eligible for a performance-based grant of up to \$600,000 to offset infrastructure costs related to the expansion. The company also is expected to utilized Louisiana’s Enterprise Zone and Industrial Tax Exemption programs.

“Continental Struc-

tural Plastics’ additional investment and job creation in the Sarepta community is a testimony to North Louisiana’s steadfast workforce and strong business climate,” said Justyn Dixon, President of North Louisiana Economic Partnership. “North Louisiana Economic Partnership has worked alongside CSP to provide strategic assistance each step of the way throughout this project and is proud to support the company’s expansion.”

Louisiana GOP pushing for veto override session

(The Center Square) – Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards could face the first veto override session in state history after recently rejecting two particular pieces of legislation.

Edwards, a Democrat, vetoed 28 bills from the most recent legislative session, but Republican lawmakers are targeting two for override votes: one dealing with transgender athletes and another regarding concealed handguns.

An override session is scheduled annually for the third week in July, but historically have been cancelled each year when a majority of members in the Senate and House – 20 and 53, respectively – vote not to hold it.

A veto override requires two-thirds support in each chamber, 26 votes in the Senate and 70 in the House. Only two vetoes ever have been overridden, but both occurred during regular session.

The transgender athlete ban, which would bar high school athletes from participating on sports teams that do not align with their gender assigned at birth, won overwhelming support in the state Legislature, passing 29-6 in the Senate and 78-17 in the House.

Supporters of the bill said they want to protect female athletes from unfair competition, but Edwards called it “a solution in search of a problem.”

“The fact of the matter is there is not a single incidence in the history of Louisiana of the type of conduct that the bill seeks to prohibit,” Edwards said.

Edwards also said if the bill were to become law, New Orleans could risk losing the NCAA Final Four, scheduled there for next March, as well as other events.

The NCAA pulled seven championship events out of North Carolina in 2016 after a bill was signed into law requiring

people in schools and government buildings to use the restroom corresponding to the sex on their birth certificate. The NBA also pulled its 2017 all-star game out of Charlotte. The bill later was repealed.

Edwards also vetoed a bill that would have allowed residents age 21 and older to carry a concealed weapon without obtaining a permit.

That measure passed the House, 73-29, and cleared the Senate, 27-9.

“The governor told everybody to go fly a kite and see you in the veto session,” House Speaker Pro Tem Tanner Magee said.

Edwards did sign a third bill that many thought he might veto, one that would increase spending on roads and bridges by \$300 million a year. The governor earlier expressed concern the measure could hamper the state’s general fund should there be a downturn in revenue.

SALVINIA UPDATE

LDWF Schedules Drawdown for Lake Bistineau

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has scheduled a drawdown of Lake Bistineau in Webster, Bossier, and Bienville parishes for the purpose of reducing further expansion of the invasive aquatic plant, giant salvinia. Additionally, the drawdown will benefit fisheries production by improving aquatic habitat and reducing the amount of organic matter on the lake bottom.

LDWF has requested the Department of Transportation and Development open the water control structure on July 19. The lake should dewater at a rate of 4 to 6 inches per day until it reaches a potential maximum drawdown level of 8 feet below pool stage. Once the drawdown reaches the target level, an estimated 10,000 acres of water will remain in the lake. This could be impacted, however, by rainfall in the watershed. LDWF will monitor aquatic habitat conditions to determine the best time to conclude

the drawdown and allow the lake to refill for early spring recreational activities.

Strategic spray efforts, weevil introductions, and the use of plant control booms will take place during the drawdown as well. Past drawdown efforts have proven effective at greatly reducing salvinia infestations on the lake. Since 2012, drawdowns have helped to reduce giant salvinia acreage, on average, by over 2,500 acres. The largest example occurred in 2017-2018 where coverage was reduced nearly 3,350 acres following the summertime drawdown and winter freeze event.

Boaters can still access the lake during the drawdown from the following public boat launches: Port of Bistineau Launch, Bossier Public Launch, Grice’s, and Bayou Dorchet Public Launch. Boaters are advised to use caution during the low water period, as boat lanes will not provide normal clearance of underwater obstructions.

The drawdown is a necessary component of LDWF’s integrated man-

agement plan to control overabundant aquatic vegetation growth, and to improve the Lake Bistineau sport fishery. An annual cycle of high and low water fluctuation can provide beneficial effects similar to a natural overflow lake system.

Drawdowns at Lake Bistineau have proven to be effective at removing large quantities of giant salvinia from the lake. Additionally, lower water levels prevent plant coverage from expanding exponentially during the warmest months of the year when growth rates are the highest. The combined effects provide low plant coverage in the spring and allow recreational use of the lake despite the presence of giant salvinia.

The Lake Bistineau Waterbody Management Plan can be viewed at: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/resources/category/freshwater-inland-fish/inland-waterbody-management-plans>

For additional information regarding the drawdown, contact Jeff Sibley, LDWF Biologist Manager, at jsibley@wlf.la.gov or 318- 371-3066.

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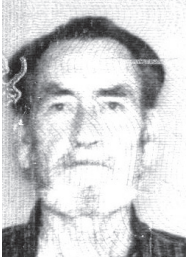
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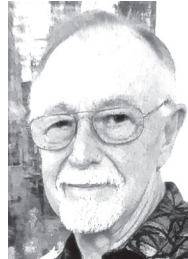
Funeral services for Mack F. Miller will be held Monday July 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden. The family will receive friends Sunday, July 11, 2021 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Mack was born May 6, 1943 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest July 6, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Prentiss and Lizzie Miller and son, Michael Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Miller of Minden; daughters, Stacy Cox of Minden and Julie Miller of Shongaloo; son, Patrick Cole of S. Korea; brother Robin Stone of Bossier City; sisters, Rosalyn Zappa and Paula O'Rear both of Minden; numerous grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Clarence Eugene "Gene" Hagewood

On Friday July 2nd 2021, Clarence Eugene "Gene" Hagewood, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at age 76.

Gene was born on January 9th, 1945 in Jackson, MO to Elizabeth and Floyd Hagewood. He lived a life of adventure serving in the United States Marine Corps in his youth and playing paintball with friends until his last years. Gene was also an avid animal lover, almost never without a loyal dog by his side. Gene was as passionate about his life of work as he was

his hobbies and worked 50 years in the automobile and paint customization industry.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth and Floyd Hagewood and younger sister Ellen. He is survived by his wife, Ginger Hagewood (Minden, LA), children MAJ Jordan Hagewood (Jackson, MS), Travis Hagewood (Kansas City, MO), Jeff Jacobs (Dallas, TX), Jennifer Gross (Dallas, TX), and elder sister Donna Lukan, and many grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Kilpatrick Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund or The Humane Society.



Larry F. Terral "Rooster"

Larry F. Terral "Rooster", age 74, passed away July 4, 2021. He was born November 3, 1947 in Minden, Louisiana to Frank and Lola Terral.

Larry served in the U.S. Army for three years. He

was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. Larry lived in Minden and worked as a floor laborer. He loved to hunt and fish.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lola Terral; brothers, Jerry and Bobby Terral; sisters, Betty McCarthey, Wylma Brown and Katie Block.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Angie; brother, Keith Terral; and sisters Brenda McDaniel and Renee' Brogdon (Carl). And a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.



Gregory W. "Moondog" May

Funeral services for Gregory W. "Moondog" May will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Matt May

and Bro. Chris Craig officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday preceding service.

Greg was born July 24, 1956 in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest June 30, 2021 in Spring, Texas. Greg was a machine operator for International Paper

Company. He was a man of God, country and family and loved the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cindy Maroon-May.

He is survived by his sons, Matthew May and wife Sara of Spring, Texas and Justin May of Conroe, Texas; sisters, Glenda Seaton and husband Phil of Camden, Arkansas, Becky Young and husband Doug of Ruston, and Michelle May-Law and husband Mike of Dallas, Texas; and grandchildren, Noah, Levi, Jayden, Madi, and Chantz.

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Dorothy Victoria Roberson Hollingsworth

Dorothy was born April 24, 1929 and entered into eternal life on July 4, 2021. She was welcomed into her heavenly home by her husband, Ingus Hollingsworth, her mother, Annie Mae Williams Roberson, her father John Roberson, and her 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Left to cherish memories and carry on her spark are her daughter, Kathleen Hollingsworth Smith, sons Dale Hollingsworth and wife Janet, and Gary Hollingsworth and wife Laura.

Grandchildren Jason Smith and great grandchildren Gavin and Khaleesi; Kelley Smith and great grandchildren Cade and Seth; Rachel Hollingsworth Brown, husband Jacob and great grandchildren Hudson, Will, and Anna Beth; Anna Hollingsworth Speer, husband Daniel and great grandchildren Jackson, Bennet and Stella Bea; Riley Hollingsworth and great grandchildren Emma, Darren, Ryder and Fallyn; Carolyn Holling-

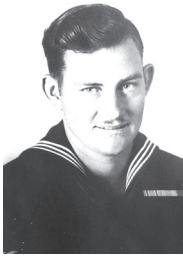
sworth Childress, husband Blade and great grandchild Alex; Logan Hollingsworth, wife Morgan and great grandchildren Laikyn, Andi Brooke and Maddox; Ashley Hollingsworth Vaughan, husband Garrett and great grandchild Jack.

Affectionately known to most as "Nanny" or "Dot", she was adored and loved by so many people. While raising her family in Cotton Valley she was known to have an open door and a hot oven. Friends and kids were always welcomed with laughter and pecan sandies.

Her happiest times were in her garden, fishing, and spending time with her family. Our lives have been more colorful and each of us experienced a spirit and soul like no other. We thank you Nanny for a lifetime of memories and for the example of love, kindness, resilience and humor.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 7th at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM with services to follow. A private burial at Gardens of Memory will follow service. Please honor Nanny with a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in lieu of flowers.

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Reta Thompson

A Graveside Service for Reta Thompson will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana, under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home. Pastor Floyd Smith

from Evergreen Union Church will officiate the service. Preceding the service, the family will receive friends at Kilpatrick's Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden on Saturday from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Reta was born July 31, 1923 in Simms, Texas and entered into rest July 7, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana.

Reta was a WWII veteran who proudly served in the US Navy from 1944 until 1946. He was a long-time resident in Smackover Arkansas before moving to the Evergreen community in the early 1980's, where he worked for Baker Hughes until his retirement. He was an avid motorcyclist and a huge John Deere fan. Known locally as "Mr. T" by his many friends and neighbors, Reta was always ready and willing to help others and bring smiles to their faces.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janie Gaither, his son, Don Allen Thompson, and two spouses, Thelma Thompson and Grace Parker Thompson.

Reta is survived by his son, Larry Thompson, and Larry's wife, Joy, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, two grandchildren, Dana Lowenthal of Marietta, Georgia, and Randy Thompson of Bernice, Louisiana, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Reta Thompson, please send donations to VetStarts, Inc. at PO Box 200233 Arlington, TX 76006, or online at VetStarts.com

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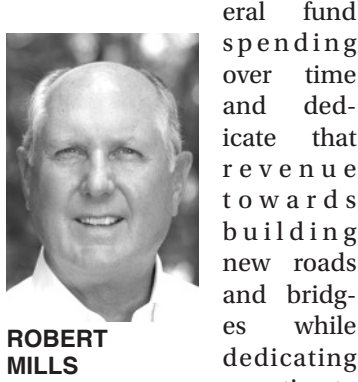
OTHER OPINION

Mills: Why I support the veto session

It was already a given I was going to support a special session of the Legislature in 2021 to attempt to override Governor Edwards decision. He had vetoed the Fairness In Women's Sports Act (SB 156), STRIKE ONE! Then I received confirmation that the Governor had also vetoed the Constitutional Concealed Gun Carry Act (SB 118) STRIKE TWO! Now he also a package of Voting Protection Acts including my own SB 63, which simply clarifies how and when a requested mail in ballot may be hand delivered to the Registrar of Voters in their office or an early polling location during voting times, STRIKE THREE and bring on the Override Session!

The 2021 Legislative Session was successful despite Governor Edwards vetos and we might make it more successful later this month! We accomplished what we set out to do by passing a balanced budget. We tried to take care of the many pressing needs of our 4.6

million citizens and provide for government services to continue while respecting the freedoms and privacy of our citizens as best we could. We even figured a way to reduce general fund spending over time and dedicate that revenue towards building new roads and bridges while dedicating a portion to the huge backlog of repairs to existing bridges and roads.



ROBERT MILLS

Few people realize we have so many existing bridges in our area that are closed or severely weight limited.....33 bridges in Bossier Parish, 37 in Webster Parish, 32 in Bienville Parish and 17 in Claiborne Parish! These same bridges are required to bring timber to the lumber mill, cattle to the mar-

ket, chickens to process, crude oil to refineries and people into town to work. We have ignored our rural roads and bridges for too long and I vow to fight for Senate District 36, a very large and rural Senate District. As information, I am a member of the Rural Legislators Caucus.

I also serve on the Senate Education Committee and very much enjoy that work. We championed a substantial pay raise for our teachers and support workers, and the committee intends to find even more money in the coming years for teacher pay. The legislature formed a task force to study Louisiana's severe shortage of teachers and the lack of students going into the education field. Over 60% of our teachers change careers before completing 10 years of service! Under the leadership of Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent of Education, there is much attention being paid to early childhood education. As a part of that effort, I authored

SB 116 requiring the training of our kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers in "Scientific Reading" which has shown to contribute dramatic improvements in reading and comprehension in a neighboring state. It is important that our youngest children learn to read so they can then read to learn in later years.

There is much more good news to tell you and I look forward to that in the near future. I'm honored to serve the citizens of Senate District 36 as State Senator and remind you that my Legislative Assistant is actually your assistant as well. Mrs. Brenda Autry and I are here to help, she is based in our Minden District office (318) 371-5200 and I am based in a satellite office in Bossier City (318) 798-3070. We both may be contacted by email at Sen36@legis.la.gov

SEN. ROBERT MILLS REPRESENTS DISTRICT 36, WHICH INCLUDES MINDEN AND WEBSTER PARISH.

OPINION

Buchanan: As America recedes, China rises

As our July Fourth celebrations were beginning, the U.S. quietly closed and abandoned Bagram Air Base, the largest American military base between the Persian Gulf and the South China Sea.

Afghan looters were soon seen scavenging inside the base.

The long retreat of the American Empire is underway, and this longest war is likely to end in bloody retribution for the Afghans who sided with us against the Taliban and are left behind.

When the last American departed Bagram, The Wall Street Journal reported that the U.S. is making plans for "an emergency evacuation of the American embassy in Kabul amid concern that a worsening security situation in Afghanistan could imperil the remaining military and diplomatic corps."

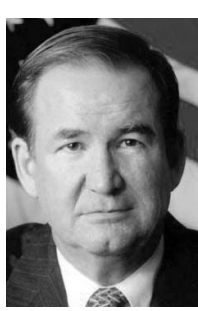
Apparently, we are preparing for a possible Saigon '75 finish to the war launched by George W. Bush 20 years ago. Pressed by reporters on the grim situation in Afghanistan, President Joe Biden did not want to reflect on or talk about what might be coming.

"I want to talk about happy things, man," Biden told reporters. "Look, it's Fourth of July ... it's the holiday weekend. I'm going to celebrate it. There's great things happening."

In that same edition, the Journal reported that China has moved 50,000 troops to the border region with India where forces of the two nations, in June 2020, had their bloodiest

skirmish in decades.

Other reports suggest that China intends to fill the vacuum left by the departure of America's power and provide billions from its Belt and Road Initiative to build a highway



PATRICK BUCHANAN

China is on the move.

In addition to militarizing its frontier with India, China is reasserting its maximalist claims to the South China Sea, ending independence and crushing democracy in Hong Kong, continuing cultural genocide against the Uyghurs, and regularly sending swarms of warplanes toward Taiwan to transmit the message to Taipei that annexation is but a matter of time.

Nor was Chinese President Xi Jinping's address on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party an exercise in nuance.

"We'll never accept insufferably arrogant lecturing from those 'master teachers!'" said Xi, drawing a roar from the crowd of party members and veterans. Clad in a Mao suit, Xi had other warnings for those who seek to stand in the way of

Communist China's destiny:

"The Chinese people will never allow foreign forces to bully, oppress or enslave us ... Whoever nurses delusions of doing that will crack their heads and spill blood on the Great Wall of steel built from the flesh and blood of 1.4 billion Chinese people."

Undeniably, Xi and his predecessors have an awesome record, as the Financial Times relates:

"China's emergence over the past four decades ranks as the biggest and longest-run economic boom in history. Its annual gross domestic product rose from a mere \$191bn, or \$195 per capita, in 1980 to \$14.3tn, or \$10,261 per capita, in 2019. It has raised more than 770m people from poverty and transformed the Chinese economy into a high-tech powerhouse that is on course to eclipse America's in size. This transformation is the landmark achievement of the Chinese Communist party, which celebrates its 100th anniversary on Thursday."

China's growth could not have been achieved had it not been for the U.S. decision to throw open the world's largest consumer market to Chinese-made goods, to bring Beijing into the World Trade Organization, and to sit idly by as a huge slice of U.S. industry and manufacturing was transhipped to China for production there and not here.

Between 1990 and 2021, U.S. imports of Chinese-made goods provided Beijing with

the trillions it has accumulated to finance its strategic objective of becoming the first power on earth.

But this is water over the dam. Where do we go from here?

China's assets are impressive. At 1.4 billion people, it has the largest population on earth. If its growth rate continues, it will have the largest economy. Its strategic arsenal of nuclear weapons is a fraction of ours, but given the horrendous damage these weapons can do, a nuclear war would be ruinous if not mortal for both countries.

In terms of conventional military — ships, soldiers, planes, guns, missiles and bases in the East Asia-Western Pacific theater where any war between us would be fought — China's advantages are greater.

And of the issues over which we might fight — islands, rocks, reefs in the South and East China Seas, and Taiwan — none of them is claimed by us or vital to us. All are claimed by China as rightly theirs.

In the Cold War with the USSR, time, it turned out, was on our side. But in the last decade, Xi Jinping might fairly see time as having switched sides. Either way, we are surely better off relying upon our abilities rather than our weapons to win the competition and settle the rivalry that may settle the future of mankind.

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Food: lunch meat, biscuit mix, corn-bread mix
Clothing: men's socks
Toiletries: tooth-brushes & tooth-paste, shampoo, deodorant

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Beech Springs Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Beech Springs Baptist Church will be holding their vacation bible school starting July 19th through the 23rd located at 15910 HWY 80 in Minden. The theme for this year will be "Destination Dig" and is open to ages 3 through 6th grade. Each day will last from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Job Fair

July 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the City of Minden will be hosting a Job Fair held at the Minden Civic Center. For any businesses that would like to join, contact Minden Economic Development Department at 318-377-2144.

Bistineau Baptist Church 151st Homecoming

Bistineau Baptist Church will be celebrating it's 151st Homecoming, August 1, 2021 located at 195 Bistineau Church Rd in Heflin. The speaker will be Brother Wayne Whiteside and service starts at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served after. For more information call Nancy @ 318-453-7389 or Bro. Richard 318-423-2528

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MHS Football Coach Heard Speaks at Lions Club



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Coach heard was the guest speaker at last week's Noon Minden Lions Club, where he spoke about the teams' off-season preparation in strength and conditioning and participation in 7-on-7 tournaments. He said he was proud of the progress he's seen across the board, especially the large gains in the weight room. This off-season the team finally had the luxury of utilizing the full weight room and facilities with minimal Covid restrictions.

District Governor Elect for the Lions Club Jerry Madden also presented President of the Noon Lions Club Tracey Campbell with a majestic painting of a Lion during his first official meeting as President, marking the occasion.

STORIES FROM THE BACK PORCH

Travels and chicken pot pie

Last week while making a dish for a friend who was having health problems, I was reminded of a wonderful RV trip, lasting five weeks, which took us across the country and into Canada.

We, and two other couples, were serving as staff with the Louisiana Good Sam organization and this trip was taking us to Salem, Oregon to attend the International Good Sam Samboree. RVers from several countries were attending the event.

The reason it reminded me of the trip is because I got the recipe from one of our friends who was traveling with us. As we traveled, we always shared our evening meal together in one of the campers. One day one of the ladies told us she was cooking dinner for us that night. And her main dish was chicken pot pie. She had brought the ingredients with the chicken already cooked and deboned, ready to be mixed and poured into the casserole dish. It was delicious so I asked her to share her recipe.

We planned our trip to leave several days early so we would have time for sight-seeing along the way. And it was a most wonderful experience. Certain places

and activities are still outstanding in my mind.

One interesting stop was in Bend, Oregon. We strolled along the street that evening and enjoyed an event which I thought would be a good one to replicate in our area.

The stores were open and several artists had set up in the different places of business, demonstrating their work. Light refreshments of cookies and punch were provided for the visitors. Some of the artists had items for sale and the stores ran sales during that time. What a great idea, especially for a time before Christmas when people would be shopping and looking for unique items.

Bend was a great stopping place along the way and it stands out among the many we visited.

But before we reached Oregon, while still in Colorado, one lady, the oldest of the group, wanted to go white water rafting. The men were quite hesitant, and needless to say we were not sure it would be an enjoyable experience. However, we reluctantly agreed and therefore went through one of the scariest times of our lives. As we rushed down the river, our raft ran up on a huge boulder. Our friends in the back were about to be

dunked into the river as our guide tried to push us off the rock. We weren't budging. Hubby rushed to the front of the raft, shoved with his feet and freed us from the rock. Or friends were hauled back into the raft, losing one shoe in the process.

They had a photographer stationed along the route taking pictures which they had for sale when we returned to our point of departure. Needless to say, we looked like a wild bunch, hair standing up, and partially soaked, but we had to purchase the pictures as proof of our crazy adventure.

We stayed several days in Salem at the Samboree. One couple left us to visit friends in Walla Walla, Wash. before going home. The four of us continued with plans to take us into Canada.

We enjoyed purchasing cherries and other fresh fruits along the way. We made our way to Seaside, Ore. and enjoyed a couple of days there. While there we rode a carousel, for the first time since we were children at the fair. There were lots of things to see and do.

Another fun activity was the four-wheeled bicycle (although I guess you couldn't call it a bicycle as it had four wheels instead of two.) One person steered the machine but both riders in the front had to pedal. We rode around the city, taking turns on the pedals. We fell in love with it and almost

bought one when we got home. But we would have had to travel to Tennessee to pick it up so we changed our minds.

We traveled to the end of the Lewis and Clark Trail, saw the Columbia River and had a great time in Washington.

Included in our itinerary was Lake Louise and the Bucharth Gardens. As we traveled across the Canadian Rockies, we witnessed some of the most amazing sights we had ever seen. Our travels took us on to Banff where we stayed in an RV Park filled with loose roaming elk. They were a sight to behold, but everyone was warned to avoid them as they were dangerous. We surely kept our distance.

After so many days of travel and sightseeing, we decided it was time to head home. We went through Calgary where we saw the sharply dressed Mounted Police and then pointed our rigs toward the USA. We made our way back home after seeing majestic mountains, beautiful national and state parks and many interesting places, arriving home five weeks after we left.


And all of this was brought to mind by a simple chicken pot pie.

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WHERE YA FROM

Everybody knows somebody from Dubberly!

I've been asked, "Who is the most famous person you've met?" I've met and had my picture taken with George Jones, Kevin Costner, Demi Moore and Pam Tillis to name a few. I even met Donald Trump when he brought the Miss USA pageant to Shreveport and once locked eyes and shared a smile with Yoko Ono in New York. You're probably familiar with all those names, but I have to say, "The most famous person I've met is Dubberly, Louisiana's favorite son, James Burton!"

James is a musician. Not just an ordinary musician, but one who has reached the pinnacle of success. Some people may not recognize his name or his face. But virtually everyone who has listened to music, in the last six decades, has heard by him.

When Burton was young, his family moved 30 miles west from Dubberly to Shreveport. When he was a young teenager, he asked his dad to buy him a guitar he saw in the window of a local music store. Little did anyone know at that time, music would open up the world to James.

Within a few years, he was good enough to enter a talent contest open to all ages. James was around 14 and won! The host recognized the prodigy and asked him if he'd like to be in his band.

caption can read - James Burton in his first band. Also pictured -

Sammy Mangham, Larry Bamburg, Bo Morgan, Tommy Cassell

It was this contact that introduced young James to The Louisiana Hayride where he became a staff guitarist. He performed with many of the guest artists, including George Jones, Linda Brannon, Bob Luman and David Houston to name a few.

caption - Carol Goleman snapped this photo of James Burton and Sonny Harville with George Jones

James was asked to do some local recording jobs during this time. He recorded some at RAM Records with Mira Smith and at the KWKH studios with Bob Sullivan as engineer. Dale Hawkins wrote the lyrics and James wrote the music for a song called, 'Susie Q'. That song, and its iconic signature opening lick, has become one of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 songs that shaped Rock and Roll!

Burton's talent didn't escape the notice of the Hayride management. Horace Logan, the producer of the Louisiana Hayride, quit his job and took 17-year-old James Burton, along with David Houston, Bob Luman and James Kirkland to Los Angeles, California to make the second* ever Rock and Roll movie, 'Carni-

val Rock'. (*the first Rock and Roll Movie was Bill Haley's 'Rock Around the Clock') James guitar work shines in this movie. You can find clips from the movie on YouTube.

Carnival Rock was filmed in the same studio

where the popular television series, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" was being filmed. Ricky Nelson, the heart throb son of Ozzie and Harriet, wanted to form a band and after hearing

James, decided he had found his guitar player. Since James was only 17, Ricky's parents had to convince James' parents to let him stay in Los Angeles. So, they let James live with them and have a guest role on their tv show.

Ricky Nelson's music developed around James' style, which has been described as country rock or rockabilly. James traveled and performed on most of Nelson's songs for the next few years.

Many aspiring guitar players have been influenced by James during this time. Jimmy Page, guitarist for Led Zeppelin said, "That's when I started... I used to listen to Ricky Nelson records and pinch the James Burton licks and learn them note for note perfect." Keith Richards, the guitarist for The Rolling Stones,



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who formally introduced James into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame said it perfectly. "I didn't by Ricky Nelson records. I bought James Burton Records that Ricky Nelson happened to be singing on."

During the induction, Richards showed everyone that he still carries a picture of James Burton in his wallet. Many other guitarists like Brian May of the band 'Queen', Pete Townsend of band 'The Who' and Vince Gill all say James was one of the biggest influences on their careers. James is famous to the famous!

In 1965, James started working on a television program called, 'Shindig!' This exposure got the telephone ringing and in short order, James was the most sought-after studio musician in L.A. He recorded over 400 albums. If you ever listen to The Beach Boys, Johnny Mathis, Barbara Streisand, The Monkees, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Mamas and The Papas, Judy Collins, Glen Campbell, Merle Haggard or Johnny Rivers, you were listening to James' guitar!

It was during this time he got a call from Elvis Presley, who asked James to be in his comeback television special. James was in the middle of a recording session for Frank Sinatra and had to turn the offer down. However, the next year, Elvis asked Burton to organize the TCB band for his Las Vegas show. It became an iconic part of Elvis' live shows where he would say, "Play it, James," leading in to one of James' solos! James played with Elvis until Presley's untimely death in 1977.

John Denver asked James to play on an upcoming European tour. It turned into a collaboration that lasted the next 16 years where they recorded 12 albums and toured the world. Denver died in an airplane crash in 1997 and James spoke at his memorial service.

Burton recorded and toured with Elvis Costello intermittently for about a decade. And, in 1988 he was a prominent part of the acclaimed Cinemax special, 'Roy Orbison and Friends, A Black and White Night'.

caption - Backstage at the Roy Orbison and Friends concert - James Burton, Bruce Springsteen and Elvis Costello

In 1990, Burton moved back to Shreveport. It wasn't long before he noticed that schools were putting less and less emphasis on music education. This troubled him, so he formed The James Burton Foundation. Their mission is to "support music education for those in need through guitar donations and music instruction to schools, hospitals and community service organizations."

The foundation has put on a dozen, or so



guitar concert fundraisers. Some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry have come to Shreveport. People like Brad Paisley, Kix Brooks, Junior Brown, Steve Cropper, Doyle Dykes, Rick Derringer, Emmylou Harris, Chris Isaak, Dr. John, Sonny Landreth, Albert Lee, Jim Messina, Gunnar Nelson, Steven Segal, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Ricky Skaggs, Steve Wariner, John Goodman and many, many more have unselfishly donated their talents to support James' efforts.

The foundation has raised money to buy and give-away well over 1,000 guitars to students and veterans. You can learn more by going to, JamesBurtonFoundation.org.

If this wasn't enough to justify James Burton's fame, let me share a couple of side notes.

James is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Country Music Hall of Fame, The Musicians Hall of Fame, The Louisiana Hall of Fame and The Red River District Walk of Stars.

He was a member of the famous "Wrecking Crew".

He was part of a collaboration that won a Grammy Award for Best Country Instrumental Performance.

Rolling Stone Magazine has honored him as one of the most influential guitar players of all time - He is ranked in the top 20!

He is known as "The Master of the Telecaster."

He invented a style of guitar playing called 'Chickin' Pickin'.

He was the first one to put banjo strings on a guitar, allowing the player to dramatically change tones by bending the strings.

He has won honors for his dobro work.

James Burton still owns every guitar he bought.

Fender Guitar Company honored James as the first person to have a signature guitar manufactured for him.

He appeared in Ricky Nelson's 'Traveling Man' video, which has been called the first music video.

Burton still travels extensively for appearances

around the world. A few years ago, I was in Memphis for 'Elvis Week'. I was standing right next to James at Sun Records. The place isn't that big and we were facing at least 150 people wanting to get close to James. It was the closest I've been to seeing what it is like to be famous. It isn't all it's cracked up to be. I understand why celebrities become reclusive.

People from all over the world come to take their picture with the statue honoring James that stands on Elvis Presley Ave. in front of Shreveport's Municipal Auditorium. The statue faces his Foundation headquarters, located right across the street!

If you're lucky, you can get into the building and walk the stage where James' career began. So many careers began on The Louisiana Hayride, it became known as The Cradle of the Stars.

James Burton was born in Dubberly, Louisiana in 1939. You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone more famous. And a personal note - James Burton is one of the nicest and most humble people you'll ever meet. James and his wife, Louise, are proud conservative Christians.

As of this writing, they are in Nashville putting the final touches on, "James Burton and Friends," the sold-out show they recorded last November. It will star James Burton and feature a few of his friends like, Steve Cropper, John Carter Cash, Sammy Hagar, Johnny Owens, Albert Lee, Joe Walsh, Marty Haggard, Jason Scheff, Chris Whitehall, Alex Roy, Jr, and Wesley Orbison, Micky Dolenz, The Imperials, Brian May and Paul Shaffer along with more surprise guests!

If you ask someone famous, "Who's the most famous person you know?" Don't be surprised when they say, James Burton, that guitar player from Dubberly, Louisiana



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STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Mormons Under New Management

Minden might best be known for its Germantown community, often little researched by residents. They planted cotton and fruit trees in a prosperous Christian community from 1835-1871. Journey north of town and tour the museum and buildings both replica and extant.

I've never lived in a commune but did reside two years in a condominium neighborhood. My leftist leanings were challenged during meetings where our leader gave dire forecasts of monthly dues proving inadequate to meet upkeep expenses.

An angry resident interrupted discussion about community grass cutting and snow shoveling with personal concerns. One of "his" trees was infected with bagworms and he wanted our dues to save it. Our leader explained we had more pressing problems than a single tree. The bagworm sufferer was furious. I witnessed another irate senior wind his fists in fighting fashion over some other picayune issue. He was restrained before striking a neighbor. The Woodmoor Condominium Association of Independence, Missouri was very distant in both years and Christian charity to the Germantown stalwarts of Minden, Louisiana.

Communal Christianity has its biblical basis in Acts 4. Following Pentecost and the endowment of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of recently resurrected Jesus, the community later known as Christians was setting up shop. "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common." (Acts 4:32)

Hallowed Beard of Trotsky! This kind of talk makes me uncomfortable!

"There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and

it was distributed to each as any had need." (Acts 4:34-35)

This was long before the idea of a Prosperity Gospel. Utopian experiments abounded in the 19th century, few enjoying the longevity of our Germantown friends.

I thought I was well steeped in the stories of 19th century communes. But I was unfamiliar with Germantown until my migration south. Christian mystic Bernhard Müller (1788-1834) and his followers left Germany to join George Rapp's Harmony Society in Pennsylvania. Friction ensued. Celibacy seemed a topic worth bickering over and the communitarians split ranks. Müller dubbed himself Count de Leon and chose the northwest corner of Louisiana for resettlement because of its mutual latitude with Jerusalem. Sadly, he perished in 1834 from Yellow Fever on the Red River near Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Müller's widow Countess Leon (1799-1881) took over the group and established the Germantown community north of Minden. Speculation suggests the group lasted much longer under her leadership than if Count Leon survived. Countess Leon moved them far from the disease breeding Red River. She taught piano lessons and brought Old World culture to the future Webster Parish. Countess Leon finished her days in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Germantown was birthed from a Christian communitarian impulse similar to what Latter Day Saints tradition churches originally practiced in another part of the country. After college graduation, I moved to Independence, Missouri to work for the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Electronic Media Commission. I produced church videos for over 23 years.

Gentiles assume the RLDS are Mormons. They're different denominations with a common history from the church founding in 1830 to the founder's death in 1844. The RLDS never espoused multiple spouses. Once hired, I found myself trying to explain to friends the historical differences between the churches.

My brother Eric best summarized my explanation when he remarked, "So it's like Mormons Under New Management."

Joseph Smith Jr. (1805-1844) was a young man interested in treasure hunting. An angel purportedly tipped him off about the existence of golden plates buried near his home. The plates chronicled the story of ancient Israelites resettling in the western hemisphere and resurrected Jesus preaching to what Europeans later named Indians.

That might sound nutty but it was a different world 200 years ago. Water witching and uncovering buried treasure were less strenuous vocational alternatives to farm work. Perhaps tantamount to people today playing casinos, buying lottery tickets, or hiring personal injury lawyers as potential pathways to easy riches. Smith wasn't the only person doing it.

As H. Michael Marquardt and Wesley P. Walters describe in their book *Inventing Mormonism*, "Locations for buried wealth and lost Spanish mines were sometimes located through dreams. Treasures could also be located by using divining rods, often made from 'witch hazel,' or by looking in special stones or crystals. Sometimes when a stone was used, a person would place the stone in a hat and then conjure the guardian treasure spirit."

Smith's guardian treasure spirit was the angel Moroni, a mischievous apparition that alternately revealed and concealed golden plates buried

near his home in upstate New York. Smith finally found the plates and with the assistance of scribes composed the Book of Mormon. The idea of a fellow with limited schooling deciphering an unknown language called Reformed Egyptian and the resulting work being full of anachronisms taxes your credulity.

Yet ask yourself why Smith would engage in so laborious a task. He later achieved fame, opportunities for wealth (albeit quickly lost), and women galore much to the consternation of his wife Emma Smith (1804-1879). But during the 1820s, this was not Joseph's clear destiny. The Book of Mormon was a \$3,000 self-published project with dubious profit prospects. Particularly for his wealthy farmer financier friend Martin Harris. If Smith wasn't answering a higher calling, what was he doing?

The Book of Mormon was published and a church founded in 1830. In New York, Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois, the church members settled in a place for a few years, riled intolerant locals, suffered violent expulsion, then repeated the cycle for the remainder of Smith's short life. He was killed in a Carthage, Illinois jail by an angry mob in 1844.

There followed many claimants to the throne. Brigham Young (1801-1877) gathered the most adherents and consigned one rival Sidney Rigdon (1793-1876) to the buffetings of Satan for a thousand years which as Mark Twain asserts in *Appendix A of Roughing It* was "probably the longest term ever inflicted in Illinois."

Yet a stubborn group of Midwesterners having no truck with polygamy and insisting the church be led by a Smith descendant stayed behind in Illinois and Wisconsin planning for a Reorganized church. They spent years trying to convince Joseph Smith III (1832-1914) to take on the mantle of leadership. He finally agreed and in 1860 the

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was born.

Utah was forced to give up multiple wives as a condition of statehood in 1896. The RLDS apologetic from its founding and throughout the 20th century cast polygamy as a diabolical innovation of Brigham Young and not Joseph Smith Jr. There are many smoking guns to the contrary.

There is an ingenious theological rationale to spiritual wifery. Religious people usually believe in a hereafter and many insist the deceased are reunited with other departed loved ones. If a man loses his wife in this lifetime, most churches sanction the widower remarry following a suitable grieving period. So, in the afterlife where you're enjoying heaven with past earthly family members, that remarried man enjoys eternal bliss with wives one and two. It's a short jump of reasoning to say what's good in the hereafter is good for the here. Woman could use the same rationale for multiple husbands but didn't. Polyandry never caught on like polygamy in Mormon circles.

The RLDS was confused for their Mormon cousins and perhaps rightly blamed the mutual LDS suffix. In 2001, they changed their name to Community of Christ. It seems a handle more representative of the denomination.

Community of Christ history enthusiasts sometimes concede Joseph Smith to the Mormons and claim his widow Emma as first church heroine. Tomorrow would have been the 217th birthday of Emma Smith. Like Countess Leon, her husband received much of the initial attention. But the widows lived many more years and helped continue the legacies birthed by communitarian Christianity.

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Fans banned Tokyo under state of emergency

TOKYO (AP) — Fans were banned from the pandemic-postponed Tokyo Olympics which will open in two weeks, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike said after meeting with IOC and Japanese organizers on Thursday.

The ban came hours after a state of emergency in the capital starting from Monday, declared by Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga to contain rising COVID-19 cases.

The twin decisions have turned the Olympics into a made-for-TV event in a decision pushed by the Japanese government and supported by the International Olympic Committee.

“Many people were looking forward to watching the games at the venues, but I would like everyone to fully enjoy watching the games on TV at home,” Koike said after the meeting.

Fans from aboard were banned months ago, and the new measures will clear venues around Tokyo — indoor and outdoor — of any fans at all.

The emergency declaration made for a rude arrival in Japan for IOC President Thomas Bach, who landed in Tokyo on Thursday just hours before the new measures were announced. He was to spend three days in self-isolation at the five-star hotel that lodges IOC members.

Suga said the state of emergency would go into effect on Monday and last through Aug. 22. This means the Olympics, opening on July 23 and running through Aug. 8, will be held entirely under emergency measures. The Paralympics open on Aug. 24.

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Louisiana Tech fifth-year senior golfer Sam Murphy.

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In the swing of things

Sam Murphy qualifies for U.S. Amateur

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech fifth-year senior golfer Sam Murphy qualified to compete in the 121st U.S. Amateur Championship after placing second in Monday's qualifying round in his hometown of Decatur, Ala.

Murphy finished the day with a six-under (70-

66=136, 2nd). The senior Bulldog carded seven birdies in Monday's two rounds. He also registered two eagles with one on hole 13 in the first round and another on hole 16 in the second.

The 121st U.S. Amateur Championship will take place at the at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club from Aug. 9-15. Murphy last competed

in the 2019 U.S. Amateur Championship at the Pinehurst Resort & Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C.

Sophomore Will Patrick and freshman Grant Smith also competed in Monday's qualifier. Patrick finished the day with a three-under (65-74=139), while Smith finished with a +7 (75-74=149).

Grambling State names Trayvean Scott athletics director

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Grambling State University President Rick Gallot announced last week the hiring of Dr. Trayvean Scott as the new Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Scott to the team and look forward to the impact he will have on the department,” said President Rick Gallot. “His commitment to the holistic development of student-athletes and experience with administration speak directly to the mission of continuing the rich legacy of athletics at Grambling State University.”

Scott comes to Grambling State after spending 10 years at Southern University where he was the Deputy Athletic Director/Chief Operating Officer and was responsible for the daily operations of the SU athletic programs.

“Grambling State University is an aspirational program in intercollegiate athletics,” Scott said. “Steeped in history and success, the tradition of legends and barrier-breakers who call themselves GSU Tigers is unmatched. I am humbled by and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics. Grambling athletics aligns with my commitment to developing young men and women to be their very best academically and athletically.”

“I want to thank President Gallot, TurnkeyZRG search, and the members of the selection committee for entrusting me with the challenge of building upon the established ex-

cellence of the program” Scott continued. “I will work tirelessly to ensure our student-athletes, alumni and fans remain proud of Grambling State Tiger athletics!”

While at Southern, Scott, who served as the sport administrator for football, women's basketball, softball, and men & women's track & field (indoor & outdoor), and men & women's cross country, oversaw NCAA Compliance, Student-Athlete Support Services, Academics, Student-Athlete Development, as well as the Strength & Conditioning program.

Throughout his professional career, Scott has been active on the university, conference, and national levels. He graduated in 2016 from the prestigious NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minorities, 2018 of the Sports Management Institute (SMI), and has facilitated the NCAA's Career in Sports Forum in 2016 while also serving as a member of the selection committee.

Scott is currently a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), National Association of Academic & Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A), the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA), and the National Association of Athletic Development Professionals (NAADD) where he was the Diversity Initiative recipient in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

During his time at Southern, Scott spearheaded an unprecedented academic recovery of Southern Athletics as it relates to the Academic Progress Rate, making a dramatic improvement from 3 to all 15 programs

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Analysis: Whatever, whenever Federer decides, it's up to him

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — If this really was it for Roger Federer at Wimbledon — and no one knows for sure either way right now, not even the man himself — then both he and his fans should take solace from this: He will be heading out on his own terms and still

at an elite level. Just maybe not the exact terms and level he would prefer, given that he lost in the quarterfinals at the All England Club to someone new to Grand Slam success.

And if this wasn't it, if Federer does return to the site of eight of his 20 Grand Slam triumphs, then all the better for the sport.

His 40th birthday is a month from Thursday, and what matters the most at the moment is that he make his own choices, for his own reasons, on his own timeline. Well, with input from his coaches, his trainer, his agent, his family and whatever other opinions Federer values.

“Obviously, we're going to speak a little bit tonight,

depending on how I feel, then the next couple of days, as well. Then we go from there. Just see: OK, what do I need to do to get in better shape so I can be more competitive?” Federer said Wednesday night after exiting with a 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-0 defeat against Hubert Hurkacz of Poland.

On Friday, Hurkacz faces Matteo Berrettini, and

Novak Djokovic meets Denis Shapovalov. Only Djokovic has appeared in the Wimbledon semifinals previously.

“I'm actually very happy I made it as far as I did here — and I actually was able to play Wimbledon at the level that I did, after everything I went through,” Federer said. “Of course, I would like to play it again, but at my

age, you're just never sure what's around the corner.”

He doesn't know if he'll enter Wimbledon again. He also doesn't think retirement is imminent.

Two years ago, Federer came as close as possible to his ninth trophy at the All England Club and 21st at any major, holding two championship points

See, **FEDERER** Page 9



Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer serves during the Qatar Exxonmobil Open in Doha in 2012. PIC BY VINOD DIVAKARAN VIA FLICKR

Scott: New AD had successful college athletic career

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meeting the APR benchmarks earning post-season access after just two full years in charge.

Scott, who has written more than \$2 million in grants to support academic and student development initiatives, also guided the institution through the successful completion of the NCAA Data Review process and served as the author and principal investigator of the \$900,000 NCAA AASP Grant.

A former standout basketball student-athlete, four-year starter, and team captain at Southern, Scott remains atop the school's record books in

assist, steals, and minutes played. After his collegiate playing career was over, Scott enjoyed a successful career in financial services until returning to his alma mater in 2011.

Outside of athletics administration, Scott was an adjunct faculty member in the College of Business at Southern where he taught courses in Business Administration, Management, and Sports Marketing. He holds a bachelor's in marketing (2003) & Management (2005) and a Master's Degree in Communications (2005) from Southern University. In addition, he completed his Ph.D. in Education/ Sports Management in 2018 from Northcentral University.

Olympics: 'No-fan' games not a surprising move

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"Taking into consideration the impact of the delta strain, and in order to prevent the resurgence of infections from spreading across the country, we need to step up virus prevention measures," Suga said.

Suga, who had long favored fans, hinted at a no-fan Olympics in announcing the state of emergency.

"I have already said I won't hesitate to have no spectators," he added.

Just two weeks ago, organizers and the IOC allowed venues to be filled to 50% of capacity but crowds not to exceed

10,000. The state of emergency has forced a late turnaround, which was always an option if infections got worse.

"We will have to consider the option of no spectators," Marukawa said in opening remarks with the IOC and others as they went into meetings to discuss a ban on fans.

The main focus of the emergency is a request for bars, restaurants and karaoke parlors serving alcohol to close. A ban on serving alcohol is a key step to tone down Olympic-related festivities and keep people from drinking and partying. Tokyo residents are expected to face stay-home requests and watch the games on TV from home.

Federer: Two knee operations in 2020 a factor in ongoing decision making about future career

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against Djokovic.

But Federer didn't convert either and ended up on the wrong end of a fifth-set tiebreaker. When he needed two operations on his right knee in 2020, what pushed him through the recovery was a desire to get back to his favorite tournament's grass courts.

"You need a goal when you're going through rehab with what I did. You can't think of the entire mountain to climb as once. You've got to go in steps. Wimbledon was the initial, first 'super step,' if you like," Federer said. "For me, now that that's over, you've just got to reassess everything."

Federer chats regularly with his team to figure out next steps. Where he should play. Whether his body needs rest. How he can improve. And so on.

There's a lot to discuss, including if he'll go to the Tokyo Olympics.

What's not up for debate, and Federer doesn't hide it, is that he is not who he used to be. Of course not.

Still, he was good enough to be one of the last eight men standing of the 128 in the Wimbledon bracket.

"Clearly, there's still a lot of things missing in my game that maybe 10, 15, 20 years ago were very simple and very normal for me to do. Nowadays, they don't happen natu-

rally anymore. I've got to always put in the extra effort, mentally, to remind myself: Remember to do this or do that," he said. "I have a lot of ideas on the court, but sometimes I can't do what I want to do. I think it's a bit of a tricky situation, sometimes."

What's not tricky: We shouldn't judge Federer's choices about whether to walk away.

Andy Murray's situation is somewhat similar: He's 34 and trying to compete after two hip operations.

His first singles appearance at Wimbledon since 2017 ended with a third-round loss. Afterward, he sounded glum.

Before Wimbledon,

Murray was asked about Federer's contributions to tennis. The answer veered to Federer's future.

Murray, a three-time major champion, noted people have speculated for years about when Federer might be done.

"I don't quite understand — because I've experienced it myself — just sort of why people want to always ask those question about when someone is going to finish. He'll do it when he's ready," Murray said. "I wish everyone would start, like, encouraging him to keep going and keep playing as long as he can, as long as his body can do it, because we'll miss him when it's over."



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GOOD NEWS

TRUSTING IN THE LORD

My favorite Proverb is 3: 5-6. You probably know it by heart too. I'll give you a hint: "Trust in the Lord with all your....., and lean not unto your own;in all your, acknowledge Him, and.....will direct your " After the salvation experience, one launches out on this spiritual journey call life. This verse can be a key to a most rewarding journey.

What a wonderful promise to know: by trusting God with all our heart, He will direct our way. No 'but's or if's about it.' This is a sure promise. We should have no problem in trusting God. We trust everyone that lines

up beside us each day. The lines at Wal-Mart: we trust that these folks don't have swine flu or Covid -19! We trust the pilot who flies our plane, not knowing if he has completed pilot's training and can speak English. We trust folks

we meet on I-20, driving in the fast lane, or swaying all over the road. We trust they have a drivers' license and are sober or not on pot. Also, we trust they are not angry with the world. The chair we sit in each morning for our coffee: we trust it will be strong enough for us

to place our weight on it without falling to the floor. We trust the chairs at home we offer to our guests! And still there are some who refuse to trust in God and His redemptive plan through Jesus, His Son.

Why is "trusting God" so very difficult? Could it be that we enjoy doing things our way all the time? Or we enjoy doing business with the devil so much? Maybe we want to wait a little while longer, we are having too much fun now. Or maybe it is hard to admit our sin and commit our lives to trust the Lord for salvation.

(The trade-off might now be worth it). We can offer many excuses, but none will be acceptable on that Judgment Day.

Dr. James Kennedy (Founder of Evangelism Explosion) tells of the Chinese farmer who bought a new plow. It was merely a long branch of wood with several holes drilled into it. In each hole a smaller limb was inserted to form a 4-6 row plow. Oxen (or his wife) would pull the plow through the fields, breaking the ground to sow the seed for his crops. When asked by a neighbor to borrow the plow while the owner was not using it, the farmer said, "Gee, I

wish I could loan you my plow, but the truth is my wife is combing her hair with it today." His neighbor said, "I don't understand! How can your wife be combing her hair with that plow?" "Well," said the farmer; "If you need an excuse, one is as good as another."

Truth is this: there is coming a day when all excuses will be thrown out of the court room. The absolute truth will only be accepted. "Did you or didn't you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It is just as simple as that! Placing our trust and faith in the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sins

that we may inherit eternal life....knowing He will direct our paths. Trusting and believing, no hoping and wishing! However dependable you may think tomorrow's sunrise is going to be, God's love and forgiveness are a million times more reliable and trustworthy. We must simply trust Him, (John 3:16; Romans 3:24-25; Acts 29:31; and many others).

Begin walking with Christ today; Let Him direct your paths! May this summer not be wasted away, begin this new life in Christ.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Saved: Now Work

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 NASB



Max Hutto

The means of salvation is solely God's grace and not by any works a person could possibly do. However, the result, the evidence of salvation is that the believer will do good works. Salvation is a life-changing experience that results in changing an individual's priorities to desire to honor, serve and obey God.

These priorities include a daily walk with Christ, which is a lifestyle of doing good works which God plans and purposes His followers to accomplish.

Lord Jesus, I yearn to glorify You in the way I walk, my lifestyle, by doing what You desire. Help me to live out my faith in obedience to Your Word by doing as You command.

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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Thursday's unlisted clue: NOVAK

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: A SMALL STONE

Calhoun	Crisson	Kennedy	Reed
Congress	Donlin	Loud	Sixes
Consolidated	Free Jim	North Star	Vulture
Cortez	Homestake	Red Hill	

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HISTORY

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first displayed at the Ferus Gallery in Los Angeles, California, and were instrumental in popularizing Pop Art in the United States.

1958 Lituya Bay megatsunami
A megatsunami, a tsunami whose waves are higher than a normal tsunami, hit Lituya Bay in Alaska, United States, resulting in a wave that was recorded to be 1,720 feet or 516 meters high. This is the highest wave recorded in history.

1877 The first Wimbledon Championship is held
The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London hosted the first Wimbledon championship, which was not only the first tennis championship held in England but was also a precursor to grand slam tournaments. 22 men competed in the championship and Spencer Gore became the first person to win the Wimbledon tournament.

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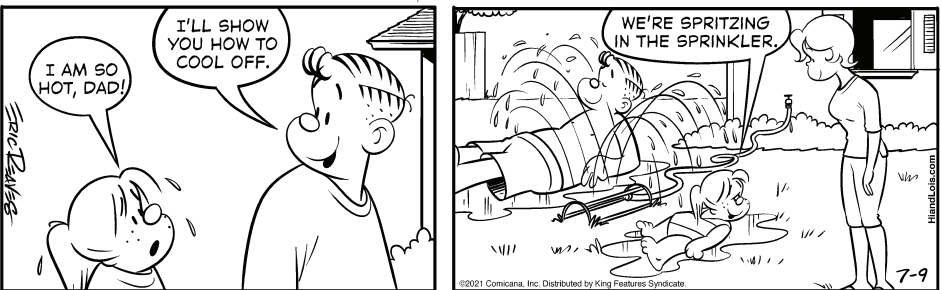
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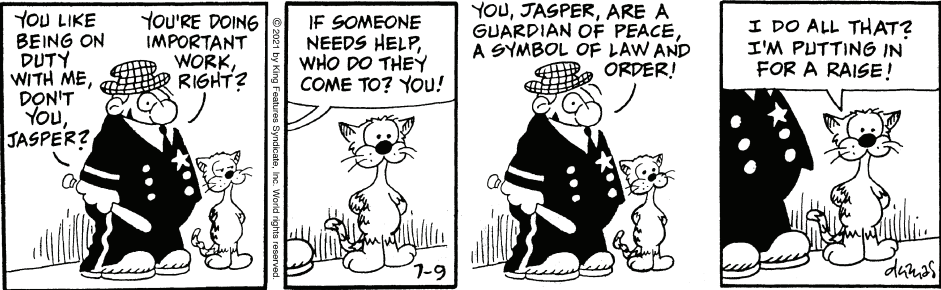
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PUBLIC NOTICES



June 14, 2021

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session Monday, June 14, 2021at 6 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart, Aldermen Helen Chanler, Alan Myers, and Wayne Bolton. Members absent were Mayor Jimmy Williams and Richard Davis.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart called the meeting to order, spoke a prayer, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, Regular Meeting as written. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Helen Chanler motioned to add Resolution No. 2021-10 to the meeting agenda. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

There were no public comments.

Alan Myers motioned to open the public hearing on Proposed 2021 Amendment to Budget Ordinance No. 126-Q, Proposed Budget Ordinance No. 126-R, and Proposed Salary Ordinance No. 147-D. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried. Wayne Bolton motioned to adjourn the public hearing and return to the June 14, 2021, Regular Meeting. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Helen Chanler motioned to bring proposed Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-Q to a vote. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried with a vote:
YAY: 3 – Helen Chanler, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton
NAY: 0 – ABSENT: 1 – ABSTAIN: 1-
Ordinance No. 126-Q was adopted.

Alan Myers motioned to bring proposed Budget Ordinance No. 126-R to a vote. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried with a vote:
YAY: 3 – Helen Chanler, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton
NAY: 0 – ABSENT: 1 – ABSTAIN: 1
Ordinance No., 126-R was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to bring proposed Salary Ordinance No. 147-D to a vote. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried with a vote:
YAY: 3 – Helen Chanler, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton
NAY: 0 – ABSENT: 1 – ABSTAIN: 1
Ordinance No. 147-D was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-09 to Participate in the LaMats Administered Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission (LACPC). Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-10 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with ditching on North Catherine Street. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The matter of bids for the 1997 Chevrolet was tabled until a future meeting.

There was no new business.

Alan Myers gave the May, 2021, monthly activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.


Officer Jeremy Gros gave the May, 2021, monthly activity report for the Sibley Police Department.


The aldermen acknowledged that they received the May, 2021, Financial Report.

The aldermen were reminded about the upcoming LMA District A Meeting on Monday, June 21st in Springhill. They were also reminded about reservation deadline for LMA Convention in Baton Rouge.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart gave an update on the status of the splash pad, which is now open.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Attest

Robert Smart
Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest

Linda Christy
Deputy Clerk

July 9, 2021
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TOWN OF SIBLEY
2021 AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 126-Q

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

The budget must be amended when total revenue and other sources in addition to projected revenues and other sources for the remainder of the year are failing to meet the total budgeted revenues and other sources by five percent or more.

The budget must also be amended when the total actual expenditures and other uses in addition to projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder for the year are exceeding the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 be amended as follows:

SECTION II.
ORDINANCE NO. 126-Q
SECTION I.
GENERAL FUND
Revenue:

Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
Sales Tax Collections	\$136,000	\$148,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$100,000	\$160,000
Total Revenue:	\$404,310	\$476,310

Expenditures:

Contingency	\$ 14,170	\$ 86,170
Total Expenditures:	\$404,310	\$476,310

SECTION II.
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Revenue:

Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
Police Department Fines	\$ 80,000	\$ 32,000
Sales Tax Collections	\$ 34,000	\$ 37,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 76,570	\$ 76,150
Total Revenue:	\$201,270	\$155,850

Expenditures:

Budgeted:	Amendment:
Other Salaries	\$ 70,620 \$ 45,000
Ticket Expense	\$ 16,800 \$ 7,000
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 16,000 \$ 6,000
Total Expenditures:	\$201,270 \$155,850

SECTION IV.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Revenue:

Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
Sales Tax Collections	\$ 68,000	\$ 74,000
Total Revenue	\$360,575	\$366,575

Expenditures:

Contingency	\$220,182	\$226,182
Total Expenditures	\$360,575	\$366,575

SECTION VI.
SALES TAX
Revenue:

Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
Sales Tax Collections	\$340,000	\$400,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$170,000	\$240,000

Total Revenue:

\$513,190

\$643,190

Expenditures:

Transfer to General Fund

\$124,000

\$148,000

Transfer to Police Dept.

\$ 31,000

\$ 37,000

Transfer to Fire Dept.

\$ 62,000

\$ 74,000

Contingency

\$104,673

\$192,673

Total Expenditures:

\$513,190

\$643,190

SECTION III.

If any provision or item of this amendment or application thereof is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION III.

This amendment to Ordinance No. 126-Q was introduced on May 10, 2021, a public notice was posted on May 10, 2021 and a Public Hearing was held on June 14, 2021. This amendment was read and considered on June 14, 2021 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by Helen Chanler seconded by Alan Myers the following vote was taken:

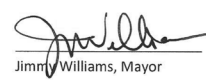
YEAS: 3 – Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Alan Myers

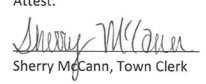
NAYS: 0


ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 – Richard Davis

Attest:


Jimmy Williams, Mayor


Sherry McCann, Town Clerk



July 9, 2021
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TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be and it is hereby adopted as follows:

TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION I.
GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Property Tax	\$65,000	Mayor's Salary	\$18,000
Sales Tax	\$136,000	Alderman's Salary	\$29,600
Franchise Tax	\$30,000	Other Salaries	\$66,700
Occupational License Tax	\$60,000	Payroll Tax	\$8,400
Rent Income	\$4,800	Employee Benefits	\$19,500
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	Office Supply & Postage	\$8,000
Interest Income	\$10	Utilities	\$36,000
Civic Center Revenue	\$12,000	Audit & Accounting	\$4,800
Mayor's Court	\$8,000	Legal Fees	\$4,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$100,000	Office Publications	\$2,000
LAMP Oil & Gas	\$22,000	Building Maintenance	\$8,000
		Insurance	\$25,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$439,310	Dues	\$1,000
		Travel	\$9,000
		Employee Training	\$1,500
		Uniforms	\$1,000
		Mayor's Court	\$2,100
		Parks & Beautification	\$11,000
		Miscellaneous	\$2,500
		Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000
		Coroner	\$4,000
		Contingency Fund	\$34,340
		Capital Outlay	\$54,670
		Transfer to Police Dept.	\$72,000
		Civic Center Expenses	\$10,000
		IRA	\$1,200
		TOTAL GF EXPENDITURES	\$439,310

TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION II.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Sales Tax	\$34,000	Police Chief Salary	\$23,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$72,000	Other PD Salaries	\$74,000
PD Fines	\$68,070	IRA	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	Payroll Tax	\$7,500
Donations	\$0	Supplemental Pay P/R Tax	\$460
Patrol Car Savings	\$0	Employee Benefits	\$14,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,640	Supplies	\$2,000
TOTAL PD REVENUES	\$177,710	Insurance	\$24,000
		Dues	\$200
		Office Supplies & Postage	\$1,000
		Gasoline	\$7,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
		Uniforms	\$1,000
		Equipment	\$1,500
		Miscellaneous	\$3,000
		Patrol Car Savings Account	\$0
		Ticket Expense	\$6,500
		Donation Expense	\$0
		Transfer to GF (Court Cost	\$6,000
		Travel	\$750
		Audit & Accounting	\$2,800
		Contingency Fund	\$0
		TOTAL PD EXPENDITURES	\$177,710

TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION III.

REVENUE & OPERATING

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Collections	\$230,000	Salaries	\$59,725
DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400	IRA	\$400
Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000	Superintendent Salary	\$15,100
Tapping / Service Charges	\$3,500	Payroll Tax	\$5,800
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	Employee Benefits	\$13,000
Interest Income	\$150	DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400
Grant Income	\$0	Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$50,000	Utilities	\$18,000
Waterworks Cash	\$24,000	Office Supplies & Postage	\$4,100
Waterworks LAMP	\$41,000	Audit & Accounting	\$5,000
Vehicle LAMP Fund	\$0	Office Publications	\$400
TOTAL R/O REVENUE	\$359,050	Insurance	\$15,500
		Dues / Certifications	\$600
		Uniforms	\$2,000
		Miscellaneous	\$5,000
		Gasoline	\$5,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$35,000
		Vehicle Fund LAMP	\$5,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$50,000
		Add'l Transfer to SOM	\$15,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		Contingency	\$92,025
		TOTAL R/O EXPENDITURE	\$359,050

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3, 2021, and then at
said office publicly
opened and read
aloud as permitted by
public bid law. This is
in accordance with La
R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)
(b), the provisions of La
R.S. 38:2212.

The CONTRACT
DOCUMENTS may
be examined at the
following location(s):
Cothren Graff Smoak
Engineering, Inc., 6305
Westport Avenue,
Shreveport, LA 71129.

Copies of the
CONTRACT
DOCUMENTS may
be obtained at the
office of COTHREN,
GRAFF, SMOAK
ENGINEERING, INC.
upon payment of \$
35.00 for each set,
which is refundable to
prime bidders within
10 days after receipt of
bids. Owner reserves
the right to reject any
and all bids for just
cause.

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TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION IV.

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Collections	\$160,000	Superintendent Salary	\$29,100
Add'l Transfer from R/O	\$5,300	Payroll Tax	\$2,350
Interest Income	\$25	IRA	\$850
Beginning Fund Balance	\$22,000	Employee Benefits	\$8,500
TOTAL SOM REVENUE	\$187,325	Utilities	\$18,000
		Office Supplies & Postage	\$400
		Audit & Accounting	\$800
		Insurance	\$3,500
		Dues / Certifications	\$200
		Uniforms	\$2,000
		Miscellaneous	\$3,000
		Gasoline	\$4,500
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$30,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$10,000
		Lab Fee	\$3,700
		Bond Payments	\$33,000
		Contingency	\$35,425
		TOTAL SOM EXPENDITURE	\$187,325

SECTION V.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Fire Insurance Rebate	\$7,900	Utilities	\$3,500
Sales Tax	\$68,000	Audit & Accounting	\$1,600
Fire District #2	\$70,000	Insurance	\$27,000
Police Jury Annual	\$0	Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	Capital Outlay	\$5,000
Interest Income	\$175	Supplies	\$10,000
Grant Income	\$0	Gasoline	\$2,000
Beginning Fund Bal. + LAMP	\$315,496	Maintenance & Repair	\$25,000
Total Fire Department Revenue	\$461,571	Fire Truck Expense	\$6,000
		Truck Lease Payment	\$43,293
		Firefighter Annual Reimb	\$15,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		Contingency	\$321,178
		TOTAL FD EXPENDITURES	\$461,571

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TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION VI.

SALES TAX

REVENUE:	2021 - 2022 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2021 - 2022 Budget
Collections	\$340,000	Salary	\$27,100
DOTD	\$3,100	Other Salaries	\$31,100
Interest Income	\$90	Payroll Tax	\$4,500
Miscellaneous	\$0	IRA	\$0
Beginning Fund Balance	\$199,995	Employee Benefits	\$6,000
TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE	\$543,185	Audit & Accounting	\$1,700
		Insurance	\$9,200
		Uniforms	\$3,500
		Miscellaneous	\$1,000
		Capital Outlay	\$68,000
		Streets	\$35,000
		Gov't Capital Loan	\$6,917
		Transfer to General Fund	\$136,000
		Transfer to Police Dept	\$34,000
		Transfer to Fire Dept	\$68,000
		Contingency	\$111,168
		TOTAL ST EXPENDITURES	\$543,185

TOWN OF SIBLEY
ORDINANCE NO. 126-R

SECTION VII.


If any provision or item of this ordinance or the applicatoin thereof is held invalid such invalidity shall not effect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION VIII

This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2021.
This ordinance was introduced on May 10, 2021, a public notice was published in the Minden Press Herald on May 18, 2021 and a Public Hearing was held on June 14, 2021. This ordinance was read, considered on June 14, 2021 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen.

Upon a motion made by Alan Myers seconded by Helen Chanler the following vote:

YEAS: 3 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Alan Myers
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 - Richard Davis
ABSTAIN: 1 - Robert Smart


Jimmy Williams, Mayor

Attest

Sherry McCann, MMC - Town Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR
MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA,
AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on June 14, 2021 as follows, to-wit:

SECTION I.

Effective July 1, 2021, the compensation and salary of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Town Clerk and Board of Aldermen is hereby set, as required by La. R.S. 33:404.1 and 404G as follows:

Mayor	\$18,000 annually
Alderman	\$6,000 each annually
Town Clerk	\$45,000 annually

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

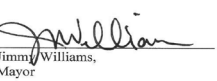
SECTION III.


If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2021.
This ordinance was introduced on May 10, 2021, a public notice was posted on May 18, 2021 and a Public Hearing was held on June 14, 2021. This ordinance was read and considered on June 14, 2021 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by Wayne Bolton, seconded by Helen Chanler the following vote was taken:

YEAS: 3 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Alan Myers
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 - Richard Davis
ABSTAIN: 1 - Robert Smart


Jimmy Williams, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry McCann, MMC, Town Clerk

July 9, 2021
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on June 30, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") Rider Schedule FRP Evaluation Report and Workpapers for Test Year 2020.

Ln No.	Rate Class	Total ELL FRP Rate Adj.
1	ELL- Residential	62.6185%
2	ELL- Small General Service	61.5363%
3	ELL- Large General Service	61.6544%
4	ELL- Large Industrial Power Service	59.8729%
5	ELL- Large Load, High Load Factor Power Service	59.8029%
6	ELL- Large Industrial Service	60.6161%
7	ELL- Lighting	62.0001%
8	EGSL- Residential	62.3318%
9	EGSL- Small General Service	61.8077%
10	EGSL- General Service	61.4970%
11	EGSL- Large Power Service	59.5355%
12	EGSL- High Load Factor Service	59.4869%
13	EGSL- Municipal Water Pumping Service	61.3657%
14	EGSL- Street & Area Lighting	61.4978%

The filing reflects an earned return on common equity ("EROE") for the 2020 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 8.45%, which is below the approved FRP midpoint. Pursuant to Section C.4 of the approved Stipulation Term Sheet, Base FRP Revenue will be increased by \$63 million. Reductions in other FRP Revenues driven by lower sales volumes, reductions in capacity cost, and other factors are offsetting the Base FRP Revenue increase, leading to a net increase in FRP Revenue of \$50.7 million. The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes (including Legacy ELL and Legacy EGSL rate classes) effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2021, are as follows:

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy ELL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$2.65; for a Small General Service customer using 50 kW and 12,500 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$28.42; for a Large General Service customer using 1,000 kW and 500,000 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$661.49.

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy EGSL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$3.10; for a Small General Service customer using 5,000 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$17.43; for a Large General Service customer using 500 kW and 255,500 kWh, the bill would change by approximately \$412.14.

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

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
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ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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Advertisement for Bid
NOTICE OF PUBLIC:
PROPERTY:
PROPERTY FOR
SALE

The Webster Parish Police Jury is now receiving bids for the sale of property known as Webster Parish Landfill, located at 493 Landfill Road, Minden, Louisiana. The description of the property to be sold is the following described property situated in the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, together with all improvements and appurtenances, including the transfer of that certain landfill operations Permit No. P-0165 issued to Webster Parish for the purpose of operating the sanitary landfill (subject to advice and consent of relevant regulatory agencies):

The following described property situated in Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

Parcel #128453
62.22 acres – Township 19 North, Range 10 West:
Sec. 15 – SW/4 of SW/4
Sec. 16 – East 22.22 AC of SE/4 of SE/4

Parcel #128454
57.78 acres – Township 19 North, Range 10 West:
Sect. 16 – S/2 of SE/4, less East 22.22 AC. of SE/4 of SE/4 prev. sold

Parcel #128460
280 acres – NE/4 Sec. 21, N2 of NW/4 & SE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 22-19-10

Parcel #128461
40 acres – SW/4 of NW/4 Sec 22-19-10

The bid specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary–Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED


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QUICKEN LOANS INC. VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF JOHN JACOB DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN JACOB DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN JACOB DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN DOWNS, JR. AND JENMARIE EHRLER DOWNS A/K/A JENMARIE E. DOWNS A/K/A JENMARIE DOWNS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78737.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

Land situated in the Parish of Webster in the State of LA

Begin at the Southeast Corner of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (SE/C of N/2 of SW/4) of Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run West 1,750 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue West 290 feet; thence run North 110 feet; thence run North 86 degrees 15 minutes East 290.62 feet; thence run South 129 feet to the point of beginning.

Within the tract described above, the single parcel conveyed is approximately one-third of that tract, lying on the western side of said tract, more particularly described as a lot running 110 feet on the western boundary, 100 feet on the southern boundary, approximately 112 feet on the eastern boundary, and 100 feet on the northern boundary. The northern boundary runs parallel to Coyle Street.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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