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COVID-19

Louisiana ranks last in COVID-19 safest states study

(The Center Square) - Louisiana is the least "safest state" with respect to COVID-19, according to a new WalletHub study.

The personal finance website compared all 50 states and the District of Columbia across five key metrics and ranked the overall average scores. Louisiana was last.

With a safety ranking of 1 being the best per category, Louisiana was 50th in vaccination rate, 49th in death rate, 42nd in positive testing rate, 46th in hospitalization rate and 29th in transmission rate.

"As the U.S. continues its efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, staying safe is one of Americans' top concerns," study authors said. "Some states are already safer than others, though, based on how well they have kept the pandemic under control and how much they are vaccinating."

Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island were tops on the list, and Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana rounded out the bottom three.

Data used in the study came from the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and COVID-19 Electronic Laboratory Reporting.

WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez warned the economy will suffer as a result of lagging vaccinations.

"Our economic recovery will not reach its full potential until the vast majority of people who are medically able to get vac-

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LOCAL LAW WORKING TOGETHER

Standoff between Minden man and law enforcement on Gladney Street ends peacefully

WILL PHILLIPS
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Thursday afternoon the Minden Police Department responded to a call from a mental health professional who alerted them of a man who was suicidal. After arriving at the residence, the man brandished a firearm. The Minden Police Association stated that MPD attempted to get the individual to come out of the residence without the weapon, to which he refused and barricaded himself inside.

Shortly after, the MPD coordinated with other law enforcement agencies such as the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police as well as some of their SWAT teams to assist them with the escalating situation.

Armored vehicles were seen on site being used during the standoff. The man at a point was reported to have threatened officers. Tear gas was deployed into the residence at one point in an attempt to get the man to leave the residence.

After a near three hour standoff, a negotiator from one of the agencies was able to convince the man to come out of his own accord, resolving the situation peacefully with no injuries sustained on either side.

"Negotiators in an armored vehicle in close proximity to the house

were able to calm the subject down, talk to him, get him out of the house, and that's how they were able to get him into custody," said Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker.

"They were able to communicate with him, and the negotiators, they did exactly what they were supposed to do, and that's why he came out of the house to my understanding."

Parker complimented the Minden Police Department for their coordination of the response to the incident as well as the cooperation from all the different law enforcement agencies in our area.

"The Minden Police Department did an outstanding job, they did exactly what they were supposed to do. It was my honor for the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office to be able to assist them, because I know what it feels like to be a leader over an agency in need, and it was our privilege to help them out today," said Sheriff Parker.

"You just wouldn't believe the communication and cooperation between all law enforcement agencies in our region is just superb. We're really blessed to live in the area that we do."

The subject was taken into custody and transported to a medical facility in order to receive a medical evaluation.



Sniper seen posted in the back of a pickup truck during the standoff that took place on Thursday afternoon.



Law enforcement seen observing the standoff taking place just behind Brookshire's on Gladney Street last Thursday.

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 cinated do so," she said. "While we have made a lot of progress with vaccination, recent polls have found that most people who are still unvaccinated do not plan to ever get the vaccine."

Gonzalez added, "Investing in campaigns to convince more people to get vaccinated may lead to bigger economic re-

turns down the line."

Gov. John Bel Edwards has dedicated much of the past year and a half to COVID-19 safety, including the recent delta variant surge.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found taxpayer-funded vaccination incentives similar to Louisiana's \$2.3 million "Shot At a Million" campaign don't work.

"Our results suggest that state-based lotteries are of limited value in increasing vaccine uptake," said Allan J. Walkey, a physician at Boston Medical Center and a professor of medicine. "Therefore, the resources devoted to vaccine lotteries may be more successfully invested in programs that target underlying reasons for vaccine hesitancy and low vaccine uptake."

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Samuel Dance, 28, of the 8400 block of Highway 371, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Melinda Patton, 32, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kendrick Jones, 33, of the 200 block of Bell Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jerry Merritt, 35, of the 1100 block of Pine Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Richard Desadler, 51, was arrested for interfering with an investigation and resisting arrest.

Terri Bumgardner, 43, of the 7900 block of Highway 154 was arrested for possession of schedule I substance.

Laquinsay Warren, 35, of the 6200 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for resisting and officer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal carrying of weapons, and aggravated battery.

Cecil Anderson, 47, of the 1400 block of Webster Ave, was arrested for obstruction of justice, resisting an officer, and criminal damage to property.

Justin McCaleb, 27, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, was arrested for running a stop sign and hit and run.

Ryan Jones, 28, of the 500 block of Joel Street, was arrested for theft of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and two counts of possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute.

Jeremy Sheppard, 33, of the 700 block of Garrett Road, was arrested on a warrant.

James Pittman Jr., 40, of the 100 block of Banks Lane, was arrested on two warrants.

Michael Jeffery, 45, of the 600 block of Miller Country Road, was arrested on three counts of theft by fraud.

Jeremy Monistare, 44, of the 1200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested on multiple warrants and being a fugitive of the Minden Police Department.

Peggy Hudson, 59, of the 100 block of Shane Drive, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Brandon Huey, 28, of the 6100 block of Highway 531, was arrested for aggravated battery,

COVID UPDATE

Louisiana OMV updates safety protocols amid COVID-19 surge

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, facial coverings will be required inside all Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles locations beginning Monday, July 26, 2021. The updated safety protocols follow the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations throughout Louisiana and reflect the latest guidelines from state health officials. If a customer does not have a mask, one will be provided.

"Public safety is our

priority. We must take the necessary precautions to protect the health of our customers and employees," OMV Commissioner Karen St. Germain stated. In addition to wearing masks, visitors are reminded to follow social distancing guidelines and stay at least six feet from other people while inside OMV field offices.

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles is reminding customers to utilize the free LA Wallet app when possible. LA Wallet allows eligible

customers to request a duplicate driver's license and renew their current driver's license. Additionally, customers are encouraged to check www.expresslane.org to find out if they can complete their transaction online before visiting an OMV field office.

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles continues to work closely with state officials to provide a safe environment for all visitors. The agency appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding at this time.

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices have fallen over 2 cents per gallon

(July 26, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 2.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.79/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 4.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 95.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.45/g today while the most expensive is \$3.29/g, a difference of 84.0 cents per gallon.

"With oil prices struggling under the weight of a rise in new Covid cases thanks to the Delta variant and OPEC's increase

in oil production, average gas prices in most states finally drifted lower," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.14/g today. The national average is up 4.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"However, we aren't yet in the clear - U.S. gasoline demand last week surged to a new 2021 high, besting the week prior to the July 4 holiday. This shows that motorists aren't slowing their ap-

petite for hitting the road just yet, and that could further boost prices should demand remain hot. For now, motorists should enjoy the perhaps brief respite at the pump and buckle up for what might be a bumpy finish to summer."

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



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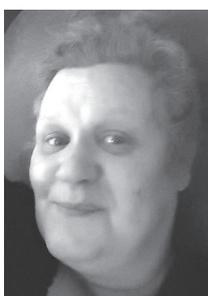
The beginning of the work week remains wet and stormy for the ArkLaTex. Highs will stay in the mid 80s below average for this time of year where typically we're in the mid 90s! Wednesday and Thursday will be drier with highs going up!

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OBITUARIES



Teri L. Thrash

Memorial services for Teri L. Thrash will be held Friday, July 30, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana.

Teri L. Thrash, 52 of Minden, Louisiana was born January 27, 1969, and entered into rest July 25, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her father Harvey

Moffett.

She is survived by her husband Jerry (Kenny) Thrash; mother, Barbara Moffett; son, Jerry K. Thrash (Tre); daughter, Catherine (Cati) Lee Smith; sister, Kellie Moffett; grandchildren, Casey, Kieran, and Sophie, and mother-in-law, Sharon Cassel.

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Alamae Schultz

Services for Alamae "Allie" Schultz will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at West Lake Baptist Church in Doyline, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Mike Sanders

officiating.

Alamae was born May 26, 1934 in Richmond, Texas and entered into rest July 24, 2021 in Doyline, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Hattie Wright, daughter, Vicky Lynn Schultz, and great-granddaughter, Aubree June Augustin.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Schultz of Doyline; sons, Michael Schultz and wife Diane of Austin, Texas, James Schultz and Terry Schultz both of Doyline; daughter, Sheri Brown and husband Jim Brown. Jr. of Doyline; granddaughter Amber Schultz and husband Steve and five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Linda Joyce Pittman Bohn

Linda Joyce Pittman Bohn was born on January 18th 1950. She was the ninth of sixteen children born to Edward and Clotile Pittman. After a long courageous battle with cancer, she passed on Friday, July 16th, and is resting with her Lord.

Linda graduated from Dubberly High School in 1968 and attended Louisiana Tech University. She was a graduate of the Community College of the Air Force. Aside from her family and church, Linda's greatest devotion was to the military. In 1973 Linda enlisted in the United States Air Force where she specialized in Materials Management. She was a graduate of the Air Force Leadership School and Air Force Non-Commissioned Academy. Her proficiency in her chosen field culminated in a Field STEP promotion to the grade of Master Sergeant over and above all personnel assigned to her base. While assigned to Griffiss Air Force Base in New York, Linda met her future husband, John. They were married on December 4th 1978, and celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in 2020.

Linda loved her flower gardens and enjoyed many happy hours digging in the dirt. Saturdays and vacations often found her antiquing with John or spending time with her sisters. Linda was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Dubberly, LA where she coordinated many activities, including the music program and publishing the weekly bulletin.

The family would like to thank Drs. Steven Boniol and Robert Massengill for the excellent care given to Linda. As well as the caregivers at Grace Home, who showed great compassion during her final days.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the perpetual fund at Fellowship Cemetery, P.O. Box 175, Dubberly, LA. 71024.

A celebration of life will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubberly, LA on Saturday, July 31st at 10 am.

Linda is survived by her husband, John; son, John William; and her faithful pup, Molly. She is also survived by her siblings, Thelma Walker, Fran Jones (Dale), Elbert Pittman (Wanda), Victoria Kennedy (Ron), Marc Pittman (Annette), Karon Hanushek (Ken), Julia Baldwin, Kathaleen Pittman, Michelle Pittman (John), and Lynn Pittman-Cooley (Brent), and numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Juanita, Mary, and Shirley; and brothers, Edward and Bill.

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OTHER OPINION

Campbell: Louisiana needs to take climate change seriously

The punishing heat wave in the western United States and heavy flooding in the Northeast from Tropical Storm Elsa provide more evidence that the world's climate is changing.

I think of Al Gore. The former U.S. senator and Vice President held the first Congressional hearings on global warming in the 1970s. His 2007 documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, offered a clear-cut message of the threat of climate catastrophe and won him a Nobel Peace Prize.

Gore's public acclaim made him a threat to the special interests under pressure to change their climate-warming ways and the politicians who defended them.

Now we know from legal proceedings and independent reporting that fossil-fuel interests knew in the 1950s their products were warming the Earth. An ExxonMobil internal document in 1982 declared the science on climate change was "unanimous" and would cause "significant changes in the earth's climate."

But the oil industry publicly doubted its own science, much like Big Tobacco did when its research blamed smoking

for cancer and heart disease. Exxon and other companies launched a systematic campaign to question the science of global warming and prevent meaningful action.

My home in Bossier Parish lies in the middle of the



FOSTER CAMPBELL

Haynesville Shale gas fields. As a landowner, state senator and utility regulator I have had a great deal of involvement with Louisiana's oil and gas industry. It has provided tax revenue, good jobs and economic benefit. But I have seen firsthand the industry's heavy hand on our political leadership.

In the early 1980s Governor Dave Treen, a conservative Republican, proposed the Coastal Wetlands Environmental Levy. CWEL was designed to address industry's damage to our fragile coast with a tax on oil and gas produced offshore and processed in our state's refineries and facilities.

In reply, industry and its allies, supporters of Treen when he ran in 1979, turned on him and helped defeat him for re-election in 1983.

Oil representatives in the 1990s similarly rejected my plan to modernize Louisiana's 1920s system of taxing oil and gas. I said taxing only the oil and gas produced in Louisiana was wrong when far greater volumes of hydrocarbons produced offshore but processed in Louisiana were untaxed.

These hard lessons have convinced me that Louisiana suffers from the Resource Curse. The phrase refers to a nation (or state, in my example) with its wealth concentrated in a few industries. The industries develop enough influence and power to undercut the public interest and bend the government to their will.

For Louisiana, the Resource Curse helps explain why our state finishes poorly in measures of economic wellbeing despite our fossil-fuel resources, forests, rich soils and assets like the Mississippi River.

At the Public Service Commission, I have urged Louisiana electric companies to favor energy efficiency and solar and

wind power. This has proved a challenge due to our abundant natural gas, cheap lignite coal and low rates for electricity. Early in my tenure I promoted power from offshore wind and rooftop solar.

The utilities, confident of backing from other PSC members, ignored wind and actively opposed rooftop solar.

In our last debate over rooftop solar I predicted the utilities would begin building their own solar plants to replace some of their fossil-fuel generation.

That is where we are headed. We are an energy state, not just an oil and gas state. We have a task force studying climate change and are promoting offshore wind. Our coastal industries are helping to build a wind-power sector. Utilities are investing in renewables.

Al Gore was right on climate. Louisiana is now recognizing that it is vulnerable to rising seas and damaging storms. We can fight climate change, develop new industries and jobs, and watch our state prosper. It is not too late.

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OTHER OPINION

Now what? Louisiana veto session sharpens divides

For all the hype, Louisiana's first veto override session under the state's nearly 50-year-old constitution turned out to be a bit of a dud.

Republican lawmakers got the votes to hold the unprecedented session and can point to that as a continued expansion of their recent flexing of constitutional authority. But they couldn't get enough votes in the House to overturn a single bill rejection issued by Gov. John Bel Edwards, reminding voters that a Louisiana governor — even a Democratic one — still carries power.

Politicians, journalists and government watchers will be sifting through the two-day session's wreckage to determine what it means for future legislative work, relationships between lawmakers and Edwards, upcoming elections and the redrawing of political maps.

What's already clear is the veto session further ratcheted up tensions in the already-divided House, and partisan feuds are likely to intensify after Democrats in a near-bloc rallied to uphold Edwards' vetoes even on bills they backed in the regular session.

"The vote was about the governor," said Rep. Tanner Magee, the Houma Republican who is the House's second-ranking lawmaker. "It's definitely going to change the way it's been in the last two years. I think things got more partisan. That's not my own personal desire. That's

the feeling, that it's now Republicans versus Democrats."

Threats of recall efforts, lost leadership posts and future election opponents are being issued about Democrats and a few Republicans who voted in the regular session to loosen restrictions on concealed handguns and to enact a ban on transgender girls playing school sports but who refused to reverse the governor's vetoes of those bills.



MELINDA DESLATTE

describing the holding of the session as a success of sorts. Still, there's no way to deny that some GOP lawmakers arrived at the Capitol with pledges that Edwards' vetoes could be overturned, only to find they couldn't accomplish anything.

House Republican leader Blake Miguez drove a truck to the Capitol that had a giant elephant statue perched in the back above a tailgate that read: "My name is Gumbeaux. I am here to veto override Governor John Bel Edwards."

House Speaker Clay Schexnayder was even bolder. The day before the veto session began, Schexnayder said he was "comfortable 100%" that his chamber had the votes to overturn the governor's rejection of the transgender sports ban legislation — even though the House doesn't have enough Republicans to reach a two-thirds vote to override a veto on its own.

Not only did the House speaker end up unable to follow through on his prediction, but his House couldn't deliver the vote required for an override while Senate Republicans — who represent two-thirds of their chamber — narrowly got the votes they needed.

That difference is more notable because Schexnayder came out strongly in support of holding the veto session to override the transgender sports ban veto. Republican Senate President Page Cortez was more publicly reserved in his statements.

As he celebrated his victory, Edwards tried to strike a conciliatory tone. While he said he believed lawmakers reached the right decision to uphold his vetoes and acknowledged using some strong-arm political tactics, the Democratic governor tried to downplay the partisan overtones.

After all, he still faces a majority-Republican House and Senate.

"They're still people that I in-

tend to work with to move Louisiana forward over the next two-and-a-half years of the remainder of this term," Edwards said. "We just had disagreements."

But talk of bipartisanship seemed to be a stretch.

Republicans and Democrats were fundraising off the veto session feuds. The lawmakers who sponsored the vetoed bills pledged to return with them next year. And Democratic Party officials were gloating, while Republican Party officials were seeking retribution.

State GOP Chairman Louis Gurvich issued an angry statement insisting "there must be consequences" for the Democrats and independents — and Kenner Republican Rep. Joe Stagni — who refused to override the veto of the transgender sports ban measure.

Gurvich called on Schexnayder to replace all Democratic committee chairmen and threatened "a broader conversation about how the House of Representatives is run" if the House speaker didn't make such changes.

Schexnayder also wasn't talking about bipartisanship after his loss, issuing a statement saying: "Veto sessions should be the norm from now on."

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INSPIRATION

Lost and found in Houston

With tears streaming down my face, there I was lost in Houston, Texas. I kept taking the exits off of the interstate just to escape the nightmare traffic.

It was mid August 1983, when I was totally overwhelmed by the drivers who blew their horns and kept shouting at me, while I panicked. I only wished to arrive safely home.

At the age of thirty-five I felt so helpless, having never driven in the big city. I kept praying to get to Louisiana before the sun



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

went down. Having been born in the back woods near Sulphur Springs, Arkansas in 1948, we rode to town in a horse drawn wagon. Even after moving into town in 1955, I seldom traveled more than ten miles away from home because neither one of my parents ever learned to drive a car.

That day in 1983 flashes so vividly through my mind as if it happened yesterday.

We were moving back to Louisiana from Ganado, Texas. I had never driven in the big city until that day.

While I prayed to make it through this maze, I was prompted by God to “go into the Kroger Store up ahead and ask to speak to the manager.”

Feeling like a scared little girl, I hurried into the Kroger Store, on Greens Road, and did just that. Choking back my tears, I begged the manager to have someone drive me the rest of the way out of Houston, pleading “I am just a little girl who was born in the back-

woods of Arkansas.”

He replied “you are already 17 miles out of Houston” to which I responded “it still feels like Houston to me!”

In compliance, he asked one of his sackers to drive me out town and another one to follow us, to bring him back. Also he told the employee not to accept any pay from me.

While driving my car, Rick, asked me where we were moving. When I responded “Plain Dealing, Louisiana” he replied in total amazement “You will never believe this but I lived there for about six

months while working in the oil fields.”

My thirteen year old daughter, Robin, and I did make it to Plain Dealing before sunset that day.

Though I was exhausted, to the core, I was so grateful to make it there alive, back to my adopted “birthplace,” the first state where I really felt like I belonged, having moved from Vivian, Louisiana, in 1981.

As I write this story in 2021, I still feel the burning in my shoulder blades, while fighting the traffic that day. I will always know that God nudged me to go

into that Kroger Store on Greens Road to ask for help.

Though there are many things I do not understand I know that He always steps out of the woodwork, making His presence known, when I need Him the most. I feel a peace that passes understanding because I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2022 Special Olympics USA Games Calls Upon Artists To Create Original Cauldron For Opening Ceremony

The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games is calling all creative artists from across the country to submit to be the official USA Games Cauldron Arts Project artist. Working alongside Special Olympics athletes for vision and support, one passionate and talented artist will be picked to design the original cauldron that will be ignited during the opening ceremony in Orlando, Florida in June 2022 and shine bright during the USA Games. In collaboration with Greater Orlando Sports Commission and the City of Orlando, the USA Games has assembled a committee combined with Special Olympics athletes and community art leaders to manage the selection process and review submissions for this central role.

“For the first time ever and by launching The Cauldron Arts Project, we are keen to work with an outstanding and pur-

pose-driven artist, who combined with our talented Special Olympics athletes, will create the centerpiece cauldron that will be revealed at the Opening Ceremony,” said Joe Dzaluk, President & CEO of 2022 Special Olympics USA Games. “This iconic Games cauldron will live in Orlando for years to come after the Games to continue a legacy and be a symbol of inclusion in our community.”

USA Games officials are seeking a design that is unique, artistic, meaningful, and inspired by the existing 2022 Special Olympics USA Games brand and campaign tagline, “Shine as One.” It should evoke a sense of wonder and demonstrate a sense of purpose, standing for inclusion and togetherness. The cauldron will be lit during the Opening Ceremony at Exploria Stadium and will then reside at ESPN Wide World of Sports during the Games.

Artists interested in being named the official USA Games Cauldron Arts Project artist must submit their resume, photos of past projects and a letter of intent for the committee’s review by August 18, 2021 at midnight MT. From there, six artists will be selected to move onto the second round of review, where they will receive a \$500 stipend to use for a design concept and to develop production plans. Once the finalist is chosen in fall 2021, the artist will conduct a workshop with Special Olympics athletes, and get started on bringing their vision for the Special Olympics USA Games cauldron to life.

To learn more about the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, visit www.2022USAGames.org.

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LOCAL

Minden Economic Development hosts job fair at Minden Civic Center

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Last Friday booths lined the walls at the Minden Civic Center, representing various businesses and organizations at the city's Job Fair, all there with the intent to find qualified individuals to fill their vacant positions.

The benefit of this fair is two-fold, helping both the people that wish to find work with the businesses who are looking to employ. It also has the added benefit of getting a personable introduction that is hard to get from simply reading someone's resume.

"The importance of the job fair is to connect the citizens of Webster Parish who are in need of work with local businesses and organizations who need positions filled. I know these are hard times, especially with COVID-19. Whether companies couldn't keep their employees and had to lay

them off, or daycares couldn't keep all the children and parents had to quit their job to stay home with them, there were a lot of variables that forced people to make difficult lifestyle changes," said Phillip Smart, Economic Development Director.

"We wanted to make sure that we're not only helping the citizens, but also the businesses. We reached out to businesses in our area to see if they needed help in their work force. A lot of them did, so we have over 20 businesses here today to fill their job positions, and a lot of them are paying more than they ever paid since the start of their company."

The inability to attain workers has been a struggle for businesses as the world begins to recover from the pandemic. As Smart mentioned, companies are now starting to increase base pay for a lot of their positions.

This was also echoed by

Ashley Johnson, Region Director for Manpower. Manpower is an employment agency that works for clients to find individuals to fill vacant positions.

Overseeing hiring in a variety of different fields, she stated that businesses are starting to raise wages in order to attract more applicants and gain better workers.

"We're hiring in all offices. Anything from entry level production positions to accountants, COO's, engineer's, electricians. Our clients are wanting the skills and stability, so they're paying more now. Across the board we're seeing where jobs used to start off at 10 dollars an hour, they're now starting off at 12," said Johnson.

A Statewide Job Fair will be taking place in the Shreveport Convention Center on August 4 hosted by the Louisiana Workforce Commission located at 400 Caddo Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Booths lined the Civic Center for the Minden Job Fair which aimed to help connect individuals looking for work with businesses looking to hire.

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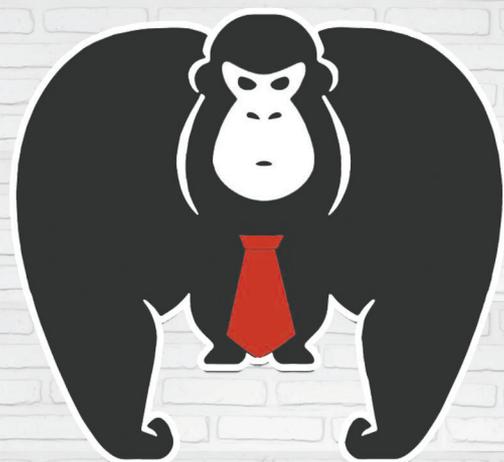
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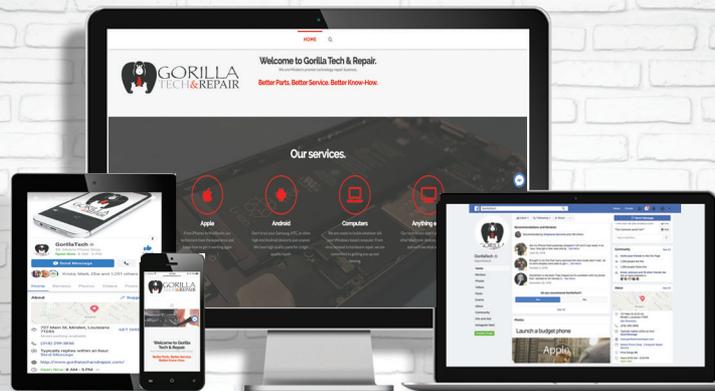
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Delta surge

LSU-Health, community issue warning about variant

GRIFFIN JONES
Bossier Press-Tribune

LSU Health Shreveport held a press conference at the campus' auditorium on Friday, July 23, to discuss the persistently increasing prevalence of the Delta variant of Covid-19, inform the public of the corresponding threat that it entails, and promote efforts to increase vaccination rates.

Speaking at the panel were health officials, community representatives, and Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins.

Perkins spoke at the panel to express his concerns with the commensurate dangers of the Delta variant, and as a response to this he issued a mask advisory for the Shreveport area.

“The spike in Covid-19 cases is extremely alarming, and it requires immediate action from all of us. This is the biggest public safety threat of all of our lifetimes, so as of today -- as the mayor of the city of Shreveport -- I am issuing a mask advisory,” declared Perkins. “We cannot afford to lose one more person”

In accordance with the advisory, Shreveport residents will be encouraged to wear masks when entering indoor facilities



or public locations.

Even before the emergence of the newer, more volatile variant of Covid-19, the virus had claimed the lives of over 600,000 Americans up to the date of the conference. Because of this growing urgency to defend against the growing dangers, Dr. John Vanchiere -- Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the LSUHS COVID-19 Strike Team -- spoke at the panel to promote the importance and the efficacy of taking the vaccine.

“The most important part in changing the course of this

pandemic is getting vaccinated. . . [the vaccines] are safe,” explained Dr. John Vanchiere.

With the high susceptibility of transmission that has been observed in the Delta variant of the virus, the average age of patients with cases of the virus have been going down, meaning that more young people are starting to catch Covid-19.

“We are climbing rapidly. We have 900 [Covid-19 patients] in the hospital in the state; we were down to thirty or forty in the hospital at one point,” said Dr. Martha Whyte. “Seeing

these young people hospitalized is very concerning.”

In an effort to appeal to the residents of the Shreveport area, Union Spring Baptist Church Pastor Roosevelt Seaberry offered anecdotes of his own experiences witnessing the struggles that people have gone through because of Covid-19.

“I have had to comfort the families of those who died, who lost their loved ones. . . This is personal for me,” said Seaberry.

Shreveport announced its mask advisory adjacent to New Orleans as issuing their an-

nouncement for the same caution.

With the state at the threshold of entering its fourth Covid surge, the Louisiana Department of Health reports that July 20 marked the third highest day for Covid cases in Louisiana since the outbreak began in March 2020, with approximately 5,388 cases being reported.

Health professionals have determined that over 80 percent of current Covid cases are of the Delta variant, and this comes alongside the report that only one-third of Northwestern Louisiana has been vaccinated.

Medical Facilities -- such as Christus Shreveport-Bossier -- have corroborated these statistics, saying that they have also observed a rise in Covid patients.

As encouragement for citizens to expedite their vaccine visits, a Covid-19 vaccination site is being set up on 1500 Pierre Avenue in Shreveport, with patients that are getting their first dose being registered in a lottery for a chance to win \$1 million. Walk-ins are welcome, and the event is being held Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COVID & THE OLYMPICS

Pandemic Olympics endured heat, and now a typhoon's en route

TOKYO (AP) — First, the sun. Now: the wind and the rain.

The Tokyo Olympics, delayed by the pandemic and opened under oppressive heat, are due for another hit of nature's power: a typhoon arriving Tuesday morning that is forecast to disrupt at least some parts of the Games.

“Feels like we're trying to prepare for bloody everything,” said New Zealand rugby sevens player Andrew Knewstubb.

Don't worry, Japanese hosts say: In U.S. terms, the incoming weather is just a mid-grade tropical storm. And the surfers at Tsurigasaki beach say Tropical Storm Nepartak could actually improve the competition so long as it doesn't hit the beach directly.

But archery, rowing and sailing have already adjusted their Tuesday schedules. Tokyo Games spokesman Masa Takaya said there were no other changes expected.

“It is a tropical storm of three grade out of five, so you shouldn't be too much worried about that,

but it is a typhoon in Japan interpretation,” Takaya said. “This is the weakest category, but this is still a typhoon so we should not be too optimistic about the impact of the course.”

On the beach about 90 miles east of Tokyo, the competitors want the change in weather so long as the rain and wind don't make total landfall. The surfing competition was delayed Monday because of low tide. But if the storm hits as expected, it could deliver waves twice as high as expected.

“As a homeowner I say, ‘Oh no, stay away!’” said Kurt Korte, the official Olympic surfing forecaster. “But as a surfer, ‘OK, you can form if you stay out there, Everybody can agree a storm out in the distance is the best.”

The Japan Meteorological Agency said Nepartak was headed northwest over the Pacific Ocean east of Japan on Monday with landfall expected Tuesday afternoon. The storm could bring strong winds, up to 5.9 inches (150 millimeters) of rainfall and high waves as it

“We've heard that storm could be anything from rain or 80-mph wind.”

Jack Williams
Olympic archer

cuts across Japan's northeastern region.

In advance, organizers made the first major alterations to the Olympic archery schedule because of weather. There was an hour delay at the Beijing Games in 2008. Here, the Tuesday afternoon sessions have been postponed until Wednesday and Thursday.

“We've heard that storm could be anything from rain or 80-mph wind,” said American archer Jack Williams.

Added Brady Ellison, his teammate: “Unless there's lightning, right here, we'll shoot it. We'll deal with whatever it's going to be. Rain just starts to suck in general.”

Beach volleyball plays in everything but lightning. Both the women's final at the Beijing Games

and men's final at the Rio Games were held in heavy rain.

At Ariake Tennis Park, center court has a retractable roof that can be closed for inclement weather, but play on outer courts would have to be suspended.

“They can move every match, I think, if there is really going to be a typhoon with rain,” said Daniil Medvedev, the No. 2 player in the world. “We never know. I guess they will maybe try to move six matches, but it depends how long the matches will be.”

Any sort of rain — typhoon, tropical storm, or even light sprinkling — will be a wild swing from the first three days of the Games.

Svetlana Gomboeva collapsed from heatstroke

on the first day of archery but recovered to win a silver medal. Top-seeded Novak Djokovic and Medvedev, who who complained his first round match was “some of the worst” heat he'd ever played in, successfully leaned on the International Tennis Federation to give Olympics players extra time during breaks to offset the high temperatures.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova had resorted to shoving bags of ice up her skirt, and fiddled with a tube blowing cold air next to her seat. At skateboarding, the intense sun turned the park into a furnace, radiating off the light concrete with such blinding effect that skaters complained the heat was softening the rubber joints on their wheel axles and making the boards harder to control.

July and August in Japan are notoriously hot and humid. Japan has faced criticism for not accurately describing the severity and instead, during the bidding process, calling it mild and ideal.

Daytime highs regularly hit 95 degrees (35 Celsius) but have exceeded 104 degrees (40 Celsius) in some places in recent years. The Environment Ministry began issuing heatstroke alerts in July 2020 for the Tokyo areas and in April for the entire nation.

Japan reported 112 deaths from June to September last year, as well as 64,869 people taken to hospitals by ambulance for heat-related issues. Tokyo logged the largest number of heat stroke sufferers at 5,836 during the three-month period.

Australian canoeist Jessica Fox, the gold medal favorite in the kayak slalom, said the wild weather swings have been a disruption to the Olympic event. “It is like a bath,” she said. “It is like paddling in bathwater.”

And the impending typhoon disruption?

“I am a bit concerned about that,” Fox said. “I saw the surfers and they were all excited about the weather, which isn't ideal for us.”

SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



COURTESY PHOTO/TIM SMITH

Louisiana Tech sophomore defensive back BeeJay Williamson.

La. Tech's Williamson named to 2021 Jim Thorpe Award preseason watch list

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech defensive back BeeJay Williamson was named to the 2021 Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Preseason Watch List it was announced by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame (OSHO) and Jim Thorpe Association on Monday.

This list includes 40 of the nation's best defensive backs, representing 10 conferences and one independent. The preseason watch list is selected by a screening committee whose members compile a list of up to 50 players. This list is not final, and players who have outstanding seasons may be added as the season progresses.

Williamson was named to the 2021 Conference USA Preseason Watch List after earning first team all-Conference USA honors by both the league and Phil Steele in 2020.

The native of Dallas, Texas, finished the 2020 season third on the team with 56 total tackles, including 32 solo, while also registering 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, three interceptions, three pass breakups, one quarterback hurry and one forced fumble.

Williamson was an honor-

Coming Soon

Louisiana Tech opens the 2021 season at Mississippi State on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 3 p.m. Tech will then open a three-game home stretch against Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

able mention for the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Player of the Week in 2020 after he registered two interceptions against UAB (Oct. 31) and forced a fumble at the goal line to give LA Tech the game-winning possession. The sophomore defensive back registered multiple tackles in every game of the 2020 campaign.

Williamson was one of three Conference USA players to earn a spot on the watch list as he was joined by Marshall's Steven Gilmore and UTSA's Rashad Wisdom.

A preseason watch list is compiled by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame based on previous performance and preseason All-America lists. A screening committee consisting of OSHO members monitor the watch list players and narrow the field to 10 to 15 semifinal-

ists in October. This committee reconvenes on the Monday before Thanksgiving to select three award finalists. The three finalists are submitted to a national panel of over 250 sports writers, sportscasters, former players and coaches who vote to determine the winner of the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award.

The winner will be announced at The Home Depot College Football Awards Show. Other recognized National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) awards announced include the Bednarik Award, Maxwell Award, Mackey Award, Rimington Trophy, Lou Groza Award, Ray Guy Award, Bronko Nagurski Award, Outland Trophy, Butkus Award, Lombardi Award, Biletnikoff Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Doak Walker Award and Walter Camp Award.

The official presentation of the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award takes place in Oklahoma City, following ESPN's live presentation at The Home Depot College Football Awards Show. The current winner and all former winners are invited each year to celebrate. Over 600 supporters attend the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Banquet each year, including many celebrities and dignitaries.

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OUTDOORS

Nature shows off her 'little ones'

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Being an outdoors-oriented person brings with it a number of satisfying things. You get to sneak out in the woods during hunting season and try to outsmart whichever wild game species you're hunting.

Our lakes, ponds and streams are laden with bluegills and bass and catfish and goggle-eyes just waiting to come home with you for a swim in Lake Crisco. The catching is exciting; the eating divine.

There are times, though, when we're out and about without gun or rod and nature's youngsters enthrall us as they go about doing what little wild critters do.

Last Sunday as Kay and I were approaching our driveway after church, something caught our eye in the pasture across the road. A doe was standing there with a tiny fawn nursing her not 15 yards from the pasture fence. We were mesmerized as we watched the doe prance away, the fawn in shaky pursuit, apparently not having finished lunch. Movement under the fence caught our eye and there on unsteady legs stood a second fawn that instinctively dropped to the ground to hide in the sparse grass.

Kay took my cell phone and approached to within three feet of the day old fawn and was able to snap a photo before the little fellow, scarcely larger than an house cat, stood and wobbled as best it could toward mama who slowed down to wait for her baby. You could pay good money to be entertained at a concert but it wouldn't have even come close to matching the thrill we got from observing that scene.

Once while raking pine straw from my yard, I noticed a small burrow showing a little lump showing



This young raccoon was more interested in feasting on bird seed than being concerned about a guy with a camera.

COURTESY PHOTO

in the straw at my feet. Thinking it could have been a snake making the hole and lump, I carefully moved the straw a bit and observed a tiny bundle of fur. A newborn cottontail rabbit no larger than a tennis ball crouched motionless. I picked up the tiny rabbit for a moment to show it to my wife before carefully placing it back in its burrow. I got my yard raked but there was one particular foot square patch of straw with a burrow and lump that remained untouched.

I was turkey hunting in Texas several years ago on a ranch that had lots of turkeys. Having built a crude blind from mesquite logs and branches alongside a dim ranch road, I settled in to try and call in a gobbler.

After nearly an hour of hearing nothing, I

crawled from my blind on all fours to sneak a peek down the road to see if I could spot a gobbler. Having seen none, I turned to crawl back to my blind ten yards away when I heard a loud "PUTT". Turning slowly, my gaze met that of eight juvenile gobblers - "jakes" - standing with necks outstretched trying to identify what that crawling lump of camouflage was.

As I slowly made my way back to the blind, I turned and to my surprise, the jakes were following me! Curiosity lured them to within a few yards of my blind before suspicion prevailed as they walked back the way they came, putting loudly as they left.

For years, I have fed birds in my yard and I really enjoy the relaxation and enjoyment I get from identifying those

visiting the feeders. One night several years ago, I stepped to the porch and saw movement under one of my feeders. It was a young raccoon getting his fill of the free buffet.

I began walking slowly toward him, talking softly as I went and I was able to approach to within a couple of yards of the 'coon before it slowly turned and left. For weeks, I'd see the 'coon and we had this little "meet and greet" every night until he eventually left for good.

Baby deer, rabbits, turkeys and 'coons - it's absolutely amazing the show nature's little ones can provide if we slow down and let it happen.

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

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE - Bream fishing continues to be good on worms and crickets. Crappie and bass are slow to fair this week. No report on catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

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

OUACHITA RIVER - Bass have been best on Baby Brush Hogs, lizards and Wobbleheads around the mouth of the cuts. Crappie are fair fishing the edges of the sloughs and creeks on shiners or jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass fishing has been best in the deeper sloughs with Rat-L-Traps and soft plastics

picking up a few. Crappie are still on the flats with some caught on jigs or shiners fished 6-12 feet deep in 15-18 foot water. Bream fishing is still fair to good around the beds on worms and crickets while channel cats are biting cold worms off the banks. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - The bream are still biting fairly well on crickets and worms around bedding areas. Bass

fishing has been best in deeper water with some caught on jigs. Look for stripers schooling and hitting topwater lures when they're on top and trolling white bucktails when they're down. Crappie have been better at night around the lights in 20 foot deep water. Catfishing has been fair on cold worms fished beneath jugs or noodles. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - Bass fishing has been fair with best catches made fishing the deeper drops with drop-shot rigs, Shaky heads and jigs. Crappie are still around the deeper tops with shiners or jigs working best. Catfishing is fair fishing a variety of baits around the piers and boat docks. Some bream are still around the beds and hitting crickets and worms. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT - Catfishing has been good, a few bass to around 5 pounds have been caught while crappie and bream are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - Catfishing has been fair while other species are slow. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is on a rise that has shut down the fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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1985 Coup in Uganda. Tito Lutwa Okello, an Ugandan military officer successfully staged a coup against president Milton Obote. He was ousted by current president Yoweri Museveni 6 months later.

1955 Austrian State Treaty came to force. The treaty re-established Austria as a democratic and sovereign country after

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EACH TIME ACTOR HENRY WOULD SAY GOODBYE TO PEOPLE, I GUESS HE'D BID THEM A FONDA FAREWELL.

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Solve the code to discover words related to learning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = E)

A. 1 6 17 23 19 25 1

Clue: Provide instruction

B. 21 1 13 13 15 11

Clue: Period of learning

C. 6 1 5 3 1 1

Clue: Academic rank

D. 25 1 19 23 2 1 3

Clue: One who instructs

Answers: A. educate B. lesson C. degree D. teacher

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Guess Who?

I am a singer and actress born in Canada on August 13, 1999. I started singing at age five and learned to play several instruments. I became known for my role alongside my sister on a popular television series taking place in the heart of Tennessee.

Answer: Lennon Stella

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

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Monday's unlisted clue: PIANO

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A YOUNG FEMALE HORSE

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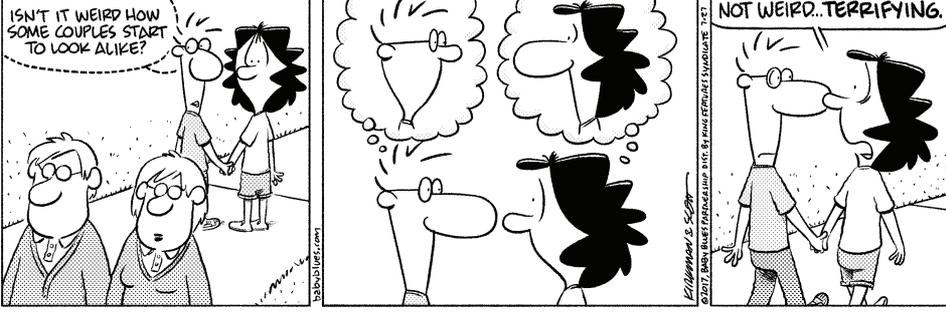
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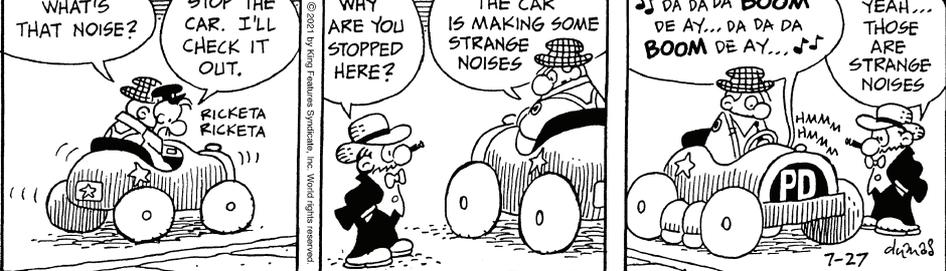
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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF ACTION LOCATED WITHIN FLOODPLAIN

July 21, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

A notice appeared in the Alexandria Town Talk on Friday June 18, 2021; Baton Rouge The Advocate on June 17, 2021; Coushatta Citizen on Thursday June 17, 2021; Eunice News on June 17, 2021; Franklin

The Banner-Tribune on June 16, 2021; Homer's The Guardian-Journal on June 18, 2021; Jennings Daily News on June 20, 2021; Jonesville's Catahoula News Booster on June 23, 2021; Lake Charles American Press on June 17, 2021; The Lake Providence Journal on June 24, 2021; Many Sabine Today on June 23, 2021; Marks-ville Weekly News on June 18, 2021; Minden Press Herald on June 18, 2021; The Natchitoches Time on June 17, 2021; New Iberia The Daily Iberian on June 18, 2021; New Orleans The Times-Picayune on June 17, 2021; Tallulah Madison Journal on June 17, 2021; Vivian The Caddo Citizen on June 17, 2021; and West Monroe The Ouachita Citizen on June 17, 2021 inviting participation in the floodplain management decision-making process. Specifically, we invited comments regarding the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program being proposed by the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC).

LHC's LSHHHP will administer the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program (Grant # LALHB0718-19) which has been awarded a federal award amount of \$3,000,000.00 with \$300,000.00 in Healthy Homes Supplemental funding for the period of January 2, 2020 through July 1, 2023.

The proposed program would involve minor rehabilitation and hazard control activities within the homes of privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing of low and very low income families with children under the age of six with elevated blood lead levels (eblls): 10 µg/dL. LHC's LSHHHP plans to conduct lead hazard control activities on 175 residential units in the targeted parishes and also plans to provide Healthy Homes remediation to 60 homes.

The legal boundaries of the target areas will consist of 20 target parishes: Avoyelles, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Mary, and Webster.

LSHHHP completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain and possible alternative actions. The proposed program could involve projects located within a 100-year floodplain. The conclusion was that properties located in the flood zones or coastal areas would not be eligible for this first phase of the grant program.

The alternatives considered included: 1) Funding the proposed program in other areas of the jurisdiction; 2) relocation of housing units and families; 3) no action.

These alternatives

were rejected for the following reasons: 1) the greatest need for the intended program was found to be in the designated target area/ areas and those units/ families in need of the housing services exist in all areas of the target area/areas; 2) it is cost prohibitive and not feasible to physically move or raise structures out of the floodplain; 3) a no action alternative would certainly not serve to maintain affordable, safe (from lead-based paint or other housing-based health hazards as appropriate) housing for families.

In order to minimize risk and potential loss (to life, health, and financial investment), owners, and tenants will be notified that their units are located in the floodplain and flood insurance will be a required contingency to participation in the grant program. The amount and period of coverage will conform to the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the subject program has been made by the above named responsible entity which documents floodplain information and contains a full description of the proposed actions. The ERR is on file at the address listed above and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 10:00am through 2:00pm.

Final approval of the LHC's LSHHHP - HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program will not be approved until/unless interested groups, individuals, or agencies have had an opportunity to comment. Comments will be accepted by Cindy Campbell, Program Manager at 11637 Industriplex Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 until July 30, 2021.

For further information regarding HUD's regulations concerning floodplain management contact:

Karen M. Griego
Program Environmental Clearance Officer
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
U.S. Department of HUD
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