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Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine fully approved by FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. gave full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine on Monday, a milestone that may help lift public confidence in the shots as the nation battles the most contagious coronavirus mutant yet.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech now carries the strongest endorsement from the Food and Drug Administration, which has never before had so much evidence to judge a shot's safety. More

than 200 million Pfizer doses already have been administered in the U.S. — and hundreds of millions more worldwide — since emergency use began in December.

"The public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," said acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock. "Today's milestone puts us one step closer to alter-

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Janet Woodcock
Food & Drug Administration

ing the course of this pandemic in the U.S."

The U.S. becomes the first country to fully approve the shot, according to Pfizer, and CEO Albert Bourla said in a statement he hoped the decision "will help increase confidence in our vaccine, as vaccination remains the best tool we

have to help protect lives."

U.S. vaccinations bottomed out in July. As delta fills hospital beds, shots are on the rise again — with a million a day given Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Just over half of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated with one of the country's three options, from Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson.

The FDA's action also may spur more vaccine mandates by companies, universities and

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Plug it in here

Minden on the list for vehicle charging stations

STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

More than 20 government agencies, universities and electric utilities in Louisiana soon will be getting electric vehicle charging stations worth more than \$1.7 million.

The cities of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Westlake, New Iberia, Bossier City, Minden, Natchitoches, Ruston and Pineville will be among those benefiting from the grants.

The Department of Environmental Quality is awarding grants to 26 entities for 82 charging stations, using money from the state's \$19.8 million share. The money comes from a settlement worth nearly \$3 billion between the U.S. Justice Department and Volkswagen over violations of the Clean Air Act, The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advo-

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Look, up in the sky!



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The giant tower Minden residents saw erected over the weekend along Homer Road behind Brown Service Center is set to be a new AT&T Cellular Service Tower for the city.

CITY OF MINDEN

Council delays budget vote again

Questions arise around timing of motion to table

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

A City Council Special Session was held Thursday evening in order to vote on the agenda items that were neglected after the walkout taking place at the monthly regular session. Most every item on the agenda passed without much hassle, except for possibly the most important item, the passing of the annual budget.

When the budget was motioned in at the meeting, Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A proposed amending the motion, wishing to table the budget for further discussion. This was seconded by Councilman Vincen Bradford of Dist. C.

However, when it came to the opposition of delaying the budget, it had less to do with budget

Delay Fallout

Since the delay of the budget, two city employees in the City Clerk's Department of the City of Minden have left their positions, with one retiring and one quitting.

concerns themselves and more to do with why Councilman Edwards had waited up until this point to voice his concerns.

The first budget workshop meeting took place on May 10, with two more following on May 18 and June 16. So it's been roughly four months since budget talks have been on the table.

The initial opportunity to pass the budget took place earlier this month, and instead of being straightforward about his

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SECOND FRONT

Friday Wreck



Early Friday morning a Waste Commander garbage truck hit a light pole in the Minden Walmart parking lot, rupturing its fuel tank and spilling diesel in front of the Murphy USA gas station. The Minden Fire Department and Minden Police Department were dispatched to the scene to close off the area until the situation had been resolved.

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Food stamp increase coming in October

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana families who receive food stamps will see their benefits increase by an average of \$36 per person each month starting in October after President Joe Biden's administration approved a permanent increase in the levels of food aid available to needy families.

Average benefits for food stamps — officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP — will rise significantly above pre-pandemic levels, the largest single increase in the program's history.

U.S. Rep. Troy Carter, a Democrat whose New Orleans-based district has some of the highest numbers of food stamp recipients across the country, told The Advocate that the food stamp boost is “a gamechanger in the battle against hunger and poverty.”

“The pandemic has made a bad situation even worse, and these expanded SNAP benefits show a long overdue realignment that more accurately reflects the cost of groceries and will help more working families get healthy food on the table,” Carter told the newspaper.

The benefit rates had been previously adjusted for inflation, but the federal government now is adjusting the base formula.

The U.S. Farm Bill approved by Congress in 2018 directed the U.S. Department of Agriculture to update the plan. Biden issued an executive order on Jan. 22 ordering the department to complete the work. The change will increase the \$60 billion federal budget for food stamps by about \$20 billion.

Nearly 849,000 people in Louisiana — about 1 in 5 state residents — receive food stamps.

They are currently receiving

about 15% more in benefits than before the coronavirus outbreak. But that extra money expires in September. The new USDA rules will amount to about 23% more than what was paid before the pandemic began when the changes start Oct. 1, The Advocate reports.

Beginning in October, a Louisiana family of four with a household income of \$2,871 per month — about \$34,500 per year — the monthly food stamp allotment will rise from \$680 to \$835 per month, according to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services.

The extra money allows families to buy more expensive fresh vegetables and fruits rather than rely on cheaper processed foods, said Danny Mintz, of the Louisiana Budget Project, a left-leaning organization that advocates for low- and moderate-income people.

Budget: Deadline for final approval is Sept. 15

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reasons for delaying the vote at that time, Edwards instead chose to wait until the Special Session over two weeks later to mention anything regarding his concerns.

The passing the city's annual budget is on a deadline for Sept. 15, with some dire consequences if it does not get passed in time. If the city fails to pass the budget by this deadline, the City of Minden will be forced to operate on 50% of last year's operational budget, and the state will take control over the operations of the city.

When asked during the Council Meeting by acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr, Councilman Edwards indicated that the questions asked weren't following proper procedure.

“Is there a reason, Mr. Wayne, why you want to take it back, when me, you, Pam and Vincen spent 4 different occasions going over the budget? Didn't argue, fuss, or fight about anything. We all were in agreement as far as I understood,” said Councilman Michael Roy of Dist. D.

“Let's just do it this way. The question that you have, address it to the Mayor so we'll follow proper procedure, and then he'll address it to me.

“Mayor, addressing you,” said Roy.

Gardner reiterated, “Mr. Roy is wanting to know after all the workshops and changes that we've made, why are you questioning the City budget.”

“I got three major areas of concern. One of them is the American Rescue Fund. How much and where it's spent. The second one, salary increases for two positions that I'm extremely concerned about. And third, there needs to be a review of the salaries for the police department,” said Edwards.

These are valid concerns, but the question most there wanted answered was why Edwards had waited up until this point.

“I understand what you've been saying, but my question is, we have been with the budget for so many hours, so many sessions, and there was enough time between presenting the budget to the public for viewing, until the council meeting, why didn't you come to me and ask me

some questions,” asked Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr.

“Michael you ask a good question, but we're not following procedures. We're at the part right now where we need to be voting,” which is odd given that at that time the item was open for discussion, and there is no particular time limit by which the Council has to vote on the item in a meeting.

“I only like for my own benefit to know when I can prepare when you want to table it,” said Fluhr.

At this point Edwards reiterated his concerns with the budget.

“Why, why ... are we going to start going back in the budget, when there was enough time. That is my question. I have a hard time understanding that,” said Fluhr.

“I understand your position,” said Edwards, with no further answer given.

Before the amended item moved forward to a vote, Councilman Roy expressed his worries over passing the budget in a timely manner.

“Our deadline to get this budget done is approaching. I'm afraid that what's going to end up happening is we're not going to get this budget approved, then we're going to be in a worse off situation. My understanding of things, had we sat down sooner and discussed. I don't disagree with the police, that we need to do something, and I've been trying to work on that myself diligently for the past three weeks,” said Roy.

“But, that can be amended down the road. I think if we put this off any longer, I don't want to be liable from the state, because the state is going to come in and take over operations of the city, then we'll really be in a pickle.”

By law, the City's budget has to be available for public viewing for two weeks before the Council can vote to pass it. This makes it unlikely that the budget finished in time for the next upcoming monthly City Council Meeting. Making it so the Council has until the end of the month to address whatever concerns they have, so the budget will have enough time to be available for public viewing before the deadline.

The council is was scheduled Monday morning to host another workshop in order to try and resolve the concerns with the budget.

POLICE BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Shalondas Harper, 31, of the 100 block of Timothy Drive, was arrested for domestic abuse.

Keandre Dilalrd, 41, of the 100 block of Timothy Drive was arrested for domestic abuse with child endangerment and strangulation.

Lonnie Hinnifield, 61, of the 1300 block of Highway 615, was arrested for simple burglary.

Archie Franklin, 46, of the 100 block of Shreve Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tracy Barber, 38, of the 100 block of Oak Tree Lane, was arrested for theft.

Paula Boyd, 57, was arrested for theft.

Marlin Conley Jr., 26, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

April Wilkes, 39, of the 600 block of Evans Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Azende Burns, 23, of the 100 block of Taylor Street, was arrested for

possession of a schedule I substance.

Demarcus Smith, 42, of the 100 block of Lood Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Springhill Police Department.

Josh Womack, 27, of the 700 block of Dallas Road, was arrested for theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Candy Maxie, 48, of the 200 block of MLK Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tony Woolridge, 51, of the 1700 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested for theft, trespassing, possession of a schedule II substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hannah Rocha, 28, of

the 1700 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested for trespassing.

Brice Stephens Jr., 46, of the 400 block of Davis Road, was arrested for no seatbelt, no turn signal, no child restraint, open container, driving under suspension, driving while intoxicated, resisting by force, and three counts of resisting an officer.

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STATE NEWS

Federal judge sides with Louisiana, Texas in criminal migrant deportation dispute

WILLIAM PATRICK
The Center Square

A federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction against the Biden administration's practice of releasing criminal undocumented migrants, handing Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton a victory.

Landry sued the administration along with Paxton, alleging President Joe Biden's Migrant Protection Protocols violated federal immigration laws.

Judge Drew Tipton of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas agreed, saying the immigration protocols cannot replace congressional intent.

"The Court inquires whether the Executive Branch may direct officials to enforce a law enacted by Congress in a way that is contrary to the plain language of the law. That inquiry yields a clear answer: it may not," concludes the 160-page order.

Courts frequently defer

to the president regarding federal immigration issues, and, by extension, executive branch agencies such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

But a separation of powers problem occurred when Biden changed priority immigration enforcement categories Jan. 20 and Feb. 18 to exclude "aliens convicted of serious drug offenses, aliens convicted of crimes of moral turpitude and aliens subject

to a final order of removal," Judge Tipton said.

"Put simply, the Government has instructed federal officials that 'shall detain' certain aliens means 'may detain' when it unambiguously means must detain," the injunction said.

Landry and Paxton immediately issued statements hailing the decision.

"The fact that a judge had to tell the President of the United States to comply with standing law is shameful," Landry said.

OBITUARIES



SHARYN THORNE STANLEY

Mrs. Stanley was born on September 18, 1947 to Donald and Nora Lee Cleveland Thorne in Roswell, NM and passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021 in Minden, LA. She was a nurse for over twenty years and enjoyed genealogy and crocheting. She served her community by serving as the secretary treasurer for the Shongaloo Fire Department for twenty years. She loved her husband and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years Mr. John Richard Stanley of Shongaloo, LA; son, John Stan-

ley, Jr. of Shongaloo, LA; daughters, Sherry Vaughan and husband Dale of Shongaloo, LA, Michele Len-to and husband Dean of Haynesville, LA; grandson, Tyler Stanley of Shongaloo, LA; granddaughter, Cora Vaughan of Fairview, OK; great-grandson, J.T. Stanley of Shongaloo, LA; sister, Debbie Romero of New Iberia, LA; brother, Donald Thorne of Leesburg, FL; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Stanley was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Billy Thorne.

A private graveside service was held in her honor.

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ARTEMIS "PAT" BUSBY

Funeral Services for Artemis "Pat" Busby will be held Monday, August 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Jim Crain and Bro. Doug Gregg officiating. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends

Monday, August 23, 2021, at 1:00 pm. prior the service time.

Mrs. Busby was born September 29, 1924, in Minden and entered into rest August 20, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana.

Mrs. Busby was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Bessie Calhoun; her husband, Percy Busby; sisters, Gladys Milner and Marcelene Vedross; and brothers, W.C. Calhoun and James B. Calhoun.

She is survived by her daughter, Bessie Mangrum (Billy Don) of Sibley; son, Morris Busby (Connie) of Minden; daughter, Kim Robinson (Steve) of Doyline. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ashleigh Benson, Bethany Bailey (Colin), Robin Fish (Andy), Robert Smart (Dena), Randy Mangrum (Danielle), Tiffany Henry (John), and Robert Horton; great-grandchildren; Alayna Benson, Cole Benson, Cooper Benson, William Hayes Bailey, Josh Fish (Lauren), Jordy Fish, Justin Smart, Jennifer Williams (Colby), Jessica Mangrum (Jordan), Seth Mangrum, and Savannah Mangrum; and great great-grandchildren, Millie Fish and Landon Lyday.

Pallbearers will be Robert Smart, Randy Mangrum, Andy Fish, Colin Bailey, Steve Robinson, and Josh Fish.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Vaccine: Some favor requirement for travel

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local governments. This month New York City, New Orleans and San Francisco all imposed proof-of-vaccination requirements at restaurants, bars and other indoor venues. At the federal level, President Joe Biden is requiring government workers to sign forms attesting that they've been vaccinated or else submit to regular testing and other requirements.

Anxious Americans increasingly are on board: Close to 6 in 10 favor requiring people to be fully vaccinated to travel on airplanes or attend crowded public events, according to a recent poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

"Mandating becomes much easier when you have full approval," said Dr. Carlos del Rio of Emory University. "I think a lot of businesses have been waiting for it."

The FDA, like regulators in Europe and much of the world, initially allowed emergency use of Pfizer's vaccine based on a study that tracked 44,000 people 16 and older for at least two months — the time period when serious side effects typically arise.

That's shorter than the six months of safety data normally required for full approval. So Pfizer kept that study going, and the FDA also examined real-world safety evidence in deciding to fully license the vaccine for people 16 and older, those studied the longest. Pfizer's shot still has emergency authorization for 12- to 15-year-

olds.

Even after hundreds of millions of shots, serious side effects — such as chest pain and heart inflammation in teens and young adults — remain exceedingly rare, the FDA said.

As for effectiveness, six-month tracking of Pfizer's original study showed the vaccine remained 97% protective against severe COVID-19. Protection against milder infection waned slightly, from a peak of 96% two months after the second dose to 84% by six months.

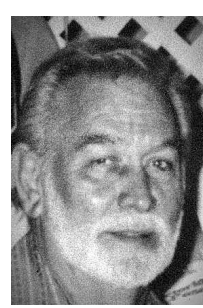
Those data came before the extra-contagious delta variant began spreading, but other data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the vaccine is still doing a good job preventing severe disease caused by that mutant.

As for all the talk about booster doses, the FDA's licensure doesn't cover those. The agency will decide that separately.

The FDA already is allowing emergency use of a third dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for people with severely weakened immune systems, such as organ transplant recipients who don't respond as strongly to the usual two shots. For everyone else who got those vaccinations, the Biden administration is planning ahead for booster starting in the fall — if the FDA and CDC agree.

Also still to be decided is vaccination of children under 12. Both Pfizer and Moderna are studying youngsters, with data expected in the fall.

IN MEMORIAM



God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be
So, He put his arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me"
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer and slowly fade away.
We loved you dearly, but could not make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating,
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put to rest,
Sunday you would have turned 80 years old,
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OTHER OPINION

Entitlement fraud, waste costing government, citizens

U.S. REP. JAMES COMER

Special to the Press-Herald

President Joe Biden holds up a mask as he announces from the East Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, July 29, 2021, that millions of federal workers must show proof they've received a coronavirus vaccine or submit to regular testing and stringent social distancing, masking and travel restrictions in an order to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

Under the Biden administration, the United States is on the path toward becoming a welfare state fully entrenched in waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement. President Joe Biden plans to expand welfare to almost half of the country's working adults through the deceptively named American Families Plan. If passed, it will allow the federal government to meddle in Americans' everyday lives from birth to death. Meanwhile, every year, entitlement programs are spending tens of billions of taxpayer dollars improperly – either through inaccuracies, incompetence or fraud.

Government is already too big with too much waste. Current entitlement programs are rife with abuse. Their size and lack of guardrails to protect taxpayer dollars open the door for bad actors to take advantage of the system. But rather than acknowledging and addressing

these issues, the Biden administration wants to dramatically expand the welfare state, which will undoubtedly result in even more waste, fraud, and abuse.

Since 2003, when agencies were required to report these payments, the Government Accountability Office estimates \$1.9 trillion in improper payments have been made. But that might just be the tip of the iceberg because the GAO maintains it is unable to “determine the full extent to which improper payments occur.”

In fiscal year 2020, more than 21% of Medicaid's federal program spending was the result of improper spending, which means one-fifth of taxpayer dollars, intended to help roughly 77 million low-income and medically needy individuals, has been lost without helping those Americans. Medicare was similarly disastrous, with \$43 billion in improper payments – money that should have helped provide health care for the 63 million elderly and disabled currently receiving Medicare benefits.

Outside of Medicare and Medicaid, three other significant sources of improper payments are for the earned income tax credit, unemployment insurance, and supplemental security income. Almost a quarter of the payments made for the earned income tax credit in FY2020 were improper – this amounted to \$16 billion. Of the benefits paid by the Depart-

ment of Labor for the unemployment insurance program, 10% were improper payments, which accounted for \$8 billion. The Social Security Administration similarly spent almost 10% of the Supplemental Security Income funds on improper payments during FY2020 – amounting to \$5.3 billion.

The federal government wasted tens of billions in improper payments last fiscal year alone – and that does not include any improper payments related to COVID-19 relief programs. We already know substantial fraud occurred within pandemic unemployment benefit programs. It's simply a matter of time before we know how severe the damage was in improper payments.

Congress is responsible for government oversight, and it is urgent we address these abuses now. The American people pay for these entitlement programs, believing the money will be there if they are ever in need of it, but with so many improper payments wasting away taxpayer dollars, that belief may be misguided.

Toward that end, I've called on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide a breakdown of all state specific Medicaid improper payments from 2015 to 2020. This will provide a better picture of the types and amounts of improper payments. These details will help us eliminate incentives for fraud and reduce waste.

No matter what the data says, however, one thing is crystal clear: We can't fix the social safety net by making it bigger and expanding the government's reach. That's like taking a leaky bucket and adding more water to it thinking the hole will fix itself. It's unrealistic and irresponsible. Sadly, that's President Biden's plan.

He is planning to expand existing entitlement programs and create new ones. He is doing so knowing the federal government is incapable of tracking the waste in existing programs, opening the door for more abuse. Why? Because he and the Democrats are anxious to reshape America. To make Americans dependent on the government rather than encourage self-reliance and promote the American dream.

But if the president continues down this path, America will deteriorate into a socialist welfare state, constantly on the edge of fiscal collapse and where the American dream will no longer be a reality. Republicans stand ready to stop the rise of the socialist state, and while we wage that battle, we must simultaneously fix the massive flaws in our existing welfare system. If we fail or the administration stops us, American families will pay the price.

U.S. REP. JAMES COMER, R-KY, IS THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE.

OTHER OPINION

Civil discourse missing in Louisiana COVID debates

People shouted, heckled and jeered. They trash-talked Louisiana's leading public health expert. And they mocked the masks required at indoor locations statewide by wearing them on their heads or under their chins and covering them with the words “child abuse.”

Two public hearings about Louisiana's COVID-19 outbreak, the statewide mask mandate and the coronavirus vaccines demonstrated in the most chaotic of terms how difficult it remains to change minds about the effectiveness of public safety measures aimed at slowing the illness' spread.

Even Louisiana's overwhelmed hospitals, stalled surgeries, lengthy waits for a hospital bed and the ever-increasing death toll from COVID-19 haven't persuaded some people to take the precautions available to them.

Instead, hundreds of angry people who attended legislative and education board meetings in Baton Rouge repeated misinformation, challenged coronavirus data and accused elected officials of medical tyranny. They called the surgical masks that doctors and other health care professionals have worn for decades “experimental medical devices.” And they insisted that Gov. John Bel Edwards, Louisiana hospital leaders and public health experts won't be changing their minds about the coronavirus immunization or masks.

“I can't understand that, and

I certainly can't explain it,” the Democratic governor said on his monthly radio show. “There is no reasoning with some people. Because when you refer to the numbers we're experiencing in Louisiana, well, many people don't believe the numbers. If you talk about the recommendations of the CDC, well, they don't trust that.”



MELINDA DESLATTE

Louisiana has repeatedly broken records this month in the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19, according to state health department data. Dozens of people are dying from the disease each day. Most of those deaths and hospitalizations involve people who are unvaccinated, the health department reports.

“There's no doubt about it, if we had a higher vaccination rate, we would be in a better situation,” Warner Thomas, CEO of Ochsner Health, Louisiana's largest hospital system, said in a Thursday COVID-19 briefing with reporters.

Amid Louisiana's latest surge of the coronavirus outbreak, more people have started the vaccination process, showing that fear can be a powerful motivating factor. Still, only about

39% of Louisiana's residents are fully vaccinated, one of the nation's lowest inoculation rates.

Meanwhile, Edwards' executive order that anyone age 5 or older wear a mask indoors when in classrooms, businesses, or public buildings has been praised by health care leaders but faces resistance in day-to-day life. That's obvious when walking into a grocery store, a restaurant or other locations where some people aren't following the mandate.

“More people adhering to the mask mandate would make it more effective. We'd like to see more consistency from the general population in masking,” Thomas said. “We'd like to see kids are masking in schools. We think that's important.”

The House Health and Welfare Committee hearing barely began before yelling emerged when Republican Chairman Larry Bagley told the packed committee room that everyone assembled would have to put on a mask or exit to another room. Security guards removed several people from the room for refusing to comply.

But the Louisiana House security guards were able to get the unruly crowd to largely follow the masking requirement so they could spend hours airing their complaints to lawmakers, along with a smaller group of pro-vaccine, pro-mask attendees.

It was a different scene at the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education board meet-

ing, where Capitol law enforcement under the oversight of the Louisiana State Police did little to enforce the face covering mandate and allowed the room to be crowded with unmasked people.

That meeting devolved into disorder, with people chanting “no more masks,” a pastor taking over the room to preach and individuals shouting about freedom, their personal rights and other reasons for their refusal to don a mask.

Amid the chaos, the education board members didn't visibly ask the police officers to help regain order so they could have the planned debate about masking requirements for children in K-12 schools. Rather, the board simply voted 8-2 to adjourn the meeting without having the discussion since the crowd assembled refused to calm themselves or follow the rules.

That leaves Edwards' mask mandate in place for school classrooms, since the education board never got to the part of the discussion where members were supposed to decide if they wanted to challenge the governor's authority to enact the requirement.

But that still won't mean everyone's following the mandate.

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000. FOLLOW HER AT HTTP://TWITTER.COM/MELINDADESLATTE.

GET IT GROWING

Get ready for fall, y'all

HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Although it doesn't feel like it because it's still so hot, it's time to start thinking about your fall garden.

Fall is my favorite time to grow vegetables because all my personal favorites thrive in the cooler weather of fall and winter. It is when many brassica family vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kale and greens such as collards, mustards and turnips grow.

These vegetables are some of the easiest to grow and the most nutritious you can prepare. This group of vegetables contains high levels of vitamin C, potassium, beta carotene and fiber.

In addition to vegetables in the brassica family, tomatoes, peppers, okra and eggplant can continue through the fall to make another crop before temperatures drop. Artichokes, carrots and spinach can also be grown in the fall and winter. With so many options, it's time to get busy planning — and planting.

Broccoli can be planted from September through October for harvest in November to December and again in January through February. You can start seeds now to produce transplants that will be ready to go in the ground or garden beds in five to six weeks.

Space your transplants 9 to 12 inches for smaller broccoli heads and 16 to 18 inches for larger heads. Some recommended varieties are Packman, Diplomat and Decathlon. You can also try rabe, also known as rabe or rapini, which resembles small heads of broccoli and has a nutty flavor.

Cauliflower also can be planted in September through October for harvest in November and December. Or you can wait until January and February to plant for harvest in March through



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Cabbage is a vegetable in the brassica family that grows well in the fall and winter.

May. Plant seeds now to produce transplants in five to six weeks. Space plants 10 to 12 inches apart for 3-to-4-pound heads or 16 to 18 inches apart for larger, 5-to-7-pound heads. AgCenter vegetable specialist Kiki Fontenot suggests varieties such as Snow Crown, Cumberland, Candid Charm and Colored Mix.

Cabbage should be planted between September and early March, but skip December and January. Heads can be harvested November to April. Space at 10 to 12 inches for 3-to-4-pound heads and 16 to 18 inches for 5-to-7-pound heads of cabbage. Heads should be firm like a softball when harvesting. Some recommended varieties are Blue Vantage, Bravo, Rio Verde and

Salad Delight (red). Copenhagen, Flat Dutch and Early Season are best for smaller home gardens.

Carrots can be planted in late August to early October for harvest in November through March, or you can plant again in January through February for a harvest from April to May. You can direct-seed carrots into the ground and thin them out to 1 to 2 inches between plants. Loosen the soil and sprinkle seeds on top, tamp the seeds and water them in. Some recommended varieties are Purple Haze (purple), Danvers 126 (open pollinated), Apache and Choctaw (both hybrids).

If you are a first-time vegetable gardener and afraid to dive right

in, Fontenot recommends trying greens. These are some of the easiest vegetables to grow, and you can get several harvests from the same plant.

Plant in September to November for a quick harvest from September to February, and again in January through early May for harvest in the spring through early summer. Direct-seed and space 3 to 6 inches apart. Recommended mustard varieties are Tendergreen (heat tolerant) and Golden Frills. For turnip greens, try Royal Crown, Tokyo and Scarlet Queen Red Stems. If you prefer collards, go for the Georgia Southern, Champion and Top Bunch varieties.

Garlic also can be planted September through October for

harvest in May through June. Garlic takes nine months in the garden. When you notice leaves beginning to yellow and fall over, you can harvest gently by lifting with a garden fork. Store in a dry place for five to seven days. Be sure to plant garlic toes 2 to 3 inches deep with the base side down. Some recommended types are Elephant, Creole and Italian garlic.

Spinach can be planted October to early December for harvest in November to April (10 to 12 weeks). Soak seeds overnight for better germination before planting at 1 to 2 inches apart. Some recommended varieties are Melody, Ballet and Tigercat. You can typically get up to three harvests from one plant in a season.

Artichokes can be planted late October to mid-November for a harvest the following spring. It takes 12 weeks from seeding to transplant, so your best bet is to find transplants at local nurseries. Space 3 to 4 inches apart and harvest when buds are 3 to 4 inches in diameter and when bracts are tight.

Irish potatoes can be planted using small whole potatoes. Do not use seed pieces because they are more susceptible to hot temperatures and moisture that encourages fungal diseases.

Vegetables are heavy feeders. Start with a preplant application of complete fertilizer such as 13-13-13 at the label's recommended rate. An additional side dressing of ammonium or calcium nitrate will provide enough nitrogen to boost higher yields. Side dress broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower at three to four weeks after being transplanted, and side dress greens three to four weeks after transplanting. Side dress a couple of inches out from the stems of plants and be sure to water in fertilizers to prevent plant burning.

INSPIRATION

Sometimes, a creative outlet can help you cope with loss, depression

Socrates wrote, "Like sands through an hourglass so are the days of our lives."

The artist Ann Welsh Gardner wrote "when life becomes too easy we become fat and lazy but when we hurt we choose our medium."

That medium can be almost anything including painting, writing or sewing but I believe that in some way our medium has to extend outside ourselves.

There was once a young woman who was undergoing a deep depression and happened to find her grandmother's journal.

Within that diary she wrote down her secret to overcoming depression.

It went something like this: Cook something good, make something pretty, write something everyday, exercise and do something for someone else everyday.

I found that list to be a magic mix, a secret to overcoming depression, though I would never minimize the need for medical

care.

Having recently met a precious couple at a local meeting. I was overcome with sadness when the mother told me how they had suddenly just lost their adult daughter, thus causing them to want to reach out to those less fortunate in the community, sensing that volunteering would help fill the void in their lives.

I felt motivated to reach out to try to extend my support because we all need someone to care.

I believe there are no accidents -- that God places people in our path -- to make a difference in at least some small way because we all need to know someone to understand.

I call these as God Wink experiences when we know that

someone has been placed in our path for a reason, though we may not always understand the rhyme or reason or why.

We can't fake caring.

This leads me to tell you about a widower who was looking through his family trunk recently and how he just now discovered a poem penned in his wife's own hand. It was dated just days before she died, after a long illness, over thirty years ago. The piece was titled Just One More Day.

It went something like this: "Give me just one more day with you!"

Those poignant words were overwhelming to him and are enough to get our attention because life is so uncertain. Our rugs can be jerked out from under our feet so quickly, with no warning.

Even when we see it coming we aren't prepared for the aftershock of losing the dearest to us on earth!

Yet in the losing of a loved one we should learn something from the heart rending experi-

ence, of feeling ourselves choking with tears, as we go under for the third time hardly able to breathe, trying to stay afloat as it often takes many years for us to come to grips with the reality of losing the ones who make our lives whole, who get us up in the morning, who keep us going with their Godlike love found in human relationships which is the closest thing to heaven upon this earth.

Taking our loved ones for-granted is an age old human failing because we don't fully appreciate what we have until we lose that one whether by death or divorce.

Back in the 60's there was a popular stage play titled Our Town which was written by Thornton Wilder. The story revolves around a young girl who dies and goes to heaven. She misses her family so much and begs God to grant her one wish to which she asked to return to the earth for just one more day.

She chose one of her birthdays. In total disbelief she was in shock as she turned around

and kept noticing how her family didn't even pay attention to what she was saying or doing on her special day.

She asked God to take her back realizing that her life was not what she thought upon this earth.

Why are we so quick to snap, to not learn, to be wrapped up in our own pursuits, our hobbies, our passions, our interests and totally take for granted those who mean the most to us until after they are passed and gone?

The poet went on to say that if she had one more day she would turn off the television set, unplug the phone and hug repeatedly and say a million times "I love you."

Why are we so slow to learn? Why do we have to keep on learning our lessons over and over again with little retention?

Your clue is as good as mine.

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NATION & WORLD

Kennedy urges Treasury to stop over \$400 million from flowing to Taliban

Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), a member of the Senate Banking Committee, today urged U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen to stop the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) from flowing to the Taliban terrorist group.

The Biden administration has been a proponent of the \$650 billion allocation of special drawing rights (SDRs), which would send more than \$400 million to Afghanistan. The IMF allocation is set for Aug. 23.

"During our meeting last May, I urged you to halt your pursuit of approving Special Drawing Rights under the guise that an allocation would provide foreign aid during the COVID-19 pandemic. As I noted, the bulk of the funds from an SDR allocation would wrongly benefit G20 countries—the wealthiest economies in the world—while millions would go to our adversaries, state sponsors of terrorists, and countries that have perpetrated genocide. It is my understanding that Afghanistan, under the approved allocation, is expected to receive \$450 million in SDRs, a portion of which is scheduled to arrive in Afghanistan by next week," wrote Kennedy.

"As the Taliban has seized power in Afghanistan, just two weeks before the U.S.'s troop withdrawal,

it is clear these SDRs will fall into their hands. Not only that, but since the U.S.'s withdrawal in Afghanistan, many adversarial governments are poised to extend economic and diplomatic influence over Afghanistan. This is evident as both China and Russia



KENNEDY

Kennedy continued.

"The Biden Administration must not allow the Taliban to gain legitimacy in economic or diplomatic dealings with the U.S. or abroad. The Taliban never intended to abide by the terms of the peace deal, and this administration should not bend to the false promises of the Taliban," he explained.

"With this in mind, I urge you to block the nearly half a billion dollars that is headed to Afghanistan under the Taliban's rule. Furthermore, I ask the Treasury Department and the IMF to end the use of SDRs as a means of foreign aid to countries like China, Iran, and Russia, who continue to support this terrorist regime," Kennedy concluded.

In March, Kennedy questioned Yellen on why the Biden administration is circumventing Congress to burden American taxpayers with SDRs that would go to regimes that oppress their citizens and actively oppose American interests, such as China and Russia.

In June, Kennedy introduced the No Dollars for Dictators Act. The legislation would prohibit allocations of special drawing rights at the IMF from going to perpetrators of genocide and state sponsors of terrorism unless Congress authorizes the allocation.

The IMF distributes special drawing rights according to each country's economic standing in the global economy. That means the world's wealthiest countries receive the most special drawing rights of all IMF members.

The president's justification for supporting the proposed allocation is to allow low-income countries to exchange their special drawing rights for currency to fund efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic. Under the proposed allocation, however, the countries with the 19 largest economies in the world would receive \$426 billion—the bulk of the special drawing rights. The 24 poorest countries would receive only three percent of the

allocation, or \$21 billion.

China alone would receive \$22 billion in special drawing rights, which is more than the total that all of the poor countries combined would receive. Russia would receive \$18 billion. In addition to sending billions of dollars to Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin, the allocation would send billions in aid to Hassan Rouhani, Bashar al-Assad and Nicolas Maduro.

State sponsors of terrorism would also receive aid from the allocation President Biden has approved. Iran would receive \$3.5 billion, and Syria would receive \$900 million.

While some have claimed that special drawing rights offer the U.S. a no-cost way to assist poor countries, this is demonstrably false. This IMF allocation would require the U.S. to issue debt in order to cover the loans issued through special drawing rights. The U.S. would have to pay interest on that debt, and that interest would exceed any interest that the U.S. may receive on the loans it issues.

There is no requirement that countries that receive loans from the U.S. through special drawing rights ever repay the principal. As a result, the financial burden of these loans will fall on the U.S. taxpayer.

EDUCATION

School mask, vaccine mandates supported in US: AP-NORC poll

BOSTON (AP) — As COVID-19 cases surge around the country, a majority of Americans say they support mask mandates for students and teachers in K-12 schools, according to a new poll, but their views are sharply divided along political lines.

About 6 in 10 Americans say students and teachers should be required to wear face masks while in school, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Similar shares say teachers and eligible students should also be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Masks have been a point of contention as U.S. schools reopen amid rising numbers of coronavirus cases. Questions about whether to require them have caused turmoil among parents and politicians, with some Republican governors banning mask mandates even as President Joe Biden threatens legal action against them.

In a reflection of that polarizing debate, the poll finds a wide partisan divide. About 3 in 10 Republicans said they favor mask requirements for students and teachers, compared with about 8 in

10 Democrats. There was a similar split over vaccine mandates in schools.

Some of the nation's largest school districts will require masks for all students and staff this fall, including in New York City. That's fine with Budhiono Riyanto, 37, of Queens, who will be sending his 7-year-old son, Gabriel, back to school next month.

"I understand personal choice, I understand personal freedom. But when it comes to public health, we should all be looking out for each other," Riyanto said. "The best protection so far is to mask up and vaccinate."

Others say masks shouldn't be forced upon children.

Kim Oldfield, who lives in rural Jessieville, Arkansas, said masks are unpopular in her area. She opposes the idea of a mandate and says it should be up to families to decide. In her local school district, masks are optional this fall.

"America is supposed to be the land of the free," said Oldfield, 70. "And when the government starts getting into your personal life and making you do things that you don't want to do, people don't like that."



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Keeping a family tradition alive

BY GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

You can usually identify a serious duck hunter by checking the back window on his pick-up. You'll see a replica of a brace of mallards with wings cupped, gliding in. Same thing is true for deer hunters. A set of massive antlers is likely to adorn his window.

Ruston's 80-year-old Tommy Smith displays his area of interest in a slightly different way. I don't recall seeing anything on the back window of his vehicle but if you look at the covering of his trailer hitch, you'll see a golden emblem of the brass of a shotgun shell. Smith has made his name as an expert marksman when it comes to blasting clay targets in trapshooting competition.

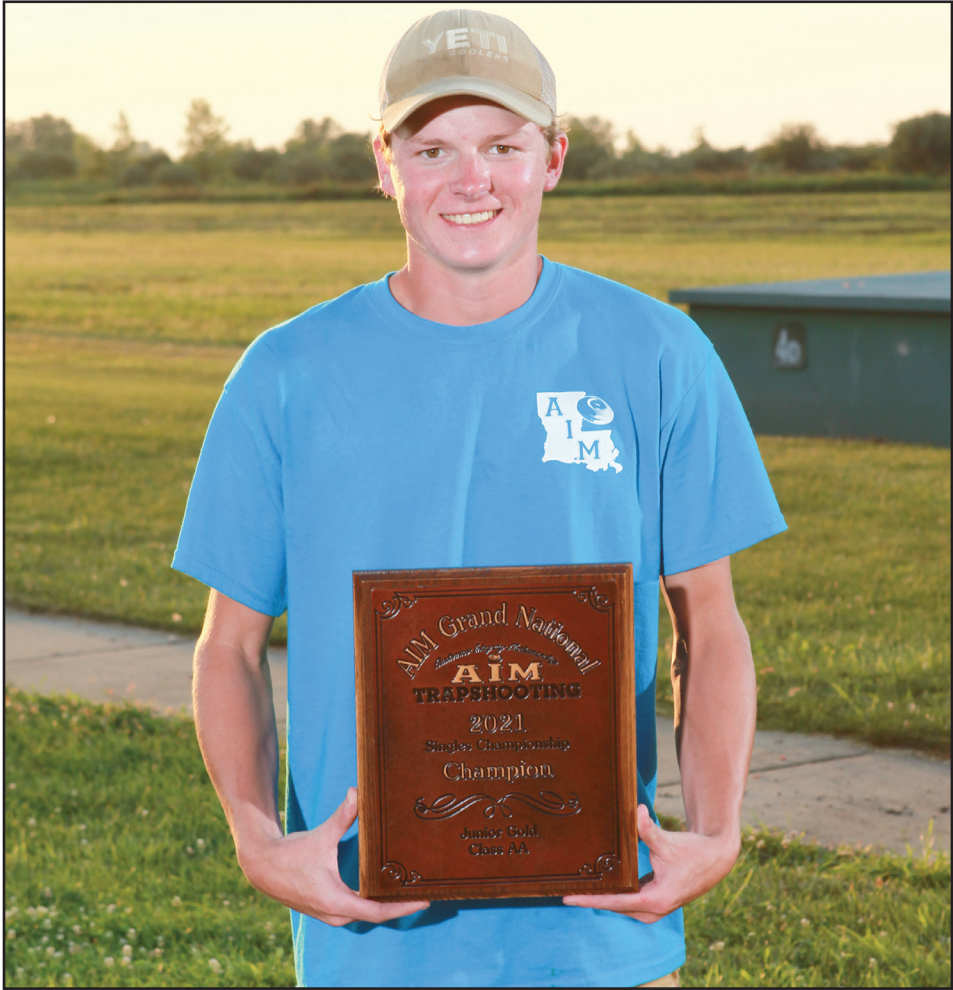
He passed his love for the sport along to his son, Trey, who developed into a fine trap shooter himself.

However, the best of all may be Thomas Smith IV, Trey's son and Tommy's grandson. Just returning from national competition in Illinois with a group of youth from the area, young shooters who ended up with several awards, the 19-year-old Smith was the big winner when he won the championship of Junior Gold in the national event.

What did Smith do to collect the gold? All he did was break 199 out of 200 targets to best some of the nation's top young shooters.

We visited with the teenager, now a student at Louisiana Tech, to get his take on his impressive feat and to learn how he got started.

"I got involved when I was 12 or 13 years old when my grandfather, who had already made his mark as an expert trapshooter, started working with me. I shot off and on as a youngster but I didn't have the time I needed to really get good at it until after I graduated from high school," Smith said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Above, Thomas Smith IV is pictured with his trapshooting championship plaque. Below, Smith IV is pictured with the person who sparked his interest in trapshooting, his grandfather Tommy Smith.

After graduating, Smith decided to start working on his skills as a shooter again and it has paid off big for him.

"The week before I went to Illinois for the national competition, I went out to the range where we practice, the Arcadia Gun Club, and for the first time ever, I broke 100 straight clay targets. That gave me confidence that maybe I could compete with those on the national level," he said.

Amie Skipper is head of the local organization and accompanied the group of shooters to Illinois for competition.

"For youth up to age 22, the organization is called AIM, which stands for Academic, Integrity and Marksmanship. After that age, they transition to the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA).

"There are about 60 kids in AIM in Louisiana with a good group from



here in Lincoln Parish. I got involved," Skipper said,"by working with the local 4-H shooting program."

Here's what the ATA has to say about what is involved in Trapshooting ... "Trapshooting is

a game of movement, action and split-second timing. It requires the accuracy and skill to repeatedly aim, fire and break the 4 1/4-inch disc which is hurled through the air at the speed of 42 mph, simulating the flight path

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE - Bass have been fair on spinner baits, Wobble-heads and soft plastics. The crappie are scattered while the bream are fair. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bream are fair; crappie are scattered and slow to fair. Bass are best around the edge of the grass and trees on soft plastics and jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - Bass have been fair at the mouth of the run-outs where there is a bit of current with crank baits and spinners taking a few. Crappie are around the tops in the river and in the river lakes. Jigs and shiners are taking a few. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass fishing has been fair with some schooling fish hitting topwaters and Rat-L-Traps. Bigger fish are in the deep channels with some caught on jigs, crank baits and soft plastics. Crappie are in the channel with some caught on shiners and jigs fished 15-22 feet deep in 25-30 foot water. Best jigs have been Critter Glitter, Key Lime Pie, Green Tomato and Halo. Bream fishing is fair around the beds on worms and crickets while channel cats are biting cold worms off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Bream fishing continues to be fair to good on worms and crickets. Crappie have been best

fishing 12-14 feet deep around submerged tops on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair around the boat docks and piers fishing with a Shaky Head. Some catfish are being caught on trotlines and stump hooks baited with a variety of baits. No report on stripers this week. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 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, tail spinners or spoons. Crappie fishing has been best fishing jigs or shiners around the deeper tops. Bream fishing is fair on worms and crickets around bedding areas. Catfishing is fair fishing a variety of baits around the piers and boat docks. 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 fair with mostly smaller fish being caught. Bass, crappie and bream are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - Crappie are quite slow. Bream are scattered and fair. Bass are best early mornings on topwaters. Catfishing is fair to good. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is on a slight rise but fishing has been good, especially for bream and catfish. Crappie are slow to fair fishing 10-12 feet deep around the piers. Bass have been fair to good. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

of a bird fleeing a hunter."

For someone to connect with the target 199 times out of 200 is quite an achievement and we tip our hat to a youngster from our area, national champion Thomas

Smith IV, who did just that. I'm betting his dad and granddad are both mighty proud.

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

National Hunting and Fishing Day events canceled

Press-Herald Sports Service

Responding to the state's COVID-19 situation, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has canceled National Hunting

and Fishing Day (NHFD) events scheduled for Sept. 25 across Louisiana.

"This was a tough decision, but we think it was the right decision," said LDWF Secretary Jack Montoucet. "Like so many

others, I looked forward to attending the events and watching families, especially young people, learn about hunting, fishing, shooting, and other outdoor activities. But, the risk to the public's health

to hold the NHFD events was too great."

NHFD is a national event celebrated in all 50 states on the fourth Saturday in September. It was created in 1972 when Congress passed two bills es-

tablishing a specific day to celebrate the conservation contributions of the nation's hunters and anglers.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is charged with managing and protect-

ing Louisiana's abundant natural resources. Help us protect your hunting and fishing heritage while preserving habitat, wildlife, and aquatic resources by purchasing your license at www.wlf.la.gov.

Hunter education course mandatory for those under 52

Press-Herald Sports Service

Anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, you must satisfactorily complete an LLDWF-approved hunter education course and receive Hunter Educa-

tion Certification prior to hunting in Louisiana, unless you are under direct supervision of a qualified person.

A qualified person is a Louisiana licensed hunter born before Sept. 1, 1969,

or a person 18 years of age or older who has a valid unrestricted Louisiana hunting license or proof of Hunter Education Certification. Direct supervision means the person being supervised is within nor-

mal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting.

Applicants must be at least 10-years-old to receive Hunter Education Certification in Louisiana.

However, even certified 10- and 11-year-olds must be supervised while hunting. Youth younger than 10 may take the course, but they are not eligible to be certified and will have to retake the course to

obtain certification when they reach 10 years of age or older.

For more information, go online to <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/hunter-and-trapper-education>.

SPORTS

Parish prep teams conduct gridiron scrimmages

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide put the only points on the board in Friday's timed quarter portion of a football scrimmage at Benton.

Fittingly, for the defensive-minded Tide, those two points came on a safety caused after Benton snapped a ball over the punter's head.

During the earlier 12-snap segments for first-teamers and 10-snap portion for second teamers, MHS coach Spencer Heard liked what he saw from his offense and especially the trenches.

"I thought it went well," Heard said. "I felt like we got some good work on both sides and felt that we got better from it."

"We moved the ball pretty effectively on offense. The offensive line did a good job. We had a few explosive plays. We probably had three or four occasions where we didn't execute the way we needed to execute. We could have probably had three or four more explosive plays, but I felt like we moved the ball on the ground pretty good."

Heard said he felt his team shook off a sluggish start to the scrimmage and picked up the pace late.

"It seemed that as things progressed we started playing better offensively," Heard said. "It was bad overall. We got some good work in and this time of year you're just trying to get better and get ready for the first game."

Minden will next play at the Haynesville Jamboree on Friday when the Tide will face Homer and Haynesville for one quarter each.

"We want to see improvement from some of the little things we saw in the Benton scrimmage," Heard said. "We ran one live quarter and got to work a little bit on the kicking game, but Friday's jamboree will be a full game-like situation where we'll get to see where we stand in all phases of the game."

"Hopefully we'll see improvement and any mistakes we need to clean up before the season opener."

GLENBROOK: GHS took on a familiar foe in Parkers Chapel from El Dorado, Arkansas, in a prep football scrimmage on Friday, and the Apaches controlled



PHOTO BY MARNY GREGG

The Glenbrook High School offense prepares to snap the ball and run a play against the Parkers Chapel defense during Friday's scrimmage held at GHS.

the workout from start to finish.

"Parkers Chapel is down a little bit this year, so it was good for us in that it was a good confidence builder," Feaster said. "We felt like the things we thought we would be good at, we were. Defensively we've got a lot of good tacklers on the field and offensively, while our line might be small they really got after it well. They were very athletic blocking downfield."

"We've got a number of skill guys. We played a bunch of different guys. We had a bunch of different guys carry the ball and catch passes and all that. So we feel good in that regard — that we were able to spread the ball around."

Parkers Chapel only stopped North Webster one time while the Apaches hit paydirt eight times overall, including three times in the timed live quarter that closed the scrimmage out.

"We fumbled one time and they recovered," Fester said. "Other than that we never got to fourth down or anything like that."

During that timed period, the Apaches' Chase Sentell scored on a three-yard run and Ty Feaster hit Turner McClelland on a 35-yard touchdown pass while Maddox Mandino picked

off a Parkers Chapel pass and raced it 60 yards back for a TD.

In the earlier controlled scrimmage portion of the night, Glenbrook's DJ Carter broke free on scoring scampers of 15 and 70 yards while Easton Sanders launched a 70-yard scoring strike to Collin Greg.

Glenbrook's head Apache said he saw the night simply as a practice session against new faces.

"We take it as another practice and as a way to gauge what stuff we're doing right and what stuff we're doing wrong," Feaster said. "If every team we're going to play this season were to the same level they were, we would feel really good. But that isn't the case. We're going to be facing some really good teams this season. So we know we've got to continue to improve."

"The video we got is crucial ... we can break down every step a guy takes and how their body is leaning — we break down every little aspect of every play and try to teach the kids from that, so that video is extremely important."

Glenbrook will next play a jamboree against Natchitoches Central's Junior Varsity around 9 p.m. Friday on the Northwestern State University campus.

LAKESIDE: The Warriors failed to score during Friday's scrimmage at Lakeside, but that doesn't mean head coach Mike Santelices came away feeling bad about the night.

Lakeside scored on a pair of long runs during the scrimmage.

"It was OK," Santelices said of his team's night. "We had some people out with injuries and what not. The defense played really well. They were really sound in reading their keys and all of that."

"Offensively, we moved the ball but didn't score. But I think a lot of that gets eliminated once we get some people back. When we're at full strength, we'll be a lot better. We should be at 100 percent after the jamboree."

Lakeside will next take on both Haynesville and North Webster for one quarter each on Friday at the Haynesville jamboree.

"We're playing a bunch of players who've never played before — it'll be another evaluation tool," Santelices said. "We've got to use that to get better. That's why Friday's scrimmage against Lakeview was so important with so many new people — younger players who've never played before — stepping up. Film will show us

the mistakes we made and the players can learn from that. That was huge and this upcoming Friday will be the same thing.

"Every week we want to learn and get better. That's the goal. You can never stop getting better so using Friday's jamboree as a game-time situation will be big for us."

NORTH WEBSTER: The Knights' defense dominated Mangham during a Friday scrimmage played at Neville High School in Monroe.

That domination included multiple turnovers as defensive back Ty'travion Mendenhall picked off a pass while defensive end Garrett Brown and linebacker Jatareon Robinson each forced fumbles while both also added sacks.

In the timed-quarter portion of the scrimmage, North Webster quarterback Colin McKenzie connected with Robinson on a scoring strike while Jarmarcus Stephens added a 15-yard scoring scamper for the Knights.

North Webster will next play in the Pineland Jamboree at Haynesville High School that begins at 6 p.m. Friday. The Knights will take on Homer in Game One and Lakeside in Game Three.

Louisiana Tech focuses on looking at running back corps

Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech football competed in its second fall scrimmage inside Joe Aillet Stadium on Saturday morning.

With Tech's season opener at Mississippi State just two weeks away, the Bulldogs held their first full scrimmage of the fall camp where the team went through 100 plays. The scrimmage started with the ones competing against the twos in order to evaluate the depth chart on both sides.

The team ended the scrimmage with the ones against the

ones and the twos against the twos.

The emphasis of Saturday's scrimmage was on the running game due to the number of new running backs joining the program.

"I need to see them get tackled," Holtz said. "I need to see them protect the football. We can simulate a lot of the passing game situations in practice work, but it's very hard to simulate live tackling. So, today's big emphasis was that."

The scrimmage also helped show Holtz where his team stands and what it needs to work

on before the start of the regular season.

"We're two-thirds through camp. We've gone through two weeks," Holtz said. "We have a full week left to go before we get into game week, so this was a good evaluation of where we are right now. The biggest thing I would say if you ask, 'Where are we?' is we aren't as consistent as we need to be on either side of the ball."

"That's the thing we need to continue to work on and clean some things up. Today was productive. It helped us. We'll be a better football team in the open-

ing game because of what we did today."

Senior wide receiver Isaiah Graham said it was a good experience having the refs at the scrimmage.

"Some of the young guys haven't been playing with refs at the college level," Graham said. "For them to get that experience was great. As an offense, we moved the ball well. We had our ups and downs. The defense had their ups and downs. If you have a day where the offense is winning and the defense is winning, you can tell you're going to the right spot."



Skip Holtz

G-Men hold second scrimmage

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

GRAMBLING — It's not easy for a football coach to be satisfied. That potentially brings the danger of complacency.

So while Grambling State's Broderick Fobbs admitted to liking some of what he saw from a situational, light-contact scrimmage held by his team on Saturday, he also added there was definite room for improvement.

And he expects those improvements to be made before the Tigers' season opener against Tennessee State on Sept. 4 in the Black College Football Hall of Fame Game at Tom Benson Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

"The kids were a little sluggish today, but that's not unexpected after a really long day (Friday)," Fobbs said following Saturday's workout. "We had some early thunderstorms (Friday) that pushed back practice, so we practiced late and then did a quick turn-around for this practice this morning."

There were flashes of greatness in both practices, including a pair of long catches made by junior receiver Greg White (6-3, 205). White went horizontal on one of those catches, reaching out just far enough to haul the ball in before hitting the turf.

The G-Men saved some big plays for Saturday's scrimmage with running backs CJ Russell and Keilon Elder also catching coaches' eyes.

"Getting out in the elements was kind of tough, but the good thing is that our kids pushed through it. I think we have what it takes — we just have to clean up some things," Fobbs said. "There were some guys who showed some really bright spots and did some good things, which is what you want to see, now it's just time to tighten up the bolts and the screws. We'll be prepared and ready to play Sept. 5."

One player who has

really upped his game for the Tigers this spring is junior quarterback Aldon Clark from Edna Karr High School in New Orleans. Clark has moved up to split time behind center for Grambling's starting offensive unit along with Elijah Walker, the returning junior who received the most playing time during GSU's 2021 spring season.

"Aldon has really stepped his game up," Fobbs said. "He's done a really good job of doing the extra stuff like being in the weight room a little extra and being in the film room a lot more than he's been in the past. He really believes in his new quarterback coach (and offensive coordinator Eric Marty), and Coach Marty really believes in him."

Walker said the competition behind center is benefitting Grambling's entire quarterbacking corps.

"I come to work every day and know the other guys in the (quarterback) room are going to push me, so of course it makes us all better," Walker said. "I feel good about my hold of this offense and once everyone gets comfortable, we'll be great, in my opinion."

Another player who's drawn attention this spring is receiver/running back Darqueeze Brutton, a 5-7, 178-pounder who runs tougher than his frame would make most expect and has drawn some comparisons to former GSU standout Martez Carter.

"It's hard to say that name (referring to comparing Brutton to Carter), but he does have that same type of quickness and speed," Fobbs said. "He's a little shorter, but he has a lot of those same capabilities. We hope that ends up being the case."

Fobbs has also been pleased with the better play shown by his offensive line this spring.

"In the spring we knew that the cavalry was coming," Fobbs said of



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Junior quarterback Elijah Walker (3) looks for running room during Grambling State University's intrasquad football scrimmage held Saturday at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

his offensive line. "We knew we had some guys who could come in and play for us and really be dynamic at moving the football and moving people out of the way. The pandemic hit and we lost a lot of really good football players and we had to live with it and play with it. But we really feel good about our offensive line and about (new offensive line coach Bryant Ross) — he's doing a great job of getting those guys prepared. And also getting them in the right mindset so we can be dominant up front."

Fobbs said having a solid mix of players with varying talents and abilities combined with the hard and sometimes repetitively unexciting work they've put in this preseason has him feeling better about the upcoming season.

"The growth for us is that we're a lot more physical football team than we've been in the past, which is what you have to be," Fobbs said. "Being multiple and able to play with various personnel groupings with tight ends, receivers and

various running backs really helps you. That really helps our defense as well, so everything that we're seeing on both sides of the ball really helps our entire team as a whole."

"It's all about consistency. We have what it takes. It's just about knowing what to do and being consistent with doing those things over and over again. Greatness has a lot more to do with

consistency than it does with the flash of great things and great plays. So for us it's about doing the common things that can help make us consistently great each and every time."



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Orgeron pleased with LSU workout

Press-Herald Sports Service

BATON ROUGE — LSU's offense and defense battled back on forth as the Tigers held their second scrimmage of preseason camp here Saturday afternoon in Tiger Stadium.

The workout was the final full-scale scrimmage for the Tigers before facing UCLA in the season-opener on Sept. 4 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. LSU now goes into game-week mode with

"Tell The Truth Monday" next up for the Tigers.

LSU will use the next two weeks to prepare for the Bruins, which includes a mock game in Tiger Stadium next Saturday.

"I thought our coaches and players did an excellent job of getting the intensity up," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said. "There was a lot of enthusiasm on both sides of the ball."

"The defense started fast on the first series, stopping the first and second offense. Then both

the first and second offense responded by moving the ball down the field on the next couple of series. I thought it was an outstanding day for both (offense and defense)."

Offensive leaders on Saturday included starting quarterback Max Johnson, who completed 11-of-19 passes for 125 yards and touchdown, while true freshman Garrett Nussmeier connected on 18-of-32 passes for 308 yards and three touchdowns.

On This Day In History

2006 Pluto is Declassified as a Planet
The International Astronomical Union (IAU) declassified Pluto as a planet and classified it as a dwarf planet. According to the IAU definition, a dwarf planet is neither a planet or a natural satellite. It is 'a celestial object orbiting a star that is massive enough to be rounded by its own gravity but has not cleared its orbit of space debris'. Discovered in 1930 by American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, Pluto is the largest but second-most massive dwarf planet in our solar system. The most massive dwarf planet orbiting our sun is Eris.

1869 The Waffle Iron is Patented in the United States
Cornelius Swartwout, a Troy, New York resident

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEIGHBORHOOD
IN SOUTH DAKOTA WHOSE OCCUPANTS ARE
ALWAYS LACKING IN LIVELINESS: VAPID CITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals B



Solve the code to discover words related to American cheese.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = E)

A. 7 18 21 21 15 21

Clue: Dairy food

B. 23 21 3 8

Clue: Make or become liquified

C. 16 6 4 26 22 13 7 18

Clue: Meal of food between bread

D. 17 21 3 3 19 22

Clue: Sunny color

Answers: A. cheese B. melt C. sandwich D. yellow

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Eyebrow
shape
5 Mahal
preceder
8 Picnic
spoiler
12 Mimic
13 Reuben
bread
14 Metallica
"Nothing
—
Matters"
15 Bartering
event
17 Wall St.
deals
18 Possesse
19 Flexible
21 West
Pointer
24 Refer to
25 Like —
of bricks
26 Wedding
day
jitters
30 Expert
31 Edward
James —
32 GI's
address
33 Talking
bird
35 Ship's
staff
36 Nanny's
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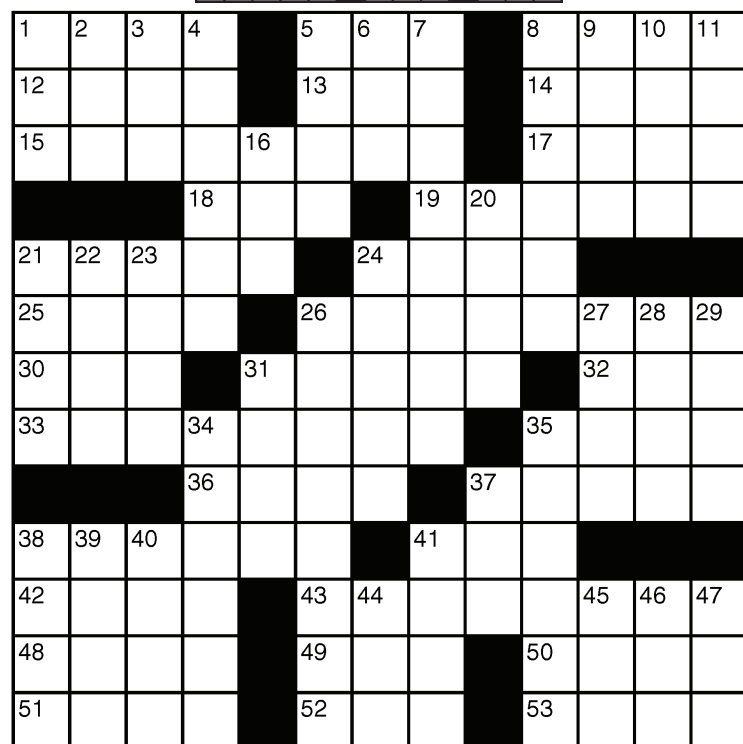
37 Scruffs
38 Radio-emitting star
41 Ruin the veneer
42 Oklaho tribe
43 Polar cover
48 "Wild" actress Laura
49 Dijon denial
50 "Three Sisters" sister
51 Roastin rod
52 Bearded antelope
53 Fall into a chair

DOWN

1 Rm.
coolers
2 Tier
3 IRS
employee
4 Dash's
kin
5 "— chic!"
6 Sailor's
assent
7 Modern
aviator
8 Aspirin's
promise
9 Jessica
of "Dark
Angel"
10 "The heat
—!"
11 Tree
home
16 Wrestling
surface
20 Classic
Fords

21 “Li'l Abner” creator
22 Gillette razor
23 Entryway
24 Cupid's teammate
26 Glade
27 Virgil or Wyatt
28 Slender weapon
29 AAA jobs
31 Gumbo veggie
34 Missing
35 Drive-in server
37 “Still-matic” rapper
38 Seed holders
39 Lone Star State sch.
40 Petty of “Tank Girl”
41 Diner's card
44 Swindle
45 Right angle
46 Swelled head
47 Phone bug

Solution time: 22 mins.



Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on October 3, 2004. I started acting when I was six years old. I am best known for playing a teen in a popular Netflix series about kids in a town where unusual things happen.

Answer: Noah Schnapp

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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!

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

ANSWER:

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E C A C A Y R W U T A S N W A
Q V P R E B O B C U T N O T W
L J I H E I F E N O Y C N H L
A Y N H X L X V U W N S G C E
Q P N U E M L I K O O O I N C
J H Y O B E G A P L P R H E R
F E C B Z Y B X F B V F C R A
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Monday's unlisted clue: DAISY

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKER'S HOME

Afro	Bun	Feathered	Pixie cut
Blowout	Chignon	French twist	Ponytail
Bob cut	Crown braid	Marcel waves	Ringlets
Bouffant	Fallera	Pageboy	

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invented and received

the patent for the

waffle iron, a device

used to cook waffles.

His design for the waf-

fle iron included two

plates of iron con-

ected together with

hinges. Users could

pour waffle batter on

one plate and place

the other plate on top

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over an open fire or

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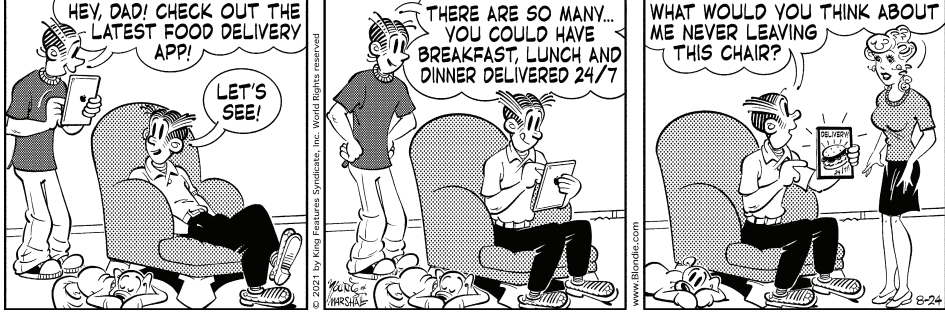
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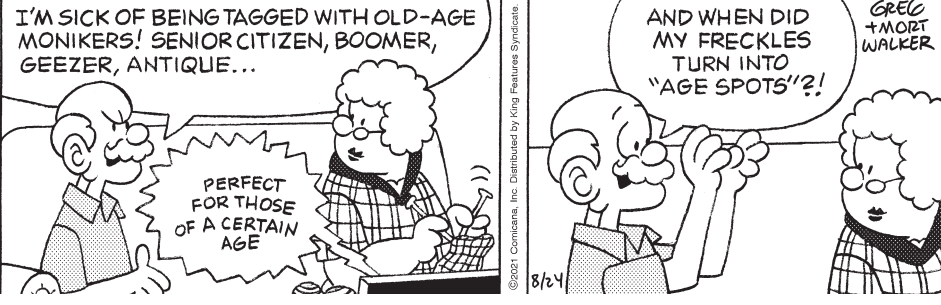
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BLONDIE | DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



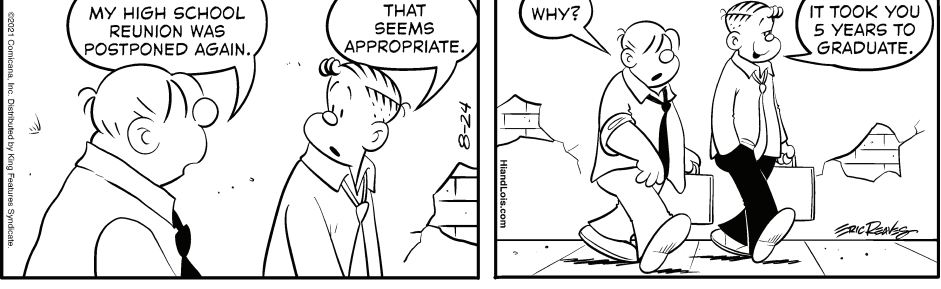
BEETLE BAILEY | MORT & GREG WALKER



FUNKY WINKERBEAN | TOM BATIUK



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



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Proposed Amendment
No. 1
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 131

HOUSE BILL NO. 199
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, BAGLEY, BISHOP, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COUSSAN, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, FARNUM, FREEMAN, GADBERRY, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MOORE, NELSON, NEWELL, ORGERON, PIERRE, PRESSLY, ROMERO, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, THOMAS, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CONNICK, HEWITT, JOHNS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SMITH, AND WOMACK

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to sales and use tax collection; to create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission; to authorize the legislature to provide by law for the streamlined electronic collection of sales and use taxes; to provide for commission membership; to provide for commission duties and responsibilities; to provide for commission officers; to provide for the administration of sales and use taxes; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for funding; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3.1. State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission

Section 3.1(A) The State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "commission", is hereby created as a statewide political subdivision. The duties and obligations of the commission shall be determined by law.

(B)(1) The membership of the commission shall be comprised of eight members, each of whom shall be subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:

(a) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association or its successor.

(b) One member appointed by the Louisiana Municipal Association or its successor.

(c) One member appointed by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or its successor.

(d) One member appointed by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or its successor.

(e) The secretary of the Department of Revenue, or a designee of the secretary.

(f) One member appointed by the governor.

(g) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(h) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.

(2) The initial members of the commission shall be appointed at the first meeting.

(3) The commission shall have a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as the commission deems necessary. The initial chairman of the commission shall be elected by commission members at the first meeting and shall be a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1) (a) through (d) of this Paragraph. The initial vice-chairman shall be elected by commission members at the first meeting and shall be a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1) (e) through (h) of this Paragraph. Thereafter, on the anniversary of the initial election of the chairman and vice-chairman, the commission shall elect as chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1) (e) through (h) of this Paragraph, and shall elect as vice-chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1) (a) through (d) of this Paragraph. The election of chairman and vice-chairman positions shall continue to rotate in this manner each year.

(C) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the speaker of the House of Representatives no later than one year following the enactment of the statutory provisions as provided for in Paragraph (I) of this Section.

(D) The commission shall:

(1) Provide for the streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of sales and use taxes levied within the state ensuring prompt remittance of the respective tax returns and monies received electronically by the commission to the single collector for each taxing authority and to the Department of Revenue for distribution. The tax monies received shall, at all times, be and remain the property of the respective taxing authorities or the state.

(2) Issue policy advice relative to sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.

(3) Develop rules, regulations, and guidance to simplify and streamline the audit process for sales and use taxpayers.

(E) The commission shall be funded with state and local sales and use tax revenues collected and deemed by the commission, to be reasonable and necessary costs of the administration and collection of sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.

(F) One year following the first meeting of the commission, the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be abolished. The powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to, exercised by, and under the administration and control of the commission. When the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are abolished:

(1) Any reference in law to the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be deemed to apply to the commission.

(2) All books, papers,

records, actions, and other property, heretofore possessed, controlled, or used by the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are hereby transferred to the commission.

(3) All employees of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to the commission.

(G) The adoption or amendment of any rule by the commission shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the commission and shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(H) All statutory provisions enacted relative to the duties, funding, or obligations of the commission shall require the enactment of law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

(I)(1) Absent the enactment of statutory provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D) (1) through (3) of this Section, local sales and use tax collection shall be as provided in Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution and state sales and use tax collection and administration shall be by the Department of Revenue as provided by law.

(2) Any law enacting provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Beginning on the effective date of such law, the provisions of Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution shall cease to be effective and shall be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect for the limited purposes of the commission's duties as set forth in Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. If the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 149 of this 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature does not become effective and no statewide election is held on October 9, 2021, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to lower the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax and to authorize the legislature to provide by law for a deduction for federal income taxes paid? (Amends Article VII, Section 4(A))

Proposed Amendment
No. 3
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 132

SENATE BILL NO. 87
BY SENATOR CONNICK

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to taxing authority of levee districts; to provide for the millage limits on certain levee districts; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§39. Levee District Taxes

Section 39.(A) District Tax; Millage Limit. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and for all other purposes incidental thereto, the governing authority of a levee district created prior to January 1, 2006, except as provided in Paragraph (C) of this Section, may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills, except the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District which may levy annually a tax not to exceed two and one-half mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow.

(B) Millage Increase. If the necessity to raise

eliminate the mandatory deduction for federal income taxes; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions

Section 4.(A) Income Tax. Equal and uniform taxes may be levied on net incomes, and these taxes may be graduated according to the amount of net income. However, the maximum state individual and joint-income tax schedule of rates and brackets shall never exceed the rates and brackets set forth in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes on January 1, 2003 rate shall not exceed four and three-quarters percent for tax years beginning after December 31, 2021.

Federal income taxes paid shall may be allowed as a deductible item in computing state income taxes for the same period as provided by law.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to lower the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax and to authorize the legislature to provide by law for a deduction for federal income taxes paid? (Amends Article VII, Section 4(A))

Proposed Amendment
No. 3
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 132

SENATE BILL NO. 87
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Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

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(B) Millage Increase. If the necessity to raise

additional funds arises in any levee district created prior to January 1, 2006; for any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, or for any other purpose related to its authorized powers and functions as specified by law, the tax may be increased. However, the necessity and the rate of the increase shall be submitted to the electors of the district, and the tax increase shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in an election held for that purpose.

(C) Certain Districts Created After January 1, 2006. For any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, the governing authority of a levee district created after January 1, 2006, and where a majority of the electors in the district failed to approve the provisions of this Section in an election held on October 9, 2021, or a levee district created after October 9, 2021, may annually levy a tax on all property not exempt from taxation situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow. However, such a district shall not levy such a tax nor increase the rate of such a tax unless the levy or the increase is approved by a majority of the electors of the district who vote in an election held for that purpose. If the district is comprised of territory in more than one parish, approval by a majority of the electors who vote in each parish comprising the district is also required for any such levy or increase.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to allow levee districts created after January 1, 2006, and before October 9, 2021, whose electors approve the amendment to levy an annual tax not to exceed five mills for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection? (Amends Article VI, Section 39)

Proposed Amendment
No. 4
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 487
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to deficit avoidance; to increase the amount of allowable reductions to certain funds when there is a projected deficit; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

Section 10. ***

(F) Projected Deficit. ***

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary,

adjustments to any constitutionally protected or mandated allocations or appropriations, and transfer of monies associated with such adjustments, are authorized when state general fund allocations or appropriations have been reduced in an aggregate amount equal to at least seven-tenths of one percent of the total of such allocations and appropriations for a fiscal year. Such adjustments may shall not exceed five ten percent of the total appropriation or allocation from a fund for the fiscal year. For purposes of this Subsubparagraph, reductions to expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall not exceed one percent and such reductions shall not be applicable to instructional activities included within the meaning of instruction pursuant to the Minimum Foundation Program formula. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies transferred as a result of such budget adjustments are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure in the year of the transfer from one fund to another, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any transfers exceed the amount of the deficit.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, for the purposes of the budget estimate and enactment of the budget for the next fiscal year, when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year is at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year, the following procedure may be employed to avoid a budget deficit in the next fiscal year. An amount not to exceed five ten percent of the total appropriations or allocations for the current fiscal year from any fund established by law or this constitution shall be available for expenditure in the next fiscal year for a purpose other than as specifically provided by law or this constitution. For the purposes of this Subsubparagraph, an amount not to exceed one percent of the current fiscal year appropriation for expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall be available for expenditures for other purposes in the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies made available as authorized under this Subsubparagraph may be transferred to a fund for which revenues have been forecast to be less than the revenues in the current fiscal year for such fund. Monies transferred as a result of the budget actions authorized by this Subsubparagraph are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any such transfers exceed the amount of the difference between the official forecast for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year. ***

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to increase the amount of allowable deficit reductions to statutory dedications and constitutionally protected funds from five percent to ten percent? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b))

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs and/or descendants of SIDNEY GRANT, JR. (A/K/A SIDNEY GRANT; SIDLEY GRANT, JR.; SIDLEY GRANT) should contact D. Tomlin Wilson, Attorney at Law, by phone at (318) 771-7102 or by email at tomlinwilsonlaw@outlook.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Act 303 of the 2021 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, notice is given that Assessor Denise Edwards has chosen to receive the expense allowance provided for by that Act.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc. is soliciting proposals from experienced firms to provide Disaster Recovery Project Management Consultant Services in the event of named disasters affecting its service area and Claiborne Electric's management declaring that additional assistance would be needed.

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A Request for Proposal can be obtained by calling Kathy Tanner, CFO, at (318) 927-3504 or emailing kathy@our.coop. The deadline for submission of proposals is September 17, 2021.

Minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are highly encouraged to submit a proposal in response to this RFP.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered by Wayne Edwards and Terika Williams-Walker led the Pledge of

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Allegiance. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to confirm Lita Hopkins as a police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden 2021-2022 Budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy. Wayne Edwards offered a substitute motion to table action and take the budget back to a workshop for further discussion. The substitute motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The substitute motion passed.

Wayne Edwards moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1120, an Ordinance granting Centerpoint Energy Resources Corporation, d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose and authorize the Mayor to enter into and sign said Franchise Agreement with Centerpoint Energy Resources Corporation d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Louisiana Gas, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1121, as presented, Levying Taxes of 5.46 Mills as General Alimony Tax on all Taxable Property located in the City of Minden, Louisiana for the year 2021. Those Taxable Properties designated as a part of the Minden Downtown Development District will be assessed with an additional 2.00 Mills, making a total of 7.46 Mills on those properties located in said District. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Execution of the Cooperative Endeavor/ Purchase Agreement between the City of Minden and Morgan City, Louisiana for one (1) Electric Transformer, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept Grant No. 3-22-0032-016-2021, titled Airport Rescue Grant, from the Federal Aviation Administration to help offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities at the Minden Airport as a result of Covid-19, and enter into a grant agreement

with the Federal Aviation Administration, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Michael Fluhr, acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of June, 2021. No motion is required.

The Police Report for June of 2021 was unanimously accepted, as presented, upon motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford.

Public comments were heard, there were no council comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor
ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr,
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PROCLAMATION NUMBER 154 JBE 2021

SPECIAL ELECTION – DISTRICT JUDGE, 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION D, PARISHES OF BOSSIER AND WEBSTER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of District Judge, 26th Judicial District, Division D, Parishes of Bossier and Webster, due to the resignation of the Honorable E. Charles Jacobs, effective July 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an existing judgeship when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:621 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of 26th Judicial District, Division D, Parishes of Bossier and Webster, for the purpose of electing a judge to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 26, 2022, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2022.

SECTION 3: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 26, 2022, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of 26th Judicial District, Division D, Parishes of Bossier and Webster, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 16th day of August, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE

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State of Louisiana
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 158 JBE 2021

SPECIAL ELECTION – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 3, PARISH OF WEBSTER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 3, Parish of Webster, because no one qualified for this office during the July 14-16, 2021 qualifying period for the October 9, 2021 special primary election; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:621, and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and general election for the unexpired term shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 3, Parish of Webster, for the purpose of electing a justice of the peace to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 26, 2022, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2022.

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SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 3, Parish of Webster, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 16th day of August, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Study: Louisiana Pre-K program produces benefits through high school

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A new study by the Council for A Better Louisiana shows long-term benefits for children who participate in a statewide public Pre-K program known as LA 4.

Previous research indicated preschool programs positively could impact student readiness and achievement in elementary school, but the Baton Rouge-based nonprofit's new findings mark sustained benefits through high school, making the results unique.

"We think the findings of this study are extremely significant," said Barry Erwin, the organization's president. "It shows that high-quality early childhood can help promote long-term educational benefits for students who participate in programs like LA 4 compared to those who do not have that opportunity."

The Council for A Better Louisiana is a public interest group founded by state business leaders in 1962. The "LA 4 Longitudinal High School Outcomes Study" was produced by nationally



PRESS-HERALD FILE PHOTO

Captured in a metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia primary school, this photograph depicts a typical classroom scene, where an audience of school children were seated on the floor before a teacher at the front of the room, who was reading an illustrated storybook, during one of the scheduled classroom sessions.

recognized early education experts and was published by the nonpartisan firm.

The study followed the first three LA 4 cohorts through the end of high school and analyzed student performance year over year. The results showed measurable gains across various categories.

Algebra scores were 12.1% higher for students who participated in LA 4 versus students who did not participate. Biology scores were 9.3% higher, geometry was 8.4% higher and English 2 was 7.8%

higher. English 3 showed no measurable impact.

Special education placements fell by 45%, and the high school graduation rate was 4.3% higher compared with students who were not enrolled in LA 4.

The findings come with policy implications that could lead to expanded program access and funding.

According to the Louisiana Department of Education, LA 4 serves more than 16,000 children and provides full-day Pre-K programs in public schools for 4-year-olds

primarily from disadvantaged families.

The total per-pupil funding amount for the 2020-2021 school year was \$4,580. The program is free for children whose parents make less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Reduced and full-price options are available for parents who make more.

Research results also showed poorer students within the study population performed lower than statewide averages for all students regardless of whether they participated LA 4.

COVID-19

Edwards applauds FDA approval of Pfizer vaccine

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Gov. John Bel Edwards and State Health Officer Dr. Joseph Kanter applauded the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's full approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, the first such full approval of its kind. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and easily available all across Louisiana for people ages 12 and older. More than 2.2 million Louisianans have taken at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, with nearly 40 percent of Louisiana's population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to CDC data.



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"Today's FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine, now marketed as Comirnaty, is yet another historic moment in our journey out of this COVID-19 pandemic. This full FDA approval of the first COVID vaccine follows months of clinical trials and millions upon millions of real-world doses safely administered across the globe. This vaccine is well researched, very safe and highly effective

at preventing serious COVID illness, hospitalization and death," Gov. Edwards said. "It is my fervent hope that any Louisianan who was waiting for the FDA approval of the vaccine will take action to immediately receive their shot. Already, more than 2.2 million Louisianans have taken at least one dose of the vaccines that are available statewide. We are optimistic that our numbers will grow as we fight together to end this COVID pandemic once and for all. Today would be a great day to get your COVID vaccine."

"After an exhaustive review process we are very happy to see the Pfizer vaccine receive full licensure from the FDA. More than 200 million Americans, including 2.2 million people in Louisiana, already have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine," said Dr. Joseph Kanter, State Health Officer. "The COVID-19 pandemic and our most recent surge have been devastating. To date, we have lost more than 11,900 Louisianans to this virus. Many more people going sleeves up for this life-saving vaccine will protect us against future COVID-19 surges and help us put an end to this pandemic."

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Happy Birthday



Town & Country Health & Rehab want to wish Ms. Doris Kelley a fabulous 100th birthday. Ms. Kelley was born August 24, 1921. In her 100 years, she has experienced so much! She was born in Stamps, Arkansas and soon after her birth her family moved to Minden, Louisiana. She grew up in Minden and at the tender age of 21 married her sweetheart, Rev. L Kelley. Ms. Kelley and her family traveled the United States and Germany seeing many great sites with 2 children in tow. Ms. Kelley worked as a secretary while traveling the globe. After rearing her children, she and her husband retired from the military and became pioneer missionaries. Ms. Kelley and husband were pioneer missionaries in Oregon where they planted a church that is still spreading the Gospel. After all their grand travels and accomplishments, Ms. Kelley and her love came back to the sweet town of Minden. Ms. Kelley was married to her husband 63 years.

Ms. Kelley's daughter, Nancy Chafin is very attentive to her mother even living in El Paso, Texas. Ms. Kelley is very proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Matt, Isabella and Xander. Ms. Kelley is a member of First Baptist Church of Minden and loves her congregation.

If you are looking for Ms. Kelley at Town & Country, you can find her at the dessert table. She is a fan of all things sweet like her.