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CITY GOVERNMENT

City Clerk and Councilman discuss budget, Mayor responds

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In an attempt to resolve the City's issues with the budget, acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr reached out to Councilmen Wayne Edwards of Dist. A, Terika Williams-Walker of Dist. B, and Vincen Bradford of Dist. C.

He received no response from Councilman Bradford, and Councilman Walker declined a meeting.



FLUHR

However, Councilman Edwards did agree to meet with Fluhr in order to address some of his concerns not only with the budget, but the increasingly volatile relationship between the council and the Mayor.

In a document detailing the main takeaways from their meeting, Fluhr describes the current issues Edwards has pertaining to these subjects.

"At the beginning of the meeting, Council Member Edwards made clear that he is speaking only for himself and expressed deep concerns about the current situation in reference to a possible failure to adopt the 2021/2022 budget as well as the tension between council members and the Mayor," the document read.

Three concerns were raised over the course of this meeting, including communication between

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COMMUNITY

Making our mark together



With the Conclusion of Brunch & Brushes, a new mural has now been brought to life in Downtown Minden, featuring the inspiring phrase, "Love Over Everything," a message emboldened by it's creation coming from the hands of Minden citizens who came out and worked together to make something beautiful for their city.

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PUMPKIN PATCH 2021

The patch is back



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For those in need pumpkins for crafting jack-o-lanterns this Halloween season, look no further than the First United Methodist Church's Annual Pumpkin Patch. Filled to the brim with pumpkins of every size, shape, and color, everyone is bound to find a pumpkin perfect for their decorations. The large variety of fall color on display also makes it a prime spot for a seasonal photo-op.

ACCIDENT

Doyline Man Killed in Head-On Crash

Webster Parish – On Friday, October 15, 2021, just after 7:00 a.m., Louisiana State Troopers assigned to Troop G began investigating a two-vehicle fatality crash on LA Hwy 164, near LA Hwy 163. This crash claimed the life of 55-year-old Norman Snow.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2013 Ford pickup, driven by 36-year-old Travis Mooney, of Bossier City, was traveling eastbound on LA Hwy 164. For reasons still under investigation, Mooney crossed the centerline into the westbound lane and struck a 2016 Chevrolet van, driven by Snow, this resulted in a head-on collision.

Mooney was retrained and was treated for minor injuries. Although Snow was wearing his seat belt, he suffered fatal injuries as a result of this crash. An unrestrained passenger, in the Chevrolet van was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Although impairment is not a suspected factor, toxicology samples were taken and will be submitted for analysis. This crash remains under investigation.

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BLOTTER

Recent Arrest in Webster Parish	
Davaris Moore, 29, was arrested for sagging pants.	the 100 block of Squire Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
Tydius Williams, 24, of the 800 block of Fincher Road, was arrested for domestic abuse battery (strangulation).	Travis West, 42, of the 500 block of Searles Street, was arrested for two counts of battery of a correction officer, disarming of a peace officer, three counts of resisting an officer with force, aggravated escape, and simple criminal damage to property.
Nicky Irby, 69, of the 100 block of Butler Camp Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Corey Montgomery, 32, of the 100 block of Duck Circle, was arrested for computer aided solicitation of a minor.
James Krupk, 30, of the 3000 block of Wallace Drive, was arrested for driving with an open container and simple criminal damage to property.	Chase Gargent, 25, of the 1300 block of Springhill Airport Road, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
Davaris Moore, 30, of the 16000 block of Highway 80, was arrested for indecent behavior with a juvenile.	Quintrabuis Holloway, of the 3500 block of Greenbriar Drive, was arrested for possession of a firearm.
Akhyah Harrison, 29, of the 700 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Joseph Shockley, 55, was arrested for simple burglary and criminal trespassing.
Ashley Hows, 76, of the 400 block of Shadows lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Leslie Thompson, 44, of the 400 block of Oak Drive, was arrested for simple burglary and criminal trespassing.
Alreck Shelton, 20, of the 400 block of Meadow Drive, was arrested on a warrant.	Joseph Shockley, 55, was arrested for simple burglary and criminal trespassing.
Jimmy Shine Jr., 32, of the 900 block of North Main Street, was arrested for littering and simple criminal damage to property.	Steven Stacey, 37, of the 400 block of Oak Street, was arrested for simple burglary and criminal trespassing.
Telvin West, 29, of	

Budget: Mayor announces his plans and actions moving forward

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the Council and the Mayor, council input in compensation issues above the limitations regulated by the employee manual, and the pay raise for the HR manager.

In regards to communication, the document noted, "Mr. Edwards is seeking a commitment from the Mayor publicly (Council Meeting) to a better and more informative relationship to keep the Council more in the "loop" instead of just "open door" to his office. That information flow should include emails, flyers, announcements and other engagements of major activities in the City."

In regards to Council input in compensation issues above the limitations regulated by the Employee Manual, the document stated, "Mr. Edwards is requesting an addition in the Employee Manual, which would require Council participation in cases of pay raises for employees (new and established) above the maximum allowance. This practice should be specifically used in the hiring process for employment of candidates in Department Head positions and higher. The involvement of the council should not be used or seen as interference or participation during the hiring process."

Lastly, in regard to a pay raise for the HR Manager, "Mr Edwards would approve a pay raise of \$ 3000 on the anniversary date of the employee, which would follow the current Employee Manual regulations (maximum 6%). Furthermore Mr Edwards would commit to a Council review of the compensation for this specific position with the possibility to raise the starting salary at least to the level which was agreed between the Mayor and the employee. Mr. Edwards acknowledges that the starting salary for the HR manager is not in accordance with current business standards."

Upon receiving these notes, Mayor Terry Gardner emailed a response to the Councilmen and media with his plans on addressing these concerns and the actions he will take going forward.

"Now that I know what the problems are with the passing of a budget, it gives me the opportunity to make some changes,

A. I will still send out emails, texts and flyers and anything else that comes across my desk to keep the council informed. I have made sure that each of you are on the mailing list and emails of the Chamber, Minden Press-Herald and Webster Journal to receive everything that I do. Hopefully now with everyone being in the loop... everyone can attend ribbon cuttings, fundraiser's parades etc...and as always you are welcome to call, text, email or stop by city hall.

B. We will take a hard look at compensation issues as address by the employee manual and suggest revisions as needed....When adopted I will stay within the guidelines set forth

C. I feel that my hands are tied concerning her salary, I have consulted with the city attorney requiring any legal ramification and have attached his response."

The response from the City Attorney Jimbo Yocum reads, "As I stated in greater detail in my prior letter, I believe the court would find that a contract exists between the City and Mrs. Agular. In the event the court determines that a contractual relationship is present, the City's intentional breach of that agreement would likely put it in "bad faith." If the City is found to be in "bad faith," it would be liable for punitive damages, attorney's fees, and court costs. That is in addition to any lost income, pain -suffering, or possibly other damages that may be proven at a trial. Consequently, the legal exposure on the part of the city would be relatively significant. Moreover, the loss of an employee like Mrs. Agular, would cause the vacancy of a much needed position at the City."

Given this legal ramification, the mayor did say that, "Moving forward, I will stay within the 2% to 6% guidelines for future pay raises."

"This is my commitment to remedy the concerns addressed by councilman Edwards during his meeting with Michael Fluhr and myself. Hopefully we can get past all of this, approve a budget and continue to move Minden Forward," said Gardner.

EDUCATION

Louisiana's top school board wants to cancel school accountability grades this year

(The Center Square) - The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has voted to cancel public-school letter grades for the 2020-21 school year, which State Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley called a "sensitive issue."

Speaking to BESE members in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, Brumley said school grades have been debated for many years, including the past few months.

"I want to acknowledge the board for helping to thread the needle on accountability for 2020-21," Brumley said. "I know there are a lot of different views on how we needed to handle that, and I think we came to a place of compromise that seemingly works."

BESE is the administrative body governing all Louisiana K-12 public schools. Tasked with enacting policies affecting more than 700,000 students across 1,300 schools, board members decided to nix a key element of the state's public education accountability system this year.

Members cited COVID-19-related challenges as the basis for the move, which follows across-the-board learning declines measured in statewide student assessment tests known as LEAP 2025.

The state must receive a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to officially cancel school grades, a requirement under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Dozens of states already have received such waivers, however. Earlier this year, DOE encouraged states to apply given the special circumstances wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated disruptions believed to affect student learning throughout the nation. A similar waiver was offered last year.

Brumley told BESE officials Tuesday he was confident Louisiana's pending waiver would be granted soon.

"We fully expect what we have seen from other states, that the waiver will be approved," Brumley said.

According to the Louisiana Department of Education, school letter grades are issued in the fall of each year and reflect the configuration of schools as they existed in the prior spring semester.

The letter grades are intended to help parents and other stakeholders obtain an understanding of how well a school is preparing its students for the next grade level.

Without them, the state Department of Education asserts, "researching each school individually can be difficult, time consuming and sometimes misleading."

Schools normally receive an annual performance score that correlates to an A-F grading scale. The scores range from 0-150.

Elementary school grades are 75% based on student proficiency of key skills - such as reading, math and science - which are measured by LEAP 2025 tests. The remaining 25% is determined by the "student progress index," or how well students improved in core subject areas throughout the year.

Middle school grades are 70% LEAP 2025 scores, 25% student progress and 5% credit accumulation, or the number of credit hours a high school freshman earns after leaving middle school.

High school grades are more complicated, with 25% attributed to LEAP 2025 results, 25% for ACT scores, 25% for the number of students who graduate in four years and 25% for the "strength of diploma index," or the rate of students attaining college credit or industry certification credits one year after leaving high school.

Some critics have argued the state's grading system is unfair given the exclusion of individual circumstances affecting each school, while others have criticized the system for not being rigorous enough.

"When you're dealing with something that sensitive," Brumley said, "it's not always going to be a clean and smooth process. It's a democratic process and we continue to move forward."

WEBSTER & MORE

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GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices on the rise

(October 18, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 5.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.05/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 16.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.17/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.59/g today while the most expensive is \$3.32/g, a difference of 73.0 cents per gallon.

"The national average closed the week by climbing to yet another fresh seven year high, as the price of oil continues to drag gas prices along for the wild ride, leaving motorists on empty," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. According to GasBuddy price reports, The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.30/g today. The national average is up

11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.15/g higher than a year ago. "With OPEC holding back oil production and strong global oil demand, the situation will no doubt pave the road with even higher gas prices in the weeks ahead. Until several bottlenecks ease, including supply chains and low global inventories of oil, natural gas and coal, we'll be stuck feeling the pinch of rising oil and gasoline prices. The bad news is

that for now, all I see is the upward trend at the pump continuing into the weeks ahead with no sign of relief just yet," said De Haan. GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

OBITUARIES

Susan Logan Obituary

SHREVEPORT - Susan Ann Cook Logan, age 71, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Susan was born on April 18, 1950, in Minden, Louisiana, and grew up in Heflin, Louisiana.

Susan graduated from Louisiana Tech University with Bachelor and Masters degrees in Education. Susan married the love of her life, Bill Logan, on August 23, 1968, recently celebrating 53 years of marriage. Susan taught in the Webster Parish and Caddo Parish School Systems and ended her 33 year career as a Master Teacher. After her retirement from teaching, she was co-owner of Lander Resources Inc. where, for the next 10 years, she enjoyed a new career as a Petroleum Landman and Title Analyst and a proud member of the ArkLaTex Association of Petroleum Landmen. She was a member of Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

Susan wrung the most out of every day, living and loving life to the maximum! She never simply entered a room, she took it by storm! Her wonderful, loud, warm, infectious laugh could fill a room and, once heard, will never be forgotten. She had a quirky, spontaneous, sideways sense of humor that brought joy to everyone around her. Her adventurous spirit was always ready for the next great escapade!

Susan was always a lady. She was a loyal and loving friend whose practical advice was always ready for friends in need. Her friendships could form immediately and last a lifetime. Vibrant and fun, organized and scattered, loved and loving, she was a spiritual, selfless loyal friend who always put others first. She could never be forgotten, and will always be loved and truly missed by all who knew her!

She is preceded in death by her parents Laura and Bruce Cook. She is survived by her loving husband Bill. She is also survived by her brother Bobby Cook and wife Jane of Fairview, TX, brother Jackie Cook of Heflin, LA, sister Mary Singleton and husband John of Nashville, TN, brother-in-law Robert J. Logan and wife Mary Ann of El Paso ,TX, and Douglas A. Logan and wife Charlotte of Bossier City, LA. Susan also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends that she cherished dearly.

A service celebrating the life of Susan will be held at the Kilpatrick Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, LA, on Saturday, October 23. The family will welcome visitors in the parlor starting at 9 a.m. The service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by interment at the Bistineau Baptist Church Cemetery. All are invited to the following reception at the Bistineau Baptist Church Reception Hall.

Flowers are welcome or donations can be made in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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OTHER OPINION

Lawmakers travel Louisiana to talk redistricting

Louisiana lawmakers are moving behind-the-scenes conversations about redrawing state political maps to public hearings around the state over the next three months, to discuss the once-a-decade process that decides how people are represented in government. Though the redistricting process may seem arcane, the district lines that lawmakers intend to set in a February special session will help determine which political parties, viewpoints and people control the government bodies that write laws, set utility rates and create policies for public schools. State lawmakers use the U.S. Census data released every 10 years to redesign the political maps for seats in the U.S. House, state Senate, state House, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Public Service Commission to account for population shifts and evenly distribute people among districts. They're also considering adding the courts to the list of mapmaking tasks this time. Ahead of the special session, the general public will get to offer its thoughts at regional "roadshow" hearings in Louisiana's major metropolitan areas: Monroe, Shreveport, Lafayette, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Covington, Lake Charles, New Orleans and Thibodaux. "The roadshow is going to help us find out better what communities of interest belong

together," said Senate President Page Cortez, a Lafayette Republican. Maps will have to be adjusted to reflect the loss of population across Louisiana's northern and rural parishes and the gains in the New Orleans region, the suburban areas surrounding Baton Rouge and other southern parishes. Redistricting is one of the most important — and political tasks — lawmakers will handle. Those who aren't term-limited will try to craft districts favorable to reelection bids. Those considering other possible elected jobs could try to draw maps to help, or seek to create districts that could boost election prospects for a friend, family member or ally. They'll face competing interests from political parties, community leaders and special interest groups. Republicans are looking to further assert their dominance. They'll be trying to redesign some House seats held by white moderate Democrats to become more favorable to the GOP. They want to edge up their numbers in the state House, to reach the crucial



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two-thirds bloc that can overturn a gubernatorial veto and decide critical budget and tax issues without needing Democrats' votes. They already have such a super-majority in the Senate. Some Republicans are angling to redraw legislative districts to favor more ideological conservatives and move the Legislature farther to the right. The chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana, Louis Gurvich, told the party's governing body in August that redistricting is "going to be a tough, bloody mess." "In the Legislature, that's when you're going to find out who you're real friends are," Gurvich said. Democrats want to reverse years of lost clout in the state House and Senate. If they lose more seats to the GOP, they'd have little chance to move an agenda and could be sidelined from legislative debates. Black Democrats are seeking to boost minority representation among districts. "These are very, very high stakes we're talking about," New Orleans Democratic Rep. Royce Duplessis, vice chairman of the House redistricting committee, said on a webinar held by the Southern University Law Center and left-leaning organizations. With Louisiana continuing a decades-long trend of population decline in its northern parishes, lawmakers will revis-

it a debate from 10 years ago: whether to maintain two of the state's six U.S. House seats in north Louisiana or to consolidate to one northern-based district along Interstate 20. "I think that everything needs to be considered, otherwise you do the process an injustice," Cortez said. "We want to make sure that congressional representatives are representing communities of interest. There will be a lot of debate about that." Lawmakers also are showing interest in reworking maps for the Louisiana Supreme Court's districts, which were last updated in 1997 based on census data from 1990. The Legislature has the authority to draw court districts, but regularly avoids the task rather than get into thorny disputes involving judicial politics. This cycle could change that. Since Republicans don't have enough votes in the House to override Gov. John Bel Edwards' vetoes on their own, the Democratic governor could play a critical role in swaying map designs. Edwards has offered few details on what he'd like to see, but said on one of his monthly radio shows: "That's something I'll take a keen interest in."

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

OTHER OPINION

Rozeman: Preparing for 'normal' life in our schools

Concerns were raised in state government circles when state Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley provided an added local option to choices on managing COVID quarantines in our schools. This opinion piece is not written to advocate for or against this option but to have us think about the major question generated by the option controversy. A long held wisdom is to begin with the end in mind. The truth is a major unanswered question in this epidemic in our state is "When does the epidemic end and how does it end?" The end will not be eradication of the virus. Any strategy based on this goal is doomed to failure. Instead, the goal is to stop the epidemic by managing the disease. Safe and effective vaccines, considerable natural immunity, and very promising therapeutics are having an im-

pact. This virus will likely not be the dominant force in our lives too much longer. The proposed option was to reconsider the benefits and risks of one of the mitigation strategies in our schools. Since each of these mitigation strategies brings with it significant disruption and unintended consequences, considering reversal of restrictions is just as important as the initiation of restrictions. Since the natural history of viral surges is predictable, we should be dialing masks, quarantines, and social distancing up and down depending on the viral load of the local community. There are things we should



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always do. We should always encourage vaccines in adults, especially in the older, overweight, immunocompromised, or pregnant. We should continue to invest in research in new therapeutics. We should make an effort to develop an Operation Warp Speed for therapeutics. And we should make sure we don't make the same mistake again of economic lockdowns and closure of schools for in school learning. Dr. Brumley's option exposed for discussion the principle that solutions are usually best developed by the people closest to the concerns. In this COVID epidemic, the decision-making has predominantly gone to federal and state governments — putting global decision-making in the hands of just a few. Whether we agree or not with Superintendent Brumley's quarantine option, there is something to say for

local accountability and local decision-making beyond state emergency status. No matter what happens with Superintendent Brumley's local option consideration, we need to be preparing to roll back quarantines, social distancing, and masking mandates in schools as the viral surge continues to abate. We need to do it in a stepwise fashion as proposed in Superintendent Brumley's option and we need to start as soon as possible and complete it also as soon as possible. If a new variant emerges, we can mask up again. But in the meantime we need to get our schools, our economy, and our communities back on track.

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INSPIRATION

Louisiana Is Where I Belong!

I moved to Louisiana in 1978 and I was ecstatic, sensing I had found my home at last at the tender age of thirty!

As a native of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, ending up in an orphanage near Tulsa, Oklahoma, moving more times than I care to count, I found myself at last!

In 1978 I pinched myself!

I had finally come home!

Wow!

I had never met such a group in my life!

People seemed a little blinder to my faults, a whole lot more caring as "they" actually reached out and touched my arm, looked into my eyes as they spoke to me!

These "folks" seemed to see me, to acknowledge me for who I am and where I am coming from!

Up until then I was so insecure, so concerned about what people would think of me!

But I finally made it home to Vivian, Louisiana, as I connected to kindred spirits one step at a time!

And my steps began to quicken as I got into contact with who I am!

It happened so fast I could hardly catch my breath!

Could it be true that I was really at home!

I found this is where I belonged!

The first time in my life I felt I was at home!

Anyway then in August of 1981 I was faced with one more move!

It hurt!

I cried all across the state of Arkansas!

I missed my friends, those who knew me for who I am!

I missed Joyce Moore, her almost daily visits to my door. She became my friend, my mentor. Incidentally a friend is someone

who gives you therapy free of charge and says thank you at the end of the visit!

But here I am in Mountain Home, Arkansas beside myself!

Beautiful place, nice enough people but not Vivian, Louisiana!

I crashed!

I had a breakdown!

They tried to hospitalize me but I couldn't do that!

I had to maintain my image to help my husband keep his job by being a "perfect" minister's wife!

Back then we still hid behind closed doors, were afraid to voice who we were!

Anyway I lost my appetite, everyone complimented my great diet, not knowing I was dying on the inside!

My tranquilizers helped me to keep it together but I cried from

one day to the next, trying to hold it in so no one would know.

Then I moved again to a tiny place, called Ganado, Texas, for one more year!

Moving all of the time!

My nerves were still unglued!

I cried every day and I sometimes let it show!

Not good!

Anyway on our way to Louisiana to visit in-laws I prayed "If only Plain Dealing needed a preacher" because they had tried to hire us back in the early 70's when my daughter was only four years old.

She prayed the same thing! I heard her praying out loud at night at the age of twelve!

And then God stepped in!

He heard my prayer one more time!

Within five minutes my mother-in-law said "did you know Plain Dealing is needing is needing a preacher and they called and asked

where you were?"

My mind spun!

Within that one week's vacation we had a short meeting and were hired to begin as quickly as we could get moved here so back to Texas to give a short resignation and back to Louisiana to get our children in school!

My dear friend, the late Joyce Moore, could hardly believe her ears and neither could I!

She said "God must have heard my prayer and said I can't find you another friend like Sarah I will just have to bring her back."

So my life began normally once more for the second time in my life!

Only better now!

Because I quickly quit crying as I visited Joyce at least once a week in Oil City and she visited me and I made new connections in Louisiana!

And I continued my writing skills I had picked up again in Ar-

kansas as my form of therapy to keep me from going off the deep end completely!

And this is the place where I've grown the most!

And this is where I wish to live out the remainder of my days because I love Louisiana as my roots have spread out near so many friends on Caddo Lake!

I say "if you don't like Louisiana go ahead and move but keep your house because you may just want to come back!"

It will be a lot easier that way!

I am so grateful that God has always gotten me through the tight places because He is the same yesterday, today and forever, always getting me to the right place at the right time.

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SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

LIONS CLUB

Oct. 21 Lions Club Speaker



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A 1982 graduate of Louisiana Tech University's journalism program, he earned his Master of English from the University in 1984. (This is after he flunked out of the school in 1979.) Teddy is currently the writer and editor for Tech's University Com-

munications; you can find his work at LATech.edu and LATechSports.com.

He is a broadcaster for the LA Tech Sports Network because he has the perfect face for radio and despite the fact that he has the perfect voice for newspaper.

The Lake View, S.C., native might be best known for giving the nickname "The Mailman" to Karl Malone when the NBA Hall of Famer was a sophomore at Louisiana Tech and Teddy was a graduate assistant in the Tech Sports Information De-

partment in the 1980s.

Teddy is married to Linnea Fayard Allen. He has a son, Casey, and a daughter, Emily, who is married to Braden Hilton.

He and John James Marshall are co-founders of DesignatedWriters.com, a free site that covers everything from Why You Should Make a Grocery List to Why Baseball Matters.

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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana residents pay more in cellphone taxes, less in service costs

(The Center Square) – Louisianans are paying more in cellphone taxes this year while the price of cellphone service continues to drop.

The finding comes from the Tax Foundation, a Washington-based policy think tank that has been tracking wireless taxes, fees and government surcharges since 2003.

The group’s newly released study of state wireless tax rates shows an inverse relationship between the cost of consumer cell phone plans

nationwide, and the taxes added to them.

“Fortunately for wireless consumers, the per-line price for wireless service continues to fall,” the study said, adding, “Unfortunately, this price reduction for consumers was partially offset by higher taxes.”

The study cites data from CTIA, a national wireless industry association, showing that average monthly revenue per subscriber has dropped 30% since 2008. “However, during this same period,

wireless taxes, fees, and government surcharges have increased from 15.10 percent to 24.96 percent of the average bill,” the study said.

Researchers explained a family with four cell phones on a “family share” plan paying \$100 per month for cell phone service, also would pay \$300 a year in taxes – up from \$270 in 2020. The average annual tax burden is roughly equivalent to three months of wireless service costs.

A breakdown showed

Louisiana cell phone users fare better than most states, ranking 35th out of 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico on a list of highest wireless tax rates.

Louisiana has a 10.08% state and local wireless tax rate, the study showed, that when combined with an 11.8% federal tax, known as the Universal Service Fund (FUSF), yields a 21.87% tax on Pelican State cellphone users. The national average was 25%.

Study authors pin-

pointed the tax increase as coming from an escalating federal tax burden applied nationwide.

“The rate of the FUSF surcharge has increased dramatically since 2018, from an effective rate of 6.6 percent in 2018 to 11.8 percent in 2021,” they said.

The issue disproportionately affects low-income individuals and families, researchers claimed, because nearly three-fourths of economically disadvantaged people use cellphones as

their primary telecommunications service.

“The regressive nature of wireless taxes creates significant burdens on low-income consumers,” the study concluded, while warning against the potential for future internet use taxes.

“Without the protection of the federal law, the high excise tax rates applied to taxable wireless services could be applied to internet access, and consumer tax burdens would be significantly higher,” the study said.

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Grambling beats TSU for Homecoming

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Grambling State's defense got offensive for Homecoming Saturday against Texas Southern at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

The G-Men scored a pair of defensive touchdowns as Grambling earned a 34-20 victory over TSU in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) showdown.

GSU scored 17 points in the 17-point third quarter to pull away for the win.

But it was the visitor who scored first as TSU capitalized on a turnover by GSU starting quarterback Noah Bodden as Andrew Body took advantage of a short field with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Jyrin Johnson to grab a 6-0 lead with 10:19 remaining in the opening quarter.

Grambling countered with a 9-play, 75-yard drive with Donald Johnson scoring on a 4-yard touchdown run to put GSU on top with 5:44 left in the first following a successful extra point kick by Garrett Urban.

GSU extended its advantage to 10-6 after Urban's 29-yard field goal as the first half came to an end.

Grambling's defense scored its first touchdown when Quincy Mitchell took a Body interception 75 yards to paydirt to push the GSU lead to 17-6 with 12:40 left in the third.

Urban's second field goal, a 33-yarder, gave GSU a 20-6 lead with 6:02



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Grambling State put heavy pressure on Texas Southern quarterback Andrew Body throughout Saturday's game, limiting the Southwestern Athletic Conference's reigning Offensive Player of the Week to 172 passing yards.

remaining in the quarter.

Grambling State added a second defensive score with 3:04 left in the third as Myron Stewart recovered a fumble and returned it 70 yards for the touch-

down as GSU extended its lead to 27-6 advantage.

"Our defense is stellar," said GSU coach Broderick Fobbs. "Coach (Everett) Todd and our defensive staff do a really good

job of putting our staff in the right positions. Other than two drives, I think we played grade A defense."

Fobbs also feels his team is improving game by game.

"I think we're growing; we're getting better," he said.

Texas Southern (2-4, 1-2) ended the scoring drought early in the fourth quarter as Javius Williams

recovered a Bodden fumble and returned it 44 yards for a score as TSU closed the gap to 27-13 with 14:34 remaining.

Elijah Walker, the third quarterback GSU used in the game, gave the G-Men their final score with a one-yard touchdown run, giving GSU a 34-13 lead with a little more than five minutes left.

Texas Southern last score came on a Jeff Proctor four-yard touchdown run with 1:59 remaining.

For GSU, Bodden went 15-of-30 passing for 156 yards and two interceptions.

Aldon Clark finished with 12 yards passing on 3-of-4 passing, with one interception and Walker carried the ball for 32 yards on seven carries.

"We gotta help the young kid (Bodden)," Fobbs said. "We've got to do more around him so he can be the type of player, gain the type of confidence that he needs to gain and that's really what it's about. I expect a freshman to not play well all the time, but we have to make catches and acrobatic catches for him when the ball isn't there right in our chest."

"Aldon gives us another package where we can run the football and do a little more of the running game."

CJ Russell led Grambling rushers with 41 yards on nine carries while Greg White caught five passes for 73 yards to top GSU receivers.

Davis-Price, LSU stun turnover-prone No. 20 Florida, 49-42

BATON ROUGE, (AP) — LSU running back Tyrion Davis-Price and the Tiger's offensive line apparently have figured something out.

That could improve LSU's prospects for the balance of what has been a turbulent season.

Davis-Price rushed for an LSU-record 287 yards and three touchdowns, and the Tigers' banged-up defense came up with four interceptions in a 49-42 victory over No. 20 Florida on Saturday.

First-year offensive

coordinator Jake Peetz "challenged us the last few weeks to go in and create a running game," Davis-Price said, alluding to earlier struggles that had LSU ranked 127th nationally in rushing entering this weekend. "The offensive line has been busting their tails with extra work and I couldn't be more proud of them. I love doing work for them."

"There were big holes for me to run through; they deserve all the credit in the world," he added.

The stirring perfor-

mance produced thunderous roars from a less-than-capacity Death Valley crowd that came in with low expectations after unranked LSU (4-3, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) had dropped its previous two games against Auburn and Kentucky, fueling speculation that coach Ed Orgeron's hold on his job was tenuous at best.

"I'm not going to blink until the day I die; but our team didn't blink today," Orgeron said. "Our backs are against the wall, but

we took a big step."

After Damone Clark's interception of Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson, Davis-Price literally and fittingly ran out the final 1:59 on Florida (4-3, 2-3). He ran for two more first downs and broke the previous LSU single-game rushing record of 285 yards by Derrius Guice.

Max Johnson passed for 133 yards and three touchdowns — all to Jaray Jenkins. The last one came on fourth and goal with 3:30 left.

The highlight-filled game, replete with big plays, wild momentum swings and even a successful Hail Mary pass by Florida at the end of the first half, was the latest chapter in a rivalry that has produced high drama and unpredictable outcomes.

"The one stat to me stands out a lot is we're minus-4 turnover ratio," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. "We didn't stop the run and make the stops we needed to in the second half when we start-

ed to gain momentum. Every time we'd get that kind of fix to get ourselves out of the hole we kind of couldn't get the stop to get over the hump."

Emory Jones threw two interceptions, including one returned by Dwight McGlothorn 37 yards for a touchdown on the Gators' first series of the second half. Earlier, Jones' deflected pass was intercepted by linebacker Micah Baskerville and returned 54 yards to the Florida 28, setting up Johnson's first scoring pass to Jenkins.

Prescott TD pass lifts Cowboys to 35-29 OT win over Pats

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Dak Prescott wasn't going to let anything prevent him from enjoying the moment.

While his team celebrated around him after he threw 35-yard touchdown pass to CeeDee Lamb in overtime to beat the New Patriots 35-29 Sunday, the Cowboys quarterback felt pain in his right calf.

It wasn't the perfect ending, but he was willing to accept it after he helped Dallas survive a

wild finish and earn its first victory over Bill Belichick's Patriots.

"Just came down funny. Didn't like what I felt," said Prescott, who wore a walking boot to his post-game news conference. "Life keeps throwing punches and I'm gonna keep throwing them back. ... But I'll be fine. I'll promise you that."

Dallas hadn't won at New England since 1987 and was 0-5 against Belichick. The Cowboys (5-1) have won five straight,

their longest winning streak since 2016.

The Cowboys led 17-14 entering the fourth quarter, and that's when the fun began. The teams traded five scores in the period, three in the final 2 1/2 minutes.

New England (2-4) was clinging to a 21-20 lead when sensational Cowboys cornerback Trevon Diggs intercepted rookie Mac Jones and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown — his seventh pick and second pick-six

of the season — to put Dallas ahead 26-20. On the next play from scrimmage, Jones hit Kendrick Bourne for a 75-yard score. Jones then hooked up with Jakobi Meyers for the 2-point conversion.

But Prescott led the Cowboys on a 40-yard drive and Greg Zuerlein's 49-yard field goal sent the game to overtime. Dallas ended it after New England punted on its first possession in OT as the Patriots dropped to

0-4 at home for the first time in Belichick's 22 years as coach.

"We went toe-to-toe with them for 60 minutes," Belichick said. "They just made a few more plays than we did."

Prescott, whose calf injury will be evaluated further on Monday, finished 35 of 51 for 445 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. Lamb had nine catches for 149 yards and two scores.

Jones finished 15 of

21 for 229 yards, two touchdowns and that critical interception, and Damien Harris rushed 18 times for 101 yards and a score.

The Patriots, who came in allowing 19.2 points per game, did a decent job keeping Dallas' second-ranked offense at bay until Prescott broke through in the second half. He hit Lamb for a 1-yard touchdown in the corner of the end zone to make it 17-14 in the third quarter.

SPORTS

Glenbrook celebrates Homecoming with 42-8 win

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No head coach, no problem.

The Glenbrook Apaches weren't about to let anything spoil their Homecoming celebration, as they showed Friday night by blasting past Plain Dealing 42-8 at Apaches Stadium.

Glenbrook head coach David Feaster was suspended for Friday's game after reportedly being ejected by game officials late in last week's contest at Haynesville.

The Apaches responded by scoring on their first three drives against Plain Dealing to build a 21-0 advantage over the Tigers only 2:43 into the second quarter.

"We came out knowing we had faced a lot of adversity knowing about Coach Feaster's situation," said Glenbrook defensive coordinator James Thurman. "It was a short week — we were out Monday and Tuesday. It was Homecoming week. There were a lot of distractions we faced and we knew we needed to start strong."

Plain Dealing opened the game by recovering an onside kick and then driving all the way down to the Glenbrook 22-yard line before turning the ball over on downs.

A 23-yard pass from Ty Feaster to Cason Clemmons followed by a 22-yard pass from Feaster to DJ Carter and then another 11-yard pass to Clemmons set the Apaches up at the Tigers' 14-yard line before Feaster ran around right end to put Glenbrook up 6-0 at the 6:24 mark of the opening stanza after a bad snap spoiled the extra point kick attempt.

After allowing Plain Dealing only one first down on the ensuing drive, Glenbrook took over on its own 40. A 31-yard pass from Feaster to Clemmons pushed the Apaches near the red zone before Turner Mclelland



Glenbrook's Cason Clemmons (7) fights for extra yardage after making a catch Friday night against Plain Dealing.

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took the ball around the right end and raced 23 yards to paydirt and a 14-0 lead for GHS with 56 seconds remaining in the first quarter after Carter ran in the two-point conversion.

The Apaches then held Plain Dealing to a three-and-out series before a 56-yard pass from Feaster to Chase Sentell set the Apaches at the Tigers' nine-yard line.

After Carter was hauled down deep behind the line of scrimmage on first down, Feaster and Clemmons connected again, this time on a 18-yard scoring strike that put Glenbrook up 21-0 with 9:17 left in

the first half.

Glenbrook again held Plain Dealing without a first down on the ensuing drive before a 48-yard run from Feaster to Clemmons set up a one-yard plunge to paydirt by Carter to push the Apaches' advantage to 28-0 at the 6:09 mark of the second quarter.

Plain Dealing looked like it would punt from its own 42 on its next drive but went for the fake, with the punter looking like he was going to pass before dropping the ball to the turf, where a gang of Apaches' pounced on it.

Then a 19-yard scamper

by Carter set up a one-yard touchdown run by Collin Gregg with 1:17 left in the half sent the Apaches into the locker room at intermission with a 35-0 lead.

The second half breezed by as fast as the chilly wind that began blowing from the north as running clock made it an early night for both teams.

Plain Dealing opened the second half by driving the ball all the way to the Glenbrook 24 before a Maddox Mandino interception turned the ball over to the Apaches.

Carter's 45-yard run sparked a five-play, 73-

yard scoring drive for Glenbrook that culminated with Tre Kent outracing everyone to the left pylon on a 15-yard scoring scamper that gave the Apaches their final score at the 2:33 mark of the third quarter.

Plain Dealing drove 68-yards on its final possession, scoring on a seven-yard pass and two-point conversion pass with 3:49 remaining on that running clock.

While admitting that a Homecoming shutout would have been nice, Thurman said he felt that the fact that the Apaches played every player who

dressed was more important.

"To me, getting those younger guys playing time was much more important than getting the goose-egg," Thurman said.

Feaster finished with 257 passing yards while also handing the ball off to eight Glenbrook rushers, with Carter leading the way with 62 yards on five carries.

Glenbrook, now 5-2 overall and 3-2 in District 1-1A, will next play host to winless Ringgold, which forfeited this week's game to North Caddo, at Apaches Stadium next Friday night.

LA Tech drops C-USA game at Texas-El Paso

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EL PASO, Texas — Turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities in the red zone proved costly for Louisiana Tech as they fell to UTEP, 19-3, on Saturday night at Sun Bowl Stadium.

The first conference loss of the season for LA Tech (2-4, 1-1- C-USA) came as a result of three turnovers, two failed fourth down conversions and six penalties. Perhaps the biggest reason for the loss though

was the offense scoring only once on five red zone trips (came into the game scoring on 15 of 16).

After allowing touchdowns on the first two possessions by UTEP (6-1, 3-0 C-USA), the LA Tech defense settled in and did what they needed to do to keep the Bulldogs in the ball game.

They ended up forcing four turnovers themselves — three fumbles and an interception; however, the offense was only able to

generate three points as a result.

Down 14-0, the first forced fumble came from Brodrick Calhoun, but the ensuing drive ended in Jacob Barnes missing only his second field goal attempt of the season that came from 40 yards away.

Barnes redeemed himself after a nine-play, 56-yard drive that began as a result of the second forced fumble, this one by Jaiden Cole, to make it a 16-3 deficit with 6:56 to go in the second quarter.

That would be the score at halftime, and the Miners were threatening to extend their lead midway through the third quarter before Cole came up big again. He intercepted Gavin Hardison at the one-yard line to keep the 'Dogs within two scores.

Following his interception return of 28 yards, LA Tech drove down into UTEP territory, but were stopped on fourth and one for the second time in the contest.

Not scoring on the

fourth forced turnover was toughest one of all. Down 19-3 with still 13:28 to play in the game, the Bulldogs recovered a fumble forced by DJ Jackson at the 5-yard line.

However, a personal foul and a holding penalty pushed the team back before Austin Kendall threw an interception near the right side line.

LA Tech had two more chances to put points on the board after that, but both drives ended in interceptions as well. "It

was probably one of our worst performances offensively we have had in a long time," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz. "We struggled. We had a hard time getting anything going. Defensively, I thought the front seven played really well. But offensively, it was a poor effort. I give UTEP an awful lot of credit, but we have to do a better job as an offensive staff to put our players in a better position."

"It was a night where a lot of things did not go our way."

Crimson Tide falls to No. 2 Neville, 30-0

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Neville showed why it's the No. 2 ranked team in Louisiana Class 4A football Friday night as the Tigers took over in the second half to defeat Minden 30-0 at WW Williams Stadium.

But it wasn't instant domination for the Tigers by any means.

Neville's first score came at the 11:24 mark of the second quarter on a five-yard scamper by Brett Batteford, and the Tigers pushed their lead to 14-0 at the half after AJ Allen turned in a four-yard rushing touchdown at the 7:16 mark of the second quarter.

Minden coach Spencer Heard still felt good about his team's effort despite the loss.

"I was proud of the way our guys played," Heard said. "They played hard the entire game. They kept on



Minden head football coach Spencer Heard was proud of his team's effort Friday night facing one of the top

fighting."

Neville took control in the third quarter, with Batteford breaking loose on a

64-yard scoring scamper 2:59 into the stanza before adding a safety to push its lead to 23-0 less than

three minutes later.

Derrick Gibson's four-yard touchdown run at the 4:00 mark of the third

quarter closed out scoring for the Tigers.

Heard said that he could tell his team was

getting a little worn down by the Tigers in the second half.

"We've got quite a few guys doing both ways and I think that definitely started to show as we moved deeper and deeper into the game," Heard said. "We kind of got worn down in the second half. Neville took advantage of some short field situations in the second half and scored on those."

Allen led the Tigers with 134 rushing yards on 10 carries while Batteford added 118 yards on 18 attempts.

Defensively, Jakobe Jackson had two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries for the Crimson Tide, which also got a strip and recovery by Kentravinon Lister.

Up next for Minden, now 2-5 overall and 0-2 in District 1-4A, will be a road contest at 1-6 Bastrop next Friday night.

North Webster rolls past Lakeside, 39-6

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North Webster used defensive domination Friday night as the Knights overpowered Lakeside 39-6 at Baucum-Farrar Stadium.

Offensively for the Knights, quarterback Collin McKenzie scored on a quarterback sneak and also threw a touchdown pass to Seth Dehart while Jarmarcus Stepens rushed for three scores while also playing a big role for the North Webster defense.

"We played well defensively tonight," said Knights coach John Ware. "That was the key."

Ware admitted that the win was much needed by his Knights, who broke a four-game losing skid and now stand at 3-4 overall and 0-1 in District 1-3A.

"It was an important win for us," Ware said. "We don't have any 'gimmies' on this schedule, it turned out to be a really tough one. So hopefully we have a little momentum going heading into the last three games."

Lakeside fell to 3-3 overall and will begin District 2-1A play next week at North Caddo.

Senior running back Ashton Stewart scored the Warriors' lone touchdown on a run of around 50 yards.

"We knew going into that game that North Webster was going to be tough," said Lakeside coach Mike Santelices. "Hats off to them. They're a good team. It was a physical game. I think we played pretty well defensively, but we just couldn't get much going offensively. It was tough sledding. For a



North Webster's defense held Lakeside to only one touchdown in Friday's 39-6 win over the Warriors.

second week in a row this offense was kind of stagnant."

The Warriors were without starting quarterback Jacob Whitehead and when backup Cooper Chase went down with a second quarter injury, the Warriors turned to CJ Watt to

take over behind center.

"We're missing a lot of substantial players at key positions with injuries," Santelices said. "CJ actually played pretty well considering he hasn't gotten many reps at quarterback over the past few weeks before we've been working

with the other two guys back there.

"For what it was worth, he remembered the system from practicing a month or more ago and stepped in and did a pretty good job."

Santelices knows things won't get any easier next week.

"It's a tough district," Santelices said. "North Caddo is up next and they're looking good with a couple of kids headed to the SEC. One's committed to LSU and another is headed to Mississippi State. They've got a good quarterback and have the

ball rolling over there for sure.

"We just have to get back to work on Monday and try to refocus and see what we can try to do to get our offense playing better."

North Webster will next play at Loyola in Shreveport on Friday.

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Tibet began on October 6, when Chinese military forces under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping entered the country from Sichuan. At the end of the battle, the Chinese had taken over the border city of Chamdo. The battle was the starting point for negotiations between the two countries over the status of Tibet.

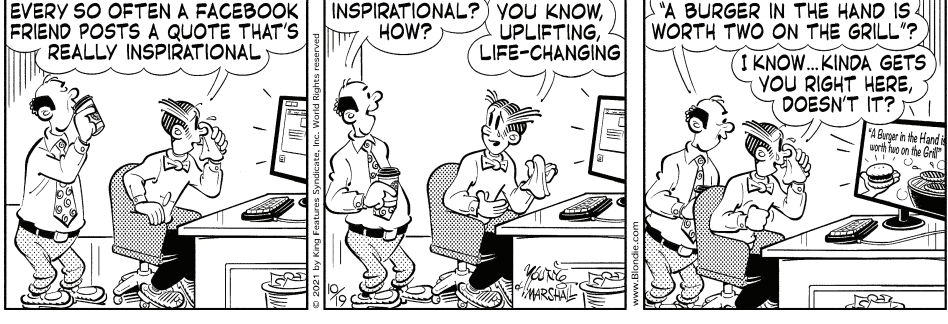
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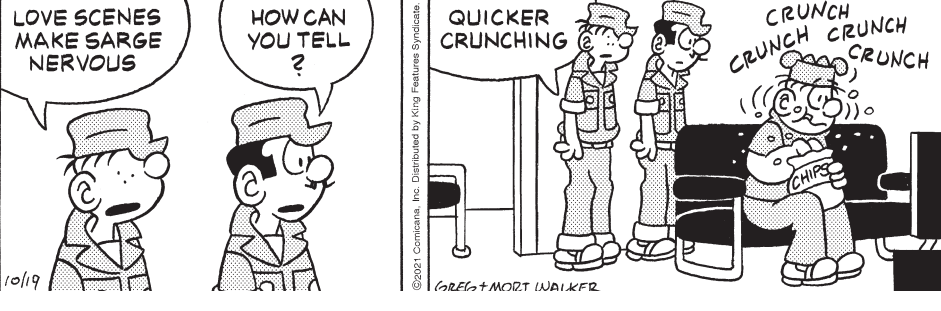
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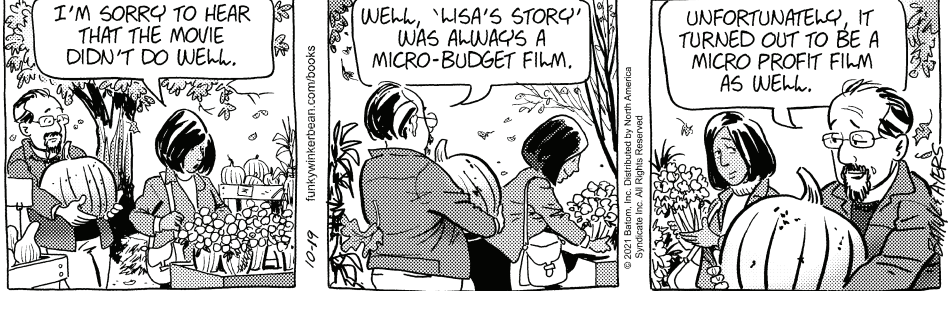
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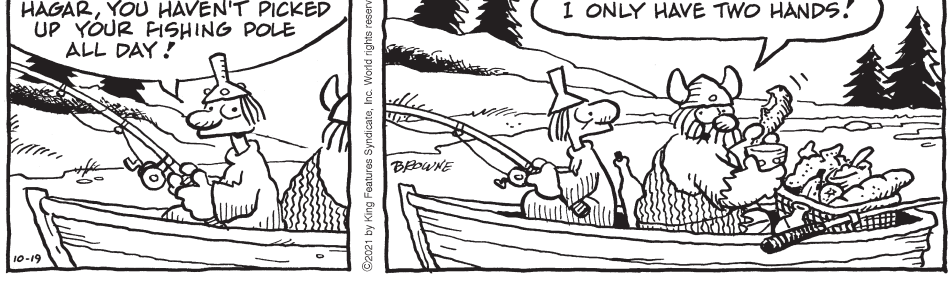
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WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY RESOLUTION #009-2021

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the “District”), adopted a resolution on September 13, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the “District”), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of ten (10) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$138,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including fire trucks, in and for the District, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS: YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:

Bruce Blanton	X			
Allen Gilbert		X		
Daniel Thomas	X			
Randy Thomas	X			
Bernard Hudson	X			
Jim Bonsall	X			
Steve Lemmons	X			
Nick Cox	X			
Beverly Kennon	X			
Vera Davison	X			
Steve Ramsey	X			
Benjamin Jordan	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jim Bonsall
President

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ME Enterprise LLC, DBA Mulligans, is applying to the office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the City of Minden in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

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Member - Mike Elshout

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PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC	§	SUIT NO.: 162,013 DIV 3
VERSUS	§	26 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
JOSHUA L. KIDD	§	BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

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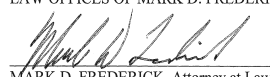
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JOSHUA L. KIDD, or if deceased, their heirs, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of same, must contact the LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FREDERICK at 2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, 71104, or at the telephone number of (318) 868-7300.

Respectfully submitted,

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SAMANTHA JACKSON	§	SUIT NO.: 165,685 DIV 1
VERSUS	§	26 th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
J. SCHUYLER MARVIN DISTRICT ATTORNEY	§	BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE

Please take notice that MUGUR BEDNATH has been named as a party of interest in the above-styled cause of action.

MUGUR BEDNATH , or if deceased, their heirs, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of same, must contact the LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FREDERICK at 2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, 71104, or at the telephone number of (318) 868-7300.

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October 11, 2021

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, regular meeting as written; Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

There were no new items added to the agenda.

Proposed 2021 Amendment to Ordinance No. 151 titled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO AND REENACT ORDINANCE NO. 151, ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA STATE SANITARY CODE AS PREPARED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICT HERewith was introduced. Richard Davis motioned to set a public hearing for 6 PM on Monday, November 8, 2021, during the November, 2021, Regular Meeting. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.


Richard Davis gave the September activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Officer Jeremy Gros gave the September activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Council acknowledged the September financial reports.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn; Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.


Jimmy Williams
Mayor

Attest:


Linda Christy
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice of Sale of Timber: The Louisiana Office of State Lands, Division of Administration is accepting bids for all merchantable timber, both pine and hardwood, under OSL Sale No. 2021-2 covering two tracts, Tract No. 1 being approximately 30 acres lying in NE/4 of SW/4 of Section 1, T23N-R13W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and Tract No. 2 being approximately 80 acres lying in N/2 of SE/4 of Section 11, T22N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana (less road right of way); both tracts are surrounded by yellow painted boundary lines. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 in the Montana Room of the Claiborne Building, Room Number 1-142, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 (downtown Baton Rouge). Bids may be mailed to the Office of State Lands at P.O. Box 44124, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. Bids will also be accepted by hand delivery to the Office of State Lands in the Montana Room beginning at 2 p.m. on the day of bid opening until bid opening occurs at 3:00 p.m. Bids should be marked “OSL Timber Sale No. 2021-2” and include the name and contact information of the bidder. Additional information and a complete copy of the prospectus can be obtained by contacting Cheston Hill by phone at (225) 219-9454 and by email at Hill@la.gov. The Louisiana Office of State Lands reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on November 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at 1209 East Street regarding the updates to the FMR's (Fair Market Rents) that will affect the Public Housing Flat Rents for 2022. We will be accepting comments through November 9, 2021. All documents are on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 1209 East Street, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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