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CITY

New Hours of Operation for Minden Utility Department

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The City of Minden’s Light and Water Department will be abiding by new hours of operation. Starting Monday, Oct. 25, the department’s main office will operate Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. The drive-thru window will be open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

These changes are a result of an employee retirement and the city deciding it would be best to leave the position vacant while operating with a reduced budget.

“With the recent retirement of an Employee in the light and water department, we are making some changes to the hours of operation. As all

of you know we are working on a 50% budget in all departments. Until we pass a budget we have chosen not to replace this position to continue to serve on payroll,” a statement from Mayor Terry Gardner read.

“We will start the new times this Monday the 25th. This will give the ladies time to balance their windows and still stay efficient.”



GARDNER

UPCOMING ELECTION

LAIB President speaks to Chamber about upcoming Nov. 13 Amendments

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber recently hosted Steven Wagenspack, President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, who came to inform local representatives and community leaders of some upcoming amendments on the November ballot that will change the landscape of Louisiana’s taxes for businesses.

Ultimately, the goal behind these amendments is to streamline Louisiana’s tax collection process as well as make the state more attractive to outside companies looking to locate here.

“Constitutional Amendment number one deals with sales tax collection. What it does not do is change rates, increase rates, it doesn’t do anything to the amount of taxes you pay. What it does is change how it’s



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State Representative Wayne McMahan, State Senator Robert Mills, Greater Minden President Jana Morgan, and President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry Steven Wagenspack seen pictured above after Wagenspack visited with the Chamber and community leaders to inform them of some constitutional amendments coming up on the November election that have the potential to change the landscape of taxes in Louisiana.

collected,” said Wagenspack.

Louisiana’s sales tax collection differs heavily

from other states due to each parish being in charge of its own tax collection. This poses a prob-

lem for businesses who make sales in multiple

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CRIME

WBSO intercepts child predator with help of 15 year old juvenile

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

This past Sunday Webster Parish deputies were dispatched for a report of telephone harassment. Corey Montgomery, 32, was messaging a 15-year-old juvenile sexually explicit messages on Snapchat. The juvenile along with her sister-in-law recorded the conversa-

tion and contacted the sheriff’s office, who later intercepted Montgomery at a meetup spot spoken of in texts.

According to the booking report, Montgomery had tried messaging the juvenile about two weeks prior, but she deleted him, and had added him back after he sent her another message asking her to add him and that he

had a comfortable bed.

Upon deputies arrival to the residence the report came from, they made contact with the 15 year old juvenile, who, “Explained a 32-year-old male named Corey Montgomery started messaging her on Snapchat. Corey asked her is she was DTF, meaning down to ****, and juvenile replied, ‘you know I’m 15 right?’”

according to the booking report.

Montgomery went on to state that he had the wrong number, but then the juvenile “went on with the conversation, stating she was still ‘DTF’ to see what he would say,” according to the report.


Hitting the nail on the head, Corey told her he felt like it was a setup, but yet continued the con-

versation. He asked if he could pick her up down the road at the Muddy Bottoms gate and the end of Cook baker Road, and the juvenile said yes.

Deputies were dispatched at that location at the time Montgomery pulled up. Once they made contact with him, he stated, “He was just making the block going to the store to get cigarettes.”

Corey was then cuffed and transported to the substation. “Once we got to the substation Corey admitted he messed up and was talking to her. He admitted he knew she was 15 years old but continued to talk to her.

Corey was transported to BDCC and booked on the charges of computer-aided solicitation of a minor.



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SECOND FRONT

Tax: Amendment 1 will create a well balanced commission to create rules regarding tax collection

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parishes, because that means that there will be multiple entities to interact with when it comes to trying to pay taxes.

"In 48 other states, whether you're a big business or a small business, if you make a sale, there is a centralized collector in those states, the secretary of revenue. Whether it's a state tax or a local tax, there is one entity you pay your bill too. There is one entity you receive a bill from. There's one entity that can audit you if they're not quite sure you're doing everything right. It's a one entity relationship," said Wagenspack.

"The way it's done in Louisiana is, every parish has its own collection. And so what happens is we have over 54 different sales tax collectors for local taxes in Louisiana. Those different collectors can also use their own audit teams, assessment

practices, building practices, etc."

So how will amendment 1 change this? It won't immediately centralize the tax collection process due to the opposition such a dramatic change would receive. Instead it would create a well balanced commission to create the rules regarding tax collection moving forward.

"What Constitutional Amendment 1 does ... it creates a Commission. It's an 8 person commission. There are four people appointed by the state, one by the Governor, one by the House, one by the Senate, one by the Secretary of Revenue. And there 4 people appointed by local collectors. One by the Sheriffs, one by the school boards, one by the municipal association, one by the police jury association," said Wagenspack.

"That commission is going to be appointed and make rules that work for

us. They're going to find out the Louisiana way to make it easy for small businesses without stepping on the rights of local collectors."

"If you want Main Street to survive, and every chamber like this around the state needs Main Street to survive, you gotta make it easier for small businesses to make it in today's economy. And right now we make it very difficult in Louisiana."

The first constitutional amendment creates the capacity for Louisiana to be more business friendly moving forward, but the second amendment will make Louisiana more attractive for business in the near future, if it passes. Essentially this bill would lower corporate and income taxes while removing previously available deductions in order to balance out the reductions. So essentially the average taxpayer will be paying the same amount,

however on paper our taxes look far lower.

"So what Constitutional amendment two does, is it makes it a lower looking cost in a revenue neutral way. What amendment two does is it removes the income tax deduction and lowers the rates accordingly. Income tax rates will go from 6% to 4.25% if this passes, and it will pay for it with the federal income tax deduction," said Wagenspack.

"You also have a high 8% corporate income tax rate and five rates in between there. It will consolidate those into three rates, drop the top rate, and begin to phase out the franchise tax."

Wagenspack explained that as other states implement policies that have pushed businesses away and made them consider relocating, a lot of them are considering moving to the south. However Louisiana is missing out because on paper our taxes

make us look like a lesser option.

"Taxes are going up in a lot of states. East Coast, West Coast, those states are doing a lot of crazy stuff, and it's driving businesses and investors and wealth out of those states. Those groups are saying where do we go, and they're kicking the tires on the south," said Wagenspack.

"When they kick out tires they don't always like what they see. We're not getting that same attraction that we deserve and that we should be, and I think our income tax code is a big piece of it. So all of a sudden when these companies look at Louisiana, they'll say 4.25%, that's the lowest rate in the south for those that have a rate. All of a sudden you look better on paper. And it's the 4th lowest income tax rate for states that have an income tax, in the country."

He went on to explain

how exactly Louisiana will be able to make these changes without affecting revenue. "Right now we have the highest income rate tax in the south. That's not helpful, but it's quirky to say that, because with all the exemptions we have, you can actually pay down your rate in Louisiana, so your actual cost is not as high as it looks on paper," said Wagensback.

"When you pay your federal taxes, Louisiana allows you to deduct it from your state taxes. So it's going to remove that and lower the rates to be even. Most of you won't feel a difference in what you pay, you just won't use an exemption to get there."

So essentially this amendment would take away a widely used exemption, but reduce rates accordingly to even things out. These amendments will appear on the ballot in the upcoming Nov. 13 election.



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OBITUARIES

Larry J. Penix

Funeral services for Larry J. Penix, age 74 of Ruston, LA will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Owens Memorial Chapel in Ruston, LA with Rev. Doug De Graffenried officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Mariah Cemetery in Arcadia, LA under the direction of Owens Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Ruston, LA.

Larry J. Penix, son of Patrick Cleveland and Rita Merle Bridges Penix, was born on September 1, 1947 in Minden, LA and passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Ruston, LA. He was a 1965 graduate of Minden High School and a 1970 graduate of Northwestern Louisiana State University where he earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Accounting. Larry worked in accounting for five years then spent the next thirty-nine years in Nursing Home Administration, starting out at Meadowview in Minden, LA. Larry was the Interim Vice President of the Chicago division and Director of Operations of the Salem, Oregon division with National Heritage. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. Larry was an animal lover and he loved dogs and horses; especially Secretariat. He loved his Yorkie, Newton and his Lhasa Apso, Phoebe. Newton went to heaven with Larry. He passed away October 16, 2021 also.

Larry loved sports; especially golf, running and ka-

rate, where he was a third-degree Brown Belt achieved through his instructor, Billy Golden. He loved to cheer on LSU. Larry is preceded in death by his parents; Pat and Rita Penix.

Larry is survived by his wife of twenty-four years, Lynda Kay Leoffler Penix who he referred to as “The Love of My Life”; one son, Jason Penix of Chicago, IL; two stepsons: Layne Smith and wife Danielle of Dubach, LA and David Smith and wife Emily of Choudrant, LA; two granddaughters: Landree Smith and Caplan Smith; sister, Patricia and husband, Jim Muska of Sugarland, TX; three nephews: Jim Muska, Jr. and wife Bonnie and children, Jonathan Muska and wife Suzanne and children and Chad Muska all of Houston, TX and a host of friends.

Pallbearers for the service will be Jim Muska, Jr., Jonathan Muska, Ron Deal, Gary Green, Jimmy Turner and Mike Jackson. A special thanks to Ruston Nursing and Rehab (Longleaf) for the excellent care given to Larry. He was the administrator at Longleaf for several years and was remembered fondly by the staff. Also, a very special thanks to Dee Mason, who was such an angel to Larry and Lynda during this time.

Visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Owens Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Ruston, LA. To leave an online memorial message for the family, please visit www.owensmemorialfuneralhome.com.



Brian Craig Richardson

A celebration of life service for Brian Craig Richardson, 40, of Minden, Louisiana will be held Friday, October 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Richard Methvin officiating.

Brian was born March 2, 1981, in Midwest City, Oklahoma and entered into rest October 18, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana. Brian loved his wife and children dearly and loved spending time with family. He lived everyday full of laughter.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grand-

father, Tillman Charles Allen; paternal grandmother, Pauline Parker; paternal grandparents, Lewis and Nova Richardson; and niece Ceirra Renay Farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Erica Richardson of Minden; mother, Lora Bergquist of Minden; father, Steve Richardson of Oklahoma; son, Jake Lewis Allen Richardson of Minden; daughters Natalie Nicole Richardson and Erin Lee of Minden and Emily Elizabeth Richardson of Minden; sisters, Dana Glass and husband Robert of Minden and Stephanie Richardson of Oklahoma; niece, Andria Glass of Minden; and nephews, Shakota Farmer and wife Jasmine of Shreveport, Alex Farmer of Minden, and Garron Glass of North Carolina.

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Emogene Cason White

Sarepta, LA

The celebration of life for Emogene Cason White will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Old Sarepta Missionary Baptist Church in Sarepta, LA at 4:00pm. Interment will follow in the Old Sarepta Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill, LA. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Bailey Funeral Home in Springhill, LA from 5-7pm.

Emogene was born October 25, 1934 to Leonard Clive and Lila Denmon Cason and ran into the presence of God with a smile on her face October 18, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband of

almost 58 years, Bobby Gene White; sister, Eula Cason Whitten; brother, John Adair Cason; nieces Jami Hairston, Jennifer Hanson, and Kristie Marino and nephew, Joseph Scioneaux.

She is survived by her son, Hershel (Johnette) White of Sarepta, daughter, Cyndi Hair (Sonny) of Sarepta; grandchildren, Melanie (Josh) Pollard, Dustin (Danielle) Hair, Michael (Shannon) Hair, Julie (Michael) Merritt; great grandchildren, Ryder, Ember, Aaron, Noah, Isabella, Roman, Gabriel, Tyler, Brooke, James, Maddox, and Jenson; great grandchild, Gracelynn; sisters, Elaine (Richard) Baack, Louise Koske, Donna (Kenneth) Davis; brother, David (Pat) Cason, sisters-in-law Keiko White, Ann Davis, and Monty Thurman; and a special friend, Mary Helen Sikes.

Emogene graduated from Sarepta High School in 1953 as Salutatorian of her class. She worked several years at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant then went to school and became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1974. Emogene worked at Schumpert Medical Center for 26 years, most of which was spent in the fast



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pace and excitement of the emergency room where she thrived on the unknown. She loved cooking for family gatherings, playing basketball, softball, golf, and especially bowling. She loved following her grandchildren cheering for them in whatever activity they were doing. She was a caregiver at heart and loved helping others.

Pallbearers will be Doug Davis, Andrew Honea, Chris Honea, Johnny Dale Mouser, Gary Sexton, and John Cason. Honorary Pallbearer will be Michael Hanson.

Special thanks to the Regional Hospice team and especially her nurse, Kellie Lewis; National Home Health and Stacia Britt; and her sitters, Stephanie Serna Compton, Harley Morgan, and Carlotyn Hoof.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you donate to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, of which she was a faithful supporter.

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Caden Sterling Madden

Caden Sterling Madden was born in Minden Louisiana on July 21, 1992. His life was sadly taken on October 15, 2021 near his home in Jena Louisiana.

Caden was born with beautiful auburn red hair, which gave clues to his energetic personality. Being the oldest of five, he loved being their big brother. He was always on the go, finding reasons to play and prank and laugh. He liked anything and everything, just loved being involved and able to add memories in his life with friends and family. He had a vibrant soul, and had a smile that could change your day. If there was a good time to be had, he was in the middle of it.

He moved a lot, lived in many states and made

friends along the way. But his life changed once he saw his little girl Lyana come into this world. His whole focus changed toward being the best father he could. She made his life complete in ways he never expected.

Caden was preceded in death by: sisters Bailly Rae Riley Madden and Sara Elizabeth Riley; uncle Sgt. Joshua B. Madden; great grandparents Simon and Dot Madden, and Dr Thomas and Wilfred Richardson.

He is survived by his daughter, Lyana Marie Madden; his mother Jennifer Madden Black and stepfather Doug; his special family Keith Mosley, wife Amy and their children; his sister Ashln Benamati and his two brothers Gabriel and Jacob Benamati; step brother Phoenix Johnson, his wife Savannah and their children Holly and Waylon; step sister Sydney Black Mouser, her husband Jacob and their daughters Paisley and Presley; grandparents Jerry and Cindy Madden; uncle David Madden and aunt Megan and their sons Cooper and Tucker; uncle Kevin Madden; aunt Dani Smock Madden and her children Jaxon and Makinna, great Uncle Mike Madden and aunt Kathy; step aunt Kim

Black Whitlock and husband Jeff, their son Colby; step uncle Brandon Watts.

Bonus family Aaron and Anna Goletz and their children.

He looked forward to a future with his daughter and his beloved Elizabeth Davis and her two daughters. His family greatly appreciates all the peace and happiness she brought to him in his life.

Special thanks to all his co-workers at Billy Wood Ford in Jena Louisiana.

Pall Bearers are Gabriel Benamati, Aaron Goletz, Jaxon Madden, Phoenix Johnson, Allen Mosley, Cody Procell, and Austin P. Anderson. Honorary pall bearers are Jacob Benamati, Lance Mosley, and Jacob Mouser.

Visitation will be held in Minden Louisiana on Friday evening the 22nd from 6-8pm in the First Baptist Church west chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30pm at Gardens of Memory beside his sister Bailly.

His family encourages in lieu of flowers to make a donation to his daughters college fund via Rachael Moss or the gofundme account.

OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

Four constitutional amendments on ballot

As you may know, there are four proposed amendments to our state Constitution on the ballot for November 13th (postponed from Oct. 9, 2021, due to the impact of Hurricane Ida). I wanted to address and summarize them here.

The first, Amendment No. 1, does not change our tax rates but does involve the centralized collection of state sales taxes and takes significant steps "toward consolidating and streamlining our unusually fragmented state and local sales tax system." (parlouisiana.org). A vote "for" Amendment 1 would allow for the creation of a single government state sales tax collector (instead of multiple different government bodies as is the case now—even in the same parish) to manage all relevant matters including collection of sales taxes and electronic filing of taxes while also providing tax policy guidance and rules regarding sales tax audits.

Approval of Amendment 1, in summary, would: 1). create a new commission with representatives of state and local agencies; 2). provide for electronic filing and create a process for combined state, local and remote sales tax collection for all taxing authorities in the state.; 3). the Commission would remit revenue to the collector for each local taxing authority and to the state revenue department; 4). the Commission would also issue policy advice where needed and develop rules relative to the audit process. (parlouisiana.org).

It should not be difficult to understand that streamlining our complex, obsolete, patchwork quilt system of sales tax collection would greatly assist businesses already located here and, importantly, those we hope to attract to Louisiana. It removes bureaucratic red tape and provides a much simpler method by which companies and businesses can com-

ply with the law.

The second, Amendment No. 2, essentially would provide for an income tax "swap" whereby the maximum possible rate of individual income tax would be reduced from 6% to 4.75% and ultimately to 4.25% when



ROYAL ALEXANDER

would spark would eliminate the federal tax deduction (and limit excess itemized deductions to only health care expenses) for state individual income tax filers. Again, though, the elimination of the federal tax deduction (and limiting of excess itemized deductions) would presumably be offset by lower state individual income taxes. (parlouisiana.org). It's also worth noting that included in the package of reforms that would follow with approval of Amendment 2 is the reduction (and hopefully, eventual elimination) of the franchise tax rate—a punitive tax on capital and retained earnings.

Approval of Amendment 2 would greatly assist our existing businesses and likely cause corporations across the country to take another look at Louisiana given the potential for job creation and significant new business opportunity.

The third, Amendment 3, involves the taxing authority for new levee districts and allows levee boards (ones created since 2006) to raise up to a 5-mill property tax without voter approval. I know it likely won't surprise readers to know that I oppose allowing a levee board, based upon its own au-

thority, to levy property taxes without voter approval. I realize levee districts serve a very important purpose in our state—primarily the construction and maintenance of levees—but so do many other government agencies that don't possess the power to unilaterally raise taxes by a vote of their board. I don't mean to appear to target levee boards or districts, I simply feel voters should always decide on tax increases.

The fourth, Amendment 4, involves allowing for the transfer of a greater amount of dedicated funds—increased from 5% to 10%—to the state general fund to plug a state budget deficit. Let me say first that I am aware of the vigorous debate policymakers frequently have about how many dedicated funds there are in our Louisiana Constitution. Funds that, no matter how bleak the economy or catastrophic the storm may be that hits our state, cannot be used for anything else but their dedicated purpose.

I don't have the opportunity in this article to fully address this issue but let me say this: Louisiana is constitutionally required to maintain a balanced budget and how that is done is generally up to the governor, but I believe dedicated funds should remain dedicated. If the Legislature ever wishes to alter or "unlock" these constitutional dedications it may do so in the same way they were dedicated in the first place, by constitutional amendment. (statutory dedications would be addressed by statute). However, in the meantime, I feel it best they remain to fund those policy determinations and priorities for which they were originally dedicated. Again, if state government ever wants to undertake real reform and broadly "undo" these dedications it is certainly free to do so which would require a state constitutional convention. (Also, the state constitu-

tion can be amended—and has been many times!—in a piecemeal fashion with the approval of two-thirds of each body and a majority of voters in a statewide referendum/public vote.

Please know I realize there are many ways to analyze and consider the foregoing Amendments.

Perhaps, in A. 1, some prefer leaving tax collections in the hands of several different government authorities, with more local control; Perhaps, in A. 2, some state taxpayers prefer to retain the federal tax deduction and not alter the individual state income tax rates; perhaps in A. 3, some prefer to allow levee districts and boards to unilaterally raise up to 5 mills in property tax without voter approval because of the dire circumstances flooding and hurricanes constantly present in our state; perhaps in A. 4, allowing a greater use of dedicated funds—from 5% to 10%—is necessary because Louisiana does periodically face economic difficulties and, arguably, the governor needs that latitude.

We all get to decide how to vote! While we are deciding, we should remember that while the matter of taxes and taxation is often controversial, they are critical issues for a self-governing people. Oliver Wendell Holmes said that taxes are the price we pay for civilization. Daniel Webster said that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Therefore, the goal for public policy makers in Louisiana is to thread the needle and find the happy medium in between—tax rates and a tax system that doesn't suffocate and kill the free market and Louisiana businesses but also allows for a modest and frugal local, state, and national government.

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OTHER OPINION

Labor shortage cripples U.S. supply chain

WILLIAM HAUPT III

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

"If politicians stopped meddling with things they don't understand, there would be a more drastic reduction in the size of government than anyone in either party advocates." – Thomas Sowell

President Joe Biden's stimulus bill, which extended federal unemployment benefits for millions of Americans, has created a massive labor shortage that is destroying the country's supply chain. By filling the wallets of labor with federal taxpayer cash, the left disrupted the pipeline for distributing supplies to people throughout the nation. Biden has made it more lucrative for workers not

to work than to go to work.

Employers across all industries have complained that it is difficult to find workers, even though millions of Americans remain unemployed. The depressed state of the labor market has caused massive shortages of products produced by American workers. Producers are rationing products through supply lines, which has fueled double digit inflation. This is a recipe for economic disaster.

Since the pandemic, the U.S. has struggled to import enough of everything, from N95 respirators and other critical medical supplies to laptops, personal electronics and numerous consumer items. With the U.S. overly dependent on the low cost production hubs in China

and Malaysia, there is no relief in sight. As U.S. companies scramble to fill the void, they can't find people that want to work.

For the first time in four decades, American consumers are asking why is the U.S. so dependent on a country that shares no social or political ties with the U.S. and is a military threat to our allies?

"Labor unions demands forced U.S. industries to outsource labor for their survival." – Larry Elder

When Communist China reopened their free markets in 1978, it was a curse for the over-paid union workers and a blessing for manufacturing. Within months, large manufacturers started outsourcing labor to China. When criticized

by labor unions, GE CEO Jack Welch defiantly responded, "Public held corporations owe their primary allegiance to their stockholders, not to their union employees."

For corporations traded on the U.S. stock exchange, moving production to China was the easiest way to cut costs and dependence on labor unions. It started with low-skill, labor intense industries such as apparel. Many of these manufactures had already been outsourcing to Mexico and Asia.

"You can't deprive yourself of outsourcing if your competitors don't." – Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore

WILLIAM HAUPT III IS A CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE CENTER SQAURE.

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Thoughts on fall and other things

There must be something in this lovely weather that is making me feel like just sitting and enjoying the sunshine, the cooler temperature and the gentle breezes.

I haven't wanted to do the house cleaning nor the outdoor tasks that must be done before winter. I just seem to want to sit and let all this envelope me, moving just enough to make simple meals, and a cup of afternoon coffee.

Earlier in the week we had made plans to go leaf peeping in Arkansas. Usually, about this time of year we just make a day trip, driving to Mena and up the mountain to the park where we have lunch at the lodge. With this in mind, we had planned to go this week. Then we learned the leaves were not at their peak yet so we postponed the trip. We'll check again next week.

This is about the only thing that has motivated me this fall. I can't understand this as usually at this time of year we're busy in our yard or making our plans for the holidays coming up and even doing some cooking that reminds us of fall.

We have plans to move some overgrown shrubs and replace them this fall, but as of yet, those leggy bushes are still standing. Neither of us has the energy we had a few years ago, so it is with a sense of dread when one of us mentions the work that needs to be done. I'm not especially fond of yard work but I do appreciate looking out upon a neatly kept yard.

I had rather spend my time and efforts in the kitchen. So, to motivate myself, I volunteered to provide cupcakes for an event at church. In addition, I invited my children and grands that live nearby to come for Sunday lunch. This will encourage me to get up and get moving. (I hope)

Usually when the cool

temperatures arrive, I start thinking about baking. The first thing I make will most likely be an applesauce cake. Simple and easy to make in a Bundt or tube cake and it is great with a cup of coffee.



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The apples and nuts tend to make me think of it as a dessert for a fall day.

Then in November, Hubby gets his favorite, fresh apple cake, for his birthday. This is a three layer cake with coconut and pecans in the filling and icing. Very moist and keeps well for a few days. Then, Thanksgiving week, we make a dark fruit cake. This has been an ongoing event for many years, as far back as I can remember. I am using my mama's recipe, with a few adaptations. We had this Christmas treat every year as long as she was able to cook. I began making the cake during Thanksgiving break while I was teaching. The cake keeps well when wrapped and stored in the refrigerator.

We always shared this with my siblings and their children as none of them ever made the cake, even though they all liked it. Our children and grandchildren do not care for it, so now we share some with friends. But, I still make the entire recipe which creates a large and a small cake.

In order to get ourselves out of this "mood", since we missed our trip to Mena, we plan to visit Natchitoches one day and just have lunch and a bit of browsing in the shops.

Got to do something to get going. If you have any suggestions they would be welcome.

In the meantime, I'll see what a taste of someone else's cooking will do for me. Let's hope it's the motivation I need.

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WILD LIFE

Louisiana gators thrive, so farmers' return quota may drop

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Once-endangered alligators are thriving in the wild, so Louisiana authorities are proposing a deep cut in the percentage that farmers must return to marshes where their eggs were laid.

"Over the past 50 years, alligator nest surveys have increased from an estimate of less than 10,000 in the 1970s and 1980s to well over 60,000 nests in recent years," the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission said in a notice published Wednesday. "This increase in nesting has produced a population that can now be sustained with a much lower farm return rate."

The commission is taking comments until Jan. 4 on a proposal to cut that rate from 10% to 5%.

The big armored reptiles don't breed well in captivity, so farmers are allowed to collect eggs from nests as long as they return a percentage to the same area as youngsters big enough to foil predators other than people and much bigger alligators.

Alligator hides are made into luxury leather for products including watchbands, boots and purses. The meat is used in sausages; companies also sell roasts, steaks, ribs, nuggets, jerky and even whole skinned

alligators. Forelegs are marketed as "alligator wings."

About 1.2 million have been returned since alligator farming was approved in 1986, Jeb Linscombe, head of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' alligator program, said Thursday.

The return percentage was first set at 17%, based on estimates that about 83% die in the egg or before they're 4 feet (1.2 meters) long. A wild-hatched gator that size would be about 4 years old, but readily available food lets farmed alligators grow much faster.

Raccoons, other predators and floods destroy about one-third of all nests. The black and yellow hatchlings are about 8.5 inches (22 centimeters) long and weigh only 2 ounces (57 grams). That makes them easy prey for bigger gators, wading birds, otters and fish even though mother alligators stay with their babies for about a year.

Uncontrolled hunting nearly wiped out American alligators before Louisiana barred all hunting in 1962. Alligator mississippiensis was among the first species federally listed as endangered in 1967, after Congress passed the precursor to the Endangered Species Act.

"The primary reason the species recovered

is .. elimination of the black market," Linscombe said.

Louisiana allowed small, highly regulated hunts in 1972 and 1973, opening a statewide season in 1981. Two years later, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ruled that the species had recovered over most of its range, and it was "de-listed" entirely in 1987.

Since 1972, more than 1.1 million wild alligators have been killed, over 11 million alligator eggs have been collected, and nearly 7.3 million farm raised alligators have been sold, according to the state management program's 2019-2020 annual report.

Surveyors who flew over coastal marshes during the summer of 2019 estimated the number of alligator nests at a record, nearly 68,000. This year's estimate was a few thousand below that, Linscombe said.

A change in weather patterns is one reason for the big numbers, he said. There are far fewer nests during droughts, when the water is low — and there were regular droughts over the first 40 years of state nest surveys. But there haven't been any droughts over the past decade.

Hunters took 23,828 alligators during the wild season in 2019. It was the second straight increase "but harvest re-

mains depressed due to an oversupply of crocodilian skins worldwide," the report said.

Harvest numbers this year and last have been depressed by Hurricanes Ida, Laura and Delta, and by COVID-19 restrictions, Linscombe said.

Farmers' return rate has been reduced several times over the years.

Current regulations require farmers to return 10% of hatchlings within two years — with a sliding scale based on average lengths of 36 to 60 inches (0.9 to 1.5 meters). Higher average lengths bring the percentage down.

Nearly 387,000 eggs were collected in 2017, resulting in about 39,000 farm-raised alligators two years later that were measured, tail-notched, tagged and released. Their sex was also determined, since biologists want at least half to be females.

About 450,000 eggs were collected this summer, Linscombe said.

The effects of a change from 10% to 5% may not show up for 10, 15, even 20 years, he said.

"The key to everything is to monitor it and make sure the action you took is going to have the result you thought it would," he said.

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GREEN LIFE

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DISNEY WORLD

Make ‘Em Pay

The assumption among local television stations selling daytime broadcast spots might be that the audience at home is unemployed, underemployed, or working odd hours to make ends meet. The viewer is likely susceptible to a message promising improved fortune and easy riches.

In Missouri, I saw occasional personal injury lawyer commercials but more often the day slot ads extolled the benefits of education and earning your credentials to become a computer programmer, auto mechanic, or dental assistant. In Louisiana, whether television, radio, or the ubiquitous billboards, the path to prosperity is litigation. Whether distracted drivers or big trucks or distracted drivers piloting big trucks, someone has done you wrong and you need to make those stingy insurance companies pay up. The signs are all over Louisiana. One in Caddo Parish quotes Christian scripture. Countless

lawyers offering similar services. It's quite the industry and a possible way to avoid industry.

I've yet to receive a summons for jury duty here but I was called to the Jackson County Courthouse in Kansas City a few times over the years. Like my junior high basketball team, I couldn't

make the cuts during the panels and I usually spent the days quietly reading in a large room of people certain they had better things to do. Until one day I was actually selected for a jury.

The case involved a hapless man in an automobile accident. The incident had happened years before and if injured, the fellow seemed improved enough to walk and stand and answer questions. Vocationally however, his fortunes had taken a nosedive. He once worked a lucrative job during the onset of dot-com companies and life

was good. Then market vicissitudes cruelly yanked the rug out from under his career. Then someone hit his car.

You're not allowed to discuss the case in progress with fellow jurors. You naturally assume they are drawing the same unspoken conclusions as you. I saw no correlation be-

tween the man losing his job and the man's car getting wrecked because they happened in that order. But his disheveled lawyer said it subsequently affected his client's job-hunting prowess. The plaintiff lawyer seemed sweaty and unconvincing. In his place, I could have done no better job with so untenable a case. In contrast, the insurance company lawyer was calm and organized and presented a lucid defense.

Vehicle photographs were presented as exhibits. I anticipated crushed wreckage. In-

stead the car appeared merely dented but drivable. Then the tale of woe continued as the lawyer revealed how his client had suffered with physical discomfort on a long plane ride across the Atlantic Ocean for a European vacation with his family. I've only flown coach and I've never left the Western Hemisphere and I've only experienced physical discomfort on those cramped flights.

At the end of the week, our jury met in a private room to finally discuss the case. I judged the plaintiff entitled to a settlement covering bus fare home but my fellow jurors had other ideas. The defendant was an insurance company and insurance companies are villains. Justice must be served and the plaintiff must be rewarded if only to alleviate the pressures of searching for another career.

My only ally on the jury was the foreman but our two votes could not sway the outcome. I conceded that individu-

als are more sympathetic victims than wealthy insurance companies but our exercise was to discern truth as we understood it and not to stick it to greedy corporations. I explained that insurance companies are not in the business to lose money. They will recoup whatever they pay this fellow in retaliatory premiums that you and I must pay to balance their books. I was not successful. The car wreck being unrelated to losing the job? Subjecting yourself to a European vacation when you're in such agony? No one changed their minds in that room, myself included.

And so, we rewarded the fellow beyond the expectations of he and his lawyer. The defendant lawyer did not seem rattled by our decision. He'd seen this kind of thing before. He'd likely see it again.

The bounty of personal injury lawyers is tempered by higher car insurance rates in Louisiana. That's the controversy. Yet it's hard to

find a solution without assailing the beloved free market. We celebrate lottery winners but those people won the game by riskily investing in lottery tickets. If everyone was taxed to fund the lottery, even those averse to gambling, then protest would surely ensue. We are not all negligent or distracted drivers, yet we all will be penalized. Particularly in Louisiana.

There is no easy answer. If I was involved in an accident that wasn't my fault and I felt the insurance company was lowballing me for all my pain and suffering, I too might call one of these guys. There's just so many of them. How would you choose among the horde of barristers dangling the similar enticing carrot?

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GARDENING LIFE

Gardening: In praise of pole pruners, and no ladder climbing

Two millennia ago, the Roman writer Columella described the vintoria falx, a six-part, specialized pruning tool for grapes. What a stir that tool must have caused among Roman grape growers when it was first introduced!

A more recent innovation in pruning, in the last century or so, was the pole pruner, which is a pruning saw or rope-activated shear blade mounted at the end of a pole. With it, you can work on branches even 15 feet high while your feet are planted on terra firma.

That's perfect for people like me who prefer

not to work from ladders.

My pole pruner is capped by both a saw blade and a shear blade, which makes the pruner not quite as nifty as Columella's six-part tool, but useful nonetheless.

POWERED PRUNERS MAKE THE JOB EASIER

The main problem with using a pole pruner is that it's difficult to maneuver a blade at the end of a long pole. The problem is compounded with larger branches because they require an initial undercut to prevent tearing of the bark as they come down; to make that un-

dercut, you have to work the pole against gravity.

Enter the powered pole pruner, an innovation of the 21st century. This tool is, essentially, a chainsaw on the end of a telescoping pole. In some models, the motor or engine is mounted atop the pole, near the chain. In others, the motor or engine is at the base of the pole, where you're holding the tool, with the turning motion transferred up the pole to the chain at the end.

Compromises are unavoidable when you mount a chainsaw on the end of a pole. A compromise between weight and

power, for example.

A powered pole pruner might relieve you of some effort in cutting, but you're going to have to position and hold up that motorized saw perched at the far end of a long pole. If you make the saw lighter, that translates into less power. The cutting bars on these saws are usually less than a foot long.

Electric motors are lighter than gasoline motors, so provide yet another solution to the weight problem. Battery power would seem ideal, except that battery power is limited. A corded, electric pole pruner seems like a good compromise, then,

as long as you're not too far from a plug and have a good extension cord.

TALL HEDGES BECOME MORE MANAGEABLE

One variation on the pole pruner is causing a stir, in my backyard at least. That is the powered pole hedge trimmer, an oscillating trimmer mounted on the end of a pole. They, too, can be gasoline or electric powered.

Why put a hedge trimmer on the end of a pole? For tall hedges, of course! A nice feature of most pole hedge trimmers is

that the angle of the head can be varied, a useful feature if you're trimming the top of a high hedge to be flat.

Like stone or brick walls, big hedges create bold and venerable shapes that screen and enclose the landscape, and direct our eyes and feet through it. Since I've acquired a pole hedge trimmer, I've been able to sculpt my 9-foot-high tea crabapple hedge into a green wall with a "doorway" carved into it — all with my feet happily planted on terra firma.

Duo puts damper on feral hogs

“Hog Boss gates LLC, was born out of necessity to trap feral hogs that had gotten out of control on the land that we hunt. My partner and I have dedicated ourselves to building a better hog trap.”

With that statement, Scott Hall and his partner, Kory Gilbert, launched their company in the spring of 2017 with headquarters in Bastrop.

This pair of entrepreneurs was honored last weekend when they were awarded the Manufacturer of Excellence Award by the Louisiana chapter of Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame.

In the three years since the company has been in operation, Hog Boss LLC has trapped and taken off the landscape around the south around 250,000 feral hogs, pesky creatures that have become a serious problem.

What is this product and how does it work? Scott Hall explained how he and Gilbert put a plan together that would make trapping and removing feral hogs fairly simple.

“We got to playing with electronics and fabricating gates that are cellular operated,” Hall said. “Once a ‘corral’ is set up with feed placed inside, the hogs become accustomed to coming in for the free food. You can monitor when the hogs are in the trap from a camera at the site. Once they’re there, you get a signal on your cell phone that shows the hogs at the site. Once you determine that all the ‘sounder’ (groups of hogs) are in corral, you send a signal to the gate by way of your phone, the gate falls and the hogs are trapped.”

The signal works enabling you to trip the trap from anywhere. One customer had the following



The Hog Boss trap system has reduced the feral hog population by some 250,000 across the south in the past four years.

testimonial. “I was on a family vacation in Orange Beach and had gone offshore fishing. We were 10 miles out in the Gulf when the notification came in that the sow and 10 piglets I’d been after for weeks were finally in the trap. I called the Hogg Boss gate and caught 11 pigs ... and a limit of red snapper!”

More fully explaining how the Hog Boss system works, a brochure produced by the company discusses how the system operates.

“Using any cellular trail camera to monitor the enclosure, you simply call or text your Hogg Boss trap to close the gate from anywhere in the world. Hogg Boss traps gates are designed to capture the entire sounder with

one drop of the gate. Our trap gate measures 8-feet wide and the opening is 42 inches tall. Hog Boss trap gates and panels are made right here in the U.S.A. using only American steel.”

How important is it to take as many feral hogs off the land as possible, hogs that are rooting up food plots as well as lawns? “It is necessary to remove 70% of the hogs on a particular piece of property just to stay even with them; they reproduce that fast,” said Scott.

“I have had people tell me they’re not worried because they only have a few hogs on their hunting club. Two years later they come to me telling me they wish they had gotten after the hogs earlier be-

cause now they are hogs everywhere,” Hall said.

The business is growing, according to Hall and their product is quickly becoming the preferred trap used across the southern U.S. by divisions of the USDA, state and local wildlife agencies, levee boards, farmers, land managers and hunting clubs. “There’s even a Hog Boss Trap at Cape Canaveral near the launch pads,” he said.

For more information and pricing, contact hogbossgates.com or search Face Book or Instagram. You can also call the company at 1-833-464-2677.

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE

- Bass have been fair around the grass and trees on crank baits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are scattered and fair; bream fishing is fair on worms and crickets. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

.BLACK BAYOU

- Bream fishing has been fair on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on spinners, jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER

- Bass are best in the river lakes and cuts. Crappie are best in river lakes and around tops in the river. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER

- Crappie fishing has been best fishing 12 feet deep in 18-20 foot water on the flats on shiners or jigs. Bass have been in deep water and hitting soft plastics and crank baits with some fairly shallow around the grass on topwaters and spinners. Best fishing this week has been up Corney creek. Bass have been fair fishing soft plastics and crank baits around the boat docks early and late. Bream fishing has slowed while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks.. For the latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE

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LAKE CLAIBORNE

- Bream fishing is slow to fair on crickets and worms. Strippers have been schooling and hitting topwater lures with white bucktails taking some beneath the surface. Bass fishing has been best fishing topwaters in the shallows or at night fishing around the lights with plastic worms. Crappie fishing is best fishing 10-feet deep in 14-17 foot water on shiners. Catfish are fair on blood bait. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE

- Bass are on the points around the deeper holes with deep diving crank baits and oversized plastic worms working best. Crappie are still around the tops but some have started moving to deeper water where most will be once cold weather sets in. Bream are slow to fair on worms and crickets. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707..

LAKE POVERTY POINT

- Catfishing has been good with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are off and on with best catches for some real slabs early mornings around the boat slips. No report on bream or bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN

- The water is on a slow fall and fishing is fair to good. Crappie are fair but some big crappie fish are being caught. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-225h9.

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La. hunting, fishing licenses now available online

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The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has partnered with LA Wallet to bring digital hunting and fish-

ing licenses to Louisiana citizens. Effective today, October 18, 2021, citizens with a Louisiana Driver’s License or State ID can use LA Wallet to display their purchased LDWF licenses

on their smartphone.

Licenses can be purchased on the LDWF website through an approved retail vendor or at the LDWF headquarters in Baton Rouge. The LA Wallet

app is free for the public (Download at Google Play / Apple Store).

To connect your LDWF licenses to LA Wallet:

Tap the LDWF Licenses credential shown on the

homepage.

Read the disclaimer, then tap the yellow Connect LDWF Account button at the bottom.

Once your LDWF account is found, tap Yes to

add your licenses.

LDWF account information will display at the top of the screen, along with your hunter education number and federal duck stamps, if they are found.

SPORTS

Push for playoffs highlights Prep Week 8

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Fighting for potential playoff positioning will be the name of the game on Friday as Webster Parish's four prep football teams hit the gridiron for Week 8 action.

Minden, 2-5 overall, looks to get back on a winning track as the Crimson Tide plays at Bastrop (1-6.)

The Tide last faced Bastrop in 2019, when the Rams won 22-8.

Glenbrook (5-2 overall and 3-2 in District 1-1A) will be looking to extend a three-game win streak against Ringgold, which stands at 0-6 on the season.

Lakeside (3-3) faces a tough challenge as the Warriors open District 2-1A play at North DeSoto, which stands at 6-1. The Warriors fell to the Griffins 42-0 last year but defeated North DeSoto 33-28 in 2019 playoff action.

The Griffins won the 2019 regular season matchup between the schools by the score of 34-14.



Daylen Robinson (4) and the Minden Crimson Tide will hit the road on Friday to play a non-district game at Bastrop.

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Bulldogs hosting Texas-San Antonio for Homecoming

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
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Louisiana Tech University will be fighting to shake off one of its worst losses in the Skip Holtz era as the Bulldogs hold their Homecoming game at 6 p.m. Saturday against Texas-San Antonio.

Last week's came 19-3 loss at Texas-El Paso came as a result of three turnovers, two failed fourth down conversions and six penalties for an anemic Tech offense. Tech's offense scored only once on five red zone trips. The Bulldogs came into the game scoring on 15 of 16.

"It certainly wasn't one of our better performances," Holtz said. "I'm very disappointed with the way we performed last week. There was certainly some silver lining in what happened Saturday in watching the progression of our defense and watching the way that they really came to life after the first quarter. In the first two possessions, we gave up 14 points and went down the field and scored. They did a great job on first and second down, but on third and long we gave up conversions. There were about four

of them in the first two drives that were 3rd and 7-plus that we gave up and they went down and scored. But, after that, David Blackwell did a nice job of making some adjustments.

It was only putting three points on the scoreboard that might have stung Holtz the most.

"The disappointing thing was the number of points we were able to put on the board. Again, some guys played really well," Holtz said. "When I look upfront, Joshua Mote, Abraham Delfin and Kellton Hollins, those three guys inside continue to play well. Biron Rossell had dinged up his shoulder. Chris Fournier had dinged up an ankle. Those guys kept fighting through trying to make it work. Marcus Williams Jr. continues to play well. Bub Means, Tre Harris and Isaiah Graham are playing really well for us at wide receiver. Jacob Adams continues to be a big part of what we're doing offensively. But, unfortunately, the story of this game was we had five trips into the red zone and we scored three points. It's something we've done a pretty good job of so far this season in getting into the red zone,

but, unfortunately, we weren't able to create those trips down into the red zone for points. We ended up with three turnovers as an offense.

"We had two fourth down stops where we didn't make it to stop drives which was frustrating. For myself, I probably put Austin Kendall in some tough situations. Probably got too much into a drop-back game too early especially with the way the defense played in the second, third and fourth quarters. It was frustrating to perform the way that we did. I give UTEP an awful lot of credit. They have a really good football team. They did a really nice job defensively. But still, we could play much better. As a head coach, I have to do a better job. As assistants, we have to do a better job of trying to find a way to put points on the board and keep them out of the end zone."

Holtz knows this week won't be any easier.

"We just played a now 6-1 UTEP team and now you have an undefeated UTSA coming in here who is 7-0 right now," Holtz said. "They're ranked 24th and 25th in the two polls. It's going to be a great challenge for us. I'm glad we have

the opportunity to come see all the new facilities Ruston is really starting



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Louisiana Tech will be looking for increased offensive output Saturday as the Bulldogs

back home. We haven't been home in about a month.

"It's Homecoming, so for everybody that is out there that hasn't been back to Ruston in a while, we'd love to have you back to not only that have been built on campus with the new dorms, the new chemistry building, seeing what's going on with the athletic complex with the new soccer field, softball stadium and baseball stadium. Little to grow up. We would love to have you back. We need you for your support with playing at home in Joe Aillet Stadium."

It's homecoming and we'd love to see everybody here."

Tech's Lofton named to Karl Malone Award Watch List



Louisiana Tech sophomore Kenneth Lofton Jr. has been named to the Karl Malone Watch List, presented to the top power forward in NCAA hoops.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced Thursday that Louisiana Tech's Kenneth Lofton, Jr. is one of 20 members named to the watch list for the 2022 Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year award.

Named after Class of 2020 Hall of Famer, two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and Louisiana Tech legend Karl Malone, the annual honor in its eighth year recognizes the top power forwards in Division I men's college basketball. A national committee of top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 20 candidates.

Lofton, Jr. received numerous honors as a standout freshman for LA Tech including Third Team All-Conference USA, C-USA Freshman of the Year, NIT All-Tournament Team and a Kyle Macy Award Finalist.

The Port Arthur, Texas native became just the fifth Bulldog in program history to lead the team in scoring (12.1 points) and rebounding (7.5) as a freshman and the first since Paul Millsap (2003-04).

He registered the most double-digit scoring games on the squad

with 22, including 20+ scoring performances, and a team-high nine double-doubles, which ranked second in C-USA and 27th in the country.

The 6-foot-7, 275-pound forward elevated his game against the best. He ended up averaging 20.0 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in the National Invitation Tournament, guiding the Bulldogs

all the way to the Final Four. Against the likes of three SEC opponents - LSU, Ole Miss and Mississippi State - Lofton, Jr. averaged 19.7 points and 9.7 boards.

After gaining notoriety around the country as a Bulldog, he gained attention from around the world over the summer after helping Team USA to the gold of the 2021 FIBA U19 World

Cup in Latvia.

He ended up leading Team USA in scoring with an average of 13.1 points per game while shooting 64.9 percent from the field (highest by a Team USA player since 2013), all while going up against players like 7-foot-2 Victor Wembanyama of France and 7-foot-4 Zach Edey of Canada.

College basketball

fans are encouraged to participate in Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies in each of the three rounds. Voting will go live on Friday, Oct. 22.

In late January, the watch list of 20 players for the 2022 Karl Malone Award will be narrowed to 10 and then in late February to just five. In March, the five finalists will be presented to Mr.

Malone and the Hall of Fame's selection committee where a winner will be selected.

Previous winners of the Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year award include Drev Timme of Gonzaga (2021), Obi Toppin of Dayton (2020), Zion Williamson of Duke (2019), Deandre Ayton of Arizona (2018), Johnathan Motley of Baylor (2019)

LSU, football coach Ed Orgeron to part ways at end of season

By The Associated Press

For Ed Orgeron, LSU's Cajun coach, a dream job is coming to an end.

LSU and Orgeron have agreed to part ways after this season, 21 months after he coached the Tigers to a national championship with what is considered one of the greatest teams in college football history.

"I'm always going to appreciate my time here my time here. I have no regrets," Orgeron said while sitting next to athletic director Scott Woodward, who made the announcement at LSU's Baton Rouge campus Sunday night.

"We haven't won enough games the last two years," Orgeron continued. "I totally get it."

Woodward spoke fondly of Orgeron even as he outlined what compelled him to make a change.

"Ed Orgeron's a friend. We're both Louisiana guys through and through. We both deeply care about this football program. And I will always be grateful for coach Orgeron for leading the Tigers to the greatest season in the history of college football," Woodward began. "With that said, the job requires us to set personal feelings aside

"We expect to compete for SEC and national championships year in and year out," Woodward added. "Our last two seasons have simply not met that standard."

Orgeron, who signed six-year extension after the 2019 season, will receive a buyout of \$16.9 million in a variety of installments made through 2025, according to copies of a new employment agreement for the rest of this season and termination agreement, both provided by LSU.

Sports Illustrated was first to report that Orgeron would not return to LSU in 2022.

While the timing of the announcement - the day after the Tigers (4-3) upset Florida - came as a surprise, the end for Coach O at LSU seemed to be approaching after a blowout loss to Kentucky last week.

That's when Orgeron said he recognized "we were heading down road wasn't positive for LSU and there was going to be a change made. ... I just knew it wasn't LSU style football. It wasn't pretty. I was embarrassed."

The win over Florida at home Saturday made LSU 9-8 since beating Clemson in New Orleans for the national champi-

But Orgeron emphasized that he will not only happily continue to coach the Tigers for the rest of this season, but also will continue to recruit players to LSU, adding that he even spoke with two prospective recruits on Sunday.

"I recruited them to come to LSU. Why would I tell them any different now," Orgeron said. "I love LSU and I was telling them the right thing before (knowing) I'm not going to be here."

The Tigers travel to No. 12 Mississippi (5-1) on Saturday.

"I've been telling the kids I'm going to finish," Orgeron said. "We're not

going to blink. I'm going to be right there with them."

Orgeron is 49-17 with the Tigers in six seasons, including 15-0 in 2019 when Joe Burrow won a Heisman Trophy and LSU earned its third national championship in 17 seasons - coming with three different coaches.

Burrow, now with the Cincinnati Bengals, said LSU's decision on Orgeron was "really disappointing because he was a man that gave me an opportunity when nobody else really was."

"I wouldn't be here without Coach O and I'm forever indebted to him

as a person and as a player," Burrow added. "I love the man. I love the coach. They haven't been winning as many games as I know they would like, but we did just win a national championship two years ago."

LSU slipped to 5-5 during the pandemic-altered 2020 season, but the expectation remained that the Tigers would be back among the top teams in the Southeastern Conference this year after Orgeron overhauled his coaching staff.

Instead, LSU suffered a high-profile loss at UCLA in September and the season slid from there.

Orgeron becomes the

second SEC coach to be let go two years removed from a national title, joining Gene Chizik of Auburn. The Auburn Tigers won the BCS championship with Cam Newton in 2010 but went winless in SEC play in 2012 and Chizik was out.

Orgeron became LSU's head coach after being named interim four games into the 2016 season following the mid-season firing of Les Miles, who had also won a national title with the Tigers in the 2007 season.

LSU went 6-2 the rest of that season and Orgeron was given a long-term contract by then-athletic director Joe Alleva.



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GOOD NEWS

RUNNING THE RACE WITH PATIENCE

The first “big marathon” I ran was the Chicago Marathon – October 1981. I was one of some 16,000 who tortured themselves through several areas of the city. I had but one goal – to complete the run. And I did in about 6 ½ hours. What an exhilarating feeling to cross that finish line, receive my reward amid the cheers of hundreds along the final yards.(I did collapse after the race and spent about an hour in the ER tent, with an IV in my arm). Some of you probably have experienced the ‘high’ associated with ‘getting the second wind.’ If so,

you can associate what drives folks to do such things. The writer of Hebrews mentions a different kind of race that we all run. Before a grandstand of faithful saints who have finished their course, we can hear them cheering us to ‘come on, just a little bit farther, you can make it, etc.’ The runners are encouraged to strip off anything that would hold them back from doing their best, to finish the race and gain the crown. (Heb 12:1). Just like a marathon

runner today, as we run the race in life, we must keep our eyes focused on the finish line. Jesus, our leader has finished the race, and now He sits at the right hand of God, the Father. They join the crowd of witnesses to cheer us on. We must keep on running, with great patience, to complete the race before us, following the Will of God at every point. It’s alright to pause and get a drink of water, wipe your forehead, and gain your second wind, but we must pick-up our speed again and keep

on running. When we grow weary (around mile 22), we are encouraged to focus our attention on the finish line – being with Jesus. Think of His patience as evil men did terrible things to him, sweating great drops of blood. This will prevent us from getting fainthearted and growing weary. Don’t be discouraged along the way, because the ‘punishment’ your body feels is simply God’s way of reminding us we are really His children. This is part of His training us like any loving father would do for his children. (12:3-9).

God is always training us for our good that we may share his holiness. Being ‘punished’ in the race of life is no fun (it hurts), but afterwards, we can see the results – a quiet growth in grace and character (12:11). So take a new grip with your tired hands, stand up firmly on your shaky legs, and mark out a straight, smooth path for your feet so those who are following you will not fall and hurt themselves....but become strong and able to finish the race as well. (12:10-13). The writer concludes this chapter by issuing a series of “watch outs”! Just in running a

race, there are many pitfalls in life, a few short cuts, and many distractions along the way. So keep focused, with your eyes on Jesus! We must pace ourselves, be patient and run carefully so we can finish strong. Then, we can join the crowd of saints of the faith in the grandstands of heaven and cheer on those following behind us. (12:1).

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THE UPWARD LOOK

A Steward of the Gospel

“if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace which was given to me for you;” Ephesians 3:2 NASB

steward of God’s grace he was responsible for sharing the gospel with all people.



Max Hutto

Reflecting on his ministry, Paul remembered that during his Damascus road conversion he was commissioned to take the gospel of God’s grace to the Gentiles. To a Jew all other people were considered to be Gentiles, alienated from God and without a relationship with God. Paul had been entrusted with a stewardship, an administration, an office or position charged with taking the gospel to the Gentiles. As a

Lord Jesus, You have commissioned me and all Your disciples to be witnesses of Your grace. Help me to share the gospel with others so that they too can experience Your saving grace.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Francis

Several months ago I wrote the story of Hans Mulligan, who crawled on his hands and knees from Marshall, TX to Washington D.C. and on to New York City. This column is about Francis. I was driving north on Homer Road and, about Ace Hardware, I passed a man walking on the opposite side of the road. I drove on past him and spent about thirty minutes with my daughter. As I was driving back to Minden, I saw him again. He had walked several miles, and

I thought he was walking fast for an elderly man. I went on by and stopped at Autozone. As I left there, I had an urge to talk to this man. I drove back out the Homer Road and passed him. I turned around and parked on his side of the road. To be continued...



Mack Ford

MACK FORD IS A LOCAL RESIDENT OF WEBSTER PARISH

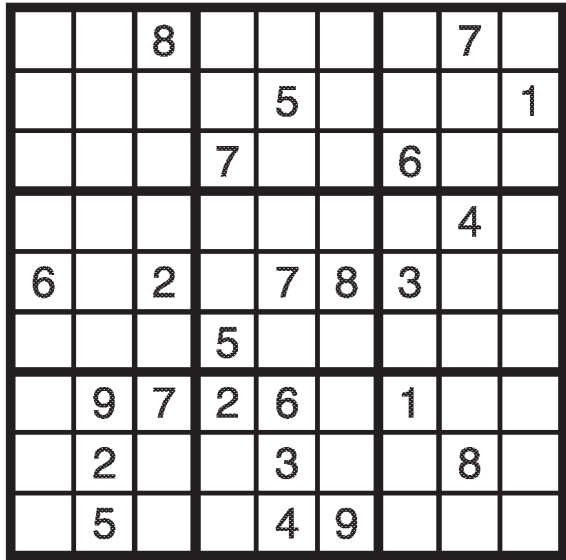
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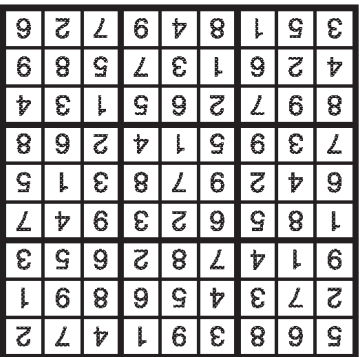
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Thursday's unlisted clue: LITTLE

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: ENGLISH COMMON —

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HISTORY

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1884 International Meridian Conference Adopts Greenwich, England as initial longitudinal meridian
26 countries participated in the conference which was held in Washington, D.C. In addition to making the meridian passing through the Observatory of Greenwich as the initial meridian for longitude or 0 degree longitude, the conference also defined a universal day which would "begin for all the world at the moment of mean midnight at the initial meridian, coinciding with the beginning of the civil day and date of that meridian; and is to be counted from zero up to twenty-four hours".

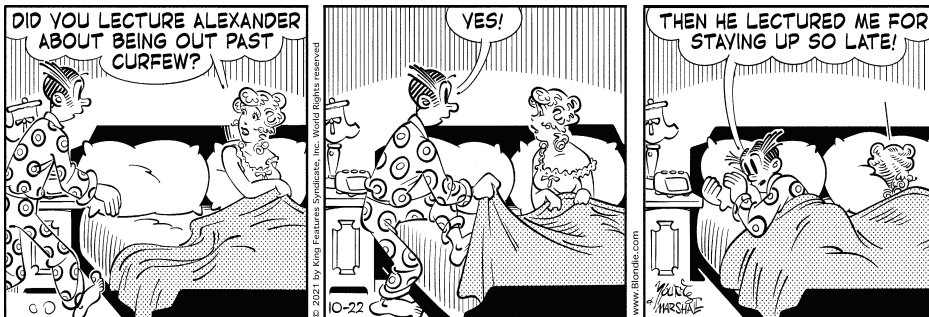
1797 First Person to Jump With a Parachute
French balloonist André-Jacques Garnerin jumped out of a balloon over Parc Monceau in Paris using a silk parachute that he made himself.

COMICS

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



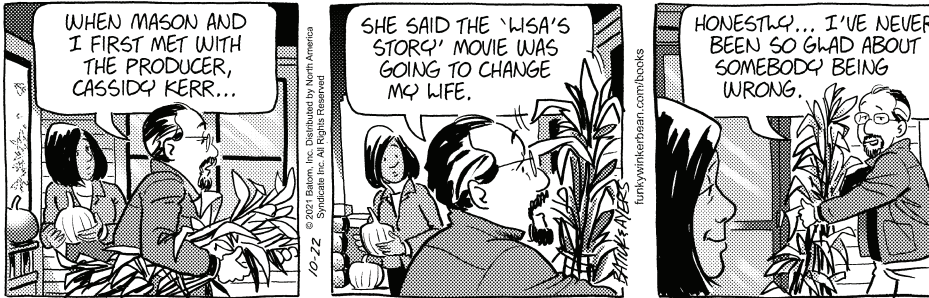
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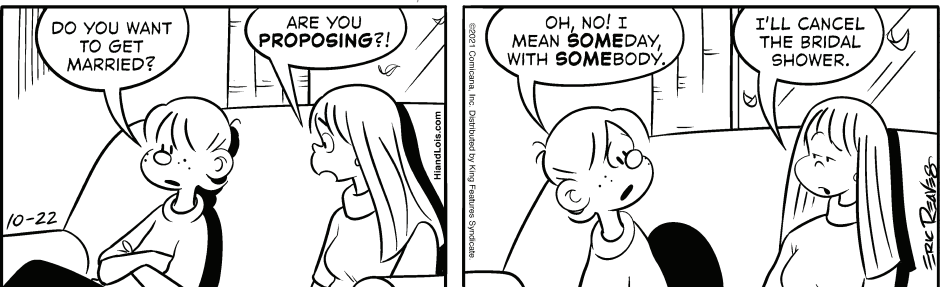
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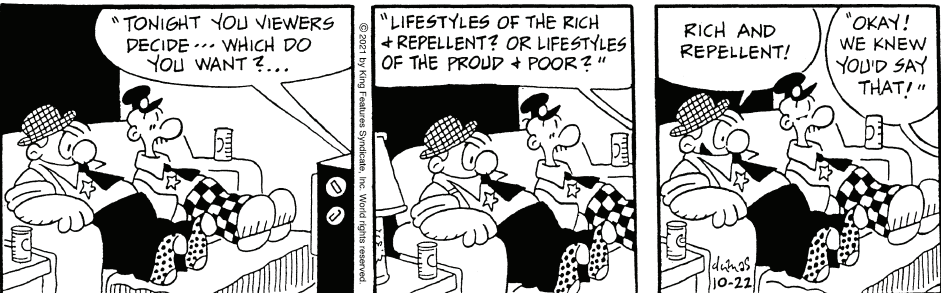
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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79452

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The East 1/2 of LOT "I", and a portion of the West 1/2 of LOT "I", GORTON SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Conveyance Book 2 at Page 43, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said LOT "I", and the Intersection of the North right of way line of a 50 foot road, run thence N 0° 20' W, along the West lot line of said LOT "I", a distance of 357.5 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described, thence continue N 0° 20' W, along said West lot line a distance of 208.5 feet to the NW lot corner of said LOT "I", thence run N 55°E a distance of 122.075 feet to the NE corner of the W1/2 of said LOT "I", thence run S 0 degrees 20 minutes East, along the center of said LOT "I", a distance of 277.94 feet to a point, thence run S 89°40'W, across said LOT "I", a distance of 100.4 feet to the West lot line of said LOT "I", and point of beginning, Municipally known as Route 1, Box 376G, Doyline, Louisiana 71023.

THE WEST HALF (West 1/2) OF LOT "I", GORTON SUBDIVISION OF CAMPSITES, a subdivision in Webster parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2, Page 43, of the Conveyance records of Webster Parish; Louisiana, being located in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N1/2 of SW1/4) of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 10

West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon. (Being also in government lots 1 and 2, said section), LESS AND EXCEPTING A TRACT MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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LESS AND EXCEPT

A tract of land located in Webster parish, Louisiana containing 1.25 acres more or less and described as follows: Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast One-fourth of the Northwest One-fourth, Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South 1346.33 feet; thence run East 2,768.99 feet to the point of beginning; thence run South 88 degrees 23 minutes East 350 feet; thence run South 26 degrees 7 minutes West 125 feet; thence run South 61 degrees 15 minutes West 276.05 feet; thence run North 11 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds West 260.3 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

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

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

JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

September 24, 2021
October 22, 2021
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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 Cheston.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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

2022 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: **2022 Road Construction Materials.**

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, November 19, 2021 - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December 7, 2021.

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

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

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.

Webster Parish Police Jury

s/
Lisa Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

November 11, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Ol' West Bar-B-Que, LLC for a zoning variance on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 206 Hwy. 531. This property is zoned B-4 (Hwy. Commercial).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to be able to build a small residence for the owner's personal use on the same lot as the business.

Legal Description: 1.52 ACRES – TRACT 200 X 329.89 X 199.98 X 332.74 FT. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 24-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance introduced at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on October 12, 2021 is on file in my office and will be offered for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Village and is open to public inspection and will remain so until at least 7 days prior to the final adoption which is scheduled for November 9, 2021.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE #129 - A RESOLUTION ASSESSING A COLLECTION FEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY PERCENT (30%) THAT HAS BEEN REFERRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY TO A COLLECTION AGENCY

That said ordinance to be finally passed is on file with the Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn for public inspection and that said ordinance is to be taken up for final passage, after a public hearing, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, which is scheduled for November 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

This declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana on this the 12th day of October 2021.

Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dana James
Village Clerk

October 22, 2021
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Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
October 12, 2021

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on October 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the regular session of September 14, 2021, September 20, 2021 Public Hearing, and September 27, 2021 Special meeting. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for September 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported there was a water leak under the highway at Hwy. 80 and Stanley Street that has now been repaired.

Chief James Edwards was not able to attend the meeting. Sergeant Alan Davis reported he and Chief Edwards completed re-certification on the Intoxilyzer 9000 for DWI and annual Radar Equipment re-certification was also completed. The National Drug Take Back Initiative will be held on October 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dixie Inn Police Department. The Dixie Inn Police Department will be hosting a First Aid class for the parish law enforcement

officers on November 4, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Training will consist of CPR, tourniquets and Narcan training.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported the Highway 80 Sale will be October 14, 2021 thru October 17, 2021. Main to Main sale will be November 5, 2021 and November 6, 2021.

New Business:

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton introduced Ordinance 38-D (an ordinance amending ordinances 37, 38; 38-A, 38-B, and 38-C providing for the establishment of service charges and rates to users of water, sewer, and garbage services and additional water, sewer, and garbage regulations for the users thereof in the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana). Council members discussed the ordinance. Ordinance 38-D, with changes requested by the council, will be re-introduced at the November 9, 2021 council meeting.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to allow Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton to sign a collection agreement with American Municipal Services (re: Ordinance #129). Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton introduced Ordinance #129 (a Resolution assessing a collection fee in an amount not to exceed thirty percent (30%) that has been referred by the municipality to a collection agency). Ordinance 129 will be taken up for adoption at the November 9, 2021 council meeting.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss approving the purchase of four (4) new tires for the 2018 Ram truck for the maintenance department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Sergeant Alan Davis did not have an update for a new police department vehicle.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton had no update on internet service.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported we have received approval to move forward with purchasing the generator for the Village Hall and Police Department.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution that Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 231,000 customers in eleven Parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business, and who also serves customers in Arkansas and Texas, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") of an Application for (I) Recovery of Certain Storm Damage Costs incurred as a result of Hurricanes Laura and Delta (II) Recovery of Certain Storm Restoration costs associated with the February 2021 Winter Storm Event and (III) Expedited Treatment. The eleven Parishes through which SWEPCO's service area extends in Louisiana are: Bossier, Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn, and Vernon. Notice will be published in the Official Bulletin of the LPSC. Pertinent docket information will be provided in the Bulletin. The proposed rate change will affect all parishes served by SWEPCO if approved by the Commission. The proposed rate change is sought primarily to recover the cost of service incurred by SWEPCO to restore electric service following Hurricanes Laura and Delta, and the February 2021 Winter Storm Event. SWEPCO's Application filed on October 18, 2021 with the LPSC, will be noticed and docketed in accordance with LPSC Rules and may be viewed in the office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and also on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov) upon publication in the LPSC's Official Bulletin. Additionally the LPSC may be contacted regarding any questions.

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Kind Regards,

Jimmy "Jimbo" Yocom
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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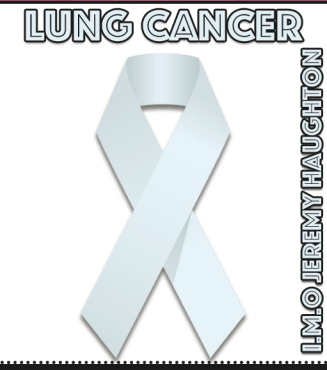
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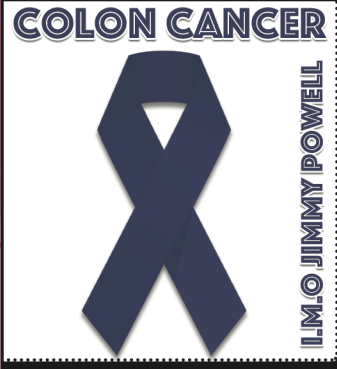
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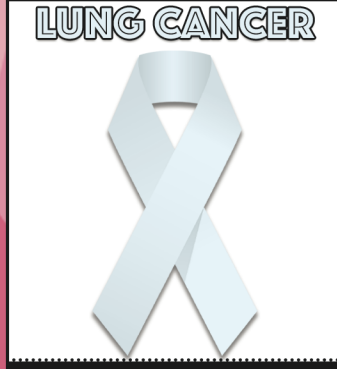
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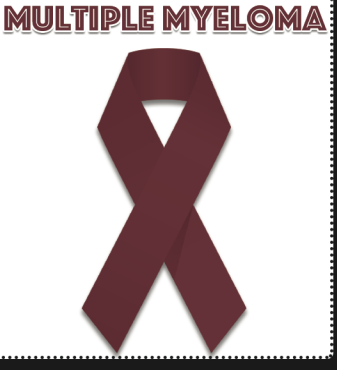
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