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GASBUDDY

Price at pump falls 5 cents

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 5.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.95/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 25.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.34/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$3.49/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.58/g, a difference of \$1.09/g.

"Oil prices fell last week as Covid cases in China surged, prompting restrictions on movements and hurting oil demand. Meanwhile, President Biden's announcement that the U.S. would be releasing 180 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve caused an even further decline in oil, leading gas prices in nearly all areas of the country to fall over the last week," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.17/g today. The national average is up 25.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.31/g higher than a year ago.

"So long as oil prices remain under \$100 per barrel and there's no escalations in Russia's war on Ukraine, we may be poised to see gas prices decline again this week as the U.S. and other countries try to raise oil supply to tip prices lower," said De Haan.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Baton Rouge- \$3.95/g, down 5.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.01/g.

Jackson- \$3.84/g, down 6.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.90/g.

New Orleans- \$4.02/g, down 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.05/g.

GIVING BACK



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Ethan Jeffus with Diana Sanders owner of Mercy's Closet with the donation box that is at Mercy's Closet where donations are collected.

From one 'closet' to another

Minden's Ethan Jeffus initiates partnership between Mercy's Closet and La. Tech

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Native Ethan Jeffus recently initiated a partnership between Mercy's Closet in Minden and the Louisiana Tech Career Center to help college students attain professional clothes that they will need to help further their careers.

Jeffus currently serves at the Career Center as a Career Center Ambassador. "Since my time serving there, the Career Center has started a Career Closet, which opened in late 2021 with the mission of providing free professional clothes to students in need so they would be prepared to interview

for jobs and attend events where professional attire is required. Mercy's Closet has been able to partner with the Career Center in our effort by helping collect professional clothes that are then given for free to students at Louisiana Tech."

Currently at Mercy's Closet there is a "Career Closet" box for any and all who are willing to contribute to this program. "When working with the Career Center to open the Career Closet I almost instantly thought of fostering a partnership with Mercy's Closet. When Mercy's Closet was first founded I helped initiate a clothing drive to help them get started

with their mission of giving free clothes to those in need," said Jeffus.

"Knowing the mission of Mercy's Closet and the heart the owner has for helping others I knew this would be a good partnership to make."

For those who wish to contribute to this program, it is encouraged that they donate gently-used formal and professional type clothing for both men and women. This can include dress shirts, blazers, shoes, etc.

Clothes can be donated at Mercy's Closet, located at 609 Sibley Road and is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ARREST REPORT

Many calls to police lead to drug arrest of Plum Street man

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on drug charges and resisting arrest last Friday after police officers followed through on a report that the man was in possession of both drugs and a gun.

Officers had received multiple calls about James "Skull" Bailey, 53, walking down Plum Street with drugs and a gun. "I observed Bailey standing in the intersection of Plum at George Street," said the arrest report. "When he saw me, he put his right

hand in his waistband. I went to the end of the block and radioed for backup before making contact with Bailey."

The officer's backup arrived in time to conduct a "Terry stop"—a brief, temporary involuntary detention of a person suspected of being involved in criminal activity—based on the calls they had received. The officers had Bailey place his hands on the hood of a police vehicle and frisked him for weapons.

"I felt a hard cylindrical

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The Farm of Cultural Crossroads seeks vendors for market

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Farmer's Market will be returning to The Farm of Cultural Crossroads this summer, and they are looking for more vendors to participate.

Farmer's markets are a way for consumers to get food directly from local farmers and other agricultural producers. Buying from a local farmer's market allows you to get the freshest seasonal produce while supporting local growers. Not only will you know where your food is coming from but you will know that it has been transported only a short distance without sitting in storage for weeks. And you will be helping to support local small businesses.

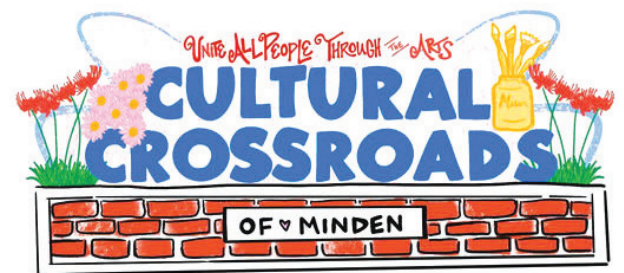
The Farm is only accepting vendors who sell

"produce, meat & dairy, and prepared foods / food products," said Brandi Cade, Executive Director for The Farm of Cultural Crossroads.

The markets will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of June, July, and August from 8 am until noon.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please go to their website at www.cultural-crossroadsofminden.org/farmersmarket and complete the Vendor form. The fees will be \$25 per Saturday, but if you sign up for all eight Saturdays the total charge will be only \$175.

If you're just looking for some great, fresh food and a way to connect with your community, be sure to come visit the Farmer's Market and support your local growers and bakers.



LOCAL EVENT

Greater Minden Chamber Gala is tonight

Event to celebrate local businesses, volunteers at Minden Civic Center

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Tonight, the Greater Minden Chamber will be celebrating its 80th year at the Minden Civic Center.

"We are excited to celebrate 80 Years of outstanding service to the Minden community," said Jana Morgan, president of the Greater Minden Chamber.

At the gala, the chamber will present awards

to select business owners and nonprofit organizations as an act of recognition for their contributions to their local community over the past year.



MORGAN

"We take pride in promoting the businesses in and around Minden

and we will continue to build on those relationships," Morgan said.

Usually a staple of the event, Minden's Man of the Year and Women of the Year will not be named at the 2022 gala.

"The Minden Lions Club and Young Women Service Club agreed to give the current honorees their full year," Morgan said.

She added the Chamber will honor a "Hometown

Hero" and a "Lifetime Achievement" recipient.

The gala is also the official "passing of the gavel" from 2020-21 Chairman David Specht to 2022 Chairman Logan McCornathy.

"Logan has invested in our community in a variety of ways," said Specht.

"He has been one to show up, speak up, and put his hand to plow when needed. He is a 'servant leader' in the very best sense of the term."

The doors of the Civic Center open at 6:30 p.m., and the event begins at 7 p.m.

Nominees

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Durrett Law & Title
The Doll House
Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Velvet Home & Clothing
Bricktown Boutique
Red Blooms

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

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INSPIRATION

Our stories have meaning

In honor of my precious mother, Marcella May Morris-Hudson, I wish to do my part to make the public aware of traumatic brain injuries, along with the Brain Injury Association of America, who has led the way in making the public aware of traumatic brain injuries.

I shall always remember when I first became aware of just how important it is that I share my story of my mother's tragic accident, when she lapsed into a coma at the age of two, while her parents were living in an underground dug-out in Woods County, Oklahoma where their family was in the Land Rush of Oklahoma in 1908.

I was stunned, after sharing my mother's story, at a Christian writer's conference in 2010 when a young woman approached me and told me how grateful she was that I had told my story that day because her daughter had been in an automobile accident that caused her to be disabled for life yet she was soon to become a new mother.

A year later I saw her again and she said that somehow it was working out with their family and the new grand baby.

It helps knowing someone else has experienced what you are going through.

Not long after that experience I was sitting in a doctor's waiting room next to a young woman. Being the perpetual story teller that I am, I began telling the story about my mother's brain trauma.

The woman be came speechless.

After I finished she said "there's a reason you just told me that story. I am helping my sister-in-law, who was brain damaged in an auto accident and I am trying to help raise her teenage daughter."

She confirmed how important sharing my mother's story really is.

It took me a long time to find out what happened to my childlike mother but one thing I will always know she loved me so much and wanted to do better but didn't know

how. I shall never forget her blinding tears when we went to an orphanage.

I would probably not be here today had it not been for my parent's neighbors matching them up after my maternal grandfather died leaving my thirty-nine year old mother with no family support system. My paternal grandmother also had just passed away leaving my already ill father with no one to care so it was an easy match.

But anyway my sister, Alice, and I came into this world in a most unusual setting and we both vividly remember the taunts and stares of other children because of our funny clothes and everything that goes with being poor.

Children can be cruel.

I don't think anyone knew what had happened to my mother but the school yard bullying hurt us both to the core.

Being a child is hard enough but standing out in a crowd hurts.

What I am here to say is that what happens to someone else can just as easily happen to you.

To think not is to be naive.

I recall one summer in the early 80's when three young people in this area had accidents that caused them to lapse into a coma resulting in permanent brain damage.

Sometimes just hearing someone's story gives us the courage to go on. We should not be so afraid to reach out, to share where we came from.

Whatever happens to us can be a tool we can use to lift someone to their feet, out of depression, and onto a brighter day -- one step at a time..

Where my story leads I do not know but I know that God sometimes steps out of the wood-work making his presence known, placing people in our path, letting us know that we are not alone and that "we are angels flying with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other."

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SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

WEEKEND EVENT



COURTESY PHOTOS

This Saturday the Minden Airport hosted Pilots for Patients 2022 Air-Runners Fly-in and Car Show. There were many planes on display as well as a huge selection of car brands ranging from Ford to Rolls Royce. Some of these vehicles were quite old and impressively refurbished while others were new. The food, music, and great weather really made this a great spring event to attend. Pilots for Patients is a non-profit organization that helps to connect patients who need to travel great lengths for treatments with pilots so that they can get to their appointments quickly and for free.

LEGISLATURE

Measure requiring plan for special ed classroom cameras advances in Legislature

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Senate has unanimously approved legislation to require schools to develop a plan to install cameras in self-contained classrooms by the end of the year.

The Senate voted 38-0 to approve Senate Bill 45, sponsored by Sen. Franklin Foil, R-Baton Rouge, to set a Dec. 31 deadline for schools to “adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and audio in a classroom upon the written request of a parent or legal guardian.”

“This is just a clarification of a policy we put in place last year that puts a deadline to come up with a policy for cameras in ... self-contained classrooms of December 31, 2022,” Foil said Tuesday before the Senate vote. “It does not require schools to go forward if there’s no funding, so it doesn’t change that.”

The measure stems from complaints from parents of nonverbal

special needs students who repeatedly have requested cameras to monitor how their children are treated in school. Foil sponsored a successful bill last legislative session that tasked schools with creating a camera policy, but the bill did not include a deadline and many schools haven’t complied, Foil told the Senate Education Committee last week.

Senators amended SB 45 on the floor to require schools to notify the Louisiana Department of Education once a policy is developed. The bill does not require schools to install cameras but rather to create a plan to do so upon a parent’s request “if funding becomes available.”

Two mothers of non-verbal students who testified in the Senate Education Committee pleaded with lawmakers to pressure schools to comply with the law, and to find a way to motivate officials to work with parents. The women

said they exhausted their efforts locally to press the issue without success.

Lawmakers on the committee tasked education officials with developing a cost estimate to install cameras in all of the state’s self-contained classrooms and to find funding to make it happen. Preliminary estimates put the cost at about \$6 million, Foil told the committee.

Senate Finance Committee Chair Sen. Mack White, R-Baton Rouge, highlighted billions in state and federal funding allocated to schools, and encouraged education officials to press schools to set some of it aside for the cameras.

“I’m not going to tell you what to do, but it seems like a reasonable ask to me, \$6 million out of \$3.5 billion. We send out about \$6 billion in (state school funding) already to the locals,” White said. “We do a lot of things, like they want a \$1,500 pay raise this year. You know, so I would

ask them, we’re going to try to get you \$1,500, try to get a little bit of this money spent on cameras, they’re not real expensive.”

Ethan Melancon, director of governmental affairs for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, told the committee officials have looked for ways to fund the cameras but requirements attached to federal American Rescue Plan funding complicates those efforts.

“We have been exploring this for a while,” he said. “We’ve reached dead ends across every avenue we’ve looked.”

Danielle Mitchell, deputy chief of operations for the Louisiana Department of Education, told the committee the department is unsure how many schools have cameras in self-contained classrooms, but promised to find out and report back to the Senate Education Committee.

LEGISLATURE

Local police, firefighters in line for increase in Louisiana supplemental pay

(The Center Square) Local police and fire personnel are one step closer to a boost in state supplemental pay after the Louisiana Senate Finance Committee approved a bill to make it happen.

Committee members voted unanimously to approve Senate Bill 80, sponsored by Chair Rep. Mack White, R-Baton Rouge, to increase monthly state supplemental pay for local police and firefighters by \$100 a month.

“It’s a supplement because law enforcement, they enforce and make arrests on our state statutes,

our state laws,” White said Monday during the committee meeting. “They don’t just do their local laws, they do our state laws.”

“The fire departments, they work accidents on our state roads, our interstates, and all that, and that’s one of the reasons they have a state supplement,” he said.

Current law gives qualified law enforcement and firefighters \$500 a month in supplemental pay, and SB 80 would increase the pay to \$600 a month. The total cost to the state would run \$24.85 million.

“I think with the current state of our society, with so many laws and so many law enforcement officers getting hurt and shot, and also the firemen get to get in on it now, they’re attacked,” White said. “I think it’s a just cause to try to raise their state supplement by \$100 a month, which we equate to a \$1,200 (a year) raise.”

Sen. Gerald Boudreaux, D-Lafayette, noted the bill simply extends the raises to those already receiving supplemental pay and suggested lawmakers state explicitly in the bill

the positions that receive the money.

“What I would ask is that between now and the floor if the staff can just take a look at it,” he said, adding that marshals and constables are not identified. “If there’s any opportunity for us to amend it on the floor just to make it clear, because some of us will not be here in 10 years when they come back and they will ask what was the intent.

“My request is just to look and see if clarity is needed,” Boudreaux said.

Sen. Regina Barrow, D-Baton Rouge, echoed

Boudreaux’s call for clarity.

“I’ve gotten some calls also,” she said. “Since it’s not listed, people just call to make sure they’re included.”

“I was told when it was written it took nobody out, it stayed the same ... but staff will go re-check it and I’ll go through it with them one more time,” White said.

Sen. Cameron Henry Jr., R-Metairie, pointed out that local governments would be required to pick up some increased retirement benefits because of the bill, but noted no of-

ficials attended the meeting in opposition.

“I did not get a call,” White said. “I think they’re probably happy we’re paying them ... \$7,200 a year state supplement to their employees.”

SB 80 moves to the full Senate for consideration.

“They have to meet requirements, and if they meet those requirements, if they’re currently making a state supplement of \$500 a month, that supplement would go to \$600 a month, a \$100 increase,” White said.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Teadrin Burris, 27, of the 800 block of Peach Street, was arrested for stalking and being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Ladena Miles, 38, of the 1500 block of

Shreveport Road, was arrested on a warrant for simple battery.

Tymesia Reed, 37, was arrested on two warrants for unauthorized entry.

Michael Williams, 40, of the 300 block of Lewis Loop, was arrested on a warrant.

Alexis Roberson, 36, of the 100 block of Tillman Church Road, was arrested for stopping in a roadway, resisting an officer, and interfering with an investigation.

James Bailey Jr., 53, of the 700 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for two counts of possession of a

schedule I substance with intent to distribute, possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, and two counts of resisting an officer with force.

Jules Gilcrease, 38, of the 11200 block of Sungate Drive, was arrested for driving under suspension, no

insurance, switched tags, possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a fugitive of the WPSO.

Timothy Washington, 49, of the 700 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace and possession of drug

paraphernalia.

Dustin Crow, 31, of the 400 block of Central Park Drivewas arrested for issuing a worthless check.

Billy Lane, 63, of the 700 block of Buck Street, was arrested for issuing worthless checks.

Christopher Palmer, 36, of the 100 block of McDade Street, was arrested for simple burglary.

Jennifer Rosypal, 48, of the 300 block of Holoman Loop, was arrested for improper lane usage, no driver's license, and failure to appear in court.

WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Roberts Carter



A memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Ann Roberts Carter will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Heflin United Methodist Church in Heflin, Louisiana with Rev. Judy Bazer officiating. Mary donated her body to the Louisiana State Anatomical Board of LSU School of Medicine. Mary was born February 12, 1948, to Leon and Margeurite Roberts in Minden, Louisiana and passed away on March 30, 2022, at home in Heflin, Louisiana. She was a graduate of Minden High School. She was a

member of Heflin United Methodist Church. Mary was happiest when surrounded by her family. Her most important accomplishment was her children. Her faith in God never wavered even in her deepest struggle. The most important message she wants to share is one of redemption and salvation for any and all. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Leon Roberts, her mother, Margeurite Martin Roberts, and her brother, Joe Wilson Roberts. She is survived by two daughters, Kim Sparks and Kristi Holley and husband Ken Holley all of Heflin; grandchildren, Conner and Blakley Smith, Kirsten and Kaleb Smart, Haidyn Holley, Kailey Sparks, and Jewel Holley; brother, Charles Roberts of Lemming, Texas; sister Margie Roberts of Kingsville, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and relatives.

Eddie Louis Starr

Eddie Louis Starr passed away on Monday, March 21, 2022 at his home in Shongaloo, Louisiana. He was 68 years old. He succumbed to complications from diabetes and COVID. Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Winfred David and Leona Carnelle Harvey Starr; two 1st cousins-once-removed, Andrew Blaine Carver and Cory Endicott Carver, and their mothers, Patricia Bandy Carver and Linda Endicott Carver. He is survived by his brother and only sibling, David D. Starr; two special 1st cousins, brothers Bill Carver and Glenn Carver; a uncle, Travis Starr; two nephews, Alex Starr and Carl Starr; three grand-nieces; three great-grand-nieces and

Juanita Carpenter

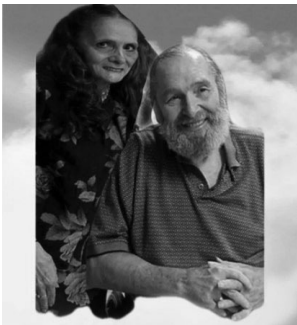


Funeral services celebrating the life of Juanita Carpenter will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Dee Anders officiating, assisted by Rev. Jane Brown. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Juanita loved working for her church, sewing, crocheting, and quilting for family and friends. Juanita was born March 28, 1935, in Winnsboro, Louisiana and entered into rest April 2, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Eugene Carpenter, her son Leslie Eugene Carpenter, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cummins, granddaugh-

ter, Kimberly Renee Washington, great granddaughter, Bryanna Nicole, great grandson, Noah Matthew Caswell, sister, Doris Benson, and brother, Marion Cummins. She is survived by her daughters, Wanda (Karl) Washington of Minden, Shirley (Kenneth) Keen of Minden, Janet (Edward) Caswell of Minden, and Janice (Ronnie) Hood of Atlanta, Texas. Grandchildren, Bill (Tammy) Washington, Angela Finley, Misty Cox, Chris Caswell (Sarah), Kim Baronett (Doug), Stacy Hood (Terry), Jonathan Hood, 11 great grandchildren, and 3 great great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Bill Washington, Chris Caswell, Jonathan Hood, Guy Schoolfield, Doug Baronett, Allen Gaston, and Charlie Gaston. Honorary pallbearer will be Billy Gaston, Jr., Dakota Mosley, and Micah Hood.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home
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David John Snyder & Bobbie Lou Snyder



David John Snyder, 74, of Heflin, LA passed away tragically on March 19, 2022. Bobbie Lou Snyder, 74, of Heflin, LA passed away tragically on March 20, 2022. David was born in Pittsburgh, PA to Edward and Josephine Snyder. Bobbie was the daughter of Robert and Gladys Culpepper of Heflin, LA.

David and Bobbie met at Centenary College where he was on a Football Scholarship and she was on a

Piano and Academic Scholarship. They were wed August 19, 1966 and were happily married 55 years. They are survived by two daughters, Diana Sue Snyder and Debra Samantha Lewis (Mandy). They moved to California for some years where Bobbie worked for Walt Disney, Orion Pictures, as well as Personal Assistant to Steven Spielberg. David was a chauffeur to the stars, driving for Universal Pictures as well as others. They then moved back to Louisiana to care for Bobbie's ailing mother, and David went on to get his teaching degree from Louisiana Tech University. They were later grandparents to Kevin Kittidumrongkool, Brianna Lewis, Shelby Snyder, and Maya Holmes. They were great grandparents to Jordan Lewis, Je'London Lewis, Kevin JR, Jori Ward, and Shelby Myles Snyder. David also leaves behind a brother, Bob Snyder and wife Sue of North Carolina, as well as three nieces, Christa, Andrea, and Lisa. They will truly be missed, but we know that they are at least together as always.

ARREST

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object in the right side of Bailey's waistband," the report states. "I believed the item to be the handle of a gun." At that point, Bailey took off running and was tackled by the officers. After a struggle, the officers were able to physically restrain Bailey and force his hands behind

his back to be handcuffed. Bailey had to be held down by multiple officers to be searched, with one officer suffering minor cuts and scrapes as a result. And—April Fools—the object turned out not to be a gun but, instead, to be a sock stuffed with multiple baggies of marijuana (packaged for sale) as well as a hard case

containing ecstasy and more than ten rocks of cocaine. The drugs totaled 59.29 grams of marijuana, 3 grams of cocaine, and 4.59 grams (14 doses) of ecstasy. Bailey was charged

with two counts of resisting with force or violence, possession of ecstasy with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell.

NEW Obituary Submission Guidelines

- All obituaries must be typed to avoid any errors.
- Deadline for obituaries is 3:00 p.m. two days prior to the publication date.
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If you have any further questions please call our office at 318-377-1866

Anthony Cleabe Manuel



A funeral mass for Mr. Anthony Cleabe Manuel, age 74, of Springhill, LA, will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2022, St. Paul Catholic, Minden, LA with Father Joseph Kallookalam officiating. Interment will follow in Springhill Cemetery, Springhill, LA under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill.

Rosary services will be held at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with a visitation to follow from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

Anthony, also known as "Little Frenchie" was born on October 16, 1947 to Liverty Anthony "Frenchie" and Lalia Edith Palmer Manuel in Shreveport, LA and passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at his home in Springhill. He was in the 1965 graduating class of Springhill High School and graduated with a bachelors degree from Northeast Louisiana State College in 1971. He was a faithful member Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Paul Catholic Church until his health declined. Anthony was the owner of AKC Properties and "Little Frenchies Fixins". He served on the Board of Directors at Citizens Bank & Trust Co. from 1975 until 2016 and on numerous other boards through the years including the North Webster Chamber of Commerce, Springhill Medical Center Foundation and the Webster Parish Jury Commission. Anthony's true passion was serving others and he enjoyed doing that with his catering company "Little Frenchies Fixins" for many years. His big smile and contagious laugh will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Mary Edington Manuel; daughter, Kelly Manuel Morales and husband, Mike of Shreveport; two sons, Adam Manuel of Shreveport, Cody Manuel and wife, Shelly of Bradley, AR; two step-sons, Jason Marshall and wife, Kristina of Springhill, Colton Walters of Hendersonville, TN; six grandchildren, Gabe Marshall, Gavin Marshall, Anna Manuel, Keegan Walters, Katelyn Manuel, Scarlett Walters; sister, Harryette Winn and husband, Raymond of West Monroe, LA; nephew, Matt Winn; niece, Ashley Tonore and husband, Gerald; great-niece, Morgan Tonore; great-nephew, Alex Tonore; sister-in-law, Sandra Barnard and husband, Tommy; and brother-in-law, Don Edington and wife, Pat.

He preceded in death by his parents. Pallbearers will be James Colvin, Mike Word, Russ Green, Ivan Sumlin, Charles Smith, Jason Wade, Jason Parker and Charles Jacobs. Honorary pallbearers will be Skip Grillot, Ralph Vines, Ray Huddleston, Josh Carpenter, Leo Torres, Ronnie Coleman, Kerry Johnston, B.J. Benefield, Jerry Causey, Bill Carter, Jr., Robert Huddleston, John David Green, Robert Hilburn, Jeff White and Terry Wallace.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to Jeannie Crook and Mary Hoof for the love and wonderful care they gave to Anthony over the past couple of years. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made in his honor to St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 Fincher Rd, Minden, LA 71055.

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OTHER OPINION

PAR: Lawmakers need to protect citizen access to virtual public meetings

Louisiana learned the benefits and pitfalls of moving public meetings online during the last two years of the coronavirus pandemic, with more people able to view the decision-making of their elected officials but often with fewer opportunities for public comment.

As more boards and commissions seek to rewrite Louisiana's open meetings law and gather remotely, the Public Affairs Research Council is urging a cautious, thoughtful and comprehensive approach that prioritizes public participation.

Lawmakers should develop a holistic set of guidelines for state government bodies seeking to meet online or through teleconference, rather than pass a series of piecemeal measures that give various boards and commissions the ability to meet virtually with different rules and nonuniform requirements.

The COVID-19 outbreak has demonstrated the need for more flexibility for the state's committees, boards and commissions to conduct business remotely in certain circumstances. But Louisiana's exit from the emergency phase of the

pandemic offers the right time to review best practices and make smart decisions about virtual meetings.

Conducting a state meeting via Zoom, by phone or through some other online method can offer greater access to government for people who live hours away from Baton Rouge and can't easily travel, but can conversely limit access to those without strong, consistent internet access. Requiring a physical location for a meeting, along with an online option, could possibly address those conflicting problems.

Lawmakers need to think through such concerns, while also considering ways to encourage more public oversight of government, not less.

The Legislature, for example, has an excellent livestreaming system on its website for people to watch the action in the House and Senate and their committees. But being able to follow along remotely isn't the same as participating and offering comment.

If boards and commissions want to move more of their work to virtual meetings, they need to recognize that watching from a com-

puter or smartphone can make it harder for people to access their elected officials. Allowing only written testimony, rather than remote testimony by phone or video, isn't sufficient for public comment.

To untangle the complex issues that arise with virtual meetings, PAR recommends lawmakers create a short-term study group to compare the online meeting methods used in other states, dive into Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana cybersecurity and technology concerns and, most importantly, preserve the rights of citizens to monitor and comment on the actions of its state government.

After meeting over the next year, the study group could return to lawmakers with a proposal that could offer a coordinated set of parameters for holding online meetings, perhaps with tiers depending on the level of regulatory and legal authority the public body has.

Lawmakers agreed in 2020 to give the Bond Commission the temporary ability to hold virtual meetings and may allow that permanently. The commission's experiences - which showed

boosted attendance at its remote meetings - could be helpful to determining a broader approach across other state public bodies.

Among the provisions of the Bond Commission law, the panel must have an in-person anchor location in addition to the online option for attendance, votes must be taken by roll call and the meeting must be recorded and posted online. The number of online meetings is limited to one per quarter during a year. Those are good starting points for discussion of a broader template.

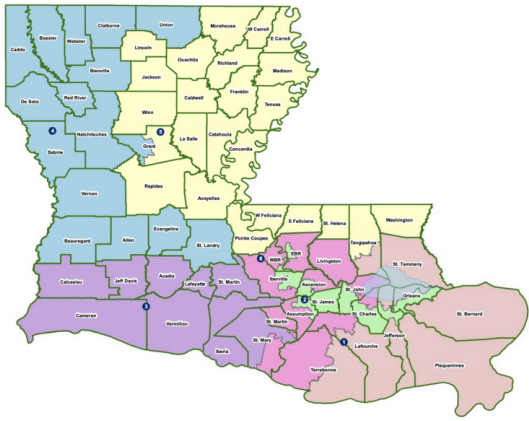
Any concepts developed by a study group for online state government entities could be presented to lawmakers for consideration in the 2023 regular session and also could help local governing bodies seeking to develop similar virtual meeting policies.

Louisiana has a strong open meetings law that prioritizes public access. Lawmakers should tread carefully as they revise the rules.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: Drawing new maps is political, but Louisiana can do a lot better



The Louisiana Legislature approved new district lines for the state's seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. (Image courtesy of Louisiana Legislature)

short, they'll draw up the map again, but it's not clear if the political deals of February are going to hold.

The governor also allowed to become law, without his signature, bills drawing new maps for the state House and Senate. Those he also rightly criticized as failing to

add even a single majority-minority district in a state where Black and other non-White populations are growing.

All politics? Well, yes. But other states are trying to make the decisions more informed and fair by requiring lawmakers to vote on new

maps drawn by independent commissions.

That approach, as we have said many times, starts the process from the right place: new maps based not on political advantage but on more objective standards set out in law by the U.S. Voting Rights Act, and common sense.

When the Legislature gets back to its regular business, we hope members will pass some version of a better plan proposed by Rep. Cedric Glover, of Shreveport.

House Bill 562 would create a panel of citizens to bypass the endless political deal making that marked this year's redistricting session.

Maybe it won't work, but it's better than the alternative, which is what we saw in February.

OPINION

LaRose: Politics, not principles, lead to a redistricting debacle in Louisiana

GREG LAROSE
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

One of the rising stars among Republicans in state government is Rep. John Stefanski of Crowley. He recently led redistricting efforts as chairman of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, a role that saw him clock late hours at the Capitol and around the state during a legislative roadshow.

An attorney by trade, Stefanski has displayed his knowledge and adeptness when it comes to crafting law. You might not always agree with his conservative stances, but you have to respect how he stands his ground and treats his colleagues in the process.

But two recent actions from Stefanski raise concern that he has placed politics above principles. He's far from alone in the statehouse, where too frequently lawmakers succumb to the prevailing climate that often chokes off reason and logic.

The first instance occurred last week when Rep. Kathy Edmonston, R-Gonzales, brought

forward a bill to ban vaccine passports. The term is used for the option of adding proof of vaccination stamps to drivers' licenses. Edmonston's bill would prohibit the state from issuing a license based on a driver's immunization status.

Because the state Office of Motor Vehicles currently doesn't have the authority to stamp licenses in this fashion - and no one has suggested they should - Stefanski rightly questioned the need for Edmonston's bill.

"Let's say we came back next year and allowed you to put the vaccine on (driver's licenses), then your bill would do nothing?" he asked her on the House floor.

In response, Edmonston noted that vaccine passports had gained traction in other states. Stefanski again pushed for an answer about her bill.

"But it doesn't actually do anything?" he asked again.

Edmonston wouldn't admit to Stefanski's point, saying only that it would stop the OMV from including someone's vaccine status on their licenses.

"But the (OMV) can't do that," Stefanski told Edmonston. "I

don't disagree with what you're doing. I just don't think the legislation may be necessary."

And after that compelling discussion, Stefanski proceeded to vote in favor of Edmonston's bill, which cleared the House in a 58-23 vote largely along party lines. Despite its do-nothing status, he voted to support what the bill represents - a counter-punch to government overreach. But how can vaccine passports be government overreach when they don't actually exist in Louisiana?

Another gaffe from Stefanski came Wednesday when he was arguing for a veto override in the House for the congressional redistricting bill Gov. John Bel Edwards rejected. Stefanski's comments came after Rep. Royce Duplessis, D-New Orleans, had just finished telling colleagues how the failure to add a second majority-minority seat in Congress was a clear violation of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"The Voting Rights Act is federal law. It is not (in the) Louisiana Constitution," said Stefanski, who had started his floor speech with what he called a "constitutional

lesson" about the veto override process and separation of governmental powers.

After the House voted 72-31 to override the governor's veto, the bill moved to the upper chamber where Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, D-New Orleans, called out Stefanski for those remarks.

"This federal constitution, not the state - yeah, I get the difference - quoting the chairman on the other side (Stefanski) who made a point that we are Louisiana and this (override) is not federal law," Peterson said. "I happen to disagree, that we do have to follow federal law, and what this bill represents is a violation of, yes, the U.S. Constitution."

While Stefanski is singled out here, he's far from the only state lawmaker who allowed party loyalty to steer their redistricting decisions. Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, who chairs the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, authored an identical bill with just one majority-minority congressional district. She shunned numerous proposals that sought more Black representation on the Louisiana Supreme Court, the state school board and

in the Legislature.

Both Stefanski and Hewitt used similar specious arguments throughout the redistricting session to defend their proposals and others with GOP-support against Voting Rights Act violation claims.

A federal court will now decide if Louisiana's congressional map will stand, and that ruling could well be appealed up to the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court's conservative majority has issued rulings that have weakened the Voting Rights Act. Should justices ultimately back Louisiana's congressional redistricting, the decision will have implications that would last at least a generation.

It's likely Stefanski will be on the scene for some time to come, and he is certainly capable of making a lasting, positive mark on Louisiana political history. But his role in the 2022 redistricting process may well be a blemish on that legacy.

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SPORTS

North Webster shuts out Ruston, 15-0

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster took control early and never looked back Friday night as the Lady Knights marched to a 15-0 home win over Ruston Friday evening.

The Lady Knights took full advantage of a double by Anekah Coleman and a single by Emma McKenzie to plate three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

North Webster matched that three-run total in the bottom of the inning to build a 6-0 advantage before pushing across five more runs in the third.

The Lady Tigers completed the 15-run rule win in the bottom of the fourth with another four runs to move to 9-12 on the year.

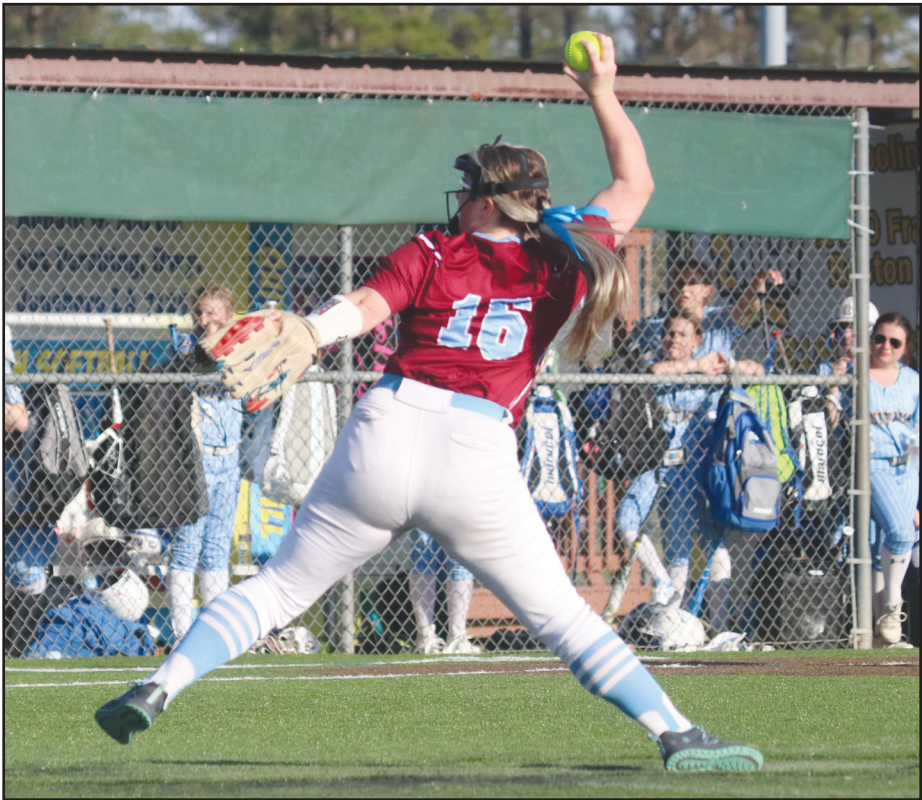
Charlie Campbell threw a no-hitter for the Lady Kingiths to earn the win while adding two RBIs offensively.

McKenzie went two-for-three at the plate with two RBIs to lead North Webster, while Sydni Garmany led the Lady Knights with three runs batted in.

— Statistics provided by GameChanger.com.



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Emma McKenzie went two-for-three at the plate with two RBIs to help power North Webster to a 15-0 home softball win over Ruston Friday evening.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Alivia McKenzie went the distance on the bump Friday night to pick up the win for Minden High School in the Lady Tide's 16-6 win at Evangel Christian.

Minden softball slams Evangel, 15-6

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

SHREVEPORT — The Minden High School softball team rallied from a one-run deficit heading into the top of the seventh and final inning to cruise to a 15-6 road win Friday night at Evangel Christian.

Trailing 6-5 heading into the seventh, Minden used a grand slam homer by Leigha Kennon-Gilbert to spark the big inning and ignite the comeback rally.

Ella Floyd's two run homer in the top of the fifth also played a role in the comeback win for the Crimson Tide.

Kennon-Gilbert and Floyd each produced four RBIs for the Lady Tide, with Kennon-Gilbert going two-of-three at the plate and Floyd going two-for-four.

The Lady Tide's Jacey Adams batted four-for-four with a pair of RBIs while Kendall Lynn added a three-hit performance for Minden and scored a pair of runs.

Alivia McKenzie earned the win for Minden, pitching all seven innings to climb to while striking out three batters.

The comeback came after Evangel scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 6-5 advantage.

Adam's double in the top of the first inning plated Kennon-Gilbert, who had reached first base on a fielding error.

Minden used a two-run fifth inning to build a 3-0 lead, but Evangel Christian battled back with three runs in the bottom half of that stanza to tie things up at 3-3.

The Lady Tide moved back in front 5-3 in the top of the sixth before Evangel plated another three runs in the bottom half to take the 6-5 advantage.

Minden used four hits (three singles and Kennon-Gilbert's homer), five walks and two hit batters to produce the 10 runs it scored in the seventh inning.

McKenzie then forced two ground out and a pop-up to shortstop Floyd in the bottom half of the stanza to seal the win for the Lady Tide.

Minden (15-7) will next play host to Booker T. Washington at 4:30 p.m. today.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Doyline locks up 1-B title

The Doyline Lady Panthers locked up the District 1-B regular-season softball title Friday evening with a 27-12 win over Castor in four innings. The Lady Panthers, who went 3-0 through district play, stand at 10-5 on the season and are ranked 11th in the Class B state power rankings by GeauxPreps.com.

Defense rules the day at first GSU Spring Game under Jackson

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

GRAMBLING — The final score showed the Black team edged the Gold Team 7-6 at Grambling State University's first spring football game under the auspices of new head coach Hue Jackson.

But despite a lack of offensive output, Jackson still felt like it was a winning effort by his Tigers.

"That was our 15th practice," Jackson said. "'It was called a spring game, but it was a practice. There were a lot of things in the process I wanted the team to understand — how we take the field before a game, how we go back in at halftime, the adjustments, the things we do. We played a lot of different players. Nothing's been set in stone. The most important thing to me is we talked out of here understanding the process, we didn't have anyone get seriously injured, and that we got a chance to move the ball around, communicate with each other and those kinds of things. That's what spring is for."

"Now we have a lot of



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Grambling State sophomore quarterback Noah Bodden looks downfield preparing to fire the lone offensive touchdown of the day during Saturday's 7-6 win by the Black team over the Gold team in the Tigers' first Spring Game under new head coach Hue Jackson.

work to do. We all know that. But I'm excited about where we are. There's some huge decisions I have to make with the coaching staff as we move forward, but I think we're right on track — where I thought we'd be at this point in time."

The Tigers' defense spent the game pressuring all four quarterbacks who played, delivering hard hits and forcing plenty of punts along with multiple turnovers.

But the offense did

manage to move the ball at time.s Senior Elijah Walker got the opening reps at quarterback and drove the offense from its own 40-yard line following the kickoff return down to the opponents' 31 before the defense tightened.

Senior kicker Garrett Urban came in to try a 48-yard field goal, but the attempt fell inches short of reaching the crossbar.

Sophomore Noah Bodden got the second series

at quarterback, followed by freshman transfer Kajiya Hollowayne from UCLA and then junior Quaterius Hawkins, a transfer from Jones College in Mississippi.

None of that quartet managed to find any kind of rhythm in a fast-moving first half played with a running clock with 12-minute quarters, with the game tied at 0-0 as the team headed into the locker room at intermission.

"I stayed away from the

offense today," Jackson said. "I wanted to stay back and let (offensive coordinator John Simon) and his staff have it. In all these situations, I'm not just evaluating players, I'm evaluating coaches and how we go about doing things. We'll make the adjustments we need to make, but I was proud of the things our defense did, I was proud of some of the things our offense did, and I was proud of our special teams. But that's being a head coach. I wanted to score 40 points and we didn't do it. That's OK."

When asked if one or two quarterbacks stood out, Jackson steered clear of the question.

"One day isn't going to determine anything for me," Jackson said. "This is a body of work over 15 practices. We'll go back and evaluate the tape and make the right decision."

"But I'm going to always be doing everything and anything I need to do to improve that position. That's just what it's all about. I think we all know football teams go as quarterbacks go. So that's what I do, that's what I'm comfortable

doing and we'll make the right decision."

Walker began a drive with 1:55 left in the third quarter at his own 47-yard line. Junior running back Keilon Elder rushed for 26 yards on that drive while Walker hit sophomore receiver Troy Truitt for a 10-yard game.

But on a first-and-10 at the opponent 11-yard line, junior defensive back Devin Bush picked off a Walker pass in the back of the end zone to end that drive.

The first score of the game was turned in by the defense as sophomore DB Tyron Hall picked off a Hollowayne pass and returned it 30 yards down the sideline to paydirt.

Sophomore kicker Marquise McKnight's extra point kick put the Black team up 7-0 with 4:21 remaining.

The Gold offense scored its touchdown with 43.1 seconds remaining as Bodden hit senior receiver Lynden Rash on a crossing route over the middle. Rash made the grab, pivoted left and raced the final 20 yards to the end zone to complete the 53-yard scoring strike.

Techsters win, Bulldogs fall in C-USA weekend series

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech put a couple of crooked numbers on the scoreboard Sunday in defeating UTSA 7-4 and

claiming the series at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field.

The Lady Techsters (22-15, 7-5 C-USA) scored four runs in the second and three runs in the sixth and held off

a seventh inning rally by the Roadrunners (10-20, 4-5).

Sierra Sacco, Amanda Gonzalez, Brooke Diaz and Katelin Cooper each recorded two hits while

Caroline Easom and Cooper had multiple RBIs in the victory.

BULLDOGS BASEBALL
HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Louisiana Tech drops the

series finale 8-0 to Southern Miss at Pete Taylor Park Sunday afternoon.

Tech won on Saturday 4-2, but Sunday's win by USM gave the series to the Golden Eagles, 2-1.

Tech (19-9, 6-3 C-USA) falls to Southern Miss (19-8, 7-2 C-USA) behind a seven-inning scoreless outing from Hurston Waldrep, who earns the win.

FUN & GAMES

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- 15 Vulnerable
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- 35 Region

- 36 Withered
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- 43 Seeks assistance
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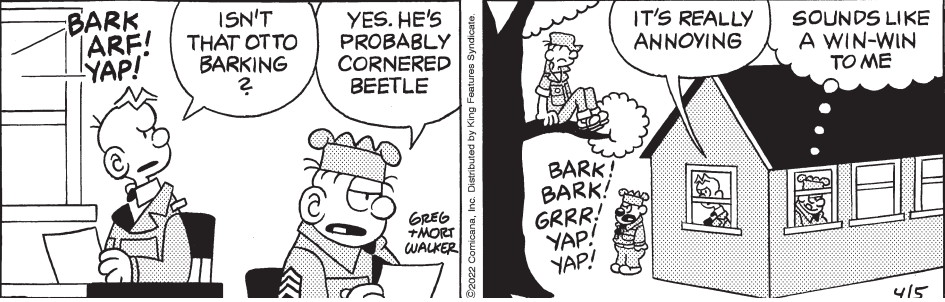
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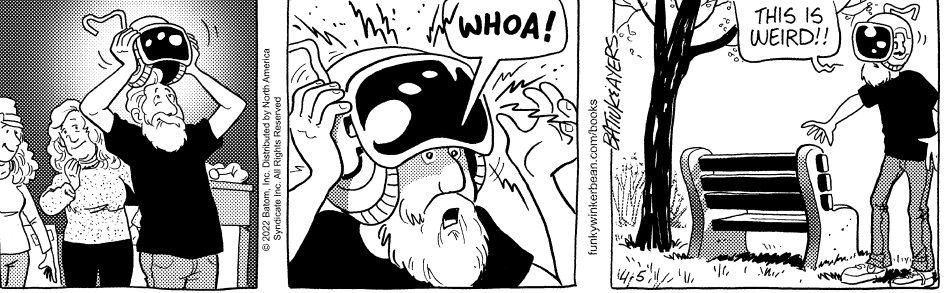
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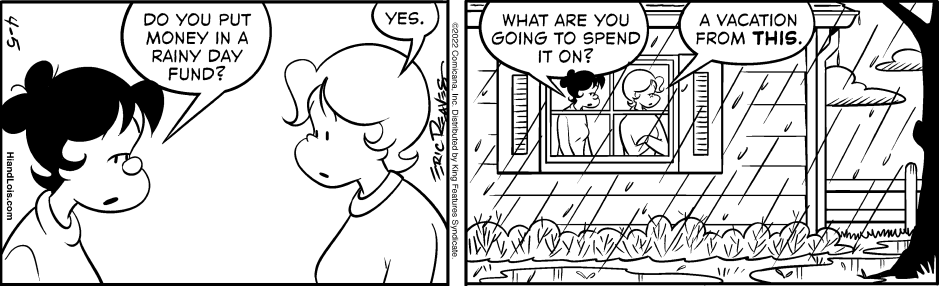
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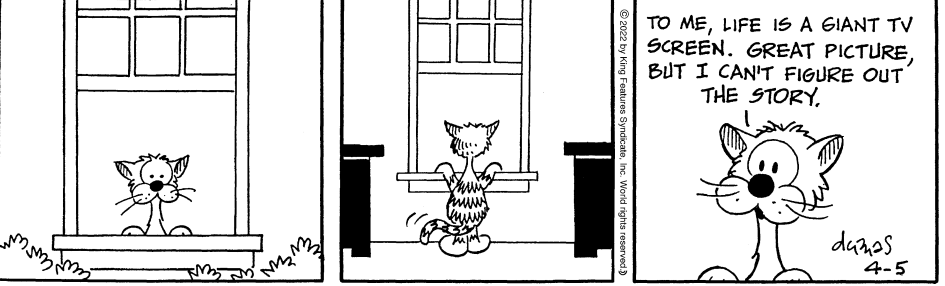
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Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from Luke A. King., the Project Manager, and CFMO-FM Area Coordinator. Printed copies are not available from the Project Manager, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Project Manager at Luke A King., CFMO Facility Maintenance Area Coordinator, Office 137, 100 Louisiana Avenue, Minden, Louisiana 71055. Phone (318) 299-4259. Attention: Luke King, CFMO-FM Area Coordinator. E-Mail Address: luke.a.king7.mil@army.mil.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference and site visit is scheduled: 10:00 a.m. CT, Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, 1st Floor Conference Room, 120), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055. Attendance at this Conference is mandatory. Prospective bidders must attend the Pre-Bid conference in order to submit a bid. The Pre-bid conference shall be conducted within appropriate guidelines concerning COVID-19: example: Social Distancing. The Point of Contact is 1LT Luke A King, Email: luke.a.king7.mil@army.mil. Office: 318-299-4259.

BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CONTRACTORS THAT ATTEND THE ENTIRE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY 1LT LUKE A. KING OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and Additional Bid Items (ABI) and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of MECHANICAL WORK (STATEWIDE). Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5).

The successful Bidder

will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, equal to 100% of the Contract amount, including Additional Bid Items (ABI), if required.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of Bids except under the provisions of LA R.S. 38:2214.

Electronic Bid Documents may be submitted by Contractors to the Construction & Facilities Management Office by submitting their bid along with their bid security to <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/>. Electronic bids must be submitted so as to be posted prior to 10:00 a.m. CT, Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Hard copies of the contractor's electronically submitted packet must be sent to the Camp Minden Training Site Construction and Facility Management Office, ATTN: Attention: Luke King, CFMO-FM Area Coordinator, Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, Office# 137), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055. Contractors MUST attend the mandatory Pre-Bid conference scheduled for 10:00 a.m. CT, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the listed above location in order to submit an electronic bid.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause. In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived. The Louisiana Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

The Louisiana Military Department is a participant in the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships Program (the Veteran Initiative). Bidders are encouraged to consider participation.

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INVITATION FOR BID

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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 May 3, 2022.

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 – “BID ENCLOSED”

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

The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211.

The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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