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## ACHIEVEMENT

### Minden native Ethan Jeffus recognized as Louisiana Ambassador by Lt. Governor

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Minden native Ethan Jeffus was recently recognized by Louisiana Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser as a Louisiana Ambassador. This title is reserved for those that go above and beyond in their efforts to better their local communities. The Certificate of Recognition presented to Jeffus states that he was recognized for his "dedication to bringing awareness to our state's litter problem and promoting the beautification of the state of Louisiana."

This award was presented to Jeffus while Lt. Gov. Nungesser was traveling the state during Louisiana Tourism Week. The recognition took place at the Tourism Awareness Breakfast hosted in Ruston. "This recognition came about from my efforts in spearheading the Love the Boot week of events in Ruston. Over the course of this week, we hosted countless events in Ruston including an environmental awareness presentation, the clean up of Duncan Park, and an environmental awareness painting event," said Jeffus.

Love the Boot week is a statewide initiative by the Louisiana Lt. Governor and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, where clean-



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Jeffus pictured with Lt. Governor after being officially recognized as a Louisiana Ambassador.

up events took place in all 64 parishes. The mayor of Ruston, Ronny Walker, also declared it Love the Boot week in Ruston, as well as presented Jeffus with a proclamation as recognition for his work in getting these events off the ground.

Not only was he presented an award while Nungesser was in town, but Jeffus has also been

invited by the Lt. Governor to attend the annual Louisiana Travel Summit as a featured guest later this summer.

"I'm honored to receive this recognition from the Lt. Governor and to be declared a Louisiana Ambassador. From a young age I've actively sought to meet the needs I see in the community, and my only hope is that

this recognition from both the Lt. Governor and Mayor Walker shines a light on the good things that are being done in this state. In the future I look forward to continuing to represent the great things about this state and hope to serve as encouragement to others to be the change they want to see in society," said Jeffus.

## EDUCATION

### Summer Manufacturing Camp: Nuts, Bolts, and Thingamajigs!

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Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTC) will be hosting its first ever Summer Manufacturing Camp titled Nuts, Bolts, & Thingamajigs. This program aims to instill a passion in young students for the many aspects of manufacturing so that, when it comes time for them to pick a career, they are aware of the opportunities available to them within this particular field.

Robert McGuire was invited as a guest speaker to a recent Noon Lions Club meeting where he spoke of the program in more detail, as well as the benefits they believe such a summer camp could have for the students that attend.

"Curiosity is one of the things that we really want to foster and encourage in manufacturing," said



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Robert McGuire, Dual Enrollment Coordinator at North Louisiana Technical Community College, was the guest speaker at the Lions Club last Thursday where he detailed the college's new summer camp called Nuts, Bolts, & Thingamajigs. During this camp the students participating will be shown the world of manufacturing through experiments and presentations much like the one seen pictured above.

McGuire. "This camp, especially for some of the students, will be an opportunity for these

students to interact with instructors on an encouraging level."

The summer camp

is aimed specifically at middle schoolers, accepting students between 14 and 18 years old. See, **CAMP**, Page 2

## CITY COUNCIL

### Four of five councilmen no shows for workshop on juvenile curfew ordinance

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A workshop that was scheduled to take place early Friday morning was cut short after four out of the five city councilmen did not show up.

This workshop was going to address some of the upcoming items for the June city council meeting, the most notable of which is the proposed Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

Several city employees, community figures, and members of the public made their way out that morning to take part in the discussion, so much so that extra chairs had to be acquired so everyone would have a seat. Unfortunately, the same could not be said for a majority of the sitting councilmen.

Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A provided notice beforehand that he had recently undergone surgery and was recovering at the time. Councilman Pam Bloxom of Dist. E did not attend due to having a vacation planned during the scheduled time for the meeting. No explanation was given by Councilmen Terika Williams-Walker of Dist. B or Vincen Bradford of Dist. C as to why they did not attend.

The proposed curfew was a hot-button topic for the city council a few months ago, but discussions surrounding it fell flat after multiple failed attempts to get the ordinance to pass in the monthly council meetings. The subject caught a second wind when, during the May city council meeting, Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper was asked to elaborate on a recent break-in that involved multiple juveniles that took place late during night time / early morning.

Councilman Michael

Roy of Dist. D, after hearing the Chief elaborate on the incident, responded with, "Mayor, I would ask that you would call a workshop for the council including the Chief and Sherb, our city court judge, because honestly

I think we need to revisit the curfew. That's a priority that I think that we've let go by the wayside as a council, and I truly

think that it needs to be addressed, because these kids are younger and younger, getting themselves in trouble," said Roy. "I just think it needs to be done and doesn't need to be put by the wayside anymore."

Councilman Pam Bloxom of Dist. E chose to echo some of Roy's concerns as well, but was also quick to blame the remaining three councilmen for their inability to get the ordinance passed.

"Still three of our own council members refused to vote for this highly necessary ordinance. Tonight, I am stating for the record that I have supported this proposed ordinance each time it came up for a vote. Going forward, not me, not Michael Roy, not Mayor Gardner, but the remaining councilmen will have blood on their hands when Minden's youth are involved in local killings," said Bloxom during the May city council meeting.

The workshop scheduled to be held early Friday morning would have given the city councilmen an opportunity to further discuss the juvenile curfew ordinance and ideally come to an agreement on a version of it that would pass through the council. However, with only one councilman present, the attendance did not meet the minimum requirements of a quorum, and thus the meeting could not be held.



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WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

Teen Advisory Board puts teens in charge of programs

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Minden Press-Herald

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a volunteer organization at the Minden branch of Webster Libraries, whose purpose is to create fun and interesting programs/activities for other teens to enjoy, while also earning community service hours. Aubrie Stahl is the head of Teen Services at the Minden library, and she coordinates the teen programs including TAB. “My whole job is to find out what teens want to do, and do it,” said Stahl. Stahl

stated that she could’ve planned many programs that she believed would be fun, but she thought that the teens themselves could do an even better job. So with the suggestions and encouragement of a friend, she started a Teen Advisory Board in Minden. “I can’t take credit for the idea of Teen Advisory, because that’s something a lot of libraries do. This program is to help them be a part of the library. They are able to step into my shoes — step into my job — and come up with all these ideas.” The board meets on the

second Thursday of each month, and Stahl has scheduled two time slots for meetings to accommodate teen schedules. Meetings are frequently used to brainstorm ideas for programs or ways of improving programs. “I have a desk full of loose-leaf paper of book recommendations, program ideas, supplies that I need to get,” said Aubrie. “They give me their ideas, and I put them into action.” Some of the programs that have already occurred were Teen Art Night, Edible Cookie Dough, and Scrapbook-

ing with Magazines. And there will be a Teen Game Night on May 26 and Teen Bad Art Night on June 2. “Everybody in Teen Advisory Board has an event that has either been done or scheduled,” said Stahl. Some teens created multiple programs, but Aubrie wanted to make sure that everyone had one out before using the extras. “We’re going to start back up with the teen programs right before the Summer Reading Program ends.” Meetings of TAB and actually putting on the programs all count as

community service hours. For Minden High students, these hours are not required unless the student is in the National Honor Society, but they do look good on college applications and job resumes. Glenbrook School students are required to earn 20 Service Learning hours as part of their graduation requirement. According to the Glenbrook student handbook, “Student participation in community service activities builds an awareness of society and a connection between classroom and real-world issues.”

Stahl agrees with this idea. “It gives them a sense of pride and a sense of responsibility. It’s good for the community too. It’s just pushing positives.” What does Aubrie Stahl want the teens of Minden to know: “Their ideas matter and they’re important, and they need to be a part of the library because they’re the next big thing. They’re the future, as cheesy as that is. I love all my kids — they’re great!”

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices see no change in past week

(May 16, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana are unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.11/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 27.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.41/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 3.0 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.55 per gallon. According to GasBuddy

price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$3.29/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$1.70/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.29/g while the highest was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$1.70/g. The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.46/g today. The national average is up 39.1 cents per gallon from

a month ago and stands \$1.43/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. “Those filling their tanks last week saw another jolt at the pump, as both gasoline and diesel prices continued their multi-week rally,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at

GasBuddy. “New records continued to be set on a near daily basis as the national average edges even closer to \$4.50 per gallon. Prices later this week could be closer to \$5 per gallon than \$4, as demand continues to edge higher and inventories of both gasoline and diesel continue to decline, temperatures warm and motorists get back outside and we near the Memorial Day weekend, the start of the summer driving season.

While the increases may start to slow in the days ahead as pump prices catch up to oil, there isn’t much reason to be optimistic that we’ll see a plunge any time soon.” GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA’s once daily survey and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on a small fraction

of U.S. gasoline stations, GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

CAMP

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tween the ages of 11 to 14. The camp will take place later this summer in the month of June, starting on Monday, June 27, and ending on Thursday June 30. Each day the camp will last from eight in the morning to four in the afternoon. Over the course of the summer camp, the students will engage in a variety of activities that will serve as an introduction into the world of manufacturing. This will have them speaking with

NLTCC instructors, taking part in lessons that utilize the very same equipment that is used to teach classes at the college, as well as participating in field trips to other local manufacturing facilities to show them how the things that they’re learning about are used on a day-to-day basis. “There are a number of opportunities where students will have the chance to interact with instructors on campus. Using the same tools that those instructors use to teach their students, and

ultimately encourage them to pursue a manufacturing degree. To light that fire so that there is a new type of magic that grows within them where they understand, learn, and appreciate the things around them and how they’re made,” said McGuire. He also stated that this camp provides the added benefit of exposing students early to a college environment so, when it comes time for them to attend a college themselves, it won’t be as intimidating as it would be

if it were their first time. “It takes away some of the mystery or worry. If you’ve never been to college before or haven’t had any interaction with the people who work there, then this opportunity is great for that,” said McGuire. Lunch will be provided to the students during this summer camp. T-shirts are also available for those participating though, to get one, students need to be registered at least three weeks prior to the camp’s start date on June 27. McGuire also took the

time to extend an open offer out to those who are interested in helping these students along the road to learning about manufacturing. In particular they are looking for individuals whose careers have to do with the field and can take the time to offer their experience or possibly a tour of the facility that they work in. He also expressed thanks to the community for helping to get the word out, as well as for the generosity of the summer camp’s sponsors. Sponsors for the event include

Home Federal Bank, Ace Hardware, Harper Motors, b1Bank. Restating the ultimate goal of the program, McGuire said, “Once they have been exposed to these experiences, you can’t ever take it away from them. This summer camp may only last four days, but the experiences that these students will take part in have the potential to ignite a passion that lasts a lifetime.”

BLOTTER

**Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**  
  
Xavier McCoy, 20, of the 2700 block of Sterlington Street, was arrested for speeding and flight from a police officer.  
  
Terrance Lyons, 29, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden, resisting an officer, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.  
  
Sabrina Jackson, 30, of the 600 block of Pershing Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.  
  
Charles Craig, 51, of the 600 block of Null Street, was arrested for unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, felony theft, and theft by fraud.

Kendrick Taylor, 19, of the 800 block of Plum Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and two counts of simple battery.  
  
Tadazion Jackson, 25, of Penal Farm Road, was arrested for flight of an officer, possession of a schedule I & II controlled dangerous substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of firearm act of violence, the illegal carrying of a weapon, no driver’s license, along with multiple warrants for arrest.  
  
Zachariae Walker, 26, of the 300 block of Shane Drive, was arrested for resisting an officer by flight, obstruction of justice and

driving while intoxicated 1st offense.  
  
John Powell, 48, of the 200 block of Nursery Road, was arrested for theft and on multiple warrants.  
  
Nathaniel Haney, 46, was arrested for unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, and altered/switched tags.  
  
Buffet Coleman, 48, of the 500 block of Davis Street, was arrested on a warrant.  
  
Shawn Dowling, 29, of the 100 block of Callahan Circle, was arrested for aggravated battery, simple criminal damage to property, and on a warrant.  
  
Thompson Bryant, of the 1900 block of High Point Place, was arrested for driving while

intoxicated 1st offense and driving with an open container.  
  
Griffith Randolph, 38, of the 2000 block of Sherrard Road, was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants.

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OBITUARIES



## Sue Tatom Bryant

Graveside services for Sue Tatom Bryant will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Garends of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Officiating will be Pastor Ashley McGuire.

Sue Tatom Bryant was born on April 22, 1934 and passed away on April 21, 2022. She graduated from Minden High School and attended Louisiana State University. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home  
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## Georgena Turner Lyle

Funeral services for Georgena Turner Lyle, age 72, will be held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. May 17, 2022, at First Baptist Church Minden with Bro. Leland Crawford officiating, assisted by

Bro. Steve Gilley. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden. Visitation will be Monday, May 16, 2022, from 5 until 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church Minden.

Georgena was born on January 12, 1950, in Minden, LA to George and Ruth Turner, and passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 14, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents George and Ruth Turner, her uncle and aunt, John Killen Turner and Elizabeth Turner, and her uncle, Harold “Sonny” Monzingo. Georgena is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bobby L. Lyle, daughter Jenifer Lyle Francis and husband Dean, son Matthew L. Lyle and wife Angela, her grandsons, Turner Francis and wife Madison, Trace Francis and wife Sarae, and granddaughter Mary Katherine Lyle, brother John Turner and wife Retha, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Georgena grew up in Minden and was a graduate of Minden High School. She attended Louisiana College and then married the love of her life, Bobby L. Lyle on December 21, 1968.

After dedicating her life to raising her two children,

Jenifer and Matthew, Georgena worked briefly for the Council on Aging before taking a management position at Sheppard Park Apartments.

Georgena was an active member of First Baptist Church in Minden and she enjoyed ministering to others every chance she got. Her many selfless acts consisted of helping teach Sunday School and playing the piano at Town and Country Nursing Home. She also enjoyed sending cards, praying for others, and visiting people in need, all while battling cancer.

Georgena loved her grandchildren more than anything! She has spent the last 26 years loving being “Hunny” to first Turner and Trace, and then several years passed and she was once again blessed with Mary Katherine. She loved spending time with all three, and if she couldn’t spend time with them, she would send notes, cards, texts, and videos to them regularly. She was so proud of all three and all of their accomplishments.

The family appreciates all the prayers, calls, texts, food, and visits during this difficult time. A special thank you to Passages Hospice and her nurse, Wendi Wood for taking such good care of Mom. Wendi Wood, God truly blessed you with a gift to do this work, you are a blessing to not only the patient, but also the family.

Honoring Georgena as pallbearers will be Mike Toland, Mike Holomon, Mike Woodard, Bruce Lee, Charles Waters, and Paul Kitchens.

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GOVERNMENT

# Louisiana senators reject full-time local control of tax breaks

(The Center Square) – Enshrinement of local control over the Industrial Tax Exemption Program into the state constitution has been voted down by Louisiana senators.

The Republican-majority upper chamber of lawmakers on Tuesday voted 21-14 against Senate Bill 151 sponsored by Sen. Rogers Pope, R-Livingston. The legislation aimed to make permanent tweaks to ITEP that Gov. John Bel Edwards implemented through executive order in 2016.

The changes reduce the tax breaks from 100% previously to what’s now 80%, and give local taxing authorities including school boards, sheriff’s offices, and local government councils where the industrial facilities locate the ability to approve or reject the tax exemptions.

SB151 was drafted to enshrine the changes in the state constitution, which requires a two-thirds majority vote in both legislative chambers, as well as approval from a majority of voters. Local officials lauded the changes last month in the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, where it passed without objection. The GOP has a super-majority, 27-12, in the Senate.

The bill was then debated and amended on the Senate floor to strip out most provisions, but retained the ability of local taxing authorities to approve or reject an industrial tax exemption.

“This is the right thing to do for your people,” Pope said ahead of the vote Tuesday. “This is to me very simple. It’s a local issue, I think the locals need to have a voice in it.”

Pope said the motivation behind the bill was to prevent future administrations from repealing Edwards’ 2016 executive order and reverting full control over ITEP exemptions to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry.

For years, the board was the sole entity responsible for approving or rejecting exemptions of 100%, and virtually all exemptions were approved. Since the changes in 2016, 96% of all ITEP projects have been at least partially approved by local governments, Pope said, while 84% have been fully accepted.

“That’s telling me all of the locals want the business,” he said.

Sen. Robert Mills, R-Minden, spoke in oppo-

sition of the bill, citing ITEP’s “many, many decades of very successfully recruiting major industries into Louisiana.”

“I really can’t imagine why we complain about that,” he said. “It’s the heart and the soul of Louisiana.”

“I talked with quite a number of economic development groups, quite a number of elected officials that are involved in our government, and we are requesting, begging that we keep this program in place today as it is.”

Mills went on, “It’s not so good that I would want to memorialize it in the constitution. Obviously, we’ll have a change of government here in Louisiana in a couple of years and I think we’ll probably want to revisit this, but going into the constitution with a relatively new ITEP program I just think is a bad idea.”

All Senate seats are four-year terms, and all are on the ballot next year.

The vote Tuesday came a day after more than 300 local officials throughout Louisiana signed an open letter to the Legislature in support of SB151.

“For 86 years, Louisiana has been the only state in the nation to grant an un-

elected, statewide board the authority to exempt industry from paying local property taxes without the approval of local governments,” the letter states. “We ask you to vote in support of Senate Bill 151 to restore our basic right to control our local tax dollars.”

The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, as well as leading oil and gas associations, applauded lawmakers for voting down the bill.

“We’re heartened to see that the Senate saw this effort for what it was: an attempt to make our state less competitive, lose jobs, and turn away investment and economic growth,” said Stephen Wauespack, the LABI chief executive officer. “Louisiana is staring down a historic opportunity which our southern neighbors are beginning to capitalize on. Jobs are fleeing high-tax states like California and New York and heading south; supply chains are disrupted and coming back home from overseas. ITEP is one of the most critical tools we have in the toolbox to attract those investments, and (Tuesday’s) vote is a step in the right direction to get us back on track and in the game.”



MILLS

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OTHER OPINION

LA-PAR: Budget Bonanza Grows  
Lawmakers get hundreds of millions more to spend as income forecast brightens again

Louisiana’s booming budget forecast grew even larger, at least for the next 14 months, after the state’s income forecasting panel revised its projections to account for the taxes pouring into state coffers.

The four-member Revenue Estimating Conference, which determines how much money the state will collect from taxes and fees based on analysis from economists, boosted the forecasts for the current and next budget years by a combined \$802 million.

Certain dedications required by law are carved off the top, leaving another \$350 million in unearmarked cash - known as state general fund money - available in the current budget year that ends June 30 and \$104 million more for the upcoming 2022-23 budget year.

The latest adopted forecasts project the state will have more than \$11 billion in state general fund money this year and next year, up from \$10.5 billion in the 2020-21 budget year.

Louisiana is bringing in more money than expected from sales, corporate and personal income taxes as the state recovers from the pandemic economic slump and as inflation drives up the costs of purchases.

That gives lawmakers even more cash to plug into the budget bills.

With the latest revisions by the Revenue Estimating Conference, the House and Senate have \$1.6 billion in unspent money from this budget year, on top of a \$699 million surplus from last year and \$1.4 billion in available federal coronavirus relief aid.

Since the House already has passed the package of spending bills, senators will insert the new money recognized by the forecasting panel into the budget measures as the House and Senate negotiate over a final set of financial plans before the legislative session must end June 6.

The Public Affairs Research Council believes most of the latest money recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference should be treated like the short-term largesse it is, with dollars prioritized to pay down debts and address longstanding infrastructure needs, rather than growing government in an unsustainable fashion.

Steering money toward retirement debt, for example, lessens the cash required for the pension systems in the future, when forecasts aren’t as rosy. Putting money into coastal restoration and protection work can help keep the state from washing away amid climate change.

Addressing the multibillion-dollar backlog of road and bridge work also is a wise use of the cash, particularly setting aside a sizable sum to build a new Mississippi River bridge in the Baton Rouge region, where daily traffic snarls are among the worst in the nation.

House and Senate leaders have been reticent to embrace financing

for the project because an exact route for the bridge hasn’t been chosen, but that’s a harder argument to make when so much money is available after the latest revisions to income projections.

Gov. John Bel Edwards wants to use \$50 million in next year’s budget to further boost proposed pay raises for employees at K-12 public schools, which are struggling with retaining and attracting staff. He wants to increase the planned salary hike for teachers from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and for support workers such as bus drivers and cafeteria aides from \$750 to \$1,000.

Meanwhile, corporate tax collections have grown large enough to add another \$297 million into the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund, a savings account created in 2016 to lessen Louisiana’s reliance on the boom-and-bust cycles of oil revenue and corporate tax collections.

The state made its first deposit into the fund last year. With the latest addition, the account will grow to more than \$500 million. Another deposit could be coming next year. Once the trust fund reaches \$5 billion, up to 10% can be spent on construction projects and roadwork. The law setting up the mechanics of the trust fund also allows lawmakers, by a two-thirds vote, to use the money in an undefined emergency.

Even as lawmakers plot their course for spending the latest influx of state general fund cash, economists for the Legislature and the Edwards administration who advise the estimating conference cautioned against assuming the hefty income boom will continue.

They suggested the 6% growth in this year’s tax and fee collections likely was an anomaly that won’t be repeated in upcoming years. In fact, even after the latest revisions, the forecast estimates a slight dip in revenue collections next year. Plus, two financial triggers on the horizon will further shrink the general fund dollars available to the governor and lawmakers elected in 2023.

Louisiana’s temporary 0.45% state sales tax enacted in 2018 to balance the budget will expire in mid-2025. Ahead of that, a portion of taxes charged on sales of new cars and trucks will shift from the general fund to a transportation fund for spending solely on road and bridge work. After both of those changes hit, the general fund is forecast to drop to under \$10.7 billion in the 2025-26 budget year - \$423 million less than this year.

Those general fund dollars pay for education, health care services, public safety programs and other government operations.

Smart spending plans are needed to prepare for that cliff and to make critical investments that can improve Louisiana’s future and put the state on sounder financial footing.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA.



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

It’s time to finally clean up Louisiana’s split jury mess

When the United States Supreme Court overturns a controversial ruling from the 1970s, states may struggle to adjust their laws and procedures in the face of a new reality.

But our topic today is not *Roe v. Wade*.

In 2020, the Supreme Court ruled in *Ramos v. Louisiana* that criminal convictions by divided juries were unconstitutional. That overturned a 1972 ruling in *Apodaca v. Oregon*, which held that states could set their own standards for how many jurors have to agree to a guilty verdict.

There were few howls of protest over the court’s about-face in 2020. But Louisiana was left to sort out what to do about thousands

of convictions that did not meet the new standard.

The *Ramos* ruling applied to cases that were still under appeal, but that excluded an estimated 1,500 inmates convicted by split juries whose cases had wrapped up. In 2021, the court held in *Edwards v. Vannoy* that the *Ramos* ruling did not apply retroactively.

Still, fairness demands that something be done. But legislators couldn’t agree on what exactly, so they set up a study panel, headed by state Rep. Randal Gaines, D-LaPlace. The result is House Bill 744, which would create a commission to review the old cases and decide whether to allow a parole hearing.

The five-member commission, appointed by the gov-

ernor, would include three retired appellate judges or Supreme Court justices, a retired district attorney, and a retired public defender. The panel would weigh the strength of the state’s case, the nature of the offense, the quality of counsel, any indications of racial animus, length of deliberations and whether the non-unanimity was the result of jurors voting to acquit. It would have to agree unanimously, a provision which is opposed by advocates for the inmates.

The state Supreme Court is also weighing the question Tuesday in the case of Reginald Reddick, convicted on a 10-2 verdict of second-degree murder for the 1993 killing of Al Moliere in Plaquemines Parish.

Louisiana’s unique divided jury laws originated in the Jim Crow era, out of the belief that Black jurors would be more likely to acquit Black defendants. They were crafted at an 1898 constitutional convention aiming to “perpetuate the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race in Louisiana.”

The laws worked just as racist legislators envisioned, disadvantaging Black defendants, according to extensive reporting by *The Advocate*, published in 2018, that reviewed about 3,000 felony trials over a six-year span. The newspaper found 993 convictions rendered by 12-member juries in which the actual jury votes could be documented.

The newspaper’s analy-

sis found that 40% of those trial convictions came over the objections of one or two holdouts. When the defendant was Black, the proportion went up to 43%, vs. 33% for White defendants.

The reporting, along with a bipartisan push to attack Louisiana’s culture of incarceration, led to a 2018 statewide vote banning the practice of split jury convictions for cases in the future, and to the 2020 *Ramos* ruling.

The state Supreme Court may weigh in. But if it doesn’t, HB744 provides an orderly way to clean up the mess that began in 1898.

THE (BATON ROUGE) ADVOCATE.



SPORTS

Apaches pleased despite close loss to Calvary

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald Sports

The scoreboard at the end of Friday night's spring football scrimmage game read Calvary Baptist 7, Glenbrook 0. But despite the deficit, it felt like a winning night for Apaches. "Going in we knew we were playing a team probably better than anyone on our schedule next season," said Glenbrook head coach David Feaster. "Honestly, they're that good year in and year out. Our guys were excited about the challenge and they didn't look intimidated or scared, which is always a good thing. "As a parent, as a dad, you're sometimes most proud of a son when he stands in there against guys a lot bigger than him and puts up a fight. And we definitely did that. Holding a high-octane Calvary offense that averaged 56 points per game last season — (the Cavaliers defeated the Apaches 58-14 last year) — was

something Feaster said his team can build on. "Out defense was outstanding and I believe we'll see big things out of them," Feaster said. "But the offense wasn't very good. Calvary's defense was very well-prepared for us. They're very athletic and had some guys we couldn't block. DJ (Clark) looked good a few times running the football and caught a pass where he gave them fits because they couldn't tackle him. "We completed a handful of passes and had a little bit of offense, but we turned in over a bunch." Glenbrook returns nearly its entire team after graduating only two players. "That's the advantage we had going in," Feaster said. "Even though we didn't get that many practices in this spring, we had so many guys coming back that know the system and how we work and what to do. And you could tell. "And we played mainly

veterans, especially on defense. We have seniors all over the place. At least two or three of those guys have been playing for us since the eighth grade. And by ninth grade at least five of them were playing in games. They're a very savvy bunch." Feaster said Hayden Harmon and Maddox Mandino both had strong scrimmages. "Those two stood out coming up and making a lot of tackles. There were really a bunch of guys like that. We looked really sound on defense. Rhett Johnson is another who did an outstanding job coming up and making some big hits. Luke Vining played some defense and did well on that side of the ball." "Against a team like that, you feel pretty good coming out and holding them as well as we did." Feaster said he told his offense not to worry about the way things turned out. "Those are all guys who played for us last year," Feaster said. "We know

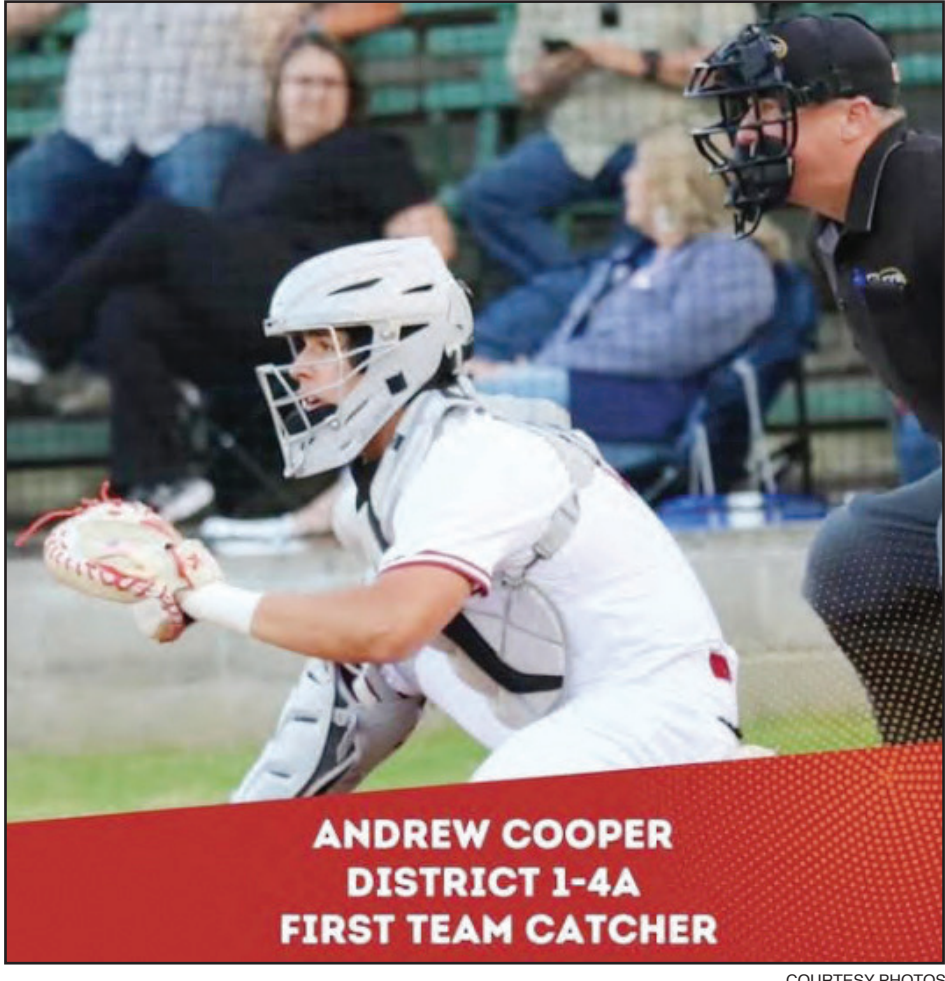
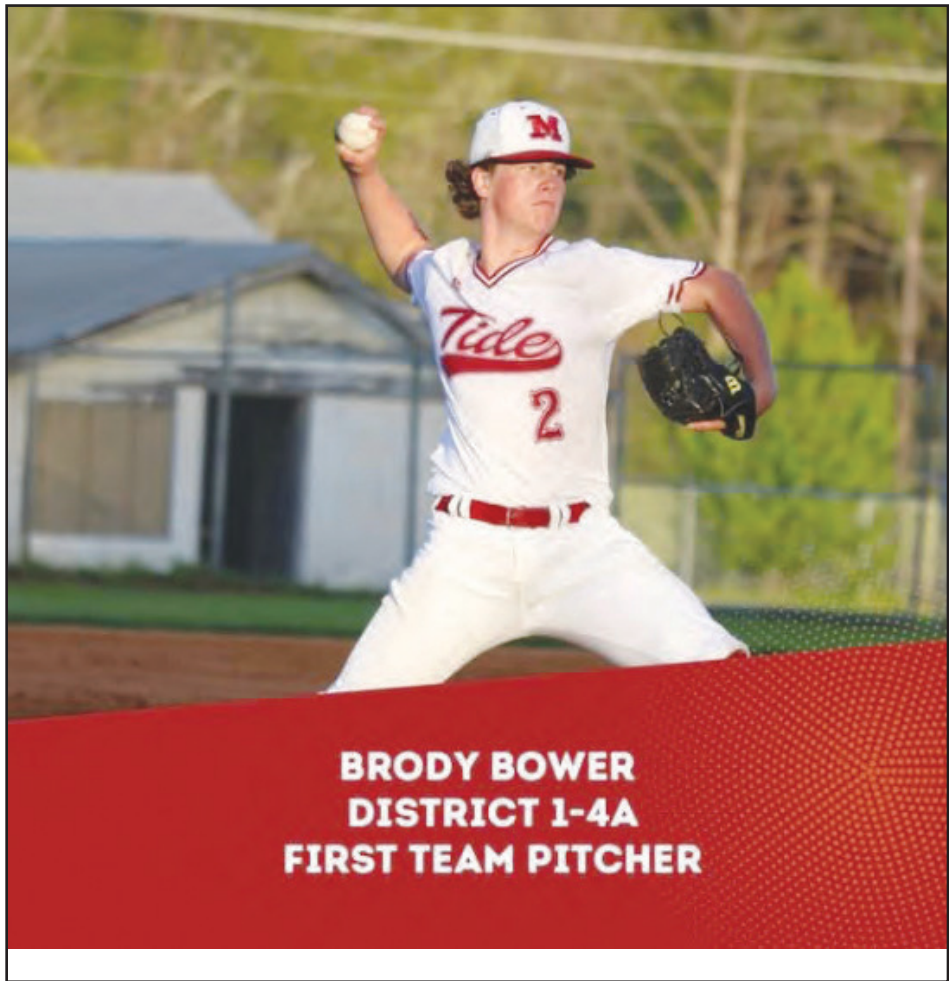
what we've got and we're going to be just fine." Feaster also has hope for the future in the former of some size in younger players joining the Apaches this season. "Right now our center weighs about 145 and our guards are 150-160. So we're playing with some undersized guys that just really play hard and do just fine. But down the road, it looks like we could gain some size. "But you never know. When we turned in our roll to start last year we had 48 boys in high school as of Oct. 1 last year. When your numbers are that small, there can be a big variation from year to year as far as depth and what positions those experienced players play. So we anticipate the ebb and flow on that, but right now it looks like we should get bigger in the future." Now the Apaches turn their attention to strength and conditioning work that they will begin next week along with 7-on-7 competition



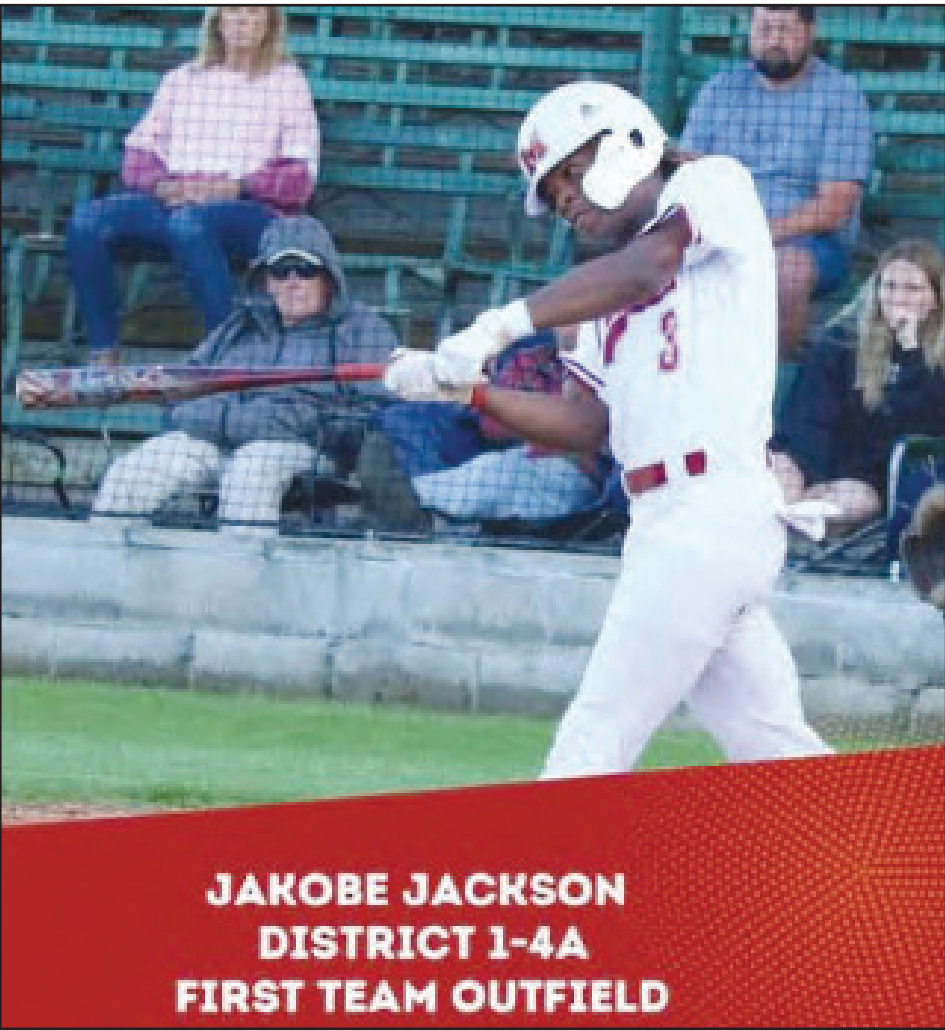
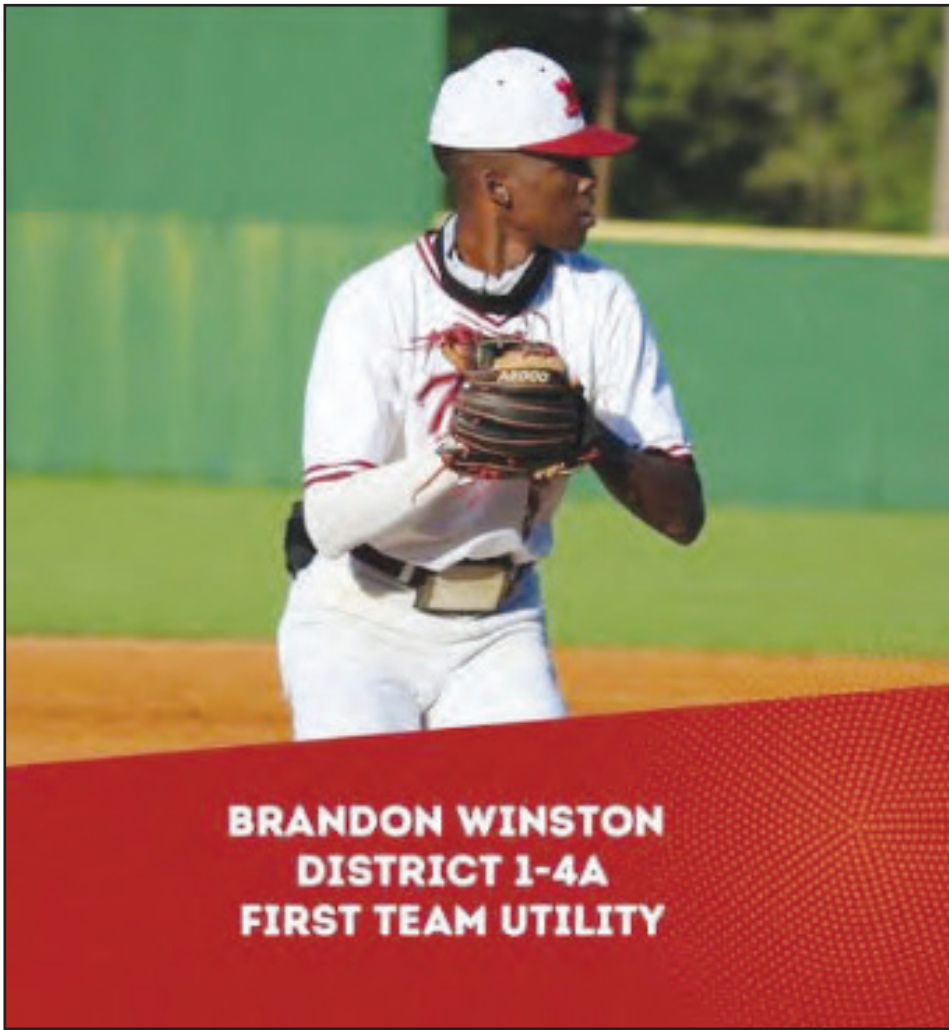
"We shift immediately and next week we'll play a 7-of-7 game against Airline," Feaster said. "At a small school like this, everybody plays multiple sports, so even that 7-on-7 kind of work is important. You need the summers to get back in the weight room, to get on the track and get faster. And that's while a lot of

players will be playing summer baseball, too. So summer's an important time. "There's a lot we have to look forward to next season. We have a great schedule starting with the Battle on the Board against Cedar Creek. It's going to start off with a lot of excitement, so we'll have to be ready."

Minden strong on All-District 1-4A baseball team



Pictured are members of the Minden Crimson Tide baseball team who earned First-Deam All-District 1-4A honors. The Tide's Bryson Ranger earned second team honors while Minden's Jackson Mayfield earned Academic All-State honors.



Glenbrook sweeps top honors on All 1-1A hardball squad

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

Glenbrook's Tony Sanders has been

named Coach of the Year while Apaches pitcher Cole Hollis is the district Co-MVP after the All-District

1-1A Baseball Team was released. Joining Harris on the all-distirct first team were infielders

Cason Clemmons and Easton Sanders, outfielder Maddox Mandino while Glenbook pitchers Hollis and

Turner McClelland were also first-team selections. Apaches named to the All 1-A second

team were catcher Landy Powell, infielder Garrett Brown, and pitcher Hayden Harmon.



SPORTS

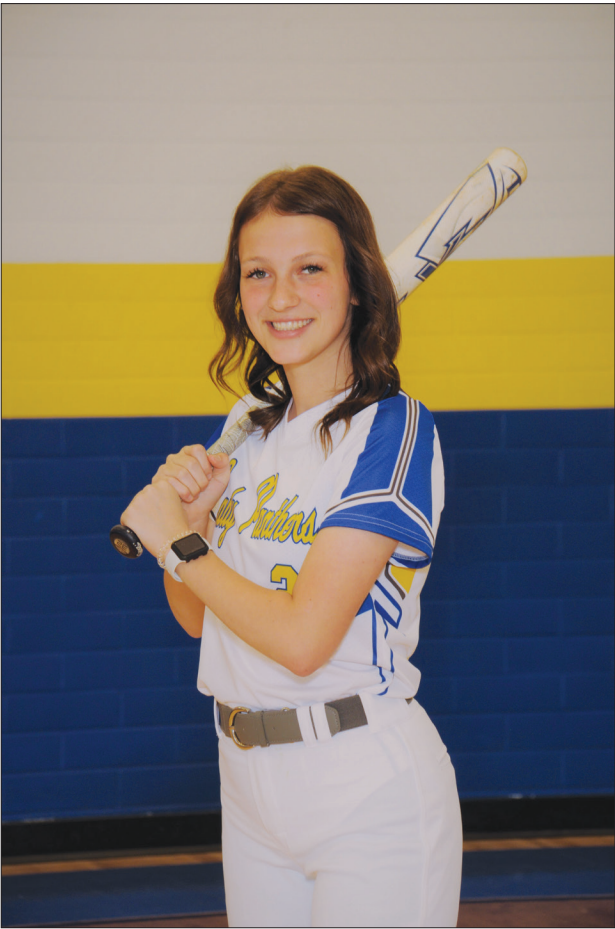
Nine DHS Lady Panthers earn All 2-1B softball accolades



Lexi Norman, MVP



Layla Baker



McKenzie Gates



Keily Sumlin



Elizabeth Wright



Jayde Holland



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Jayde Holland



Minden’s Cooper signs to play college ball

Minden High School’s Andrew Cooper, pictured flanked by his parents, has signed to continue his baseball career at National Park College in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Techsters bounced from C-USA tourney

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

DENTON, Texas — Friday the 13th might have been just what the doctor ordered for the rest of Conference USA. After all, something out of the ordinary needed to occur to break Louisiana Tech’s 12-game winning streak against league foes. Whether it was the bad luck of the superstitions that surround Friday the 13th or whether it was just running into two really good teams on the wrong day, the Lady Techsters saw their C-USA Toourney end at Lovelace Stadium. Tech (39-20), the 2022 regular season champion, fell 11-1 to North Texas in five innings and then lost 5-1 to WKU in seven innings



Tider’s Floyd inks with South Ark. CC

Minden High School’s Ella Floyd has signed to continue her softball career at Southern Arkansas University.



FUN & GAMES

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12 Casual shirt

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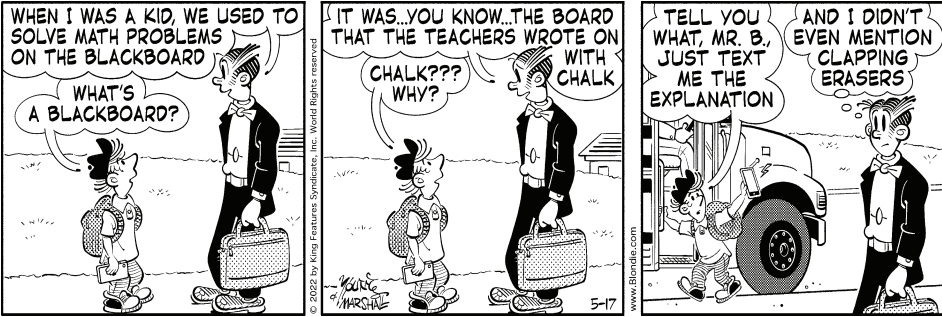
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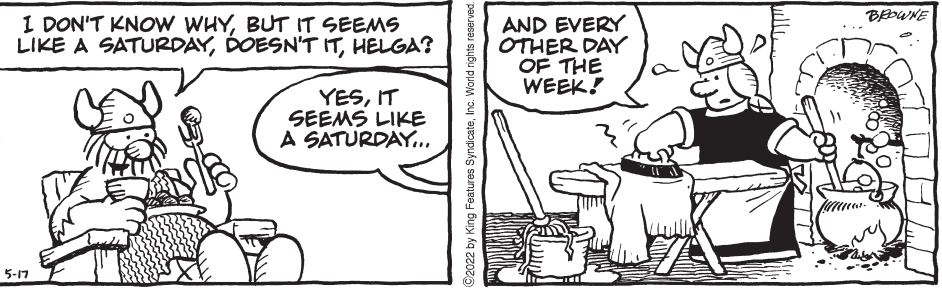
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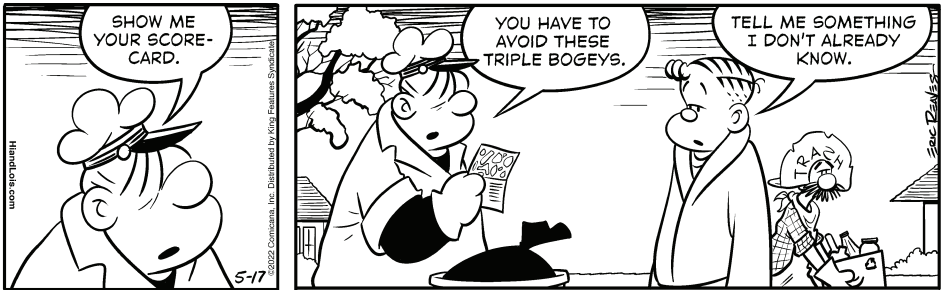
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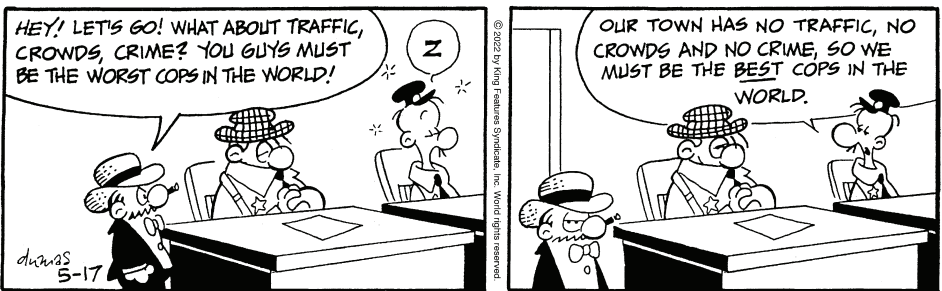
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I MIKE PETERS



SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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3	4	9	5	2	9	7	1	8

ANSWER:

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DANCE STYLE MEANT TO BE PERFORMED ON FLOORS TOPPED WITH VERY LIGHT WOOD COVERINGS: BALSA NOVA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals Y

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**May 13, 2022  
May 17, 2022  
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### NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Village of Dixie Inn does hereby notify participants, beneficiaries, applicants, employees, including those with impaired vision or hearing, and unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the grantee that it does not discriminate on the bases of handicapped status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs and activities. The below listed person has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8. Dated June 2, 1988). The Village of Dixie Inn utilized the LA Relay System as a method of communicating with hearing impaired persons. The telephone numbers are: TDD Users 1-800-846-5277, Voice Users 1-800-947-5277.

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor  
Village of Dixie Inn  
60 Shell Street  
Minden, LA 71055  
318-377-6855

**May 17, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

### RESOLUTION

POLICY STATEMENT FOR COMMUNICATING INFORMATION TO PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a policy for communicating information to persons with hearing impairments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached "Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons With Sensory Impairments" for the dated May 10, 2022 is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the hereby adopts a policy to utilize the Louisiana Hearing Impaired Relay System for communicating with hearing impaired persons. The relay numbers are: Information 1-800-333-0605, TDD Users 1-800-846-5277 and Voice Users 1-800-947-5277.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of May, 2022.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Donna Hoffoss, Mayor, of the Village of Dixie Inn, certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed

and adopted by the on May 10, 2022.

Donna Hoffoss,  
Mayor

**May 17, 2022  
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LCDBG MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION FY 2021 CARES-CV

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the program regulations to authorize certain actions and individuals to perform certain designated functions by the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dixie Inn as legal recipient of the LCDBG funds does hereby authorize the following actions:

### SECTION I

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the Financial Management regulations of the LCDBG program to authorize certain individuals to sign for draw downs for request for payments and to authorize one certain individual to certify the correctness of each signature; and,

WHEREAS, it is further necessary under the Financial Management regulations of the LCDBG program to designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Dixie Inn as legal authorized recipient of the LCDBG funds, in regular session convened, that Dana James, Marion J. McKenzie and Lance Milligan are hereby authorized to sign "Authorized Signature Card for Request for Payment;" and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Donna Hoffoss shall certify to the correctness of the signatures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, b1 BANK is hereby designated as the official depository for direct deposit of grant funds for the LCDBG project.

### SECTION II

#### REQUISITION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State requires adequate financial management control over LCDBG funds. The establishment of a Requisition of Funds policy is a vital tool to such control.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Village of Dixie Inn that all invoices for work performed or materials used in relation to the LCDBG Program, prior to payment, must have attached a signed pre-printed project requisition form. The form and invoice shall be approved in the following order:

1. Approval by Project Administrator for budget control
2. Approval by the Secretary/Treasurer
3. Approval by the President

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Donna Hoffoss, Marion J. McKenzie and Lance Milligan are hereby authorized to sign checks written on the LCDBG account.

### SECTION III

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, equal opportunity regulations of the LCDBG program require the appointment by the recipient of an Equal Opportunity Officer (EEO Officer) to have the responsibility for maintaining all pertinent EEO files, submitting on a timely basis all reports, answer all related correspondence and monitor all EEO areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Dixie Inn that Donna Hoffoss is hereby appointed as EEO Officer for the life of the LCDBG program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described.

### SECTION IV

#### 504 COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the State requires Grantees to designate a responsible person to coordinate the Village of Dixie Inn efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Donna Hoffoss is appointed as Section 504 Compliance Officer.

### SECTION V

#### SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the LCDBG program requires that all grant recipients establish and adopt by resolution a Section 3 Plan and appoint a Section 3 Coordinator and certification procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dixie Inn adopts a Section 3 Plan and appoints Dana James as its Section 3 Coordinator.

### SECTION VI RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Anti - Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dixie Inn hereby adopts the attached Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan appoints Donna Hoffoss as its Coordinator.

Passed and adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, on this 10th day May, 2022, by the following votes:

YEAS: 2 (Lance Milligan, Judy McKenzie)  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 0

I, Donna Hoffoss, Mayor, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly passed and adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, on the 10th day of May 2022.

ATTEST:

Donna Hoffoss,  
Mayor

**May 17, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

Village of Dixie Inn  
Regular Session  
May 10, 2022

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 May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Pro Temp Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen 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 Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of April 12, 2022 and the April 26, 2022 Special/ Workshop Session. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for April 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene was unable to attend the council meeting due to attending an LWRA continuing education class but had reported to Mayor Pro Temp Hoffoss all is well with the water department.

Sergeant Alan Davis, for Chief James Edwards who was not able to attend the meeting, reported all is well with the police department.

Mayor Pro Temp Hoffoss thanked former Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton for the awesome hard work she has done for the Village and for all the progress and updates she has made for the Village of Dixie Inn. She will be greatly missed and we all wish her the best enjoyment in her retirement.

New Business:

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to set a special meeting for May 17th at 4:15 p.m. to introduce the 2022 – 2023 budget, introduce amended Ordinance #92-D, and introduce amended Ordinance 71K. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve a pay raise for the Aldermen per month and one-time per month Special meeting, amending Ordinance #92-C to be introduced at Special meeting on May 17, 2022, and to adopt on June 14, 2022 meeting, place in effect on July 1, 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to declare June 19th as a legal paid holiday for the Village of Dixie Inn amending Ordinance #71D and new Ordinance #71K, to be introduced at Special Meeting on May 17, 2022, to be adopted and place in effect on June 14, 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolutions concerning FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors grant being: Language Access Plan and Resolution,

Policy Statement and Resolution for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments, LCDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Management Resolution, and Section 504 Grievance Procedure and Resolution. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absence, and 0 Abstains.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept the resignation of Kay Hallmark-Stratton as Mayor. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to appoint Donna Hoffoss as Interim Mayor until an election is held. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept a Fire Hydrant Agreement with Fire District 7 to divide the cost with Fire District 7 of inspection, pressure testing, and flushing the Village hydrants starting in 2023, same being done in 3 years. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle per Louisiana State Contract #4400020203 order and adding required equipment as deemed necessary. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

**A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve the repair of a Clog Fire Hydrant located near R&S Supply. Vote on the motion was unanimous.**

There was no old business to discuss.

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

ATTEST:  
Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor Pro Temp

**May 17, 2022  
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### RESOLUTION GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the regulation of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Part 8, implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Public Law 93-112); and

WHEREAS, Section 504 states, in part: "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual . . . shall, solely by reason of his handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached "Grievance

Procedure" dated May 10, 2022 is hereby adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of May, 2022.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Donna Hoffoss, Mayor of the Village of Dixie Inn, certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Village Council on May 10, 2022.

Donna Hoffoss,  
Mayor

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### Resolution

#### Language Access Plan

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development has awarded the Village of Dixie Inn with a FY 2021 CARES-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors grant.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana requires certain actions to be taken by the Village in order to be in compliance with HUD regulations; and,

WHEREAS, as part of its Citizen Participation Plan to reach out and inform its citizens, the Village has developed a language access plan to inform its citizens who may not understand or speak English.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Dixie Inn on the 10th day of May, 2022, that it hereby adopts the Language Access Plan.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Donna Hoffoss, Mayor of the Village of Dixie Inn, certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Village Council on May 10, 2022.

Donna Hoffoss,  
Mayor

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318.377.9911  
[director@webstere911.org](mailto:director@webstere911.org)

5/17/2022

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**MISC.**

Beech Springs Baptist Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary Sunday, May 22. Donuts and coffee will be served 10:00-11:00. The service starts at 11:00 with Dr. Steve Horn, Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, as our guest speaker. Catered catfish lunch will be served following service. Pastor: Randy Brown

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