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CRIME

Man kidnaps girlfriend then crashes truck while fleeing police

STAFF REPORT
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A Minden man was arrested on Thursday after he kidnapped his girlfriend and then crashed the vehicle while fleeing the police.

"Henry J. Ary II physically forced his girlfriend into a 2005 GMC pickup truck against her will, after an argument," the arrest report stated. Officers arrived at the scene (the 1400 block of Webster Ave.) as Ary was forcing his girlfriend into the truck. Ary jumped into the vehicle as they arrived and accelerated toward the police car. "Ary accelerated quickly toward my patrol unit (I was seated inside) and forced me to slam on my brakes to avoid collision."

The officer pursued Ary. The report continued: "I began pursuing Ary on public roadways. I was driving a fully marked police unit, utilizing my emergency lights and audible signals. Ary exceeded the posted speed limit of 25 mph on Weston Street. He was traveling over 70 mph. Ary failed to negotiate the left turn from Weston Street onto Shreveport Road, and crashed through a fence and into a utility shed on

private property in the backyard of [the 100 block of] West Roosevelt."

But the chase didn't end there. "Ary exited the driver's seat and fled the crash on foot, escaping through a gate and into an adjacent neighborhood," the report says. "Shortly thereafter, I found Ary walking approximately two blocks away from the scene of the crash on South Fairview. He matched the physical description given by the witness completely. Also, Ary told [an officer] — post Miranda — his nickname is '2 Jay.' A witness had provided not only a detailed physical description of Ary but also the information that his nickname was '2 Jay.'"

The girlfriend was treated for injuries sustained in the crash and was then transported to LSU Hospital.

Henry J. Ary II was arrested and booked for 2nd Degree Kidnapping (domestic), aggravated assault with a motor vehicle on a Peace Officer, aggravated flight, hit and run driving, resisting an officer by flight, and driving under a suspended license. He was later transported to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.



ARY II

COMMUNITY

Pearl Street jams out at block party

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

Roma's Italian Bistro and Under Dawgs Sports Grill hosted their second Pearl Street Block Party on Saturday. The main event was the cornhole tournament, but there was a live band and a car show as well.

The tournament, which was run by the Marshall Cornhole Crew, kicked off at noon with many participants. Pairs of competitors paid a \$40 entry fee to play in the tournament. For the people who arrived without a partner, a blind draw was arranged.

The first place winners in the Bring Your Own Partner division were Jody Moore and Scott Beck; second place were LJ Benson and Larry Benson; and third place were JJ Oswalt and Jake Walker.

The first place winners in the Blind Draw were Shawn Archer and Brian Smith; second place were Zachary Matthews and Chad Gloer; and third place were Eric Walker and Kathy Edwards.

The cash prizes were a percentage of the entry fees.

The weather was fair, if a bit windy, and the people of Minden enjoyed watching the competition, strolling by and checking out the cars that were on display, and listening to live music in the evening. The Pearl Street Block Party succeeded in giving the Minden something fun to do on a Saturday afternoon.



WPPI

Police Jury express reasons behind Land Fill sale

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

Recently the Webster Parish Police Jury (WPPI) finalized the sale of its landfill to Republic Services for \$20 million. The Jury has been approved to invest the money with a company owned by b1Bank which will bring the Jury much needed annual income they can use to take care of the parish's needs.

However, even while most jurors are pleased with the sale, that hasn't stopped some of their constituents from voicing their concerns about the sale and what it means for residents of the parish. So WPPI President Jim Bonsall took some time to explain why they made the decision to sell the landfill along with what changes that sale will bring for the parish.

A few months ago, with the contract with Republic Services (the manager of the landfill) being up for renewal soon, the Jury engaged in negotia-

tions with Republic to try to find a more amenable agreement.

"We had a contract with Republic. They would operate it and pay us so much a ton for the garbage that goes into the landfill. Our part of the deal was that we have to keep the permits current," said Bonsall.

The original contract was negotiated some time ago, but things have changed and the royalties the Jury made from the landfill didn't even cover the costs of what they had to put into it annually. Instead, it cost them thousands of dollars to keep up their end of the contract. As of this year, Bonsall estimates that the landfill has cost them \$50,000 a year.

"When I first got on the Jury, they did a lot more oil waste out there, but that's gone away. We were making maybe \$100,000 a year off of it back then. But as I said, our royalties have decreased, and we

also had to keep up the permits. By the time we bought the permits the last five to six years, it was costing us money to operate," said Bonsall.

This is what led to the Jury attempting to negotiate a contract with Republic that would allow them to continue operating the landfill as they had been, but without it being as costly for the Police Jury.

"There was a 25-year contract with Republic to operate the landfill. That contract is coming to an end next year.

We started out trying to negotiate a new contract, but we could never come together on the figures. Mostly this was me, but I thought it was worth more than they were offering to pay us, and we got to a point where we were aiming high and they were aiming low, and we just couldn't meet in the middle," said Bonsall.

This is what led the Jury to the decision to put the

landfill up for bid. Two businesses placed bids, one of them not meeting the minimum bid requirement, so the only deal left on the table was \$20 million from Republic Services, an offer that they ultimately decided to take.

Bonsall plans to invest the \$20 million so that they can earn a steady annual revenue of \$350,000 to \$500,000, which would last for years to come and give the Jury a significant sum of annual revenue that they can put toward the needs of the parish.

"In the beginning, we're going to invest that twenty million. It's pretty restricted what you can do with government money as far as investment. There's not much risk in the options available, so there's not as much return. Mostly bonds, but with that I'm sure we're going to have a return of \$350,000 a year. I hope we have a return of \$500,000 a year," said Bonsall.

Since the landfill was initially costing the jury

\$50,000 a year, this would instead take that cost off of the Jury's shoulders and, instead, they would be earning up to five times that amount annually.

He made sure to note that he understands that not all parish citizens are happy with their decision but, given the costs it took to upkeep vs. the revenue they can now generate instead, the question came down to how many and how much parish residents are benefitting from their ownership of the landfill and whether that was worth turning down an opportunity that not only reduces costs but also brings in a significant amount of revenue.

"Now I'm sure not all parish residents are on the same page as us. But we're getting \$20 million in the bank, and we're going to have a landfill that'll operate the same way it's been operating pretty much," said Bonsall.

He didn't shy away from the fact that yes, some residents would now have to pay to use the landfill

when initially they were able to use it for free. "The thing that I have heard the most about is, if you live in Webster Parish and you haul your household garbage, you do not have to pay for anything. That is what I've heard the most about. The people who haul their own garbage out there, they are going to have to pay something now when you used to have to pay nothing," said Bonsall.

However, even if the Jury had agreed to enter into another contract with Republic Services, the usage agreement for parish residents and rates to use the landfill were going to change regardless.

Overall, Bonsall and other Jurors saw more to be gained from the sale of the landfill. It grants them more money to take care of the needs of the parish compared to continuing to operate it at a loss so that those residents who regularly use the landfill could continue doing so for free.



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COMMUNITY

Free ACT test prep offered at library

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden branch of the Webster Parish Library is offering free ACT practice testing.

The ACT (American College Test) is a college entrance exam used

to measure a student’s readiness for college. Colleges and universities use this test, along with GPAs (grade point averages), extracurricular activities, interviews, and essays, to assess students and to make decisions about which applications to ac-

cept. ACT scores often play a large role in the amount of financial aid a student may receive.

The official test allows 2 hours and 55 minutes to take without the optional essay; with the essay, testers are allowed 3 hours and 35 minutes. The test

has four sections (English, reading, math, & science) and is scored on a scale of 1 to 36 points. The average score is 21. The test costs \$50.50 without the writing portion or \$67.00 with it.

Needless to say, this is an important test to do well on if you are planning

to attend college. Practicing for the test will help you hone your test-taking skills, build up your test-taking endurance for the long test, and lower test-taking anxiety through repetition. Also, people frequently increase their scores by taking the test

multiple times.

If you or your student are interested in this opportunity, contact Aubrie Stahl at (318) 371-3080 ext. 135 to schedule an appointment. You will need a Homework Louisiana account and an email address to access the test.

LEGISLATION

Louisiana House committee approves bill that would create reading education savings accounts

(The Center Square) — Legislation to allow parents of students struggling to read in public schools to use state funds to pursue other options has cleared the House Education Committee.

The committee voted 6-2 to approve Senate Bill 203, sponsored by Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, to create the Reading Education Savings Account program.

Students who are not reading at grade level by second or third grade would be eligible for the accounts funded with the per-pupil state allotment for qualified education expenses, which include private school tuition, fees, textbooks, instructional or tutoring services, curriculum, and technological devices.

“I believe if there’s one thing we can do in the

world of education ... the most important thing is teaching our kids to read,” Hewitt said. “If you can’t read, nothing else matters.”

Hewitt noted that the bill would dedicate the average amount for per-pupil funding of about \$5,500 to each account, but would leave local school funding in place. The bill also allows the state to use up to 5% of the funding for administrative expenses to ensure parents are using the money for qualified expenses.

Hewitt pointed to numerous programs approved by the Legislature to improve literacy in public schools, but argued parents of students struggling now can’t afford to wait for the programs to take shape.

“Some members will

say ‘why don’t we wait until those things all take place, let’s see if those things work.’ And that’s a reasonable statement to make, unless you’re the parent of a child that’s in second or third grade or maybe kindergarten or first grade that’s not reading,” she said. “And then you have a real sense of urgency for not waiting for the system to work.”

“I think we need to do everything,” Hewitt said. “I think we need to support public education, we need to focus on getting those kids reading. But for those right now today who are in the system that have a very narrow window to learn to read, we need to give them other options and give parents another choice.”

Hewitt previously testified in the Senate that over half of second- and

third-graders in Louisiana are not reading at grade level, and touted accountability measures in the bill to ensure it’s working to improve their situation.

“Those children will have to take tests, accountability tests, so we’ll know whether this new school environment is working or not,” she said. “Those providers who are providing that education will also be evaluated to whether or not they’re really performing and doing a good job, if they’re not they’re taken off the approved list.”

Rep. Tammy Phelps, D-Shreveport, raised issues with SB 203 and other bills to establish education savings accounts that divert dollars from public schools.

“I definitely have a concern with all of the ESAs,”

she said.

Rep. Patrick Jefferson, D-Homer, noted that the \$5,500 for the reading education savings account isn’t enough to cover private school tuition at many institutions, meaning only children of parents who can afford to make up the difference will benefit from the program.

“I’m also concerned ... the message that we’re sending to the teachers,” he said, adding that ancillary factors also contribute to the state’s literacy problem.

“This in no way is intended to discredit the work of our teachers,” Hewitt said. “I think in some cases we’ve built a system that hampers them a little bit and we need to provide additional resources or eliminate some of the bureaucracy,”

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education supports SB 203.

“Our BESE leadership believes that parent choice and giving parents every option to provide better education or quality education for their kids is important,” said Ethan Melancon, the board’s legislative liaison.

The Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the Louisiana Association of Educators, and Students in Public Schools opposed the measure.

SB 203 now heads to the full House for consideration. The bill cleared the Senate earlier this month on a vote of 24-13.

GOVERNMENT

EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance Urges Eligible School Districts in EPA Region 6 to Apply for \$500 Million In Available Funding for Clean School Buses

DALLAS, TEXAS (May 20, 2022) — Today the Biden-Harris Administration through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$500 million is now available for school districts and other eligible school bus operators and contractors to begin replacing the nation’s fleet of school buses with clean, American-made, zero-emission buses.

Vice President Kamala Harris, Administrator Michael S. Regan and White House Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu will visit Meridian High School in Falls Church, Virginia to make the announcement and highlight how it will reduce greenhouse gas pollution, provide cleaner air around schools and

communities, and better protect children’s health. The investment will also drive demand for American-made batteries and vehicles, boost domestic manufacturing, and create good-paying jobs. The new funding is made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which invests an unprecedented \$5 billion for low- and zero-emission school buses over the next five years.

“Reducing gas emissions from vehicles has been a top priority for EPA,” said Region 6 Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. “Diesel air pollution is linked to asthma and other health problems that hurt our communities and cause students to miss school, particularly in communities of color and Tribal

communities. For the next five years, this program will drastically improve bus fleets across Region 6 and reduce fossil fuel dependence. By directly reducing diesel emissions, we safeguard children’s health within our Region and work towards a cleaner, safer, and brighter future for all.”

Diesel air pollution is linked to asthma and other health problems that hurt our communities and cause students to miss school, particularly in communities of color and Tribal communities. New, zero-emission and low-emission buses will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but produce cleaner air for students, bus drivers, school staff working near the bus loading areas,

and the communities that the buses drive through each day. The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from these bus replacements will help to address the outsized role of the transportation sector on fueling climate change. In addition, zero-emission buses cost less for school districts to operate than diesel buses, and the electricity stored in zero-emission school buses can transmit energy back to the grid to meet extra energy demand or provide energy to communities during power outages.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allows EPA to prioritize applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, Tribal Schools, and rural

areas. This approach supports President Biden’s Justice40 initiative to direct at least 40% of the benefits of certain government investments to underserved communities. EPA’s Clean School Bus Program will strive to meet this commitment and advance environmental justice and equity considerations into all aspects of our work. In addition, EPA will focus education and outreach efforts to underserved communities, including partnering with stakeholders to reach communities that may have never applied for a Federal grant or rebate. Portions of the rebates can also be used to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure so that schools can make chargers available

for the new buses. The rebate program will select awardees through a lottery system.

EPA is accepting applications from May 20, 2022 until August 19, 2022. Questions about applying may be directed to CleanSchoolBus@epa.gov.

This is the first competition that EPA is running through the Clean School Bus program. The Agency will also launch a grant competition later this year. Further Clean School Bus competitions funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be run every year over the next five years.

BLOTTER

<p>Recent Arrests in Webster Parish</p> <p>Buffet Coleman, 48, of the 500 block of Davis Street, was arrested on a warrant.</p> <p>Timothy Marques, 38, of the 1400 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested for theft and failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Jacoby Mason, 32, of the 1800 block of Cedar Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Teresa Fraizer, 52, was arrested for being a fugitive of Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office, Dixie Inn Police Department, and on a warrant.</p>	<p>Zytwone Robinson, 18, of the 1200 block of Fulton Street, was arrested for unauthorized entry and resisting arrest by flight.</p> <p>Brandon Merritt, 22, of the 500 block of Lakeshore Drive, was arrested for resisting an officer and disturbing the peace through language.</p> <p>Cherish Mosley, 35, of the 100 block of Emerald Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.</p> <p>Damonique Woods, 27, of the 200 block of Mason Drive, was arrested for failure to ap-</p>	<p>pear in court.</p> <p>Hayley Day, 21, of the 900 block of Center Street, was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and failure to appear.</p> <p>Jaquarie Franklin, 24, of the 700 block of Pershing Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Brian Hilton, 39, of the 3300 block of Briarwood Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Henry Ary II, 27, of the 1000 block of West Street, was arrested for second degree kidnapping, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle upon a peace</p>	<p>officer, aggravated flight, resisting an officer by flight, and driving under suspension.</p> <p>William O’Neal, 59, of the 1200 block of Cotton Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Amanda Richardson, 37, of the 600 block of Second Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Wesley Haynes, 44, of the 1000 block of Goodwill Road, was arrested for criminal trespassing.</p> <p>Sarah Dance, 38, of the 1300 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.</p>	<p>Cherish Mosley, 35, of the 100 block of Emerald Drive, was arrested for two counts of issuing worthless checks.</p> <p>Darryl Gill, 35, of the 700 block of Mary Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.</p> <p>Eduardo Hernandez, 23, was arrested for aggravated assault and possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance.</p> <p>Brett Williams, 700 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for a parole violation.</p> <p>Brandon Day, was arrested for driving with-</p>	<p>out a seatbelt and being a fugitive of Serepta Police Department.</p> <p>Sawyer Harrison, 62, of the 100 block of James Circle, was arrested for careless operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a schedule II substance, two counts of possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule IV substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Billy Foster, 62, of the 300 block of Bossier Street, was arrested for criminal trespassing and theft.</p>
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WEBSTER & MORE

LEGISLATION

Louisiana Legislature puts finishing touches on nearly \$40B budget

(The Center Square) — The Louisiana Legislature finalized budget bills on Thursday that authorize nearly \$40 billion in spending for the state's annual operating budget, and roughly another \$8 billion on construction, courts and other priorities.

The House voted 88-7 in a final concurrence vote on Thursday to approve House Bill 1, the nearly \$40 billion state operating budget for fiscal year that begins July 1.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jerome Zeringue, R-Houma, includes many of the priorities outlined in Gov. John Bel Edwards' executive budget, such as a \$1,500 raise for teachers and \$750 raise for school support staff, spending for childhood education, rate increases for Medicaid providers and a supplemental pay increase for local police and first responders.

"The total budget coming back from the Senate sits at over \$47 billion, and House Bill 1 accounts for \$39.8 billion of that total. House Bill 1 also accounts for \$10 billion of the \$10.9 billion state general fund budgeted through state government," Zeringue said.

The bill covers spending for over \$1 billion of remaining American Rescue Plan dollars, including \$500 million into the state's unemployment insurance trust fund, as well as \$450 million for water and sewer work.

The teacher and school support staff raises increased the education budget by \$148 million, while another \$104 million went to higher edu-

cation faculty raises. Lawmakers spent \$53 million in rate increases for those working with the state's most vulnerable, \$37 million to repair and replace state-owned buildings and assets, and \$25 million to increase supplemental pay for police and first responders by \$100 per month.

HB 1 includes "full funding for cameras in special education classrooms," Zeringue said, along with \$32 million for early childhood initiatives. Smaller spends included \$10 million to establish an early childhood support and services program and \$5 million to launch a book delivery program to children.

An additional \$170 million went to deposits for one-time initiatives: \$93 million for roads, \$33 million for Hurricane Ida recovery, \$30 million to settle a decades-old judgment and \$15 million for a tourism marketing campaign.

Additions to the bill in the Senate included the supplemental pay increases for police and first responders, \$5 million for enhanced tourism promotion, \$4.3 million to add staff with the Department of Children and Family Services for foster care and human trafficking, \$19.4 million for rate increases for developmental disability providers, increased starting pay for security guards, money for substance abuse facilities and \$3 million for state police training, among other expenses.

The House also approved House Bill 2, sponsored by Rep. Stuart Bishop, R-Lafayette, with a



unanimous concurrence vote to finalize the state's capital outlay budget of \$8.7 billion. The House also voted unanimously to approve House Bill 437, sponsored by Zeringue, to fund the \$195 million budget for judicial agencies, an increase of more than \$11 million.

Yet another bill in the budget package, House Bill 592, sponsored by Zeringue, spends about \$1.6 billion in extra funds from the current fiscal

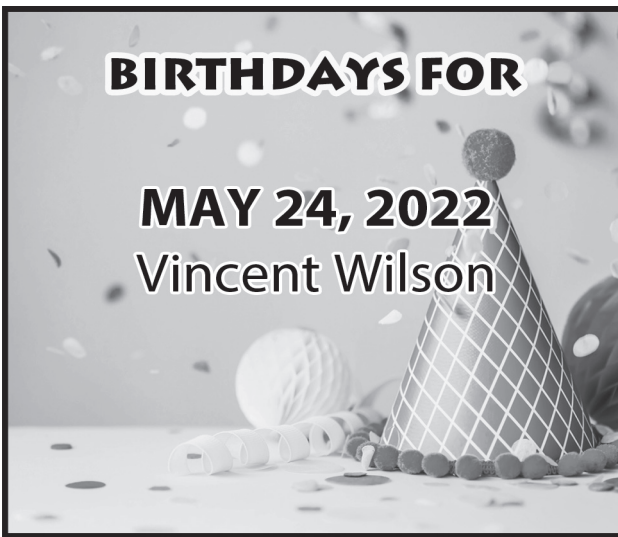
year that ends on June 30. The House concurrence vote for HB 592 was 92-2. The extra funds went to transportation projects, local funding, higher education initiatives, disaster assistance grants, work on public buildings, state software upgrades, wildlife management, economic development programs and other uses.

The bills now head to Edwards for his consideration.

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OBITUARIES



Gerald L. Glover

Funeral services celebrating the life of Gerald L. Glover will be held Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 10:00 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Interment will follow at Weldon Cemetery in Bernice, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m. Thurs-

day prior to the service time.

Gerald was born January 6, 1938, in Weldon, Louisiana and entered rest May 22, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Ernest Glover and sister Peggy Joyce Williams.

He is survived by his wife Sandra Glover of Minden;

sons, Brian Glover and Roger Hicks both of Minden; daughters Jennifer Lunsford of Minden and Rhonda Gray of Heflin; grandchildren, Brandi Gray, Brittini Holder, Brynn Boyd, Bailey Lunsford, Victoria Lunsford, Logan McCorkhill, Ella Glover, Brody Glover, and Braxton Glover; great grandchildren, Landon Rasberry, Levi Rasberry, Briar Holder, and Elizabeth Bonacci; niece Renee Williams Puckett of Dubach; nephew, Michael Williams of Homer; and great nephew Cody Carico of Choudrant.

Pallbearers will be Hank Haynes, Marty Fletcher, Guy Mandino, Jeff Haynes, Richard McKissack, and Mike Pruitt,

Honorary pallbearers will be the members of Buckeye Hunting Club.

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OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

ALFREDO ORTIZ
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

This week, the United States officially hit the sad mark of one million Covid-19 deaths. The mainstream media coverage has detailed how this death toll has varied based on age, race, and vaccination status. However, it has conspicuously ignored how these Covid-19 deaths have occurred independently of differing state policies regarding economic and education restrictions.

Many Democrat-run states imposed severe restrictions in 2020 and 2021 that did nothing to stop the virus and much to harm small businesses and ordinary Americans. Job Creators Network called on policymakers to “flatten the fear” when it became clear the virus couldn’t be controlled by hiding at home or a big government response, yet we were ignored by blue-state officials. Any reckoning of the nation’s Covid response at one million deaths must incorporate these unforced errors that exacerbated the pandemic’s wrath.

A National Bureau of Economic Research study published last month ranks states’ Covid-19 responses by three metrics – deaths, economics, and education

-- and finds no relationship between economic and education restrictions and Covid-19 mortality. For instance, California ranks among the worst in the nation and Florida among the best in terms of economic and education regulations during the pandemic. Yet both states had similarly middling Covid-19 mortality rates.

California pursued a strict response, including a first-of-its-kind statewide lockdown, punishing and long-lasting restrictions on small businesses, and beach closures months after it was clear the virus didn’t meaningfully transmit outside. Even though epidemiologists quickly discovered that schools are not significant vectors of transmission, California bowed to its teachers unions and closed schools for most of 2020 and 2021.

In contrast, Florida was quick to lift its economic restrictions and return to in-person schooling when it was clear that lockdowns were only effective at suppressing livelihoods. In representative media scrutiny over Florida’s reopening, Vanity Fair called Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis an “Angel of Death.”

The terrible performance in all three of these metrics in states such as New York

and New Jersey compared to the good results in states like Utah and Nebraska debunk barrels of ink claiming government regulations were needed to “keep us safe” from Covid.

The full consequences of blue states’ bad economic and education pandemic policies are only just emerging. These states endured more business closures, economic depression, and crime than their counterparts that quickly reopened. The big blue states of California, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Illinois are still far from recovering all their employees lost during the pandemic. (Many former employees have fled to red states for economic freedom.)

Consider what the following 12 cities with the biggest restaurant reservation declines between this spring and the spring of 2019 have in common: Minneapolis (-60% restaurant reservations), Brooklyn (-44%), San Francisco (-43%), New York (-40%), Portland (-39%), Seattle (-39%), Philadelphia (-36%), Cambridge (-35%), Chicago (-28%), Baltimore (-27%), Beverly Hills (-26%), and Washington (-23%). Businesses in these cities faced stringent and lasting state and local restrictions such as bans on indoor din-

ing and capacity limits. All types of small businesses in these jurisdictions face similar pain as lockdown consequences persist.

Meanwhile, blue states that shut their schools for a year and a half in 2020 and 2021 caused enormous learning loss for children and immense stress for parents. A Harvard University study shows students whose schools shut down for this timeframe had 2.5 times the learning loss of those that briefly closed from April 2020 until the end of the school year. School closures widened minority learning gaps caused by bad state policy that disproportionately locks minority children in failing public schools. “This will probably be the largest increase in educational inequity in a generation,” said the study’s author.

The national pain associated with one million Covid deaths will last indefinitely. But so will the consequences of the economic and educational turmoil caused by the pandemic of government restrictions. Monday morning quarterbacking about the nation’s Covid response must account for these self-inflicted wounds as well.

ALFREDO ORTIZ IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF JOB CREATORS NETWORK.

OTHER OPINION

Why are we afraid to be labeled an introvert?

The author and aviator, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, born in 1906 wrote “The world does not understand, in either man or woman, the need to be alone.”

She went on to say “how inexplicable it seems. Anything else will be accepted as a better excuse. If one sets aside time for a hair dresser, a social engagement, or a shopping expedition, that time is accepted as inviolable. But if one says: I cannot come because this is my hour to be alone, one is considered rude, egotistical or strange. What a commentary on our civilization, when being alone is considered suspect; when one has to apologize for it, make excuses, hide the fact that one practices it -- like a secret vice!”

She had much to say about

our need for solitude.

Anne was also the wife of aviator Charles Lindbergh whose child was kidnapped in 1929 and later found dead.

Anne went to the sea to spend six weeks alone -- to write Gift From The Sea, a historic book which delves into our need to be alone and to restore herself and to hear herself think.

That’s my take on it. We tend to extol extroverts and criticize introverts for whatever reason. Albert Einstein, physicist

and scientist who discovered the law of relativity, as well as Thomas Edison who invented the light bulb along with Eleanor Roosevelt, were known to be introverts.

I am unashamed to admit that I am more of an introvert than an extrovert.

As an introvert I need time to think, to reach within, to explore what else is out there that I need to record as a legacy for my family and friends who care to read my thoughts.

So what’s so wrong with that?

We live in a society of constant background noise. as though we are afraid to be alone with ourselves.

We often can’t get together without the big screen.

That’s OK for some but not for me. I need time to think, to

center down, to renew myself, to restore my creative energy.

At the age of seventy-two I sense that I have left some stones unturned.

I went through years of pain in the orphanage, then to be in a most difficult role as a minister’s wife -- is almost too much to write about.

Anyway we have to walk in someone’s shoes to understand the path they walk.

I’ve heard it said that extroverts accomplish more than introverts but it takes just a moment to research the difference between the two.

Enough said, and maybe not.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Capitol awash in money, so let’s make the mistakes we made before?

With new money washing up on the shores of State Capitol Lake, it’s time to party again like it’s 2008?

We’re afraid that is going to happen, even when there are already warning signs that the boom of 2022 is not a permanent state of affairs. As it wasn’t in 2008, when within a year big tax cuts and a national recession collapsed state revenues, with ruinous long-term effects on state government and citizens.

Louisiana is part of the national economy, much more so now that oil and gas revenues no longer fuel the state budget like they used to. And with interest rates rising to combat inflation and stock markets tanking around the world, Louisiana is not immune to the deflating of a post-pandemic boom. Nor does the generous

funding right now take into account what the economists delicately call “geopolitical risks,” which include a very real war in Europe.

So while the legislators pop the Champagne corks, we look at the telltale \$45 million, with a minus sign in front of it.

That’s the small drop in some state taxes and fees for the general fund, forecast by economists, even as they and state officials “recognized” new revenues that are overall higher.

With various deductions and dedications, the fiscal year beginning July 1 will see another \$350 million in the state general fund available for spending. But then, there’s the cautionary predicted decline — yes, decline — in taxes and fees over the next year.

It’s just a projection, close enough for government work and not a huge problem with about \$11 billion in the general fund.

But the budget-builders understand, or ought to, that large chunks of that total are spoken for already. The general fund is the operating engine of state government, paying for health care and education and other essentials; it’s by far the more important source of dollars than the federal funding and one-time surpluses coming into state government this year.

Even if we support some of the major goals of the governor and Legislature with the new general fund money, including a more generous pay raise for teachers, we urge restraint.

One of the mistakes of

2008 was the fad of tax cuts, eroding the general fund just in time for fiscal disaster to ensue. This year, there are efforts to dial back a sales tax increase of several years ago, which has helped to make the general fund healthier during this boom.

We don’t like sales taxes in general, but it is irresponsible to reduce general fund revenues without a realistic plan to replace them. Saying we’ll ratchet down the budget when the time comes is foolish, just as it was in 2008.

We deplore the cavalier attitude of one of the key authors of tax-cut legislation, Tony Bacala, R-Prairieville, who declined to identify to the full House what could be cut. He’s not only a veteran on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee, he was an Ascension Parish

chief deputy, so he knows how difficult it is to cut budgets — meaning, usually, payrolls — at any level of government.

And Bacala knows that colleges and health care take the brunt of cuts, as so much of the general fund is dedicated and can’t easily be cut. That happened before.

When senior members offer tax-cut bills without a coherent plan on how to pay for them, new members go along because they don’t know any better. But we think we see the mistakes of 2008 again.

Beware that minus-sign in the revenue forecast. It is a yellow flashing light.

THE (BATON ROUGE) ADVOCATE.

SPORTS

Pitching perseverance: Cale Hollis battles back

Glenbrook pitcher overcomes broken leg in Co-MVP return to mound

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald Sports

Sometimes an athlete faces one of those life defining moments — one that makes or breaks their dreams of continuing a career in sports. New Glenbrook graduate Cale Hollis faced that moment as a senior after breaking his leg on the football field. A standout receiver, Hollis’ main sport is baseball — the one that could carry him on to the collegiate level — is baseball. The right-handed pitcher with the powerful fastball had already drawn attention of college scouts even playing prep ball at a smaller school. But then came Oct. 22 of last year, as the Apaches were at home playing Ringgold in a game the Apaches won 49-14. It was anything but a winning night for Hollis.

TOUGH BREAK
Hollis knew right away what had happened. “My tibia and fibula on my left leg were both broken,” Hollis said. “The bottom of the leg was turned around backward. My foot was facing the other way. I was laying on it and as soon as I lifted my leg a little and looked at it, I knew. “At the time I didn’t know if I would need surgery. I just knew it was bad. The day before I had taken a pitching lesson. That Thursday before the Ringgold football game I hit 88 mph on a pitch for the first time ever. So when I turned around on Friday and that happened, it was devastating. I was at the hospital and one of the nurses told me it would take me a year to recover. And that nearly broke me. The thought I wasn’t going to be able to play baseball my senior year was a big blow. I didn’t want to believe it. So I didn’t. I started right then and there fighting mentally to get myself back to where I wanted to be. I wasn’t going to give up without a fight.

COMEBACK JOURNEY BEGINS
“I was on crutches until the end of January,” Hollis said. “They did surgery to put a rod down the tibia with four screws to hold it in. They let the fibula heal naturally, which is why it took me so long to get back. I hate to sit out an extra four weeks because they were worried about me twisting on it and it just snapping back in two again.” Hollis didn’t waste time beginning his comeback journey. As soon as he could sit up strong in a chair, he would sit there throwing a baseball to keep his arm strong,” said Glenbrook baseball coach Tony Sanders. “He wasn’t going to give up and didn’t waste any time doing whatever he needed to do to try and get back out there on the mound.” The biggest step in that journey came in late February. “I was on crutches until late January,” Hollis said. Then I got cleared to get back out on the field on Feb. 22. That was the day I threw my first bullpen. I was a little worried about it because it was my plant foot. I landed on it on every pitch. And that was on

my mind every second at first. But the thoughts were only there a second before I made them leave my mind.” The more he pitched and worked, the stronger Hollis said he got. “Once I got confident about the leg, the pitching really started coming back,” Hollis said. “It was like that sore feeling you get after working out sometimes. The leg was always so swollen afterwards at first. But I fought through the pain. I knew it was making me stronger and better. I knew it was all just part of the healing process.” Glenbrook baseball coach Tony Sanders has been right there with Hollis for every step for the comeback journey. “I took a lot of guts, hearts and determination for him to do what he’s done,” Sanders said. “His foot was turned totally the opposite way. I was on the field with him. I drove him on the cart to the ambulance. I was at the hospital with him after the game. To see that and to see him come back as our only baseball senior, knowing that we can’t make the playoffs because we’re on probation being a first-year (Louisiana High School Athletics Association) program, and see that happen to a player with college potential was heartbreaking. “But to see him persevere and keep working through it all was inspiring. A lot of the reason he’s back is his faith, his determination and just pure hard work. He wasn’t the normal Cale at the first of the season, but just to see him back on the mound was a great thing for us and for him.” And game-by-game, Sanders saw as Hollis continued to gain confidence. “He kept getting stronger and stronger as the season went on,” Sanders said. “The first weekend he was released we were in Marshall, Texas, playing in a tournament. He had come to us the day before with a full medical release. He had a grin on his face from ear-to-ear. “That first game it was 20 degrees and he was over there shivering and saying that his leg hurt, just from the cold. And I wondered if it was going to happen this year or not. The next night we got into some trouble and I told Cale to get hot if he wanted to get hot, and he got hot. He went out there and his first time on the mound got the win. Then over the next few outings he kept getting stronger and stronger. And soon he was back to being our go-to guy on the mound.” Hollis ended up going 6-4 on the season, being named District 1-1A Co-Most Valuable Player after posting a 2.56 ERA with 62 strikeouts in 41 innings pitched. “He did it by working hard and always believing in himself,” Sanders said. “He just wouldn’t back down. He couldn’t. That’s just not in his nature.”

SET FOR SUMMER WORKOUTS
Workouts this summer will be different for Hollis as he works to try to find a spot on the collegiate level. “Last summer I’d get



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up and do football workouts and then go get a snack to try to get something in my stomach,” Hollis said. “That was around noon. I’d start football conditioning workouts at 8 a.m. We’d run some routes and things like that, and then we’d hit the weight room and I’d work on upper body or lower body on alternate days, or run a mile. “Then every Thursday afternoon, I was doing pitching lessons under Riley Hollingsworth. It may not have been the best for me doing two workouts back-to-back, but I was trying to get stronger in all phases.” Hollis admits he nearly gave up football after his freshman year. “But I went back out as a sophomore,” Hollis said about his years on the gridiron. “I was mainly out there just to have fun without everybody else - just enjoy my time. When the new football coaches got there when I was in eighth grade, we had eight guys at the first football meeting. So I felt I had to play. They needed me for the numbers. “When we got to 22 players — 11 starters on each side — it started getting a little better. I could have quit at that point. But I would have been letting my teammates down. I don’t know if I’m going to miss the sport (football), but I’m going to miss being around everybody and what we got out of it working better to build that program.” And it wasn’t an easy build. “We went 1-9 my freshman year in football,” Hollis said. “We didn’t have any idea what the future would hold. But all of a sudden sophomore year we started to win games. (Football coach David Feaster) knows a lot about the sport and what he’s doing. I’m glad I was part of the foundation of all of it.”

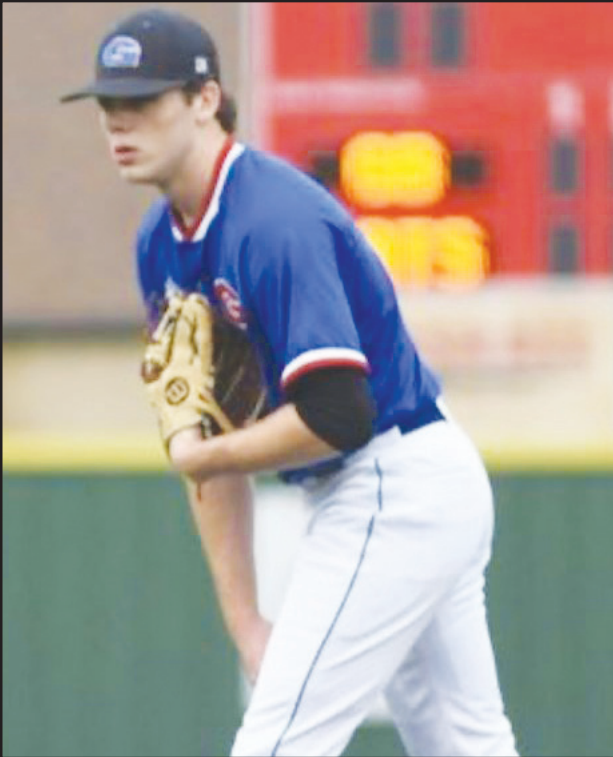
Hollis said his football experience has helped make him a better baseball player. “Football has taught me how to work harder for things, for the future,” Hollis said. “Trying to put forth more effort to get where I want to be in life and in baseball. It’s kept me working harder and never really taking a break. It’s taught me determination and putting everything I have into that next play. Or that next pitch in baseball. It’s a sport I think everybody should play just because of the team concept.”

PITCHING FOR A STRONG FUTURE
“I have a Division II team that has offered me since September. Other than that it’s mainly just JUCOs. I’ll do whatever I have to do to get a chance.” Hollis said there is no timeline in deciding his future. “I was hoping to have committed somewhere by now,” Hollis said. “But I have one offer so far. We’ll see what happens over the next few weeks. I’m going to a try-out pretty soon. I hope to commit somewhere soon.

Hollis knows it’s his fastball that will carry him to the next level. “I have a curve and a change-up,” Hollis said. “Sometimes I’ll throw a splitter in warm-ups. It usually doesn’t work, but I’m trying to add some pitches. Everybody needs more than three. But I’m a fastball pitcher. I’m consistent with it. You can go through games where your curveball isn’t working and you try your best to place that fastball on the corner just so the batter isn’t always seeing off-speed stuff.” Sanders said Hollis is deserving of a chance to play collegiately. “Cale’s going to bring leadership, hard work,



Hollis was having an outstanding senior season as a wide receiver for the Apaches football team before breaking his leg during a home game against Ringgold on Oct. 22.



Hollis on the mound for the Apaches.

grit and determination,” Sanders said about what Hollis can bring to a college baseball program. “He’s going to lead by example. He’s a great kid — one of those kids you want your daughter to bring home to meet her parents. He’s going to put in the work and do the right thing. “He’s going to make his grades. You don’t have to worry about that with Cale. He deserves the chance. He’s earned it through hard work. I

just hope he gets it.” As far as a college major, Hollis said that decision will be easy. Hollis said the one certainty he does have is his post athletics career direction. “I want to be an electrical engineer,” Hollis said. “My dad, my grandpa, my uncles, they’re all engineers. My dad and grandpa are both electrical engineers. I have the skills. I’m good at math and that’s really what I want to do.”

SPORTS

LA Tech baseball wins road series at Charlotte
Diamond 'Dogs to open C-USA tourney vs. same 49ers on Wednesday

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Louisiana Tech got off a strong start to win the rubber match of a three-game Conference USA baseball series at Charlotte on Saturday afternoon at Hayes Stadium as the Bulldogs marched to an 8-3 win.

LA Tech (38-18, 20-10 C-USA) topped Charlotte (35-20, 17-13 C-USA) as six different Bulldogs recorded multi-hit games.

Jonathan Fincher earned the win for Tech in relief.

“I just met with the guys and I told them it has been a great journey so far,” said Tech head coach Lane Burroughs. “There are a lot of teams whose seasons are over. Going 20-10 usually wins you a championship, but I am proud of our guys considering playing in the fourth toughest conference in the country. Not too shabby at all and the journey is not over. We won road series at UTSA, Old Dominion, Marshall and here in Charlotte which are really tough places.”

The Bulldog bats came out firing in the first inning, scoring seven runs. With the bases loaded Cole McConnell drove in his 71st run of the year



Louisiana Tech's Jorge Corona (11), pictured being congratulated after a SAC Fly RBI that scored Phillip Matulia on Sunday, went 8-for-13 at the plate during the weekend's three-game Conference USA series at Charlotte.

on a groundout. Walker Burchfield beat out a throw on a fielder's choice to bring in the second run and Logan McLeod was hit-by-pitch to allow the Bulldogs to take a 3-0 lead. With the bases loaded and two down, Wade Elliott launched a moonshot grand slam over the left center field wall. Elliott's fourth long ball of the year

capped off the seven run first inning.

LA Tech plated another run in the second inning as Jorge Corona brought home Philip Matulia on a sacrifice fly.

In the third, the Bulldogs scored three more times on five hits with the big one coming off the bat of Taylor Young. The senior shortstop belted

his 10th home run of the season bringing home all three in the inning.

Charlotte designated hitter David McCabe homered twice in this ball game. McCabe hit a three-run homer in the third and a solo shot in the bottom of the seventh.

From the fourth inning until the sixth, both teams were held scoreless.

Fincher came on in relief as Jarret Whorff ran into some in the third. Fincher worked 2.2 innings out of the bullpen holding the 49ers to no runs on just four hits with two strikeouts.

Corona added to his hot streak as he shot an RBI double into the gap with two down in the seventh. Adarius Myers then

singled on the infield and Corona came around to score on a throwing error. Lancaster added his third hit of the game to bring in the 14th Bulldog run taking a 14-4 lead.

Greg Martinez tossed the final two innings in relief before the game called due to weather. The righthander allowed just three hits and one run coming on a solo homer and he struck out one.

The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 38-18 record going 20-10 in conference play.

With the 38th win of the season, Burroughs reached the 200 win mark as the LA Tech skipper.

“Our guys had to fight and show some toughness,” Burroughs said. “We kind of got manhandled Thursday night.

“There have been plenty of times this year when we could have thrown up our hands. Even when it is 14-5 it still feels close with those guys because they can really hit. But I am very proud of these guys for finishing the season the way they did.”

Tech will head down to Hattiesburg to begin the C-USA Tournament at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday as the Bulldogs face off with Charlotte once again.

G-Men seeded second in SWAC hardball tourney

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Grambling State University baseball earned the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) West Division No. 2 seed heading into this week's SWAC Baseball Tournament, the conference announced on Sunday.

GSU enters the tournament with a record of 25-29 overall, 20-10 in the SWAC and will take on the No. 3 seed from the SWAC East Division, Bethune-Cookman (25-30,

19-11) at noon Wednesday.

Wednesday's game will mark the first time the Tigers and Wildcats have faced each other this season. The winner of Wednesday's game will advance to take on the winner of the Alabama State and Texas Southern contest.

The Tigers return to the SWAC Baseball Tournament after going 2-2 in the 2021 tournament, falling to Jackson State 9-5 to end its championship bid.



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Terry Burrell III and the Grambling State Tigers will open the Southwestern Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament on Wednesday against Bethune Cookman.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Tidlers hold hoops awards banquet

The Minden High School Lady Tidlers Basketball Team was honored at their recent awards ceremony. Special awards were given to seniors D'Metrian Ward, Brooke Barrett, and My'ya Shine. All-District awards were given to Jayden Dent and Kierra Harrison.

LSU softball ousted from NCAA Regionals

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

TEMPE, Ariz. — The No. 20/22 LSU (34-23) softball season concluded after a 3-2 loss to Cal State Fullerton (37-21) Saturday at Farrington Stadium.

First baseman Georgia Clark registered her 10th multiple-hit game of the season and second of the tournament with a 2-fo-2 performance with two RBIs and two walks to lead the team.

Pitcher Ali Kilponen (18-9) tossed a complete game where she struck out four batters and gave up four hits, three runs, and two walks.

The Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the top of the first inning. Third baseman Danieca Coffey singled to third and centerfielder Ciara Briggs singled to the pitcher before both runners moved to second and third on shortstop Taylor Pleasants'

sacrifice bunt. Clark followed by driving in both Coffey and Briggs with a single to the shortstop.

The Titans responded in the bottom half inning with three runs on two hits and one LSU error to hold a 3-2 lead after the opening frame.

Neither club scored another run in the game. The Tigers defense allowed only five base runners for the remainder of the contest, but was unable to push across another run despite having five runners in scoring position.

“I just want to thank Arizona State's staff for running a first-class event. It was really easy to participate in and just be a part of, so we appreciate it and congrats to the teams continuing on,” said LSU coach Beth Torina. “Obviously, this year did not go how we had planned. I think our team is talented, but we just could not over-

come some of the distractions and some of the things that happened throughout.

“It's not always about talent. This is not where we want to be, or where we plan to be, and we plan to use our off-season to find ways to improve so that we're not in this spot again. I am proud of a lot of the things this team accomplished this year, some of them not just between the lines, but proud of the things that this team did in our community. They lead our department in things like service hours and things that you may not see in the wins and losses. This team was really special in a lot of ways and I'm proud of our three seniors and what they accomplished in their time. Shelby Wick-ersham, Jordyn Perkins, and Shelbi Sunseri, who just led our team and were a huge part in everything we did for the last five years.”

Dunkin' Dogs add Brooke Reed as Director of Basketball Operations

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech men's basketball head coach Talvin Hester put the finishing touches on his staff Friday with the hiring of Brooke Reed as the new director of basket-

ball operations.

Reed comes to LA Tech from Texas Tech where she has spent the last nine seasons with the Red Raiders softball program after being named the director of operations in the fall of 2013.

“We are so excited to have Brooke join our program,” said Hester. “Her experience as a Division I athlete and director of operations will help our student-athletes and staff be champions at our craft.”

Reed served as the in-

terim head coach for Texas Tech during the 2022 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship.

Prior to that, her role as director of operations included overseeing the day-to-day functions of the program.

“I would like to thank coach Hester for trusting me with this opportunity and I look forward to being a part of this great program and University,” said Reed. “I am excited to return to my home state and have already begun to

enjoy our unique and delicious food!”

In addition to her role with the softball program, she was the point person for the business office as well as other departments within Texas Tech Athletics.

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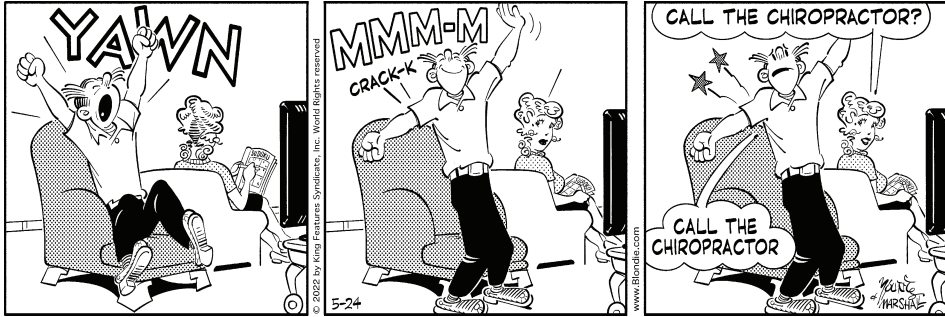
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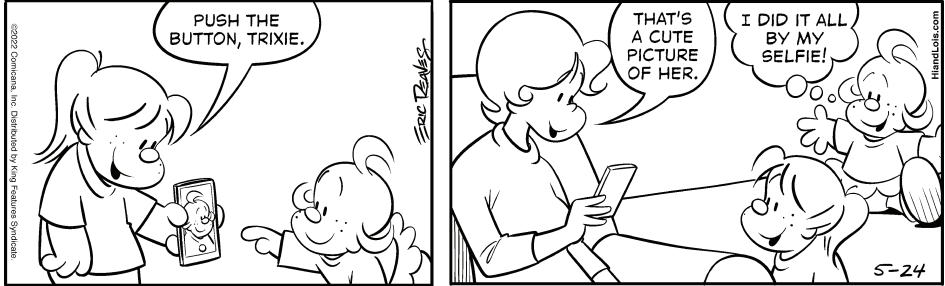
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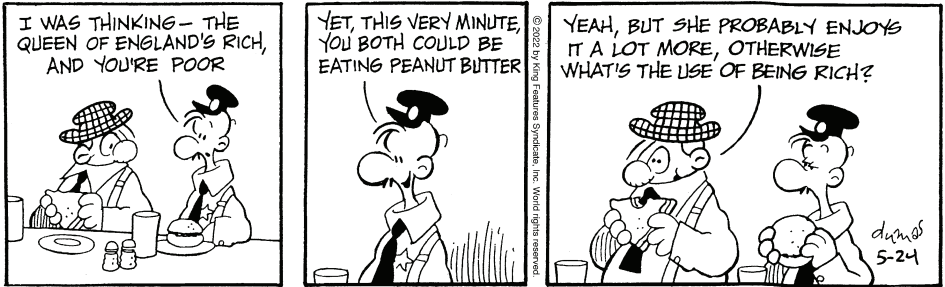
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The proposals must be submitted via United States Postal Service and received no later than **2:00 pm CST, Friday, July 1, 2022, at the Webster Parish Communications District Addressing and Administration Office, 410 Main Street, Minden LA 71055.**

All proposals submitted must be clearly marked: **NG911 CALL HANDLING SYSTEM PROPOSAL**

The request for proposal packet is available at no charge in the office of the Executive Director, Webster Parish Communications District Addressing and Administration Office, and may be requested via email to director@webstere911.org.

Successful bids will be approved at the regular meeting, on July 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM CST.

The Webster Parish Communications District is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Communications District abides by the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211.

The Webster Parish Communications District 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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5/17/2022

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Webster Parish Communications District solicits sealed proposals for the following:

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD)

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NOTICE

Webster Parish School Board adheres to the equal opportunity provisions of federal civil rights law and regulations that are applicable to this agency. Therefore, no one will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); gender (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972); disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) in attaining educational goals and objectives and in the administration of personnel policies and procedures. Anyone with questions regarding this policy may contact Johnny Rowland, Jr., Superintendent at (318) 377-7052, P.O. Box 520, Minden, LA 71058.

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Minutes of the Webster Parish Tourism Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Springhill North Webster Chamber, 400 north Giles Street, Springhill, LA 71075

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM. Attending the meeting were Ty Pendergrass, Tracy Campbell, Derek Melancon, Karen Calvert, Sara McDaniel, Nick Cox, Administrative Assistant, Johnnye Kennon, and Springhill Chamber Manager, Ronda Taylor. Absent was Nicky Patel.

Ty Pendergrass called the meeting to order.

Sara McDaniel led the Prayer and Nick Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sara McDaniel made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report
The profit loss statement was presented by treasurer, Tracy Campbell. Karen Calvert made the motion to accept the financial report. Nick Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tourism Report
Administrative Assistant, Johnnye Kennon, gave a brief update on upcoming events.

New Business
Tracy Campbell made the motion to approve Advertising Grant for AirRunners Aviation in the amount of \$1,000 for the Wings and Wheels Fly-In to be held April 2, 2022. Nick Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara McDaniel made the motion to approve Advertising Grant for Friends of Germantown in the amount of \$2,000 for the Bluegrass Festival to be held on April 23, 2022. Karen Calvert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Campbell made the motion to approve Advertising Grant for M & A Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$2,000 for the 3rd Annual Blues Festival to be held on June 4, 2022. Sara McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Calvert made the motion to approve Advertising Grant for the Charles Brown High Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 for the First Annual Juneteenth Festival to be held June 18-19, 2022. Derek Melancon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Derek Melancon made the motion to approve Advertising Grant for Springhill NW Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,000 for the Mistletoe Market to be held on November 26, 2022. Karen Calvert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara McDaniel made the motion to enter into a lease and subsequent acquisition of a portion of property owned by Joe Miller Inabnett in Minden. The purchase price of the property will be \$500,000 with lease payments applied to purchase price. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman, Ty Pendergrass, called for public comments. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1248.6 that a public hearing of the Webster Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place in the meeting room the Courthouse Annex, West Entrance, located at 401 Main Street, Minden, LA on June 7, 2022 at 11:00 am to authorize the collection of a local hospital assessment payment as authorized by Section 1, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.12 and to enact an ordinance to that effect.

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Gilgal Water System, Inc.
Public Water Supply ID: 1119034
The Water We Drink
We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2021. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water sources are: Well #3 & #4 on Sanders Rd. in Claiborne Parish and Well #5 on Backwoods Rd. in Claiborne Parish. The source for the water in the above wells is ground water in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer.

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land and through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants – such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic Contaminants – such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and Herbicides – which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
Organic Chemical Contaminants – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive Contaminants – which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Gilgal Water System has A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP). This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed well sites through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, Gilgal has a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. You may review this plan if you like. Just contact our office with your request.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits of contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact, Terry Sanders @ 318-371-9488.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Gilgal Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals-Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)-one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)-one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)-picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Treatment Technique (TT)-an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.
Action Level (AL)-the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL)-the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)-the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL)-the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfection level goal (MRDLG)-the level of drinking water disinfectant blow which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Level 1 assessment – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 assessment – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
No violations occurred in the calendar year 2021		

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	Highest RAA	Unit	Range
Chlorine	2021	1	ppm	0.2 - 2.28
MRDL	MRDL G	Typical Source		
4	4	Water additive used to control microbes		

Regulated contaminants that were detected follow. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis, therefore, information provided refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants - FLORIDE, Collection Date, 8/6/2020, Highest Value 0.1, Range 0.1, Unit-ppm, MCL 4, MCLG 4, Typical Source is erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Treated Water Regulated Contaminants - Nitrate-Nitrite, Collection Date, 7/9/2021, Highest Value 0.2, Range 0.2, Unit ppm, MCL 10, MCLG 10, Typical Source Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Source Water Radiological Contaminants – No Detected Results were found in Calendar Year 2021.
Treated Water Radiological Contaminants - No Detected Results were found in Calendar Year 2021.
Lead & Copper, Copper Free, date 2018 - 2020, 90th Percentile-0.2; Range-0 - 0.3; Unit-ppm; AL-1.3; Sites Over-LRAA-0, typical source is corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives
Disinfection Byproducts:
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), sample point, Fincher Creek@Harris Rd, Period-2021; Highest LRAA-7; Range-7-7; Unit ppb; MCL-60; MCLG-0, typical source is by-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM, sample point Fincher Creek @ Harris Rd, Period-2021; Highest LRAA-29; Range-29.2-.29.2; Unit-ppb; MCL-80; MCLG-0, typical source is by-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHM, sample point Hwy 80@Beck Curve Rd, Period-2021; Highest LRAA-7; Range-7.4-7.4; Unit-ppb; MCL-80; MCLG-0, typical source is by-product of drinking water chlorination.
Source Secondary Contaminants:
Aluminum, Collection date-8/3/2020, Highest Value-0.01, Range 0 - 0.01, Unit, MG/L, SMCL, .02
Chloride, Collection date-8/6/2020; Highest Value-16; Range-0 - 16; Unit-MG/L; SMCL-250
Iron, Collection date- 8/3/2020; Highest Value-0.05, Range-0.0.05, Unit-MG/L; SMCL-0.3
PH, Collection date-8/6/2020; Highest Value-8.6; Range-7.73-8.6; Unit-PH; SMCL-8.5

Treated Secondary Contaminants – No Detected Results were found in the Calendar Year 2021.

Environmental Protection Agency
Required Health Effects Language

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as, persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. EPA/ CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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There are no additional required health effects notices

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

Gilgal Water System works around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

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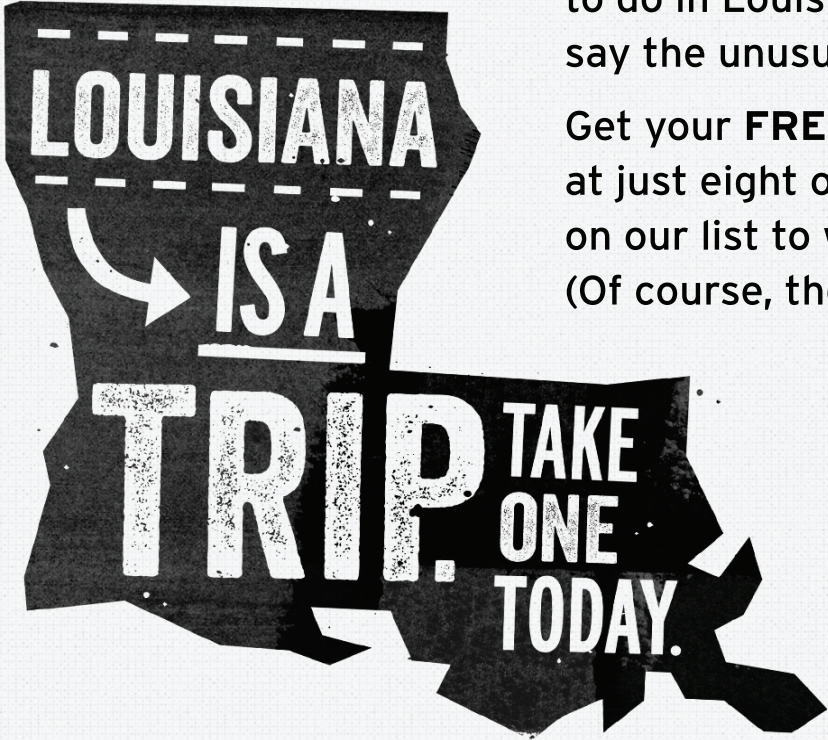
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