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Police Jury swears in new jurors

BY JONI TAYLOR

The Caldwell Parish Police Jury swore in the newly elected jurors as their first act in their meeting held on Tuesday, January 14. Clerk of Court, Cherie Lott, swore in Lanny Dark, Kevin Martin, Mark Black, B-Line Exline, Gary Watts, Speck Graham and Holden Volentine. After the swearing in the jurors voted Speck Graham as President and Kevin Martin as Vice-President for the year 2020.

Committees were appointed for the year 2020. The Finance Committee will be Holden Volentine, Speck Graham and Lanny Dark. The Personnel Committee will be Speck Graham, Mark Black and

Kevin Martin. The Court House Committee will be Gary Watts, Holden Volentine and Kevin Martin. The Recreation Committee will be Holden Volentine, B-Line Exline and Mark Black. The Road Committee will be B-Line Exline, Lanny Dark and Gary Watts.

Public Comment on agenda items/correspondence was allowed. This was not without controversy with members of the public arguing against not being able to have a discussion before each vote on items on the agenda. One resident spoke up about an attendee that does not live in Caldwell Parish and quoted all the names he had called the Police Jury.

During this time Ken McManus, McManus Engineering Consultant, discussed the Watershed Initiatives in the parish. Gumby Dam, a project with Richland and Caldwell Parish, was discussed. McManus said they are asking for \$1.6 million for the project. Hurricane Creek was discussed. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is requiring flood plain maps as a preliminary to moving forward. The proposed plan will consist of work on Hurricane Creek from behind Brookshire's Grocery Store to Hwy 126 in Grayson. Once this is completed, they hope to change the creek all the way

South. That total project is estimated to cost \$7.4 million.

There was a brief discussion concerning hogs traps owned by the Soil Conservation District. There are many complaints about wild hogs in Caldwell Parish doing a lot of damage in the agricultural community as well as other communities.

The Caldwell Parish Police Jury meeting times were set for the first Monday of the month at 9 am and the first Thursday after the fifteenth of the month at 6 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on December 19, 2019 were

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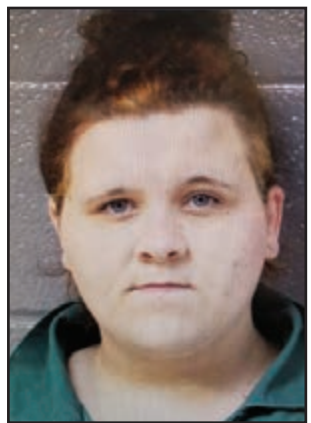
Caldwell Parish Schools recently chose Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year. These individuals are chosen by co-workers and recognized for student growth and effectiveness. CPHS Teacher of the Year David Hillman (right) is shown with Principal James Wells.



Newly elected Caldwell Parish Police Jurors being sworn in shown from left to right are: Lanny Dark, C. M. "B-Line" Exline, Gary Watts, Holden Volentine, Vice President - Kevin Martin, Mark Black, and President Speck Graham.

Arrest made for distribution of meth

A traffic stop made in the early morning hours of January 22, 2020 resulted in the arrest of a Columbia woman for distribution of methamphetamine.



Jennifer Hebert

After initiating the stop the driver exited the vehicle and met the deputy at the rear driver's side door. The deputy had prior knowledge of narcotics use by the driver. The deputy asked the driver if he had anything on his person such as any narcotics and the driver stated no. The deputy asked for and gained consent to search the driver's person and vehicle. The driver stated there should not be anything in the vehicle but he could not speak for the two male and female passengers inside the vehicle. Contact was made with the two passengers and a search was conducted on the male pas-

senger but nothing was found. All three individuals were then advised to stand at the front bumper of the patrol unit where the dash camera would be able to see their movements. A search was made of the vehicle and the following items were recovered: one glass bong type suspected meth smoking pipe with suspected methamphetamine inside, a drawstring bag containing two Suboxone packs unopened, digital scale with suspected methamphetamine residue on it, and one prescription bottle containing 104 Gabapentin pills. The female passenger claimed ownership of the

drawstring bag. A second deputy on the scene also saw the female passenger hand something to the male passenger that turned out to be a glass smoking pipe containing suspected marijuana.

Jennifer Elizabeth Hebert, 27 of Columbia was arrested on January 22, 2020 and charged with distribution of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine), possession of Schedule II CDS (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of Schedule III CDS (Suboxone), and possession of legend drugs (Gabapentin).



CPHS Support Person of the Year Paul Roquemore (left) is shown with Principal James Wells. See more pictures on Page 6.

Town of Grayson passes resolutions

BY JONI TAYLOR

The Village of Grayson passed two important resolutions at their meeting held on January 14. The first resolution calls for a special election to be held in the Village of Grayson on May 9, 2020 for the purpose of submitting a proposition authorizing the levy and collection of one percent sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, lease or rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the village to be used for the purpose of funding maintenance and operation of publicly owned infrastructure improvements and for economic development purposes: making application to the state bond commission in connection herewith. To simplify, Grayson will collect one percent of the current sales tax while the parish receives one percent less. This is not a tax increase. Voting yes will give Grayson one percent of sales tax paid in their city limits that they have not received in the past.

A resolution regarding

publication of geographic limits was passed. So far, a record of Grayson having a geographic limit has not been found. The geographic limits are a description of the property of the Village of Grayson's limits. Should Grayson wish to annex an area or property into their town limits they would need the geographic limits. An engineer has been consulted and will confer with a surveyor. There is an estimate that it will cost \$5,000 for the prep work for the legal boundary's description.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on December 10, 2019 was reviewed and approved.

The financial reports for December 2019 was reviewed and approved.

The Water/Sewer report listed several leaks that were fixed. The funds for the 2015-16 CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund) purchased radio read meters that will be installed in the locations for safety. Areas that do not have a shoulder limits that they have not received in the past.

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The Caldwell Parish High School Lady Spartans Softball team held their annual midnight practice to kick off the season on January 20, 2020. Shown front row left to right: Ashleigh Rowland, RaeRae Evans, Hanna Beckley. Second row: Madalyn Withers, Riley Tate, Abbie McCann, Jacey Smith, MarKayla Owens, Riley Hatten. Back row: Macy Knox, Gabby Bruce, Kacey Davis, Hannah Watson, Kensey Burgess, Abby Stockstill, Madison Shipp, Tori Stamper, Kensley Hill, Raegan Thompson, Abby Bruce, Jayna Carter, Maddie Stephens.



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THE CALDWELL WATCHMAN--COLUMBIA, LOUISIANA

Watch Meeting Services January 31st

The St. Peter Baptist Church, Cedar Grove BC and Evening Star BC are hosting the 2019 Watch Meeting Services on January 31, 2019. The services will start at 10:00 p.m. at the St. Peter BC located at 104 Hundley St. in Columbia, LA. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mt. Pleasant presents The Lore Family

Mt. Pleasant Church in Columbia is proud to present national recording artist The Lore Family in concert Friday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 1078 Mt. Pleasant Road in Columbia.

Schepis presents Heather Boston exhibit

Heather Boston is a self taught artist from Gillis, La. She is a prophetic, intuitive, energy artist who paints mainly with her fingers. Freedom of expression, emotion, her passion for rich pigments have landed her a nickname "Queen of Colour" She was a chosen artist on LPB ARTROCKS, and her dream is to share her gift. The Queen of Colour will be on display until Feb 29, 2020. Viewing hours are Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. More information can be found online at www.schepismuseum.com or by emailing schepismuseum1916@gmail.com.

Evening Star Annual Choir Anniversary

The Evening Star Baptist Church of Grayson, Louisiana will be celebrating their Annual Choir Anniversary on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Derrick Williams of Delhi Assembly and the entire church will be the guests. Everyone is invited.

February Story Times at the Library

We will be reading books about the circus during February storytimes. We will be making circus crafts and playing games at storytime. Storytime is every Monday at 10:00 (ages 0-7) and 1:30 (ages 8-12). Any age is welcome at either time. We will be closed February 17th for President's Day.

Valentines Day Dance February 14th

The CPJH Softball Team will host a Valentines Day Dance on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Life Church on Hwy 4 East in Columbia. This dance is for CPJH students only. Tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$18.00 per couple and will be \$10.00 each at the door. There will be a concession stand with pizza, snacks and drinks. Dress will be semi-formal (no jeans, collared shirts only). This is not a school sponsored event.

Caldwell Parish Substitute Training

A Training Class will be held for New Substitute Teacher Applicants on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Caldwell Parish School Board Office. This class is mandatory for any new applicants wanting to sub. If you have had this training in the past 7 years, it is not necessary to retake it. For more information call the School Board Office at 649-2689.

Caldwell Parish Dixie Youth Registration

Caldwell Dixie Youth will be having baseball/softball registration for the upcoming 2020 season beginning on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and then Monday, February 10th through Friday, February 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Dixie Youth concession stand. The registration fee is \$45 per child. There will be a \$15 per child late fee for all players registered after Saturday, February 15, 2020. The Registration fee must be paid at the time the player is registered. Ages for Dixie Youth Boys Teeball is 5-6 yrs old and baseball 7-14 yrs old. Ages for Dixie Youth girls Teeball is 5-6 yrs old and softball 7-18 yrs old. Boys must be 5 years old by May 1, 2020. Girls must be 5 years old by August 31, 2020. We will need a copy of the birth certificate for all players who did not play Dixie Youth baseball or softball in 2019. Anyone who is interested in coaching or umpiring for the 2020 season is asked to contact President David Crain at (318) 594-1940.

Women's Conference at Holum Baptist

The Ladies Sunday School Class of Holum Baptist Church will host a Women's Conference on Saturday, February 1st beginning at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Sue Gill of Shreveport. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon. To RSVP or for more information call Pat Harrison at 318-649-5866.

Pastor 10th Anniversary Celebration

The members of Brownville Baptist Church will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of their Pastor, Rev. Dr. Anthony Nelson on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Terry Nelson, Asst. Pastor of Faith Harvest Baptist Church in Monroe. Everyone is invited.

Schepis Valentines Day Fundraiser

The Schepis Museum is having a Valentines Day Fundraiser and will be selling chocolate covered strawberries. Pre-order now by calling 318-649-9931 and reserve your order of a decorated box of 6 large berries for \$10.00.

Date change for Senior Food Box

Food for Seniors Food Boxes will be distributed on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the National Guard Armory in Clarks from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. All boxes must be picked up during these hours.

W.P. Moore Valentines Day Dance

The W.P. Moore Scholarship Foundation will host its 2nd Annual Valentines Day Dance on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Caldwell Community Center. This dance is for ages 13-18. Tickets are \$5.00 (pre-sale) and \$6.00 at the door. There will be a live DJ, concessions, boy & girl dance off contest, best dressed contest, raffle for Valentines Day King & Queen and prizes. Contact Betty Wooten at 318-680-8186 for tickets and more information.

Retired Teacher's Association meeting

The Caldwell Parish Retired Teacher's Association will have a meeting on February 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Caldwell Parish Library meeting room.

CPHS All-Academic Assembly

Caldwell Parish High School will hold its All-Academic Assembly on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the CPHS auditorium at 10:45 a.m. Parents, friends, and the community are cordially invited to attend this awards program.

CPJH California Panorama trip

Caldwell Parish Junior High Students are invited to an educational trip to California. Cities to be visited will include San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and San Diego. There is limited space and spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment options are available. For more information contact dkelly@caldwelledu.org. You can RSVP at <https://rsvp.efex-ploreamerica.com/kds86y9>.

Obituaries

Dr. Barry Dale Gathright

Dr. Barry Dale Gathright died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Columbia, LA on January 18, 2020 at the age of 64. Barry was born on August 28, 1955 in Columbia, LA. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Sandy Bayou Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Brother Larry Russell officiated the service. Condolences can be sent to Riser and Son Funeral Home, Columbia, LA.

Jerry Lane Lee

Funeral services for Jerry Lane Lee, 76 of Olla was born on April 7, 1943 and he passed from this life on January 21, 2020. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2020 from the Columbia chapel of Riser & Son Funeral Home with Rev. Edward Dickerson officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the Urania Cemetery at Urania.

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reviewed and adopted.

Maintenance requests from Grayson to grade Mixon Lane and from Clarks to grade New Bethel and Louisiana Central were received and approved.

Dewanna Spiller was appointed to the Caldwell Parish Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Pat Bradley.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Cheryl Lively, was appointed for a four-year term.

After a brief discussion, the Caldwell

Bank and Trust signature cards will be changed to remove Wanda Stowe and to add Holden Volentine.

The regular meeting that would be held on January 16, 2020 will be canceled due to a conflict with the newly elected jurors attending a required training in Baton Rouge.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury will be Monday, February 3, 2020 at 9 am.

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pump. Grayson will need to send out a survey soon concerning cross connections. The DHH (Department of Health and Hospitals) is requiring cross connections in areas needed. At the next meeting in February there will be speaker to explain cross connections. Currently there is not an estimated cost of the connections.

The Fire Report mentioned assisting in two fires that resulted in 3 fatalities.

The Police Report mentioned the new ticket system that allows those that receive tickets to go online and find their citations and pay them. The system will also print suspensions and bench warrants which will save a lot of time.

Old Business mentioned the GPS system for Grayson's police cars. The systems will come from the Caldwell Parish

Sheriff's Office. The GPS systems are being ordered.

Advertisement for sealed bids for culverts will be received through the January 30.

New Business discussed the park equipment that was being moved to the Walking Park. During removal much of the plastic in the playground equipment crumbled. Grayson is currently researching new playground equipment and the guidelines of what they can use in the park.

Grayson has a new office employee. Kristie Boyd is the newest employee and has been working for about two weeks.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Grayson will be held on Tuesday, February 11, at 5:00 pm.

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Local resident makes McNeese Honor List

The President's Honor List for the fall 2019 semester at McNeese State University has been announced. To be on the President's Honor List, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average or better while carrying at least 15 semester hours. A senior eligible for graduation but carrying less than 15 hours is also provided that student was on the President's Honor List the previous semester. Congratulations to Whitney J. Tate of Columbia.



Sandra Rushing was the CCOA Blackout winner at Bingo with Mark of Winnfield Rehab.



Winners for Clay Day at the Caldwell Council on Aging were: Lora Ann May, Marie Franklin, Sheila Murphy, Charles LaCroix, Tina Bouie, Dennis & Barbara.



Kim & Anita Cook with AmeriCare Home Health sponsored bingo at CCOA recently. Roberta Gilbert was the blackout winner.

Bragging Board



Kearle Carnahan took her first hog recently while hunting with her dad. She is the daughter of Russell and Kelsea Carnahan.

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Arrests

The Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Office reports arrests made from January 20, 2020 through January 26, 2020.

David W. Cox, 49 of Bastrop, La was arrested on January 20, 2020 and charged with possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, misuse LA temp tag, open container, fugitive Ouachita, fugitive from Morehouse, two counts of fugitive from state of Louisiana.

Darren Eugene Coker, 29 of Columbia was arrested on January 20, 2020 and charged with tail lamps, driving under suspension, possession of CDS I (marijuana), possession of CDS I (mushrooms), possession of CDS II (morphine), possession of drug paraphernalia, swapped plates and possession of a firearm in the presence of CDS.

Robert Darnell Griffin, 36 of Monroe, La was arrested on January 20, 2020 and charged with left of center and possession CDS I (marijuana).

Susan Frances Chase, 32 of Scotland, CT was arrested on January 20, 2020 and charged with speeding, possession of CDS Schedule I (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Claire McCarter Adams, 35 of Columbia was arrested on January 21, 2020 and charged with possession of Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of paraphernalia, possession of Schedule IV (ambien), possession of Schedule II (acetaminophen/hydrocodone) and possession of Schedule I (marijuana).

Jason Fredrick Barnes, 42 of Columbia was arrested on January 21, 2020 and charged with possession of Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of paraphernalia, possession of Schedule I (marijuana) and parole violation (warrant).

Gavin Marshall Bolding, 21 of Bastrop, La was arrested on January 22, 2020 and charged with possession of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of CDS Schedule I (marijuana).

Jennifer Elizabeth Hebert, 27 of Columbia was arrested on January 22, 2020 and charged with distribution of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of CDS Schedule III (suboxone) and possession of legend drugs (gabapentin).

Justin M. Hall, 40 of Grayson was arrested on January 24, 2020 and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating vehicle with suspended license; no license issued and illuminating devices required.

Heather Howell Perot, 37 of Grayson was arrested on January 24, 2020 and charged with possession CDS I (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dannie L. Burdette, 67 of Columbia was arrested on January 25, 2020 and charged with 2 counts of simple battery and disturbing the peace.

Brian Cornelius McDowell, 41 of Grayson

was arrested on January 26, 2020 and charged with domestic abuse battery.

David Eugene Lucas Jr. 29 of Jonesville, La was arrested on January 26, 2020 and charged with possession CDS II (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lucas, 24 of Jonesville, La was arrested on January 26,

2020 and charged with possession CDS II (acetaminophen and hydrocodone bitartrate 325 MG/10MG) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jacob J. Kelly, 27 of Grayson was arrested on January 26, 2020 and charged with left of center, no license plate light and possession CDS II (methamphetamine).

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Cancel Culture Strikes Again: Banned in Maine



By: Michelle Malkin

In November, I was banned in Boston after speech-squelchers on the left and right forced the cancellation of my lecture at Bentley University, a small private institution. The grassroots activists who had invited me were rejected by every major event venue in the nation's purported Cradle of Liberty. The tail-tuckers cited security concerns or jacked up their rental fees to make it prohibitively expensive to gather peacefully to discuss -- gasp! -- ideas.

Lou Murray of Bostonians Against Sanctuary Cities and Jessica Vaughan of the Center for Immigration Studies heroically persisted, pulling together a great event at a private home attended by 100 patriots who risked their privacy, friendships and even their jobs to listen to -- gasp! -- ideas.

Soon after, a group of conservative students at the University of Maine, a publicly funded school,

invited me to bring my nationalist message about who's funding the destruction of America to their campus. This prompted the College Republicans' faculty adviser, political science professor Amy Fried, to resign in protest. That led to the de-chartering of the CR group. Why? Because I refused to disavow other young students who have asked trenchant, pesky questions at Young America's Foundation and Turning Point USA lectures about the GOP elites' support of wage-suppressing, job-outsourcing, Democrat voter-importing policies that put American students, workers and families last.

Many of those students follow a 21-year-old nationalist named Nick Fuentes, who hosts a program (for now) on YouTube and DLive in his basement called "America First." Because I refused to play the gatekeepers' game of condemning every last joke or chatroom comment or tweet of someone followed by students whose questions I support, Fried believes that no students at her campus under her watch should be allowed to hear what I have to say about, well, anything.

How strongly do University of Maine officials oppose the free association of college students

who want to know more about my work? Yesterday, I learned from Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks general manager Ed Palmer and others that at least one University of Maine official -- along with dozens of others cancel culture jihadists galvanized on social media by an anonymous Twitter account called "Support Maine's Future" -- had called to complain about the students and me after they posted an event notice last Friday. I reached out to top administrators, who did not respond by my filing deadline.

I also wrote to Fried, who responded late Tuesday evening: "I never did that. Didn't happen. Whoever told you I did is incorrect. Thank you for checking, as you received a false report regarding me."

I responded: "Too bad you didn't pay me the same courtesy."

Adrienne Bennett, a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress (Maine, District 2), challenged the school's bullying tactics: "Free speech is the cornerstone of a free democracy. We are hearing reports that administrators from the University of Maine pressured a private Maine hotel to cancel an appearance by conservative speaker Michelle Malkin. If true,

this is a disturbing development from Maine's public, land-grant university," she blasted. "All universities -- but especially those that receive public funds -- have an obligation to foster free speech and free inquiry. I support President Trump's recent executive order on campus free speech. ... I am disturbed that academic elites would interfere to block this speech. For those who disagree with Malkin's views, the answer is debate and discourse, not censorship."

My upcoming speaking schedule (for now) includes the New York Young Republican Club (Jan. 16); somewhere, hopefully, in Maine (Jan. 17); Liberty Forum of Silicon Valley (Feb. 11); Michigan Conservative

Coalition's Battle Cry 2020, Troy, Michigan (Feb. 14); Arizona State University (Feb. 26); and San Diego State University (April TBD).

A total of six organizations have now deemed me such a public menace that I've been barred from speaking at their venues or events: Mar-a-Lago (canceled by the Trump Organization after complaints by the Southern Poverty Law Center spread by left-wingers at the Miami Herald); Bentley University; the University of Minnesota (canceled at the behest of national leaders of the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow); the New Jersey Right to Life Committee; an Indiana conservative group; and Young

America's Foundation.

Why is this censorship campaign from both sides of the political spectrum happening? University of Maine College Republican Jeremiah Childs astutely observed: "They're doing this to delegitimize us because we're popular." Popular, peacefully expressed ideas that threaten establishment empires in both parties must be stopped. The pretense of free inquiry and association must be propped up by the tolerance hypocrites on the left and the culture warrior poseurs on the right. The illusion of "free speech" must be maintained by the keepers of the gate. Lying is lucrative. Telling the truth, controlled by no one, only gets you grief.



CNN is the home of liberal hacks



By: Jeff Crouere

U.S. Senator Martha McSally (R-AZ) created a firestorm of controversy this week when she called CNN reporter Manu Raju "a liberal hack." Raju was trying to interview McSally about the upcoming impeachment trial, but the Arizona Senator told him that "I'm not talking to you."

McSally is a former fighter pilot who certainly knows how to hit targets. In this regard, her comments hit the media target perfectly and were especially appropriate.

Raju and his CNN colleagues are all "liberal hacks." Other than an occa-

sional token conservative analyst or guest, the entire CNN roster of producers and on-air talent, including all the network's hosts, is composed of steadfast liberals, progressives and socialists. In fact, one of their major personalities is Van Jones, a self-proclaimed communist.

Other Republican officeholders should follow McSally's lead and refuse to appear on CNN. As tweeted by U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), CNN media personalities are not real "journalists." He noted that they "relentlessly attack every Republican" and "always, always push the prevailing Dem narrative of the moment." Clearly, Republicans, especially pro-Trump conservatives, will never get fair coverage for CNN is a tool of the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

As evidence, this week, CNN hosted a Democratic

presidential debate that heavily publicized a dispute between U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT). The network's anchors and reporters spent several days trying to help Warren by trumpeting her allegations that Sanders supposedly told her in a 2018 private conversation that a woman cannot get elected President.

Even though Sanders denies making that statement and said many years ago that a woman should be elected President, CNN's on-air personalities have been clearly taking the side of Warren. It seems the DNC leadership is once again trying to destroy the candidacy of Sanders, so, like loyal party members, CNN is doing their dirty work. The DNC fears that as a proud socialist Sanders is too far to the ideological left for millions of mainstream American voters and

is unelectable in the 2020 general election.

This CNN and DNC attack should feel very familiar to Bernie Sanders. In 2016, CNN played a role in helping Hillary Clinton win the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. Their political analyst at the time, Donna Brazile, gave Clinton advance notice of debate questions that were not provided to Sanders.

As the 2020 election cycle begins, the ties between CNN and the DNC are especially tight. Incredibly, CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer said that McSally should apologize for her comments about Raju. He said that the Senators comments were "disgusting, it was awful" and, according to Blitzer, Senator McSally, "should know better." Blitzer lauded Raju as "one of the most respected congressional reporters up on Capitol Hill."

While CNN expressed their extreme outrage at McSally's comments, she refused to buckle under the criticism. She said, "these CNN reporters, so there's many of them around the capital, they are so biased, they are so in cahoots with the Democrats, they so can't stand the president, and they run around trying to chase Republicans and ask trapping questions." They are so biased that McSally quipped the network "should probably be filing FEC reports with the DNC."

Leftwing bias afflicts all the CNN hosts, including Brian Stelter, their Chief Media Correspondent and host of Reliable Sources. He just announced his participation as Executive Producer in an HBO documentary on "fake news." It will be titled After Truth: Disinformation and the Cost of Fake News. This is quite ironic for Stelter certainly knows "fake news" very well as he has been peddling it at CNN throughout his career.

In recent years, CNN has been forced to apologize many times for false

reporting on President Donald Trump. Their "fake news" coverage also extends to others considered to be Trump supporters. The network just announced that it settled a lawsuit with Nick Sandmann, a Covington Catholic High School student from Kentucky, who was falsely accused of mistreating and racially harassing Nathan Phillips, a Native American activist, at a pro-life rally last year. The amount of the payment was not revealed but by settling the lawsuit instead of fighting it, CNN admitted its role in falsely portraying Sandmann. He was targeted by the network and other liberal media outlets for having the audacity to wear a "Make America Great Again" hat.

Today, CNN is a joke of a network with poor ratings and pitiful shows. It is a far cry from their heyday in the 1980's, when it was a respected news network. Congrats to Senator McSally for having the guts to tell the truth about a reporter who represents a network that no longer represents truth in journalism.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Writing letters to the editor is something I had never done until I came to Caldwell Parish. My previous letters to the Watchman were attempts to let this community know just how much I was struck by all of you who have made this a community like none other than I have ever seen and believe me, I've seen many both here and abroad. It is this unique community that made me say to myself, "There is no better place in the world that I would rather live."

Many people have asked me how or why, of all places, would I chose to come here. My answer is always the same, and that is I had no plan to come here at all. Caldwell Parish was essentially a pit stop along a long road I had planned to travel upon my return from China.

I wasn't here very long before the Parish absolutely captivated me like no other place in the world I have ever lived. I suggested in one of my earlier letters to the editors of the Watchman that you need to keep this place a secret from any Northerners or we'll have another invasion of people wanting to settle here.

In trying to become a part of this community, I have found a family I had never known, a church family, a family of friends who kept me here when I might have left and friends I never expected I would ever have, in other words this community. It is this community that has me write this letter.

Having seven children, fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren, has always made me a teacher of sorts. I came to

here to this community, after six years in China where I taught senior high English and have, as a former teacher of eighth grade algebra in Georgia and a substitute teacher here in Caldwell Parish, remained interested in our children, their future and the education necessary to prepare them for that future. That interest took me to a Caldwell Parish School Board meeting at which I learned we have a vacancy in the position of school superintendent.

Having learned that, of the two candidates for this position is one who is a life long resident of this community, one who chose to return to this community after college, has long worked in the Caldwell Parish school system where she became highly qualified to fill the position, one

who has raised her children in this community and has sent her children to schools in this community, one who takes them to church in this community.

All that makes me wonder if there is any choice at all. I cannot imagine a community that wouldn't welcome a person with such dedication to her community as its next School Superintendent nor could I imagine a School Board composed of parish residents, all elected by residents of this community that wouldn't find her the clear choice.

I believe this community and its School Board have an obvious choice and that is to make one of its own our next Superintendent of Caldwell Parish schools. How could we do anything else?

Bob Shearer

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Public Notices

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF CALDWELL PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 14, 2020

The Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 at 9:00 A.M. met with seven members present.

The meeting was called to order by Ben Clark, opened with prayer by Cheryl Lively and the Pledge led by Kenneth Graham.

At this time the Caldwell Parish Jurors for the 2020 thru 2024 term were sworn in by Cherie Lott, Clerk of Court. The newly elected Jurors are as follows:

District 1 Kenneth "Speck" Graham	District 5 Gary Watts
District 2 Lanny Dark	District 6 C.M. "B-Line" Exline
District 3 Mark Black	District 7 Holden Volentine
District 4 Kevin Martin	

On motion by Kevin Martin, seconded by Mark Black, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-001

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to elect Kenneth "Speck" Graham, President of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury for the 2020 calendar year.

Resolution adopted on this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by C.M. "B-Line" Exline, seconded by Mark Black, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-002

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to elect Kevin Martin, Vice President of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury for the 2020 calendar year.

Resolution adopted on this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

President Kenneth "Speck" Graham appointed the committees for 2020 as follows:

Finance Holden Volentine Kenneth Graham Lanny Dark	Road C.M. B-Line Exline Lanny Dark Gary Watts
Courthouse Gary Watts Holden Volentine Kevin Martin	Personnel Kenneth Graham Mark Black Kevin Martin

Recreation
Holden Volentine
C.M. B-Line Exline
Mark Black
On motion by Kevin Martin, seconded by Lanny Dark, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-003

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to set the date and time for the Jury meetings on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and the first Thursday after the 15th of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

At this time the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as written.

At this time maintenance requests from the municipalities were heard.

On motion by Gary Watts, seconded by Kevin Martin, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-004

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to grade Mixon Lane in the Town of Grayson.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by C.M. "B-Line" Exline, seconded by Lanny Dark, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-005

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to grade New Bethel Road and LA Central Road in the Town of Clarks.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by C.M. "B-Line" Exline, seconded by Lanny Dark, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-006

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to appoint Dewanna Spiller to the Caldwell Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Pat Bradley.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by Kevin Martin, seconded by Mark Black, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-007

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to reappoint Cheryl Lively Secretary Treasurer of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury for a term of four (4) years.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by Lanny Dark, seconded by Kevin Martin, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-008

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to cancel the January 16, 2020, 6 P.M. meeting, the newly elected Police Jury members will be attending a class in Baton Rouge on that day.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by Lanny Dark, seconded by Kevin Martin, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION 20-009

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana in regular session duly convened on this 14th day of January 2020 that this Police Jury does hereby agree to remove Wanda Stowe and Ben Clark from the signature cards at Caldwell Bank and agree to add Holden Volentine.

Resolution adopted this 14th day of January 2020 with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On a motion by Kevin Martin, seconded by C.M. "B-Line" Exline and carried, the Police Jury adjourned.

I, Cheryl Lively, Secretary Treasurer of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of minutes adopted by said Police Jury during a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of January 2020, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, Parish of Caldwell.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Cheryl Lively, Secretary Treasurer

SEAL

01-29-2020

MINUTES

COLUMBIA TOWN HALL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 20, 2020

The Columbia Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 5:15 P.M. after Mayor Richard Meredith declared a quorum to be present.

Members Present: Hannah Springer, Penny Brown, Sonja Carroll, Bonnie Crockett, and James Stuart

Members Absent: None
Others Present: Richard C. Meredith, Mayor, Teri Ann Black, Clerk, Brenda Moseley, Asst. Clerk, Jessie Sanders, Beth Hefner, Dillon Hefner, Jana Henry, Joni Taylor and Marcelin Joseph.

Mayor, Richard Meredith called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Richard Meredith, Mayor, amended agenda to add discussion to water tanks.

A motion by Hannah Springer with a second by Sonja Carroll to accept amendment to agenda.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed
Dillon Hefner on behalf of Royce Hefner presented Drip City Vapes, LLC.

Bonnie Crockett made a motion with a second by Penny Brown to annex Drip City Vapes, LLC.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

Richard Meredith, Mayor presented minutes from regular session December 16, 2019.

Hannah Springer made a motion with a second by Penny Brown to approve minutes.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

Mayor, Richard Meredith presented and discussed December 2019 financials.

A motion was made by Hannah Springer with a second by Sonja Carroll to approve December 2019 financials.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

Richard Meredith, Mayor discussed upcoming board meeting for February 17, 2020, to be moved to February 24, 2020.

A motion by Bonnie Crockett with a second by James Stuart to approve February 24, 2020 Board Council meeting.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

3 Sisters flea Market, occupational license presented by Richard Meredith, Mayor.

A motion by James Stuart with a second by Bonnie Crockett to accept occupational license.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

Jana Henry discussed cat population in the Town of Columbia.

The Pump Station was discussed by James Stuart. Richard Meredith, Mayor advised the board that he approved a temporary pump from Continental.

The road on Pearl Street by the boat docks was discussed by James Stuart. Richard Meredith, Mayor will reach out to Clay Bennett in regards to road repair.

Mayor, Richard Meredith discussed and was approved to make the purchase of 2 new ground storage tanks and also repairs to the elevated tank. The council also approved the Mayor to refinance the existing water system debt with the USDA.

A motion made by Bonnie Crockett with a second by Penny Brown to approve tanks and loan.

On Vote: (5-0)
Motion: Passed

No report on Main Street.

Hannah Springer made a motion with a second by Penny Brown to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On motion by Lanny Dark, seconded by Kevin Martin, the following resolution was offered:

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YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
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Kenneth "Speck" Graham	President
Cheryl Lively	Secretary Treasurer

On a motion by Kevin Martin, seconded by C.M. "B-Line" Exline and carried, the Police Jury adjourned.

I, Cheryl Lively, Secretary Treasurer of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of minutes adopted by said Police Jury during a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of January 2020, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, Parish of Caldwell.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Cheryl Lively, Secretary Treasurer

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Teri Ann Black, Clerk

Richard C. Meredith, Mayor

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VIOLATION NOTICE

Vixen Water System, Inc.
P. O. BOX 540
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Dear Valued Member of Vixen Water System East,

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B: Motion was made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to complete a resolution giving Rosetta Mercer the authority to complete the application and apply for a credit card on behalf of the town. This was passed at last meeting but a resolution must be completed.

Motion made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to accept and close old business.

This notice is being sent to you by Vixen Water System East (LA1021011). We have contracted with a certified water operator to assist us in meeting the minimum State and Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations. If you have questions about this notice, please contact our office at (318) 435-5999.

Sincerely,
Vixen Water System, Inc.

01-29-2020

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF GRAYSON
TOWN MEETING
December 10, 2019

The Mayor and Council Members met this day in regular session, 5:00 p.m. with the following Present: Mayor Melissa Bratton, Council Members: Danny Finley, and Kimberly Bandy, Rocky Cain, Clerk: Rosetta Mercer and Guest.

Mayor Melissa Bratton called meeting to order.

Prayer was given by Rocky Cain.

Review of Minutes from November meeting. Motion by Danny Finley, seconded by Kimberly Bandy to accept the minutes of the November 2019 meeting.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

Review of Financial report for November. Motion by Kim Bandy, seconded by Rocky Cain to accept the financials for November, 2019. Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0
Water/Sewer Report was given by Rosetta Mercer. Everything is going good with water. Work order has been cleared. Line locator, pump and radio read meters have been ordered. Motion by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy that we accept the water report.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Fire report was given by Mayor Bratton due to the absence of Fire Chief. Nothing to report. They did get fitted for fire suits with the parish due to a grant. Motion by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Danny Finley to accept the Fire report.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Police report was given by Mayor Bratton in absence of Police Chief. Tickets good, arrest average, Officers are shutting down stores for holidays and the Dodge Charger is being repaired. Motion by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Rocky Cain to accept the Police report.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Reading of the Public Notice regarding the 1 cent sales tax was read by the Clerk, Rosetta Mercer. This Notice will be in the paper 12/11 and will be delivered to the Police Jury. In January meeting there will be a vote to call an election for May 2020 to vote on the tax. Motion was made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to accept the reading of the notice.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.
Review of Ordinance 301-2019 and loan completion documents were signed and reviewed by all. The amended budget for 2019 and the completed budget for 2020 will be discussed in a public meeting on 12/30 at 5:00 pm. Motion made by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Danny Finley to set the meeting for 5:00 pm on 12/30.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Old Business:
A: Dog Ordinance was discussed and it was determined that we will see if the state has a fine listing for failure to properly contain dogs.

B: Motion was made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to complete a resolution giving Rosetta Mercer the authority to complete the application and apply for a credit card on behalf of the town. This was passed at last meeting but a resolution must be completed.

Motion made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to accept and close old business.

Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

New Business:
A: Discussion of surplus property and how to disperse of the property. Culverts at the shop will be listed in the paper for sealed bids. Old metal will be taken and sold for the town but we will wait until the price goes up a little. Motion by Danny Finley and seconded by Rocky Cain to surplus and disperse of property.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

B: There will be an ordinance for the town specifying that the Village of Grayson Town council is the governing body over the Grayson Voluntary Fire Department. Motion by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Rocky Cain to accept and pass ordinance.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

C: There was a discussion of whether bicycles should be allowed in the park. We will be looking in to gaining more property for the park and will try to expand and add a bicycle trail.

Motion made by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Rocky Cain to accept and close New business.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Motion by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to adjourn. Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Melissa Bratton, Mayor
Rosetta L. Mercer, Clerk

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MINUTES

VILLAGE OF GRAYSON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 30, 2019

Mayor Melissa Bratton called meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following Present: Mayor Melissa Bratton, Council Members: Danny Finley, and Kimberly Bandy, Rocky Cain, Clerk: Rosetta Mercer.

Discussion and review of LaMATS agreement. Motion made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to adopt the Ordinance allowing LaMATS to continue to collect insurance premium tax for the Village of Grayson.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

Motion by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to adjourn.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Mayor Melissa Bratton called meeting to order at 5:39 pm with the following Present: Mayor Melissa Bratton, Council Members: Danny Finley, and Kimberly Bandy, Rocky Cain, Clerk: Rosetta Mercer.

Discussion and review of 2019 amended budget. Motion made by Danny Finley and seconded by Kimberly Bandy to adopt the Ordinance amending the 2019 budget.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

Motion by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Danny Finley to adjourn.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

Mayor Melissa Bratton called meeting to order at 6:11 pm with the following Present: Mayor Melissa Bratton, Council Members: Danny Finley, and Kimberly Bandy, Rocky Cain, Clerk: Rosetta Mercer.

Discussion and review of 2020 budget. Motion by Kimberly Bandy and seconded by Danny Finley to adopt the Ordinance accepting 2020 budget.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0

Motion by Danny Finley and seconded by Rocky Cain to adjourn.
Votes: Yeas-3, Nays-0, Absent-0.

Melissa Bratton, Mayor
Rosetta L. Mercer, Clerk

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Court News

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THE CALDWELL WATCHMAN--COLUMBIA, LOUISIANA

Grayson Municipal Court holds arraignments on September 13th

December 13, 2019
Arraignment Docket:
Nicole Mixon was absent for charge of Driving under Suspension ; Bench warrant

Dustin C Gunn was absent for charge of Driving under Suspension; Bench warrant

Mitchell Hitt was absent for charge of Theft of Utilities; Bench warrant

Lance Langley was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Joshua Powell was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Shirley Ducote was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Laracion McGee was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

James Roberts was absent for charge of no seat belt; Bench warrant

Chyetra L Tucker was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Kirby A Brannon was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Samone Thompson was absent for charge of no seat belt; Bench warrant

April M. Johnson was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant

and suspend license
Ethan Carr was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

John Brown was absent for charge of Speeding; Bench warrant and suspend license

Lee Ann Simons was present for charge of Expired License Plate; Extended to 01/14/20

Mary Bishop was present for charge of Speeding; Extended to 01/14/2020

Jasmine Guready was present for charge of Speeding; Extended to 01/14/2020

Kimberly Leteff was present for charge of Speeding; Extended to 01/14/2020

Daniel B Oquain was present for charge of Improper Lights & No Driver's License; Extended to 01/14/2020

Michael Powell was present for charge of Speeding; Extended to 01/14/2020

RUN THROUGH:
Kelly Crow, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Percy Birdwell, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Tyrus McGill, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Catrise Baker, Speeding; fined \$257.00

Lashaundri Buchanan, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Bradley Hart, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Travis Stokes, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Trenton Englerth, Speeding; fined \$247.00
Jasmine Farmer, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Jerry Dilley, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Dustin Phillips, Failure to Yield; fined \$258.50

David White, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Heather Reid, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Latoya Dotson, 2nd offense seat belt; fined \$75.00

Anela Cline, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Wardell Mcghee, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Thomas P Sonnier, Speeding; fined \$247.00
Jefferey Long, Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Hanna Lavergne, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Sandra Waggoner, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Jo Lynn Dean, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Ned Lapham, Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Amber Perot, Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Nicholas Gomer, 2nd offense seat belt; fined \$75.00

Christy Bailey, No Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Adam Simmons, No Seatbelt; fined \$50.00
Ann Marie Smith, No Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Gail Hallisey, 2nd offense noSeatbelt; fined \$75.00

Patricia Morgan, No Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Brittany Woods, Seatbelt; fined \$50.00

Connie Spivey, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Emmett Beams JR, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Logan Temple, No Seat belt; fined \$50.00

Mitchell Osborne, Failure to Yield; fined \$258.50

Brook Ballard, Speeding; fined \$247.00
Codie Rowton, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Jaime Gonzalez, Speeding; fined \$257.00

Eddie D Noland, No Seat Belt; fined \$50.00

Jason Petrus, Speeding; fined \$247.00

Brenda Olivier, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Nathan Noland, No seat belt; fined \$50.00

Dallas Navarro, No seat Belt; fined \$50.00

Dylan Freeland, No seatbelt; fined \$50.00

37th Judicial District Court September 19th

37th Judicial District Court
Thursday, September 19, 2019

Harley L. Arledge was present for arraignment on charges of DWI, possession of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles, careless operation of motor vehicle and driving under suspension. The state requested the bench warrant be recalled. Entered a not guilty to the

charges. Trial set for October 8, 2019.

Shelbie L. Brast was present for 72 hour hearing on charges of 3 counts of resisting an officer by force or violence and trespass- remaining after being forbidden. Bond set at \$6,500.00.

Jarrod T. Crain was present for 72 hour hearing for charge of simple bur-

glary. Bond set at \$5,000.00.

Joseph Lirette was present for 72 hour hearing on charge of driving under suspension and speeding. Released on own recognizance.

There being no further business, court adjourned according to law. Honorable Ashley Paul Thomas, Judge.

37th Judicial District Court Runthroughs

September 2019
Runthrough:

Justin M. Barber, illegal tint; fined \$320.50

Devin Paul Danes, speeding and contempt of court; fined \$655.00

Al Davis, Jr, angling without a license; fined \$50.00

William J. Flores, no seat belt; fined \$50.00

Alexis N. Gix, speeding; fined \$320.50

Destiny Grubs, illegal tint; fined \$285.50

Martin W. Hatten, speeding; fined \$320.50

Tyler Rodney Jones, speeding; fined \$285.50

Stephanie L. Meadows, no seat belt; fined \$50.00

Charles D. Nugent, no seat belt; fined \$50.00

Erin Renee Roach, no seat belt; fined \$50.00

Glinda Faye Rose, illegal tint; fined \$320.50

Robert M. Simmons, disturbing the peace by intoxication; fined \$345.00

Roy G. Strickland, disturbing the peace by intoxication; fined \$345.00

Colten Michael Thiels, speeding; fined \$285.50

Titesha L. Wallace, 2

counts of no child restraint; fined \$200.00

Jeffrey Michael Washer, angling without a license; fined \$50.00

Jamille Washington, no seat belt; fined \$50.00

Sydney Alexis Williams, possession of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles; fined \$250.50

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And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
MATT 28:19

The Scapegoat
"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
Isaiah 53:6 NIV
In the sixteenth chapter of Leviticus, God tells the Israelites that they must offer particular sacrifices in order to receive God's forgiveness. One of those sacrifices is the scapegoat, which bears the sins of the community and is then sent into the wilderness: "When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness." (Leviticus 16:20-22 NIV) The notion that we can put our sins on a sacrificial animal and send it off into the wilderness is strange but intriguing. Like casting our burdens upon the winds or the waters, the scapegoat feels purifying to us. Perhaps this is why it feels so good and so cathartic to confess our sins; we can finally let go of them. We do well to remember also that for Christians Jesus is the ultimate scapegoat, the sinless victim who takes all of our sins upon himself and is then cast out into the figurative wilderness via his crucifixion. Consider how you might cast off your sins, both literally and figuratively, by confessing them.
-Christopher Simon

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