

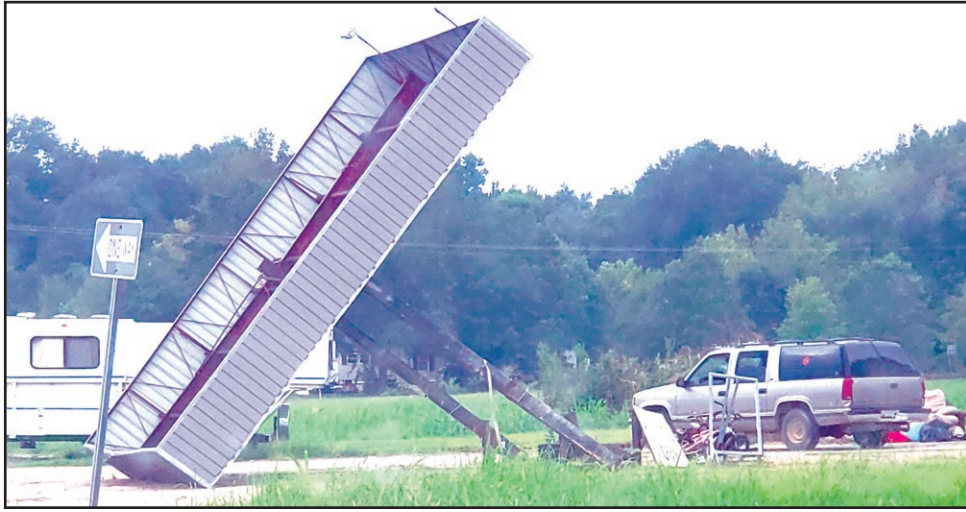
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Toppled structures and downed trees have been a common sight over the past week in Richland Parish as people work to clean up and repair wind damage.

Richland Parish cleaning up after Laura passes



Beacon-News/Shari Welch

Crews have been hard at work repairing downed power lines and clearing trees in the aftermath of Laura.



Richland Parish took less damage than neighboring parishes from Hurricane Laura, the high winds created by the storms kept emergency workers busy throughout the weekend.

"We suffered extensive damage all over the parish," RPSO Deputy Neal Harwell said. "Fortunately, no injuries were reported."

Emergency responders were kept busy dealing with fallen trees which downed power lines and blocked roadways.

"The people who really deserve the credit are the volunteer firemen and other volunteers who turned out to help clear the roads and clean up the damage," Richland Parish Sheriff Gary Gilley said. "It's the wonderful thing about living in a place like Richland Parish. When people saw someone needing help, they did what they could."

Richland Parish County Agent Keith Collins said damage to crops is still being assessed.

"Very little to no acres of cotton, beans and rice have harvested," he said. "If it will stay dry, impact will be less."

Collins said 90 percent corn harvest complete. Damage ranges from standing to laying flat and losses on remaining corn blown down will vary.

Much of the cotton is blown down with heavy boll load which will make for a slow harvest, may increase boll rot and will make it difficult to get all bolls. Dry weather will help reduce losses

Soybeans losses are less extensive than cotton with taller beans blown down and waist high beans or so standing better. Lodging is erratic from field to field for rice. Taller rice and rice along tree lines have more lodging.

Entergy estimated about 3,500 Richland Parish residents were left without power during the storms beginning Aug. 27. However, crews had repaired much of the damage and restored power to almost all of the parish by Tuesday afternoon.

"I can tell you across the state we had peak outages of 270,900 due to Laura and as of 8:30 a.m. today (Monday)

we've restored 114,097, so closing in on half restored," Entergy Senior Communications Specialist Brandon Scardigli said.

Approximately 26,000 people were still without power in neighboring Ouachita Parish Monday morning.

Rayville Police Chief Willie Robinson also commended his officers as well as emergency responders and volunteers for coming together to help the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura.

"The response by the entire community has been very uplifting and heartwarming," Robinson said. "At times like this, we need to know that we can depend on our neighbors and other members of our community in times of trial. Small town pride has been shown throughout the last several days in dealing with the destruction from Hurricane Laura."

Chief Robinson also reminded the community that should you see a downed power line, always treat it as if it was a live line.

"Do not attempt to pick

up the line, drive over the line or walk on the line," he said. "This could result in death."

Chief Robinson would also like to remind the community that if you are driving and a traffic light is out, you are to treat the intersection as a four way stop.

"Please keep this in mind," he said. "Be mindful of your surroundings, there are still areas without power. Should you see any suspicious activity, please report it to the Rayville Police Department immediately. We do not want anyone in our community to become a victim of crime during the cleanup."

Delhi Police Chief Roy Williams said he also appreciated the work of his officers, the Delhi Fire Department and other volunteers and first responders who turned out to help with traffic, downed power lines and trees.

"We also want to send our prayers to the people of South Louisiana as they continue to recover from Laura and we hope they are able to get back to normal quickly," Williams said.

Sorey seeks constable position

Stella Sorey is running for the office of constable in Ward 2.

The following is her official announcement:

I am Stella Sorey, and I am announcing my candidacy for Constable Ward 2 Richland Parish.

My parents are Gordon and Vicki Sorey, my mother is Donna Sorey. I have been raised here in Richland parish and I am asking for your vote and support in the upcoming

election. Election Day is Nov. 3 Early voting will start Oct. 20 and end Oct. 27.

I will serve the people of Ward 2 with courtesy, honesty and dedication, respecting all that I come in contact with.

Given the current situation of COVID still taking place, it will be difficult to see everyone. Therefore I humbly ask for your vote to elect me, Stella Sorey, as your constable.



Stella Sorey

Care And Share:

Ministry is a team effort to serve community

By Angie Collins
Special Report

Care and Share is an outreach ministry of the Richland Baptist Association serving the local community.

Our services have been offered more than 20 years with various sites used as we have grown. We have been at 1214 Rosa St., almost eight years. Our phone number has changed to 303-7028. Our hours of operation are Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. until noon.

We support our food pantry by selling to the general public donated clothing and household items at a discounted price, usually \$1 or \$2 for shirts or pants with higher prices for designer clothing. There are larger furniture items in the larger building. We accept gently used clothing, shoes, kitchenware, decorative pieces, furniture and appliances. Please call and talk to us if you have any doubt if we are accepting.

Pieces that do not sell in a few weeks are regifted to other ministries in northeast Louisiana. The people of Richland Parish are particular about what they will buy. Linens are sent to a group that remakes them into wash-

able diapers sent to Africa and torn bedding goes to an animal rescue group. There is a crochet group working yarn into caps for distribution in Central America. Some household items are held in reserve for victims of burnouts.

We are supported by monetary donations from some of the local churches and individuals as well as by sales of thrift store items. Some churches collect certain food items like peanut butter or tuna fish. The schools, ROTC, letter carrier organization and 4H collect canned goods each fall. Sometimes sweet potato farmers or rice growers make donations of their products. We appreciate each of them. All the workers are volunteers, giving of their time to aid their community. We are of different denominations but serving the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are aided in our efforts by Brookshires gathering and loading our groceries at a discount. A local farmer usually wins an award from the Bayer Fund, netting us \$2500 this year because of Cliff Mills.

Our Mangham crew members have partnered with their mayor to provide a

delivery of food every other month for those who qualify. We are looking at a similar setup for Delhi since some of our clients do not have the means to get to Rayville. To qualify for a regular food distribution requires a bit of paperwork including identification, proof of income, a utility bill and applying for food stamps. An emergency distribution may be needed but referral is required.

Since the virus emerged, we have to protect our volunteers and the community by limiting the number of people allowed in the buildings. Volunteers work on Mondays and Thursdays preparing items for sale. Drop offs may be made then. We have a new building with a hinged flap for bagged or bundled donations. Please, no loose items. Masks are required to be worn on site. We all want a healthy community.

We never know what will be on the sale floor. Someone will ask for a certain kitchen appliance and we have none that day, but one materializes the next week.

If you've shopped with us before, come again. If you've never been, come explore one Tuesday or Friday morning. If you have need of us, let us serve.

Community Calendar

• **King David Missionary Baptist Church**, 513 Middle Road, Mangham, will celebrate their 97th church anniversary at 10 a.m. Sept. 6.

• **The Town of Delhi** will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 10 at Town Hall. People interested in giving blood may sign up at Delhi Town Hall or just show up at the LifeShare Bus on Sept. 10.

• **Scrambling for Christ**, the third annual Rayville United Methodist Church Golf Tournament, will be held Sept. 12 at Black Bear Country Club in Delhi. The tournament is a two-man scramble, 18 holes with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 12. Entry fee is \$75 per person which includes cart and green fees. Hole sponsorships are available for \$150. For more information, call David Hendershot at 318-376-5599.

• **The Richland Parish Sheriff's Office** will host

a hunters education class from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Rayville Civic Center. This is a three-night class. Please pre-register at the LDWF website <https://la-web.s3licensing.com/Event/Details/112596>. If you have any questions, please call Randy Swain at Richland Parish Sheriff's Office at 318-728-2071.

• **Community Calendar** events can be e-mailed to driser@bellsouth.net, called in at 728-2250, faxed to 318-728-2250 or brought by the Richland Beacon-News.

E-mail events for the community calendar to: driser@bellsouth.net

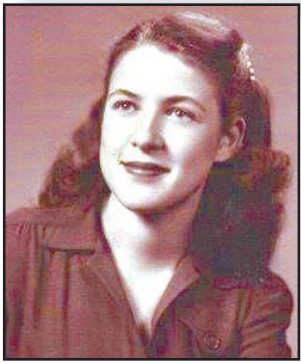


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Obituaries



JOANNA IRWIN McCoy McKay

After a brave and courageous year-long battle with a form of leukemia, our mother, Joanna Irwin McCoy McKay (JoAnn) is at peace after going to be with our Lord on August 28, 2020.

She was 93.

Mrs. McKay was born December 12, 1926 in Alto, Louisiana, and graduated from Mangham High School. After living through the Great Depression and World War II, she attended Northeast Junior College in Monroe, then married and became a full-time wife and mother. A faithful member of Mangham Baptist Church, she always saw that her children attended church every Sunday and Wednesday.

Known by many as the "picture of Southern Charm," JoAnn had style and an out-going personality. Always the fabulous dresser and seamstress, she often made clothes for herself and her daughters. On Easter, she dressed herself and her children to the nines in the latest fashion. She also made Christmas extra special by mixing the old fashioned and the new in our Christmas stockings.

In addition to being a great cook, JoAnn was a wonderful decorator and an avid bridge player. One of her favorite things to do was making guests at her bridge parties feel special with her flair for entertaining.

Mrs. McKay was preceded in death by her hus-

band of 67 years, Dan Boies "DB" McKay; grandson, Thomas E. "Trey" Cooper III; her parents, John Adam and Lovie Dee Hubbs McCoy; and by siblings, Tena McConnell, Alicia Craft and John A. "Bubba" McCoy Jr. She is survived by her six children Dan B. McKay, Jr., Stephen Rory McKay, James Reese McKay, JoAnnette "Jo" Mattison, Kevin Brian McKay and Dedee Mangold as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A visitation/memorial service will be held at Mangham Baptist Church on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Mangham Baptist Church building fund or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



BELINDA KAY BRANCH CRAWFORD

Funeral services for Belinda Kay Branch Crawford, 75, of Rayville, were held Friday, August 28, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Rayville with Dr. Eddie Wren and Bro. Johnnie Hoychick officiating.

Interment followed in the

Rayville Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, under the direction of Brown-Holley Funeral Home, Rayville.

Mrs. Belinda was born December 21, 1944 in Alexandria and passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in Monroe.

Mrs. Belinda drove a school bus for Holly Ridge Elementary and Delhi High School for over 20 years with the Richland Parish School System, she retired in 1999. Together with her husband she owned and operated Hannah's Sideboard in Delhi.

She is preceded in death by her parents, T.B. and Hilda Branch; husband of 48 years, Kenneth R. Crawford; brother, Phillip Randall "Bud" Branch; and her brothers-in-law, Timmie Ray Thames and Wilton Daniel "Danny" Crawford.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth "Scott" Crawford and wife, Renee' of Rayville and Wilton "Craig" Crawford and wife, Samantha of Rayville; daughter, Amy Crawford Watts and husband, Danny of West Monroe; grandchildren, Austin Scott Crawford, Avery Caroline Crawford, George "Lyman" Gladney IV, Eleanor Alece Gladney, Callie Rose Crawford, and Katherine Cummings Crawford; sister, Darla Branch Thames; special nieces, Kayla Thames Bridges and Hannah Thames Allen and husband, Tom and their families; and her brothers-in-law, Donald Wayne Crawford and family and Billy Michael Crawford and family.

Pallbearers were James Gee, Owen Rockett, Landon Rockett, Alex Allen, Turner Bridges and Tom Allen.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211. Condolences may be left at brownholley-funeralhomes.com.

MARY E. COPELAND

Graveside services for Mary E. Copeland, 88, of Rayville, were held Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 at Stevenson Cemetery, Rayville, with Bro. Mark Parker officiating under the direction of Brown-Holley Funeral Home, Rayville.

Mrs. Mary was born July 17, 1932 in Archibald and passed away Aug. 31 in West Monroe. Condolences may be left at brownholley-funeralhomes.com.

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Voices

Scorecard shows bipartisan success

For the Louisiana Legislature, and for those of us who advocate before it, 2020 was certainly a year that challenged any playbook on public policy.



Stephen Waguespack

economic impacts arising from efforts to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of Louisiana's small businesses, some 2,000 of them members of LABI, took a significant finan-

Not only was this one of the largest freshman classes our lawmaking body has seen, with 52 first-time legislators navigating new territory; not only did the House Speaker and Senate President for the first time in modern times forge a strong relationship that bridged a traditionally deep divide; but numerous curve-balls in the way of a novel coronavirus changed the game dramatically.

For the Legislature itself, it meant suspending action for weeks while the state "flattened the curve." It meant empty halls usually packed with busloads of students on field trips, tourists and other interested onlookers, temperature checks, masks, plexiglass between seats on the House and Senate floors, and sanitized everything... from door handles to hands to microphones. It meant streamlining legislative priorities and doing without, it meant accepting unfinished business, for now. It meant the first of what will likely be more special sessions to finish what business they could.

And it meant a shattered economy, bringing with it the budget challenges and uncertainty that creates.

But this new Legislature met the challenge in an encouraging way. And as LABI undertook our annual routine of scoring their actions on behalf of Louisiana's business community, its job-creators and economic opportunity, we were encouraged by the innovative problem-solving, tenacious resolve and bipartisan temperament we saw.

In reconvening the regular session for the remainder of May and a special session during the month of June, the Legislature allowed itself the opportunity to address the adverse eco-

nomial hit from the closure or limited operation imposed by the Governor's stay-at-home order. Add to this the reluctance of customers to shop or dine at their favorite local venues once the order was scaled back in mid-May, and the economic headwinds small employers faced became monumental.

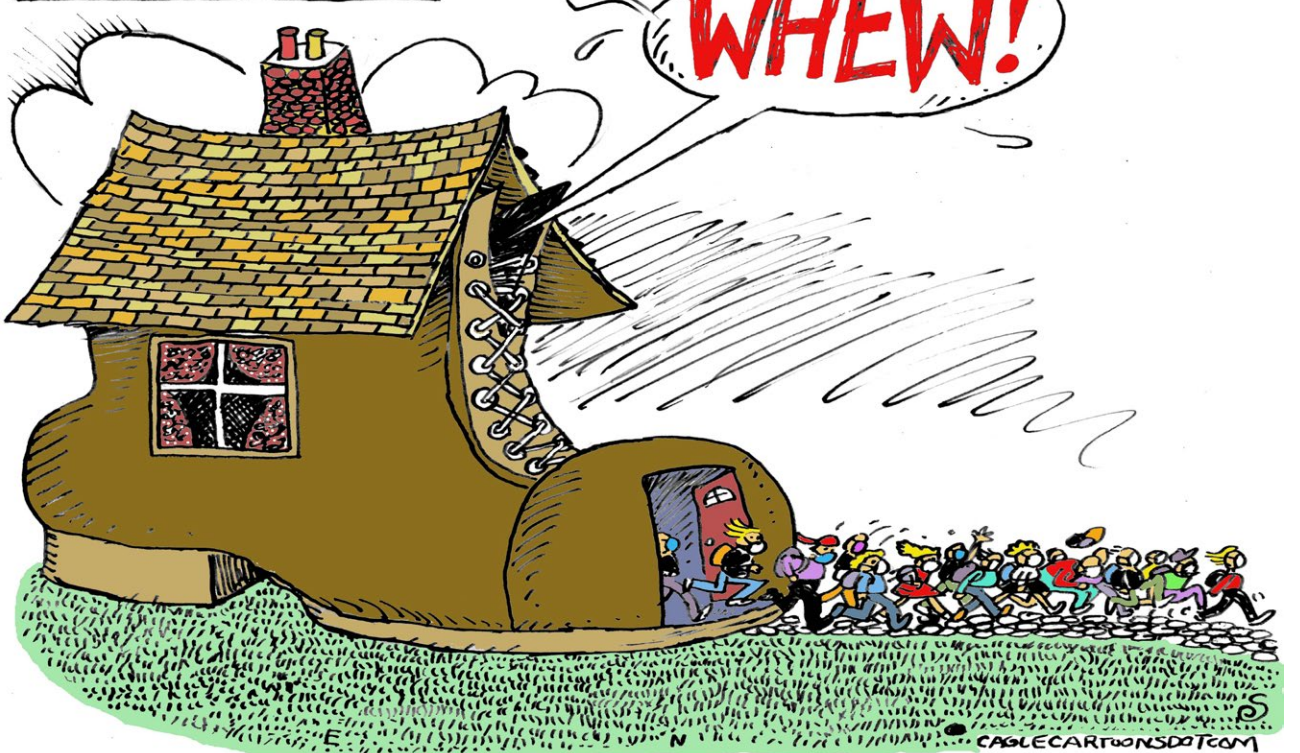
Small business owners typically have little in reserves to cover a month-long cessation of their businesses, let alone the more extended period some are having to endure. Most in the Legislature understood that many of these weakened job providers were going to have trouble keeping their doors open and their workers employed. There would be cash-flow issues thwarting their ability to meet their operating expenses and payrolls. There would also be new costs of PPE, safety practices and in general, doing business associated with the COVID-19 threat and their efforts to keep their employees and customers safe from infection.

The Legislature also recognized that without a reinvigorated private sector, already diminished public sector revenues – state and local – would only decline further. Numerous businesses – restaurant, lodging and retail establishments in particular – have now closed their doors temporarily or permanently, adding their employees to the unemployment rolls with poor prospects for returning to work in the near term. The loss of the tax revenue generated from these businesses and their workers will only further threaten the budgetary picture forming for state and local governments.

The House and Senate leadership took steps to head off this outcome.

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OFF TO SCHOOL



Trump is vaccine for swamp virus

It took decades for the politically correct, progressive and insufferable swamp monsters to establish total control of our universities, our corporations, our special interests groups, Hollywood, our professional sports leagues and, most importantly, our federal, state and local governments.



Jeff Crouere

It will take another four years for President Donald Trump to "drain the swamp," but he has made incredible progress in his first term. Clearly, President Trump is the vaccine that, for decades, patriotic Americans prayed would emerge and destroy this swamp virus.

The left's control of our institutions did not happen overnight. It took many years for them to establish total domination. It helped that, for over a quarter of a century, the Republican Party did not offer vigorous opposition to the Democrats. As a result, liberals dominated the courts and our bureaucra-

cies, free speech was squelched at our universities and advocacy of a politically correct "climate change" agenda became mandatory in corporate America.

From the departure of President Ronald Reagan in 1989 until the Republican Party's nomination of Donald Trump in 2016, the GOP was led by an accommodating moderate wing that wanted to work with Democrats and not defeat them.

The result was that jobs kept leaving under the auspices of "free trade" deals that helped foreign countries much more than the United States. Factories were closed and manufacturing jobs became scarce. Millions of working-class Americans faced poverty and despair due to the loss of jobs and drug addiction thanks to the flood of illegal drugs which poured into the country.

Prior to President Trump, the southern border was never secured, and millions of illegal immigrants flowed into the country. This led to loss of

more jobs and lower wages for those still working.

For establishment Republicans and Democrats, there was more agreement than disagreement. All of that changed with the miraculous nomination of Donald Trump in 2016. Finally, a presidential nominee advocated "America First." This was chilling to his many enemies which included the GOP establishment, the Democrats, the Deep State bureaucracy, the media, and all the various components of the deadly swamp.

When the swamp is in charge, the Deep State monsters do very well. Thus, their wages continue to rise, their access to power remains in place and their invites to the best parties never stop. In contrast, average Americans are ignored and abandoned.

With the arrival of Trump, Americans had a presidential candidate who finally cared about their plight. He was the first Republican presidential candidate since Reagan to connect with working class Americans. It is no surprise that he won Rust Belt states in the 2016 election

that Republicans had not captured in decades.

This success was not easy for Donald Trump. Along the way, the swamp tried everything to derail his nomination, then his election and even his inauguration. After he took the office, the swamp did not rest, but decided to go into overdrive to force him to exit the presidency.

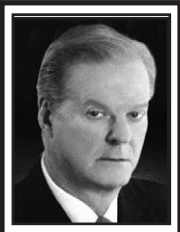
An illegal spying operation that started during his campaign continued during his presidency. The goal was to uncover supposed "Russian collusion." Of course, it was all a hoax, but it did not stop a corrupt Department of Justice from launching a Special Counsel investigation led by the incompetent Robert Mueller, who filled his legal team with biased Democratic Party supporters and donors.

Not surprisingly, the President was eventually exonerated, after two years and almost \$40 million in expenditures. It was quickly followed by the Ukrainian hoax and a completely partisan impeachment charade.

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Legislature sticks it to policy holders

Say what? I'm sure I'm not hearing this right. After spending millions of dollars in lobbying for so called tort reform, and promising that limiting policyholders' legal rights will cause a major reduction in the cost of automobile insurance, the industry seems to be taking an about face. Here's what the



Jim Brown

The Morning Advocate reported this week: "Louisiana drivers will pay the highest prices for auto insurance in the nation next year despite having passed a sweeping tort reform law that was sold as a way to dramatically lower premiums by as much as 25 percent, an insurance industry executive, who was one of the primary forces behind the legislation, told a panel of primarily Republican businessmen and legislators, who helped pass the new law."

The panel was told that "Lowering auto insurance rates really wasn't the point of the tort reform legislation." So after the insurance commissioner told legislators that auto insurance rates would drop by

25 percent by the end of the year, we now learn that the whole lobbying effort by the insurance industry was a ruse. A sham! The insurance industry will line their pockets at the expense of Louisiana policyholders.

Here are a few of the issues ignored by the legislature that should have been addressed in the recent legislative regular and special sessions. Louisiana has become tolerant of insurance companies that discriminate against certain driving categories.

Did you know that there is a "widow penalty" allowed by the Department of Insurance? That's right. If you have lost your spouse, you are charged as much as 15 percent more for your car insurance by many companies operating in Louisiana. Most states prohibit discriminating against widows, but not Louisiana. As Douglas Heller, a nationally acclaimed auto insurance expert, told legislators, "The fact that insurance companies charge more to perfectly safe drivers once their husband or wife passes away is both unne-

cessary and unseemly, and this widow penalty should be prohibited."

If you are a blue-collar worker or if you do not have a college degree, a number of insurance companies operating in Louisiana charge you significantly more, by as much as 15 percent. I'm puzzled as to how that relates in being a safer driver. So unfortunately, you pay the insurance penalty if you have the wrong job title or if you don't go to college. And there is absolutely no information or any data that shows this has any bearing at all on a policy holder's safe driving record.

Louisiana's insurance department also allows companies to charge higher rates to those drivers who do not have a high credit score. Wealthy drivers with a DWI pay less than drivers with a spotless record but a low credit score. And even though credit scores have nothing to do with a person being a safe driver, a recent study by WalletHub found that Louisiana drivers pay anywhere from 60 percent to 135 percent more if they have poor credit scores. As Heller told legislators; "If you drive safely, you should pay the same price as anyone else who drives

safely, regardless of your credit score. Your credit history should not matter."

And get this. Apparently Black lives do not matter all that much here in the Bayou State. African Americans pay significantly more, as much as 70 percent, for their car insurance than whites according to the Consumer Federation of America. Yet members of the legislature have failed to hold the insurance department accountable for allowing such unfair and discriminatory disparities.

Louisiana continues to be plagued by the nations' highest insurance rates. And a major reason is that the legislature and the insurance department continue to allow the favoring of a certain class of drivers over others. Policy holders all over the state are being shortchanged by the failure of those in charge to act and build fairness into the insurance regulatory system.

Jim Brown's syndicated column appears each week in numerous newspapers throughout the nation and on websites worldwide. You can read all his past columns and see continuing updates at <http://www.jimbrowna.com>.

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This was possible because from the beginning of his tenure, the President was victimized by members of his administration. For example, his conversations with foreign leaders, such as the President of Ukraine, were leaked to the media. This has not happened in previous administrations, but Donald Trump has been treated worse and subjected to more abuse than any President in modern American history.

The swamp attempted a political coup of President Trump. Fortunately, it did not work, but his enemies are continuing to use every possible trick to deny his re-election. From politicizing the coronavirus to trying to force universal mail-in ballots, Trump's enemies are not resting. They are even promoting books by a disgruntled family member and his lawbreaking former attorney.

From now until November 3, the swamp will use anything and everything to defeat President Trump. They know that their biggest ally is a corrupt media that provides 92 percent negative coverage of President Trump and total support for the incompetent Joe Biden.

Despite this onslaught of horrific treatment, President Trump continues to succeed, which drives his swamp enemies crazy. Even the mention of President Trump's name will cause some of his opponents to get hysterical. Americans can see evidence of this madness on

the streets of the country over the past few months.

No other President could have politically survived this hateful arsenal launched against him by the swamp, but Donald Trump is no ordinary politician. In his 2016 election, then candidate Donald Trump promised to "drain the swamp." He had no idea how large and powerful his swamp enemies had become after decades of unchallenged control.

In this election, the President is more aware of his enemies and their power. He also has an impressive record of accomplishment to offer to the voters of America.

The 2020 presidential election will be the most important one in our nation's history. Our choice is to revert to total Deep State control and elect a politician who has been doing their bidding throughout his 47-year career or re-elect our President.

The Deep State swamp is truly a virus that has infected our country in many ways. Our only effective treatment is re-electing the vaccine that will finally defeat this destructive virus, President Donald Trump.

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Remembering our past...

Sweetheart and Beau

Ann Rose was one of the sweethearts and Ronald Thompson was named as a Beau at by the Holly Ridge student body in 1962

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They formed the Louisiana Economic Recovery Task Force comprised of private sector business leaders from across the state to formulate recommendations for economic relief and recovery. The task force released its first report on May 8 and followed up with a second report on June 4 with the intent that some of these recommendations become bills designed to help struggling businesses across Louisiana.

The measures ultimately passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor seek to keep small businesses solvent. On the legal front, bills were filed to provide limited liability protection for governments, businesses, and manufacturers of face masks and hand sanitizer, all of whom are keeping our economy and supply lines going. Legislation was filed to finally reform Louisiana's broken legal system to lower costs on businesses and households, most notably through lower auto insurance rates.

On the financial front, bills were filed to lessen the franchise tax burden on small businesses and to provide immediate cash-flow assistance by allowing them to retain a fraction more in vendor's compensation for sales taxes they collect for the state. Other bills will provide a rebate to small restaurants and retailers to encourage their expansion into low-income, economically distressed areas of the state known as Enterprise Zones in order to help those communities recover and grow. Unfortunately, the bills were watered down as they worked their way through the legislative process.

While the amount of relief the Legislature finally found acceptable wound up being less than what is needed, it will help to make

a difference for some employers and their workers. As one restaurant owner explained during a committee hearing, it will help to pay a utility bill for the month or make possible a raise to entice an employee back to work. In the meantime, we must look ahead to the fiscal session of 2021 and prepare to enact true tax reform to help reinvigorate Louisiana's ailing economy and make us more competitive with our neighboring states that have historically fared much better than us.

But back to the LABI Scorecard. Though these back-to-back sessions saw abbreviated agendas and a limited focus, they left us with many scorable actions directly affecting our members and Louisiana's business community. As is the norm with this process, our scores are based on House and Senate floor votes and procedural moves all members of the relative body have opportunity to vote on. But absent in the scores are the poignant, hard-fought battles in committee – which this year in particular, were significant.

To our LABI members, to Louisiana's business community and to the general public – please take the time to examine this document. As always, it's a reckoning of which legislators support pro-business legislation, but it's also a thorough guide to a very new, very different, and very inspiring body of lawmakers. On behalf of our 2,200 member businesses around the state and the faithful support of our Board of Directors and Issue Councils members, we hope you enjoy this report and look forward to continuing the fight to help Louisiana reach its maximum potential.

Stephen Waguespack is President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

Holly Ridge Happenings

I repeat this phrase to my kids over and over each day.

Because there are about a million things they pick up that either aren't theirs or aren't good for them. As I caught myself repeating this yet again today, I wondered how many times each day God says something similar to me.

Set it down. The jealousy. Because whatever it is they have that you want ultimately won't make you happy. It won't satisfy you the way you think it will. And holding on to jealousy won't do anything but destroy you.

Set it down. The anger. Because you can't control the choices other people make, and most of the time they aren't even your business. Cultivate peace by living your life right. Set it down. The weight of other people's opinions, whether directed at you or not. You'll never say or do anything to change them. Besides, it doesn't matter what they think, only what you think.

Set it down. The judgment. Because you never know the whole story from just a snippet of someone's life. And even if you do, haven't you too made some less than desirable choices?

Set it down. The chasing after more. You don't want to miss what's right in front of you, do you?

Set it down. The insistence on having your way. You don't always know what's best, but I do.

Set it down. The refusal to look at a situation from someone else's perspective -- especially mine.

Stop picking up things that don't belong to you. The things you don't need. The things that aren't good for you. Set it all down and



Shirley Thompson

just listen to me.

Logan and Katie Stewart and children took their motorhome to Lake Claibourne for a few days but the fish were not biting. There home had a few problems so their getaway was shot. They will go again.

I called my friend Nancy Zellar on her birthday and sang to her. Ha. She is now older than me. I found out she had sold her home in the mountains of Colorado and moved to Silada, Colorado to be near her son, Chris.

Coming by on Saturday was Diane Green Southall. It had been sometime since she stopped for ice cream. But that's what she got. I enjoyed her visit.

Jerry Wayne Goyne was here on Wednesday for the burial of his Aunt Hardie Goyne Pettis in McKnight Cemetery. So he came on down to visit with me a minute.

Also here on Wednesday was Joanne Holmes Williams. The last time I saw her was when she was

just a little girl.

Here for a few days with Ralph Powell was David and Chris Powell from Las Vegas. They took time out to come up here and he and John had a real good visit.

Randy Farrar from Kansas came by on Friday. He came in the store and asked "if anyone remembered him?"

I said yes I do, you are Randy Farrar and he was shocked. He and his wife Shirley were here for the funeral of his brother, J.B. Farrar. Our heartfelt sympathy and love goes out to the family and friends of J.B. May God bless each one touched by his homegoing.

The nailed HIM upon a cross. I gained eternity from HIS los. HIS Skies were dark as HE bore my shame. Now the life I live is in Jesus Name.

Happy Birthday this week to: Bubba Hubbard, Jimmy Toney, Kyle Clack, my great granddaughter, Mylee McMillian on September 3rd, Shania Roberts on September 4th, Janice Shoemaker on September 5th, Connie Cheek on September 6th, David Toney

on September 7th, Wayne Hubbard, Tyler Rawls, Shirley Beach, and Glenn Stanley on September 8th, May these celebrate many more happy ones! Belated Birthdays are Charles Murray Clack on August 27th, Patsy Stokes, Brandon Sarha on August 28th, Nancy Absher, Deryl Caston, Timothy Thomas, Ryan Callaway on August 29th, Gary Freeland, Bro Mike Clark on August 30th, Ellie Jo Barker on August 31st, Barbara McCormick, Lisa Davis on September 1st, Carolyn Lyle, Morgan Kennedy on September 2nd. I hope these special people had a very happy day.

Have a great week. There is no use for me to ask you to call because you won't, but I love you anyway.

Remember: Kindness. One of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another.

If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you. True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return.

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Delhi Charter School, Delhi, Louisiana

The Delhi Charter School 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan will be on display in the Administrative Office and at www.delhicharterschool.org for review and comments until September 11, 2020. Delhi Charter School is a Type 2 charter school contracted with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and funded by the State of Louisiana.

Riverfield Raiders take win against Cougars

By Jimmy Pelley
Special Report

The Riverfield Academy Raiders were in Raymond, Miss., two Friday's nights ago to play the Central Hinds Cougars.

The game technically speaking was their first home game of the year, but due to COVID-19 restrictions it had to be played out on the visitors field.

The location of the contest didn't seem to matter too much to the Raiders, though, as they hit the field and began to dominate the game early on. By half time, the Raiders had a commanding lead of 26-0.

First half scoring included three rushing touchdowns, two by Hudson Brakefield and one by Trent Ginn. The other first half score came on a passing play

where Ginn connected with Alex McHenry good for a 23-year touchdown.

It was much the same as the second half began. The Cougars did have a couple of high points in the game, but the Raider defense tightened down and kept them scoreless until late in the fourth quarter when they broke loose on an 88-yard run.

A third quarter scoring threat by the Cougars was

shut down as Raider defensive back Addison Shelton picked off a Cougar pass deep in Raider territory. Shelton ran the ball 20 yards before being brought down.

Second half scoring for the Raiders included two more rushing touchdowns. Early in the third quarter, Brakefield broke loose with a 59-yard touchdown run and early in the fourth quarter Ginn ran the ball in from

14 yards out.

Offensively, the Raiders had good numbers on the night. In the rushing game, they totaled 337 yards while in the passing game they had 165 for a total of 502 yards.

Leading the rushing attack was Hudson Brakefield who had 173 yards on 17 carries. Trent Ginn carried 16 times for 154 yards. Brett Whorton carried twice for five yards and Alex McHenry had five yards on three runs.

In the passing game, Ginn was 10 for 22. He connected with Kayden Giesbrecht twice for 43 yards, Ty Skeldon once for 13 yards, Colton Williams five times for 64 yards and Alex McHenry three times for 50 yards.

The final score of the ballgame was Riverfield 39, Central Hinds 7.

Police Report

The Rayville Police Department made the following arrests for the week of Aug. 16-30.

- **Laderica Natt**, 24; 316 Russell St., Apt. 32, Rayville; disturbing the peace by fighting'
- **Ladarrius Dean**, 31; 108 A South Circle Drive, Rayville; damage to property, no driver's license, resisting arrest and battery on an officer.
- **Deveney Quinn**; 520

Old Highway 15, Apt. 27, West Monroe; disturbing the peace by fighting.

- **Raemesia Natt**, 20; 112 Naylor St., Rayville; disturbing the peace by fighting.
- **James Brantley**, 55; 905 Spruce St., Rayville; failure to appear.
- **Latrail Seals**, 31; 420 Dacron St., Rayville; simple battery.
- **Jeremy Olivo**, 38; 69 Frost Road, Rayville; sim-

ple trespassing and disturbing the peace (general).

- **Lakirastonn Hall**, 27; 316 Russell St., Rayville; disturbing the peace by fighting.
- **Jennifer Houston**, 37; 217 Church St., Rayville; driving under suspension and no insurance.
- **Thaddeus Autman**, 37; 214 Cotton St., Rayville; simple battery.
- **Layuna Smith**, 19; 7816 West Congress Street,

Duson; simple battery.

- **Abbigale Johnson**, 18; 2056 Hwy. 425, Rayville; leaving the scene of an accident.

The Rayville Police Department issued a total of 31 traffic citations. That number includes 11 for speeding, four for no driver's license, three each for driving under suspension and disturbing the peace by loud music, two each for

improper use of temporary plate and failure to yield and one each for failure to register vehicle, improper backing, crossing center line, running a red light, expire MVI sticker and no proof of insurance.

Rayville Police Chief Willie Robinson would like to wish all the students of Richland parish a great school year. He understands that some students

will not be back in the traditional classroom and he wishes those students a great school year also.

He would also like to advise the community that with the start of school, morning and evening traffic will have some changes.

"Please be aware of bus traffic, children waiting to get on and off the bus and children walking to school," he said.

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ACREAGE
HOME SITE - Great home site in this cleared land on Pettit Rd. The 4 acre site will be surveyed out and the billboard signs will not be included.
VACANT LAND - Two tracts of 9.06 acres each located on Hwy 80 in Calhoun with no public access.
LAND - 15 acres of hardwood & pine on north side off of Barfield Rd. in Delhi.
COMMERCIAL
PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL BUILDING - This brick office building on Christian Drive is designed as a medical complex with six offices and nine examination rooms. It has 5,423 SF of heated area and could be rented also having 3 electrical meters. Great Investment Opportunity.
OFFICE - This spacious office building, which is behind the Richland Parish Courthouse, has been recently renovated and is in excellent condition. It has 3,447 SF of heated area that includes offices, a conference room, a break room and supply room. 102 Courthouse.
BEST WAY GROCERY OF EPPS - This 8,010 SF building has 6,748 SF of heated retail, offices, delicatessen and dining area with food preparation and service appliances. It also has 1,262 SF of warehouse area and gasoline and diesel pumps and underground tanks. It is situated on 3 acres on Hwy. 17.
WAREHOUSE - This Oak Grove sweet potato warehouse facility on Stanford Road has 39,281 SF of warehouse with 9,600 SF of Cool Storage area for produce. The 20-foot height eave makes it capable of storing large equipment. It has an office building with 972 SF of heated area. **REDUCED**
PARKING GALORE - This Church building on Pine St. is also a perfect layout for a daycare or offices with a kitchen, large dining area, many classrooms and an auditorium with pew seating. Call for an appointment to see it. **FURTHER REDUCED**
FOR SALE OR LEASE - This office building on Hwy 80/Harrison St. has 3 offices with a break room and a 652 SF warehouse area. It has 1 office with a separate suite.
RESIDENTIAL
BACK ON THE MARKET - This bountiful yard boasts a distinctive 3 bedroom, 3 bath frame home with a most inviting front porch. It has been recently updated throughout the 3,168 SF of heated area. It is located on Mulberry St. You will love the spacious sized rooms and fenced back yard.
WELL WORTH THE LOOK - This frame home on Mulberry St. with original hardwood floors, additional guest bedroom with a bath and fenced back yard is priced just right. It has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath with 1738 SF of heated area on a shady lot.
IF YOU LOVE LEMONADE AND SHADE - This is a fantastic home for enjoying the outside and the inside, too of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath frame house located in a great neighborhood on Florida St. in Delhi. It has 1742 SF of heated area, a large storage room off of the covered patio with plenty of open deck area to enjoy.
DISTINCTIVE CHARM - Your family will feel at home in this brick home on Hwy 15 in Alto. It has a lovely shaded 1.5 acre lot and is located in the Mangham school district. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a sunroom and outside storage, too, with 1751 SF of heated area.
PEACEFUL RETREAT - Whether you choose to make it your home or a getaway cabin, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath, single wide mobile home fits the bill. The home has 1,300 SF of heated area, a double carport and front and back covered porches plus attractive PVC fencing. The 1.67 acre lot on Bayou Dr. in Mer Rouge has a beautiful lake view with lots of shade. **REDUCED**
THE GOOD OLE DAYS - Step back into the "Southern Charm" of large screened porches, high ceilings, hardwood floors and beautiful windows and doors. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath wood frame home boasts a corner lot on Pine St. It has 2,754 SF of heated area.
PEACE & SERENITY - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on Smith St. has 1825 SF of heated area and a large patio within a lovely fenced back yard. It also has a spacious greenhouse in a quiet neighborhood and is close to shopping and schools.

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Beacon-News/Brandy Wilson Photography

Riverfield Academy linebacker Baily Sorensen (#2) avoids blockers to stop Tri-County Academy behind the line in a hard fought loss Friday night.



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Riverfield Academy quarterback Trent Ginn (#9) sweeps the left side as defenders watch him go by.

Raiders suffer heartbreaking 23-22 loss at TCA

By Jimmy Pelley
Special Report

The Riverfield Raiders were in Flora, Miss., this past Friday night to play the Tri-County Academy Rebels.

The game was another regularly scheduled home game that had to be played on the visitor's field. The contest ended in barn burner style but the Raiders did not come out on top.

From the beginning it

was expected to be a tough, hard fought battle. The first quarter ended with the Raiders trailing 14-6. By halftime, the Raiders had evened the score at 14. The Raiders came out of the half and claimed the third quarter by outscoring the Rebels 8-3 to take a 22-17 lead into the fourth quarter.

A very tough break came up for the Raiders late in the fourth quarter when what looked like a would be touchdown ended in a

Raider fumble on the TCA goal line. One possession later, TCA began their go ahead scoring drive deep in Raider territory and use all but 17 seconds of the time remaining to take the ball 90 yards and score, giving them a one-point advantage of 23-22. With just 17 seconds left, it was enough to deal the Raiders a tough, heartbreaking loss.

Turnovers seemed to plague the game with both

teams having five each. The Rebels had four interceptions and one fumble while the Raiders had three fumbles and two interceptions. More than 80 penalty yards were also a big factor against the Raiders.

All in all, the Raiders outplayed the Rebels with 497 total yards offense on the night. TCA had 330.

In the Raider rushing game, both Hudson Brakefield and Trent Ginn broke

200 yards. Brakefield tallied out at 201 while Gin had 202. Each one scored one touchdown. Brett Whorton rushed for five yards and scored one touchdown also.

In the passing game, Ginn was six for 13 and 89 yards. Ginn connected with Ty Skeldon once, Brett Whorton twice, Kayden Giesbrecht three times and Cooper Eldridge once.

Defensively for the Raiders, Ty Skeldon had two

pass interceptions, Kayden Giesbrecht had one, Addison Shelton had one and Drew Garrett recovered a TCA fumble.

The Raiders will put their loss behind them and work hard toward their next game and getting back on the winning tack. They will not be in action this week as they have an open date, but they will be back in action on Sept. 11 against Hillcrest Academy.

Lady Raiders ready for second half of 2020 softball season

Head coach Kyle King says preparing his 2020 version of Lady Raider softball has been tough but rewarding.

"This team has really taken the 'team' concept and ran with it," King said.

His Lady Raiders stand at 14 wins and five losses at the midpoint of the season.

"Now comes the fun part of the season," King said. "Positioning ourselves for the district and regional tourney is reward for our work ethic."

With a team batting average of .316, the Lady Raider 2020 model is one of King's better hitting squads. Senior center fielder Molly Allen leads the team in hits (29) and averages .439 with six doubles. Senior catcher Rylee Gibson follows closely with a .385 average including four doubles and five home runs. The eighth grade duo of Lily Grace Sullivan and Hannah Adams are next with a .345 and .302 average respectively.

Defensively, the Lady Raiders have been strong all season. A speedy outfield led by Allen in centerfield,

Taylor Herrington (.256 average) and Macy Lee Hale shoring up left field and right field. Infield corner positions are secured by slick fielding Alana Skeldon (.292 average) at third base and Kaitlyn Branch (.289 average) at first base. Tightening up the middle infield positions are Mallory Word at second base when not pitching and Lily Grace Sullivan subbing for Word when pitching. Hannah Adams has been a gem at shortstop all season. Gibson commands the defense from her catcher's position.

Pitching duties have been handled superbly by Mallory Word and Mary Madeline Bennett. Bennett stands 7-2 on the season with a 3.69 ERA, 30 K's and 18 BB's. Word comes into this week 7-3 with a 2.52 ERA, 37 K's and 12 BB's.

King stated this is his fourth season at the helm of Lady Raider softball and he expects great things from this edition.

"The senior leadership has been outstanding and the younger players have reaped the benefits," King said.

Celebrated on the first Monday of September each year, Labor Day honors the social and economic achievements of America's workers. To all of the hardworking folks doing their part to make our country an excellent place to work, live and do business, thank you and Happy Labor Day!

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY
PUBLIC HEARING ON
BRINGING OAKMONT DRIVE INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM
MONDAY 5:45 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
ANNEX BUILDING
35 LYNN GALE ROBERTSON ROAD
RAYVILLE, LA 71269
The Richland Parish Police Jury will hold a public hearing on the following item Monday at 5:45P.M., September 8, 2020:
ITEM # 1. BRINGING OAKMONT DRIVE INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM
BY ORDER OF RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY
AUGUST 20, 2020
AUGUST 27, 2020
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SP#5504
Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd. St., 2nd. Floor, Suite 2-160, (P.O. Box 94095), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M. for the following:
RFx No. 3000015660 - Irrigation Project for DVA, 9/15/2020
Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.Louisiana.gov/osp or from the procurement section listed above. No bids will be received after

the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.
9-3-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
DELHI CIVIC CENTER
TIME- 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in special session on Monday, August 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Washington was absent. Alderman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous noting Alderman Washington's absence.
Business:
Item #1- Review Proposed Budget-Mayor Washington reviewed the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
Item #2-Introduce Ordinance 720-Operating Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year- Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce Ordinance 720, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous noting Alderman Washington's absence. Item #3- Introduce Ordinance 721-Set Salary for the Mayor, Clerk & Chief of Police-Alderman Whitney made a motion to introduce Ordinance

721, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous noting Alderman Washington's absence. Adjournment-Alderman Whitney made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Washington's absence. Meeting adjourned.
Jesse Washington, Mayor
Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 9:30 A. M. AT TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 505 DISTRICT DRIVE, MONROE, LA. TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2020.
NAOMI EPPINETTE, SECRETARY
DREW KEAHEY, PRESIDENT
9-3-20

THE PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 4:00 PM